UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 27, 2010

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

ITRON, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington	000-22418	91-1011792
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer
of Incorporation)		Identification No.)
	2111 N. Molter Road, Liberty Lake, WA 99019	
	(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)	
	(509) 924-9900	
	(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)	
(For	mer Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Rep	ort)
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 27, 2010, Itron, Inc. issued a press release announcing their financial results for the three and nine months ending September 30, 2010. A copy of this press release and accompanying financial statements are attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Press Release dated October 27, 2010.

(d) Exhibits.

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Exhibit	
Number	Description

The information presented in this Current Report on Form 8-K may contain forward-looking statements and certain assumptions upon which such forward-looking statements are in part based. Numerous important factors, including those factors identified in Itron, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K and other of the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the fact that the assumptions set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K could prove incorrect, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ITRON, INC.

By:

Dated: October 27, 2010

/s/ Steven M. Helmbrecht

Steven M. Helmbrecht

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated October 27, 2010.

Itron Announces Record Quarterly Financial Results

LIBERTY LAKE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--October 27, 2010--Itron, Inc. (NASDAQ:ITRI) today reported financial results for its third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2010. Highlights include:

- Record quarterly and nine month revenues of \$576 million and \$1.6 billion;
- Record quarterly and nine month non-GAAP diluted EPS of \$1.06 and \$3.06;
- Record nine month cash flow from operations and free cash flow of \$167.1 million and \$121.6 million;
- Record quarterly and nine month adjusted EBITDA of \$89 million and \$239 million;
- Twelve-month backlog of \$958 million and total backlog of \$1.7 billion; and
- Quarterly bookings of \$528 million.

"Our growth this quarter has been driven by our smart solutions for electric, gas and water utilities. Itron's investments and innovation are paying off with outstanding results," said Malcolm Unsworth, president and CEO. "Our global backlog remains robust thanks to our balanced portfolio of products. We are excited about the potential for additional projects in North America and very pleased to see the continued momentum in Europe and other parts of the world towards the adoption of smart technologies."

Operations Highlights:

Revenues:

Total Company - Total revenues of \$576 million for the third quarter of 2010 and \$1.6 billion for the first nine months of 2010 were 41% and 36% higher than respective 2009 revenues of \$408 million and \$1.2 billion.

North America - Revenues of \$315 million for the third quarter and \$862 million for the first nine months of 2010 were 130% and 105% higher than respective 2009 revenues of \$137 million and \$420 million. The increase in revenues in 2010 was primarily driven by higher shipments of smart meters and modules. During the third quarter of 2010, we shipped 1.3 million OpenWay units.

International - Revenues of \$261 million for the third quarter of 2010 were \$10 million, or 4%, lower than the comparable 2009 period revenues of \$271 million. Although meter volumes were higher, revenues were lower due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Revenues of \$783 million for the first nine months of 2010 were \$8 million lower than the same period in 2009 with lower volumes due to economic conditions in certain markets.

Gross Margins:

Total Company - Gross margins of 32.0% for the third quarter and 31.6% for the first nine months of 2010 were comparable to 2009 gross margins of 31.7% and 32.4%.

North America – The gross margin of 35.5% for the quarter was higher than the 31.0% gross margin in the third quarter of 2009. The increase was due to manufacturing efficiency improvements resulting from higher volumes and cost reduction efforts. The gross margin for the first nine months of 2010 was 34.2% compared to 34.5% in the same period in 2009. An increase in compensation costs due to reinstating annual incentive plans in 2010 was offset by manufacturing efficiency improvements due to higher volumes and cost reduction efforts.

International - Gross margins of 27.8% for the quarter and 28.7% for the first nine months of 2010 were lower than 2009 gross margins of 32.1% and 31.3%. The decrease in margins was due primarily to increased warranty, facility consolidation and material costs.

Operating Expenses:

Total Company - Operating expenses of \$123 million for the third quarter and \$372 million for the first nine months of 2010 were higher than the 2009 periods of \$120 million and \$362 million.

North America - Operating expenses were \$47 million for the third quarter and \$139 million for the first nine months of 2010 compared with \$44 million and \$132 million for the same periods of 2009. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to expenses in the current period associated with the reinstatement of annual incentive compensation plans in 2010 and higher sales and marketing and product development expenses. These increases were partially offset by a scheduled decrease in amortization of intangibles expense.

International - Operating expenses for the third quarter 2010 of \$65 million were \$5 million lower than \$70 million in the third quarter of 2009. The decrease was due to foreign exchange rates and lower amortization of intangibles, partially offset by increases in other operating expenses. Operating expenses for the first nine months of 2010 were \$201 million compared with \$207 million for the same period of 2009. Decreases in operating expenses were due to decreased amortization of intangibles expense partially offset by increases in other operating expenses.

Corporate Unallocated - Corporate unallocated expenses were \$11 million for the third quarter and \$32 million for the first nine months of 2010 compared with \$7 million and \$23 million in the same periods of 2009. The increase in 2010 was primarily due to higher compensation expense.

Other Income/Expense:

Net Interest Expense – Net interest expense of \$13 million for the third quarter and \$42 million for the first nine months of 2010 compared with \$20 million and \$53 million for the same periods of 2009. Amortization of debt placement fees, which is included in net interest expense, was \$1.4 million for the third quarter and \$4.1 million for the first nine months of 2010 compared with \$4.1 million and \$6.2 million in the respective 2009 periods. Amortization of debt placement fees varies depending on the amount of debt repayments made in a given period. During the first nine months of 2010, we made approximately \$107 million in debt repayments compared with \$236 million in the same period of 2009.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt – The results for the first nine months of 2009 included a \$12.8 million net loss on the extinguishment of debt related to a convertible debt for common stock exchange. The difference in the value of the shares of Itron's common stock issued under the exchange agreement and the value of the shares used to derive the amount payable under the original conversion agreement resulted in the net loss on extinguishment of debt.

Other Income/Expense — Other expense was \$4.4 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared with \$4.5 million in 2009. Other expense for the first nine months of 2010 was \$5.4 million compared with \$9.4 million in the 2009 period. The 2010 periods included lower foreign exchange losses than the 2009 periods. The foreign exchange losses were caused by fluctuations in exchange rates for material purchases and related product sales denominated in different currencies. Additionally, the 2009 periods included consulting and legal fees associated with an amendment to our senior debt agreement.

GAAP Measures:

GAAP Income Taxes – We had a tax expense of \$14.7 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared with a benefit of \$15.1 million in the third quarter of 2009. For the first nine months of 2010, we had a tax expense of \$17.1 million compared with a benefit of \$37.5 million in the same period of 2009. The 2010 year-to-date tax expense includes an \$8.7 million tax benefit recorded in the first quarter which was due primarily to the receipt of a clean energy manufacturing tax credit and the reduction of tax reserves for certain foreign subsidiaries. The tax provision reflected in the first nine months of 2010 is derived from our estimated tax rate for the full year.

GAAP Net Income and Diluted EPS – Our GAAP net income and diluted EPS for the third quarter and first nine months of 2010 were \$29.1 million, or 71 cents per share, and \$82.8 million, or \$2.02 per share. This compares with net losses of \$3.0 million, or 7 cents per share, and \$7.4 million, or 19 cents per share in the same periods in 2009. The increase in 2010 net income was primarily due to higher operating income in our North America segment.

Non-GAAP Measures:

Non-GAAP Operating Income – Non-GAAP operating income, which excludes amortization expense related to intangible assets, was \$78.3 million, or 13.6% of revenues, in the third quarter and \$198.6 million, or 12.1% of revenues, for the first nine months of 2010. This compares with \$34.1 million, or 8.4% of revenues, and \$102.5 million, or 8.5% of revenues, in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009. The increased operating income was primarily due to increased contribution from North America.

Non-GAAP Income Taxes – We had a non-GAAP tax rate of 32.7% for the third quarter and a rate of 23.2% for the first nine months of 2010. The rate for the first nine months includes the effect of a 4% tax benefit recorded in the first quarter of 2010 due primarily to the receipt of a clean energy manufacturing tax credit and the reduction of tax reserves for certain foreign subsidiaries. We had a non-GAAP tax benefit in the third quarter of 2009 and our year-to-date 2009 non-GAAP tax rate was 4.5%. The tax provision reflected in the first nine months of 2010 is derived from our estimated non-GAAP tax rate for the full year.

Non-GAAP Net Income and Diluted EPS – Non-GAAP net income, which excludes amortization expenses related to intangible assets, amortization of debt placement fees, the amortization of convertible debt discount, and the non-cash net loss associated with the convertible debt for stock exchange, was \$43.5 million in the third quarter and \$125.2 million for the first nine months of 2010. This compares with \$18.2 million and \$49.0 million in the 2009 periods. Non-GAAP diluted EPS was \$1.06 and \$3.06 in the third quarter and first nine months of 2010 compared with 45 cents and \$1.28 in the same periods of 2009. Fully diluted shares outstanding for the first nine months of 2010 were 2.6 million shares higher than the same period in 2009 primarily due to the convertible debt for stock exchange in the first quarter of 2009 and the equity offering in the second quarter of 2009.

Other Financial Highlights:

Backlog and New Order Bookings: Total backlog was \$1.7 billion at September 30, 2010 compared with \$1.6 billion at September 30, 2009. Twelve month backlog of \$958 million at September 30, 2010 was higher than the \$749 million at September 30, 2009. New order bookings for the third quarter of 2010 were \$528 million, compared with \$400 million in the third quarter of 2009. Our book-to-bill ratios were .92 to 1 and .98 to 1 for the third quarter of 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Cash Flows from Operations and Financial Condition: Net cash provided by operating activities during the first nine months of 2010 was \$167.1 million, compared with \$87.1 million in the same period in 2009. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and the non-cash net loss on the extinguishment of debt (adjusted EBITDA) in the third quarter of 2010 was \$89 million compared with \$41 million for the same period in 2009. Adjusted EBITDA for the first nine months of 2010 was \$239 million compared with \$131 million in the first nine months of 2009. Free cash flow for the first nine months of 2010 was \$121.6 million compared with \$49.1 million in the same period in 2009. Cash and equivalents were \$148 million at September 30, 2010 compared with \$122 million at December 31, 2009. The \$215.7 million outstanding balance on our convertible senior subordinated notes is included in current portion of long term debt as of September 30, 2010 due to the combination of put, call and conversion options occurring within the next 12 months.

Non-GAAP Financial Information:

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we use certain non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income and diluted EPS, adjusted EBITDA, and free cash flow. We provide these non-GAAP financial measures because we believe they provide greater transparency and represent supplemental information used by management in its financial and operational decision making. Specifically, these non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance investors' overall understanding of our current financial performance and our future anticipated performance by excluding infrequent costs, particularly those associated with acquisitions. We exclude certain infrequent costs, particularly those associated with acquisitions, in our non-GAAP financial measures as we believe the net result is a measure of our core business. Non-GAAP performance measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Finally, our non-GAAP financial measures may be different from those reported by other companies. A more detailed discussion of why we use non-GAAP financial measures, the limitations of using such measures, and reconciliations between non-GAAP and the nearest GAAP financial measures are included in this press release.

Earnings Conference Call:

Itron will host a conference call to discuss the financial results contained in this release at 2:00 p.m. (PDT) on October 27, 2010. The call will be webcast in a listen only mode and can be accessed online at www.itron.com, "Investors/Investor Events." The live webcast will begin at 2:00 p.m. (PDT). The webcast replay will begin after the conclusion of the live call and will be available for two weeks. A telephone replay of the call will also be available approximately one hour after the conclusion of the live call, for 48 hours, and is accessible by dialing (888) 203-1112 (Domestic) or (719) 457-0820 (International), entering passcode #4037712. You may also view presentation materials related to the earnings call on Itron's website at www.itron.com under Investors / Presentations.

About Itron:

At Itron, we're dedicated to delivering end-to-end smart grid and smart distribution solutions to electric, gas and water utilities around the globe. Our company is the world's leading provider of smart metering, data collection and utility software systems, with nearly 8,000 utilities worldwide relying on our technology to optimize the delivery and use of energy and water. Our offerings include electricity, gas, water and heat meters; network communication technology; collection systems and related software applications; and professional services. To realize your smarter energy and water future, start here: www.itron.com.

Statements of operations, segment information, balance sheets, cash flow statements and reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures follow.

ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2010		2009	2010			2009
Revenues Cost of revenues	\$	575,968 391,761	\$	408,358 278,879	\$	1,644,708 1,125,282	\$	1,210,624 818,452
Gross profit		184,207		129,479		519,426		392,172
Operating expenses								
Sales and marketing		41,197		37,669		123,708		112,569
Product development		34,038		31,077		100,100		93,044
General and administrative		30,710		26,606		97,052		84,097
Amortization of intangible assets		16,882		25,121		51,459		72,788
Total operating expenses		122,827		120,473		372,319		362,498
Operating income Other income (expense)		61,380		9,006		147,107		29,674
Interest income		166		(45)		444		971
Interest expense		(13,328)		(20,075)		(42,216)		(53,319)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		(,)		(2,460)		(-,)		(12,800)
Other income (expense), net		(4,423)		(4,534)		(5,440)		(9,445)
Total other income (expense)		(17,585)		(27,114)		(47,212)		(74,593)
Income (loss) before income taxes Income tax (provision) benefit		43,795 (14,687)		(18,108) 15,146		99,895 (17,100)		(44,919) 37,517
Net income (loss)	\$	29,108	\$	(2,962)	\$	82,795	\$	(7,402)
Earnings (loss) per common share-Basic	\$	0.72	\$	(0.07)	\$	2.05	\$	(0.19)
Earnings (loss) per common share-Diluted	\$	0.71	\$	(0.07)	\$	2.02	\$	(0.19)
Weighted average common shares outstanding-Basic		40,400		40,039		40,307		38,003
Weighted average common shares outstanding-Diluted		40,828		40,039		40,950		38,003

ITRON, INC. SEGMENT INFORMATION

(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	 2010		2009		2010		2009		
Revenues	 								
Itron North America	\$ 315,335	\$	137,351	\$	861,607	\$	419,658		
Itron International	260,633		271,007		783,101		790,966		
Total Company	\$ 575,968	\$	408,358	\$	1,644,708	\$	1,210,624		
Gross profit									
Itron North America	\$ 111,858	\$	42,524	\$	294,880	\$	144,737		
Itron International	72,349		86,955		224,546		247,435		
Total Company	\$ 184,207	\$	129,479	\$	519,426	\$	392,172		
Operating income (loss)									
Itron North America	\$ 64,581	\$	(1,188)	\$	155,892	\$	12,459		
Itron International	7,652		17,319		23,314		40,018		
Corporate unallocated	(10,853)		(7,125)		(32,099)		(22,803)		
Total Company	\$ 61,380	\$	9,006	\$	147,107	\$	29,674		

METER AND MODULE SUMMARY

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(Units in thousands)				
	Three Months Ended	September 30,	Nine Months Ended	September 30,
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Total meters (with and without AMR/AMI)				
Itron North America				
Electricity	1,800	740	4,990	2,340
Gas	160	90	420	260
Itron International				
Electricity	2,020	1,890	5,590	5,670
Gas	940	1,160	2,940	3,880
Water	2,290	1,960	6,960	6,540
Total meters	7,210	5,840	20,900	18,690
Additional meter information (Total Company)				
Meters with AMR	1,110	670	2,830	2,200
Meters with AMI	1,130	120	2,990	220
Standalone AMR/AMI modules	1,620	850	4,410	2,860
Meters with AMR/AMI and modules	3,860	1,640	10,230	5,280
Meters with other vendors' AMR/AMI	130	160	390	470

ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Septe	mber 30, 2010	December 31, 2009		
ASSETS				<u> </u>	
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	148,114	\$	121,893	
Accounts receivable, net		383,814		337,948	
Inventories		225,765		170,084	
Deferred tax assets current, net		22,965		20,762	
Other current assets		72,371		75,229	
Total current assets		853,029		725,916	
Property, plant, and equipment, net		302,306		318,217	
Prepaid debt fees		5,704		8,628	
Deferred tax assets noncurrent, net		49,612		89,932	
Other noncurrent assets		16,298		18,117	
Intangible assets, net		315,756		388,212	
Goodwill		1,236,583		1,305,599	
Total assets	\$	2,779,288	\$	2,854,621	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	238,095	\$	219,255	
Other current liabilities		59,806		64,583	
Wages and benefits payable		96,713		71,592	
Taxes payable		22,879		14,377	
Current portion of debt		226,246		10,871	
Current portion of warranty		28,232		20,941	
Unearned revenue		30,749		40,140	
Deferred tax liabilities current, net		1,669		1,625	
Total current liabilities		704,389		443,384	
Long-term debt		436,704		770,893	
Long-term warranty		24,993		12,932	
Pension plan benefits		60,013		63,040	
Deferred tax liabilities noncurrent, net		52,128		80,695	
Other long-term obligations		68,417		83,163	
Total liabilities		1,346,644		1,454,107	
Commitments and contingencies					
Shareholders' equity					
Preferred stock		-		-	
Common stock		1,321,287		1,299,134	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net		(1,688)		71,130	
Retained earnings		113,045		30,250	
Total shareholders' equity		1,432,644	-	1,400,514	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u> </u>	2,779,288	\$	2,854,621	
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ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited, in thousands)

		led September 30,		
		2010		2009
Operating activities				
Net income (loss)	\$	82,795	\$	(7,402)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		ŕ		(,,,
Depreciation and amortization		97,184		113,812
Stock-based compensation		14,222		13,467
Amortization of prepaid debt fees		4,219		6,384
Amortization of convertible debt discount		7,505		7,262
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		-		9,960
Deferred taxes, net		711		(51,341)
Other adjustments, net		4,008		1,768
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable		(53,770)		11,608
Inventories		(57,698)		(4,211)
Accounts payables, other current liabilities, and taxes payable		38,139		(2,473)
Wages and benefits payable		26,799		(10,404)
Unearned revenue		(8,564)		9,272
Warranty		16,087		(5,735)
Other operating, net		(4,521)		(4,880)
Net cash provided by operating activities		167,116		87,087
Investing activities				
Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment		(45,507)		(38,023)
Business acquisitions & contingent consideration, net of cash equivalents acquired		-		(1,317)
Other investing, net		5,412		4,101
Net cash used in investing activities		(40,095)		(35,239)
Financing activities				
Payments on debt		(106,524)		(236,495)
Issuance of common stock		7,931		165,235
Prepaid debt fees		(1,347)		(3,936)
Other financing, net		(983)		(1,309)
Net cash used in financing activities		(100,923)		(76,505)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		123		4,988
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		26,221		(19,669)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		121,893		144,390
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	148,114	\$	124,721
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ITRON, INC. RECONCILIATIONS OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES TO MOST DIRECTLY COMPARABLE GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2010		2009		2010		2009
Non-GAAP operating income:	<u></u>							
GAAP operating income	\$	61,380	\$	9,006	\$	147,107	\$	29,674
Amortization of intangible assets		16,882		25,121		51,459		72,788
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	78,262	\$	34,127	\$	198,566	\$	102,462
Non-GAAP net income:								
GAAP net income (loss)	\$	29,108	\$	(2,962)	\$	82,795	\$	(7,402)
Amortization of intangible assets		16,882		25,121		51,459		72,788
Amortization of debt placement fees		1,404		4,053		4,063		6,214
Amortization of convertible debt discount		2,547		2,367		7,504		7,262
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		-		-		-		9,960
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments		(6,467)		(10,378)		(20,616)		(39,831)
Non-GAAP net income	\$	43,474	\$	18,201	\$	125,205	\$	48,991
Non-GAAP diluted EPS	\$	1.06	\$	0.45	\$	3.06	\$	1.28
Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted		40,828		40,456		40,950		38,387
Adjusted EBITDA:								
GAAP net income (loss)	\$	29,108	\$	(2,962)	\$	82,795	\$	(7,402)
Interest income	,	(166)	•	45	•	(444)	•	(971)
Interest expense		13,328		20,075		42,216		53,319
Income tax (benefit) provision		14,687		(15,146)		17,100		(37,517)
Depreciation and amortization		32,113		39,405		97,184		113,812
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		· -		, -		· -		9,960
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	89,070	\$	41,417	\$	238,851	\$	131,201
Free Cash Flow:								
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	50,030	\$	19,734	\$	167,116	\$	87,087
Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment		(17,791)		(10,219)		(45,507)		(38,023)
Free Cash Flow	\$	32,239	\$	9,515	\$	121,609	\$	49,064

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