



Press release

Thunder Bay Hydro Selects Elster's EnergyAxis® System For Smart Grid Interval Data Reading

Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, March 17, 2009. Elster, a global leader in smart metering and smart grid system solutions, today announced that Thunder Bay Hydro has selected Elster's EnergyAxis® System to help the utility better manage Ontario's energy resources.

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 Thunder Bay Hydro to interpret the collected hourly usage data, and then implement actions to help its consumers better understand and manage their electrical usage supporting the utility's energy conservation efforts.

"We are pleased that we have been able to quickly reach agreement with Elster on our AMI solution. Elster's proven track record, flexible, complete and economic EnergyAxis solution, vision for the Smart Grid and knowledge of the applications made this an easy choice for us," said Robert Mace, CEO of Thunder Bay Hydro.

Thunder Bay Hydro is the first of a second wave of Ontario utilities who 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.

"Thunder Bay Hydro has a clear plan and has demonstrated strong leadership in moving this project forward rapidly," said Jack Robertson, president and general manager, Elster Metering, Canada. "This will be a quick implementation and we are looking forward to working with Thunder Bay as they continue to pursue their energy conservation initiatives."

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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 Thunder Bay Hydro

Thunder Bay Hydro is responsible for the power line system within the city limits of Thunder Bay and for delivering electricity to the homes and businesses located there. Thunder Bay Hydro distributes electricity to more than 49,000 customers via a network of over 1,300 kilometers (815 miles) of overhead and underground power lines. <http://www.tbhydro.on.ca/>