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HD Supply Utilities And N-Dimension Solutions Deliver Cyber Security Solution for the City of Princeton, Illinois

The solution drives advanced smart grid functionalities in addition to addressing grid vulnerabilities

ORLANDO, Fla.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--HD Supply Utilities, North America's largest electric utilities distributor and N-Dimension Solutions Inc., a leading provider of cyber security solutions for the smart grid, today announced they have commissioned a highly successful cyber security system for the City of Princeton, Illinois. N-Dimension is the exclusive partner for cyber security to Hometown Connections® of the American Public Power Association (APPA). The cyber solution is a critical component of HD Supply's integrated, end-to-end smart grid solution, GridAdvance™.

A \$700,000 energy efficiency grant from the Illinois' Energy Plan allowed the City to deploy smart grid technologies that benefit 3,700 residential and 600 commercial and industrial customers. Realizing the importance of cyber security, the City partnered with HD Supply Utilities and N-Dimension because of their technological expertise and utility industry experience. The team provisioned an integrated, seamless cyber security solution that allowed the City to shape its smart grid project.

Doug Westlund, CEO of N-Dimension, stated, "We were able to deliver a truly comprehensive cyber security solution for the City of Princeton by leveraging our proven cyber security technology in conjunction with HD Supply Utilities' GridAdvance™ offering."

"We couldn't be happier with the cyber security system. We went from not having any smart grid capabilities and limited security, to being a leader in the state of Illinois," said Jason Bird, electrical superintendent, City of Princeton - Electric Department. "We selected HD Supply Utilities and N-Dimension because of their innovative, best-in-class smart grid cyber security solutions and their long standing background in the electric utilities sector."

The City of Princeton Electric Department, serving its community since 1900, is responsible for the safe delivery of electricity to homes and businesses as well as the maintenance of the local electricity distribution system. The utility is a member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency and Illinois Municipal Utility Association. The City's new smart grid system was deployed last September; and has been beneficial in the following ways:

- Improved efficiencies in meter reading
- Improved energy planning
- Grid control by executing real-time demand response control programs
- Supporting utility energy savings programs including demand response, time-of-use and critical peak pricing

"HD Supply Utilities is uniquely positioned to help utilities overcome their smart grid challenges through our end-to-end solution, GridAdvance™," said Geff Smith, vice president, Automation, HD Supply Utilities. "Our relationship with N-Dimension Solutions allows us to provide comprehensive cyber security protection for utilities' critical assets as they deploy smart grid infrastructure."

About HD Supply Utilities

HD Supply Utilities (www.hdsupply.com/utilities), including its Canadian operations, is North America's largest electric utilities distributor. It is a business of HD Supply (www.hdsupply.com), a leading wholesale distribution company, providing a broad range of products and services to professional customers in the infrastructure & energy, maintenance, repair & improvement and specialty construction markets. With a diverse portfolio of industry leading businesses, HD Supply is one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in North America, with approximately 680 locations.

About N-Dimension Solutions Inc.

N-Dimension Solutions Inc. is the leading provider of Smart Grid cyber security solutions for the power and energy sector. Guided by best practices for cyber security, N-Dimension Solutions provides comprehensive products and services that protect utility Smart Grid deployments and operational networks. Learn more at www.n-dimension.com.

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