

District Cooling Systems

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DCS Components

- Central Chiller Plant– Generate chilled water for cooling purposes
- Distribution Network– *Distribute chilled water to buildings*
- User Station–Interface with buildings' own air-conditioning circuits





Chiller Plant & Auxiliary Equipment



- Chillers Hi efficiency
- Pumping System
- Cooling towers
- Piping distribution
- Thermal Energy Storage
- Energy Transfer Station
- Controls
- Water treatment



Chillers



- Modules of high capacity Centrifugal Water Cooled Chillers are installed
- Chillers can be designed with series counter flow arrangement for various capacities of approx. 5000 TR
- Large delta T across Evaporators and Condensers
- Power consumption of approx 0.55 KW/TR





Pumps & Cooling Towers

- Fixed speed primary, condenser and variable speed secondary pumping
- Trend towards variable primary flow
- Power consumptions less than 0.2 KW/TR
- Chiller Cooling Tower Optimization
- Select with the best approach







Piping distribution

- Capital intensive as it has to accommodate future expansion and should have longevity
- Good insulation properties
- Requirement of liasioning with authorities for service corridor
- Welded steel, HDPE, Pre-insulated pipes commonly used.







PAL-AT is a state of the art lead detection cable system that locates potential problems anywhere along the sensor string and alarms on contact

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• Use of leak detection system in buried pre-insulated pipe
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Energy Transfer Stations - ETS

- Thermal energy transfer point between district cooling and customer's HVAC system
- Direct and indirect connection
- ETS comprises of heat exchanger and a set of control valves
- BTU Metering





Controls

- An industrial grade and reliable PLC based control system
- Complex and distributive in nature
- Unit Level are the field devices & DDCs
- System Level are the plant controllers
- Management Level with WS Software







Water Treatment

- To minimize deposition, corrosion and control of microbiological activity
- A qualified and experienced water service provider is often considered
- Chilled water network for initial fill and make up
- Condenser water network for initial fill and larger makeup
- Potable water, ground water ,TSE, sea water
- Interest in using TSE water, but polishing plant needed for DC use





BENEFITS OF USING DISTRICT COOLING SYSTEMS



- Maximization of diversities
- Energy Efficiency
- Deferring Capital costs
- Increase in net lettable areas in buildings
- Reduction in O&M costs for the consumers
- Reduction in municipal utility infrastructure
- Minimization of environmental impact



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