

## News Release

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### ***Bow Networks to Provide Tacoma Power with advanced Substation Networking Solutions***

CALGARY, AB -- Bow Networks announced today that Tacoma Power has selected its eLAN™ communications platform for a comprehensive communications project, to provide open, flexible access to all substation and distribution devices, from any authorized user or application.

"The project, dubbed SDI (Substation Data Integration) will provide an open, secure, modern framework for accessing data in all our transmission substation and distribution facility IEDs, from a multitude of control center and enterprise applications," said Joe Orth, Senior Special Project Manager for Tacoma Power. "The key to any good solution is offering a customer focused organization with the intellectual property and knowledgeable staff willing to present solutions using a variety of tools and approaches to resolve the wide array of security and communications issues that face all utilities. Bow worked with all Tacoma Power's stakeholders in the process of developing a solution, which addressed many serious deficiencies in the security and data integrity of our existing IEDs."

Bow Networks introduced its eLAN™ platform in response to the trend toward the use of corporate intranets and the Internet for communicating substation data cost-effectively to many departmental users.

Bow Networks' President, Jeff Gill explains, "Tacoma Power is a forward thinking utility that has put in place a communications infrastructure that allows them to leverage their existing investment in automation. Our eLAN technology was built around the idea of using networks to solve communications and integration issues. We are pleased to have a partner in Tacoma who shares this philosophy."

Site acceptance testing for the project has recently been completed, and the eLAN servers will be placed in service at three of TPWR's sites in Q1, 2003.

A more complete description of the project is available at [www.bownetworks.com/downloads/tacoma.pdf](http://www.bownetworks.com/downloads/tacoma.pdf)

Bow Networks is a utility communications company and the developer of the eLAN™ communications platform. Bow is based in Calgary, Canada.

#### **About Tacoma Power**

Tacoma Power is a municipal utility serving multiple jurisdictions in Pierce County, in Washington State, serving about 200 square miles and approximately 200,000 customers.

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