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For Immediate Release:

NISC and Tantalus Successfully Interoperate TUNet® and iVUE® Outage Management System via MultiSpeak® for Smart Grid Quality Outage Verification

ARLINGTON, VA, January 14, 2010 —NISC and Tantalus successfully passed interoperability tests for the interface between iVUE Outage Management and TUNet in compliance with MultiSpeak® 3.0 standards. TUNet is a two-way data communications network that supports advanced monitoring and automated control of applications and apparatus. NISC's Outage Management System uses the interface to identify Tantalus endpoints and confirm the power status for meters that have failed to respond to a "ping." Through the interface, the TUNet AMI system can also actively detect outages and restorations as they occur and relay those notifications to the iVUE Outage Management System in real time so that the location of service interruptions can be identified and repaired more quickly.

About NISC

National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) is an information technology company that develops, implements and supports software and hardware solutions for our Members/Customers. We deliver advanced solutions, services and support to more than 510 cooperatives and other public power entities and independent telephone companies in 47 states, one U.S. territory and Canada. NISC is an industry leader providing Information Technology (IT) solutions for consumer and subscriber billing, accounting, engineering and operations, e-solutions, automated mailroom services, bill printing, third-party integration as well and more than 75 other IT solutions. For more information, please visit www.nisc.coop.

About Tantalus

Tantalus provides Smart Grid communications technology that enables electric, gas and water utilities to optimize the use of resources by automating monitoring and control processes, improving operational efficiency and delivering the information utilities and consumers need to manage energy intelligently and cost effectively. It is a single platform that supports multiple communications options (wireless RF, Fiber, WiFi, and more), which gives a utility the flexibility and adaptability to scale step-by-step as the Smart Grid evolves. For more information, please visit www.tantalus.com

About MultiSpeak

The MultiSpeak Specification is an industry-wide software standard that facilitates interoperability of diverse business and automation applications used in electric utilities. It has been developed and maintained by a collaboration of NRECA and the 50 software vendors and consultants that are members of the MultiSpeak Initiative.

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