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Vattenfall procures new meters for 300 000 customers

The Swedish company Vattenfall Eldistribution AB has signed a contract with the Spanish IT company Telvent on the supply, installation and operation of electricity meters for Swedish households. The deal comprises one of the most extensive programmes ever conducted for the installation of modern, intelligent infrastructure for metering. It will be possible to read the new meters remotely every month and thus provide the customers with simpler and more accurate electricity bills.

Vattenfall's comprehensive investment programme for the installation of remote electricity meters for approximately 850 000 network customers in Sweden began in 2003. The third, and to date the largest, procurement within the framework of this programme has now been concluded.

"The new meters meet not only our basic demands in that they provide correct metered values for billing based on actual consumption, they also offer several new interesting functions such as remote control, output control and various forms of quality control. This procurement satisfies our remaining need for electricity meters," says Göran Lundgren, Managing Director of Vattenfall Eldistribution AB.

The procurement covers the supply and installation of electricity meters and the associated infrastructure and systems support for the handling of metered values at a total of 300 000 metering points, as well as a five-year operating agreement for the collection and reporting of metered values.

The total value of the contract is approximately SEK 850 million, and there are options for additional supplies. The installation of the meters will be completed by the end of 2008.

The main supplier will be the Spanish company Telvent Energia y Medioambiente S.A., which will supply its Titanium system platform together with electricity meters from the American subcontractor Echelon.

Telvent has in turn signed an agreement with Relacom, formerly Flextronics Network Services, for the installation and operation of the metering system.

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