

Metron News Release

xoserve LICENCES METRON'S ATHENE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

15th February 2008, Taunton, Somerset, UK: Metron announces that xoserve, the company formed in 2005 to provide gas transportation services on behalf of all the major gas network companies in the UK, has licensed its Athene performance management software. The contract also includes consultancy and training services, together with a five year maintenance agreement.

xoserve is jointly owned by the major gas network companies and is responsible for managing the complex commercial interfaces between these major gas transporters operating in Britain and their customers, the gas shipper companies.

Delivering a fast, consistent and efficient service to the gas industry is fundamental to xoserve, and the effective management and monitoring of the company's IT systems plays a major role in supporting this objective. Metron's Athene product will be used by xoserve to manage the UK Link Systems, based at data centres in Peterborough and Wellingborough, and the major technology refresh and data migration project of this system, which is currently being undertaken. UK Link provides a wide range of essential information and systems, including support for the processes that enable customers to switch between suppliers, details about sites, meter and billing information, and gas transmission data.

Athene is already well established in the gas industry, having been used for many years by Transco, and subsequently by National Grid. It is also used by Indian-based Tata Consulting who are responsible for managing xoserve's IT systems under the terms of an outsourcing contract.

Notes for editors

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Metron's Athene performance management software is the most cost-effective product in its class providing fully integrated ITIL[®]-compliant capacity management with automatic performance analysis and reporting for UNIX, Linux, Windows and Mainframe Servers.

In Europe Athene is installed for clients such as T-Mobile, WH Smith, O2, Nestle, LloydsTSB, and a number of government agencies. The company works in partnership with leading IT suppliers such as Hewlett Packard, Microsoft Systems, VMware, Computer Associates, IBM, Capgemini, and Oracle. The world's leading outsourcing companies and half the UK's top 100 companies are now using Athene combined with expert ITIL[®] consultancy and training services as a key element of their Service Management and Delivery.

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