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Re: PowerBreak II Drawdown - Transition to Emax 2

Dear Valued Partner,

ABB continues to work through the unprecedented supply chain challenges impacting industries globally, and we would like to inform you of some strategic moves for PowerBreak II Low Voltage Circuit Breakers. Please know ABB is committed to fulfilling customer orders and we sometimes have to make changes to adjust to supply chain conditions.

We are choosing to emphasize and encourage the use of Emax 2 Low Voltage Power Circuit Breakers in lieu of ABB PowerBreak II Insulated Case Circuit Breakers. This transition affects ABB Low Voltage Switchboards, Motor Control Centers and all ABB equipment, as well as components sold to our valued OEM, distributor, and packager partners. We are making these changes to shift production volume, where possible, to a more stable supply chain.

We will be making changes to customer-facing documentation and tools (Empower) to reflect the primary position of Emax 2 in the portfolio. Additionally, we will be selectively examining backlog to find orders that may be subject to an earlier ship date if transitioned from PowerBreak II to Emax 2.

Where required by application*, PowerBreak II (and the platform-sharing HPC2 Fused Switch) demand will be served with those products, and we encourage any and all pro-active measures to transition any possible new orders from PowerBreak II to Emax 2.

As a reminder, all shipment dates are estimates only and do not guarantee a delivery date. The factory is working diligently to mitigate any schedule impacts.

Any suggested product changes and/or updates to delivery for your order will be communicated through the normal channels. Should you have any specific questions, please contact your local ABB account manager.

Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

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- Examples of PowerBreak II application spaces that will not be converted: kAIC>100, UL489 Only, front access terminals required, aftermarket/replacement of existing, and HPC2 Fusible