# 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 28, 2005 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 IRS Employer Identification No.) of Incorporation) File No.) 2818 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane, WA 99216 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code) (509) 924-9900 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) None \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: [ ] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) ] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition. On October 28, 2005, Itron, Inc. issued a press release announcing the financial results for the three and nine months ending September 30, 2005. A copy of this press release and accompanying financial statements are attached as Exhibit 99.1. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits. (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed as part of this report: Exhibit Description - -----\_\_\_\_\_\_ 99.1 Press Release dated October 28, 2005.

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.

Dated: October 28, 2005 By: /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 28, 2005.

Itron Reports Third Quarter 2005 Financial Results; Third Quarter Revenues Increase 15%; Third Quarter GAAP Net Income \$6.0 Million verses \$1.7 Million Last Year

SPOKANE, Wash. -- (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Oct. 28, 2005 --

Third Quarter Pro Forma Net Income Increases 78% to \$12.6 Million; Record New Order Bookings of \$212 Million

Itron, Inc. (Nasdaq:ITRI) today reported its financial results for the quarter and year-to-date periods ended September 30, 2005. Third quarter results for both 2005 and 2004 include our Electricity Metering business acquired July 1, 2004. Year-to-date results in 2005 include nine months of Electricity Metering operations compared with three months in 2004.

Third quarter revenues were \$141.1 million, 15% higher than third quarter 2004 revenues of \$122.5 million. Year-to-date, revenues were \$392.7 million in 2005 compared with \$267.7 million in 2004. Revenue highlights by segment for the quarter and year-to-date periods are as follows:

Meter Data Collection (MDC)

- -- MDC revenues were \$70.6 million in the quarter, an increase of \$13.8 million, or 24%, compared with the third quarter of 2004, due to increased shipments of gas AMR modules, increased handheld sales outside of North America and increased contract manufacturing services related to embedding our AMR technology into other electricity meter vendors' solid-state meters. Offsetting those increases were lower implementation revenues and sales of third-party hardware.
- -- Year-to-date, MDC revenues were \$182.5 million compared with \$178.7 million in 2004. Unit shipments of standalone AMR modules increased 8.5% year-to-date in 2005 compared with the same period in 2004, while related revenues for the same periods increased by approximately 4% due to lower average selling prices for standalone AMR modules, in particular electric. On a year-to-date basis in 2005, increased handheld sales and contract manufacturing services were partially offset by lower implementation revenues and sales of third-party hardware.
- -- Standalone AMR module shipments were approximately 1.2 million and 3.1 million during the quarter and year-to-date periods in 2005, compared with approximately 900,000 and 2.8 million for the same periods in 2004. In the third quarter and year-to-date periods in 2005, we produced approximately 250,000 and 550,000 Itron AMR products for other vendors' solid-state electricity meters compared with approximately 50,000 and 125,000 in the same periods in 2004.

### **Electricity Metering**

- -- Electricity Metering revenues in the quarter were \$58.6 million compared with \$54.2 million in 2004. Residential meter sales increased approximately \$9.2 million in 2005 compared with 2004, offset by slightly lower commercial and industrial meter sales in the 2005 quarter. Also offsetting the increase in residential meter sales was the phasing out during the last half of 2004 of contract manufacturing services for a former affiliate, which were approximately \$4.2 million in the third quarter of 2004. Year-to-date in 2005, Electricity Metering revenues were \$173.3 million.
- -- We shipped approximately 1.2 million electricity meters in the quarter compared with approximately 850,000 in the third quarter of 2004. The growth in unit shipments of 39% is approximately twice the revenue growth due to the higher mix of residential meters as well as lower average selling prices in 2005. Year-to-date in 2005, electricity meter shipments were approximately 3.4 million.
- -- Approximately 48% of meters shipped during the quarter, and 40% for the year-to-date period in 2005, were equipped with Itron AMR technology compared with 32% in the third quarter of 2004. In addition, 13% of shipments in the third quarter and 17% in the first nine months of 2005 were equipped with other vendors' AMR technology compared with 25% in the third quarter

#### Software

-- Software revenues increased \$400,000 in the quarter and \$2.1 million year-to-date in 2005, compared with the same periods in 2004, due to higher licenses and maintenance offset by lower professional services revenues.

GAAP net income was \$6.0 million, or 23 cents per diluted share for the quarter, compared with \$1.7 million, or 8 cents per diluted share in the third quarter of 2004. GAAP net income in the first nine months of 2005 was \$16.1 million, or 66 cents per diluted share, compared with \$1.8 million, or 8 cents per diluted share, in 2004. Year-to-date GAAP net income in 2005 includes a \$5.9 million tax benefit for additional R&D tax credits for the years 1997 through 2004, which was recognized in the second quarter of 2005.

Pro forma net income was \$12.6 million, or 49 cents per diluted share for the quarter, compared with \$7.1 million, or 32 cents per diluted share in the third quarter of 2004. Year-to-date pro forma net income was \$30.3 million, or \$1.24 per diluted share, compared with \$11.4 million, or 52 cents per diluted share in 2004. Pro forma net income excludes the amortization of intangible assets and debt placement fees, restructurings and the benefit of the prior year R&D tax credits. "By virtually every financial measure, Itron is having a remarkable year," commented LeRoy Nosbaum, chairman and CEO. "Our record revenue performance is the result of upward momentum across many fronts. Higher volumes and operating efficiencies are resulting in even stronger earnings growth. We are quite pleased with how this year is progressing and look forward to similar progress in 2006."

Gross margins were 43% for the quarter and first nine months of 2005, compared with 40% and 43% in the same periods in 2004.

- -- MDC gross margin improved to 45% in the quarter, compared with 42% in the third quarter of 2004 due primarily to the higher mix of gas AMR and higher handheld systems revenues. Year-to-date MDC gross margin was 44% compared with 46% in 2004, due to lower average selling prices for standalone AMR modules, in particular electric, and lower implementation margins offset by the higher mix of gas AMR.
- -- Electricity Metering gross margin was 41% during the quarter compared with 39% during the third quarter of 2004. Gross margin in the third quarter of 2004 was lower than normal due to a \$2.2 million purchase accounting adjustment to write-up acquired finished goods inventory to the expected net sales price, and due to approximately \$4.2 million of contract manufacturing services during the quarter to a former affiliate, which were very low margin. For the first nine-months of 2005, Electricity Metering gross margin was 42%. The impact of lower average selling prices for residential meters in 2005 has been partially offset by lower manufacturing costs.
- -- Software Solutions gross margins were 39% for the quarter and 41% year-to-date in 2005, compared with 36% and 35% for the same 2004 periods. The higher margins in 2005 reflect the higher mix of license and maintenance fees.

Intangible asset amortization expenses have increased in 2005 as a result of the Electricity Metering acquisition on July 1, 2004, and were \$9.7 million and \$29.1 million in the quarter and year-to-date periods in 2005, compared with \$7.2 million and \$11.3 million for the same 2004 periods.

Excluding intangible asset amortization expenses and restructurings, operating income was \$23.9 million, or 16.9% of revenues for the quarter, compared with \$16.3 million, or 13.3% in the third quarter of 2004, and \$59.8 million, or 15.2% of revenues year-to-date in 2005, compared with \$26.5 million, or 9.9% year-to-date in 2004. The improved operating margin in 2005 reflects the lower level of spending required for Electricity Metering marketing and product development, as well as operating efficiencies and cost savings from headcount reductions in 2004 and higher volumes of meters and AMR products in 2005.

We had another record quarter for new order bookings and backlog. Details for new order bookings and quarter-end backlog (neither of which includes maintenance revenues) are as follows:

New order bookings during the quarter were \$212 million, compared with \$98 million in the third quarter of last year. New order bookings

in the first nine months of 2005 were \$506 million, compared with \$230 million in the first nine months of 2004. Significant orders during the quarter included:

- -- An order from Progress Energy for approximately 2.7 million solid-state electricity meters with AMR, worth approximately \$120 million;
- -- An order for approximately 500,000 gas AMR modules to be delivered over five years; and
- -- An agreement to provide the U.S. Department of the Navy with enterprise energy management software and services.

Total backlog increased to \$325 million at September 30, 2005. By comparison, total backlog was \$243 million at June 30, 2005, and \$177 million at September 30, 2004. Twelve-month backlog, which represents the estimated portion of backlog that will be earned over the next twelve months, was \$198 million at September 30, 2005, compared with \$151 million at June 30, 2005 and \$104 million at September 30, 2004.

We generated \$13.0 million of cash from operations during the quarter compared with \$20.4 million during the third quarter of last year. We used cash during the quarter to begin building inventories for the Progress Energy order signed in July and expect to continue to build inventories for that order in the fourth quarter of this year as the installation rate increases throughout that quarter. Accounts receivable also increased during the quarter driven by higher revenues. Cash flow from operations was \$49.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared with \$27.5 million for the same period in 2004.

Net capital expenditures were approximately \$5.0 million and \$10.3 million for the quarter and year-to-date periods in 2005, compared with approximately \$3.2 million and \$10.0 million for the same periods in 2004.

We made \$14.0 million in optional repayments on our term bank debt during the quarter, bringing the outstanding term-loan balance to \$28.0 million at September 30, 2005. We made another \$3.0 million in optional repayments subsequent to quarter-end, resulting in our having repaid \$160.0 million of the \$185 million term bank debt borrowed on July 1, 2004, in connection with the Electricity Metering acquisition.

On October 27, 2005, we signed an agreement with the owners of Telect, Inc., a privately-held telecommunications company, to purchase their 200,000 square foot headquarters building for approximately \$20 million, which we expect to partially finance with a loan. Our existing 141,000 square foot headquarters facility will be listed for sale. Closing is expected to occur by December 31, 2005. We expect to take possession of the building in April 2006 and to begin moving operations in the third quarter of 2006.

Itron's headquarters operations include marketing, research and development, customer service, information technology and financial and corporate functions. Itron has experienced strong growth over the last few years, partially as a result of acquisitions. Total staffing in Spokane has increased by approximately 25% over the last four years. Itron's existing Spokane facility was built more than twenty years ago and was initially designed for manufacturing operations. Manufacturing operations previously performed in Spokane have since been moved to our Waseca, Minnesota, location or outsourced.

"Our existing facility requires significant investment in order to adapt to our current use of the building, accommodate our existing employee base and provide for future growth and expansion," said LeRoy Nosbaum, chairman and CEO. "Purchasing this building is a much better option than spending money to renovate our existing facility. We are very fortunate to have found a close-by facility in Liberty Lake that is in excellent condition and that meets our current and future space requirements."

# Business Outlook:

Our outlook for 2005 and 2006 does not include any impact related to the expensing of stock options. We expect to implement FASB's Statement 123R, which requires the expensing of stock options and ESPP shares issued at a discount, in 2006. While we have not yet completed our analysis of the effects of the adoption of 123R, the expensing of stock options will decrease gross margin, increase operating expenses and influence our effective tax rate and could materially impact GAAP net income.

For the full year 2005, we expect:

-- Revenues to be between \$535 and \$540 million (previous guidance was \$535 to \$545 million).

-- Pro forma diluted earnings per share between \$1.70 and \$1.75 (previous guidance was \$1.65 to \$1.70).

While still preliminary, the Company issued an early outlook for 2006, based primarily on the strength of new order bookings so far in 2005. For the full year 2006, we expect revenue growth of approximately 10% over 2005, with pro forma earnings growth of almost twice that.

#### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we use certain non-GAAP measures, including pro forma earnings and EPS and EBITDA. Pro forma earnings and EPS are adjusted from GAAP-based results to exclude certain expenses or gains that we believe are not indicative of our core operating results. Pro forma results are one of the primary indicators management uses for evaluating historical results and for planning and forecasting future periods. We believe pro forma results provide consistency in our financial reporting which enhances our investor's understanding of our current financial performance as well as our future prospects. Pro forma results along with EBITDA measures should be viewed in addition to, and not in lieu of, GAAP results.

### Earnings Conference Call:

Itron will host a conference call to discuss the financial results contained in this release at 6:00 a.m. PST on October 28, 2005. The call will be webcast in a listen-only mode and can be accessed online at www.itron.com, "About Itron -- Investor Events." The live webcast will begin at 6:00 a.m. (PST). The webcast replay will begin shortly 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 #5349308.

#### Forward-Looking Statements:

This release contains forward-looking statements concerning Itron's operations, financial performance, sales, earnings and cash flow. These statements reflect our current plans and expectations and are based on information currently available. They rely on a number of assumptions and estimates, which could be inaccurate, and which are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to vary materially from those anticipated. Risks and uncertainties include the rate and timing of customer demand for the Company's products, rescheduling of current customer orders, changes in estimated liabilities for product warranties, changes in laws and regulations and other factors which are more fully described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, and our Form 10-Qs for the quarters ended March 31, 2005, and June 30, 2005, on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Itron undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements.

#### About Itron:

Itron is a leading technology provider and critical source of knowledge to the global energy and water industries. Nearly 3,000 utilities worldwide rely on Itron technology to deliver the knowledge they require to optimize the delivery and use of energy and water. Itron delivers value to its clients by providing industry-leading solutions for electricity metering, meter data collection, energy information management, demand side management and response, load forecasting, analysis and consulting services, transmission and distribution system design and optimization, Web-based workforce automation, commercial and industrial customer care and residential energy management. To know more, start here: www.itron.com.

Statements of operations, reconciliations between GAAP and pro forma results, segment information, balance sheets and cash flows follow.

		ths Ended ber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2005	2004	2005	2004		
Revenues Sales Service	\$ 128,683 12,462	\$ 107,327 15,177	37,042			
Total revenues	141,145	122,504		267,748		
Cost of revenues Sales Service	73,179 6,936	63,534 9,485	203,188 20,783			
Total cost of revenues	80,115	73,019		152,133		
Gross profit Operating expenses	61,030	49,485	168,767			
Sales and marketing Product development General and administrative Amortization of intangible assets Restructurings	13,688 11,807	12,045 11,893	40,456 35,135			
		9,201				
	9,712	7,217 1,571	29,143 390			
Total operating expenses	46,852	41,927	138,505	104,395		
Operating income	14,178	7,558	30,262	11,220		
Other income (expense) Interest income Interest expense Other income (expense),	69 (4,328)	24 (5,147)				
net	(535)	261	20	(474)		
Total other income (expense)	(4,794)	(4,862)	(15,093)	(8, 484)		
Income before income taxes Income tax (provision)	9,384	2,696	15,169	2,736		
benefit	(3,382)	(1,026)	963			
Net income	\$ 6,002		\$ 16,132	\$ 1,750		
Earnings per share Basic net income per	\$ 0.25					
share	•	\$ 0.08 ======	•	•		
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.08		•		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding Basic Diluted	24, 441	20,978	22,912	20,827		
DITUCGU	25,919	22,050	24,471	22,005		

# ITRON, INC. RECONCILIATIONS BETWEEN GAAP AND PRO FORMA

(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Mon Septeml	ths Ended ber 30,	Nine Mont Septem	hs Ended ber 30,
	2005	2004	2005	2004
PRO FORMA OPERATING INCOME GAAP basis operating income	\$ 14,178	\$ 7,558	\$ 30,262	\$ 11,220

Adjustments to GAAP basis

operating income before income taxes Amortization of intangible assets Restructurings	9,712	7,217 1,571	29,143 390	11,271 4,005
Total adjustments			29,533	
Pro forma operating income			\$ 59,795 ======	
PRO FORMA NET INCOME GAAP basis income before income taxes	\$ 9,384	\$ 2,696	\$ 15,169	\$ 2,736
Adjustments to GAAP basis income before income taxes Amortization of intangible	0.740	7.047	00.140	44 074
assets Amortization of debt placement fees Restructurings Non-cash stock compensation			29,143 4,223 390 73	1,112 4,005
Total adjustments	10,957	9,502	33,829	
Adjusted income before income taxes Income tax provision(a) Pro forma net income	20,341 (7,721)  \$ 12,620	\$ 7,099	48,998 (18,688)  \$ 30,310	\$ 11,436
PRO FORMA EARNINGS PER SHARE Basic Weighted average number of basic shares outstanding	24,441	20,978	22,912	20,827
Basic pro forma net income per share	\$ 0.52 ======	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.32 ======	\$ 0.55
Diluted Weighted average number of basic shares outstanding Employee stock option shares		20,978 1,072	22,912 1,559	
Weighted average number of diluted shares outstanding	25,919	22,050	24,471	22,005
Diluted pro forma net income per share	\$ 0.49		\$ 1.24 ======	

(a) The pro forma tax provision excludes the \$5.9 million research and development tax credit reported for GAAP during the second quarter of 2005.

# ITRON, INC. RECONCILIATIONS BETWEEN GAAP NET INCOME AND EBITDA

(Unaudited, in thousands)	Th	ree Mon Septem	 	N.	ine Mont Septem	 
		2005	 2004		2005	 2004
GAAP basis net income	\$	6,002	\$ 1,670	\$	16,132	\$ 1,750
Adjustments to GAAP basis net income						
Interest income		(69)	(24)		(167)	(152)
Interest expense Income tax provision		4,328	5,147		15,280	8,162
(benefit)		3,382	1,026		(963)	986
Depreciation and amortization		12,661	10,430		38,785	19,260

BITDA	\$ 26,304	\$ 18,249	\$ 69,067	\$ 30,006
Total adjustments	20,302	16,579	52,935	28, 256

# ITRON, INC. SEGMENT INFORMATION

(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Septembe			Ended 30,	
						2005		
Revenues Hardware Solutions Meter Data Collection Electricity Metering	\$	70,638	\$	56,798	\$	182,506 173,326	\$	178,714
Total Hardware Solutions Software Solutions		129,236 11,909		110,993 11,511		355,832 36,906		232,909 34,839
Total Company	\$	141,145	\$	122,504	\$	392,738 =======	\$	267,748
Gross profit Hardware Solutions Meter Data Collection Electricity Metering		24,236		21,183		80,418 73,223		
Total Hardware Solutions Software Solutions		56,327		45,312		153,641 15,126		103,398 12,217
Total Company	\$	61,030	\$	49,485	\$		\$	115,615
Operating income (loss) Hardware Solutions Meter Data Collection	\$	26,667	\$	18,878	\$	64,607	\$	
Electricity Metering Other unallocated costs		20,178 (5,938)		17,322 (5,291)		60,504 (18,143)		17,322 (12,696)
Total Hardware Solutions Software Solutions Corporate unallocated		(3,007)		(5,119)		106,968 (8,576) (68,130)		(17,011)
Total Company						30,262		

# ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited, in thousands)	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
ASSETS Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Inventories Deferred income taxes, net	\$ 11,896 94,983 50,658 8,018	\$ 11,624 90,097 45,459 22,733
Other	9,530	5,477
Total current assets  Property, plant and equipment, net	175,085 55,411	175,390 59,690

Intangible assets, net Goodwill Deferred income taxes, net Other				117,471 27,252 15,211
Total assets	\$ ===	549,960 ======	\$ ===	557,151
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Wages and benefits payable Current portion of debt Current portion of warranty Unearned revenue	\$	21,569 2,139 5,323		37,439 13,947 35,647 7,243 22,991
Total current liabilities				117, 267
Long-term debt Project financing debt Warranty Other obligations		•		239,361 3,227 6,331
Total liabilities		252,380		372,721
Shareholders' equity Preferred stock Common stock Accumulated other comprehensive income, net Accumulated deficit Total shareholders' equity		1,051 (12,312)		211,920 954 (28,444)  184,430
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	549,960 ======	\$	557, 151 =======

# ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited, in thousands)	Nine Month Septemb	
		2004
Operating activities Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$ 16,132	\$ 1,750
Depreciation and amortization Employee stock plan income tax	38,785	19,260
benefits Amortization of prepaid debt fees	14,399 4.330	1,366 1,165
Realized currency translation gains Deferred income tax benefit	4,330 (391) (16,313)	(279) (1,278)
Other, net Changes in operating assets and		1,560
liabilities, net of acquisitions:	(4.700)	05 744
Accounts receivable Inventories	(4,738) (5,199)	(9,013)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Wages and benefits payable	360 7,605	`437´
Unearned revenue Warranty	(3,085) (194)	(1,130) (9,211)
Other long-term obligations Other, net	(436)	(808) (1,126)
Cash provided by operating activities	49,554	27,544
Investing activities Proceeds from the sale of property, plant		
and equipment Acquisition of property, plant and	2,627	12
equipment Acquisitions, net of cash and cash	(10,264)	(10,001)
equivalents		(251,829)

Payment of contingent purchase price for acquisition Other, net	 (847)	(1,957) 525
Cash used by investing activities	(8,484)	(263, 250)
Financing activities New borrowings Change in short-term borrowings, net Payments on debt Issuance of common stock Prepaid debt fees Other, net	82,269	(49,591) 4,776 (13,470)
Cash provided (used) by financing activities	(40,798)	240,790
Increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	272 11,624	5,084 6,240
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 11,896 ========	\$ 11,324 =========

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