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SEL Reliability and Service—Now in a Voltage Regulator Control

PULLMAN, WA — August 31, 2007 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced the entry into a new market with the release of the SEL-2431 Voltage Regulator Control. The SEL-2431 is compatible with all North American 32-step, single-phase voltage regulators. SEL designed the control to fit into existing control enclosures, eliminating the costly expense of removing the voltage regulator from service to upgrade the control. Intended for both substation and pole-mount voltage regulators, the SEL-2431 supports fiber-optic, EIA-232, and EIA-485 serial interfaces using DNP3 or SEL ASCII protocols, making it easy to incorporate into existing protection and automation systems.

The SEL-2431 raises the bar on voltage regulator control reliability. Electric utilities can now get a single-phase voltage regulator control designed to the protective relaying standards necessary to achieve a 300-year MTBF (mean time between failures). The SEL-2431 incorporates a highly reliable, single-board design and carries the longest, no-hassle warranty in the industry at ten years.

Based on its experience with SEL's industry-leading technical service, a large, investor-owned utility in the southeastern United States strongly encouraged SEL's development of the SEL-2431. The utility participated actively in the development specification and testing of early prototype units, and placed the first order for more than 50 controls for delivery in early July.

Interest in the SEL-2431 is high at other utilities. Customer feedback from early promotion at several utility conferences and tradeshow supported the industry's need for a safe, reliable alternative to existing products. Sales engineers with Power Connections, Inc. commented, "Interest in the SEL-2431 has been so strong that we cannot make customer visits fast enough to discuss details of the new control."

The SEL-2431 is available now with a base price of \$1,095. For more information on features, benefits, and applications, visit www.selinc.com/p8.

Ranked #1 by utilities in a recent protective relay study conducted by the Newton-Evans Research Company, SEL leads all categories, including technology, price, and technical support. SEL serves the electric power industry worldwide through the design, manufacture, supply, and support of products and services for power system protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering. SEL offers unmatched local technical support, a worldwide, ten-year product warranty, and a commitment to making electric power safer, more reliable, and more economical.

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