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Georgia Power Selects Avineon to Migrate Distribution Data to a New Enterprise Geographic Information System

Migration of electrical distribution system data will cover a service area of 24,000 square miles

Alexandria, Va. – May 23, 2006 – Avineon, Inc., a successful provider of IT, engineering, geospatial and program management services, announced today that Georgia Power, the largest subsidiary of Southern Company, has selected Avineon to migrate electrical distribution system data to form an enterprise geographic information system (GIS). The new enterprise GIS will leverage common business requirements, centralized information technology architecture and collaborative utility company investments, allowing Southern Company as a whole to improve customer service, cost containment and profitability.

Georgia Power serves more than two million customers within the utility's service area covering nearly 24,000 square miles. Electrical distribution data including substations, circuits and associated streetlight and secondary distribution data is currently maintained in approximately 110,000 AutoCAD files. Avineon is supporting Georgia Power's migration of primary and secondary electrical distribution data from its AM/C AutoCAD files to the new enterprise ESRI SDE/Oracle Geodatabase. Implementing an enterprise GIS will allow Georgia Power to streamline all activities related to the design, construction and maintenance of its distribution facilities, including outage management and customer service.

Mary Adams, GIS project lead for Georgia Power, commented, "Avineon's strong understanding of complex geographic information systems and the company's extensive work with utility companies is a critical component to the success of this project. Avineon has the expertise and experience needed in conversion and migration processes to support this large-scale project while still maintaining focus on producing exceptional quality results."

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Migration of the existing data requires detailed mapping and rules definitions to successfully build the desired electrical network model in ArcGIS. To perform the migration, Avineon will use internally developed custom tools which overlay ESRI core technology and have been developed over several years to balance the requirements of flexibility and speed while maintaining high data quality. The flexibility of the Avineon software allows for trapping, and in many cases correcting, discrepancies of data formats and values that often exist within previous generations of AM/FM data sets.

“Georgia Power’s commitment to providing the best service possible to its more than two million customers is evident through the company’s dedication to instituting up-to-date technology to achieve its goals,” said Gary Wilkison, vice president of geospatial and engineering services for Avineon. “Avineon’s depth of experience working with a variety of GIS and geospatial technologies ensures we can execute data conversion and migration projects with complete confidence and accuracy.”

About Georgia Power

Georgia Power, headquartered in Atlanta, is the largest subsidiary of Southern Company, one of the nation’s largest generators of electricity. Georgia Power is an investor-owned, tax-paying utility, serving customers in 57,000 of the state’s 59,000 square miles. Georgia Power’s rates are below the national average, and its 2.1 million customers are in all but six of Georgia’s 159 counties.

About Southern Company

With more than 4 million customers and more than 40,000 megawatts of generating capacity, Atlanta-based Southern Company (NYSE: SO) is the premier super-regional energy company in the Southeast and a leading U.S. producer of electricity. Southern Company owns electric utilities in four states, a growing competitive generation company and a competitive retail natural gas business, as well as fiber optics and wireless communications. Southern Company brands are known for excellent customer service, high reliability and retail electric prices that are 15 percent below the national average. Southern Company has been ranked the nation’s top energy utility in the American Customer Satisfaction Index six years in a row. Southern Company has more than 500,000 shareholders, making its common stock one of the most widely held in the United States. Visit the Southern Company Web site at www.southerncompany.com.

About Avineon

Avineon, a CMMI Maturity Level 3 and ISO 9001:2000 registered company, is a diversified high technology company that provides information technology (IT), geospatial, engineering and program management services. With headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and offices in Alabama and Florida, Avineon employs more than 140 staff in the United States, and with subsidiaries in Europe and India employs a total staff of 400. In IT, Avineon specializes in web-based architecture, systems engineering, application development and on-going network and security support. For additional information please visit www.avineon.com.

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