



Elster's EnergyAxis® System obtains MultiSpeak® 3.0 Compliance for Outage Management Systems

Raleigh, North Carolina, September 08, 2008. Elster, the global leader in smart metering and smart grid system solutions, announces that it has successfully completed version 3.0 MultiSpeak interoperability assertion testing for its EnergyAxis AMI system. MultiSpeak 3.0 interoperability testing enables utilities to more easily create interfaces between Elster's EnergyAxis System and MultiSpeak 3.0 compatible outage management systems (OMS).

Sharon Allan, president of Elster Integrated Solutions stated, "Compliance to the MultiSpeak Initiative affirms Elster's continuing commitment to delivering open, standards-based smart metering technology. Added value capabilities such as MultiSpeak compliance is just one of the reasons the EnergyAxis System is the most widely deployed AMI solution in the world."

The MultiSpeak Initiative is a collaboration of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), and more than 40 leading companies supplying software solutions to utility market. The Initiative has defined standardized interfaces among software products commonly used by utilities. The standardized interface helps drive application interoperability and eliminate the expense and time otherwise needed to develop custom interfaces.

Originally targeted at small electric utilities, the MultiSpeak effort has expanded to include a broad range of applications for electric utilities of all sizes, as well as for those that supply water and gas services.

Victor Sitton, vice president of product marketing for Elster Integrated Solutions, commented, "Utilities with the EnergyAxis System can now quickly integrate with MultiSpeak-compliant OMS applications without extensive or costly development. This achievement reinforces Elster's ability to deliver robust and cost effective AMI and outage management solutions to the utility industry."

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About the MultiSpeak Initiative

The MultiSpeak Initiative fosters business process improvement and simplifies data integration at electric utilities through collaboration between NRECA and more than 40 software companies and consultants who serve electric utilities. MultiSpeak has released a series of specifications that enable popular utility software applications to exchange data in a predetermined manner.

MultiSpeak 3.0, the latest release, has defined 30 interfaces that encompass nearly every commonly used software application deployed at electric distribution co-ops, including automatic meter reading, customer information system, customer relationship management, engineering analysis, load management, mapping, outage management, SCADA, and staking. To view the specification and for more information, visit www.multispeak.org.

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About Elster

Elster, a global leader in smart metering and smart grid solutions has delivered over 1.5 million smart metering devices worldwide with systems located in North America, Europe, Central America, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean. Elster smart metering system solutions provide utilities with energy conservation capabilities via demand response programs, smart grid applications, and operational efficiencies resulting in significant value creation across the utility enterprise. Elster has over 7,500 staff and operates globally in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Asia.
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