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**Subject: GE MicroVersaTrip+, M, PM Trip Unit
Planned Obsolesces 2012**

Valued Customers,

In August 2008, GE Industrial Solutions launched the innovative EntelliGuard TU Trip Unit (GTU), enabling Arc Flash and Selectivity at the same time by utilizing a Waveform Recognition Instantaneous and an Industry first Instantaneous Zone Selective Interlocking. To utilize these features in installed applications, the GTU was designed to be a Plug and Play replacement for any RMS-9, EPIC, and MicroVersaTrip (MVT's) without breaker rewiring. This includes AK, AKR, Conversion Kits, WavePro, Power Break I, and Power Break II.

During the launch, GE also announced the planned obsolesces of the MVT Trip Unit. The design of MVT was started over 20 years ago and utilizes electronic components no longer used by the electronics industry. GE did a last time buy on several components in 2007 and has been managing the inventory/transition.

In the 4th Quarter of 2010, the MVT+ style trip unit was put on Restricted Status to reserve spare units for the installed base of MVT M & MVT PM Trip Units. MVT M & PM trip units have a proprietary Comnet communications which typically are either wired to a Comnet Repeater or Modbus Concentrator. Switching to GTU on these networks requires rewiring the switchboard/switchgear communication network and reprogramming the PMCS system, as the GTU has Open Modbus RS485 Communications.

It's GE's intent to have Spare MVT M & PM trip units throughout 2011. MVT+ will be converted to the GTU, unless extenuating circumstances require the MVT+. We encourage customers with a large Installed base of MVT M & PM's to work with your local account manager on a forecast of units needed. We also encourage a plan to convert the MVT to GTU to take advantage of its many innovative, user-friendly features.

Sincerely,

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