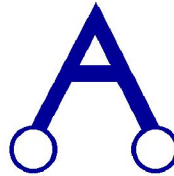


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## **American Governor Company Awarded Grand Coulee Third Powerhouse Governor Upgrades**

WARMINSTER, PA – (May 25, 2010) – American Governor Company has been awarded a contract by the United States Bureau of Reclamation to upgrade the six existing analog cabinet actuator governors in the Third Powerhouse with digital governor systems and accessory equipment. American Governor will be responsible for providing all equipment, engineering, installation, testing and commissioning services for the project. Installation and commissioning of the new systems is scheduled for 2011 and 2012.

The turbine-generator units at the Third Powerhouse are the largest in North America with a nameplate rating of 750 megawatts each. Including the Left, Pump, Right and Third powerhouses, Grand Coulee Dam is the largest hydropower producer in the United States with a total generating capacity of 6,809 megawatts. It is the fifth largest producer in the world.

Each new governor system will consist of a governor control cabinet, color touchscreen operator interface, electronic control valve manifold, Speed Signal Generator assembly and electronic position and speed feedback devices. A back-up speed and creep detection system and redundant feedback devices will enhance the reliability of the digital governors. The new governor systems will improve remote control and monitoring capabilities as well as enhance alarm and fault monitoring. The touchscreen operator interface will provide advanced diagnostic and troubleshooting tools, and each digital governor system will communicate with the plant's Data Acquisition and Control System (DACS).

American Governor Company provides fully engineered digital governor conversion systems for hydro plants, including PLC-based digital controls, electro-hydraulic valve manifolds, hydraulic power units, electronic feedback devices and unit/plant control and monitoring systems. Installation, start-up, commissioning and field training services are provided by our staff of experienced governor specialists and field service engineers.

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. American Governor offers Field Service, Training, Retrofit kits and Technical Support for legacy governors. Our Training and Repair Facility near Stevens Point WI offer factory repair services for governor pumps and permanent magnet generators as well as an annual Governor School. American Governor has provided over 150 digital governor upgrades and has supported over 1000 hydropower plants in North America. For more information visit [www.americangovernor.com](http://www.americangovernor.com)

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