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Elster participates in White House discussions on economic policy and innovation

Elster recently participated in two high-level national leadership discussions on economic policy and American innovation. Both events took place at the White House and follow other national forums conducted in 2011 related to jobs creation and economic development, in which Elster also participated.

Elster participated in the 'Insourcing American Jobs Forum'. The purpose of the forum is to identify actionable ideas for advancing jobs creation and stimulating U.S. investment. Elster also participated in the Business Forward event, sponsored by the White House Business Council and Business Forward North Carolina. The event was designed to solicit ideas from North Carolina business leaders for strengthening U.S. global competitiveness.

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Munday named CTO for Elster worldwide; Myszka to head Elster electricity North America

Elster recently announced that the company has named Mark Munday chief technology officer (CTO) and appointed Edward Myszka as executive vice president, electricity North America.

Munday joined Elster in 1981 and has led the North American electricity business for the past 11 years. He has been awarded more than 31 U.S. patents related to Smart Grid and metering technology. He was named technology executive of the year by the North Carolina Technology Association in 2010 and was a Platts Global Energy Awards finalist for Energy CEO of the Year in 2006.

In the newly created position of CTO, Munday will be responsible for driving research and development, and technology innovation efforts across the company. He will take a primary role in assessing outside technology opportunities.

Edward Myszka has been tapped to lead the North American electricity business. Myszka joins Elster with more than 28 years of advanced technology and business experience. He spent the past six years as a member of the senior executive team at Comverge, Inc., a demand response Smart Grid company.

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Bolivar Energy Authority selects Elster for smart grid deployment

Tennessee's Bolivar Energy Authority (BEA) has selected the Elster EnergyAxis Smart Grid solution to deliver an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system, delivering improved operational efficiencies and empowering its electric customers to better manage energy usage and lower energy costs.

BEA services more than 11,000 households and businesses in the utility's service area. Elster's Smart Meters will be installed by BEA at residential and commercial locations with a project completion date of September 2012.

Elster's EnergyAxis and Smart Meters will enable BEA to modernize its electric infrastructure and provide customers with clear pricing and usage information, enabling customers to better manage, monitor and control energy consumption and costs.

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Smart grid system interoperability highlighted at DistribuTECH

Showcasing true system interoperability, Elster presented and exhibited its Smart Grid modernization solutions at DistribuTECH 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.

Elster is at the leading edge of interoperable solutions adoption. Through its industry-leading REXUniversal platform, Elster is providing the technology that sets a new standard for utility flexibility.

The REXUniversal, introduced in September 2011, is the industry's most flexible Smart Grid metering platform, allowing true hardware and system interoperability. Unlike other systems available today, the Elster REXUniversal metering platform allows communication protocols to be changed remotely, altering the device's personality and allowing the device to operate natively in different network systems without requiring hardware replacement.

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Smart Grid Voltage Conservation Alliance web site goes live

At DistribuTech 2012, Elster joined industry leaders from ABB, Entergy and Survalent to discuss the benefits of voltage conservation and the associated energy savings. The discussion panel (being recorded for replay) highlights how utilities can improve operational efficiency through voltage conservation and the mission of the Smart Grid Voltage Conservation Alliance (SGVCA).

Elster cofounded SGVCA in 2011 to accelerate the adoption and validate the business benefits of voltage conservation for utilities through the convergence of Distribution Automation (DA) and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).

Reducing voltage by four to six percent can result in real energy savings between three to five percent, but most utilities are unable to effectively manage voltage variations due to the lack of voltage monitoring at both the individual meter as well as across the distribution circuit. Leveraging DA-AMI convergence for voltage monitoring, utilities will be able to increase operational efficiencies through voltage conservation while extending the capabilities and advantages of AMI.

[More information and future link to webinar>>](#)

NEW! Dedicated water & gas track at 2012 EnergyAxis User Conference

2012 EnergyAxis User Conference, March 18-22, Village of Pinehurst, NC

We are pleased to announce a multi-utility conference track dedicated to EnergyAxis system users who focus on the water or gas side of the utility business. Many of the utilities running EnergyAxis have water or gas operations in addition to their electricity service. We encourage members of this rapidly growing community to join us in Pinehurst, North Carolina to launch this newest facet of the annual User Conference. Registration includes all training, sessions, and networking events.

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EnergyAxis training included free with conference registration

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Unlike other conferences where pre- and post-event workshops can cost as much as the conference itself... registered EnergyAxis User Conference attendees may participate in all training opportunities at no additional cost.

High value, in depth training – included with your registration! In addition to a half day EnergyAxis Refresher Course, you can gain value through 20+ additional training options, plus breakout sessions on security, standards, energy efficiency and demand response, as well as grid modernization and distribution automation solutions. 2011 attendees rated the training as “extremely valuable.”

Register today! Early-bird discounts end January 31.

[More information on 2012 conference training opportunities>>](#)

Upcoming Events

- [DistribuTECH](#), Jan 24-26, 2012, San Antonio, TX
- [2012 EnergyAxis User Conference](#), March 18-22, Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina