

Elster Launches Advanced Grid Infrastructure Initiative

Initiative highlights Elster's commitment to advancing AMI to realize grid of the future

Raleigh, North Carolina, 14 January 2008 – Elster Electricity, part of Elster Group, a world leader in Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and integrated metering and utilization solutions to the gas, electricity and water industries, today announces the launch of the Advanced Grid Infrastructure (AGI) Initiative.

The AGI Initiative is a collaborative effort between utilities, Elster and key technology partners to realize innovative AMI-based solutions for the grid of the future. AGI will provide the utility industry with a powerful set of hardware and software solutions in the critical area of network automation. This initiative will allow Elster and its partners to offer standards-based solutions that enable utilities to improve the operation of the electrical network by leveraging their AMI investment.

“As part of its commitment to the vision of a smarter power grid, Elster has joined EPRI’s IntelliGrid program,” said David G. Hart, Elster Electricity senior vice president of product development and quality. “By partnering with technology providers who have a shared vision of a smarter grid, Elster will further expand the solutions offered by our EnergyAxis[®] AMI System. These new solutions will take AMI to the next level and enable utilities to realize additional benefits.”

EPRI’s IntelliGrid program provides utilities with standards-based methodology, tools, recommendations and technologies for implementing advanced metering, distribution automation, and demand response and wide-area measurement systems. The program also provides utilities with independent, unbiased technology and vendor product testing.

Elster’s proven EnergyAxis System delivers advanced AMI solutions for the electricity, gas and water industries. Elster has the largest two-way mesh radio frequency AMI deployment in the world that is delivering complex billing information and performing disconnects and reconnects on a daily basis. Elster has already shipped more than 1.3 million two-way EnergyAxis smart meters.

“The EnergyAxis System’s AMI mesh radio network provides the proven field performance, open standards support and flexibility that utilities can depend on for building the utility of the future, and addresses concerns for improved customer service, conservation, environmental impact and operating costs,” said Hart.

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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 a world leader in Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and integrated metering and utilization solutions to the gas, electricity and water industries. Elster's high quality AMI and AMR products, systems, and solutions reflect the wealth of knowledge and experience gained from over 170 years of dedication to measuring precious resources and energy. Elster provides world class solutions and advanced technologies to help utilities more easily, efficiently and reliably obtain and use advanced metering intelligence to improve customer service, enhance operational efficiency, and increase revenues. Elster's AMI solutions enable utilities to cost-effectively generate, deliver, manage and conserve the life-essential resources of gas, electricity and water. The group has over 7,500 staff and operations in 38 countries, focused in North and South America, Europe, and Asia. For additional information, visit www.elster.com.