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ELCOMPONENT LOWERS THE COST OF METER READING

Elcomponent has launched a two-pronged attack on the cost of automatic meter reading (AMR) for small (and not so small businesses). In a bold move to make AMR affordable - even for sites where the number of meters can easily be counted in the fingers of one hand - the company has launched a new package "MeterRing Express" which comprises all the necessary hardware and software to read up to four pulse output meters. MD Bill Gysin says "We wanted to create a 'one stop' solution so customers could be sure that everything would work right out of the box."

MeterRing Express runs on all Windows platforms from W98 up, and is expandable to cover up to 200 meter points. It's also fully compatible with Elcomponent's range of low cost pulse radio transceivers, but it is the launch of another major new product that really makes the difference.

Elcomponent has acquired the rights to the Willow Optical Meter Readers and is launching a new improved, and most importantly, lower cost version of this well proven device. The basic design is very similar as the product has a well-deserved reputation for performance and reliability in the field, but the user interface has been simplified and the housing changed to a standard DIN rail package in line with Elcomponent's other products. It's also a lot easier to manufacture, which has allowed a significant reduction in price, which when combined with the MeterRing Express package, makes AMR an attractive proposition for small businesses for the first time.

Bill Gysin comments “Low cost AMR is often used to read existing tariff meters in small businesses, and these meters generally don’t have pulse outputs, which is a big, often insurmountable, problem. The combination of MeterRing Express and the new Optical Meter Reader provides a perfect solution, and opens up a highly effective energy management tool to a much wider audience.”

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