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SUBJECT: GS6 Gas Metering Valve

The GS6 gas-metering valve is the standard fuel metering valve with major OEMs of small and mid-sized aero-derivative turbine platforms. Woodward recognizes that owner/operators use this control equipment in critical applications with extended lifetimes. As a result, Woodward has implemented post-life support plans to support our customers for the life of the equipment well beyond the date new unit production stops. When the time comes to rationalize the GS6 gas metering valve product line, Woodward will follow its standard rationalization plan. Generally, a valve, actuator or driver is not discontinued unless there is an alternative component that provides the same or better functionality/performance. In these cases, the typical notification prior to rationalization is one year. At the time the product is rationalized, the following product post-life support plan is followed:

Years 0 - 5:

- Unlimited Spare Valves
- Unlimited Repairs
- Replacement Exchange with Service Stock

Years: 5 - 10:

- Repairs based on parts availability
- Replacement Exchange with Service Stock
- Replacement product utilizing same functionality where applicable

Years: 10 - 20:

- Replacement Exchange with Service Stock
- Replacement product utilizing same functionality where applicable

Parts obsolescence from manufacturers can present a challenge to post-life support plans. When Woodward learns of component obsolescence, effort is made to ensure we meet a commitment plan from the component manufacturer. When possible, we make last time buys or occasionally redesign the affected part.

In summary, the GS6 gas metering valve remains an active product offering to OEMs and end users with no rationalization date targeted. Once a rationalization date occurs, the product remains supported in excess of ten years.

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