Aclara Technologies supplies more than 780 global water, gas, and electric utilities with smart infrastructure solutions that allow them to predict and quickly respond to all conditions. Booming business has allowed them to scale far beyond their home facility in Missouri, opening locations in Spain and the UK.

**Reducing cost and risk**

With growth came the complicated challenges of managing new product introduction (NPI) processes and corresponding data management risks.

In addition, their reliance on an on-premises product lifecycle management system became untenable with their global expansion. The expense of maintaining and supporting hardware, managing continuous software upgrades, and installing security patches became too costly. A move to a cloud-based PLM elevated beyond nice-to-have status.

**Getting everyone on the same page**

After quickly getting Autodesk PLM up and running, Aclara immediately saw more secure design processes, reduced risks, and lower costs. Improved collaboration and visibility across the supply chain team allowed stakeholders to oversee and manage the entire product lifecycle, preventing bottlenecks and potential errors.

The implementation of Autodesk PLM brought all the moving parts of product development together into a single, integrated view, along with a slew of additional benefits:

1. Improved collaboration with globally dispersed teams
2. Eliminated process blind spots
3. Simplified workflows
4. Real-time data updates
5. More informed decision-making

“We wanted a cloud-based solution to eliminate the on-premises hardware maintenance and reduce the costs and time associated with implementing system upgrades. This solution reduced our overall costs while being able to take advantage of the newest improvements without the cost and time to implement them.”

— Doug Frey, Quality Assurance Manager, Aclara Technologies, LLC

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