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MPU Awards Contract for Automated Metering Infrastructure

Manitowoc Public Utilities has awarded a \$3.1 million contract with Eaton Corporation of Beachwood, Ohio for an electric Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) system. The system will replace all electric meters in the city of Manitowoc and provide data collection points and interface software to existing utility systems. Water meters will be replaced in a later phase.

AMI uses state-of-the-art metering and communication technology to permit secure two-way remote communication with utility meters located at businesses and residences in the city. The two way communication will be used to collect daily kilowatt-hour meter readings for billing, monitor system voltages, and provide power outage notifications. Overall, AMI will provide proactive customer service, improve system reliability, provide for power outage notification and management, and permit more efficient delivery of utility services.

Long term, AMI can be used for electric distribution system automation, load management, and dynamic energy pricing.

Development of internal data interfaces for billing is already underway. Installation of sixteen data collection points on utility poles and connection to MPU's existing fiber optic will take place in the first quarter of 2019. The first electric meters will be installed for testing during this time as well. Full deployment in the City is expected to be completed around the end of 2019.

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