



## **Ontario Power Generation selects eDNA in preparation for competition in newly deregulated market**

CHICAGO, July 25, 2001 — Industrial Peer-to-Peer LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of InStep Software LLC, a professional services firm and software provider for the power/energy and telecommunications markets, today announced that Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has selected eDNA as its preferred decision support tool for its Niagara hydroelectric and Nanticoke fossil plants.

"OPG is a progressive and respected leader in the power generation industry. We are proud to serve them," says John Kalanik, president of both InStep Software and Industrial Peer-to-Peer. "OPG's selection of eDNA emphasizes its continued commitment to providing efficient and cost-effective electrical power to Canada's businesses and consumers."

eDNA is the power industry's foremost enterprise data historian that captures, archives and time-stamps mountains of historical and real-time data from utility and industrial plant equipment and systems operations sources, including heat rates, fuel costs, and transmissions. With eDNA, time-sensitive data is accessible-via the Web or client server-throughout the enterprise and integrated with other systems for preventative maintenance, forecasting and other reporting and analytic functions.

With faster access to data, OPG plant engineers, operators and executives can now more efficiently monitor how their plants are performing and profiting at any given moment. This positions them to react more quickly and strategically to avoid system shutdowns, decrease costs, and increase revenue and operational efficiency.

OPG is one of the largest power generators in North America. Underscoring a strong tradition of growth and innovation, OPG is deploying eDNA in its hydroelectric and fossil operations to update information systems and improve operational efficiency in preparation for competition in Ontario's electricity market. In particular, OPG plans to leverage eDNA to refine its generating unit startup procedures, and change loads rapidly in response to pricing systems.

"Fast, accurate and concise information is key to competing in today's electricity marketplace," says Jim Prince, technical coordinator, plant maintenance support department at OPG. "We needed a product that we could quickly implement and integrate into our existing systems to help streamline our information systems and increase efficiency."

Until OPG's recent integration of eDNA, collecting and organizing accurate real-time data from its various plant units was a time-consuming process. With eDNA, OPG can now

transfer and store all of its real-time data to one central location, enabling accurate monitoring and data processing of water flows, generator output, pressures, temperatures, and high and low alarms. Plant managers and executives simply click on an icon to see which power plants are operating and how much they are generating.

Through eDNA's unique compression technology, OPG also can access unlimited amounts of archived data for forecasting, preventative maintenance management, and regulatory support documentation.

### **About Industrial Peer-to-Peer**

Industrial Peer-to-Peer LLC, <http://www.ippc.com/> is a wholly owned subsidiary of InStep Software. Industrial Peer-to-Peer focuses solely on expanding and enhancing the eDNA product. eDNA is a software solution that provides companies in the power generation and industrial manufacturing industries with an enterprise decision support tool that acquires, and archives mountains of historical and real-time data from systems operations sources. eDNA enables this data to be accessed and converted into information for up-to-the-second reporting and analytics. As a result, plant managers, engineers, and executives can perform accurate quality control, predictive maintenance and forecasting functions that increase productivity, efficiency, and revenues.