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From: Bill Patton

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This is an update concerning the Elizabethville plant.

In October of 1993 we installed approximately five surge suppressors, lightening and grounding equipment recommended by Powersafe, Inc., to protect key sites around our Elizabethville plant. These units protect data processing, weighing and production equipment. We have yet to lose any equipment due to power surges or lightning to the present date.

An industrial location such as ours makes use of a lot of sensitive equipment that is easily affected by power surges. Load cells and computerized batching equipment are vital to keeping our operation up and running.

I estimate that the total protection system has reduced our yearly electrical maintenance costs by a minimum of 33%. Downtime costs related to surge activity were also eliminated. This investment paid for itself many times during the last ten years.

William L. Patton General Manager