



Energy Recovery from PRVs Using In-Line Turbines

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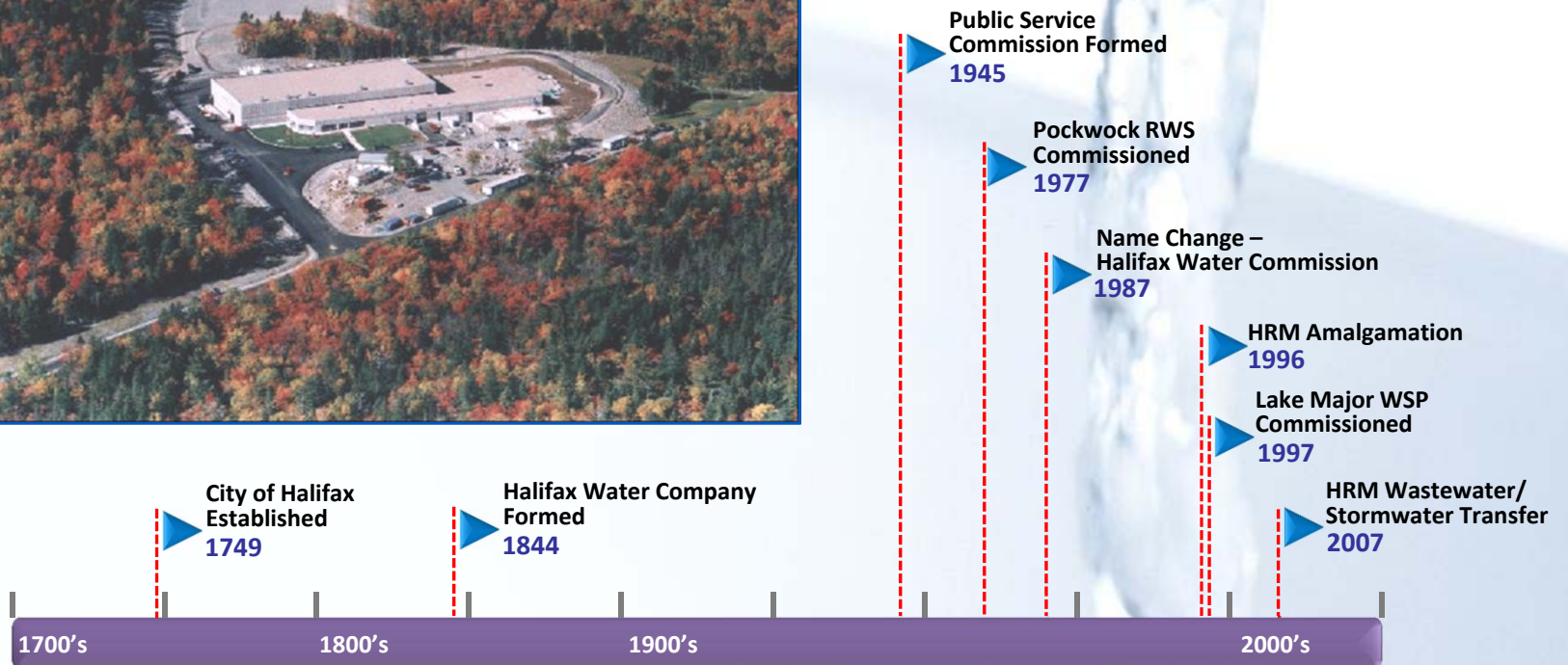
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About Halifax Water

A Brief History



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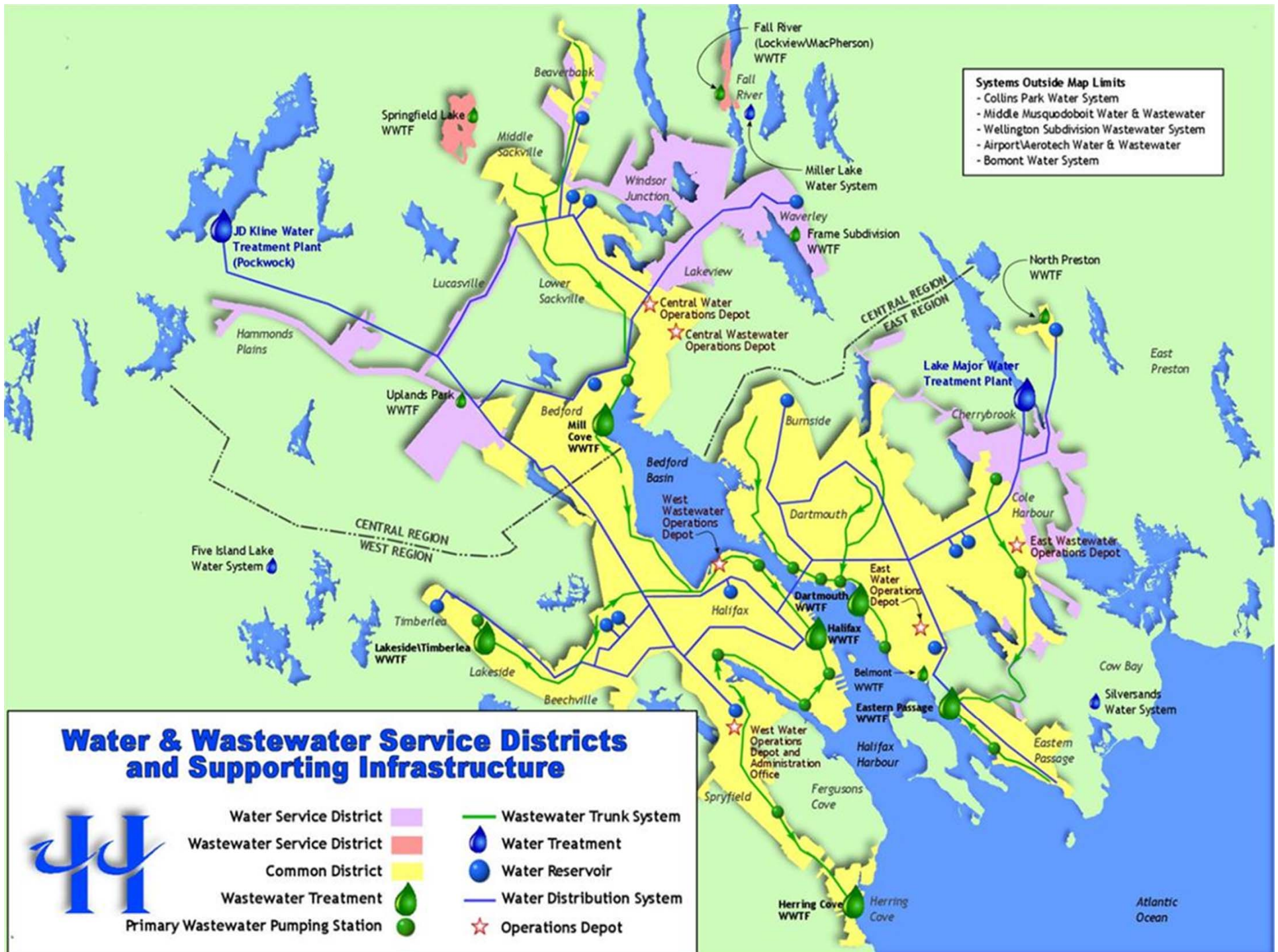
Utility Background

- 1st Regulated W/WW/SW Utility in Canada
- Halifax Regional Water Commission Act
- Regulated by NS Utility & Review Board
- Board of Directors – 100% Owned by HRM
- Self Financed – Funded by W/WW/FP Revenue

About Halifax Water

Facilities

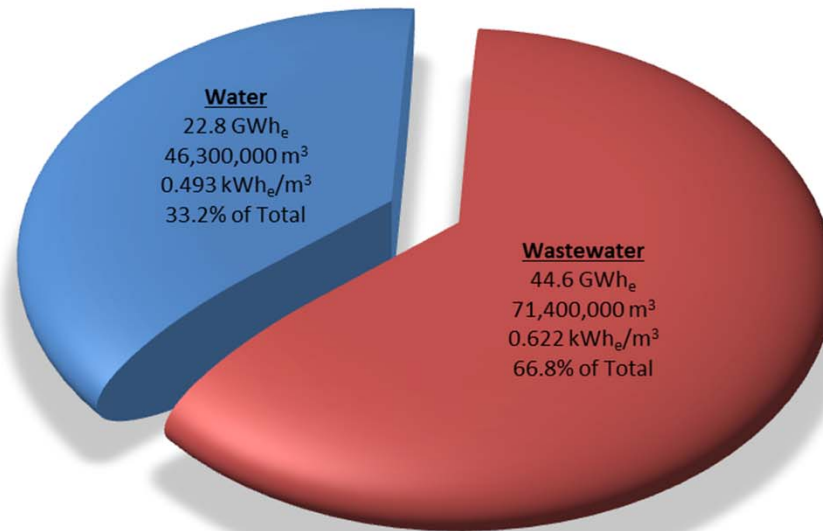
- Water Treatment
 - 3 Large + 6 Smaller Facilities (227 MLD to 8 KLD)
 - 18 Storage Reservoirs (269 MLD Capacity)
 - Distribution System (~ 180 Pumping/Meter/PRV Stations)
 - 7,700+ Fire Hydrants
 - 80,000+ Customer Connections
- Wastewater Treatment
 - 5 Large (344 to 62 MLD) + 10 Smaller Facilities
 - Collection System (~ 180 Pumping Stations)



About Halifax Water

Energy Use

Halifax Water
Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Systems
Functional Energy Use



Energy Management Program

Long Term Goals

- Responsible Energy Management
- Reduced Dependency on Fossil Fuels
- Reduction of Pollution & Emissions
- Energy Reduction Targets
- Development of Renewable Energy Projects

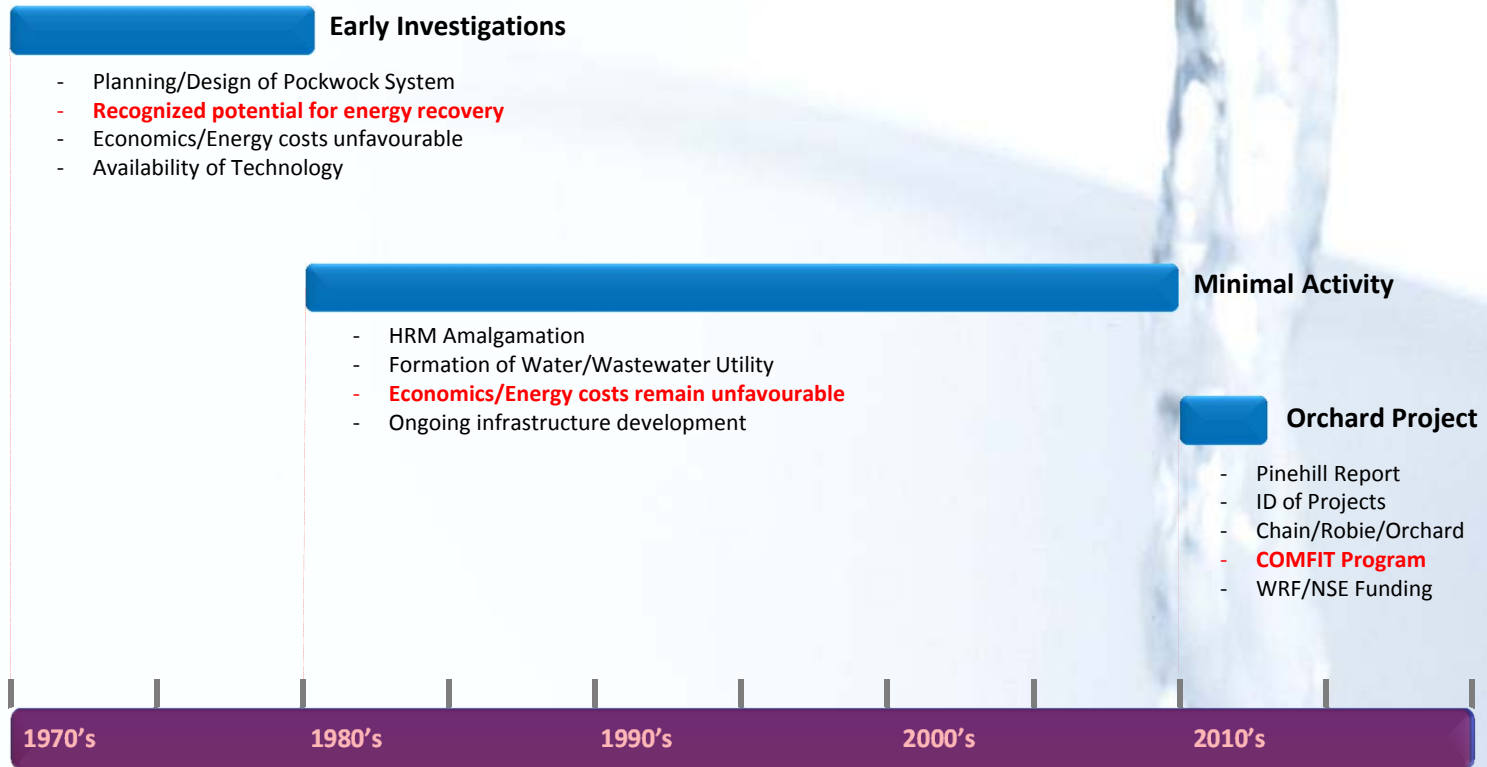


Renewable Energy Projects

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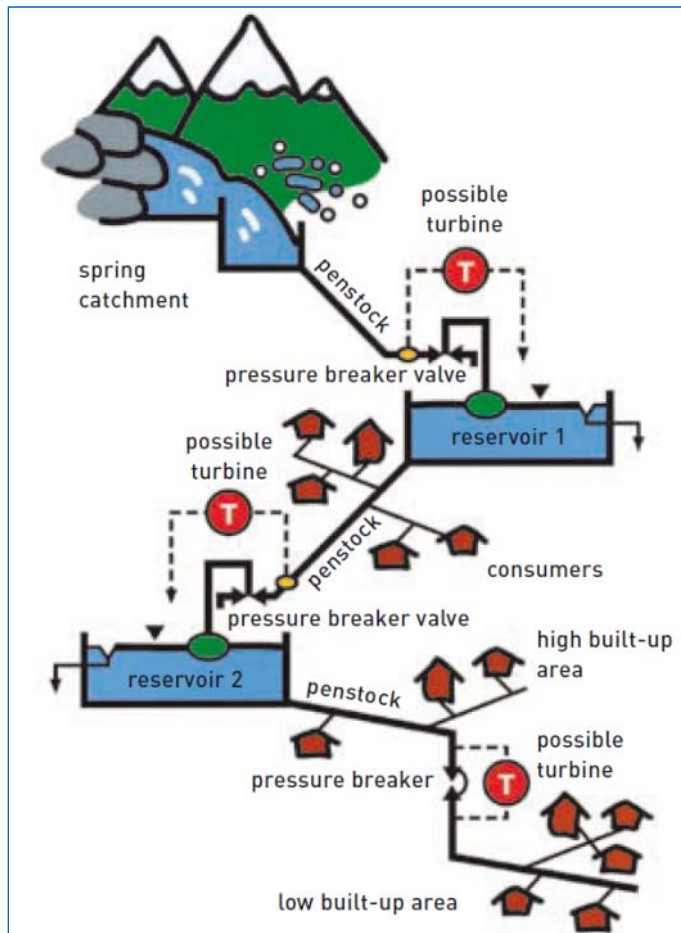
Energy Recovery from PRV Chambers

Background

- Energy recovery using turbines in an *Open* (i.e. atmospheric pressure) water system is very common.
- Energy recovery in a *Closed* (i.e. pressurized) water system is **not** common.
- Energy recovery from a *Closed* water transmission system involves the installation of a “turbine” to replace the normal function of a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) in the system.

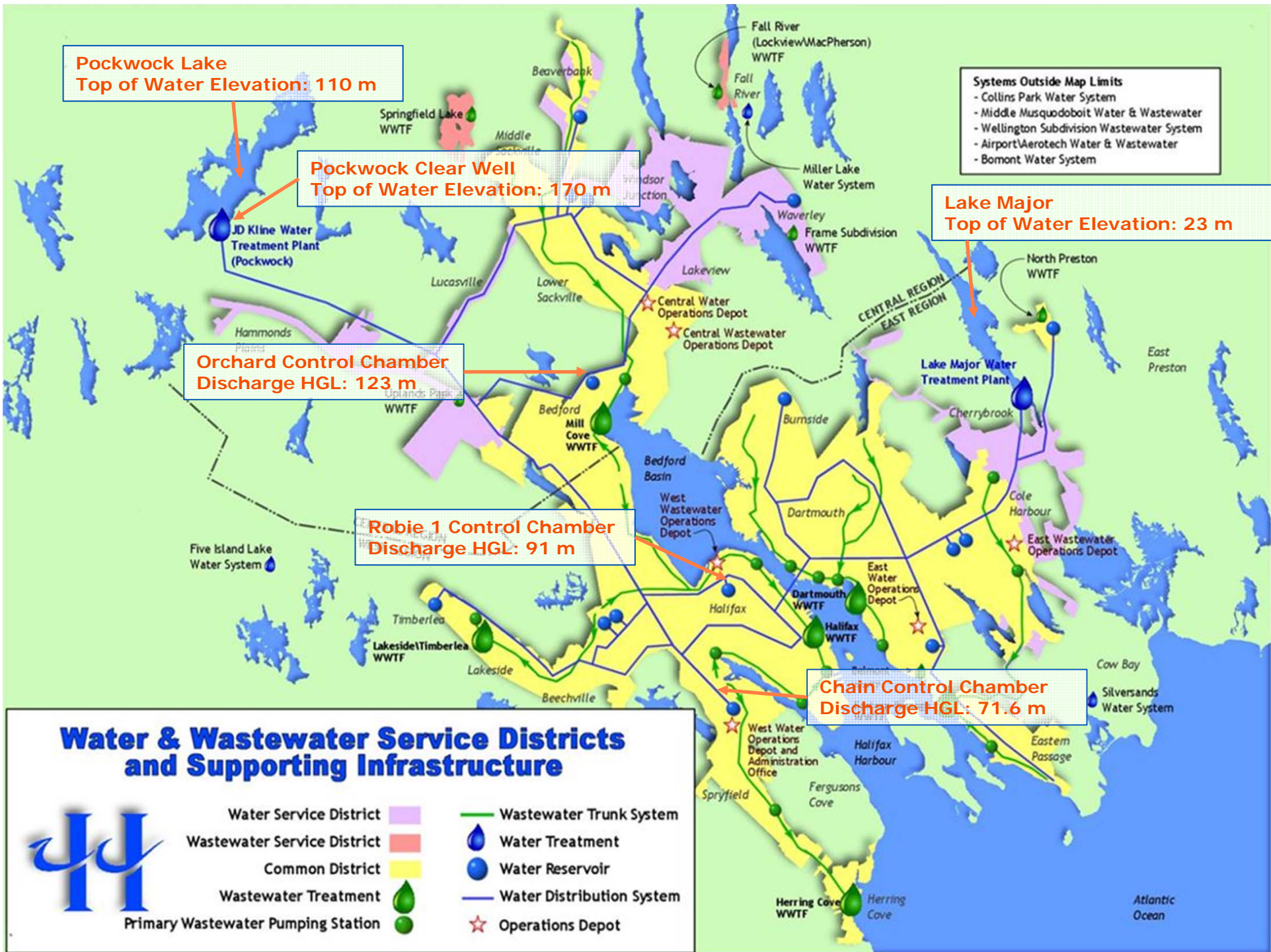
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Potential Water Supply Applications



- Discharge into Reservoir
- Within the Supply Network
- Discharge to the Environment

“Anywhere there is significant and sustained flow with a significant and sustained pressure differential”



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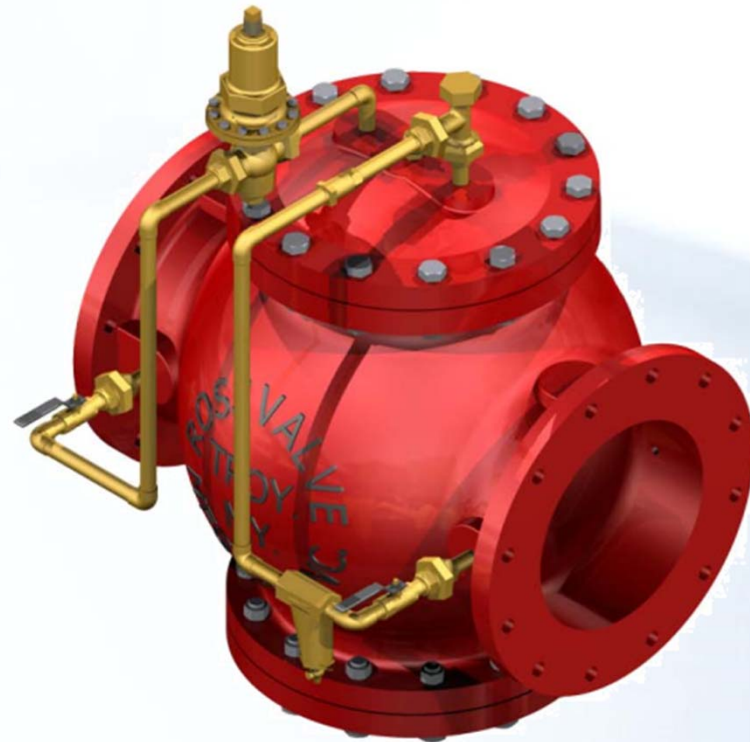
Why Do It?

“Pressure Reduction = Wasted Energy”

- Gravity Based Systems
 - Naturally available head
 - Excess Energy Available (usually!)
- Pumped Systems – Energy added to satisfy:
 - Static Head Requirements; and/or
 - System Pressure Requirements.

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Traditional Pressure Reduction



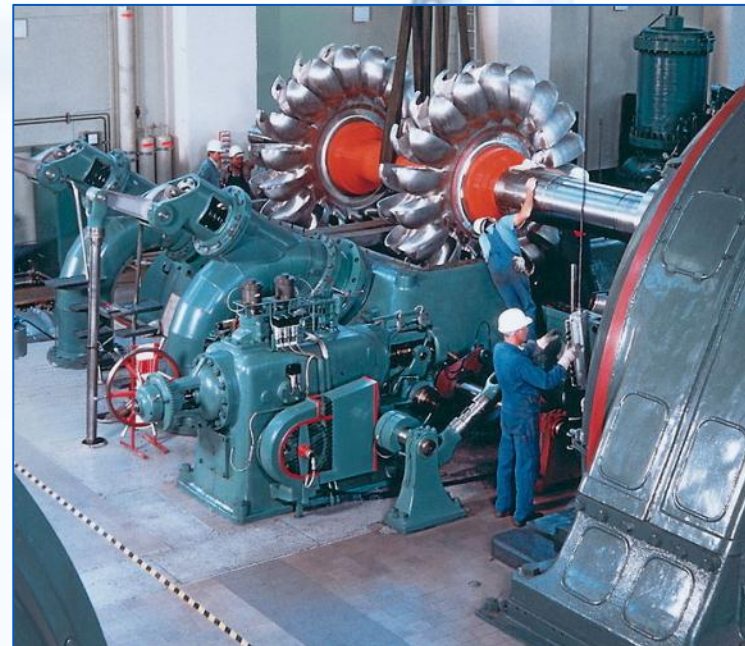
**ROSS MODEL - 40WR
Pressure Reducing Valve**

GLOBE FLAT SEAT STYLE

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Available Technologies

- ***Pelton Turbines***
 - High Head, Low Flow Applications
 - Variable Flow
 - Radial Nozzle Entry
 - Good Efficiency
 - Built In Flow/Surge Regulation
 - Open Discharge (Usually)
 - Prone to Nozzle Plugging



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Available Technologies

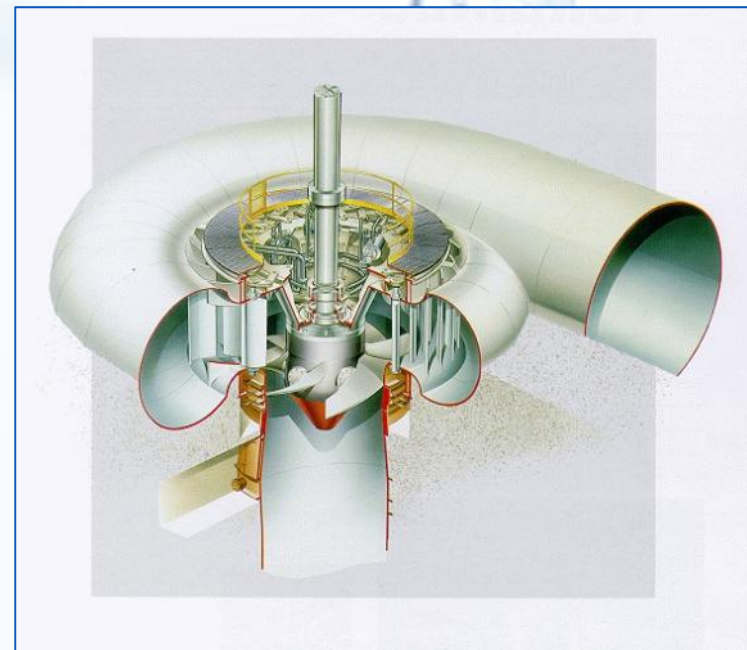
- ***Turgo Turbines***
 - Medium Head Applications
 - Variable Flow
 - Side Nozzle Entry
 - Good Efficiency
 - Open Discharge
 - Prone to Nozzle Plugging



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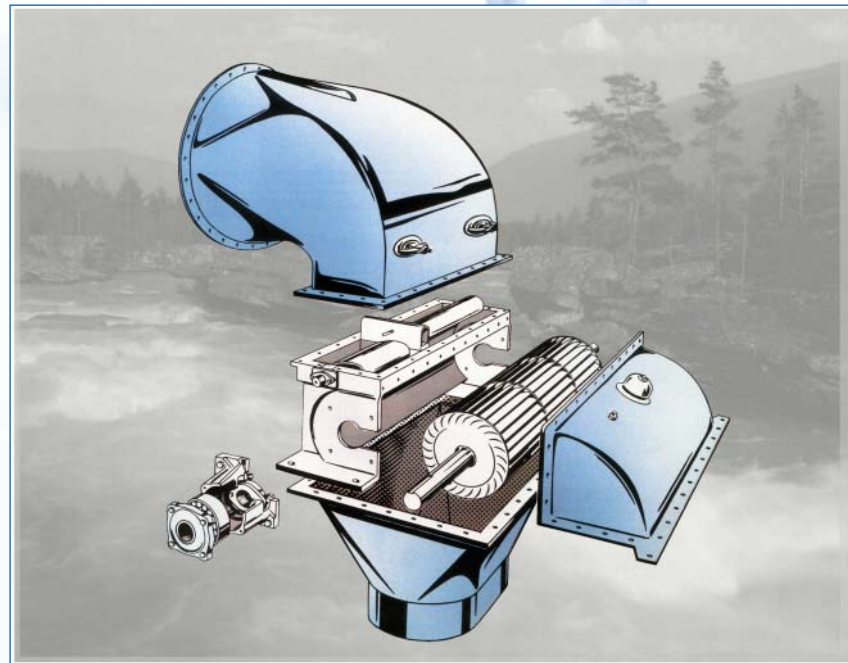
- ***Kaplan Turbine***
 - Medium Head Applications
 - Side Entry Nozzle
 - Efficiencies ~87%
 - Open Discharge



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Available Technologies

- **Cross Flow Turbine**
 - Simple Construction
 - Good Efficiency over Varying Flows
 - Good Run-of-River Performance
 - Open Discharge



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Available Technologies

- ***Francis Turbine***
 - Reaction Turbine
 - Most Common Hydro Turbine
 - Small to Very Large
 - Moderate Flow Variability
 - Atmospheric Discharge



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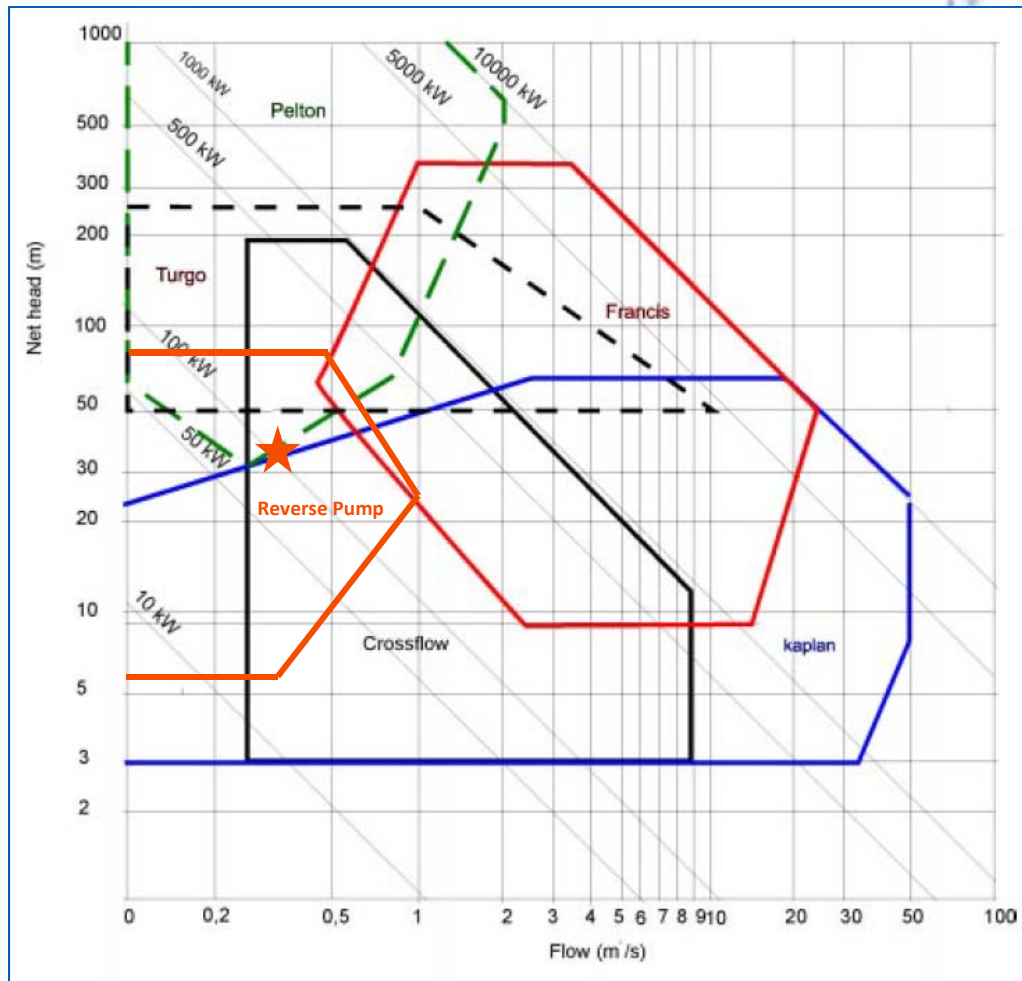
Available Technologies

- ***Pump as Turbine***
 - Limited Flow Variability
 - Typically Small Applications
 - Simple Construction
 - Readily Available Technology (low cost)
 - Open/Closed Discharge



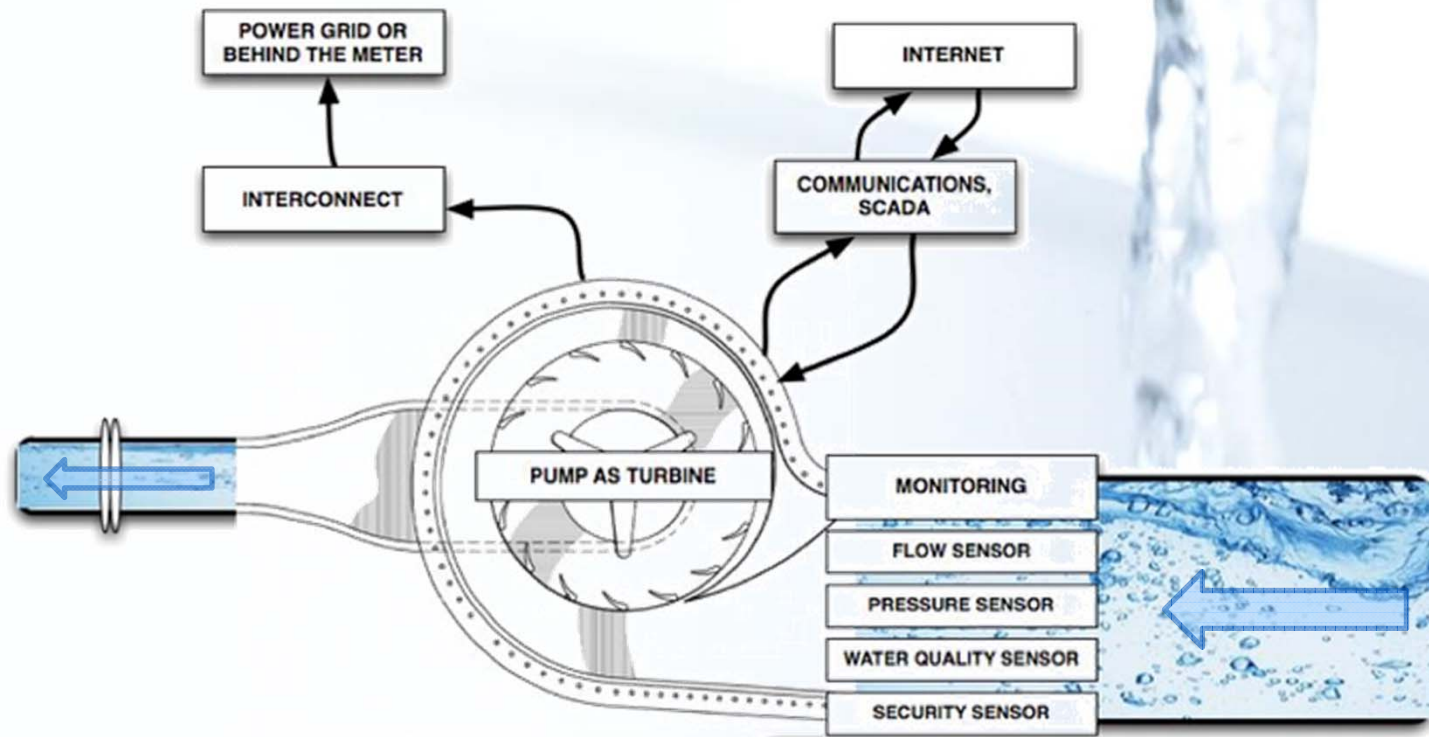
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"Reverse Pump" or "Pump as Turbine" (PaT)



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Known PaT Suppliers



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Orchard Site Considerations



J.D. Kline WSP
- Elevation = ~170 m
- Flows = ~3,600 m³/hr

**WSP vs. Orchard
Elevation Difference ~ 93 m**



**Pockwock vs. Orchard
Elevation Difference ~ 35 m**

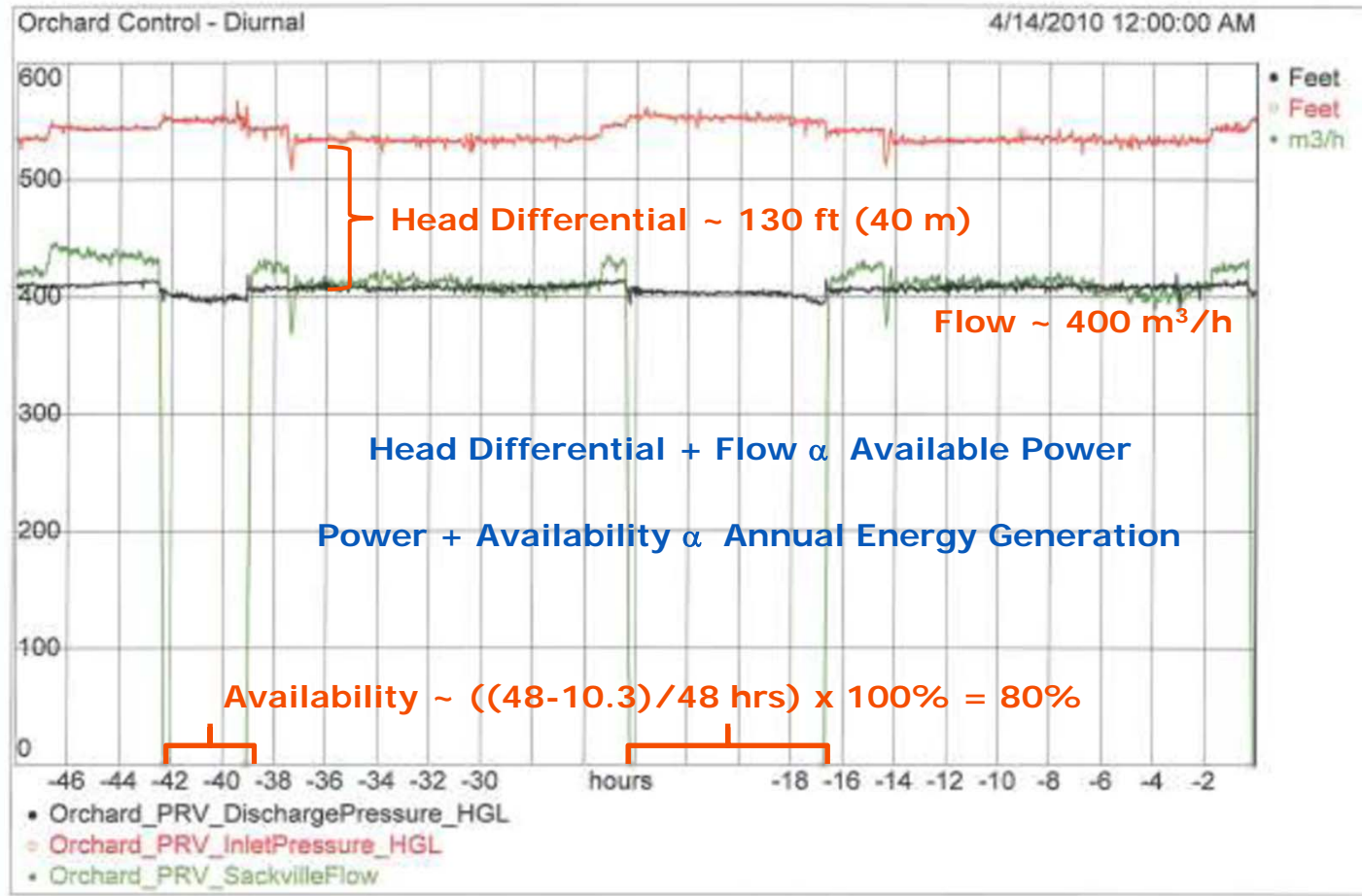
Pockwock Lake + Pumping Station
- Elevation = ~110 m



Orchard PRV Chamber
- Elevation = ~75 m (Gravity Fed)
- Average Capacity = ~33.5 kW
- Flows = ~400 m³/hr (1,700 USGPM)

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Orchard System Hydraulics



Energy Recovery from PRV Chambers

Orchard Power Calculations

- Formula: $P_e = \Delta Z \cdot Q \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot \eta_t \cdot \eta_e \cdot \eta_f \cdot 1/1000$

$$E_e = P_e \cdot 8760 \cdot R_a$$

Where:

- P_e = Power (kW)
- ΔZ = Head (m)
- Q = Flow (m³/sec)
- ρ = Density of water (1000 kg/m³)
- g = Acceleration due to gravity (9.81 m/sec²)
- η_t = Turbine efficiency (75% ≤ η_t ≤ 85%)
- η_e = Generator efficiency (≥ 92%)
- η_f = Transformer efficiency (≥ 97%)
- E_e = Energy (kWh)
- R_a = Availability Ratio (Up time/Total time)

Overall Efficiencies Typically 70 – 75%

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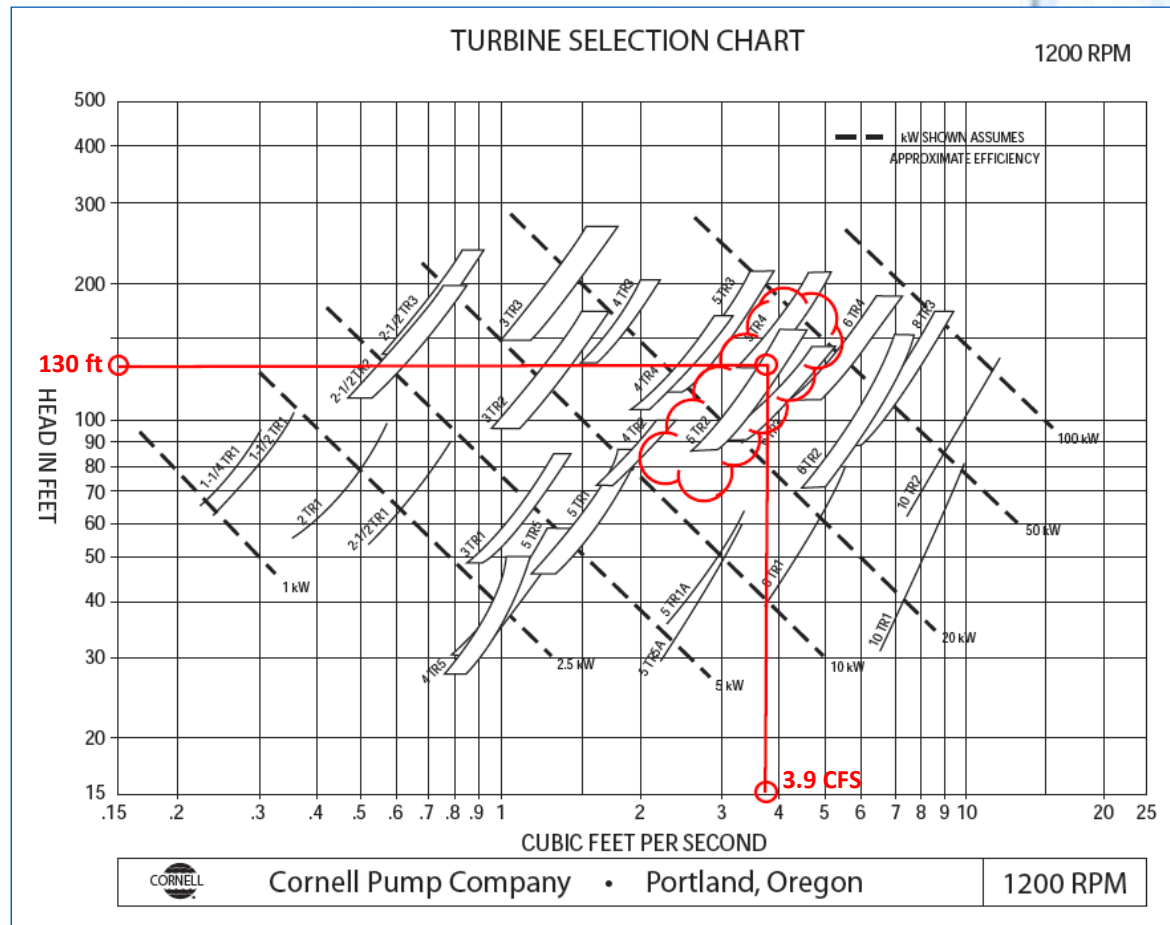
Known Data: Head (ΔZ) = 40 m
Flow (Q) = 0.112 m³/sec
Density of water = 1000 kg/m³
Overall Efficiency (η) = 73 %
- Turbine Efficiency (η_t) = 78 %
- Generator Efficiency (η_e) = 93 %

$$P_e = (40 \text{ m} \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.112 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec} \cdot 9.81 \text{ m/sec}^2 \cdot 73\%)/1000 \\ = 32 \text{ kW}$$

$$E_e = 32 \text{ kW} \cdot 8760 \text{ hrs/yr} \cdot 0.80 \\ = 225,000 \text{ kWh/yr}$$

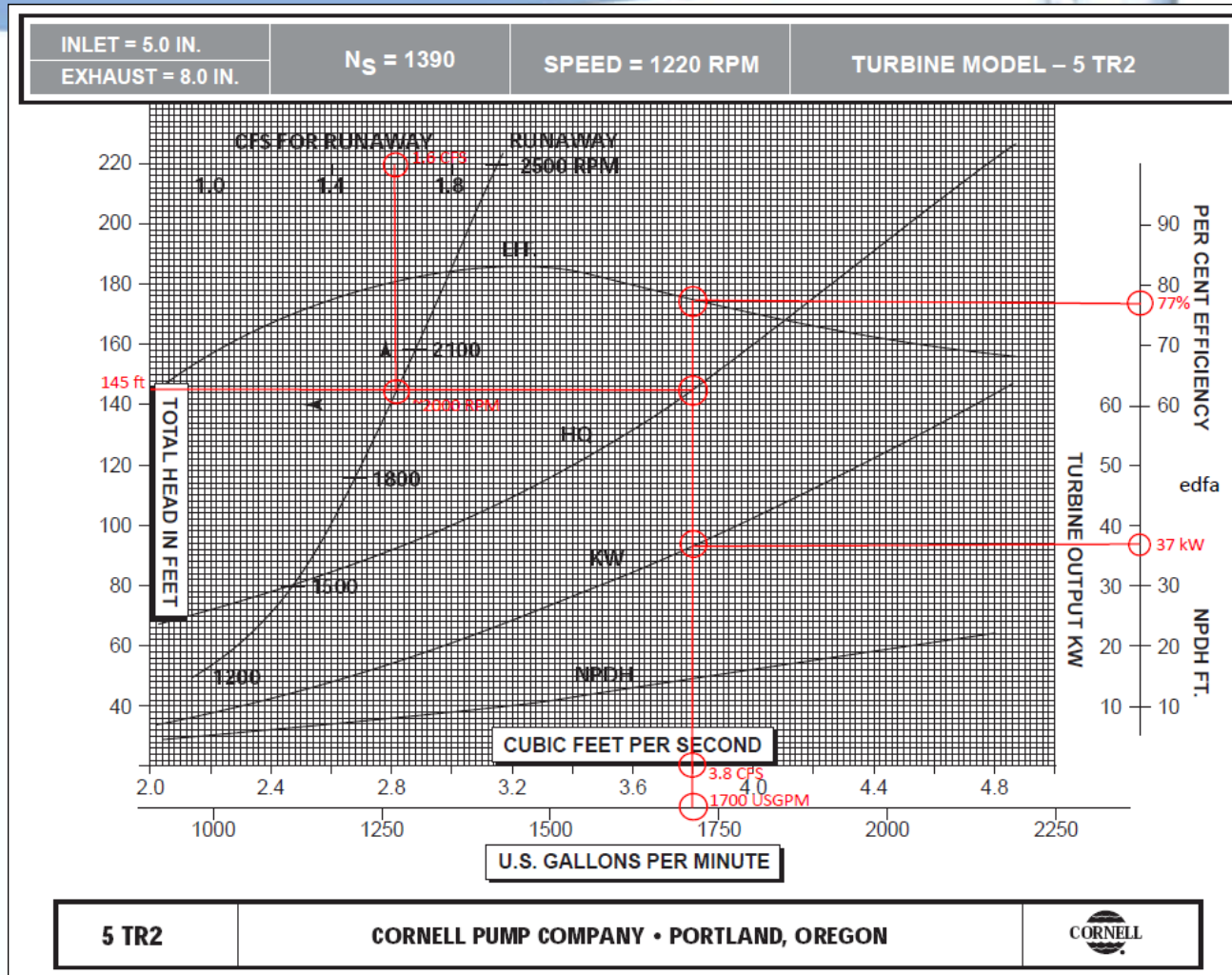
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Orchard Turbine Selection



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Orchard Predicted Turbine Performance



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Orchard Project Economics

- COMFIT Project ~ \$0.14/kWh
- Capacity ~ 32 kW / 225,000 kWh/yr *
- Revenue ~ \$31,500/yr *
- Project Cost ~ \$468,000
- Part Funded by WRF + NS DOE \$200,000
- NPV ~ \$350,000
- IRR ~ 11.4% **
- SPB ~ 8.6 Years **

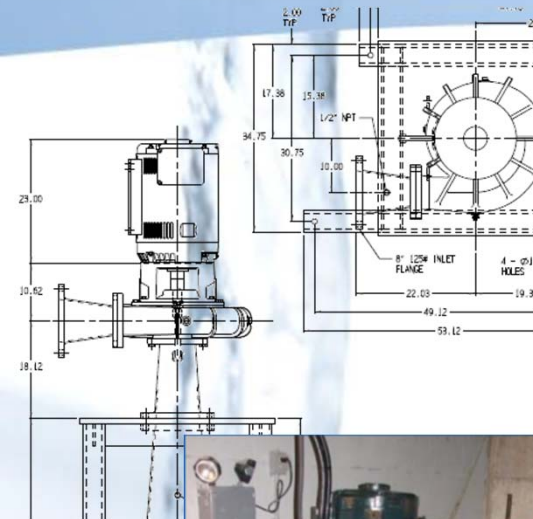
* Estimated

** Based on HW Contribution Only

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Orchard Technical Highlights

- Cornell Model 5TR2 Turbine
- Marathon Induction Generator
- NSF/ANSI 61 Certified
- Fully Instrumented & Monitored (SCADA)
- Failsafe (Beckwith Protective Relay)
- Integral Surge Relief (Cla-Val)
- Variable Rate Inlet Control Valve (Bray/Rotork)
- Manual Isolation Valves (AVK)
- Mechanical Seal (John Crane Type 1)
- Interconnection 600 VAC – 25 KVAC



Energy Recovery from PRV Chambers

Research & Development Perspective

Major Questions to be Answered:

- Water Quality Impacts? *None found.*
- Up/Down Stream Pressure Transients? *Small Upstream.*
- Flow Control? *No Issues.*
- Loss of Grid Connection? *No Impact.*
- Turbine Shutdown? *No Impact.*
- Turbine Runaway? *Upstream PT due to Flow Reduction.*
- Surge Relief? *Necessary, automated Turbine Bypass.*
- Vibration? *No Issues Except for Emergency Shutdowns.*

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Orchard Chamber



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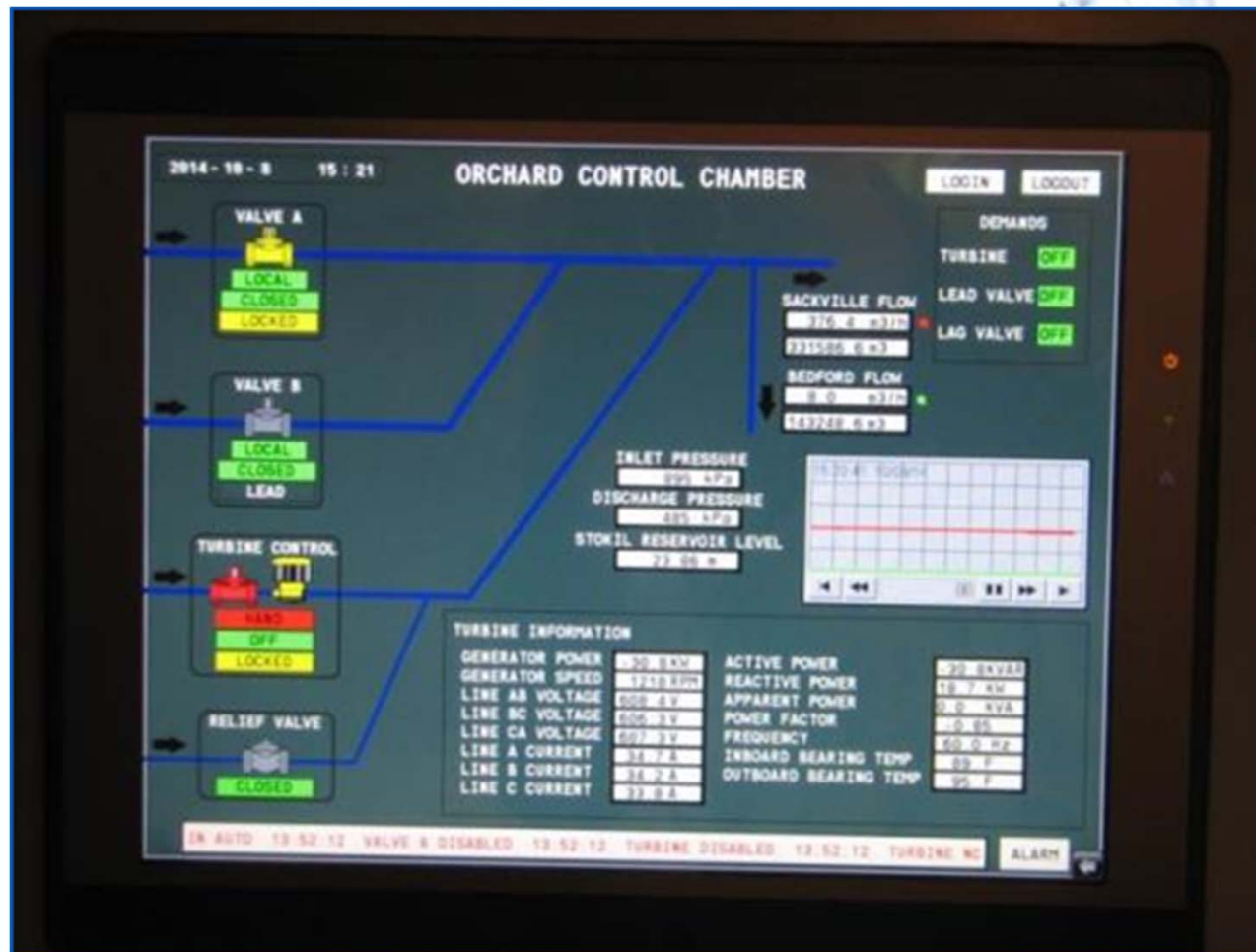
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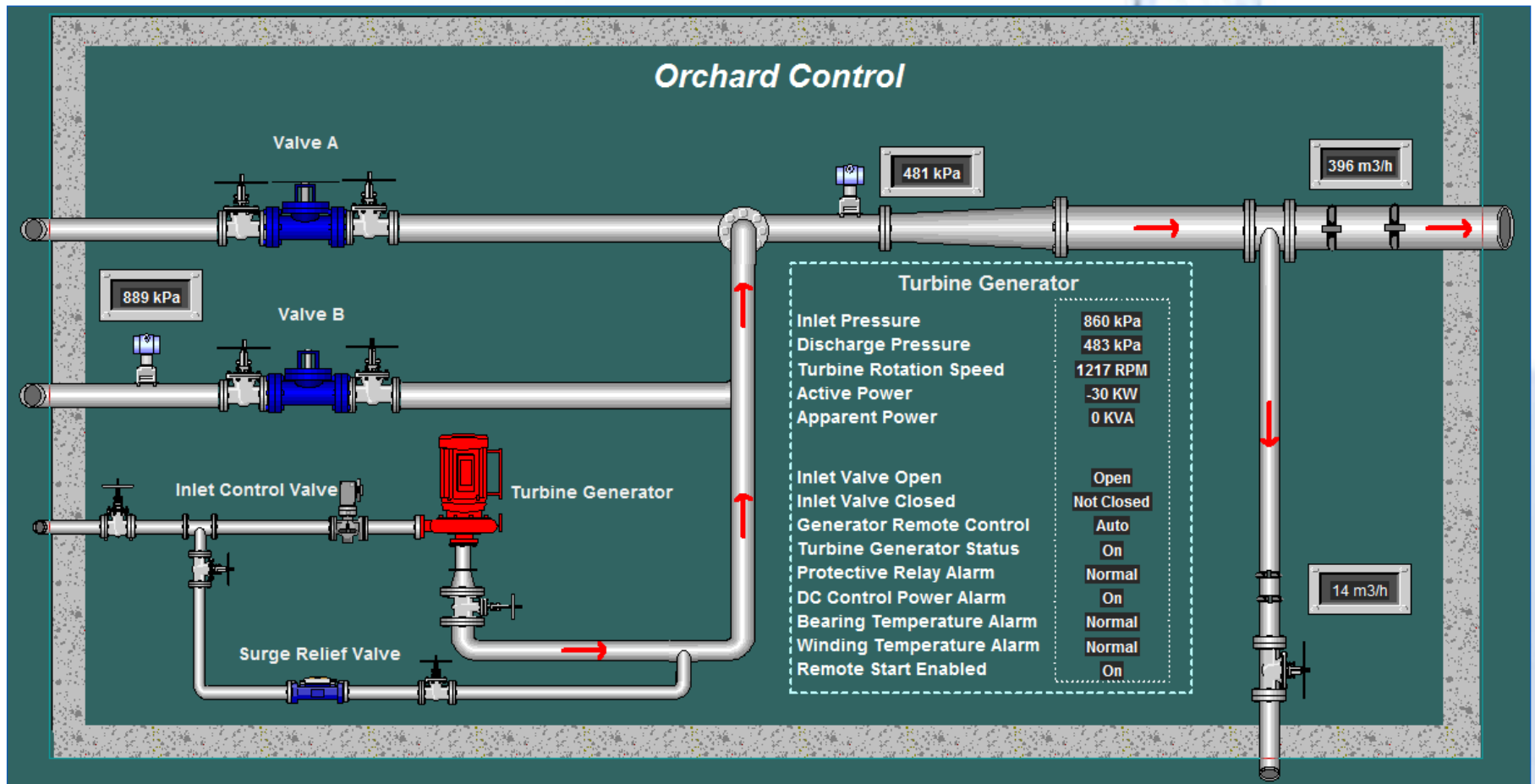
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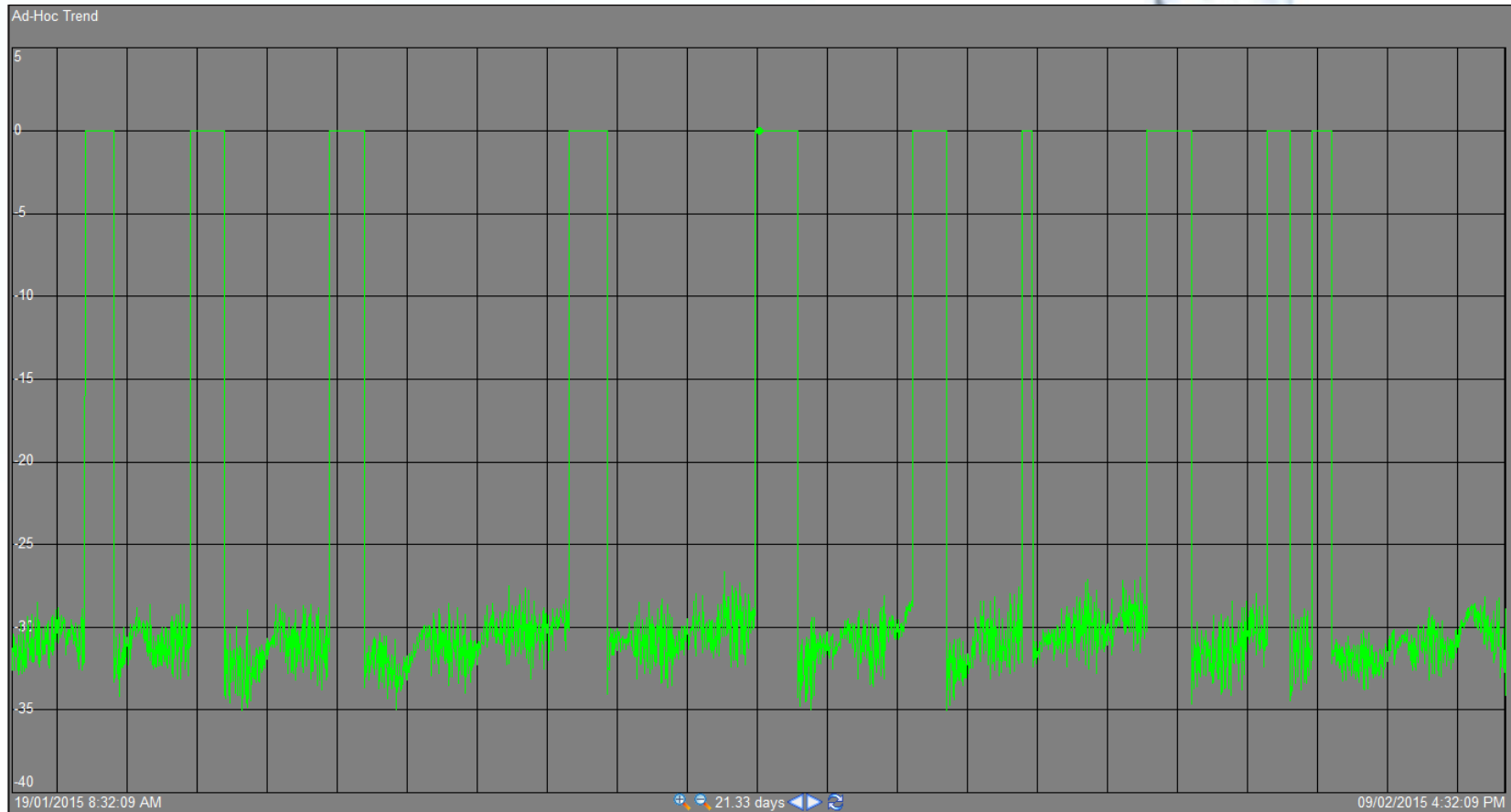
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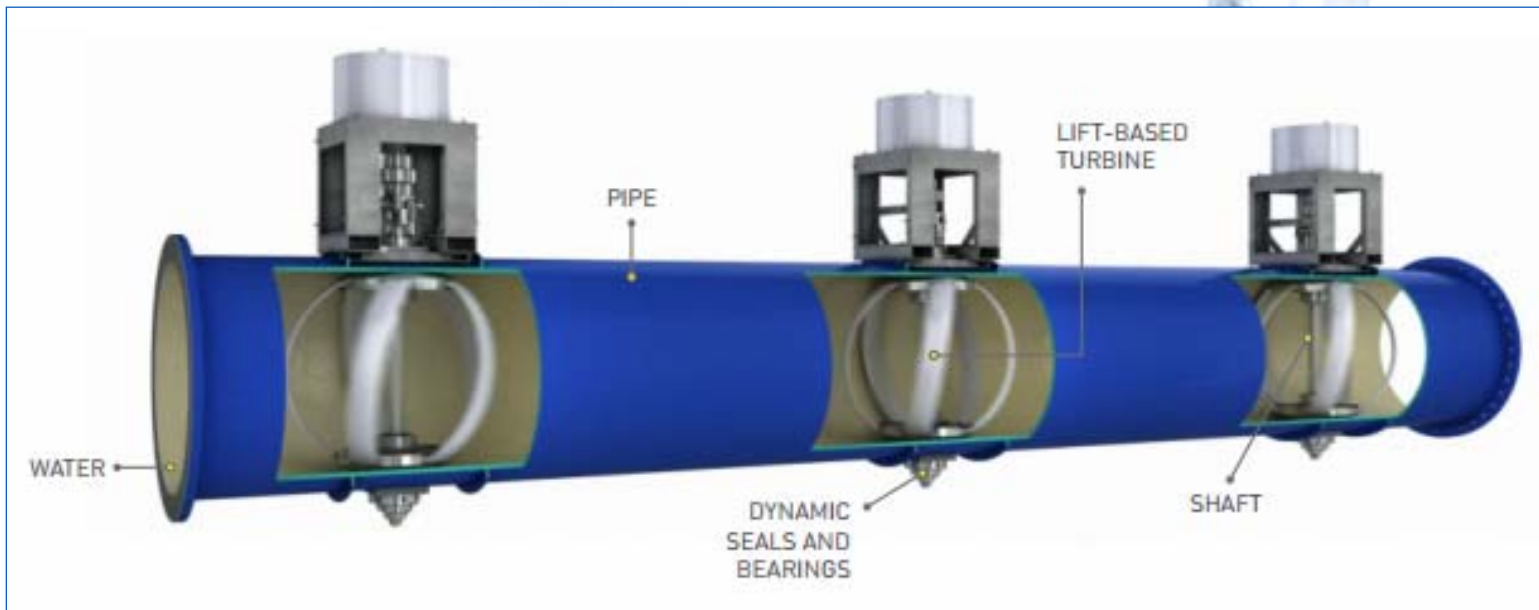
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Energy Recovery from Water Systems

Alternative Technologies

Lucid Energy – LucidPipe™ Power System



<http://www.lucidenergy.com/>



Questions?

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