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SUBJECT: MicroNet Simplex “Core” Support

Woodward’s MicroNet control family, the premier gas and steam turbine control product in the market, is critical to Woodward’s control strategy and will be supported for many years to come. Woodward introduced the traditional MicroNet Simplex product in the 1990’s as an upgrade to the NetCon 5000 control. Improvements have been made to the MicroNet Simplex throughout the years, including introduction of the Pentium CPU in 2000.

In 2005, Woodward released the MicroNet Plus for redundant and simplex applications. MicroNet Plus uses the same I/O modules with an updated “Core” of a powerful new CPU (CPU5200), new Chassis, and new 2-slot Power Supply. A full list of MicroNet Plus features is available in Woodward’s product specification 03333.

With MicroNet Plus available for all simplex and redundant applications since 2005, the MicroNet Simplex Core will be phased out for all new applications. Woodward will continue to support the MicroNet Simplex systems in the field with spares and repairs for an extended period. MicroNet Simplex “Core” support timeline:

- Through February 2009 MicroNet Simplex Core components available for new system sales
- Through February 2014 MicroNet Simplex Core spares available
- Through February 2019 MicroNet Simplex Core repairs available

The MicroNet Simplex “Core” addressed in this letter includes:

- MicroNet Pentium CPU
- MicroNet CPU040 and two-line display, as applied to simplex applications
 - (Note that the CPU060 obsolescence was previously announced)
- MicroNet Simplex Chassis (Regular 18 slot and Short 12 slot)
- MicroNet Simplex Power Supplies (3-slot wide)

Please note that MicroNet Simplex Core components may be upgraded to MicroNet Plus in most cases. Contact Woodward or your system supplier for more information.

Electronic component obsolescence from electronic manufacturers can present a challenge to post-life support plans. Woodward strives to hold inventory or look for alternative parts when the components we use are no longer available. However, there are times when components simply cannot be obtained and where sufficient last-time buys cannot be made. In these cases, Woodward cannot guarantee the rationalization support plan.

Best Regards,

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