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Itron, Digi team

on data sharing: Itron's ERT meters can now connect instantly to the grid using the new ERT/Ethernet Gateway and ERT/Smart Energy Bridge, from Digi International, that firm told the press this week. The products allow the sharing of metering data with software run by a utility or consumer. That data can be analyzed and presented to the customer to help optimize energy use, Digi International said.

Capgemini adds

software from Clevest: Capgemini Canada will offer products from Clevest Solutions, a supplier of smart grid deployment software, the consultancy told the press yesterday. Clevest's products help utilities install and maintain smart meters and other smart grid devices, the firms said.

UCA group finishes

work on OpenADR: The UCA International Users Group, of Raleigh, NC, finished its work on version 1.0 of the Open Automated Demand Response (OpenADR) system-requirement specification, it told the press this week. Lawrence Berkeley National Lab released the original OpenADR specification last year. OpenADR is already being used to automate DR programs used by over 60 firms, the group said, and is available for public use. The system-requirement specification publicized this week sets out requirements for DR interactions, the UCA group said. It standardizes dispatch, control and pricing signals.

Honeywell, EnergyHub

sign supply pact: Honeywell entered into a supply agreement with EnergyHub, the firm told the press yesterday. Honeywell will integrate EnergyHub's technology into its energy management product portfolio. The Honeywell Home Energy Manager provides real-time meter reads, energy usage, cost and trending data, as well as load measurement, load control, remote access and real-time connection to utility control systems, the firm said.

Wurldtech certifies

Sensus AMI product: Sensus' AMI communications system received certification by Wurldtech Security, a Canadian cyber security firm, Sensus told the press yesterday. The FlexNet 2.2 system got an Achilles certification -- the first to be given to an AMI product, according to Sensus. Receiving the certification "demonstrates a strong security architecture, in addition to proving overall resilience against intrusion or other security breaches," Sensus said.

CMP picks VSI for

meter installation: VSI Meter Services, of Aston, Pa, will install 620,000 smart meters in Central Maine Power's (CMP) 11,000-square-mile service territory, the vendor told the press yesterday. VSI will do the job within 18 months, it said. GE, IBM, Landis & Gyr and Trilliant are also involved in the project.

Tendril, Lockheed plan

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product integration: Energy-management firm Tendril will integrate its residential products with DR offerings from Lockheed Martin, the firms told the press yesterday. Tendril views the deal as an expansion of its DR offerings to energy providers, said CEO Adrian Tuck.

Transamerica building

signs with EnerNOC: EnerNOC won a contract to supply energy-efficiency and DR services to the Pyramid Center skyscraper in downtown San Francisco, it told the press yesterday. The services will produce savings of \$50,000/year for building owner Transamerica Pyramid Properties, EnerNOC said. PG&E will pay for installing all necessary metering equipment and the first year of data analysis. The building will respond to DR events by turning down lobby and garage lighting, turning off the outside water-fountain pump and raising the AC target temperature by 2 degrees, EnerNOC said.

Powerhouse Dynamics

module on market: Powerhouse Dynamics is selling a new home energy management system that alerts users to critical issues with their power usage and shows them a real time, circuit-level view of their power use, phantom power loss and carbon foot print, the firm told the press yesterday. EMonitor lets users see [via the web](#) where power is used and wasted, receive alerts by email or text if appliances are left on or if home medical equipment is off and monitor appliance performance. The hardware module, which is installed in homes and uses home internet connections, can lower electric bills up to 30%, the firm asserted.

DOE advisory committee

adds Bartels: Guido Bartels, chairman of the GridWise Alliance, will serve on the DOE's Electricity Advisory Committee, the alliance told the press this week. Bartels is IBM's general manager of global energy and utilities and has served as the alliance's chairman since 2007. Bartels was also recently named chairman of the new Global Smart Grid Federation, a group that aims to promote best practices and to help accelerate the deployment of smart grid worldwide (SGT, [Sep-22](#)).

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