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Energy Efficiency in Pump Stations – Part 2 Wastewater

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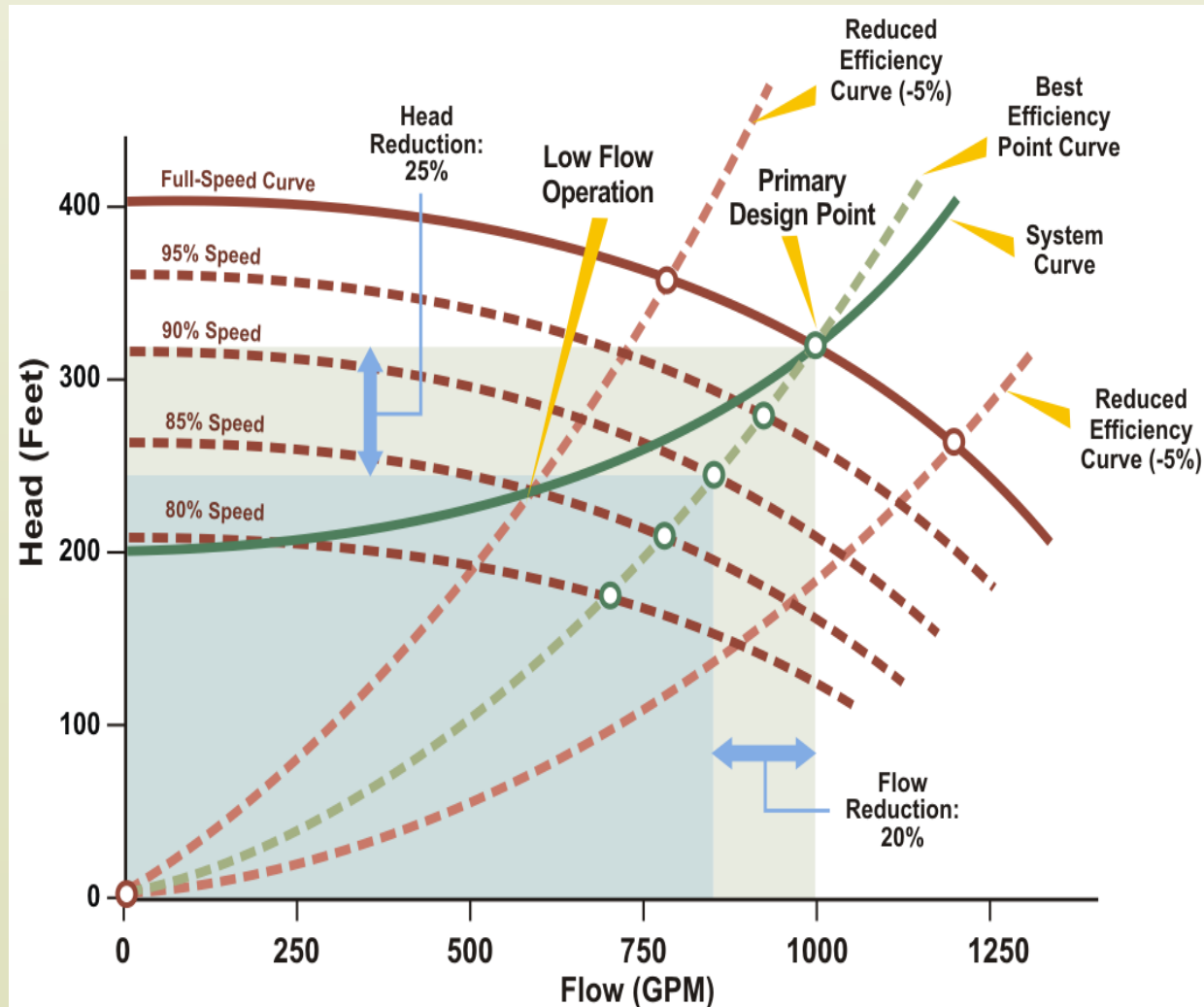
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Optimize Pump Selection

- Operating on best part of pump curve
- Typical vs rated conditions
- Variable speed operation



Optimize Force Main Route and Size

Competing issues affecting efficiency:

Solids deposition

- 3 to 3.5 fps minimum for intermittent operation
- 2 fps minimum for continuous operation

Detention time (odor/corrosion control)

- Varies (smaller pipe will result in more severe odor issues)
- Pierce County rule of thumb = 8 hours maximum

Water hammer

- Higher velocity, more hammer (> 4 fps)

Future vs start-up flows



Optimize Force Main Route and Size

Air in force main reduces efficiency:

Importance of air release valves increases with pipe size

- Required velocity to flush air at 0% slope

4" 2.9 fps

6" 3.5 fps

8" 3.8 fps

10" 4.3 fps

12" 4.7 fps

16" 5.4 fps

18" 5.7 fps

Source: Table B-9, Pump Station Design,
3rd Ed, Garr Jones, et al.



Optimize Force Main Route and Size

Routing opportunities

City of Shelton

- Capacity increase needed to 12 mgd
- New station constructed ½ way down force main
- Equipment upgrade at old station
- Savings:
 - Reduced horsepower
 - Reduced friction loss



Ragging Pumps

Most significant reduction in pump efficiency

Evaluate the conditions prior to design

- History of clogging
- Known upstream issues

Example – correctional facilities

Results of ragging

- Ragging causes shut downs and maintenance
- Minor ragging drops efficiency before problem is evident to maintenance

Added power draw

Added pump run time

More frequent need for lag pumps



Pumps Options for Ragging Issues

Impeller types for sewage

- Non-clog centrifugal (traditional impeller type for sewage)
 - Keep wear ring clearance at manufacturer's recommendation
 - » Tend to collect rags between wear rings
 - » Ragging worse on left side of pump curve (high head, low flow)
 - » Ragging worse with variable speed operation
- Screw centrifugal
 - Good solids passing and resistance to ragging in variable speed operation
 - » Can have vibration issues
- Proprietary semi-open impellers
 - Flygt N-Impeller
 - » Some models have reduced spherical solids passing ability
 - ABS Contrablock



Single volute vs double volute pumps (high head)

Drive Selection and Variable Speed

Inefficient
Eddy
Current
Clutches



- Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) vs Constant Speed
- Control valves to VFDs
 - Ball valves
- Eddy current clutches (ECC) to VFDs

King County Bellevue and
Interbay Pump Stations

» 40% efficiency gain

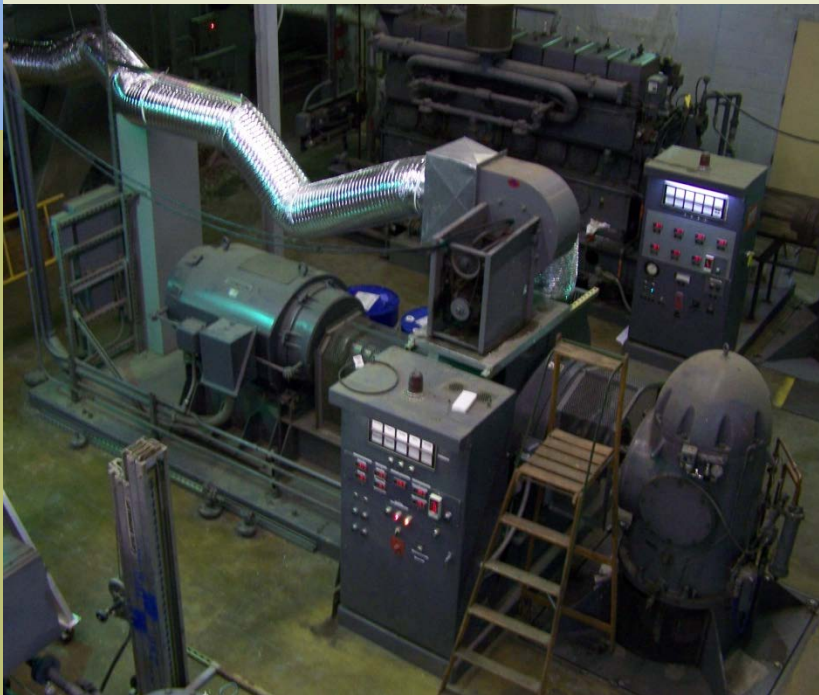
ECC % efficiency = % of full speed

ECC heat load on HVAC system

- Liquid rheostat variable speed systems to VFDs

City of Olympia Water St PS

City of Bellingham Oak St PS



Efficiency Gains in the Wet Wells

Improve pump inlet conditions

- Provide adequate NPSHa
- Provide adequate submergence
- Avoid pre-swirl

Reduces ragging

Remove air entrainment

- Avoid free fall at inlet



Concrete fillets in corners



Flow splitter
under pump
inlet



Floor cone under pump

Other topics

- HVAC – primarily dictated by energy code
- Odor Control

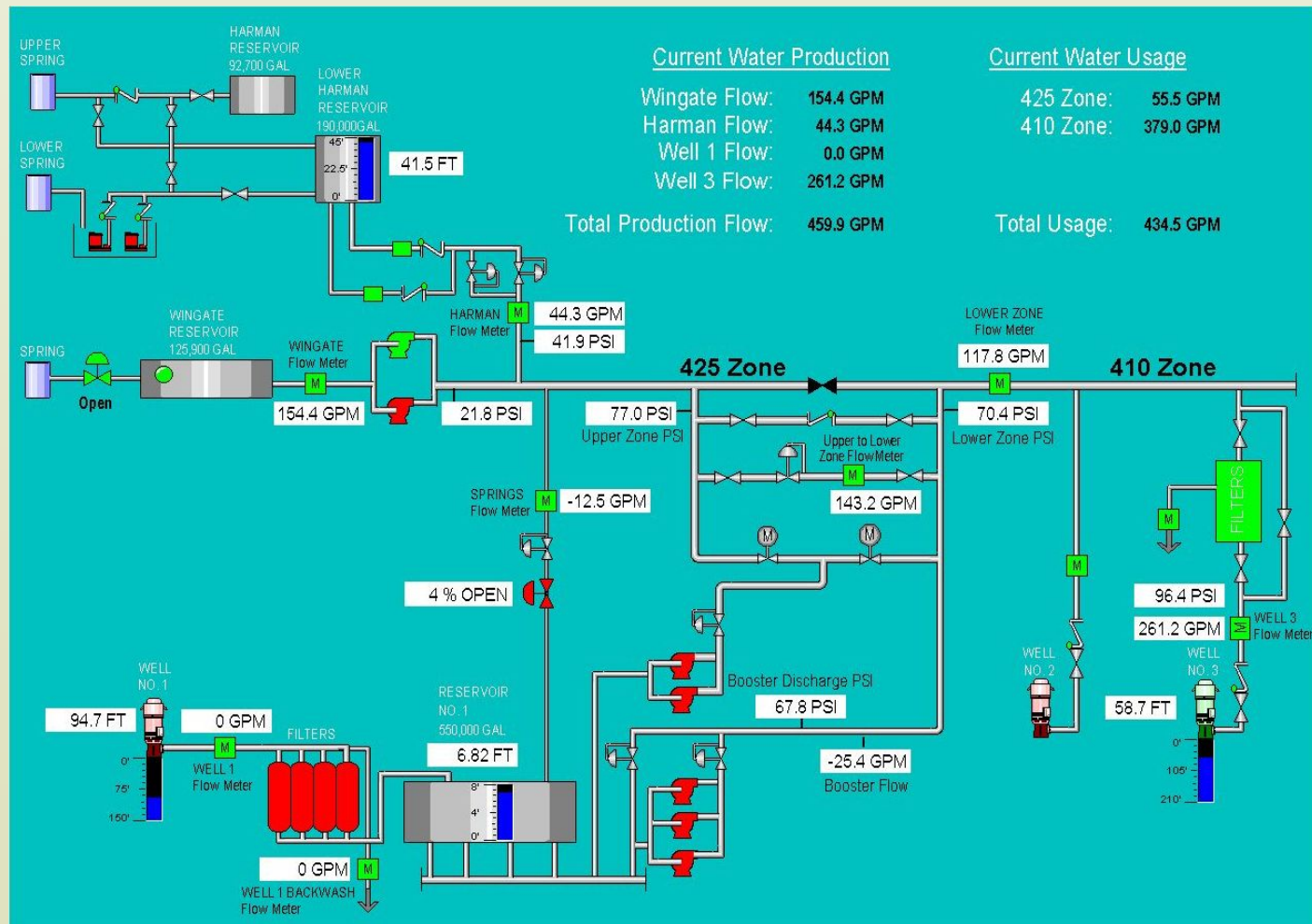
Improving design and operation to minimize odor control costs

- » Selecting suitable materials and equipment
 - » Eliminating free fall in wet well
- System training
 - Data collection and normalizing costs
 - Demand charges



Data Collection and Normalizing Costs

Using SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) to find energy saving opportunities

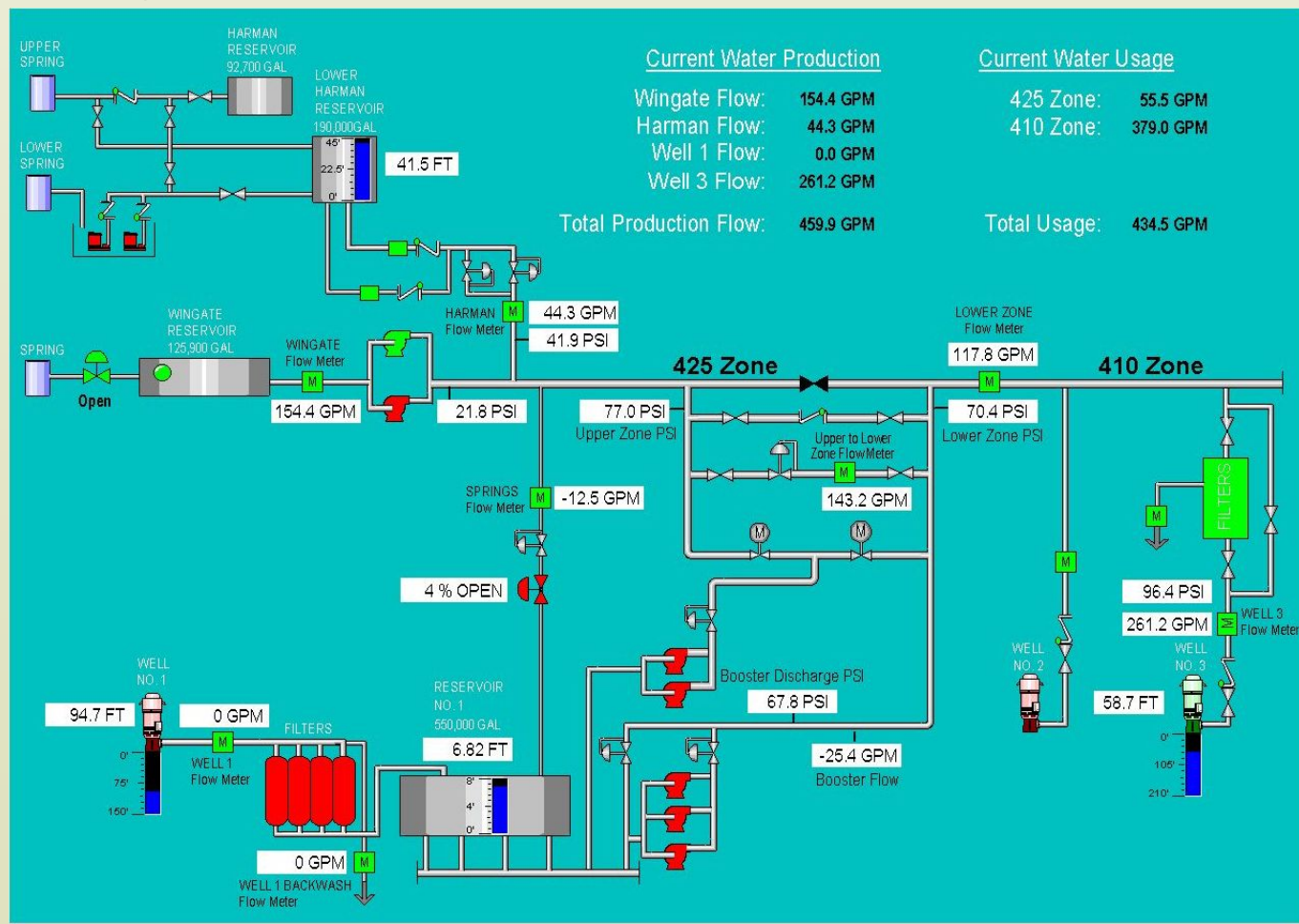


Data Collection and Normalizing Costs

Using SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) to find energy saving opportunities

- Electrical Utilization Reports
 - Manually enter cost from utility bills or install power monitoring equipment
 - Total gallons pumped
- Cost of Operation Report
 - Cost per unit of water for each facility
 - Coincide start and end dates with your utility bill
 - Report or “Live Screen”
- Objective: Create a real time report that allows for real time decisions

- Filling reservoirs based on lowest power usage rather than only on low level



Demand Charges

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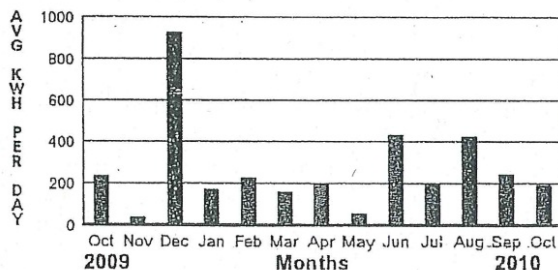
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Avg. KWH use per day	189	233.1	-44.1
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- 150 hp Well Pump
Total bill = \$1007.99
Demand charges = \$446 or 44%
- Avoiding demand charges is "green".
RCW 19.280.020 (2)
"Conservation and efficiency resources" means any reduction in electric power consumption that results from increases in the efficiency of energy use, production, transmission, or distribution."

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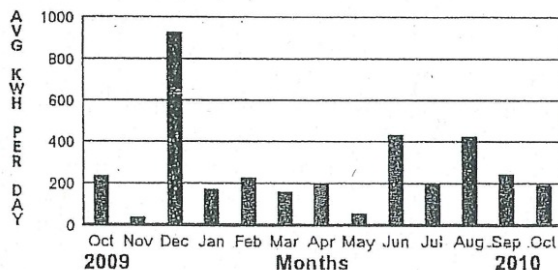
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PSE (example):

- Threshold: 50kW (67 hp)
- Highest 15 minute average
- Demand charges:
 - Apr-Sept \$5.86 per kW
 - Oct-Mar \$8.79 per kW
- Instant water heater vs hot water tank:
 - At 20 kW/gpm
 - 15 min shower = \$175
 - vs. \$2/mo for 80 gal water heater

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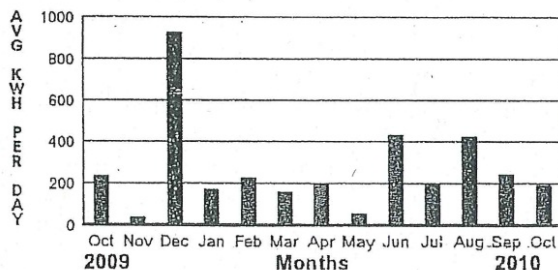
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Considerations:

- Instant water heaters
- Water tanks
- Unit heaters
- Interlocks
- Maintenance activities
- Twice bi-monthly rather than once/mo
- Reservoirs
- Fill slowly at night rather than based only on low level