

Charting a Course to Energy Independence

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Controls- The Helping Hand in Energy Management

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Control Interfaces

- What is a control interface and how does it work?
- Cost of interface vs. traditional installation.
- What is the additional data can be gained?
How can it be used?



What is Control Interface ?

- It is either a factory installed or field retrofitted communication board (Interface) that reads and/or writes to the equipment manufactures controls that is required to operate the equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- The interface is installed on some control network peer to peer with other controllers or interfaces.



What is Control Interface ?

- The interface can be provided with many standard industry protocols.

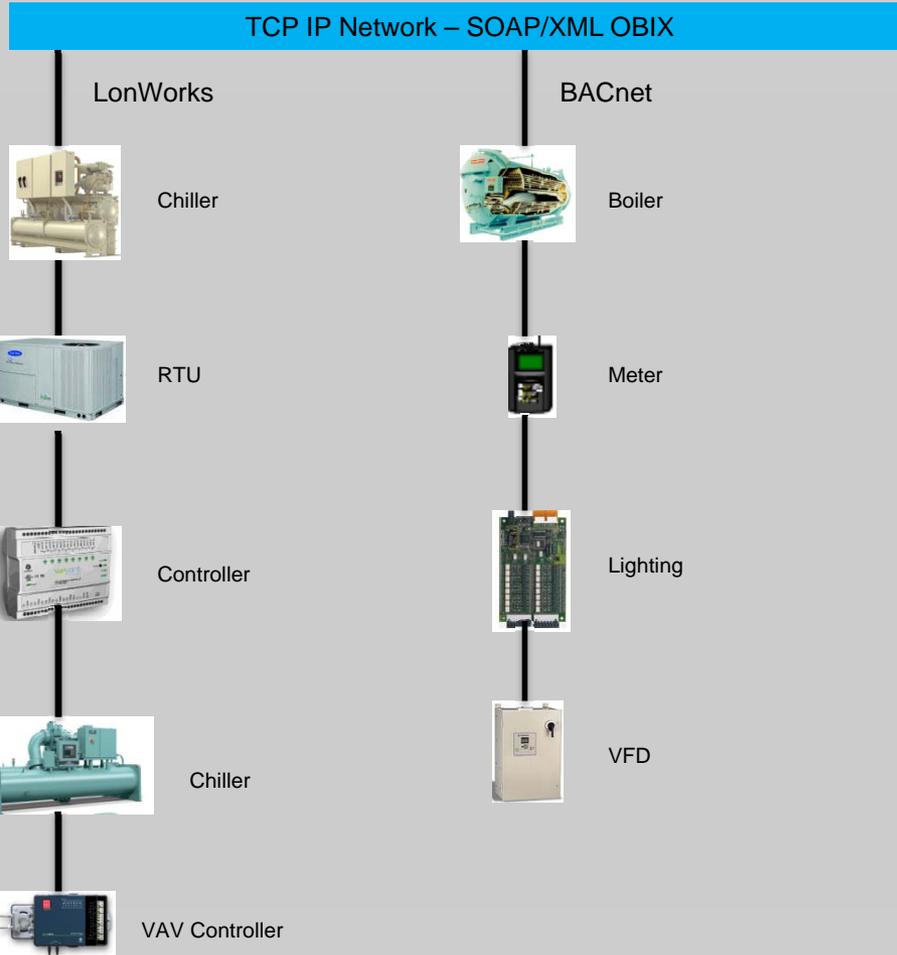
- ☐ LonMark

- ☐ BACnet

- ☐ Modbus



Peer to Peer Network





Interface Cost

- Interface can cost from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00.
- The cost is significantly less if purchased with the equipment from the manufacture.
- The interface is typically pre configured but not always when purchased with the equipment.
- This may required additional start-up (cost and/or fee) during commissioning of new equipment.

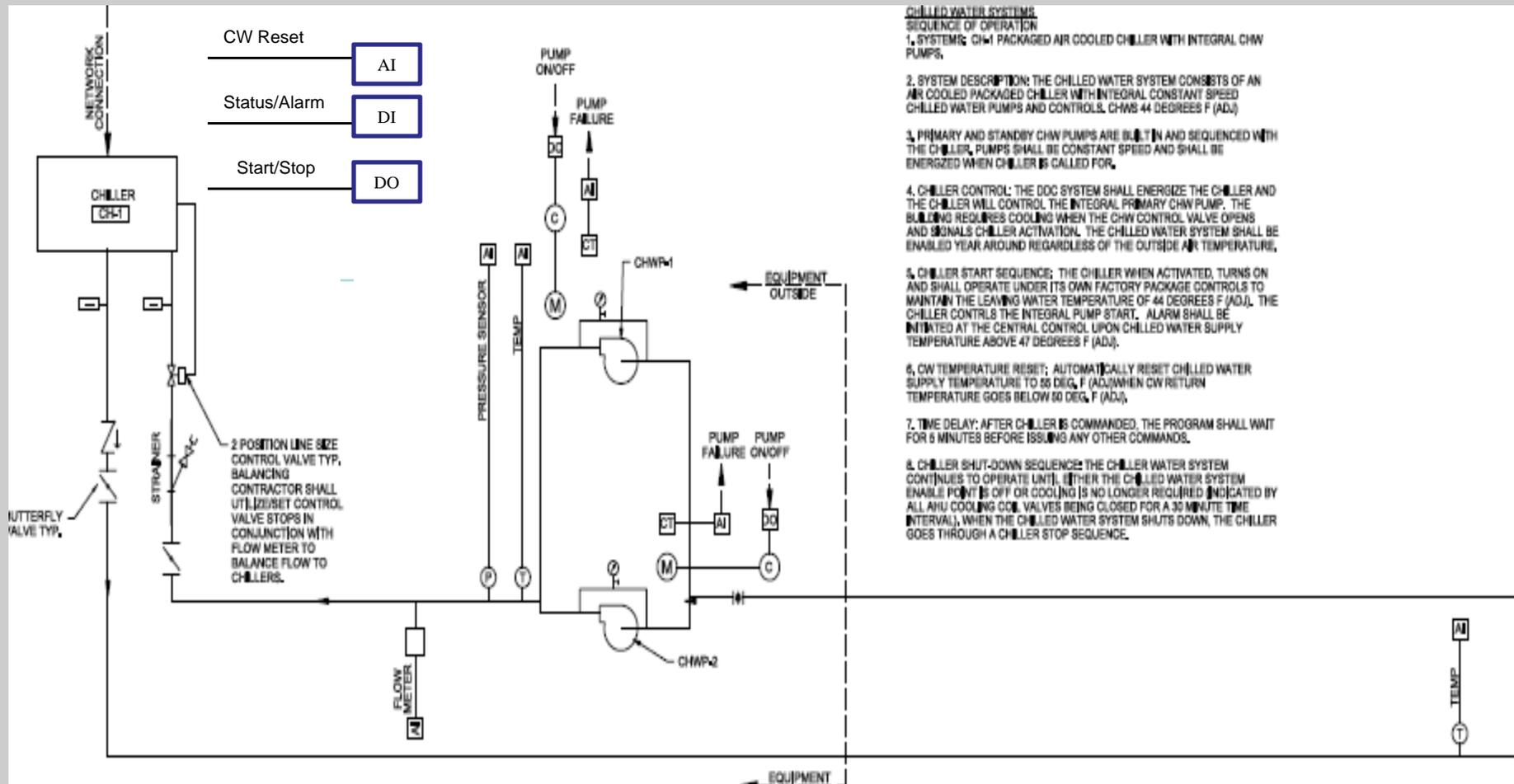


Traditional Points List

DESCRIPTION:	DIGITAL OUTPUTS	DIGITAL INPUTS	ANALOG OUTPUTS	ANALOG INPUTS	NETWORK CONNECT.	REMARKS
CHILLED WATER SYSTEM						
CHILLED WATER SUPPLY TEMP				1		
CHILLED WATER RETURN TEMP				1		
PUMP 1 ON/OFF	1					HAND-OFF-OVERRIDE SWITCH (NOTE 3)
PUMP 1 STATUS				1		CURRENT SENSING RELAY
PUMP 2 ON/OFF	1					HAND-OFF-OVERRIDE SWITCH (NOTE 3)
PUMP 2 STATUS				1		CURRENT SENSING RELAY
SYSTEM PRESSURE DOWNSTREAM OF PUMPS				1		
SYSTEM TEMP DOWNSTREAM OF PUMPS				1		
CHILLER ON/OFF	1					HAND-OFF-OVERRIDE SWITCH (NOTE 3)
CHILLER STATUS		1				CHILLER CONTROL PANEL
CHILLER ALARM		1				CHILLER CONTROL PANEL
CHILLER RESET			1			0-10V SIGNAL TO PACKAGED CONTROLS (NOTE 3)
DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE				1		
TOTALS:	3	2	1	7	0	



Traditional Installation



- CHILLED WATER SYSTEMS**
SEQUENCE OF OPERATION
1. SYSTEMS: CHW PACKAGED AIR COOLED CHILLER WITH INTEGRAL CHW PUMPS.
 2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION: THE CHILLED WATER SYSTEM CONSISTS OF AN AIR COOLED PACKAGED CHILLER WITH INTEGRAL CONSTANT SPEED CHILLED WATER PUMPS AND CONTROLS. CHWS 44 DEGREES F (ADJ.)
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 6. CW TEMPERATURE RESET: AUTOMATICALLY RESET CHILLED WATER SUPPLY TEMPERATURE TO 55 DEG. F (ADJ.) WHEN CW RETURN TEMPERATURE GOES BELOW 50 DEG. F (ADJ.).
 7. TIME DELAY: AFTER CHILLER IS COMMANDED, THE PROGRAM SHALL WAIT FOR 5 MINUTES BEFORE ISSUING ANY OTHER COMMANDS.
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Interface Points List

Inputs										
Chiller Enable/Disable Command	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chiller Mode ^{9, 10}	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Base Loading Auto/On Request	X	X	X							
Base Loading Setpoint Input	X	X	X							
Chilled Water Setpoint	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Current Limit Setpoint	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Heating Setpoint	X ¹¹	X ¹¹			X ¹¹	X	X ¹			X ¹¹
Noise Reduction Auto/On Request					X	X				
Outputs										
Evaporator Water Pump Request	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Condenser Water Pump Request	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
Evaporator Water Flow Status	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Condenser Water Flow Status	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
Evaporator Flow Rate ⁴	X	X								X
Condenser Flow Rate ⁴	X	X								X
Evaporator Leaving Water Temp	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evaporator Entering Water Temp	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Condenser Entering Water Temp	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
Condenser Leaving Water Temp	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
2 nd Condenser Entering Water Temp ⁷		X								
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Evaporator Refrigerant Temp/circuit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evaporator Refrigerant Press/circuit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Condenser Refrigerant Temp/circuit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Condenser Refrigerant Press/circuit	X ⁵	X ⁵	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Refrigerant Discharge Temp/circuit	X ⁶	X ⁶	X		X					
Outdoor Air Temperature				X	X	X	X	X	X	X

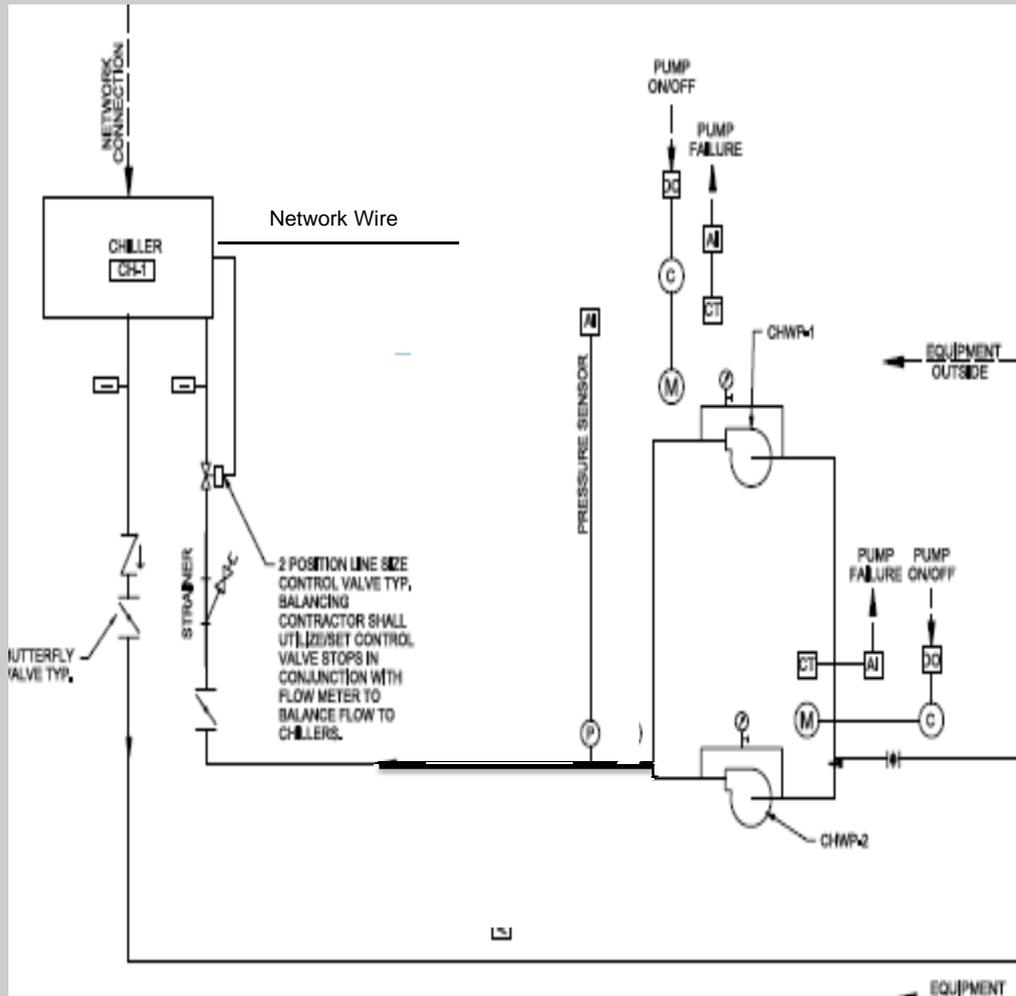


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Outdoor Air Temperature				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Condenser Fan Running Output							X	X	X	
Condenser Control Output			X		X					
Condenser Airflow				X	X		X	X	X	X
Active Chilled/Hot Water Setpoint	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Active Current Limit Setpoint	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Active Baseloading Setpoint	X	X	X							
Head Relief Request	X	X	X		X					
Compressor Running Output	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maximum Capacity	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Noise Reduction Mode					X	X				
Defrost Mode						X				
Alarm Description ²	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Run Modes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Operating Modes ^{9, 10}	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
State (Alarm, Run, Local, Limited)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Base Loading	X	X	X							
Hot Gas Bypass ⁸		X						X	X	
Actual Capacity (% RLA)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Current per Line	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Voltage per Phase	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Power per compressor (kW)	X	X			X ¹²					
Oil Temp per Compressor	X	X		X		X	X			
High Side Oil Pressure/compressor	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Low Side Oil Pressure/compressor	X	X								
Compressor Starts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Compressor Run Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Purge Status ³	X	X								
24 Hour Pumpout Average/circuit	X	X								



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Chiller Testing and Benchmarking

- Chiller interface can measure everything you need to know about a chiller's operating efficiency. Information can be tracked with the BAS over a wide range of operating conditions to develop a chiller's performance profile "efficiency curve".
- This information can develop baseline operating efficiency and optimize multiple chiller operation.



What additional data can be gained ? How can it be used?

- You will need to measure and record the following 5 points for air cooled and 9 points for water cooled chiller to develop "efficiency curve".
 - ☐ Chiller Electrical Power (kW)
 - ☐ Chilled Water Flow (gpm)
 - ☐ Chilled Water Return Temperature (F)
 - ☐ Chilled Water Supply Temperature (F)
 - ☐ Condenser Water Flow (gpm)
 - ☐ Condenser Water Return Temperature (F)
 - ☐ Condenser Water Supply Temperature (F)
 - ☐ Outside Air Dry-Bulb
 - ☐ Outside Air Humidity