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Trimble Introduces Outage Management Planning and Response Solution for Natural Gas Utilities

GRAPEVINE, Texas, May 19, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ: TRMB) announced today the availability of Trimble® GasOMS™ system, an integrated outage management solution that enables natural gas utilities to model and simulate outage planning, streamline service restoration workflows, automate communications during service interruptions, and enhance Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP) reporting. By using Trimble GasOMS, natural gas utilities can reduce operational costs, keep customers better informed during outages, and support regulatory reporting requirements with compliance data that is traceable, verifiable and defensible.

The announcement was made at the American Gas Association Operations Conference & Biennial Exhibition.

"Trimble GasOMS is an ideal solution to enable natural gas utilities to better manage risk, enhance crew and public safety, streamline communications and improve operational performance," said Matti Syyrakki, business area director, Trimble Energy North America. "Trimble GasOMS is the latest release in our suite of software applications designed to transform utility operations by integrating field and back office systems and automating workflows across the enterprise."

Trimble GasOMS allows gas utilities to streamline restoration workflows by integrating and automating communication between operations personnel and field crews. The outage management solution can identify affected customer locations and assist in prioritizing critical customers, such as hospitals and schools. Trimble GasOMS can also integrate with other solutions, such as Trimble Field Inspector, a robust maintenance and inspection solution for optimizing utility field operations.

For large-scale outages, Trimble GasOMS can provide natural gas utilities with a workflow process to better coordinate multi-agency support for more effective response and service restoration. Trimble GasOMS also supports a Web-based outage map to keep customers and the general public informed of service outage status and can integrate to messaging systems to send notices to customers.

By logging tasks and interactions during an outage, Trimble GasOMS can create a digital historian to provide real-time information for the gas utility incident commander. The digital historian can then be used in the DIMP and other compliance reporting requirements as well as after action reviews and analysis, training and process improvement. The solution can integrate with other Trimble and third-party applications including work order management, Customer Information System (CIS), Geographic Information System (GIS) and field data collection solutions.

Trimble GasOMS is the latest release in a suite of Trimble Energy products and solutions that address a broad range of smart utility network operations—from planning, design and construction to operations and maintenance.

About Trimble Energy

Trimble Energy provides operations, asset management and maintenance solutions to hundreds of utilities worldwide. Trimble combines high-accuracy positioning products with field and office solutions to enable electric and gas utilities to plan, manage and optimize distribution operations. Utilities use Trimble's energy solutions to increase field worker safety and productivity, enhance regulatory compliance, and improve customer service and communications.

For more information, visit: www.trimble.com/energy.

About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring position or location—including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies, such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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