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## PRESS RELEASE

*Tesco Controls' SCADA system holds up to recent earthquake while other systems failed.*

**Sacramento, August 4, 2008:** Tesco Controls, Inc., a water and wastewater control systems integrator in Sacramento is in the final stages of upgrading a SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) system for the Pico Water District in Pico Rivera, California.

At 11:42 am on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, TESCO's Southern California Field Service Manager Kenny Nguyen was in the process of converting the final site from telephone to radio communications when a 5.4 earthquake struck Chino Hills, just 25 miles away.

When the ground stopped shaking, the phone calls in the Los Angeles area began. The California Office of Emergency Services urged people to stop making calls, on land lines and cell phones. Verizon reported landline outages and AT&T reported congestion on their cellular network.

Due to this congestion, the phone system at the Pico Water District failed. In addition, the central office lost communications on the older telephone-based SCADA network.

However, all of the radio links that Tesco Controls recently installed remained online and maintained communications with reservoirs pump stations and booster pumps with no data loss whatsoever.

According to Pico Water District General Manager Mark Grajeda, having both the old and new systems up at the same time allowed them to see that the older phone system was offline, while the new TESCO radios were continuing to deliver data.

"The earthquake helped us make the case for moving to radio, and TESCO made a huge difference."

Headquartered in Sacramento, CA, since 1972, Tesco Controls, Inc. is America's leading water and wastewater system integrator and control system manufacturer.

Tesco Controls' Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems (SCADA systems) allow municipal water/wastewater and irrigation districts to monitor and control treatment plants, water distribution systems, and wastewater collection systems.

Our SCADA system installations, now over 300 systems nationwide, are in operation throughout California, as well as in Washington, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida. These systems consist of multiple Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) that communicate between central sites and various remote sites over telephone lines, fiber optics, radio links, or dedicated cable television. These redundant, open architecture SCADA software and hardware systems consist of multi-user, multi-tasking, real time graphical-use-interfaces with report capability, designed specifically around the demanding needs of the water/wastewater industry.

To date, our installed base of products and control systems is in excess of \$300 million.

