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New System Locates Faulty Power Line Equipment Before Outages Occur

(Columbus, OH -- December 15, 2006) — The new EXACTER™ Outage-Avoidance System is a patent-pending product that helps utilities avoid power outages before they occur. EXACTER identifies electrical failure signatures from power lines, transformers, regulators, insulators, cutouts, lightning arrestors, and other line components.

An EXACTER unit is mounted inside a utility vehicle (or other vehicle), and as the vehicle moves about its normal routes, EXACTER surveys the area for electrical failure signatures.

Advanced sensor arrays from EXACTER gather and post data to a Web Information Portal identifying exact GPS locations of line equipment disturbances. EXACTER also identifies the intensity of the disturbance to help maintenance managers prioritize work assignments.

EXACTER allows maintenance departments to dispatch people to the exact location of a potential problem with actual data on what to look for. Most importantly, utilities have the opportunity to take pre-emptive action before a small problem turns into an outage. This reliability-centered maintenance system allows maintenance managers to plan “intelligent” preventive programs based on the locations of line disturbances.

EXACTER requires no training or additional staff to operate. Users lease hardware and are given access to their own area of the EXACTER Web Information Portal where maps and reports can be viewed and printed.

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

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