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Digi ERT/Ethernet Gateway Completes Interoperability Testing



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[Digi International](#) and [QualityLogic](#) announced that the Digi ERT/Ethernet Gateway ([News](#) - [Alert](#)) has completed the interoperability testing by the Itron ChoiceConnect ERT Receiver Logo Program. Digi develops products and solutions to connect and securely manage local or remote electronic devices over the network or via the Web.

According to official sources the Logo program entails QualityLogic ([News](#) - [Alert](#)) to test the compatibility between Itron's ChoiceConnect meter messages and devices from vendors who have licensed Itron reading technology for certifying interoperability. QualityLogic provides testing products and outsourced quality assurance and engineering services that are designed to meet the demands of customers.

"QualityLogic's certification lets our customers know immediately that the Digi Ethernet Gateway meets Itron's standards for compatibility and interoperability," said Larry Kraft, senior vice president of global sales and marketing, Digi International ([News](#) - [Alert](#)) in a [release](#). "This simplifies their decision to include the Digi Ethernet Gateway as part of their customer engagement programs."

Digi's ERT/Ethernet Gateway offers smart grid technology to utility customers who use meters that are enabled with Itron ERT radio technology. Also, the integrated certified Itron ERT radio receiver ensures that metering data is shared with the software application from the utility, energy service provider or consumer by connecting the domestic networking/IP connection to the

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Company sources explained that data can then be dynamically analyzed and presented to the customer who can identify areas to optimize energy use. It is expected that this information exchange will be critical in initiating lifestyle changes that can reduce user consumption of energy resources at the same ensuring customer satisfaction.

ChoiceConnect, Itron's smart metering solution for electric, gas and water utilities, collects and presents meter data to in-home displays and other devices. These devices are an integral component of smart metering solutions as utilities look to share real-time usage information with their customers. Access to actual usage data enables consumers to make informed decisions about their consumption and encourages greater participation in conservation efforts.

Dave Jollota, QualityLogic's president and CEO said, "We were excited to work with Digi on the first Itron logo certification. The smart grid's success depends on the interoperability of its components, and Digi has taken the lead to ensure flawless integration of its ERT/Ethernet Gateway into homes and offices."

Digi International also announced that Lessoil has selected its [ConnectPort X4](#) wireless gateway, XBee ZigBee environmental sensors and iDigi cloud service to wirelessly connect its energy conservation solution.

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