

Digi X-Grid solution offers utilities expanded customer engagement opportunities with Itron ERT-enabled homes

Minnetonka, MN, U.S.A. --- (METERING.COM) --- October 27, 2010 - Itron's ERT meters can now be integrated with Digi International's new ERT/Ethernet Gateway and ERT/Smart Energy Bridge, enabling easy online access to gas, water, and electric metering data for the ERT meters.

Further, with Digi X-Grid™ utilities can leverage the data to offer a range of energy management services.

"These products leverage a utility's investment in ERT deployments by enabling ERT meters to play a vital role toward a smarter grid," said Larry Kraft, senior vice president of global sales and marketing at Digi International. "Utilities can now offer ERT metering customers a greater range of services that drive reliability, efficiency and energy savings."

"Digi offers the complimentary products our customers are looking for," added Larry Eggleston, director, product marketing at Itron. "These solutions provide our ChoiceConnect™ customers with a variety of options to easily access up-to-date energy usage data, enabling them to become more energy efficient."

Digi ERT products enable utilities to offer a broad range of demand-side management services with or without a smart meter (AMI) network in place. The products extend the grid into a utility's customers' homes supporting a full-range of smart energy thermostats, appliances and home area network (HAN) devices. Digi ERT products are ERT certified by Itron and support all ERT "bubble-up" utility meters.

As part of the X-Grid solution, the web services interface is available to any application provider. Therefore ERT metering information can be collected and presented by a wide range of existing X-Grid application providers allowing utility companies to add new software partners as needed.

