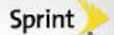




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[April 22, 2011]

Digi: PowerDash Deploys Wireless Gateways and iDigi Device Cloud

Apr 22, 2011 (Close-Up Media via COMTEX) -- Digi International announced that PowerDash is using the ConnectPort X2 Smart Energy wireless gateway and iDigi Device Cloud to connect its energy performance monitoring solutions to Smart Energy devices for residential solar installations.

In a release on April 19, Digi said PowerDash is also using the ConnectPort X4 for commercial/industrial solar power installations to connect a range of production, metering and sensing equipment.

PowerDash is a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) platform that streamlines the collection, management and usability of energy production and consumption data from clean energy technologies such as solar inverters, smart meters, wind power systems and other devices.

"I have been involved in this type of work for nearly eight years, and the challenge has always been getting the required data from the different devices," said Stephen Lapointe, principal, PowerDash. "Digi enables the development of applications and tools that are at the heart of what the Smart Grid needs. It provides an effective communications layer on top of existing Grid infrastructure making it possible to develop Smart Grid tools and applications in an effective way. Digi has delivered on the promise of the ZigBee Smart Energy standard." Used in residential applications, the ConnectPort X2 connects ZigBee Smart Energy devices such as Smart Meters to the PowerDash solution. It gathers high accuracy solar production data required by state solar renewable incentive programs from revenue grade ZigBee Smart Meters and sends it back to the iDigi Device Cloud over Ethernet. PowerDash applications use the iDigi Device Cloud to access the solar production information in real-time. iDigi also speeds solar system installation and makes device management easier.

"The flexibility of iDigi is important," Lapointe said. "We use it to manage a fleet of devices and individual meter data points. It allows us to get real-time meter reads to reduce support and installation costs. It also enables several different capabilities that allow us to create a great installer experience." Digi International develops products and solutions to connect and securely manage local or remote electronic devices over the network or via the Web.

More information: www.digi.com www.idigi.com www.powerdash.com ((Comments on this story may be sent to newsdesk@closeupmedia.com))

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