

First Meeting of Aclara Settlement Working Group Attracts Major Investor-Owned Utilities

ALLENTOWN, Pa. – August 3, 2010 – The Load Vision® Working Group, an Aclara client panel to provide input on product direction for the Aclara Forecasting and Settlement applications, meets today and tomorrow at PPL Electric Utilities, Allentown, Pa. Aclara is the leader in meter-data-management solutions for utilities.

Attending the inaugural meeting of the Working group are representatives from [Bangor Hydro Electric Company](#), [The Dayton Power and Light Company](#), [FirstEnergy Corp.](#), [Hess Energy Marketing](#), [NorthWestern Energy](#), [PPL Electric Utilities](#), and [The United Illuminating Company](#). The Group will meet with Aclara product managers meeting to share knowledge and experiences and help shape the product roadmap.

“As smart metering proliferates throughout the country, the data from advanced metering infrastructure will significantly increase expectations related to load profiling and expectations of suppliers and ISOs (independent system operators),” said Jackie Lemmerhirt, Senior Director of Product Management for Aclara. “Working with our client users is the easiest way to develop the technology to take advantage of emerging market opportunities.”

The host of the meeting, PPL Electric Utilities, uses Aclara’s full meter-data-management and customer-care product suites to analyze and present the meter data it collects hourly from its 1.4 million customers.

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