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Wellspring Adds Energy Metering to Wireless Infrastructures

SAN DIEGO—Wellspring International Inc., which provides wireless, point-of-use water submeters for the multi-housing industry, has released a new product that the company says is the industry's most accurate method of measuring energy consumption in centrally heated and cooled apartment units.

By shifting this metered utility expense to residents, Wellspring's "Aqura" (pronounced Ak'•u•rah) energy meter will save owners an average of \$40 to \$80 per apartment, per month, according to the company.

Residents benefit by receiving a bill based on actual (not estimated) energy consumption,

encouraging conservation and lowering utility expenses by an average of 20 percent, Wellspring said.

Utilizing the same patented, radio infrastructure as the company's other line of Aqura water, gas and electric submeters, the Aqura energy meter wirelessly reads and transmits heating and cooling energy data from individual apartments within multi-housing properties. These readings are collected and relayed to Wellspring's data and billing center several times per day. Up-to-the-minute energy consumption data is then made available on the Web to both landlord and resident, resulting

in billing based on usage—not apartment size.

Because the same Wellspring infrastructure can meter water, gas and electric consumption, Wellspring reports that the net installed price is considerably lower—and ROI considerably higher—than that of any competitor.

"Linking water, gas, electric—and now energy monitoring—to the same wireless network will save our customers millions of dollars per year," said Wade Smith, CEO of Wellspring International. "We're introducing entirely new functionality to a pre-installed network."