

JUNIFER SYSTEMS' UTILITY BILLING OFFERING CHOSEN BY POWERCO, ONE OF NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST ELECTRICITY AND GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

Junifer Systems, the global provider of leading back office billing solutions for the utility industry, has been selected after a competitive tendering process to provide its flagship Utility Billing system to one of the largest electricity and gas distribution companies in New Zealand.

The Junifer Utility CIS system is a modular end to end customer management and billing system designed specifically to support the unique challenges encountered by both legacy utility systems and the new requirements resulting from the industry wide Smart Grid rollout programmes.

The unique framework underpinning the system enables specific and complex business requirements to be delivered in short timescales. The ease of use and adaptability of the software ensures that the end customer accrues a quick return on investment and gets a 'best of breed' solution to support current and future billing requirements.

The Junifer system will interface with 3rd party systems using web services to provide day state management and consumption data. Bill processes and calculations will be streamlined and optimised so that bill production time is reduced from days to a matter of hours.

The deployment will initially focus on electricity GXP and gas installation billing, with electricity installation billing to follow soon after.

Saul Nurtman, Managing Director for Junifer Systems said: "The selection of Junifer Systems by such a well established company as Powerco to provide an integral component of their business systems represents an endorsement of the Junifer Utility CIS platform in the utilities industry. We are very excited about this opportunity and also the potential to grow the business in the Asia Pacific region"

Dave Hill, Programme Manager for Powerco said "The flexibility of the Junifer product was a major factor in our solution selection process. With multiple utility types, and regional variations to billing rules, the ability to adapt the solution to quite complex billing requirements was essential. The Junifer team were highly responsive to evolving requirements, and added a lot of value to the process of process definition".

About Powerco

Powerco is New Zealand's second largest electricity and gas distribution company. Their network area spreads across the upper central and lower central North Island servicing approximately 420,000 consumers representing 46% of gas connections and 16% of electricity connections in New Zealand.

About Junifer Systems

Headquartered in London, Junifer Systems provides complete Customer Information Systems (CIS) to the utility industry, specialising in billing systems for Smart Meter deployments. For more details please visit www.junifersystems.com

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