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Elster AMCO Water Announces evoQ₄ Mag Meter

Latest addition to evolution™ AMI product line to be unveiled at ACE08 in Atlanta

Ocala, Florida, May 13, 2008. Elster AMCO Water, Inc., part of Elster Group, a world leader in advanced metering infrastructure, integrated metering and utilization solutions to the gas, electricity and water industries, today announces the upcoming launch of the **evoQ₄** mag meter. The **evoQ₄** mag meter is the latest addition to the evolution™ line of highly innovative, solution-driven products developed for the water utility industry by Elster AMCO Water.

The **evoQ₄** will be unveiled at ACE08, American Water Works Association's (AWWA) Annual Conference and Exposition at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta June 8 to 11. Product demonstrations can be seen on an ongoing basis at Elster AMCO Water's **Booth #1401**. On June 9th, two Product Information Forums will be held in Exhibit Hall B featuring presentations and product demonstrations on **evolution™ AMI (1pm) and evoQ₄ (4pm)**. Elster AMCO Water's **Press Conference will be held on June 10th at 3 p.m.** in Exhibit Hall B, room B201 followed by a press reception in Booth #1401.

The **evoQ₄** mag meter brings pioneering technology to the commercial water metering market by delivering the functionality of four traditional commercial meters – Compounds, Turbines, Single Jets, and Mag Meters. Embedded with sophisticated measurement technology, the **evoQ₄** mag meter provides high accuracy through a wide range of flows.

Mark Patience, senior product manager for Elster AMCO Water, explains the market demand for advanced metering solutions and highly 'evolved' water meters and how the **evoQ₄** adds value to the water industry.

"Utilities are demanding water metering solutions that are highly accurate, versatile and adept at reducing operating expenses, protecting and enhancing revenue, and efficiently managing water resources," explains Mr. Patience. "These demands along with the need for utilities to account for every drop of water it delivers have driven Elster AMCO Water to develop the **evoQ₄**, a highly advanced commercial meter that is reliable, precise and delivers unparalleled performance."

With advanced flow technology, the **evoQ₄** is designed for commercial applications that require a meter to accurately measure water over a wide flow range in any number of conditions and applications. The **evoQ₄**'s wide flow range is accomplished in part by a high resolution 0.5 second sampling rate. Fully submersible, solid state, lightweight, and with a 10 year battery life, the **evoQ₄** is designed to measure accurately without the need of moving parts, eliminating the need for calibration, battery change-out or any type of regular maintenance that may be required with traditional mechanical and electromagnetic meters. The **evoQ₄**'s features provide the capabilities needed to effectively manage water resources while reducing operating costs that can impact a utility's revenue stream, delivering instant measurable benefits.

The **evoQ₄** mag meter uses state-of-the-art technology that does not require any field programming. With standard AWWA lay lengths in 2 inch to 8 inch sizes, it truly is a plug-and-play mag meter.

It is embedded with the technology needed to remotely monitor leaks and manage billing systems through Elster AMCO Water's own evolution™ AMI system, or any other AMR/AMI solution. Additionally, the bi-directional pulse output allows utilities to connect to critical water management systems, making it a revenue meter and effective tool for distribution management.

"Managing our water resources through the use of advanced metering solutions and systems and improved meter efficiency is critical to the water industry as well as the consumers they serve," explained Roman Thomassin, president of Elster AMCO Water. "The **evoQ₄** further demonstrates Elster AMCO Water's commitment to providing highly innovative, value-added products to meet the needs of the water industry now and in the future," added Mr. Thomassin.

"As the water industry continues to advance and the need arises for utilities to improve operational efficiency, implement utility-wide conservation programs, and deliver best-in-class customer service, Elster AMCO Water will meet those needs now and in the future by continuing to invest in leading edge technology and metering intelligence to bring new strategies, innovations and services its customers worldwide," explained Bruce Bharat, director of marketing for Elster AMCO Water.

For more information visit Elster AMCO Water at **Booth #1401** or their website at www.elsteramcowater.com or www.elster-evolution.com.

An industry leader, Elster AMCO Water continues its strong history of delivering solutions-based metering products and services to the water utility industry.

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About Elster AMCO Water, Inc.

Elster AMCO Water is an industry leader in the development and implementation of innovative metering solutions and systems for the water utility industry. Located in Ocala, Florida Elster AMCO Water is part of Elster Group, the world's largest multi-utility metering company, leading provider of global AMR and AMI solutions. Elster AMCO Water continues to invest in leading technology and resources and remains committed to delivering superior

customer service, quality products, solutions and services to the water utility industry. For further information, visit www.elsteramcowater.com

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