



## OpvanteK, Inc. Releases Optimain™ DS Service Pipe Integrity Program for Distribution Integrity Management

Newtown, PA – March 29, 2006 - OpvanteK, Inc. is pleased to announce the release of the Optimain DS Service Pipe Integrity Program (SPIP) module. The SPIP module extends Optimain DS to manage risk and support decision-making processes across the entire distribution pipe network. Impending Distribution Integrity Regulations will require gas distribution operators to monitor threats and assess risks on all types of main and service pipes. This new module allows users to:

- ▼ Model the probability of service pipe failure
- ▼ Capture service-specific risk profile factors, including meter locations, building usage, and the presence of excess flow valves
- ▼ Plan risk mitigation investments for service pipes separate from main pipes
- ▼ Include service pipe risk in overall project scores and system-wide analysis
- ▼ Incorporate the forecasted expense of on-going service pipe repairs into economic analysis and scores
- ▼ Create "service only" replacement projects when risk or repair expenses are dominated by the services
- ▼ Integrate with new data sources to capture service-specific failure and risk factors

Baltimore Gas & Electric, a current Optimain DS user, will be implementing the new SPIP module for system-wide analysis beginning in April.

OpvanteK's Service Pipe Integrity Program is available to any existing Optimain DS customer as an add-on module, or as a part of new Optimain DS implementations. This new module is licensed separately from the core product. Please contact OpvanteK ([sales@opvanteK.com](mailto:sales@opvanteK.com)) for more information or a quote.

### About Optimain DS

Optimain DS is the company's well-regarded pipe repair/replace decision support product for gas and water utilities. It also provides a powerful platform upon which to implement a distribution integrity management plan, in support of the anticipated natural gas distribution integrity regulations. Optimain DS can be installed as a standalone application or as a part of the Optimain product suite, which includes Optimain ACM (Asset & Compliance Management) and Optimain JPM (Jurisdictional Paving Manager). All of these products can be integrated seamlessly with key enterprise applications like work management, job design, and geographical information systems. Optimain DS is supported on client platforms running Microsoft Windows 2000 or Windows XP. Optimain DS relational data may be maintained in either a Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle repository. The Optimain GIS interface currently supports GE Energy's Smallworld Core Spatial Technology™ and ESRI's ArcGIS. Other enterprise GIS platforms will be supported upon request.

### About OpvanteK, Inc.

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. by Principals Andrew Benedict and Eric Kobosh. 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.

More information about OpvanteK, Inc. is available at <http://www.opvanteK.com>.

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