TUTORIAL 4

PowerLine Communications for Smart Metering

Background

- is required: intellectual curiosity (but with no particular technical background)

Aim of the tutorial

- Give an overview about the use of PLC communication for Smart Metering in Europe
- Explain the most used PLC technologies for smart metering in Europe

Content

1. Introduction
2. Smart Metering (giving the power utility perspective)
3. Use of PLC for Smart Metering (pros and cons, broadband vs narrowband, advantages wrt to wireless, etc.)
4. Main NB-PLC standards targeted in Europe : METER AND MORE
5. Main NB-PLC standards targeted in Europe : G3 (G.9903)
6. Main NB-PLC standards targeted in Europe : PRIME (G.9904)
7. Field trials Figures
8. Conclusion

Expected benefits

Participants will gain an improved understanding of:

- What are PLC communication
- Why European DSO have mainly chosen PLC for their smart metering deployment.
- How PLC communications are a solution for smart metering
- Which are the most used communication technologies in European Smart Metering deployment
- What are the main technologies and differences between METER AND MORE, G3 and PRIME.

Who should attend

This tutorial is intended for:

- Project Managers and Grid experts
- People involved in Smart Metering, Smart Grid and Energy Management
- People working for meter manufacturers, SDOs and telecommunication companies

Support material

A copy of all the presentation material used in the tutorial will be supplied to delegates.

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