

Sensus confirmed to speak at SMi's 3rd annual Telecoms for Smart Grids Conference

SMi's 3rd annual Telecoms for Smart Grids Conference will address developments in communications infrastructures for an array of UK and European Utilities.

LONDON, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, September 16, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The UK has taken a different approach than most other countries deploying [smart meters](#), by clearly dividing the rollout between smart meters themselves and the providers of the communications networks that will link them all together. Furthermore, the UK has a deregulated and competitive energy market, which allows customers to switch from one retail energy provider to another as often as once a month. That means that individual smart meters, which often sit inside homes and businesses in the UK, must be designed to be switched between multiple vendors and their underlying technology.



One big question in the G.B. communications rollout was which [communications technology](#) to adopt – communications based on public networks such as mobile or dedicated systems like that proposed by SmartReach and Sensus. In the northern part of the country, at least, it appears that DECC decided that Sensus' approach was a better bet than cellular. Sensus' FlexNet technology - a long-range, licensed-spectrum technology that already connects over 16 million meters for about 475 utilities across the United States - has already been tested in pilots with ScottishPower and Thames Water.

Sensus' technology also supports services beyond meter reading, including prepay and load control capabilities, as well as support for distribution automation and other utility systems that need fast-reacting, highly reliable communications links. It has been estimated that the tasks Sensus is expected to fulfill for the project could amount to about four-fifths of the capital expenditures associated with the rollout.

Against this backdrop, SMi is pleased to announce that Sensus have been added to the speaker line-up for the 3rd annual [Telecoms for Smart Grids](#) conference, in addition to 22 other thought leaders and experts, including 11 Utility case studies, with speakers consisting of: UK Power Networks, Alliander, Scottish and Southern Energy, ESB, Western Power Distribution, Scottish Power, E.ON, RWE AG, Enel Distribuzione SpA, Stedin, and Eco Island among others. Sensus' presentation, taking place on Day One at 11.25, will discuss their trial results with Scottish Power, who are also speaking about their planning for the smart meter rollout.

Speaker Panel includes:

- Andy Slater, Director Marketing EMEA, Sensus
- Gordon Hewitt, ICT Project Manager, Scottish and Southern Energy
- David Ross Scott, Industry Relationship Manager, Scottish Power
- Tim Manandhar, Low Carbon Solutions Design Manager, UK Power Networks
- Nigel Bessant, Project Delivery Manager, Scottish and Southern Energy
- Sanna Atherton, Senior Project Manager, Western Power Distribution
- Denis O'Leary, Head of Smart Energy Technologies, ESB
- Ashley C. Brown, Counsel to Greenberg Traurig, and Executive Director Harvard Electricity Policy Group, Harvard University
- Markus Hofsaess, Technology & Solutions, E.ON
- Erik Moll, Telecom Policy Advisor, Alliander
- Giovanni Coppola, Innovation Manager, Enel Distribuzione SpA
- Gunnar Hoffman, Manager of Technology Corporate R&D, RWE AG
- Milo Broekmans, Senior Enterprise Architect, Stedin

To view the complete speaker line-up and conference programme, visit <http://www.smi-online.co.uk/2013telecomsforsmartgrids62.asp>

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