



PRESS RELEASE

Contact

Barbara Van Gorder
+1.703.709.3000
bvangorder@apexcovantage.com

DAVID O'BRIEN, FORMER CEO, TORONTO HYDRO JOINS APEX'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

O'Brien's Leadership of Toronto Hydro's Smart Meter Implementation Boosts Apex's Position as a Partner of Choice for End-to-End Smart Meter Initiatives

HERNDON, VA – November 5, 2009 – Apex CoVantage, a leading provider of technology and engineering solutions, today announced that David O'Brien, former CEO of Toronto Hydro, is joining Apex as a Board Member and Smart Meter / Smart Grid Advisor. In his capacity as CEO of Toronto Hydro, Mr. O'Brien headed the deployment of over half a million smart meters and Time of Use (TOU) billing implementation. Toronto Hydro-Electric Systems has been recognized as one of the fastest, most extensive meter deployments in North America.

"We are extremely fortunate to be able to attract someone of David's calibre to our Board and as a smart metering advisor for our clients. His appointment emphasizes our commitment to being a dominant player in the smart metering space. Very few people have David's impressive experience and track record of executing such a large end-to-end extensive meter deployment initiative, which will serve to benefit our clients AMI initiatives and deliver the greatest value possible," said Shashi Gupta, President, Apex CoVantage.

In 2006, Toronto Hydro-Electric announced that they would deploy 400,000 electricity meters for the first phase of the Ontario Smart Meter Initiative, one of the largest AMI projects in the world using interval data for residential metering. Now, in 2009, Toronto Hydro has more than 600,000 smart meters deployed and has launched a successful web portal where consumers can go for information on their consumption and costs. Over 350,000 consumers are connected via the web portal, enabling Toronto Hydro to build momentum toward a successful conservation program.

"I am excited to join Apex's Board at a time when the smart meter / smart grid business is poised to take off in North America. In addition, we are seeing a surge in smart meter implementations worldwide including Australia, Europe and South America. Combining Apex's technology and solutions with practical experience creates a tremendous value proposition for utilities undertaking smart meter implementations. I look forward to contributing my insight and leveraging my experience in guiding Apex's clients to successful smart meter deployments," said David O'Brien.

Prior to joining Toronto Hydro, Mr. O'Brien was the City Manager for the City of Mississauga, Canada's sixth largest City. Mr. O'Brien has also served as Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of Enersource Corporation, a diversified energy and technologies company serving residential and business customers in Mississauga. Mr. O'Brien has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Windsor and serves on the Board of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS).

Apex's unified service platform for the management of AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) installations and systems integration is designed to help utilities capture AMI's full range of strategic and regulatory benefits. The company's AMI team comprises highly experienced professionals providing planning, design, implementation and systems integration services.

For additional information on Apex CoVantage, visit: <http://www.apexcovantage.com>.

###

About Apex CoVantage

Apex CoVantage is a US provider of global Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPO). Apex helps businesses to execute precise knowledge, information and communications strategies through our diverse people, technology and workflow systems. We opened our first KPO service center in 1988 and subsequently pioneered the market for offshore, knowledge-based solutions. Today, we provide engineering and content solutions from a global network of state-of-the-art facilities with US-based project management and leadership. In every industry, our clients are reaching the next level of service performance in partnership with Apex CoVantage.