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Neptune's FieldNet® System by DB Microware® Selected by FirstEnergy

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FirstEnergy Corporation (www.firstenergycorp.com) has selected Neptune Technology Inc. to implement their FieldNet utility field service automation system and DAP Technologies to supply wireless mobile computer devices (handhelds and tablets).

FirstEnergy is an investor-owned electric utility with seven operating companies serving 4.5 million customers over 36,100 square miles of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. With the FieldNet system, FirstEnergy will have a state-of-the-art, customizable system to further enhance its meter reading, revenue management, and meter services operations. The FieldNet system will provide important features and improvements in work planning, scheduling, real-time communications, route management, and the automation of several manual work processes. FirstEnergy expects to ultimately deploy more than 1100 specialized mobile computers under the FieldNet system, including over 700 ruggedized GPS-enabled handheld computers and over 400 ruggedized portable tablet computers with real-time communications.

Neptune Technology Group is a developer of utility automation systems for meter reading, service order management, and route optimization; and DAP Technologies is their solution for and manufacturer of mobile computer hardware and services. Currently, Neptune's FieldNet system has under contract more than 16 million meters for meter reading operations and more than 50 million connected customers for route control. In addition, Neptune's DB Microware group has provided software to 35 of the largest 100 utilities in the United States.

Charles C. DiLaura, President of Neptune Technology Group Inc., states, "We are excited about FirstEnergy becoming a client and strategic partner. We feel FirstEnergy's decision to implement FieldNet across a substantial portion of its field service operation fully validates FieldNet's power and flexibility. Additionally, we are confident that our system, hardware, and project management capabilities will provide FirstEnergy exceptional value beyond their expectations. We are very pleased to have FirstEnergy as one of our premier utility partners."

About FirstEnergy

FirstEnergy Corp. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation's fifth largest investor-owned electric system, serving 4.5 million customers within 36,100

square miles of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our Corporate Vision is to become a leading regional energy provider.

About Neptune Technology Group Inc.

Neptune Technology Group Inc., a pioneer in the development of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) technology for nearly 40 years, is a leading provider of data collection systems under contract to read more than 46 million meters per month. Since 1892 Neptune has continually focused on the evolving needs of utilities — revenue optimization, operational efficiencies, and improved customer service. Neptune continues to broaden its focus beyond automatic meter reading and metering to include service orders and meter asset management and to extend this capability to electric and gas utilities. In 2003, Neptune acquired DB Microware, a developer of utility automation software for meter reading, service order management, and route optimization. Neptune provides utility automation software touching over 58 million connected customers throughout North America. For additional information, please visit the company website at www.neptunetg.com.