

ABB wins \$50 million order to strengthen power supply in Mexico

High-voltage equipment to be installed in six states over 18 months

Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 30, 2006 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, said today it has won contracts worth \$50 million for two projects to strengthen Mexico's power supply.

The contracts awarded by Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE), the Mexican state-owned utility, will enlarge the transmission and distribution network in different parts of the country.

“Our technology will help to ensure a reliable power supply to regions throughout Mexico,” said Bernhard Jucker, head of ABB's Power Products division. “Our globally integrated engineering and production network makes us well positioned to take on projects of this scope, offering an important customer a complete package of technology and project-management expertise.”

CFE generates, transmits and distributes electrical power to about 23.7 million industrial and household clients in Mexico.

One project will involve ABB assembling and installing six 400 kilovolt (kV) air-insulated substations and other high-voltage equipment in the northern and south-eastern states of Aguascalientes, Chiapas, Coahuila, Veracruz and Zacatecas. The project is expected to be completed by April 2008.

For the other project, ABB will supply 115 kV gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) to a substation in the state of Oaxaca. An accelerated process will ensure that the substation is completed in 13 months.

The project also includes the construction and installation of power reactors at 1.8 megavolt amperes (MVA) and a 30-kilometer extension to a 115 kV transmission line. Equipment and components for both projects will be provided by ABB factories in Mexico, Germany, Brazil, Sweden and Switzerland.

ABB has a long history of supplying high-voltage technology to customers in Mexico. Currently, ABB is working on contracts worth more than \$250 million with CFE and PEMEX, Mexico's national oil company.

ABB (www.abb.com) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 107,000 people.

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