# VFD PROJECT SAVINGS

### **EXAMPLE**

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## Watch your VFD installations pay for themselves in no time through energy savings and VFD rebate!

The following is an example of a VFD (variable frequency drive) project that includes the installation, wiring and start-up of (2) 30 HP chilled water VFDs with demand controls from BMS (building management system):

#### **Assumptions/Knowns:**

1. 2 chilled water pumps (CWPs) 30 HP 460VAC with class F insulation or better

(30hp VFDs, installation, wiring & start-up)

- 2. Run time is 80 hours per week, 52 weeks per year= 4,160 hours
- 3. New average speed= 90% resulting from ability to control motor speed based on required load

Estimated Project Cost ......\$18,000

- 4. Energy cost= \$0.16/kWh
- 5. Existing BMS and/or VFDs purchased with closed loop capability

\*2x30 hp CWP x 1176 kWh/hp (NYS TRM 6.0 Appendix K for NYC Office Building x \$0.19/kWh (ConEd prescriptive reimbursement rate at the time) = \$13,406 B C D Shaft KW Motor EFF Drive EFF # Motors % Speed Motor HP Power, KW % Load 100% 100% **Full Speed Operation** 100% 30 22.5 94.1% (A/B/C) x D Existing Motor KW Load: 48.06 F VFD Operation 72.9% 21.9 16.3 94.1% 97%  $(A/B/C) \times D$ 35.75 G \*Load is reduced by the cube of speed Reduced Speed (VFD) KW: 12.31 (F-G) KW Savings (F-G): Annual Energy Savings, kWh savingsx 80 hrs/wk x 52 wks/yr (H = 4,160 x (F-G)): 51,224 H Annual Savings at \$0.16/kWh (H x \$0.16/kWh): \$ 8,196 Net Project Cost: \$ 4,594

Simple Payback: 0.56 years, or less than 7 months!

\*If average motor speed can be reduced to 80%, annual energy savings are 94,472 kWh or \$15,275 Payback is reduced to 4 months!