

## **Beckwith Electric Partners with Elster to Provide Innovative DNP-based Solutions**

*Collaborative effort to enhance Elster's smart grid capabilities*

Raleigh, North Carolina, February 3, 2009. Elster, a leader in smart metering and smart grid systems and solutions, today announced that Beckwith Electric has joined Elster's Advanced Grid Infrastructure (AGI) Initiative. The initiative is a collaborative effort between utilities, Elster, and key technology partners to realize solutions for grid modernization.

Beckwith Electric is working with Elster to leverage Elster's smart grid technology for the control and monitoring of Beckwith Electric's devices such as capacitor bank controllers and transformer load tap changing voltage regulators using DNP, a common industry protocol.

Elster Senior Vice President David G. Hart said, "We are excited to work with Beckwith Electric and their vast experience with power systems products. Elster is committed to partnering with energy and control leaders to provide innovative standards-based solutions that will help create the smart grid."

"Helping our customers to improve the operational efficiency of the power grid with reliable, cost-effective products and services are key elements to realize the grid of the future," said Dr. Murty Yalla, Beckwith Electric's president. "Partnering with technology leaders such as Elster enables Beckwith Electric to offer complete solutions for the smart grid applications to our customers."

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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. [www.elster.com](http://www.elster.com).

### **About Beckwith Electric**

Beckwith Electric, founded in 1967, is a premier provider of innovative and high quality products, technical services and solutions that meet the needs of customers involved in the production, transmission, and distribution of electric power. Beckwith Electric's products include tapcharger, regulator and capacitor



controls, protective relays, custom service and solutions, and equipment for synchronizing and motor bus transfer. Customers include electric utilities, large industrial companies, original equipment manufacturers and owners of alternative sources of energy.

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