

Aclara Partners with Clevest Solutions Inc. to Provide Smart Meter Deployment Solution

WELLESLEY, Mass. – March 23, 2010 – Today Aclara® announces its partnership with Clevest Solutions Inc. to enhance its industry-leading AMI device-management application with a comprehensive solution for streamlining AMI deployments. Aclara provides Intelligent Infrastructure™ technologies for electric, gas, and water utilities and is part of the Utility Solutions Group of ESCO Technologies Inc. (NYSE: ESE).

The Clevest software will extend the capabilities of Aclara's meter-asset management solution to help utility companies automate, track, and validate every aspect of an AMI deployment. The application accelerates the deployment process and reduces the risks of these critical projects.

“Our relationship with Clevest will provide our customers with complete control over AMI deployments, whether the field work is performed by utility personnel or an installation contractor,” said Alvin Jackson, Vice-President, Services, of Aclara Software Inc. “This partnership reinforces our commitment to offer the industry's most complete solution for managing meter assets.”

The field-installation tools from Clevest will augment what is already a feature-rich application for managing today's complex AMI devices. Aclara's proven device-management solution provides cradle-to-grave tracking of utility smart-grid devices through their entire lifecycles, offering features such as inventory tracking, device-configuration management, and device testing (including support for periodic testing and maintenance). Aclara's solution provides a system of record that can be configured to meet the unique requirements of any utility.

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About Aclara

The Aclara® brand represents the industry's leading Intelligent Infrastructure™ technologies for providing device networking, data-value management, and customer communications to water, gas, and electric utilities globally. Over 500 utilities in nine countries rely on proven Aclara solutions to connect with their customers. Aclara is part of the Utility Solutions Group of ESCO Technologies Inc. (NYSE: ESE), St. Louis. Create Your Intelligent Infrastructure™ www.Aclara.com.

About Clevest Solutions Inc.

Clevest is the leading software provider of smart grid deployment and Operations Support System (OSS) solutions, and provides the most complete and flexible end-to-end Mobile Field Force management solutions in the utilities industry. Clevest's application suite provides modular tools that include Dispatch, Scheduling, AVL, In-vehicle Navigation, Mobile, and a patent pending Configuration tool. The company's award winning applications integrate the latest innovations in software, wireless technologies, and mobile devices to get jobs done, faster, smoother, safer, and increase efficiency and reliability. For more information on Clevest Solutions, visit www.clevest.com.