

ITRON INC /WA/

Form 8-K

May 01, 2012

**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**

**May 1, 2012**

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 No.)

**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)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 1, 2012, Itron, Inc. (Itron) completed its acquisition of SmartSynch, Inc. (SmartSynch). SmartSynch is a provider of point-to-point smart grid solutions that utilize cellular networks for communications. The acquisition strengthens Itron's cellular communications offering, and Itron believes the acquisition brings greater choice to utility customers across the spectrum of smart metering deployments.

The purchase price of SmartSynch, before adjustments for changes in working capital, was \$100 million in cash.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated May 1, 2012.
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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: May 1, 2012 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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