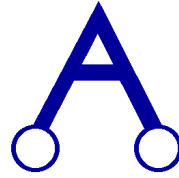


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## **American Governor Company Awarded Pacific Gas & Electric Helms Modernization Project**

WARMINSTER, PA – (January 21, 2008) – American Governor Company has been awarded a contract by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for the first of three governor modernizations at its Helms Pumped Storage Facility in beautiful Fresno County, California, on the edges of the Sierra National Forest.

American Governor will be responsible for providing equipment, engineering, and site services for the modernization of the hydroelectric governor systems at Helms, the largest of PG&E's hydro powerplants. For enhanced reliability and availability at this important facility, PG&E specified extensive control redundancy. Project features will include redundant digital governor controllers, redundant electrohydraulic valve manifolds and redundant electronic feedback of position and speed. In the event of a failure of a component, the redundant system can take over control to keep the plant on-line. Separate control functionality will be provided for Pump and Generate modes, and the new governor systems will be integrated into the existing plant control and monitoring systems.

The impressive Helms Pumped Storage Facility for PG&E involves two different lakes at different elevations in the Sierra National Forest. Water is pumped to the upper lake during periods of low power demand and used to generate power during peak power demand periods. The powerhouse itself is imbedded more than 1,000 feet into the side of a massive granite mountain. Helms, PG&E's single largest hydro powerplant, has three 404-megawatt units and currently powers about 850,000 homes in California.

The evaluation process for PG&E included consideration of prospective contractor's past experience controlling pump/turbine units, their technical capability, and their past performance references for governor upgrades. Competitive pricing was also important.

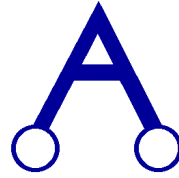
PG&E praised American Governor's past and current performance on digital upgrades provided to PG&E's Chili Bar facility in 2002, PG&E's Tule facility in 2007, and a current modernization project in progress at Kern Canyon. American Governor's previous work with PG&E has proven that American Governor Company provides the necessary technical expertise, engineered products, management and site supervision that ensures smooth and successful projects. American Governor has provided over 100 digital upgrades in its seven years of operation and has also worked with over 750 hydropower plants in North America.

American Governor scored excellently on technical aspects. PG&E displayed high confidence in American Governor's technical capabilities and believes American Governor to be more flexible and more willing to modify functionality to meet PG&E's changing needs than American Governor's competition. American Governor has five years of experience working with the Helms Pumped Storage Facility and is extremely familiar with the facility's powerhouse and units. In addition, American Governor Company has established a close professional relationship with many of the plant's personnel over its five-year tenure of support.

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American Governor also provides full support for legacy governor systems, including a complete line of replacement parts for all types of Woodward governors and a growing inventory of new and reconditioned parts and assemblies for other OEM governors. Field service, training, retrofit kits and technical support are also available for legacy governors. American Governor's Training and Repair Facility near Stephens Point, Wi. offers factory repair services for governor pumps and permanent magnet generators in addition to an annual Governor School. For more information please visit [www.americangovernor.com](http://www.americangovernor.com).