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### **Utiliworks' Clients Selected to Receive \$12.8M Federal Stimulus Funds Allocated to Improve Electric Infrastructures**

**November 23, 2009 – Baton Rouge, LA** - Utiliworks' clients, the Town of Danvers, MA and City of Ruston, LA were selected late October for the SGIG Recovery Act.

The DOE awards were based on the merits of the applicants and their future smart energy initiatives. As part of the Federal governments "Smart Grid" initiative launched in April 2009, over \$ 3.4 billion dollars has been made available via the ARRA program. The group of Recovery Act Awards, which were announced October 27<sup>th</sup> represent the largest round of ARRA awards and clean energy grants ever made in a single day.

Of the over 400 proposals, approximately 100 candidates were awarded a portion of the \$3.4 billion in grants. Two key applicants that Utiliworks assisted in drafting were accepted. Utiliworks consulted with City of Ruston, LA which was also awarded \$4.3M. This case is discussed further at [www.utiliworks.com](http://www.utiliworks.com).

"Utiliworks helped us in the grant application process by creating a Smart Grid plan that would enable us to improve customer systems, automate electrical distribution and deploy a smart meter network. This plan will help our city reduce energy usage and increase our saving rate," said Darrell Caraway, Public Utility Manager.

Working with Utiliworks, the Town of Danvers, MA was selected to receive approximately \$8.5M from the DOE Smart Grid Investment Grants. The federal stimulus funds will be allocated towards a program to deploy 12,000 smart meters for the full customer base, upgrade cyber security systems and automate outage management. In all, the Town of Danvers will designate roughly \$17 million to make the improvements.

"Our effort in the grant preparation of Danvers and Ruston demonstrates the realistic possibility that government and provide sector service providers can make positive changes in our overall energy usage with advanced metering systems," said Managing Director, Dale Pennington of Utiliworks.

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