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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to Commission file number 000-22418 ITRON, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington 91-1011792

(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2111 N Molter Road, Liberty Lake, Washington 99019

(509) 924-9900

(Address and telephone number of registrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filerx

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company "Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

As of September 30, 2011 there were outstanding 40,732,045 shares of the registrant's common stock, no par value, which is the only class of common stock of the registrant.

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PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1: Financial Statements (Unaudited)

ITRON, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED)

|   | Three Months Ended |     | Nine Months Ended |      |             |   |             |   |
|---|--------------------|-----|-------------------|------|-------------|---|-------------|---|
|   | September 30,      |     | September 30,     |      | 30,         | , |             |   |
|   | 2011               |     | 2010              |      | 2011        |   | 2010        |   |
|   |                    |     | (restated)        |      |             |   | (restated)  |   |
|   | (in thousand       | ls, | except per sh     | are  | e data)     |   |             |   |
| Revenues  | \$615,555          |     | \$573,651         |      | \$1,791,647 |   | \$1,638,613 |   |
| Cost of revenues  | 439,377            |     | 391,888           |      | 1,240,276   |   | 1,125,730   |   |
| Gross profit  | 176,178            |     | 181,763           |      | 551,371     |   | 512,883     |   |
| Operating expenses  |                    |     |                   |      |             |   |             |   |
| Sales and marketing   | 45,037             |     | 41,197            |      | 138,530     |   | 123,708     |   |
| Product development   | 38,672             |     | 34,038            |      | 120,048     |   | 100,100     |   |
| General and administrative  | 32,212             |     | 30,710            |      | 100,661     |   | 97,052      |   |
| Amortization of intangible assets   | 16,013             |     | 16,882            |      | 47,807      |   | 51,459      |   |
| Restructuring   | 1,096              |     | _                 |      | 3,003       |   | _           |   |
| Goodwill impairment   | 540,400            |     |                   |      | 540,400     |   |             |   |
| Total operating expenses  | 673,430            |     | 122,827           |      | 950,449     |   | 372,319     |   |
| Operating income (loss)   | (497,252           | )   | 58,936            |      | (399,078    | ) | 140,564     |   |
| Other income (expense)  |                    |     |                   |      |             |   |             |   |
| Interest income   | 155                |     | 166               |      | 631         |   | 444         |   |
| Interest expense  | (10,796            | )   | (13,328           | )    | (34,330     | ) | (42,216     | ) |
| Other income (expense), net   | (3,147             | )   | (4,423            | )    | (7,220      | ) | (5,440      | ) |
| Total other income (expense)  | (13,788            | )   | (17,585           | )    | (40,919     | ) | (47,212     | ) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes   | (511,040           | )   | 41,351            |      | (439,997    | ) | 93,352      |   |
| Income tax provision  | (6,042             | )   | (13,712           | )    | (15,529     | ) | (15,152     | ) |
| Net income (loss)   | \$(517,082         | )   | \$27,639          |      | \$(455,526  | ) | \$78,200    |   |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - Basic  | \$(12.70           | )   | \$0.68            |      | \$(11.21    | ) | \$1.94      |   |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - Diluted  | \$(12.70           | )   | \$0.68            |      | \$(11.21    | ) | \$1.91      |   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Basic  | 40,725             |     | 40,400            |      | 40,648      |   | 40,307      |   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted<br>The accompanying notes are an integral part of these co |                    | οli | 40,828            | a1 ( | 40,648      |   | 40,950      |   |
| The decompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated maneral statements.                 |                    |     |                   |      |             |   |             |   |

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## ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)

|  | September 30, 2011 (unaudited) | December 31, 2010 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS   |                                |                   |
| Current assets   |                                |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                | \$129,514                      | \$169,477         |
| Accounts receivable, net                                 | 377,107                        | 371,662           |
| Inventories  | 240,565                        | 208,157           |
| Deferred tax assets current, net                         | 44,953                         | 55,351            |
| Other current assets                                     | 88,214                         | 77,570            |
| Total current assets                                     | 880,353                        | 882,217           |
| Property, plant, and equipment, net                      | 287,565                        | 299,242           |
| Deferred tax assets noncurrent, net                      | 28,053                         | 35,050            |
| Other long-term assets                                   | 66,878                         | 28,242            |
| Intangible assets, net                                   | 264,223                        | 291,670           |
| Goodwill   | 714,606                        | 1,209,376         |
| Total assets   | \$2,241,678                    | \$2,745,797       |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities |                                |                   |
| Accounts payable   | \$260,148                      | \$241,949         |
| Other current liabilities                                | 31,198                         | 49,690            |
| Wages and benefits payable                               | 83,173                         | 110,479           |
| Taxes payable  | 23,812                         | 19,725            |
| Current portion of debt                                  | 15,000                         | 228,721           |
| Current portion of warranty                              | 50,798                         | 24,912            |
| Unearned revenue   | 43,814                         | 28,258            |
| Total current liabilities                                | 507,943                        | 703,734           |
| Long-term debt   | 481,252                        | 382,220           |
| Long-term warranty                                       | 28,234                         | 26,371            |
| Pension plan benefit liability                           | 66,550                         | 61,450            |
| Deferred tax liabilities noncurrent, net                 | 41,974                         | 54,412            |
| Other long-term obligations                              | 88,744                         | 89,315            |
| Total liabilities  | 1,214,697                      | 1,317,502         |
| Commitments and contingencies                            |                                |                   |
| Shareholders' equity                                     |                                |                   |
| Preferred stock  | _                              | _                 |
| Common stock   | 1,343,940                      | 1,328,249         |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net       | 3,547                          | (34,974)          |
| (Accumulated deficit) retained earnings                  | (320,506                       | ) 135,020         |
| Total shareholders' equity                               | 1,026,981                      | 1,428,295         |

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

\$2,241,678

\$2,745,797

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## ITRON, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30,    |            |                     |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---|
|  | 2011                                  |            | 2010<br>(restated)  |   |
|  | (in thousands                         |            |                     |   |
| Operating activities Net income (loss)   | \$(455,526                            | ) 5        | \$78,200            |   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | \$\(\(\epsilon\)                      | , -        | ₽ / O, <b>=</b> O O |   |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 96,919                                | Ç          | 97,184              |   |
| Stock-based compensation   | 12,401                                |            | 14,222              |   |
| Amortization of prepaid debt fees  | 5,365                                 |            | 4,219               |   |
| Amortization of convertible debt discount  | 5,336                                 |            | 7,505               |   |
| Deferred taxes, net  | ·                                     |            | (1,237              | ) |
| Goodwill impairment  | 540,400                               | _          | _                   |   |
| Other adjustments, net   | 1,961                                 | 2          | 4,008               |   |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:                         |                                       |            |                     |   |
| Accounts receivable  | (21,940                               | ) (        | (53,425             | ) |
| Inventories  | (32,750                               | -          | 57,698              | ) |
| Other current assets   | • •                                   | -          | (1,776              | ) |
| Other long-term assets   | * '                                   |            | 1,642               |   |
| Accounts payables, other current liabilities, and taxes payable                          | 12,347                                | -          | 38,139              |   |
| Wages and benefits payable   |                                       |            | 26,799              |   |
| Unearned revenue   | 22,862                                | -          | (2,814              | ) |
| Warranty   | 28,028                                |            | 16,535              |   |
| Other operating, net   |                                       |            | (4,387              | ) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 153,801                               |            | 167,116             |   |
| Investing activities   |                                       |            |                     |   |
| Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment   | (45,799                               | ) (        | (45,507             | ) |
| Business acquisition, net of cash equivalents acquired                                   | (14,635                               | ,<br>) -   | _                   |   |
| Other investing, net   | 634                                   | <b>.</b> 5 | 5,412               |   |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (59,800                               |            | (40,095             | ) |
| Financing activities   |                                       |            |                     |   |
| Proceeds from borrowings   | 670,000                               |            |                     |   |
| Payments on debt   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | ) (        | (106,524            | ) |
| Issuance of common stock   | 3,512                                 |            | 7,931               |   |
| Other financing, net   |                                       |            | (2,330              | ) |
| Net cash used in financing activities  |                                       |            | (100,923            | ) |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents                     | 2,147                                 | ]          | 123                 |   |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents   | (39,963                               |            | 26,221              |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period   | 169,477                               | -          | 121,893             |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period   | \$129,514                             |            | \$148,114           |   |
|  | *                                     |            | •                   |   |

| Non-cash transactions:  |               |   |          |   |
|---|---------------|---|----------|---|
| Property, plant, and equipment purchased but not yet paid, net                        | \$(3,130      | ) | \$(5,998 | ) |
| Fair value of contingent and deferred consideration payable for business acquisition  | 5,108         |   |          |   |
|   |               |   |          |   |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:                                     |               |   |          |   |
| Cash paid during the period for:  |               |   |          |   |
| Income taxes, net   | \$12,904      |   | \$17,447 |   |
| Interest, net of amounts capitalized  | 25,964        |   | 31,666   |   |
| The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial | l statements. |   |          |   |
|   |               |   |          |   |
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ITRON, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2011
(UNAUDITED)

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the terms "we," "us," "our," "Itron," and the "Company" refer to Itron, Inc.

#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

We were incorporated in the state of Washington in 1977. We provide a portfolio of products and services to utilities for the energy and water markets throughout the world.

### **Financial Statement Preparation**

The condensed consolidated financial statements presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are unaudited and reflect entries necessary for the fair presentation of the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, and the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 of Itron, Inc. and its subsidiaries. All entries required for the fair presentation of the financial statements are of a normal recurring nature, except as disclosed.

Certain information and notes normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding interim results. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2010 audited financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, as filed with the SEC on February 25, 2011. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full fiscal year or for any other fiscal period.

#### Basis of Consolidation

We consolidate all entities in which we have a greater than 50% ownership interest or in which we exercise control over the operations. We use the equity method of accounting for entities in which we have a 50% or less investment and exercise significant influence. Entities in which we have less than a 20% investment and where we do not exercise significant influence are accounted for under the cost method. Variable interest entities of which we are the primary beneficiary are consolidated. At September 30, 2011, our investments in variable interest entities and noncontrolling interests were not material. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

#### **Business Acquisition**

On January 10, 2011, we completed the acquisition of Asais S.A.S. and Asais Conseil S.A.S. (collectively Asais), an energy information management software and consulting services provider, located in France. The acquisition consisted of cash and contingent consideration. The acquisition was immaterial to our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. (See Business Combinations policy below.)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider all highly liquid instruments with remaining maturities of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are recorded for invoices issued to customers in accordance with our contractual arrangements. Interest and late payment fees are minimal. Unbilled receivables are recorded when revenues are recognized upon product shipment or service delivery and invoicing occurs at a later date. We record an allowance for doubtful

accounts representing our estimate of the probable losses in accounts receivable at the date of the balance sheet based on our historical experience of bad debts and our specific review of outstanding receivables. Accounts receivable are written-off against the allowance when we believe an account, or a portion thereof, is no longer collectible.

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method. Cost includes raw materials and labor, plus applied direct and indirect costs.

#### **Derivative Instruments**

All derivative instruments, whether designated in hedging relationships or not, are recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets

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at fair value as either assets or liabilities. The components and fair values of our derivative instruments are determined using the fair value measurements of significant other observable inputs (Level 2), as defined by GAAP. The net fair value of our derivative instruments may switch between a net asset and a net liability depending on market circumstances at the end of the period. We include the effect of our counterparty credit risk based on current published credit default swap rates when the net fair value of our derivative instruments are in a net asset position and the effect of our own nonperformance risk when the net fair value of our derivative instruments are in a net liability position.

For any derivative designated as a fair value hedge, the changes in the fair value of the derivative and of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk are recognized in earnings. For any derivative designated as a cash flow hedge, the effective portions of changes in the fair value of the derivative are recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (OCI) and are recognized in earnings when the hedged item affects earnings. For a hedge of a net investment, the effective portion of any unrealized gain or loss from the foreign currency revaluation of the hedging instrument is reported in OCI as a net unrealized gain or loss on derivative instruments. Upon termination of a net investment hedge, the net derivative gain/loss will remain in accumulated OCI until such time when earnings are impacted by a sale or liquidation of the associated operations. Ineffective portions of fair value changes or the changes in fair value of derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedging activities are recognized in other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. We classify cash flows from our derivative programs as cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Derivatives are not used for trading or speculative purposes. Our derivatives are with major international financial institutions, with whom we have master netting agreements; however, our derivative positions are not disclosed on a net basis. There are no credit-risk-related contingent features within our derivative instruments. Refer to Note 7 and Note 12 for further disclosures of our derivative instruments and their impact on OCI.

#### Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 30 years for buildings and improvements and three to 10 years for machinery and equipment, computers and purchased software, and furniture. Leasehold improvements are capitalized and amortized over the term of the applicable lease, including renewable periods if reasonably assured, or over the useful lives, whichever is shorter. Construction in process represents capital expenditures incurred for assets not yet placed in service. Costs related to internally developed software and software purchased for internal uses are capitalized and are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. We have no major planned maintenance activities.

We review long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. We have had no significant impairments of long-lived assets. Assets held for sale are classified within other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated. We had no assets held for sale at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. Gains and losses from asset disposals and impairment losses are classified within the statement of operations according to the use of the asset.

#### Prepaid Debt Fees

Prepaid debt fees represent the capitalized direct costs incurred related to the issuance of debt and are recorded as noncurrent assets. These costs are amortized to interest expense over the lives of the respective borrowings, including contingent maturity or call features, using the effective interest method, or straight-line method when associated with a revolving credit facility. When debt is repaid early, the related portion of unamortized prepaid debt fees is written-off and included in interest expense.

#### **Business Combinations**

On the date of acquisition, the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interests in the acquiree are recorded at their fair values. The acquiree results of operations are also included as of the date of acquisition in our consolidated results. Intangible assets that arise from contractual/legal rights, or are capable of being separated, as well as in-process research and development, are measured and recorded at fair value, and amortized over the estimated useful life. If practicable, assets acquired and liabilities assumed arising from contingencies are measured and recorded at fair value. If not practicable, such assets and liabilities are measured and recorded when it is probable that a gain or loss has occurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. The residual balance of the purchase price, after fair value allocations to all identified assets and liabilities, represents goodwill. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Restructuring costs associated with an acquisition are generally expensed in periods subsequent to the acquisition date, and changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and acquired income tax uncertainties, including penalties and interest, after the measurement period are recognized as a component of the provision for income taxes.

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#### Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill and intangible assets result from our acquisitions. We use estimates, including estimates of useful lives of intangible assets, the amount and timing of related future cash flows, and fair values of the related operations, in determining the value assigned to goodwill and intangible assets. Our intangible assets have a finite life and are amortized over their estimated useful lives based on estimated discounted cash flows. Intangible assets are tested for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Goodwill is assigned to our reporting units based on the expected benefit from the synergies arising from each business combination, determined by using certain financial metrics, including the forecasted discounted cash flows associated with each reporting unit. Our Itron North America operating segment represents one reporting unit, while our Itron International operating segment has three reporting units. In the first quarter of 2012, we will reallocate our goodwill from our existing reporting units to the new reporting units within the Energy and Water operating segments based on the relative fair values of the existing and new reporting units on January 1, 2012.

We test goodwill for impairment each year as of October 1, or more frequently should a significant impairment indicator occur. The impairment test for goodwill involves comparing the fair value of the reporting units to their carrying amounts. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, a second step is required to measure for a goodwill impairment loss. This step revalues all assets and liabilities of the reporting unit to their current fair values and then compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill to the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess.

Determining the fair value of a reporting unit is judgmental in nature and involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. We forecast discounted future cash flows at the reporting unit level using risk-adjusted discount rates and estimated future revenues and operating costs, which take into consideration factors such as existing backlog, expected future orders, supplier contracts, and expectations of competitive and economic environments. We also identify similar publicly traded companies and develop a correlation, referred to as a multiple, to apply to the operating results of the reporting units. These combined fair values are then reconciled to our aggregate market value of our shares of common stock on the date of valuation, while considering a reasonable control premium.

#### Contingencies

A loss contingency is recorded if it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. We evaluate, among other factors, the degree of probability of an unfavorable outcome and our ability to make a reasonable estimate of the amount of the ultimate loss. Loss contingencies that we determine to be reasonably possible, but not probable, are disclosed. Changes in these factors and related estimates could materially affect our financial position and results of operations.

#### Bonus and Profit Sharing

We have various employee bonus and profit sharing plans, which provide award amounts for the achievement of annual financial and nonfinancial targets. If management determines it is probable that the targets will be achieved, and the amounts can be reasonably estimated, a compensation accrual is recorded based on the proportional achievement of the financial and nonfinancial targets. Although we monitor and accrue expenses quarterly based on our progress toward the achievement of the annual targets, the actual results at the end of the year may require awards that are significantly greater or less than the estimates made in earlier quarters.

#### Warranty

We offer standard warranties on our hardware products and large application software products. We accrue the estimated cost of warranty claims based on historical and projected product performance trends and costs. Testing of new products in the development stage helps identify and correct potential warranty issues prior to manufacturing.

Continuing quality control efforts during manufacturing reduce our exposure to warranty claims. If our quality control efforts fail to detect a fault in one of our products, we could experience an increase in warranty claims. We track warranty claims to identify potential warranty trends. If an unusual trend is noted, an additional warranty accrual may be assessed and recorded when a failure event is probable and the cost can be reasonably estimated. Management continually evaluates the sufficiency of the warranty provisions and makes adjustments when necessary. The warranty allowances may fluctuate due to changes in estimates for material, labor, and other costs we may incur to repair or replace projected product failures, and we may incur additional warranty and related expenses in the future with respect to new or established products, which could adversely affect our financial position and results of operations. The long-term warranty balance includes estimated warranty claims beyond one year. Warranty expense is classified within cost of revenues.

## **Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

We sponsor both funded and unfunded defined benefit pension plans for our international employees. We recognize a liability for

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the projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets or an asset for plan assets in excess of the projected benefit obligation. We also recognize the funded status of our defined benefit pension plans on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and recognize as a component of OCI, net of tax, the actuarial gains or losses and prior service costs or credits, if any, that arise during the period but that are not recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenues consist primarily of hardware sales, software license fees, software implementation, project management services, installation, consulting, and post-sale maintenance support. Revenues are recognized when (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (2) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, (3) the sales price is fixed or determinable, and (4) collectability is reasonably assured.

The majority of our revenue arrangements involve multiple deliverables, which combine two or more of the following: hardware, meter reading system software, installation, and/or project management services. Revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables are divided into separate units of accounting if the delivered item(s) has value to the customer on a standalone basis and delivery/performance of the undelivered item(s) is probable. The total arrangement consideration is allocated among the separate units of accounting based on their relative fair values and the applicable revenue recognition criteria considered for each unit of accounting. The amount allocable to a delivered item is limited to the amount that we are entitled to collect and that is not contingent upon the delivery/performance of additional items. Revenues for each deliverable are then recognized based on the type of deliverable, such as 1) when the products are shipped, 2) services are delivered, 3) percentage-of-completion when implementation services are essential to other deliverables in the arrangements, 4) upon receipt of customer acceptance, or 5) transfer of title. The majority of our revenue is recognized when products are shipped to or received by a customer or when services are provided.

We primarily enter into two types of multiple deliverable arrangements, which include a combination of hardware and associated software and services:

Arrangements that do not include the deployment of our smart metering systems and technology are recognized as follows:

Hardware revenues are recognized at the time of shipment, receipt by customer, or, if applicable, upon completion of customer acceptance provisions.

If implementation services are essential to the functionality of the associated software, software and implementation revenues are recognized using either the percentage-of-completion methodology of contract accounting if project costs can be estimated, or the completed contract methodology if project costs cannot be reliably estimated.

Arrangements to deploy our smart metering systems and technology are recognized as follows:

Hardware revenues are recognized at the time of shipment, receipt by customer, or, if applicable, upon completion of customer acceptance provisions.

Revenue from associated software and services is recognized using the units-of-delivery method of contract accounting, as the software is essential to the functionality of the related hardware and the implementation services are essential to the functionality of the associated software. This methodology often results in the deferral of costs and revenues as professional services and software implementation typically commence prior to deployment of hardware.

We also enter into multiple deliverable software arrangements that do not include hardware. For this type of arrangement, revenue recognition is dependent upon the availability of vendor specific objective evidence (VSOE) of fair value for each of the deliverables. The lack of VSOE, or the existence of extended payment terms or other inherent risks, may affect the timing of revenue recognition for software arrangements.

Certain of our revenue arrangements include an extended or noncustomary warranty provision which covers all or a portion of a customer's replacement or repair costs beyond the standard or customary warranty period. Whether or not the extended warranty is separately priced in the arrangement, a portion of the arrangement's total consideration is allocated to this extended warranty deliverable. This revenue is deferred and recognized over the extended warranty coverage period. Extended or noncustomary warranties do not represent a significant portion of our revenue.

We allocate consideration to each deliverable in an arrangement based on its relative selling price. We determine selling price using VSOE, if it exists, otherwise we use third-party evidence (TPE). If neither VSOE nor TPE of selling price exists for a unit of accounting, we use estimated selling price (ESP).

VSOE is generally limited to the price charged when the same or similar product is sold separately or, if applicable, the stated

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renewal rate in the agreement. If a product or service is seldom sold separately, it is unlikely that we can determine VSOE for the product or service. We define VSOE as a median price of recent standalone transactions that are priced within a narrow range. TPE is determined based on the prices charged by our competitors for a similar deliverable when sold separately.

If we are unable to establish selling price using VSOE or TPE, we use ESP in the allocation of arrangement consideration. The objective of ESP is to determine the price at which we would transact if the product or service were regularly sold by us on a standalone basis. Our determination of ESP involves a weighting of several factors based on the specific facts and circumstances of the arrangement. Specifically, we consider the cost to produce the deliverable, the anticipated margin on that deliverable, the selling price and profit margin for similar parts, our ongoing pricing strategy and policies (as evident in the price list established and updated by management on a regular basis), the value of any enhancements that have been built into the deliverable, and the characteristics of the varying markets in which the deliverable is sold. We analyze the selling prices used in our allocation of arrangement consideration on an annual basis. Selling prices are analyzed on a more frequent basis if we experience significant variances in our selling prices or if a significant change in our business necessitates a more timely analysis.

Unearned revenue is recorded when a customer pays for products or services, but the criteria for revenue recognition have not been met as of the balance sheet date. Unearned revenues of \$66.2 million and \$42.8 million at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 related primarily to professional services and software associated with our smart metering contracts, extended or noncustomary warranty, and prepaid post-contract support. Deferred cost is recorded for products or services for which ownership (typically defined as title and risk of loss) has transferred to the customer, but the criteria for revenue recognition have not been met as of the balance sheet date. Deferred costs were \$15.9 million and \$10.0 million at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 and are recorded within other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Hardware and software post-sale maintenance support fees are recognized ratably over the life of the related service contract. Shipping and handling costs and incidental expenses billed to customers are recorded as revenue, with the associated cost charged to cost of revenues. We record sales, use, and value added taxes billed to our customers on a net basis.

#### Product and Software Development Costs

Product and software development costs primarily include employee compensation and third party contracting fees. We generally do not capitalize product and software development expenses due to the relatively short period of time between technological feasibility and the completion of product and software development, and the immaterial nature of these costs.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

We measure and recognize compensation expense for all stock-based awards made to employees and directors, including stock options, stock sold pursuant to our Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP), and the issuance of restricted stock units and unrestricted stock awards, based on estimated fair values. The fair value of stock options is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which includes assumptions for the dividend yield, expected volatility, risk-free interest rate, and expected life. For ESPP awards, the fair value is the difference between the market close price of our common stock on the date of purchase and the discounted purchase price. For restricted stock units and unrestricted stock awards, the fair value is the market close price of our common stock on the date of grant. We expense stock-based compensation at the date of grant for unrestricted stock awards. For awards with only a service condition, we expense stock-based compensation, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, using the straight-line method over the requisite service period for the entire award. For awards with both performance and service conditions, we expense the stock-based compensation, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the award. Excess tax benefits are credited

to common stock when the deduction reduces cash taxes payable. When we have tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost, they are classified as financing cash inflows in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

#### Loss on Extinguishment of Debt, Net

Upon partial or full redemption of our borrowings, we recognize a gain or loss for the difference between the cash paid and the net carrying amount of the debt redeemed. Included in the net carrying amount is any unamortized premium or discount from the original issuance of the debt.

#### **Income Taxes**

We compute our interim income tax provision through the use of an estimated annual effective tax rate (ETR) applied to year-to-date operating results and specific events that are discretely recognized as they occur. In determining the estimated annual ETR, we analyze various factors, including projections of our annual earnings, taxing jurisdictions in which the earnings will be generated, the impact of state and local income taxes, our ability to use tax credits and net operating loss carryforwards, and available tax planning alternatives. Discrete items, including the effect of changes in tax laws, tax rates, and certain circumstances with respect to valuation allowances or other unusual or non-recurring tax adjustments, are reflected in the period in which they occur as an addition to, or reduction from, the income tax provision, rather than included in the estimated annual ETR.

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based upon anticipated future tax consequences, in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate, attributable to: (1) the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective income tax bases; and (2) operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The calculation of our tax liabilities involves applying complex tax regulations in different tax jurisdictions to our tax positions. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce the carrying amount of deferred tax assets if it is not more likely than not that such assets will be realized. We do not record tax liabilities on undistributed earnings of international subsidiaries that are permanently reinvested.

Our accounting for uncertain tax positions utilizes a two step approach. A tax position is first evaluated for recognition based on its technical merits. Tax positions that have a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement are then measured to determine amounts to be recognized in the financial statements. This measurement incorporates information about potential settlements with taxing authorities. A previously recognized tax position is derecognized in the first period in which the position no longer meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold or upon expiration of the statute of limitations. We classify interest expense and penalties related to uncertain tax positions and interest income on tax overpayments as part of income tax expense.

#### Foreign Exchange

Our consolidated financial statements are reported in U.S. dollars. Assets and liabilities of international subsidiaries with a non-U.S. dollar functional currency are translated to U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect on the balance sheet date, or the last business day of the period, if applicable. Revenues and expenses for these subsidiaries are translated to U.S. dollars using a weighted average rate for the relevant reporting period. Translation adjustments resulting from this process are included, net of tax, in OCI. Gains and losses that arise from exchange rate fluctuations for monetary asset and liability balances that are not denominated in an entity's functional currency are included within other income (expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Currency gains and losses of intercompany balances deemed to be long-term in nature or designated as a hedge of the net investment in international subsidiaries are included, net of tax, in OCI.

#### Fair Value Measurements

For assets and liabilities measured at fair value, the GAAP fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in different valuation methodologies, assigning the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in actively traded markets (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Level 2 inputs consist of quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in non-active markets; and model-derived valuations in which significant inputs are corroborated by observable market data either directly or indirectly through correlation or other means (inputs may include yield curves, volatility, credit risks, and default rates). We hold no assets or liabilities measured using Level 1 fair value inputs.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Due to various factors affecting future costs and operations, actual results could differ materially from these estimates.

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#### Restatement

The unaudited quarterly financial information for the first three quarters of 2010 was restated in the fourth quarter of 2010. The restatement was made primarily to defer revenue previously recognized on one contract due to a misinterpretation of an extended warranty provision. While the restatement was not deemed material to the first three quarters of 2010, we concluded that the aggregate correction of such amounts would be material to the fourth quarter of 2010. Accordingly, although not material to our financial statements for the first three quarters of 2010, the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 have been restated, as well as certain balance sheet components as of September 30, 2010. The consolidated statement of operations, consolidated balance sheet, and consolidated statement of cash flows have been restated, as follows:

| Consolidated statement of anarotions                   | Three Months Ended                    |             | Nine Months Ended      |             |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Consolidated statement of operations                   | September 30, 2010                    |             | September 30, 2010     |             |  |  |  |
|  | As previously reported                | As restated | As previously reported | As restated |  |  |  |
|  | (in thousands, except per share data) |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Revenues   | \$575,968                             | \$573,651   | \$1,644,708            | \$1,638,613 |  |  |  |
| Cost of revenues                                       | 391,761                               | 391,888     | 1,125,282              | 1,125,730   |  |  |  |
| Gross profit   | 184,207                               | 181,763     | 519,426                | 512,883     |  |  |  |
| Operating income                                       | 61,380                                | 58,936      | 147,107                | 140,564     |  |  |  |
| Income before income taxes                             | 43,795                                | 41,351      | 99,895                 | 93,352      |  |  |  |
| Income tax (provision) benefit                         | (14,687)                              | (13,712     | (17,100                | (15,152)    |  |  |  |
| Net income   | 29,108                                | 27,639      | 82,795                 | 78,200      |  |  |  |
| Earnings per common share - Basic                      | \$0.72                                | \$0.68      | \$2.05                 | \$1.94      |  |  |  |
| Earnings per common share - Diluted                    | \$0.71                                | \$0.68      | \$2.02                 | \$1.91      |  |  |  |
| Consolidated balance sheet                             | September 30,                         | 2010        |                        |             |  |  |  |
|  | As previously reported                | As restated |                        |             |  |  |  |
|  | (in thousands)                        |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable, net                               | 383,814                               | 383,431     |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax assets noncurrent, net                    | 49,612                                | 51,560      |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Long-term warranty                                     | 24,993                                | 25,441      |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Other long-term obligations                            | 68,417                                | 74,167      |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net              | (1,688                                | ) (1,726    | )                      |             |  |  |  |
| Retained earnings                                      | 113,045                               | 108,450     |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Consolidated statement of cash flow  Nine Months Ended |                                       |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Consolidated statement of easil flow                   | September 30,                         | 2010        |                        |             |  |  |  |
|  | As previously reported                | As restated |                        |             |  |  |  |
|  | (in thousands)                        |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Operating activities                                   |                                       |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Net income   | \$82,795                              | \$78,200    |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash        |                                       |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| provided by operating activities:                      |                                       |             |                        |             |  |  |  |
| Deferred taxes, net                                    | 711                                   | (1,237      | )                      |             |  |  |  |

Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of

acquisition:

Accounts receivable (53,770 ) (53,425 )
Unearned revenue (8,564 ) (2,814 )
Warranty 16,087 16,535

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Note 2: Earnings (Loss) Per Share and Capital Structure

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (EPS):

|  | Three Months Ended |                    | Nine Months Ended |          |  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|--|
|  | September 30,      |                    | September 30,     |          |  |
|  | 2011               | 2010               | 2011              | 2010     |  |
|  | (in thousands, e   | except per share o | lata)             |          |  |
| Net income (loss) available to common shareholder    | rs\$(517,082)      | \$27,639           | \$(455,526)       | \$78,200 |  |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Basic   | 40,725             | 40,400             | 40,648            | 40,307   |  |
| Dilutive effect of convertible notes                 | _                  | _                  |                   | 138      |  |
| Dilutive effect of stock-based awards                | _                  | 428                |                   | 505      |  |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted | 40,725             | 40,828             | 40,648            | 40,950   |  |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - Basic             | \$(12.70)          | \$0.68             | \$                |          |  |