

SP AusNet Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project

Duration: 2009 to 2013

Client: SP AusNet

Location: Eastern Melbourne & Eastern Victoria

DESCRIPTION

The Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project is a Government mandated initiative to be rolled out for all Victorian households and small businesses over a four year period.

The AMI program requires exchange of meters across all domestic, commercial and industrial premises on an unprecedented scale.

SCOPE

As part of this rollout Electrix has been engaged by SP AusNet to install approximately 300,000 smart meters over a four year period in both urban and rural areas across their network.

At the peak of the project it is estimated that the Electrix field team of up to 60 technicians will be exchanging 15,000 meters per month.

Electrix is responsible for planning of the work, customer notifications, appointment management, meter exchange, switchboard defect rectification, meter inventory management and logistics.

VALUE TO CLIENT

The AMI project involves installation of “Smart Meters” and associated infrastructure which will:

- significantly assist Electricity Distributors to identify any loss of supply, helping speed up power reconnections
- enable remote connections and disconnections of supply making it easier to switch energy retailers and move premises
- provide for accurate real-time readings of electricity use at 30 minute intervals, making it easier to monitor energy consumption, change behaviour and save money
- allow Electricity Retailers to offer more innovative tariffs and services
- require far fewer estimated bills and eliminates staying in for meter readings where access is required.

