

Energy Monitoring Improved with PDS Consulting

Power Distribution Solutions

Challenge

As critical applications come, a hospital is pretty critical... literally life or death. So maintaining equipment up time as well as maintaining visibility to the facility infrastructure becomes vital to the personnel managing the hospital.

The end user did not want to lose their communications link to the Siemens Power Meters or any of the vital infrastructure equipment, such as generators or automatic transfer switches, during a loss of utility power at the facility.

It became evident during the review of the design of the Siemens Low Voltage Switchgear and Siemens Power Monitoring system, that the power meters installed in our switchgear may lose power when the utility power is lost, preventing the data from being sent to the Power Monitoring System. Additionally, the network hardware was found to not be supported by a back up power source as well.

This would mean the end user would be blind to the status and loading of the electrical equipment at a critical time when the facility is in transition from failed utility power to backup generator power. This is when the power monitoring system is most important and a vital tool to the facility engineer.

Solution

Siemens proposed a new internal control power solution for the switchgear. It would utilize a 3 KVA UPS and be wired to all of the required control components allowing them to be powered continuously during any normal power source outage. The Siemens team of consulting

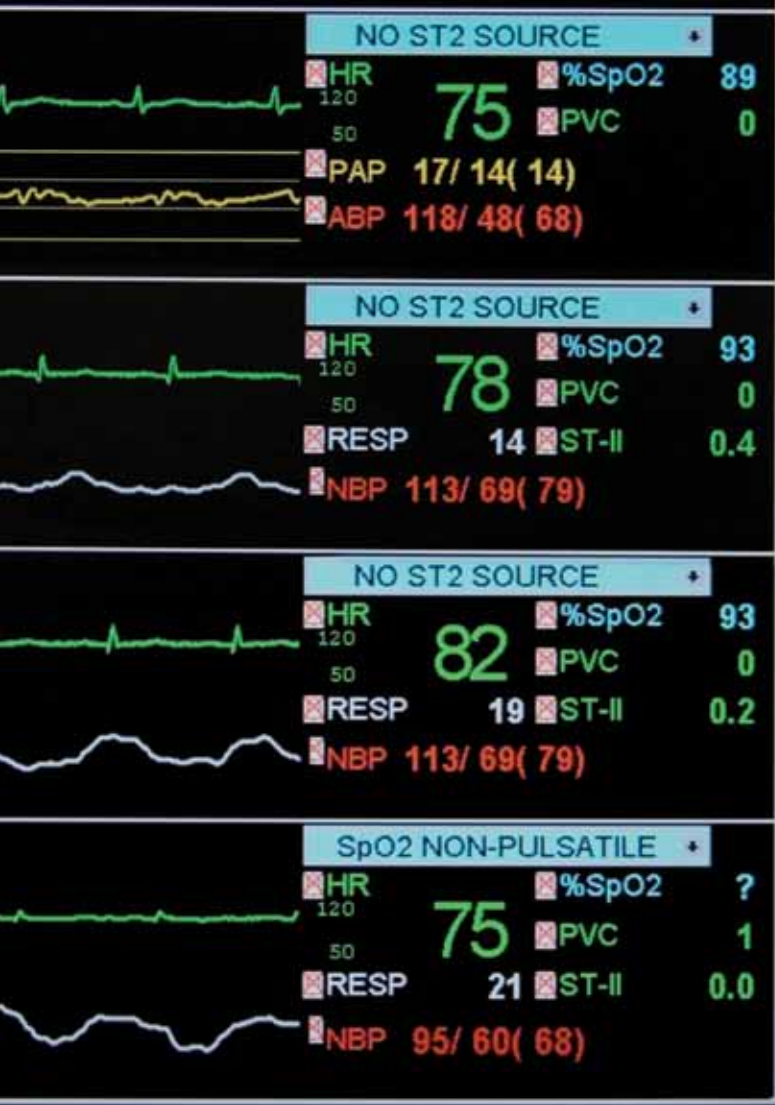
application engineer, power solutions engineer and factory engineer proposed the solution that ultimately addressed the issue. Additionally, UPS units were provided in each of the critical communications enclosures through out the hospital complex.

Results

The Siemens power monitoring system, through transitions from utility power to generator power, has maintained its communications and live status of vital electrical equipment within the facility. This has allowed the hospital engineers and technicians to verify proper operations of control systems, as well as respond quickly and accurately to issues or failures as they arise.

This revised design is now being incorporated into the standard specifications by the consulting engineer for the government hospital.





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