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erik.brandstaedter@us.abb.com (919) 917-4513 (cell) (818) 831-5046 (office) Remote Terminal Unit's (RTU's) are used in a wide variety of utility applications. This webinar will address the basic functions of RTU's and how they are applied in utility applications.

## RTU Fundamentals Agenda

- What is a RTU?
- Challenges in the market
- Requirements for modern RTUs
- Typical applications
- Application examples
- Questions and answers

#### RTU Fundamentals What is a RTU?

- Remote Terminal Unit including
  - Remote monitoring and control functions
  - Process monitor for collection and visualization of data signals (hard-wired, serial, Ethernet)
  - Communication gateway communicating via several protocols at the same time (e.g. Modbus, DNP3.0, IEC 61850, etc.)
  - Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), able to control industry processes automatically
  - Human Machine Interface (HMI) provides overview similar to a small SCADA system (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition)



### RTU Fundamentals Challenges in the market

- Retrofit of existing switchgear and control panels
- Need for cost-effective and extensible access to devices in the substation
- Need for reliable monitoring and control
- Request for standard-based, open protocol solution such as DNP3.0 and IEC 61850
- Mix of several interfaces and devices, addition of new devices
- Need for centralized system diagnosis and management, logging, trending, alarms, web-based HMI, time stamping
- Challenge to manage the data that comes with increased monitoring and turn it into knowledge
- Ensure Cyber Security implementation across the entire solution supporting our customers to meet NERC-CIP requirements and more

### RTU Fundamentals Requirements for modern RTUs

- Flexible and scalable hardware concepts
- Migration to existing solutions
- Security of investment
- Enhanced communication capabilities
- Flexible communication to IEDs
- Ability to perform complex PLC functions (IEC 61131-3)
- Integrated HMI for station monitoring

- Modern engineering tools with data exchange interface
- Archive functionality
- Diagnosis and maintenance functionalities
- Highest reliability (redundant solutions)
- Robustness against cyber security attacks (NERC-CIP, IEEE 1686)
- Effective and reliable service and support



## RTU Fundamentals Typical applications – Electrical applications





## RTU Fundamentals Typical applications – Process automation





## RTU Fundamentals Application examples – Successful migration solutions



with 560HMR01



- Integrated HMI for station monitoring and control
- Maintenance and diagnosis functions



- Integrated solution no separate PC necessary
- Plug-and-play solution for minimal installation- and engineering effort
- Maintenance-free no rotating parts
- Security approved





#### RTU Fundamentals Application examples – Remote automation solutions



- Remote data collection from transformer monitoring devices (e.g. temperature, hydrogen-moisture, tap position) via RTU540 (hard-wired / serial / Ethernet)
- Wireless communication back to the control room via Tropos 1410
- Reception of transformer data at control room via Tropos 6310 sitting outside
- Communication from the control room to network control center via RTU540
- Consolidated dashboard turns data into knowledge with MicroSCADA Pro
- Option to add physical security to remote substations

#### RTU Fundamentals Questions and answers

- Please feel free to ask any questions you might have
- Also, if we run out of time, please feel free to contact me after the webinar
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