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Peoples Natural Gas to Modernize Distribution System with Itron

Itron smart gas solution to improve operational efficiency and enhance customer service

LIBERTY LAKE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Itron, Inc. (NASDAQ:ITRI), a world-leading technology and services company dedicated to the resourceful use of energy and water, announced today that Peoples Natural Gas has signed a contract with Itron. The utility, which provides natural gas service to approximately 700,000 customers in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, will deploy Itron's smart gas solution. The solution will enable Peoples to operate more efficiently and ensure overall system integrity, while paving the way for future smart city applications.

With the solution, Peoples can streamline operational processes, reduce costs and enhance customer service levels with detailed meter data. This data will give the utility greater visibility into system operations and customer consumption patterns so it can improve reliability. Peoples will take advantage of mobile data collection to eliminate estimated billing and the need for field workers to enter the customer premise, improving worker safety and customer privacy.

As a part of the contract, Itron will install approximately 460,000 OpenWay Riva[™] gas communication modules over the next five years. The modules give Peoples the flexibility to automate meter reading today with the ability to expand the system in the future to include a multi-purpose network for smart gas and smart city applications and an increasingly diverse ecosystem of meters, network devices and distributed assets.

"Itron's smart gas solution gives us the technology we need today to improve our operations while preparing us for the future," said Ruth DeLost-Wylie, senior vice president & CIO at Peoples Natural Gas. "We look forward to working with a leader in the gas industry to enhance the way we operate so we can improve service to our customers."

"At Itron, we are working to create more insightful utilities, smarter cities and a resourceful world. We are glad to be able to help Peoples Natural Gas achieve its goals of improved operational efficiency and customer service," said Tony Spiritoso, Itron vice president of sales for Gas in North America. "Whatever the challenge, Itron has the solutions to help our customers achieve the business outcomes they need."

About Itron

Itron is a world-leading technology and services company dedicated to the resourceful use of energy and water. We provide comprehensive solutions that measure, manage and analyze energy and water. Our broad product portfolio includes electricity, gas, water and thermal energy measurement devices and control technology; communications systems; software; as well as managed and consulting services. With thousands of employees supporting nearly 8,000 customers in more than 100 countries, Itron applies knowledge and technology to better manage energy and water resources. Together, we can create a more resourceful world. Join us: www.itron.com.

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