

## **ESCO's Nexus Energy Software Selected by PPL Electric Utilities**

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ST. LOUIS, April 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ESCO Technologies Inc. (NYSE: ESE) today announced that Nexus Energy Software, Inc. (Nexus), the Company's recently acquired energy data management software subsidiary, has signed a multi-year contract with PPL Electric Utilities (PPL) to implement Nexus' entire suite of meter data management based software applications.

Nexus will be implementing an enterprise-wide solution, including all major modules in its Energy Vision(R) and ENERGY prism(R) product lines. This solution includes a comprehensive Meter Data Management System (MDMS) to manage all meter and related data for PPL, and a series of applications that use the data for revenue protection, complex billing, forecasting, distribution asset optimization, load research, settlement, and customer service via web based self-service and through the existing call center.

PPL is currently one of ESCO's largest deployed automatic meter reading (AMR) customers utilizing DCSI's proven TWACS(R) technology for approximately 1.4 million meters.

In making the announcement, Vic Richey, Chairman and CEO, commented: "This award from PPL demonstrates the significant value within the suite of products developed by the Nexus team and validates our decision to extend our reach in Advanced Metering. Our expanded capabilities in information management will provide utility customers with the opportunity to unlock the full value from deploying Advanced Metering solutions."

Rick Brakken, Senior Vice President of Nexus, stated: "We are excited about this opportunity to deliver our full suite of data management and integrated analytic services to PPL. We, along with PPL's management team, share a common view on the wide range of business functions and processes that can benefit significantly from this information."

Bernie Bujnowski, Director of Advanced Metering for PPL, added: "We were very impressed with Nexus' vision of what a well developed meter data management system can deliver. Additionally, their innovative approach to product design, track record for project execution, and reputation for providing superior customer service were all significant factors in our selection of Nexus. It also was an added benefit that our Advanced Metering hardware provider and our new software partner are now part of the same ESCO family."

ESCO, headquartered in St. Louis, is a leading supplier of engineered filtration products to the process, health care and transportation markets worldwide. In addition, the Company markets proprietary, special purpose communications systems and is the industry leader in RF shielding and EMC test products. Further information regarding ESCO and its subsidiaries is available on the Company's web site, http://www.escotechnologies.com

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