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GE Digital Energy Introduces New Solution for Critical Source Switching – the Zenith 1600-3000 Amp Automatic Transfer Switch

Mechanical features are safer, smaller, and lighter than previous designs

Lombard, Illinois – December 8, 2008 – GE Digital Energy announces the new Zenith 1600-3000 Amp Horizontal Bypass/Isolation Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) system - an easy to operate, compact ATS that enables safe, simple maintenance and inspection.

The new Zenith 1600-3000 ATS has an innovative back-to-back design with a shutter system that utilizes proven technology from the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) – certified power circuit breaker designs. The Horizontal Bypass switch enclosure has a dead front with the ATS removed or isolated, helping ensure operator safety while providing easy access to the bypass power panel with proper personnel protective equipment (PPE).

"We are addressing the challenges facility managers face on a daily basis by delivering an easy to operate and easy to maintain bypass/isolation design that ultimately helps ensure critical load uptime and operator safety," said Steve Smith, General Manager – Power Quality, GE Digital Energy. "This new system is a breakthrough in the installation and operation of Bypass/Isolation ATS."

The Zenith 1600-3000 ATS also includes a low voltage control compartment that is completely isolated from the switch mechanism, enabling easier installation, maintenance, and improved safety. Its smaller size and weight (1,300 lbs. lighter than previous designs) means an easier fit into existing facility spaces and easier rigging and installation for facility managers. Its industry-leading MX350 Control System increases the reliability for facility mission-critical loads with built-in Power Quality Metering & Alarms allowing the facility managers to prevent uptime problems. The new and improved mechanical features include a single-piece interlock mechanism, designed to provide reliable operation without adjustments after even the most severe shipping conditions.

"Customers who have previewed the new Zenith 1600-3000 ATS are impressed by its compact design and streamlined operation. They have already identified how it will save them time and money," added Smith.

For more information, visit: <http://www.gedigitalenergy.com/ats>.

About GE Digital Energy:

GE Digital Energy, a division of GE Enterprise Solutions, is a global leader in protection and control, communications, power sensing and power quality solutions. Its products and services increase the reliability of electrical power networks and critical equipment for utility, industrial and large commercial customers. From protecting and optimizing assets such as generators, transmission lines and motors, to ensuring secure wireless data transmission and providing uninterruptible power,

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