

Elster Joins EPRI IntelliGrid Program

Membership highlights Elster's goal to incorporate AMI into the IntelliGrid vision

Raleigh, North Carolina, 19 December 2007. Elster, the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of highly accurate, high quality, integrated metering and utilization solutions, announced today that it has joined the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) IntelliGrid program.

EPRI's IntelliGrid program performs research, development and demonstrations with participation and funding from member electric utilities, public agencies, leading equipment manufacturers and others to establish the vision for the smart or digital-age power grid.

"We are excited to have Elster join the IntelliGrid program," said Don Von Dollen, EPRI IntelliGrid program manager. "Elster brings another level of technical expertise to the broad consortium of companies that will refine the IntelliGrid vision and lead to advancements in making the smart grid a reality."

Elster Electricity vice president of products and quality David G. Hart said, "EPRI is the recognized leader in the development of the utility of the future. Elster is committed to supporting industry standards and to providing innovative solutions to our customers. We believe the EnergyAxis® System AMI mesh technology is the foundation you can depend on for building the utility of the future."

Elster's EnergyAxis System delivers advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) solutions to manage installed devices and retrieve related metering information. Elster has the largest two-way mesh radio frequency AMI deployment in North America and has already shipped more than 1 million smart meters.

EnergyAxis AMI solutions work for urban, suburban, residential, commercial and industrial applications and range from high density metropolitan environments to lightly populated areas including remote rural villages in Alaska. EnergyAxis installations span the globe with deployments in North America, Central America, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean.

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About The Electric Power Research Institute

The Electric Power Research Institute conducts research on key issues facing the electric power industry on behalf of its members, energy stakeholders and society. EPRI was established as an independent, non-profit center for public interest energy and environmental research. EPRI bring together members, participants, the Institute's scientists and engineers, and other leading experts to work collaboratively on solutions to the challenges of electric power. These solutions span nearly every area of electricity generation, delivery, and use, including health, safety, and the environment. Its members represent more than 90 percent of the electricity generated in the United States, and international participation represents nearly 15 percent of our total research, development, and demonstration program. EPRI has major locations in Palo Alto, Calif.; Charlotte, NC and Knoxville, Tenn. For additional information, visit www.epri.com.

About Elster Electricity

Elster Electricity is a leading provider of electricity metering products and services throughout the world. Located in Raleigh, North Carolina, Elster Electricity offers integrated, cost-effective solutions including smart meters, communication solutions, and metering automation systems for residential, commercial and industrial applications. Elster Electricity serves customers through a global sales force. For additional information, visit www.elsterelectricity.com.

About Elster Group

Elster Group is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of highly accurate, high quality, integrated metering and utilization solutions to the gas, electricity, and water industries. In addition, through its subsidiary Ipsen International, it is the leading global manufacturer of high level thermo-chemical treatment equipment. The group has over 8,500 staff, operations in 38 countries and serves over 115 markets around the world. Elster's high quality products and systems reflect the wealth of knowledge and experience gained from over 170 years of dedication to measuring precious resources and energy. For additional information, visit www.elster.com.