



Aviat Networks Helps Ameren Illinois Employees Stay in Constant Communication

Utility's Communications Network Critical to Serving Energy Customers Across the Midwest

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Jan. 30, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Aviat Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVNW), a leading expert in wireless transmission solutions, today announced that it has been selected to work with URS Corporation to upgrade and expand the Ameren Illinois private communications network. Ameren Illinois is a subsidiary of Ameren Corp, an energy company, which provides electric and natural gas services to customers in Illinois and Missouri.

Ameren Illinois employees serve 1.2 million electric and 840,000 gas customers in Illinois, across 43,700 square miles. Keeping field employees in constant communication is mission critical, especially during periods of severe weather that can wreak havoc on a utility's operations. Therefore, a key requirement for upgrading its legacy communications network to address Ameren Illinois' growth and provide for future expansion was that the project could not interfere with day-to-day operations. Aviat Network's turnkey solution and flexible Ethernet platform will leverage the existing Ameren Illinois network while minimizing disruptions and reducing expenses.

Aviat Networks will implement its Network Management Solution, along with other technology, in phases beginning this year and continuing through 2014. All of the solutions were designed to integrate seamlessly with third-party OEM equipment in the existing Ameren Illinois TDM network. Once complete, migration from TDM to an Ethernet platform will provide Ameren Illinois with significant growth capacity and flexibility for years to come.

"Once again, we are pleased to be selected to provide Ameren Illinois with a turnkey solution for its mission-critical communications network," says Michael Pangia, president and CEO, Aviat Networks. "Addressing the complex communications needs of utilities such as Ameren Illinois with highly tailored solutions continues to be an important area of focus for Aviat Networks."

About Aviat Networks

Aviat Networks, Inc. is a leader in wireless transmission solutions. We apply innovation and IP networking expertise toward building a carrier class foundation for future mobile and fixed broadband networks. With more than 750,000 systems installed around the world, Aviat Networks has built a reputation as a leader in offering best-of-breed solutions including LTE-ready microwave backhaul and a complete portfolio of service and support options to public and private telecommunications operators worldwide. With a global reach and local presence in more than 46 countries, Aviat Networks works by the side of its customers allowing them to quickly and cost effectively seize new market and service opportunities. Aviat Networks, formerly Harris Stratex Networks Inc., is headquartered in Santa Clara, California, and is listed on NASDAQ (AVNW). For more information, please visit www.aviatnetworks.com or join the dialog at [www.twitter.com/aviatnetworks](https://twitter.com/aviatnetworks).

About Ameren Illinois

Ameren Illinois delivers energy to 1.2 million electric and 840,000 natural gas customers in downstate Illinois, and our mission is to meet their energy needs in a safe, reliable, efficient and environmentally responsible manner. Our service area covers more than 1,200 communities and 43,700 square miles. For more information, visit AmerenIllinois.com.

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