

Case Study

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Overview:

This proactive client wanted to monitor the 2nd Floor Electrical Closet of his facility daily versus annually. Delta T Alert's installed on all panels within the 2nd Floor Electrical Closet. The Delta T units were programmed to record temperature rise within the enclosures three times a day. This data was transmitted wirelessly to the Chief Engineer's computer for analysis and trending. On December 29, 2009, five DeltaT units were installed within the 2nd Floor Electrical Closet and programmed to send the Delta T data to the Chief Engineer's computer at 10:30 am, 2:00pm and at 4:30pm. During this initial installation, AP-LC Panel showed a Delta T of 24.4°F (Figure 1).



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Location	MCC-Panel	Equipment ID	Equipment Type	Enclosure Temp	Delta T	Reported	Status
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A1	5th Fl. Esquire	Fused Disconnect	74.5	1.3	03/26 12:01	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A1	DPH-2	Fused Disconnect	74.5	1.3	03/26 12:01	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A1	1st & 2nd Fl. Closet	Fused Disconnect	74.1	0.9	03/26 12:01	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A1	MCC-37 A	Fused Disconnect	74.8	1.6	03/26 12:02	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A1	ADB Feed	Fused Disconnect	74.5	1.3	03/26 12:02	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A1	CW Pump #10	Fused Disconnect	74.5	1.1	03/26 12:03	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	CW Pump #12	Fused Disconnect	88.39999	15.2	03/26 12:01	ELEVATED
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	MCC-37B	Fused Disconnect	75	1.6	03/26 12:03	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	ATS #2	Fused Disconnect	74.8	1.4	03/26 12:03	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	ATS #3	Fused Disconnect	75.2	1.8	03/26 12:04	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	ATS #1	Fused Disconnect	75	1.6	03/26 12:04	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	ATS #4	Fused Disconnect	74.1	0.7	03/26 12:04	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-A2	DP2-CSFB	Fused Disconnect	74.7	1.3	03/26 12:04	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-B1	MS-B1	Switchgear Bus/Wir	73.8	0.4	03/26 12:03	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-B1	MS-C1	Fused Disconnect	74.1	0.7	03/26 12:04	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-B1	USA Network	Fused Disconnect	75.39999	2.2	03/26 12:03	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-B1	Circuit #2	Fused Disconnect	75	1.4	03/26 12:04	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-B1	Circuit #3	Fused Disconnect	74.1	0.9	03/26 12:02	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-C2	ATS #2	Fused Disconnect	75.2	2	03/26 12:02	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-C2	ATS #3	Fused Disconnect	74.1	0.9	03/26 12:02	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-C2	MCC-37C	Fused Disconnect	75	1.8	03/26 12:02	OK
Main Switchgear Room	MS-C2	The Market	Fused Disconnect	74.5	1.3	03/26 12:02	OK

Figure 1 AP-LC panel shows an elevated Delta T of 24.4°F

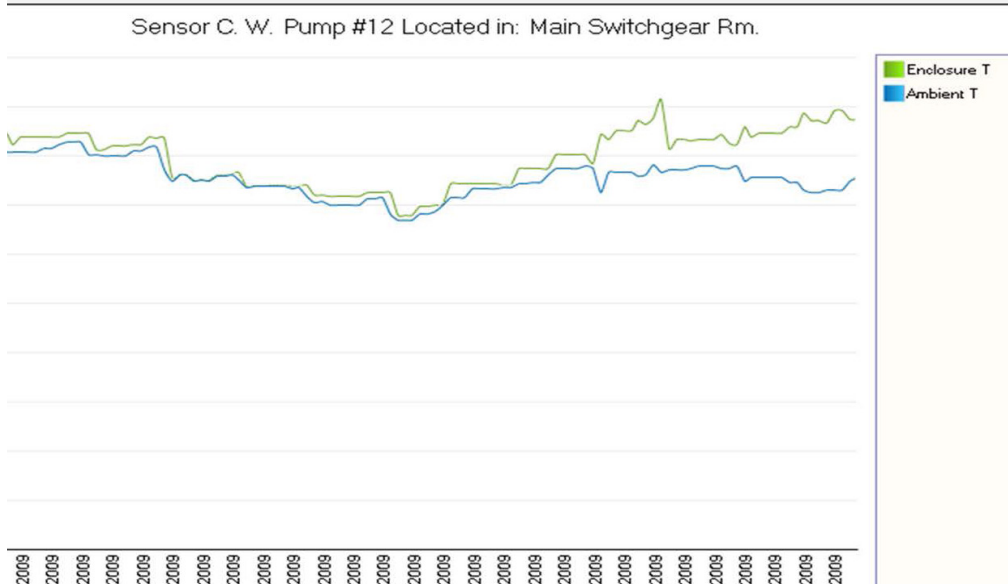


Figure 2 Thermographic image documents that this panel cover is warm.

Event #	Date:	Location:	MCC or Panel	Equipment Label:	Priority
1	03/30/09	Main Switchgear Room	MS - A2	CW Pump #12 Fused Disconnect	3
Apparent Temperatures:		Image Date 4/05/2009 Image Time 12:54:16 AM		Reference Photo:	
Problem Temperature: 92.4 °F Reference Temperature: 79.7 °F Temperature Rise: 12.7 °F					

Figure 3 Thermographic and visual image documenting the problem and priority level.



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Identification of Problem

Once the panel cover was removed and the panel was scanned, thermography results show warm neutral wires. This problem was documented and qualified as a #3 priority and required further investigation (Figure 3).

Benefits & Conclusion

- Delta T Alert warned this customer during the early stages of a potential problem with neutral wires within this panel.
- Delta T Alert records three readings per day, 365 days per year versus one infrared snapshot once per year.
- Delta T Alert's prevent downtime or possible catastrophic failure.

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