Pilot Valve Solution Reduces Costs and Piping Rework During Plant Shutdown

RESULTS

- Upgrade of existing direct spring-operated pressure relief valves to pilot operated pressure relief valve without piping modification
- \$20,000 cost savings and reduction of 100 working hours for piping modification
- Eliminated potential valve chattering issue due to high inlet pressure loss

APPLICATION

Pressure Relief Valves

CUSTOMER

Gas processing plant in Asia

CHALLENGE

A natural gas processing plant in Southeast Asia was working on an asset life extension and improvement project of their 20-year-old facility.

Emerson supported the customer review and selection of their PRVs (which included a force balance assessment) for over 150 valves. Five valves were identified with high inlet loss and the potential chatter by using direct spring-operated pressure relief valves.

Due to the tight shutdown schedule and budget, it was critical for the customer to minimize piping modification work.

SOLUTION

The team offered the Anderson Greenwood™ 400 Series modulating pilot operated relief valve, which can operate effectively in high inlet loss installations, to replace the existing direct spring-operated pressure relief valve.

The main valve body of the Anderson Greenwood™ pilot valves met API 526 spring-operated PRV dimensions and enabled a direct replacement without piping modification.

Unlike other valve manufacturers offering more complicated and costly options, Anderson Greenwood was able to offer a solution utilizing our field-proven standard valves, with a track record of over 60 years, and no additional components. All main valve internals, pilots and sensing options were standard.

RESOURCES

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A gas processing plant saved \$20,000 and over 100 working hours for piping modification by selecting pilot operated relief valves to replace direct spring valves.



