



# DataHabitat Solutions Showcase

## Calaveras Telephone Company Making All Data Usable

### The Company

Calaveras Telephone Company was established in 1895. Calaveras Telephone is a regulated independent telephone utility serving approximately 4,000 customers in western Calaveras County, in central California's gold country. The company offers the latest in digital technology to their customers, including DSL. Calaveras Telephone has two sister companies, Calaveras Internet and CALTEL Long Distance, offering a complete communications package to area residents.



Calaveras Telephone site in California

### The Challenge

Calaveras Telephone's greatest challenge before implementing DataHabitat was in developing customized accounting reports from their MAS 90 data. As a small company, they didn't have the resources or skills necessary to manipulate the accounting database to suit their own needs. The company's biggest reporting pain was that they couldn't combine information from more than one accounting module in developing job cost reports. They needed a tool to put together information from Payroll, Accounts Payable, Inventory and the G/L modules in a single report. They wanted to be able to easily access current and historical data. After that they needed to manipulate the data so it would be concise and readable.

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Lou Cherniss  
Controller  
Calaveras Telephone Company

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DataHabitat integrates with any ODBC data source and even provides pre-packaged business intelligence for the following data systems:

AccountMate for MSDE  
 AccountMate for SQL  
 ACCPAC Advantage Series  
 ACCPAC Pro Series  
 MAS 90  
 MAS 200  
 MAS 500  
 Microsoft Great Plains Edition  
 Platinum for Windows by Best

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## The Solution

When Lou Cherniss, Calaveras Telephone's Controller, first saw DataHabitat, he couldn't believe his eyes. "Finally someone had figured out a way to make all of our accounting data usable. For years we had longed for a way to get to our information and be able to build and format reports that included only the data that we wanted in the format that we wanted it in. I couldn't wait to get into DataHabitat to see if it really worked."

The company's executives are now using a job cost report that is half the size of the old report they used in the past, contains more data, runs in a fraction of the time, and can be changed or reformatted in a matter of minutes. Historical and current data files whose fields had different field names have been unified. The company now has new payroll and inventory reports and controls, all of which contain exactly, and only, the data they need, in a format they designed for their own company.

According to Mr. Cherniss, "we measure DataHabitat's value in our ability to produce data that we simply did not have available to us before. We could not produce the reports we have available to us now, which give us the ability to manage and control every aspect of our accounting operation more effectively. DataHabitat has given us the ability to monitor our inventory more closely. DataHabitat has given us the ability to provide our Engineering, Outside Plant, and Central Office departments with reports that contain exactly the data they need in a timely manner so they can do their jobs more effectively. We can and do supply information from DataHabitat to every department in our organization, at every level, in one form or another."

## Technical Information

Source Database: MAS 90 Accounting System

Corporate Users: 39

Time Required to Implement the Customized Solution: 3 weeks