

## **Aclara Provides Total AMI Solution to Town of Culpeper**

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – October 14, 2011 – The Town of Culpeper, Va. has chosen Aclara to provide a total advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) solution for electric and water meters. Aclara is part of the Utility Solutions Group of ESCO Technologies Inc. (NYSE:ESE).

Culpeper's new AMI system will deliver remote meter reading to 5,000 electric and 6,400 water customers. It will employ Aclara's TWACS power-line technology for reading electric meters as well as its STAR Network system for water meters.

In addition, Aclara will supply enterprise meter-data-management (MDM) and consumer-engagement solutions to Culpeper. A web portal will provide access directly to usage data, allowing the town to better service its customers.

Culpeper also will employ Aclara solutions to manage and restore services after power outages, control usage during peak electric demand, and implement acoustic leak detection to find water losses in the distribution system.

"Access to near real-time information will help us understand events on our utility networks and to be proactive in our response to outages, tampering, theft, and leaks," said Mike Stover, Director of Light and Power for the Town of Culpeper. "For example, the ability to identify the extent of power outages without sending personnel to the field will exponentially improve our ability to restore services quickly."

Stover said that Culpeper's decision to deploy Aclara solutions was based in part on references from local utilities also using Aclara systems. He added that the water and electric utilities worked together to develop an optimum AMI system that met the needs of an expanding water service area as well as a municipal electric territory.

The Culpeper project is an example of the integrated approach Aclara provides with its suite of AMI, network management and software products. Aclara's products are designed to meet the AMI, MDM, and consumer-engagement requirements of a wide range of customers, allowing them to fashion cost-effective and unique solutions to fit their needs.

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