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Westell Expands the eSmartES™ Line of Managed Ethernet Edge Switches

ES8100 series includes Westell's SiteVu™ remote monitoring technology

AURORA, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Westell Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSTL) ("Westell"), a leading provider of broadband products, outside plant telecommunications equipment and conferencing services, today announced the release of the ES8100 series of managed Ethernet edge switches, adding to its eSmartES™ family of products. This line of Ethernet switches includes the same hardened functionality of Westell's ES8000 series with the added feature of the company's "SiteVu™ Secure" telemetry technology.

SiteVu Secure telemetry provides complete visibility to remote site environmental and equipment status to systems operators and managers, bringing the situational awareness beyond standard SNMP information. This is essential to users positioning the hardened switches into critical remote sites including substations, towers, enclosures, cabinets, and other geographically dispersed or remotely located points on industrial and carrier networks, as sending out service technicians (also known as "truck rolls") is expensive.

The ES8100 series of managed Ethernet switches also has a compact form, measuring just 1.4"W x 5.6"D x 5.92"H, so the switch is DIN-rail mountable and will easily fit into smaller cabinets. Capable of handling stressful workloads, the ES8100 switch is ideally suited for industrial and heavy-duty outdoor settings such as power utility substations, video surveillance systems, and traffic control monitoring.

"We are excited about expanding our eSmartES line of managed Ethernet switches to include the ES8100," said Brian Powers, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Westell's OSPlant Systems Division. "The benefits of SiteVu's real-time, remote monitoring technology are particularly critical in the edge applications for which this switch has been designed."

SiteVu Secure features include internal temperature monitoring, external temperature probe input, input voltage level monitoring, A/B voltage monitoring, and two external telemetry inputs for doors, power supplies and other external sources.

About Westell

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remote monitoring tools, power distribution equipment, industrial-grade edge switches and demarcation products used by telecommunications service providers, utilities and other enterprises. Conference Plus, Inc. is a leading global provider of audio, web, video and IP conferencing services. Additional information can be obtained by visiting http://www.westell.com and http://www.conferenceplus.com.

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