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Jämtkraft invests in IT-based planning and monitoring

A user friendly and efficient tool for analysis, reporting and fault finding. That is how Jämtkraft describes the process information system to be supplied by PlantVision according to a recent agreement between the two companies. The system will be installed at Jämtkraft's district heating plants in Östersund and Åre, Sweden.

Karl Selander, Operations Engineer at Jämtkraft, explains, "Operation at our plants is, on the whole, very stable. However, small problems arise almost daily which we would like better control over."

Karl Selander anticipates significant advantages will result from the company's investment in a new process information system. The system will collect and store operational data from more than ten district heating plants in Östersund and Åre, all in a single database. It will then be possible to analyze and evaluate the data with various applications, also supplied by PlantVision.

"We will get a completely new planning tool as well as real-time warning and control functions. There will also be the possibility to generate a variety of reports, for example reports concerning environmental values that we are required to submit."

Karl Selander believes that the investment will provide excellent possibilities to map out and deal with common fault causation, and, thereby, optimize operations. One consequence that he believes customers will benefit from in the longer term is lower prices.

"To begin with it will be operational personnel and those working with planning that will make use of the system. Later on, maintenance and administrative personnel could also become active users of the system. The possibilities for development are huge," says Karl Selander.

The system will be delivered by PlantVision during the autumn and will be ready for putting into operation before the end of 2007.

Jämtkraft produces, distributes and sells electric power and district heating, as well as owning, building and operating high-speed networks for broadband communications. Electricity production in a normal year totals around 1,130 GWh and district heating production around 645 GWh. The Jämtkraft group consists of the Parent Company Jämtkraft AB and its subsidiaries Jämtkraft Elnät AB, AB Kattstrupe-forsen, Jämtkraft Telecom AB, Jämtlandskraft AB, Krokoms Energi AB, Åre Fjärrvärme AB, Jämtlands Mineral AB and Hornbergets Vindkraft AB.

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