

Product Life-Cycle Announcement

Mark* VI Control End of Regular Production

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GE will cease normal production of the Mark VI control platform effective September 30, 2009. GE will transition to a post-production product support phase that includes active parts support and migration kits for designated applications. As part of GE's product technology roadmap, core applications previously supported by Mark VI controls, which were introduced in 1999, are now supported by Mark VIe controls.

The primary objective of GE's life-cycle commitment is to protect the customer's investment with extensive replacement parts availability (typically extending up to 10 years following the end of production date), and planned upgrade paths to current control technologies. GE will also maintain on-going services to the installed base including:

- Online access to site-specific manuals and drawings
- Standard and custom training classes
- Site service of equipment including 24/7 remote monitoring & support capability
- Controls service agreements

Following the post-production support period, GE will transition to a repair and return parts cycle, which typically lasts at least five years.

The Mark VIe control offers many advantages over the legacy Mark VI control. These advantages include distributed control architecture, reduced footprint, enhanced computing, and simpler product structure. The Mark VIe control is the control platform of choice for GE's expanded solution portfolio including GE's Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) reference plant design and Wind turbine-generator controls. The Mark VIe control fully supports advance applications such as the OpFlex* Turn down and Peak Fire packages, which improve gas turbine performance and operation by leveraging control innovations such as model based controls.

GE is committed to the life-cycle support of your Mark VI controls and associated equipment. Should you have any questions, contact your local GE Energy Service Manager or Account Manager.

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