



Aftermath of the Blackout

Power Innovations UPQ Systems Protect Canadian Airports

LINDON, Utah, Sept. 30, 2003—When the blackout hit the Northeastern United States and Southeastern Canada on August 14, two major Canadian airports affected by the outage, specifically Ottawa and Toronto, were preparing to install Power Innovations' systems. Power Innovations Uninterruptible Power Quality (UPQ™) systems are designed to provide perfect, high-quality power to connected equipment, regardless of the quality of power coming into the system, and provide backup power in the event of outages. Canadian officials had already standardized on Power Innovations' equipment to protect security equipment in airports.

The Calgary airport, which wasn't affected by the outage, was protected with Power Innovations UPQ systems prior to August 14. "Our systems for the Toronto and Ottawa airports had been delivered, but were awaiting installation," says Robert Mount, CEO of Power Innovations. "The good news is that our systems are protecting sensitive security equipment in Canada's airports today."

The impact of this blackout is a new awareness of the damage a power outage can cause if equipment is not properly protected. Losses occur due to blackouts, but they also occur from the surges and inconsistencies in power caused either by switching to generator power or by the resumption of utility power. Businesses need to look at preventive maintenance for the future – making sure that vital equipment is protected with the proper power quality and backup systems.

"This was a needed wake-up call," says Mount. "Suddenly power issues have moved to high-priority status. Including our units as a part of the overall solution is imperative to ensure equipment continues to run in the most adverse situations. We are experiencing an even greater sense of urgency from our clients."

About Power Innovations

As a leading supplier of perfect, dependable power, Power Innovations (www.power-innovations.com) is a technology company in Lindon, Utah, that has pioneered a set of solutions to generate, store, and manage AC power. In its UPQ technology, Power Innovations provides the best features of all UPS systems on the market. Today's electronic equipment, however, has become more sophisticated and more sensitive, while the quality of utility power has been decreasing progressively over the past several years. Through its UPQ technologies, Power Innovations takes even inadequate and unstable power and supplies perfect quality power to connected equipment, while still providing backup protection in the event of power failure. Power Innovations UPQ systems protect valuable equipment, data, and operations for airport and homeland security, medical facilities and equipment, aviation, and government.

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