

Sensus Introduces SmartPoint GM Transceivers for Two-Way Communication with Natural Gas Utility Meters

Single transceiver enables walk-by, drive-by and fixed-base metering communications

RALEIGH, N.C. (April 28, 2011) [Natural gas utilities](#) can now deploy any combination of walk-by, drive-by or fixed-base two-way communications using [Sensus SmartPoint™](#) GM transceivers. Easily installed on existing residential, commercial or industrial [meters](#), the new SmartPoint GM transceivers enable system-wide data collection and monitoring for improved customer service and operational efficiency.

The SmartPoint GM transceiver allows utilities to migrate from walk-by/drive-by reading capabilities to a fixed-base system when connected with the Sensus FlexNet™ [advanced metering infrastructure](#) (AMI) communications network. Migration between the communication platforms is supported by a simple, over-the-air reconfiguration of the SmartPoint GM transceiver.

“These transceivers enable gas utilities to gather data that helps them better serve their customers by understanding usage patterns and improve operational efficiencies such as reducing truck rolls and optimizing human resources,” said Joe McCormick, vice president of gas operations at Sensus. “In addition, the alarm features are pre-programmable and alert utilities to specified conditions that may require a particular action.”

SmartPoint GM transceivers are interoperable and designed to fit [gas meters](#) from a variety of manufacturers. Fixed-base customers will be able to harness the full benefits of two-way remote reading communications using the [Sensus FlexNet](#) system, which is based on open standards and licensed spectrum. Customers using a fixed-base system can also request on demand readings from the utility office.

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