

ITRON INC /WA/  
Form 8-K  
September 01, 2010  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**September 1, 2010**

Date of Report (Date of  
earliest event reported)

**ITRON, INC.**

(Exact name of  
registrant as  
specified in its  
charter)

**Washington**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-22418**

(Commission File Number)

**91-1011792**

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**2111 N. Molter Road, Liberty Lake, WA 99019**

(Address of principal executive offices, Zip Code)

**(509) 924-9900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On September 1, 2010, Itron, Inc. (Itron) announced a strategic alliance with Cisco Systems, Inc. (Cisco) to jointly develop the next generation Internet Protocol (IP) communications reference architecture for the smart grid market. Itron will license and embed Cisco IP technology within Itron's OpenWay® smart meters. In addition, Itron will distribute Cisco networking equipment and software as part of Itron's OpenWay system deployments.

In connection with this strategic alliance, Itron issued a press release on September 1, 2010, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press release dated September 1, 2010 |

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ITRON, INC.

Dated: September 1, 2010 By: /s/ Steven M. Helmbrecht  
Steven M. Helmbrecht  
Sr. Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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