



## Delmarva Power Implements the Optimain DS Service Pipe Integrity Program and Jurisdictional Paving Manager Modules

Newtown, PA – July 14, 2008 – Opvantek, Inc. is pleased to announce that Delmarva Power, a subsidiary of Pepco Holdings, Inc (NYSE: POM) recently deployed the Optimain DS Service Pipe Integrity Program (SPIP) and Jurisdictional Paving Manager (JPM) modules into their production Optimain DS system. With the addition of the SPIP module, Delmarva Power can incorporate service pipe risk assessment into their overall distribution integrity management program. Optimain DS is now positioned to monitor threats and assess risk across Delmarva Power's entire gas distribution network.

The JPM module will allow Delmarva Power to manage third-party street improvement projects or other construction activities, and model the economic consequences on candidate main replacement projects. For example, scheduling a main replacement to occur just before a planned paving project can often save 20% or more of the total replacement cost through reduced re-paving requirements. On the other hand, repairing leaks that occur after a street has been recently repaved can often increase leak repair costs by 100% or more. Optimain DS with JPM models both of these economic consequences, as well as integrity threats posed by planned construction activities, allowing utilities to more effectively allocate limited capital to achieve greater overall risk reduction.

Delmarva Power has been actively preparing for the pending DIMP regulations. Phil Phillips, Manager of Gas Engineering, says "We've already developed our preliminary DIMP Plan, incorporating the ability of Optimain DS to work with the data we have today about our infrastructure and the threats it faces. We're confident that the SPIP and JPM modules will allow us to more effectively allocate capital to mitigate risk and reduce future O&M spending on our network."

Optimain DS is being used today by both large and small natural gas distribution network operators to analyze risk and identify economic investment opportunities for all types of metallic and plastic piping. It is currently in production use or being implemented to monitor threats and assess risk across nearly 15% of the nation's natural gas distribution networks (based on 2006 Annual DOT reports).

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*Opvantek, Inc. – a leader in utility software solutions – has long maintained that the key to operating a successful utility company in the face of an ever-evolving regulatory environment is in system-wide risk assessment & optimized asset management. Opvantek delivers best-in-class software solutions that significantly enhance distribution integrity, reliability, safety, and regulatory compliance management. The company was originally founded in 1997 as Vantage Management Solutions, Inc. Since then, Opvantek, Inc. has evolved into a talented team of utility industry and software development professionals, providing exceptional asset management software products, implementation and integration services, and focused business process consulting to the utility industry.*

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*Delmarva Power, a public utility owned by Pepco Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: POM), provides safe and reliable energy to over 500,000 electric delivery customers in Delaware and Maryland and over 120,000 natural gas delivery customers in northern Delaware.*