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OMNETRIC Group partners with Red Hat to offer open source-based integration solutions to utilities

- Global partnership aimed at accelerating smart grid integration by developing highly interoperable, flexible and more secure solutions for a stronger, greener and more diverse energy system

4 October 2017: OMNETRIC Group, the technology services company dedicated to energy providers, today announces that it has formed a partnership with Red Hat, the world's leading provider of open source solutions. As utilities strive to gain an integrated view of their systems and data, many work to bring together operational technologies – such as distribution management and real-time grid operations – with IT systems supporting smart metering, energy consumption and work and asset management. The OMNETRIC Group-Red Hat partnership offers utilities one provider for specialist information/operations technology (IT/OT) integration expertise, innovative open source tools and capabilities, and the best of smart grid technology from Siemens. This combination can enable utilities to transform their processes with less risk and advance their smart grid integration journey faster.

The partnership sees OMNETRIC Group developing its solution roadmap with Red Hat technology and open source-based integration solutions for the energy sector. OMNETRIC Group and Red Hat have already collaborated successfully on several products and projects in Europe and North America and this solution is the next step in strengthening their relationship. One example of previous collaboration is their work for a grid company developing a more secure middleware solution that connects multiple external interfaces to the company's main control system. The solution, developed by OMNETRIC Group using Red Hat's open source software, is designed to enable the grid company to transition to a smarter, more digital grid while maintaining full, more secure control of communication and upholding its focus on delivering grid services to end customers.

Edward Benning, Smart Grid Integration & Security Lead for EMEA at OMNETRIC Group said "Many utilities run technology integration from their IT departments and look to apply their IT stack to the OT world, resulting in less-than-optimal outcomes.

"The operations technology domain has different requirements to IT, and requires solutions that are more secure, robust, stable, flexible, interoperable, and based on a solid technology foundation. Our partnership with Red Hat offers a technology foundation that can develop solutions for accelerated, multifaceted integration at speed across the grid, helping our customers take advantage of data intelligence to improve grid efficiency and reliability, as well as enabling new business models."

Petra Heinrich, vice president, Partners and Alliances, EMEA, Red Hat said, "The combination of Red Hat's lightweight, open source integration technologies and OMNETRIC Group's skills and expertise offers energy providers a powerful solution for IT/OT integration. Our intent is to work together to develop ready-made smart grid technologies based on open source for the utilities industry."

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OMNETRIC Group is dedicated to helping energy providers reap the benefits of the digital energy system by integrating their energy operations with IT to support their business goals. Our global team of engineering, IT, security and data experts brings extensive industry experience to help customers discover and exploit data intelligence to capitalize on industry change, and realize new business models.

Helping customers since 2014, we are an inventive, technology services company and a joint venture between Siemens AG and Accenture. For more information, visit www.omnetricgroup.com

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