

## **Lindsey Partners With Elster in Advanced Grid Infrastructure Initiative**

*Initiative to advance AMI to realize smart grid of the future*

Raleigh, North Carolina – January 18, 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 that Lindsey Manufacturing Company has joined the Elster-led 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, software and communications solutions needed in the critical area of network automation. This initiative will allow Elster, in collaboration with its partners, to offer standards-based solutions that enable utilities to improve the operation of the electrical network by leveraging their advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investment. Elster, a member of EPRI's IntelliGrid program, is committed to the vision of a smarter power grid.

Lindsey has a long history of providing sensor products to electric utilities for the 15, 25, 35, and 46kV medium voltage network. Lindsey will work with Elster Electricity on piloting products integrated with AMI to realize the vision of an efficient smart power grid.

David G. Hart, Elster Electricity senior vice president of products and quality said, "We are excited to have Lindsey join AGI. Our experience with the proven EnergyAxis system and Lindsey's voltage and current sensors will allow deployment of medium voltage sensors on the utility grid providing information to drive new applications in the grid of the future."

"Lindsey is committed to providing technically innovative, cost-saving solutions to the electric utility industry. Our voltage and current sensors allow the utility to monitor overhead and underground systems," said Phil Spillane, Lindsey's marketing vice president. "This project provides new opportunities for utilities to economically gather information from the medium voltage grid."

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, performing disconnects and reconnects on a daily basis. Elster has already shipped more than 1.3 million two-way EnergyAxis smart meters.

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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](http://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 8,500 staff and operations in 38 countries, focused in North and South America, Europe, and Asia. For additional information, visit [www.elster.com](http://www.elster.com).

**About Lindsey**

Lindsey Manufacturing Company was founded in 1947 with the commitment to provide technically innovative, cost-saving solutions to the electric utility industry. Its founder, Mr. L.E. Lindsey, delivered on this promise, repeatedly transforming utilities' problems and challenges into engineered solutions to support safe and reliable transmission and distribution of electrical power. Under his guidance, Lindsey Manufacturing Company developed and introduced several industry firsts, gaining a well deserved reputation for high quality, exceptional customer service and technical innovation. Lindsey Manufacturing Company remains focused on continuous growth through exceptional technical innovation, product quality and responsiveness to customers. For more information on Lindsey, visit its website at [www.lindsey-usa.com](http://www.lindsey-usa.com).