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To: Rockwell Automation Customers
From: Logix Product Marketing
Subject: PLC-5 End of Life Announcement

Dear Valued Customer:

Over the past six years, Rockwell Automation has announced the End of Life status for several members of our PLC-5® processor family. With this announcement, we complete the transition to End of Life for the remaining PLC-5 processor catalog numbers.

Protecting Your Investment

PLC-5 products have been sold and supported in the market for more than 30 years, illustrating the Rockwell Automation commitment to protecting your automation investment for as long as practical. As we reflect on the long and successful life of the PLC-5 platform, we celebrate a control and information system that has benefitted a broad set of industries and applications.

This announces the retirement of the remainder of the PLC-5 family and provides an opportunity for us to say thank you for being a significant part of that success. Your continued business success is important to all of us at Rockwell Automation, and we look forward to providing you with even greater functionality and benefits with our ControlLogix® platform.

What Does This Mean For You?

The Control and Visualization Business is announcing the End of Life lifecycle designation for the following PLC-5 processors, effective immediately, with corresponding last-time-buy deadlines defined as the Discontinued Date shown in the table below.

Product ID	Product Description	Discontinued Date *	Recommended Replacement
1785-L40C	PLC-5 ControlNet 1.25 Processor	June 2017	ControlLogix Processor
1785-L80B	PLC-5 Processor	June 2017	ControlLogix Processor
1785-L80C	PLC-5 ControlNet 1.25 Processor	June 2017	ControlLogix Processor
1785-L80C15	PLC-5 ControlNet 1.5 Processor	June 2017	ControlLogix Processor
1785-L80E	PLC-5 EtherNet Processor	June 2017	ControlLogix Processor

* The discontinued date represents the probable last date the product will be available for purchase, according to current forecasts.

The End of Life designation does not mean these products can no longer be purchased. Rather, it is intended to help inform you that as the product enters its retirement phase, you should begin the necessary planning for product migration/modernization. Refer to the Product Lifecycle website at http://www.rockwellautomation.com/go/lifecycle for detailed lifecycle status information.

Modernization

While we are proud of the longevity of the PLC-5 platform, we are also confident that our modern ControlLogix platform can offer a competitive advantage for our customers, by leveraging contemporary technologies and advancements in safety, security, mobility and connectivity.

As the PLC-5 processors enter the End of Life stage, we recommend you migrate to the ControlLogix platform. These Programmable Automation Controllers (PACs) enable you to converge your production disciplines into an integrated plant-wide architecture, which helps eliminate the need for multiple discrete control systems. This means you can increase efficiency and productivity across all layers of your operation. Our Integrated Architecture® offers you a common network infrastructure, with a common control engine and a single development environment for every application.

This integration lays the groundwork for you to more strategically connect your enterprise to turn real-time and historical insights into actionable information that help you improve performance, uptime and overall decision-making. Modernization is the enabler to help you achieve what we call The Connected Enterprise. Sharing information between IT and control systems across your organization, in a secure network environment, increases your agility and enables you to realize the benefits of a demand-driven supply chain.

Migration Strategies

As a customer, you have several options to help you move forward – from a simple controller hardware migration with software code conversion, to a complete control system modernization in which the application code and control system hardware are replaced with the most current offerings, with the help of a trusted automation partner.

Rockwell Automation has developed a modernization strategy with tools that allow you to quickly and easily migrate from PLC-5 processors and 1771 I/O to ControlLogix controllers and 1756 I/O. These include:

- The Integrated Architecture Builder (http://www.rockwellautomation.com/global/support/configuration.page)
- The RSLogix™ Project Migrator
- The 1771 I/O to 1756 I/O Wiring Conversion System/Swing Arm Adapter (http://www.ab.com/en/epub/catalogs/12768/229240/229268/10941496/9657432/Introduction.html)

These tools allow for a simple control migration with rapid replacement of the PLC-5 processor and local 1771 I/O with a ControlLogix processor and I/O with no rewiring of field devices required. Refer to the PLC-5 to ControlLogix Migration Profile (MIGRAT-PP003) for more information.

As you plan your migration, you can choose the most appropriate path forward for your business based on your productivity needs, risk tolerance, budget and machine availability. Refer to the Rockwell Automation Migration Brochure (MIGRAT-BR002B) for descriptions of the various tools and migration options available.

Thank you, again, for trusting us with your business and allowing us to share in your success with the PLC-5 for the past 30 years. Please feel free to contact Rockwell Automation with any concerns or transition issues. We look forward to continuing our partnership.

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