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The Town of Ponoka selects SIMMARIX to provide Settlement Functions

The Town of Ponoka selected SIMMARIX Inc. of Calgary to provide Load Settlement and Wholesale Billing Services for the town. The Town of Ponoka will take advantage of several modules in the SIMMARIX suite to manage historical utility information, to perform energy settlement (allocation of electricity consumption to an hourly basis) and to calculate and produce Wholesale Bills (invoicing of Distribution Tariff Charges to the various retailers).

SIMMARIX is designed to provide the user maximum visibility of their utility information which could be meter reads, settlement results or billing data. The Chief Financial Officer from The Town of Ponoka had this to say, "SIMMARIX will provide us the insight and understanding to help us better manage our wires operations". To ensure a smooth transition from the existing Load Settlement Agent to SIMMARIX, the contract will commence February 1st, 2006 with a month of parallel operations and become fully operational March 1st, 2006.

In forging this partnership, the two organizations will also explore opportunities to take advantage of other functionality available from the comprehensive utility information suite offered by SIMMARIX.

About The Town of Ponoka

The Town of Ponoka is located approximately 100 kilometers south of Edmonton, Alberta with a population of 6300. Located in prime agricultural surroundings, Ponoka boasts of being the community with one of Alberta's lowest utility and tax structures. These features, combined with affordable priced farm, industrial, commercial and residential property, make Ponoka an attractive community and area to relocate and settle.

Ponoka is the undisputed home of Canada's largest six-day rodeo, the world famous Ponoka Stampede, which is staged each year during the July 1st, Canada Day weekend. Six full days of rodeo action attracts the best two and four-legged rodeo athletes in the world. Ponoka is much more than the six-day rodeo capital of Canada, Ponoka is also the home community for several the world-class golf courses.

For more information on Ponoka, please visit:

<http://www.ponoka.org/municipal/ponoka/ponoka-website.nsf/frmHome?OpenForm>

About SIMMARIX Inc.

SIMMARIX is an internet-based energy information system which provides utilities, commercial and industrial customer's fast, accurate and secure access

to metered information from electricity, gas or water meters. This information is presented in both financial and energy units to allow for easy understanding of the information.

SIMMARIX Inc. Provides a “total data package”, a powerful software tool for both end-use-customers and utilities. Users can use the data processed by SIMMARIX to successfully operate, negotiate and compete in the energy marketplace.

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