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(San Francisco, California) – VSI Meter Services, Inc. (VSI), announced today that it has begun the pilot phase of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). The project consists of the automation of approximately 177,000 water meters in the city's service area with the Aclara STAR Fixed Network System™. As prime contractor, VSI will be responsible for the timely and complete execution of the project and will provide all installation and project management services.

This project also includes Elster AMCO water meters. Both the Elster AMCO meters and the Aclara STAR System provide a solid foundation for improved efficiency and guaranteed meter-reading system accuracy. The new system will send hourly consumption data to the SFPUC four times daily.

"The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is excited for our advanced metering infrastructure project to get underway in San Francisco and is confident we have selected an experienced industry leader in VSI to manage this critical project. With the implementation of this project, we will achieve greater customer satisfaction and a higher level of service to our customers," stated Heather Pohl, Project Manager, SFPUC.

"This project demonstrates the importance the City of San Francisco places on their customers and their water resources. An AMI project of this scope will enable the City to provide extremely high levels of service to their customers and give them the tools necessary to actively manage usage and the efficiency of the water system," said David McGinley, Vice President of VSI Meter Services. "We are proud to be entrusted with the execution of this program."

About VSI:

VSI Meter Services, Inc. specializes in meter reading, meter installation, AMI deployment projects, and related services. VSI is one of the largest metering services firms in the world, servicing utilities (water, electric and gas), Automatic Meter Reading solution providers, and municipalities. VSI's knowledge base, gained from installing over eight-million meters, is unsurpassed in the industry. VSI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UtiliCon Solutions, Ltd., an Asplundh company, and is headquartered in Aston, Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit the company web site at www.vsimeterservices.com.

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