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Valutech Solutions Recognized For Key Contribution in City of Wadsworth's Smart Grid Program

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The City of Wadsworth announced today that its Connected Grid smart grid project is nearing a successful conclusion. This year, the City implemented the final phase of its smart grid program which installed AMI, Meter Data Management, Distribution Automation and Demand Response Management systems to support a variety of load control and peak shaving objectives utilizing programmable thermostats, in-home energy displays and time-of-use rates. The Connected Grid project is an industry leading DOE sponsored Smart Grid Investment Grant program designed to enable the City's customers to control energy usage while reducing peak system demand.

City officials stated that throughout this process Valutech Solutions played a key role in helping to formulate the City's strategic objectives, support technology selection and assist with implementation of the complex solutions. Valutech Solutions has assisted the City in this effort since 2009 when it first applied for the Smart Grid Investment Grant. Since that time, AMI, Meter Data Management and Demand Response Management Systems have all been installed, and the City has successfully implemented its Peak Rewards and Right Time Pricing incentive programs. These programs are expected to play a significant role in moderating the City's peak system demand in future years.

"As our smart grid project continues to wind down, the City of Wadsworth and staff want to acknowledge the important contribution that Valutech Solutions has made in advising and assisting us through the intricacies of successful AMI System and Load Management deployment", stated Chris Easten, Director of Public Service for the City of Wadsworth. "Valutech understands the challenges that a municipal utility faces when taking on such a complex project, and has worked with us every step of the way to achieve our current success".

"I have enjoyed working with the City's impressive project team and being a part of the collaborative relationship that we have developed during the time spent completing the Connected Grid Project", stated Ed Finamore, Valutech Solutions President. "The strong working relationships among the City's project team members and subject matter experts created synergies that have contributed to the successful implementation of this industry leading project."

About the City of Wadsworth

The City of Wadsworth is among 100 utilities in the U.S. that received federal DOE grants to implement smart grid technologies with a goal of controlling peak energy use and reducing greenhouse gases. The City's leading edge demand response technologies and programs are expected to benefit its citizens greatly in the future through availability of programs designed to reduce peak energy costs and provide a wide range of energy saving options.

About Valutech Solutions

Valutech Solutions is an industry leading smart grid consulting firm specializing in AMI and other smart grid solutions. Valutech provides consulting services to municipal, investor owned and rural electric utilities installing, or planning to install, smart metering, meter data management and demand response related systems. The company helps utilities to formulate business strategies, and select, acquire or develop smart grid solutions in a rapidly changing energy supply environment. For more information, call Valutech Solutions directly at 412 299-5684, or e-mail the company at info@valutechsolutions.com.