



Press release

Halton Hills Hydro Selects Elster's EnergyAxis® System For Smart Grid Interval Data Reading

Halton Hills, Ontario, Canada, March 17, 2009. Elster, a global leader in smart metering and smart grid system solutions, today announced that Halton Hills Hydro, an affiliate of Halton Hills Community Energy Corp., has selected Elster's EnergyAxis® System to help the utility better manage Ontario's energy resources.

"Halton Hills Hydro has shown a very strong project structure and has impressed us with its due diligence in looking at alternatives," said Jack Robertson, president and general manager, Elster Metering, Canada. "In particular we are excited about deploying EnergyAxis into a largely rural application, demonstrating the strength of Elster's EnergyAxis mesh network."

As part of Ontario's Smart Meter Initiative, the Ontario government has established a goal of collecting hourly interval data from every home in the province by 2010. The EnergyAxis System will allow Halton Hills Hydro to interpret the collected hourly usage data, and then implement actions to help its consumers better understand and manage their electricity usage while supporting the utility's energy conservation efforts.

Art Skidmore, Halton Hills Hydro's COO, said, "Halton looked into various options, and visited Elster installations to better understand the capability of the system and organization. We were very pleased with what we found in our investigations around Elster and are excited to be working with Elster in this important project."

Halton Hills Hydro is the first of a second wave of Ontario utilities that are implementing AMI technology. Elster's EnergyAxis System is already employed by other Ontario utilities and currently gathers more than 1 million meter points of hourly billing data from a wide variety of Ontario energy consumers.

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About Elster

Elster, a global leader in smart metering and smart grid solutions has delivered over 2 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 Halton Hills Hydro

Halton Hills Hydro Inc., an affiliate of Halton Hills Community Energy Corp., is committed to providing a reliable, safe and economic source of electricity. Halton Hills Hydro's goal is to provide its customers with the ideas, tools and information that gives them the power to make the best choices for their energy needs.

Located 20 minutes north of the 401, west of Toronto, Halton Hills serves the Town of Halton Hills, located within the Greater Toronto Area.

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