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The pilot program in the District of Columbia stands out because various stakeholders - including consumer advocates, regulators and the local utility - joined together from the beginning to design, plan and implement it. Early education and involvement of stakeholders has become a high-priority issue in the DC and Smart Grid sectors according to most experts in the field.

The Memoir Blog

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Feb. 9, 2011 by Alan P. McHale and Jim McHale

"The weakest link in smart grid's development has been the lack of attention to automating and modernizing the transmission and distribution network. The vast majority of smart grid investment has gone into smart meters, not surprisingly because this 'low hanging fruit' is less capital intensive and can show a quicker return."

Current News

GEO and Digi International Collaborate to Provide a Full Energy Management Solution for the Utility Market

February 8, 2011

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Digi International and Green Energy Options (GEO) today announced that they are entering a joint collaboration agreement to develop a real-time, web-based energy management system for the European utility market. The new energy consumption information and control solution is based on the iDig platform and Digi X-Grid solution, a solution for extending the power grid beyond the meter.

GEO designs and manufactures energy monitoring systems for use in both the commercial and domestic environment, with more than 1,230,000 energy displays currently in the European market. GEO has collaborated with Digi before, notably during the development of nanowatt microgeneration solution - a key product in nanowatt smart energy trials. In 2010, GEO utilized Digi's embedded modules again, this time as part of the new Grid project with EDP in Portugal. The project is testing GEO's Scio in-home displays, which have been integrated with the EnergyBox smart meter to provide real-time information and consumption awareness for the consumer.

Leveraging the success of past collaboration, GEO chose to partner with Digi International once again to work together in advancing the European smart metering market. During the development process, GEO will have the support and advantage of the Digi X-Grid solution - a development package that includes Digi's Smart Energy gateways, XBee ZigBee modules and adapters, and the iDig Platform to provide real-time access to devices with an extended grid infrastructure. With it in mind Patrick Caiger-Smith, Chief Executive Officer at GEO, said, "Digi's expertise in the field of ZigBee wireless communications and its investment into their market-leading web based application framework, iDig, make Digi our ideal partner in the energy management space."

Cariele Cognolato, Digi's Smart Grid Business Development Manager, said "We are excited to be working together with GEO who are already an established leader in the European energy management market. Digi's X-Grid platform will enable GEO to move from visual display devices to complete visualization and control systems - a revolution in their aim of making energy visible."

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