



Elster Reaches Milestone in Shipping Over 150,000 AMI System Smart Meters with Integrated Service Control Switch

Shipment highlights Elster's world leading position in two-way mesh AMI deployments

Raleigh, North Carolina, 13 February, 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 announces that it has shipped over 150,000 EnergyAxis® System smart meters with integrated 200A service control switches. The REX® meter with integrated service control switch gives utilities the ability to remotely connect and disconnect electrical service to the consumer. It also allows the option of providing demand limiting and token-less pre-pay to the consumer. Utilities using REX meters with an integrated service control switch are seeing a significant streamlining of field operations, reduced operating costs, increased revenue assurance, and improved customer service.

A key feature of the integrated service control switch is Elster's patented load side voltage sensing. Load side voltage sensing allows the utility to detect meter bypassing and potential safety related concerns, such as customer generation, prior to service reconnection. With four years of exceptional field experience and reliability, meters with Elster's service control switch can be deployed with confidence.

"Elster is dedicated to providing solutions that exceed our customer expectations," remarked David G. Hart, senior vice president of products and quality. "Customer demand for our smart meters with an integrated service control switch is just one of the reasons Elster has the largest deployment of two-way mesh AMI applications in the world."

The EnergyAxis System is an advanced metering infrastructure that uses proven state-of-the-art two-way communications to manage installed devices and retrieve metering information. With over 1.3 million units shipped, it is the most widely deployed AMI system in North America featuring a true two-way RF mesh network—a technology of choice among utility companies.

System installations span the globe with deployments in North America, Central America, Australia, New Zealand, and the Caribbean ranging from high density metropolitan environments to lightly populated areas including remote rural villages in Alaska.

EnergyAxis is the AMI system implemented by five of six utilities in Ontario's coalition of large distributors (CLD) which recently was awarded the 2007 AMR Project of the Year by Utility Automation and Engineering T&D™ magazine, a PennWell Corporation publication.

The EnergyAxis System's open and interoperable architecture enables utilities to improve revenue cycle services, customer service, delivery reliability and workforce utilization, as well as implement demand response and conservation programs, reduce non-technical losses, and establish a foundation for the smart grid. The system supports electricity, water, and gas and features a flexible, standards-based architecture that is highly adaptable for future applications and communication technologies.

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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.