



PEAK 10, INC.

Locations

Charlotte, North Carolina
Jacksonville, Florida
Tampa, Florida
Cincinnati, Ohio
Nashville, Tennessee
Atlanta, Georgia

Market

Data Center

Unique Obstacle

To provide full back-up power coverage at multiple Data Centers in the event of an extended utility power interruption

Units

2000+ kW Modular Power Systems
(4 x 500 or 600 kW Gensets in Parallel, Diesel)

Solution

Generac's onboard paralleling system allows the MPS to combine the output of 2 or more generators without the complexity or cost of traditional paralleling equipment, significantly improving reliability. MPS uses smaller engines and service is easier.

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MPS Ensures Peak Performance and 24/7 Reliability for Leading Data Center

In today's world, reliable data is the lifeblood of business. Many companies depend upon high speed systems that process and store data in a variety of ways, as well as lightning-fast networks that give users instant access. Internal resources are often insufficient to meet an enterprise's data needs, causing them to partner with a company that offers comprehensive solutions.

Peak 10, Inc. is America's leading independent data center operator and managed services provider. Its services allow companies to lower costs, improve service levels, meet regulatory requirements and increase revenue growth by maximizing internal IT resources and ensuring the security and availability of a complex technology infrastructure. Its array of services includes:

- **Data Center Services** - providing hardened infrastructure and scalable solutions including colocation, bandwidth and Metro Ethernet that lower costs and maximize internal resources.
- **Manage Hosting** - offering the management and monitoring of operating systems and applications, patch management, managed backup, and reporting. Complete with a highly-available core network, redundant enterprise firewalls, access layer switches and electrical circuits to each server.
- **Disaster Recovery** - supplying reliable services and complete redundant architecture with automatic traffic redirection and hot site mirroring to offer a more complete business continuity solution.
- **Cloud Services** - providing customizable solutions in a private or enterprise format, coupled with expertise that allows companies to leverage the power of the cloud based on their specific needs.

To provide these and other services, Peak 10 owns and operates numerous high-performance data centers. All data centers are engineered with multiple levels of security, uninterruptible power, redundant HVAC systems, fire suppression and around-the-clock monitoring and management. Peak 10 selected Generac's Modular Power System (MPS) to provide

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CASE STUDY: PEAK 10, INC.

full backup power coverage at several of its data centers in the event of an extended utility power interruption. Working with National Power Corporation, the Generac Industrial Power dealer in Charlotte, N.C., Peak 10 installed an MPS at its data centers in Charlotte; Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tenn.; and Atlanta, Ga.

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equipment. If one generator fails, the most critical loads are redistributed among the other units in the system, significantly improving reliability. Given typical applications and load factors, the load requiring the highest degree of reliability is often only a fraction of the total generation capacity. As such, redundancy is achieved without the addition of costly under-utilized generators.

Increasing the capacity of an MPS is as simple as adding another modular generator. Most of the Peak 10 sites feature four 500 or 600 kW MPS diesel gensets, with room for an additional unit as capacity needs increase.

“Serviceability is better, too, because we can take a unit offline for service and still have full capacity,” Biggs said. “And because MPS uses smaller, more common engines, service is easier and parts are more readily available than for larger, more specialized generators.”

The use of common engines also results in shorter lead times. “Generac provided a means of acquiring our needed capacity in a short time frame—just 18 weeks compared to a full year for systems from other manufacturers,” Biggs added.

Modular Power Systems can be configured using 100–600 kW diesel, gaseous-fuel or Bi-Fuel® generators, allowing for solutions ranging from 200 kW to 6 MW. The flexibility of MPS allows generators to be arranged side by side, end to end, in separate locations around a building or even on a rooftop—a real advantage if space is limited.

Peak 10 has found MPS to be a very effective solution for its standby power requirements. “The units are very fast to start up and parallel,” Biggs says. “During commissioning we run each system at 110% of the nameplate load, so we know they can deliver all the power we need, and the lead time necessary for installing and commissioning the system.”