

Triangle MicroWorks Partners with Elster to Enhance System Interoperability

Collaborative effort to enhance Elster's smart grid capabilities by extending the standards-based communication protocols

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

Triangle MicroWorks is a leader in standard communications protocols for the utility industry, including DNP3, IEC 61850, Modbus, and IEC 60870-5. Triangle MicroWorks' protocol expertise is helping to leverage the interoperability of Elster's solutions through support of industry standard protocols.

Elster Senior Vice President David G. Hart said, "We are pleased to have a partnership with Triangle MicroWorks that provides our customers with the benefits of greater interoperability. Elster's solutions can better equip utilities by integrating Triangle MicroWorks' leadership in standardized smart grid communication protocol technologies."

"We understand the essential role standards-based protocols will play in the realization of the smart grid vision," said Triangle MicroWorks' President Jim Coats. "This partnership with smart grid solution leaders such as Elster reinforces the value of the products and services we provide while further enhancing Elster's commitment to the use of industry standard protocols. We are enthusiastic about our relationship with Elster."

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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.

About Triangle MicroWorks

Triangle MicroWorks, operating in Raleigh, North Carolina and Ann Arbor



Michigan, has been specializing in communication protocols for the utility industry since 1994. Products include Communication Protocol Software Libraries; Conformance Testing Software; Web-Based Training; OPC drivers; and Substation Configuration Language (SCL) and DNP XML tools for: IEC 61850, DNP3, IEC 60870-5, IEC 61400-25, Modbus, and IEC 61850-2. www.TriangleMicroWorks.com