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New Technology Provides *Intelligence-Based Preventive Maintenance*™ for Reducing Power Outages

(Columbus, OH – March 26, 2007) – Undetected problems on power line distribution systems account for 31% of all power outages in the U.S. The patent-pending EXACTER™ Outage-Avoidance System now enables utility maintenance departments to identify the precise locations of significant “undetected” problems across their entire distribution network and schedule effective “pre-emptive” maintenance to avoid power outages.

The EXACTER System (mounted in any vehicle) surveys the power distribution network as the vehicle travels. EXACTER identifies RF emission signatures from failing transformers, regulators, insulators, cutouts, lightning arrestors, or other line components. Customers can then access mapped locations of problems, including their GPS coordinates, through a Web Information Portal — allowing for prompt maintenance action to solve the problem.

“If a maintenance manager could identify where his biggest problems are, he could schedule maintenance work accordingly and prevent a lot of power outages,” said John Lauletta, President and CEO of Exacter, Inc. “Unfortunately, there has been no way to systematically identify where actual problems are located. Until now. With EXACTER, the entire distribution system can be surveyed quickly, and existing problems can be identified, precisely located, and quantified as to their severity.”

EXACTER provides survey data in map form, database form, or in GPS coordinates. The EXACTER Maintenance-Merit™ System assigns values to each failure emission — allowing the ability to sort problems based on severity for prioritized scheduling. Or, data can be sorted geographically and problems can be scheduled based on where crews may already be at work.

“We call it Intelligence-Based Preventive Maintenance,” continued Lauletta. “With EXACTER, maintenance managers finally have a tool that will allow them to schedule and plan maintenance based on actual conditions of the network. Prioritizing work, scheduled repairs and replacement, and geographic scheduling can now be implemented based on effectual knowledge of network conditions. This opens the door for true strategic maintenance planning.”

The result of this maintenance intelligence will be the prevention of many outages. Currently, 1.8 million outages annually (31% of all outages) are the result of undetected equipment failure on the U.S. power distribution network — and that's with the best systematic preventive maintenance programs in place. With an aging network, these numbers will only increase.

"Utilities can continue to plan maintenance without actual knowledge and network intelligence," concluded Lauletta. "Or they can find out what's really happening on their distribution network using EXACTER. I believe the future is Intelligence-Based Preventive Maintenance."

The EXACTER™ Outage-Avoidance System is manufactured by EXACTER, Inc., located in Columbus, Ohio, USA.

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