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TransData® Develops First Commercial - Industrial Electricity Meter With National Two-way Wireless Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) Technology Integrated Under Glass

Richardson, Texas - **August 19, 1998,** TransData announces that it's MARK-V AMR DATA-PRO^{SM} platform is the first electricity meter to integrate national, two-way wireless Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) technology completely under glass for communicating Billing Data, Load Profiles, Power Quality and Outage Notification Reports over American Mobile's ARDIS nationwide data network. The MARK-V AMR DATA-PRO meter is ANSI and FCC certified, and has received ARDIS network acceptance. Deployment of the MARK-V AMR DATA-PRO meters with wireless network modems began in late 1997.

The MARK-V AMR DATA-PRO meter integrates the Motorola Series 500 Wireless Modem with a proprietary antenna design housed completely inside the meter chassis. There are no wires or external boxes requiring hook-up. The user simply installs the meter, and the wireless modem automatically logs its address onto the ARDIS network.

American Mobile's ARDIS network is the first and largest two-way nationwide data network serving over 10,700 cities and towns across the U.S., Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. The ARDIS network provides coverage to more than 90% of all business activity in the U.S., and is used by companies such as IBM, Pitney Bowes and NCR for wireless data transmission.

"The MARK-V AMR DATA-PRO meter gives energy service providers the first national solution to their meter reading requirements over an existing national data network" said Trace Gleibs, TransData, Inc. Executive Vice President. The advantages of using an existing national two-way wireless data network for AMR is that it eliminates the large, long-term investment utilities face in building out their own limited capability meter reading networks, while also providing very competitive meter reading costs. Furthermore, it opens the door to direct access by establishing a two-way communications gateway into the customer's premises that can be used to offer a variety of value-added products and services.

The Companies

TransData, Inc. (www.transdatainc.com) is an industry leader specializing in the design and manufacture of intelligent, solid state energy metering systems, automatic meter reading (AMR) technologies, power & energy transducers and portable metering test equipment. Founded in 1969, TransData is a privately held corporation with headquarters in Richardson, Texas. The MARK-V is TransData's fifth-generation solid state, energy metering platform offering "best-of-class" features and functionality for Commercial, Industrial and Substation metering applications. MARK-V Series Energy Meters have been purchased by major utilities throughout the world, including 16 of the top 20 largest U.S. electric utilities. For additional information, contact Trace Gleibs at 1-800-342-9993

American Mobile (www.AmMobile.com) owns and operates an integrated terrestrial/satellite network and provides a wide range of mobile communication services, including digital voice dispatch, data communications, dual-mode mobile messaging, position reporting devices, and satellite telephone to the continental U. S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and hundreds of miles of U.S. coastal waters. American Mobile services are used in transportation, field service, maritime, two-way messaging and telemetry markets. The company's major shareholders include Hughes Communications, Inc., Motorola, Inc., Singapore Telecom, and AT&T Wireless Services.