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Sensus Launches Telemetric Capacitor Bank Control for Intelligent Monitoring

Supports real-time visibility and control of capacitor banks using FlexNet or cellular networks

Raleigh, N.C. (March 23, 2010) – Sensus introduces the Telemetric™ TC032 Capacitor Bank Control, a distribution automation product that is fully compatible with its FlexNet™ smart grid system in addition to GSM and CMDA cellular networks. All units feature integrated two-way communications for intelligent, cost-effective monitoring and control of fixed or switched capacitor banks. Visibility and control of capacitor banks enables utility engineers to receive information from the field in real time and respond swiftly, preventing and managing outages more effectively.

A recently completed series of trials validated that the equipment can successfully communicate a large amount of data over the Sensus FlexNet smart grid system. Distribution automation equipment communicating over the FlexNet network operates on a dedicated bandwidth separate from Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) equipment. This allows data to be transmitted reliably, securely and in real-time, saving utilities valuable time and money.

“Sensus is committed to introducing products that help utilities preserve their existing equipment and technology investments while advancing smart grid initiatives and preparing for future opportunities,” said Tom Loutzenheiser, vice president of distribution automation for Sensus. “In addition to multiple network options, the TC032 provides local and central controls, two-way communications and remote firmware updates. We are confident it offers the best value available to the marketplace.”

The TC032 allows utilities to combine local voltage and temperature control with central control applications to optimize system efficiency. It also integrates two-way communications to

facilitate better asset management by providing real-time bank status, increasing bank availability and helping to reduce capital investment.

“Remote firmware updates are a critical feature of the TC032, and set this device apart from other units currently available,” said Bob Haines, director of research and development of distribution automation for Sensus. “Utility engineers can change any configuration or set point parameter from their PC, eliminating the need for site visits to update firmware.”

The TC032 supports DNP 3.0, a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Smart Grid protocol. All units are fully compatible with Sensus PowerVista™ applications for managing communications, equipment and system users. For more information about the Telemetric TC032 Capacitor Bank Control, please visit www.telemetric.net. For more information about FlexNet, please visit www.sensus.com/flexnet.

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