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Key Benefits

• High performance interference avoidance and very low latency 900MHz technologies along with advanced Quality of Service functionalities enable determinism for critical and industrial applications
• Support for a variety of network topologies, integrated routing and switching in addition to simultaneous cellular uplinks effectively extend industrial networks into rural and Field Area Networks
• A holistic cyber security framework protects the users, the network and assets and allows operators to meet stringent government and corporate cyber security requirements
• Rugged durable design, wide temperature range and low power consumption provide deployment life extension in the harshest of environments while protecting CAPEX investment

Applications

Oil & Gas
• Well Head and Production Pad Automation
• Pipeline Monitoring and Control
• WiFi for Field Operations

Utility
• DA & AMI convergence
• Renewables Protection & Control with IEC® 61850
• Substation Device Monitoring and Video Surveillance

Water & Wastewater
• Level, Pressure and Flow Monitoring
• Pipeline Monitoring and Control

Heavy Industrial
• Heavy Machinery Monitoring
• Excavation Machine Control
• Facility Wide Network Extension to Offsite Areas

Optimum Flexibility

• Point to Point, Multipoint, Store & Forward and self-healing topologies allow for flexible deployment
• Integrated routing and switching enable support for a variety of design scenarios
• Scalable data rates from 125Kbps to 1.25Mbps with varying sensitivity
• Multiple interface options include Ethernet, Serial, USB, Cellular and Wi-Fi

Comprehensive Security

• Advanced firewall protects users and network assets against intrusion
• IPSec VPN enables secure enterprise-class encrypted communication
• Secure Boot protects integrity of firmware
• Extensive X.509 digital certificate management simplifies provisioning
• Integration with enterprise systems via RADIUS, AAA, SCEP, SNMPv3 and Syslog

Deterministic Performance

• High performing 900MHz unlicensed FHSS router
• Low latency for critical and demanding protection applications
• Advanced Quality of Service ensures deterministic application performance
• Designed to endure harsh environments:
  - Enhanced ESD protection
  - Extended temperature (-40 to +70°C)
  - Class 1/Div 2 & IEEE © 1613 compliance

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GE’s MDS Orbit MCR-900 Deployment Examples

MDS Orbit as Enabler for Classic Multipoint Communication with Coverage Extension Into Rural Areas

**Features**
- MDS Orbit’s flexible 900MHz unlicensed deployment architectures as well as support of > 30 miles per segment with effective FHSS interference avoidance make it an ideal enabler for the expansion of network coverage into remote and rural areas
- A large scalability of remotes per Access Point expands network coverage into massive footprints

**Application Examples**
Oil & gas production fields, oil pipeline monitoring & control, Distribution Automation Field Area Networks, water & waste water, municipalities

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MDS Orbit as 900MHz Unlicensed Gateway with Multiple Encrypted Uplinks Through Public Carriers

**Features**
- MDS Orbit MCR-900 supports a second wireless card which could be 4G LTE or 3G Global, with the latter supporting dual SIMs
- The large remotes scalability of MDS Orbit MCR-900 allows to cost-effectively expand network coverage to hundreds of sites with a single cellular uplink thus saving on OPEX by eliminating recurring per-site cellular subscription fees

**Application Examples**
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) gateways, Distribution Automation Field Area Networks, water & waste water, municipalities, oil & gas production fields
Implementing Renewables Protection & Control with the IEC 61850 Protocol using MDS Orbit

**Features**
- MDS Orbit’s high performance 900MHz unlicensed technology can transport IEC 61850 GOOSE Ethernet frames natively. It allows for data rates of up to 1.25Mbps with a latency tunable to as low as 5msec. This along with advanced Quality of Service facilitate advanced Distribution Automation applications such as Renewables/Distributed generation Protection & Control which demand low latency and network determinism.
- A large scalability of remote enables cost-effective coverage of large customer and asset footprints.
- Stateful firewalling as well as RF and IPSec encryption enable network operators to meet NERC® CIP / EPCIP and other stringent cyber security requirements by encrypting communication links and protecting network assets and users against intrusion.

**Application Examples**
- Distributed Generation/Renewables Protection & Control, Distribution Automation, critical infrastructure control, other protection applications.

MDS Orbit as a Network Convergence Enabler for Multiple Simultaneous Applications

**Features**
- MDS Orbit supports advanced QoS functionality which allow it to prioritize egress traffic based on Layer 2- Layer 4 classifications. In this fashion, critical applications are assigned to the priority queue and are switched first to meet application requirements.
- Orbit’s support of multiple wireless technologies, including 4G LTE, 3G Global, 900MHz unlicensed and Wi-Fi in addition to its simultaneous support for bridging and routing make it an ideal network convergence platform.

**Application Examples**
- Converged Distribution Automation (Protection, Control, SCADA, Metering, AMI etc.), Oil & Gas production fields (SCADA, control, Workforce, Video Monitoring)
MDS Orbit MCR-900 Specifications

900MHz UNLICENSED

• Operating Modes: Access Point, Remote, Store & Forward
• Technology: Point-to-Point, Point-to-multipoint,
• Data Rates/Sensitivity:
  - 125 Kbps/-105 dBm
  - 250 Kbps/-103 dBm
  - 500 Kbps/-99 dBm
  - 1.0 Mbps/-95 dBm
  - 1.25 Mbps/-95 dBm
• Latency: tunable to <5 msec one-way
• Output Impedance: 50 Ohms
• Frequency: 902-928 MHz
• Frequency Masks: 16 masks, up to 5 channels per mask
• Spreading method: FHSS, DTS
• Occupied Bandwidth: 152 to 1320 kHz, up to 80 channels
• Modulation 2: 4-level GFSK, Dwell Time 10-300 msec
• Carrier Power: 100 mW – 1W, Range > 30 miles
• Media Access: Patent pending proprietary design, advanced interference avoidance, error detection, retransmission, auto repeat guaranteed collision free data, and dynamic fragmentation

CELLULAR 3G OPTION

• GSM, GPRS, EDGE, HSPA+: 850/900/1800/1900 MHz
• UMTS, HSPA+, HSPA+800/850/900/1700/1900/2100
• Region/Carrier: Global PTCRB, GCF certification, AT&T, Vodafone, Claro®, Rogers®, Telus®, Bell®,
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CELLULAR 4G OPTION

• LTE Release 8, 700MHz
• CDMA Band class 0 (850 MHz) & class1 (1900 MHz)
• Region/Carrier: U.S. /Verizon
• Max Throughput: 50 Mbps downlink/25 Mbps uplink
• Typical Throughput: 21 Mbps downlink/10 Mbps uplink

WI-FI OPTION

• Standard IEEE 802.11 b/g/n
• Operating Modes: Access Point, Station
• AP Networking: Dual SSID with VLAN mapping
• Security: WPA/WPA2 PSK, Enterprise, SSID hiding

CYBER SECURITY

• Tunneling: IPsec VPN compatible with Enterprise VPN concentrators
• Firewall: Stateful Packet Inspection Layer 2-4, Access Control Lists, NAT
• 900 unlicensed Encryption: AES-CCM 128/256 bit with auto key rotation
• Authentication: RADIUS, PSK, EAP/802.11, PKI
• Certificates: X.509, Scep, PEM, DER
• Boot Security: Digitally signed firmware

NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES

• Full IEEE 802.3 Layer 2 switching with Spanning Tree, VLANs, IGMP
• Layer 3 static routing
• Routing and Bridging from/to any interface (as applicable)
• Advanced L2-L4 Quality of Service
• Protocols: NAT, DHCP, ICMP, UDP, TCP, ARP, NTP, FTP, TFTP, TFTP, DNS
• Serial: TCP server, Modbus/TCP, Modbus RTU, TCP client, UDP Unicast and Multicast, BSAP, and DNP3

MANAGEMENT

• HTTP, HTTPS, SSH, NETCONF, local console
• SNMPv1/v2/v3, MIB-II, Enterprise MIB
• Syslog and Syslog-over-TLS, MDS PulseNET compatible

ENVIRONMENTAL & AGENCY APPROVALS

• Voltage: 10-60VDC
• Maximum Power Consumption: 4.3W (4G), 3.2W (3G), ~5.3W (900MHz)
• Typical Power Consumption: 4.0W (4G), 2.5W (3G), 3.2W (900MHz)
• Operating Temperature: 40°C to 70°C (104°F to 158°F) 900MHz modem
• Humidity: 95% at 60°C (140°F) non-condensing
• Case: Die Cast Aluminum
• Dimensions: 1.75 H x 8.0 W x 4.8 D in. | Weight: 2 lbs
• Mounting Options: Integrated DIN Rail mount, Standard bracket
• FCC Part 15, IC, ETSI / CE (3G and WiFi models)
• CSA Class 1, Div. 2, IEEE 1613
• UL as it is in process and will be complete by time of publication also required for GE2GE opportunities

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