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**Utiliworks' Clients Win Second Consecutive Project of the Year
The City of Ruston Receives Smart Grid Project of the Year Award at DistribuTECH 2010**

April 6, 2010 – Krakow, Poland –The City of Ruston, LA received the Smart Grid Project of the Year by *Utility Automation and Engineering T&D Magazine*, a division of PennWell Corporation. The awards were announced and distributed during the opening keynote ceremony for DistribuTECH on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in Tampa, Florida.

Last year, Utiliworks was a contributing party for the “[AMI Project of the Year](#)” award, which was received by the City of San Marcos. The PennWELL videos for Project of the Year winners can be found here: <http://www.elp.com/index/main-gallery.html>.

Dale Pennington, Utiliworks' Managing Director, explains that the City's project fully accommodates all critical aspects of a smart grid as defined by [EPRI](#). “Incorporating all these components which cut across so many technical disciplines will make this one of the most aggressive and forward thinking smart grid projects in the U.S.,” says Dale Pennington.

The City of Ruston's smart-grid energy management system will develop a fully functioning Smart Grid by improving customer systems, automating electricity distribution, and deploying a smart meter network and data management system, according to the DOE description of the ARRA [Smart Grid Investment Grant](#) awarded to the City.



From left to right: Todd Barlow (VP/ Operations, Utiliworks); Darrell Caraway (Public Utility Manger, City of Ruston); Dale Pennington (Managing Director, Utiliworks)

National Metering Services Inc., based out of New Jersey, performed the system integration and installation for Ruston's successful pilot program. National Metering will continue to provide these services throughout the continuation of Ruston's Smart Grid project.

According to the statement of work, the City of Ruston's project target results include:

- 1,287,994 KWH renewable energy generation
- Fuel reduction of 7,500 gallons
- A 5% energy reduction overall for customers
- A 50% reduction of distribution interruptions
- An estimated community cost savings of over \$5,266,674

Darrell Caraway, Public Utility Manager for the City of Ruston says, “Our goal was to provide the maximum benefit for all of our customers and the technology we're implementing allows us to reach everyone regardless of socio-economic status.”

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