



Chile's EMEC Selects GE Smallworld PowerOn™ 2.0 for Distribution Management System

Empresa Electrica EMEC S.A. (EMEC), a leading electricity provider in northern Chile, has selected PowerOn 2.0 software for its enterprise distribution management system. PowerOn Version 2.0 extends the reach of the PowerOn system beyond outage and network management, and will enable EMEC to plan switching operations and perform advanced outage prediction.

"PowerOn 2.0 software will help us provide excellent customer service levels, improving dramatically our current status," said Francisco Munoz Garcia, IT manager at EMEC. "We've already installed GE Smallworld Core Spatial Technology, and PowerOn's automated tools will help reduce outage time and increase the quality of information we provide to our customers and the regulatory agency."

Chosen by twenty-two utilities worldwide, the PowerOn system builds on the many features inherent in the previous PowerOn software release. New network management capabilities include additional and enhanced options for originating, tracking, navigating, and issuing outage and

switching requests. The system also offers increased functionality, interface, and integration capabilities relating to outage management functions, and overall performance improvements.

"The PowerOn 2.0 system provides a complete operations and outage management package that can be rapidly implemented at utilities," stated Jay Cadman, marketing director for Utilities and Public Systems at GE Smallworld. "We've Internet-enabled PowerOn 2.0 so that it can offer a full set of network management functions across an enterprise, not limited to just the operations center."

EMEC serves 190,000 customers in two of northern Chile's region-states. The PowerOn 2.0 system is replacing their current paper-based outage management system. The utility is also installing GE Smallworld Spatial Intelligence and GE Smallworld Design Manager software, taking advantage of powerful thematic analysis and state-of-the-art design and construction technology. Integration and implementation of the new PowerOn system will be completed in approximately six months.

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