

Achieving Energy Efficiency

Results

- 17 percent average potential reduction in electrical energy consumption
- Savings of \$4,000 to \$8,000 per store, totaling over \$2 million per year across a 500 - store U.S. enterprise, or \$7 million since program inception
- Average savings of 65,000 kWh per year per store
- Improved product quality, shelf life and safety
- Sustainable benefits equal to planting over 815,000 trees every year
- Reduced store maintenance cost
- Increased facility equipment life

Customer

ExxonMobil is one of the world's leading gas station and convenience store chains, selling its products through 33,000 branded locations globally, including 3,000 company operated sites.

Challenge

Looking for a way to remotely control equipment and ultimately energy costs across a very large network of stores (~800 company operated locations across the U.S), ExxonMobil turned to Emerson Climate Technologies for help controlling its in-store equipment and lowering its annual energy bills.

ExxonMobil worked with Emerson Climate Technologies to install an energy management system that would deliver both energy and maintenance savings. ExxonMobil wanted to be able to communicate remotely with its stores, log data collected from the operation of HVAC, refrigeration, and lighting equipment at each site and develop a real-time monitoring solution that addresses alarms automatically.

The Emerson Solution

- E2 Facility Management System
- ProAct® Facility Monitoring Services

After successfully completing a pilot program in Houston during 2003, ExxonMobil experienced the reduced energy and maintenance costs that are inherent to Emerson's systems. As a result of their improved operation, ExxonMobil requested Emerson install the E2 CX Facility Management System in an additional 800 stores around the world. The E2 CX is a state of the art system designed to control in-store HVAC units, indoor and outdoor lighting, refrigeration systems and glass-door anti-condensate heaters.

The E2 controls indoor air quality by running the HVAC system based on common operational setpoints established by ExxonMobil's corporate office. The E2 regularly reports changes in these setpoints. In doing so, Emerson Climate Technologies helps ExxonMobil maintain ideal comfort levels while still reducing energy levels. ExxonMobil was able to provide a consistent shopping and working environment for its customers and employees.

Emerson Climate Technologies also installed Anti-Condensate Door Heater controllers in the glass doors associated with the walk-in coolers and freezers. The E2 pulses anti-condensate heaters based on the store's dew point, ensuring the frame temperature is slightly above the ambient dew point. By reducing the run time of the door heaters, ExxonMobil was able to achieve upwards of 40% reduction in the amount of energy used by the door heaters while maintaining clear glass.



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Realizing that the walk-in cooler and freezer are significant contributors to the energy usage of a store, Emerson and ExxonMobil initiated another pilot program in 2007. This program implemented a strategy in select sites that notified both store personnel and Emerson's ProAct Service Center if a cooler or freezer door was open for more than 10 minutes. Should the door be open for more than 10 minutes, an alarm horn sounds in the store. To encourage the door to be kept closed during stocking, the E2 keeps the interior light on for 20 minutes after the door is opened. Although a reset button is provided to temporarily silence the horn, an alarm will be sent to Emerson, should the door be open for more than 20 minutes. More importantly, the behavior of ExxonMobil's store employees has been modified to be more aware of the energy cost due to open refrigeration doors.

By maintaining proper temperature levels, automatically adjusting the temperature setback during low-demand periods and implementing glass-door heaters, Emerson Climate Technologies was able to reduce the total energy used by the refrigeration systems by as much as 30 percent. As a result of the enhancements described here, ExxonMobil also experienced improvements in its food quality and product shelf life.

Another innovative energy saving technique developed in conjunction with the 2007 pilot program is control of the water heater. During times of low usage, from 11PM to 4AM, the water heater is automatically deactivated to reduce energy usage. Furthermore, when outside lights are activated, the water heater is temporarily deactivated to limit electrical demand charges at the site. Emerson has been able to lower ExxonMobil's peak demand at each location where an E2 is installed.

Emerson also helped ExxonMobil address its outdoor lighting. Many stores did not have any lighting control before the installation of the E2. By using a light level sensor, the E2 was able to turn on individual outdoor lighting fixtures based on actual light levels. With true light level control, the exterior lighting runtime was reduced by an average of one hour per store during morning hours and one hour per store during evening hours. As a result, Emerson found that the E2 has saved an average of two hours of runtime per day at these locations.

Emerson has aided ExxonMobil's maintenance personnel in identifying system failures quickly and accurately. Through ProAct remote monitoring services, Emerson is able to pinpoint stores with equipment or setpoints that are not operating at optimal efficiency. Adjustments are often made remotely through the E2, and historical data is evaluated and analyzed. The equipment at each location is now running more efficiently, resulting in an approximate savings of \$1,000 per site per year in maintenance and equipment life.

Also in the 2007 pilot program, several stores have started to take advantage of Emerson's Enhanced ProAct monitoring services, which monitors the conditions of store equipment for energy efficiency, equipment failure and even preventative maintenance in some cases. When an alarm is received from these sites, Emerson automatically validates the alarm, filters the alarm as critical, non-critical, or notice and transfers the relevant information to the appropriate maintenance organization.

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As a result of their experience with Emerson Climate Technologies, ExxonMobil has called upon Emerson's expertise to help lay the groundwork for future new-store designs, and has partnered with Emerson to develop new energy saving technologies. Thanks to this relationship, future stores will become even more efficient and reliable, resulting in millions of dollars in maintenance and energy savings over the course of several years and a more positive impact on the environment.