## Application Note MultiConnect™ AW



# Turnkey Solution Gives New Life to Analog-connected Legacy Devices

### The Customer's Need

PSTN lines in homes and businesses are increasingly scarce as providers sunset their analog networks. Even if a telecom company plans on keeping their PSTN service, they often focus on enhancing their cellular networks. Many businesses with legacy analog applications need to migrate their device's connectivity to a cellular network or risk losing connections.



## **Application 1:**

A home medical device uses an internal modem to communicate vital data from a medical implant device to health professionals. It has a physical RJ-11 connector for a PSTN phone line and initiates a dial-up connection to a central server using the PPP protocol. However, in many homes analog connectivity is not a viable option. The MultiConnect<sup>™</sup> AW analog-to-wireless converter provides an immediate and reliable solution for medical companies with devices that rely on analog connections, and extends the lives of these types of devices. It facilitates a PPP connection to the cellular network and passes-through PPP handshaking, resulting in the remote device being assigned a routable IP address by the cellular provider.

## **Application 2:**

ATM machines have internal dial-up modems for account verification. These machines often need to be deployed to sites where PSTN access is expensive or not available without running new phone lines. So, the ATM is interfaced with the MultiConnect AW analog-to-wireless converter via an RJ-11 connector and is programmed to facilitate a circuit-switched connection across the cellular network, allowing connectivity as well as faster transactions speeds. An activated SIM card is utilized to support the wireless circuit-switched data service.

## **Application 3:**

A company that installs and maintains residential security systems, uses sensors that connect to an analog modem to communicate alarming activities to the central office. Many homes now use digital VOIP technology that isn't compatible with analog modems. To address this challenge, the company leverages the MultiConnect AW analog-to-wireless converter to transmit data across the cellular network – greatly prolonging the lives of its security devices. An added benefit to utilizing a wireless connection is that there are no analog lines for burglars to cut to disable the system.

## Application Note

## **Multi-Tech's Solution**

The MultiConnect AW analog-to-wireless converter was developed to extend the lives of legacy devices used in M2M (machine-to-machine) communications applications, including ATMs, home healthcare monitors, security systems, credit card/POS terminals, kiosks, industrial automation solutions and utilities devices. A convenient turnkey solution that allows legacy equipment with built-in analog modems to connect to the cellular packet data or circuit-switched data networks, the MultiConnect AW emulates the traditional dial-up PSTN network and uses integrated or external cellular modems to give new life to devices currently using traditional analog dial-up communications

#### Features & Benefits

#### MT100A2W Family

- Metal chassis for industrial applications
- Outbound and inbound calling
- LEDs for visual monitoring of power, signal strength and phone line status

#### MT200A2W Family

- Plastic chassis for indoor environments
- Outbound calling only
- LEDs for visual monitoring of power, signal strength and phone line status
- GSM and CDMA models available



## **Ordering Information**

Product
MT100A2W-G
MT200A2W-G
MT200A2W-C1

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Analog-to-Wireless Converter (GSM/GPRS)
Analog-to-Wireless Converter (GSM/GPRS)
Analog-to-Wireless Converter (CDMA)

#### **Region** Global Global US

#### About Multi-Tech Systems

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