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TXU helps Digi promote smart grid gear

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Digi International rolled out its iDigi Energy brand of wireless machine-to-machine bundled solution to energy services providers yesterday that includes hardware with hosted software and services to integrate meters, load control modules, displays, relays, thermostats and other energy assets commonly required for demand response, AMI and other smart grid offerings.

Energy service applications connect to the hosted software component of iDigi Energy via a simple web-services interface to simplify developing and deploying energy management services.

"The iDigi Energy solution was instrumental in our launch of the TXU Energy iThermostat energy conservation program," said TXU Energy Director Patrick James in a statement. TXU Energy is a retail electricity provider in the competitive Texas power market.

The Digi technology "enabled us to leverage existing enterprise software service platforms and ultimately integrate the deploying AMI networks in Texas. We were able to move from concept to deployment very quickly. The platform's flexibility will also allow us to rapidly develop and deploy a broad range of new energy management services to help our customers better manage their energy costs."

The solution "lowers the barriers for companies to build robust, next generation information services by removing the complexities of remote device communication," said Digi CEO Joe Dunsmore.

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