

Electric Utility in Mexico Selects Aclara TWACS Technology to Reduce Non-Technical Losses

ST LOUIS – December 21, 2009 – Aclara (R), a leader in Intelligent Infrastructure™ and part of the Utility Solutions Group of ESCO Technologies Inc. (NYSE:ESE), announces that Federal Commission of Electricity (CFE), one of the world's largest utilities, will deploy the TWACS (R) technology advanced metering infrastructure (AMI). CFE is Mexico's single utility provider, servicing nearly 34 million consumers.

Initial implementation of Aclara's pole-mounted and socket-type TWACS solution is planned for Acapulco, which is serviced by CFE's South-Center Division, to support the utility's plans to reduce non-technical losses. Another key feature of the implementation is installation of in-home displays, which will allow CFE to enhance its customer service through improved consumer communications. Ambar Electroingenieria, Aclara's AMI distributor in Mexico, is the prime contractor for the project.

During the competitive evaluation process, Aclara's TWACS technology was the only solution that met all CFE's technical requirements for deployment. TWACS technology proved its ability to provide two-way communications with fast response over existing power lines while scaling to millions of end points. TWACS technology also offered integral connect and disconnect as well as load-balancing, two capabilities that were essential to CFE's selection. The utility will use TWACS technology to read both residential and commercial meters.

"It has been a great pleasure to work with such a progressive utility as CFE on its plan to implement the TWACS technology," said Roberto Barto, Senior Vice President International for Aclara. "We look forward to a productive, long-term relationship with the utility as it moves forward with its efforts to reduce non-technical losses throughout Mexico."

The initial purchase order for more than 90,000 AMI modules, with an option for another 90,000 units as part of the order, makes Aclara an integral AMI technology supplier to CFE. The utility plans to deploy new metering end points in several major cities over the next several years to reduce non-technical losses and to utilize the full AMI feature set including remote meter reading, interval-read outage management, tamper detection, aggregate demand, voltage quality, and other miscellaneous cost-saving solutions.

The Aclara Two-Way Automatic Communications System (TWACS) technology is a proven, fixed-network solution that uses patented technology to transmit data over power lines. Aclara TWACS technology offers two-way communication to electric meters and provides for timely billing, load control, demand response, and outage detection and assessment. With the system, utilities can effectively manage customer data and reduce costs while enabling innovation and providing superior customer service.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this press release regarding the size and timing of CFE's anticipated deployment, and any other written or oral statements which are not strictly historical are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the federal securities laws. Investors are cautioned that such statements are only predictions and speak only as of the date of this release, and the Company undertakes no duty to update. The Company's actual results in

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