

ERTH Power's New Green Button Connector Tool Certified as Compliant to NAESB's ESPI v.3.3



ERTH Power is among the first utilities in Ontario to certify to the NAESB ESPI Version 3.3 Green Button Standard

Ingersoll, ON – On Friday, June 24, 2022, ERTH Power Corporation's Green Button solution, the ERTH GB Connector, developed in partnership with Savage Data Systems and NorthStar Utilities Solutions, successfully achieved the Green Button Alliance's Certification as compliant to the North American Energy Standards Board's (NAESB) Energy Services Provider Interface (ESPI) version 3.3 business-practices specification, commonly known as the Green Button standard.

“Thanks to the dedication and expertise of our partners, we are extremely proud that ERTH Power will be one of the first utilities in Ontario to offer standards-based Green Button energy-usage data and retail customer data to its customers within the next couple of months,” said Graig Pettit, Vice President and General Manager of ERTH Power Corporation. “Since the beginning of this initiative, it has been important to maintain a seamless customer experience, while working to ensure we deliver the benefits of easy data access and secure data sharing to our customers. Leveraging the ERTH GB Connector, powered by Savage Data Systems, we are able to continue using our existing SilverBlaze customer portal, along with our trusted Savage ODS and NorthStar CIS platforms. This benefits both ERTH Power and our customers tremendously.”

The Green Button Alliance’s testing and certification of ERTH Power’s GB Connector solution comes less than eight months after the Ministry of Energy mandated that Ontario utilities implement Green Button *Connect My Data* and *Download My Data* solutions by November 1, 2023.

“The Savage Data Custodian, which powers the ERTH GB Connector, was the first solution to certify as compliant to the NAESB ESPI version 3.3 standard for Energy-Usage Information in February 2022,” said Ron Savage, President and CEO of Savage Data Systems. “Through our partnership with ERTH and experience working with other utilities, we are now able to deploy the ERTH GB Connector, powered by Savage Data Systems, with virtually any ODS and billing system.”

“Collaboration amongst proven technology and solution providers is the driving force that has propelled the ERTH GB Connector solution,” explained Laurie Palmer, Chief Operating Officer of ERTH Corporation. “We are now working with several other Ontario utilities to support their standards-based Green Button implementations, while delivering cost savings and efficiencies.”

About ERTH Power Corporation

ERTH Power Corporation is a licensed distribution company (LDC) providing efficient delivery of electricity, billing and maintenance service to over 25,000 residential and commercial customers within its licensed boundaries. Areas that ERTH Power currently service include the municipalities of Aylmer, Port Stanley, Belmont, Ingersoll, Thamesford, Otterville, Norwich, Burgessville, Beachville, Embro, Tavistock, Clinton, Mitchell, Dublin and Goderich. For further details on ERTH Power Corporation, please visit www.erthpower.com.

About ERTH Corporation

ERTH Corporation is a diverse group of companies with its origins in the utility industry. Owned by nine municipal shareholders, ERTH distributes electricity to 15 communities in southwestern Ontario and it has grown to be a leading provider of products and services in many industries including utility, energy retailer, municipal, and commercial and industrial to name a few. With customers across North America, ERTH is committed to improving the overall customer experience while helping to lower operating and maintenance expenses for our customers.

About Savage Data Systems

With a focus on the Ontario energy sector, Savage Data Systems has active customer relationships with most of the local distribution companies in Ontario. With several products that focus on the energy sector Savage Data continues to flourish. Savage Data Systems has a strong focus on Meter Data Management, Outage Management, Asset Management and Data Analytics. Savage is a Participating Member of the Green Button Alliance.

About SilverBlaze

SilverBlaze Solutions is an award-winning software innovation, development and consulting firm. As a leader in customer engagement and collaboration, SilverBlaze specializes in providing self-service portal and intelligent form software to

electric, water, gas, telecom and multi-service utility companies. Over the past 19 years, SilverBlaze has successfully empowered clients throughout the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean to maximize customer engagement.

About NorthStar Utilities Solutions

NorthStar Utilities Solutions provides utilities with cost-effective solutions for real-world challenges. Core to their solution offering is a Customer Information System for Electric, Gas, Water and Sewer. Founded in 1976, NorthStar is now working with over 200 utilities throughout North America & the Caribbean.

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