Variable Module Management System

Energy Advantage Architecture

Energy Advantage Architecture (EAA) is a suite of options, technologies and designs that allow specifying engineers and facility managers to get the best possible performance and protection from their UPS.

As the growth of business and industry continues to rely on power hungry information and communication networks, higher energy efficiency helps businesses answer increasing environmental, regulatory and economic pressures.

Variable Management Module System (VMMS) is a key component of EAA. Eaton VMMS technology maximizes UPS efficiencies at low load levels while supplying the load with continuous double-conversion power. Most UPS installations are only loaded between 20-40 percent, but UPSs are not optimally efficient when used at these lighter loads.

Existing method for increasing load percentage

The existing approach to capturing efficiency from low load levels applied only to multi-UPS parallel systems. The system can increase the effective load percentage by putting entire UPSs into idle. While this helps improve efficiency slightly, it is limited to multi-UPS parallel systems, and flexibility to adapt to the load can only be done in the large steps of full UPS capacity.

Applications

Applications where VMMS is particularly efficient:

- Redundant N+1 and 2N systems
  - Lightly loaded: <45 percent load level
- Critical data centers, especially when UPS feeds dual corded servers
- Any applications where load varies frequently

System with some multi-UPS management

UPS1 UPS2 UPS3

0% 100% 100%

Full system efficiency automatically optimized according to the load level

UPS/UPM in idle mode

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The VMMS way

VMMS optimally employs uninterruptible power modules (UPMs) to achieve higher efficiencies in double-conversion mode in order to maximize the load level on remaining active UPMs by setting UPMs that are not needed to ready state.* This is calculated according to VMMS load threshold of the UPMs – 80 percent by default – and the system configuration (redundancy requirements). As a result, VMMS maximizes energy savings.

Two 9395 825 kVA (A and B feed design) with 440 kVA (27 percent) total load

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<td>✓ Industry-leading UPS efficiency in double conversion</td>
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*In ready-state, the UPM rectifies DC-link, generates logic level PWM signals, and filters EMI and lightning spikes.

Extensive configurability

Customers can decide how to configure their system establishing the number of redundant UPMs and the maximum load level per UPM.

VMMS can be used in single (multiple-UPM) and multi-UPS 9395 systems

- Single 9395 units from 550 kVA to 1100 kVA
- Distributed parallel systems (Xx550, Xx825, Xx1100)
- SBM centralized bypass system

Earlier installations can also be upgraded with VMMS capability, contact Eaton customer service technical support at 1-800-843-9433 for more information.

- VMMS maintains redundancy and achieves higher efficiency by intelligently controlling the load levels of the UPMs
- Number of redundant UPMs can be selected (N+0, N+1, N+2, N+X)
- UPMs on ready state can be used as redundant units (N+0)

UPS1 UPS2 UPS3

0% 100%

Case 1 System without any multi-UPS efficiency optimization

0% 100%

Case 2 System with some multi-UPS management

0% 100%

Case 3 System with Eaton modular 9395 UPS and VMMS

Full system efficiency automatically optimized according to the load level

For more information about VMMS or to use the Eaton UPS efficiency calculator, please visit Eaton.com/EAA.