Cooper Power Systems Receives ZigBee Certification for Industry Leading Demand Response Solution

Certification allows electric utilities to utilize ZigBee-enabled devices from Cooper Power Systems

WAUKESHA, WI, January 19, 2010 - Cooper Power Systems, a division of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), today announced that its demand response thermostat is now a ZigBee® Smart Energy™ Certified product. The certification validates the device’s communication via the global wireless standard, allowing utilities to talk to thermostats installed in residential and commercial environments via ZigBee Smart Energy home area networks, including AMI meters.

The new ZigBee-enabled thermostat has already passed interoperability tests on Elster’s AMI network, and Cooper Power Systems is working to complete interoperability tests with other AMI networks to provide utility customers with two-way demand response capability. In addition to the standard benefits provided by demand response solutions, ZigBee-enabled, two-way communication allows utilities to verify that the load was reduced by their demand response actions.

“We are excited to launch the company’s first ZigBee Smart Energy Certified demand response offering, adding to the broad portfolio of communications technologies and protocols we support” said Tom Pitstick, Vice-President and General Manager of the Energy Automation Solutions division at Cooper Power Systems. “We will continue to integrate ZigBee Smart Energy into our other demand response products to meet electrical utility requirements.”

Demand response solutions, based on the company’s Yukon Advanced Energy Services Platform, thermostats and load control switches, help the environment and save money for utilities and their customers by reducing peak electricity demand. The thermostat is the largest selling of any
programmable communicating thermostat in the industry. It includes a backlit display, the largest
demand response touch-screen display available and a user-friendly interface with logic-driven menus.
The best in class thermostat combined with the Cooper Power Systems proprietary MagCycle,
TrueCycle and SmartCycle algorithms help utilities get the most out of their demand response
investments.

“Cooper Power Systems is determined to exceed industry standards and provide electric utilities with
Smart Grid solutions,” said Mike Stoessl, Cooper Power Systems Group President. “Developing
products that comply with the ZigBee open standard broadens the scope of opportunities for our devices
to be installed in Smart Grid deployments.”

Cooper Power Systems: Commitment to Smart Grid:
Cooper Power Systems practices a forward-thinking approach to providing utility customers with
comprehensive reliability and productivity solutions and is well positioned to benefit from the $4.5 billion
in funding allocated specifically for Smart Grid investment by the U.S. Department of Energy as part of
the federal government’s economic stimulus plan. Within Cooper Power Systems, the Energy
Automation Solutions (EAS) group is a leading provider of innovative technologies and solutions that
allow electric utilities to optimize their performance in the areas of Advanced Metering Infrastructure
(AMI), Demand Response, Smart Sensors, Distribution Automation, and Power Engineering Analysis –
all technologies that will be critical to the overall development of a Smart Grid.

About Cooper Power Systems
Cooper Power Systems, Inc., with revenues of approximately $1.4 billion, is a division of Cooper
Industries, Ltd. (NYSE: CBE). Cooper Power Systems has long been a global manufacturer of
comprehensive reliability and productivity solutions for utility, commercial and industrial customers. The
Energy Automation Solutions (EAS) group within Cooper Power Systems is a leading provider of Smart
Grid software, communications and control technologies and solutions that enable customers to
increase productivity, improve system reliability, and reduce costs. These solutions include Advanced
Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Demand Response (DR), Smart Sensors, Power Systems Engineering
Software, Substation Automation and Feeder Automation. For more information, please visit

About Cooper Industries
Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2008 revenues of $6.5 billion,
approximately 88% of which are from electrical products. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained level of
success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining
the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has eight operating
divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann
electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and
Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range
of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global
infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the
demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2008, sixty-
one percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and thirty-seven
percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities
in 23 countries as of 2008. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

About Zigbee Alliance
ZigBee is the global wireless language connecting dramatically different devices to work together and
enhance everyday life. The ZigBee Alliance is a non-profit association of more than 300 member
companies driving development of ZigBee wireless technology. The Alliance promotes world-wide adoption of ZigBee as the leading wirelessly networked, sensing and control standard for use in energy, home, commercial and industrial areas. For more information, visit: www.ZigBee.org

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