

Western WA Roundtable

Utility Distribution Sector Update

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In the BPA Implementation Manual listed under

Section 11: Utility Distribution Sector

- Technically complex
- Large energy savings
- Most energy savings occur within the customer premise

1. Voltage Optimization

BPA developed the Simplified Voltage Optimization Measurement & Verification Protocol (available in the [IM Document Library](#)) to assist utilities with implementing VO projects. In developing the project M&V plan, the customer has the option to use a custom M&V plan or the Simplified Protocol. The Simplified Protocol requires analytics from load flow studies and is based on RTF guidelines and focuses on residential and small commercial end-use loads, and requires that specific system stability thresholds be met prior to lowering service voltages.

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- Simple to calculate energy savings
 - Technical support from BPA
 - Measures are commonly executed by utilities (red arrows)
 - All energy savings occur on the distribution system

2. Electrical Distribution System Improvements

SI may include the following measures:

- • Power transformer replacement;
- • Service conductor replacement;
- Higher distribution primary voltage (including insulator additions and replacement);
- Transformer load management (replacement of improperly sized transformers for loss improvements);
- Balancing loads and phases;
- Adding parallel feeders;
- Operation improvement (recognition and phase balancing);
- Power factor improvement to reduce line losses;
- Volt-Amperes-Reactive (Reactive Power) Management;
- Fixed and switched capacitors; and
- Service distribution transformer:
 - Replacing an existing or proposed transformer with a higher-efficiency transformer;
 - Multiple transformers versus a single transformer based on system analysis; and
 - Voltage management.

Summary of Custom Projects reported to BPA in the past 5 years

Transformer upgrades/ Re-conductoring

- \$0.35/kWh EEI incentive
- 25 projects since 2014
- Potential incentives ranging from \$3,500 to \$210,000
- Energy savings in the range of 10,000 to 600,000 kWh/year

Voltage Optimization/ Conservation Voltage Reduction

- \$0.25/kWh EEI incentive
- 8 projects since 2014 (some with multiple phases)
- Potential incentives ranging from \$40,000 to \$550,000
- Energy savings ranging from 150,000 to 2,200,000 kWh/year

Example of re-conductor energy savings calculation

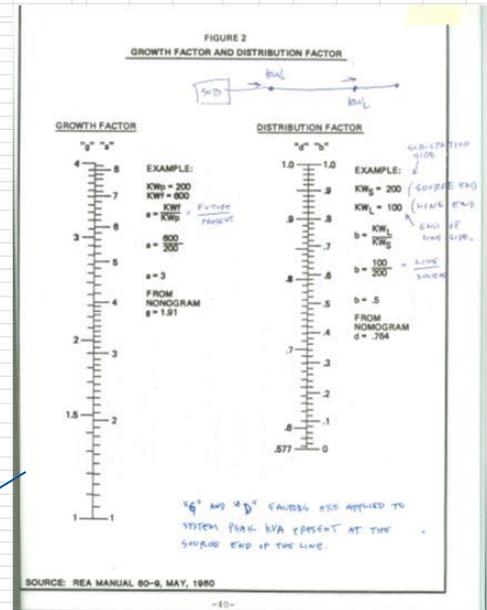
Section load inputs: annual average and peak, re-conductor length

Existing system configuration and materials

Proposed system configuration and materials

Annual energy savings

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	
Utility														Project Name: Project A											
Project Scope: Re-conductor 1298 miles of existing 2-phase, 7.2 kV phase to 3-phase. Reconductor phase conductor from: #6 HD CU, neutral 397 ACSR to 477 AAC, neutral 477 AAC														Prepared by: Data Provided by: Date:											
M/V Methodology: A memo shall be written of such inspection and shall be kept on file at the utility.														Verification shall consist of a visual inspection of the total length of completed line by Utility staff and shall confirm the installation of 477AAC conductor.											
Assumptions:														Color Codes											
BASELINE LOADS														Manually Entered Input Data											
1	Annual Peak Power at the Beginning of the subject Section					1,299	kW																		
2	Annual Peak Power at the End of the subject Section					-	kW																		
3	Power Factor at Beginning of section					100.0%	PF																		
4	Power Factor at End of section					100.0%	PF																		
5	Annual Peak Power at the Beginning of the subject Section					1,299	kVA																		
6	Annual Peak Power at the End of the subject Section					-	kVA																		
7	Calculate Ratio of (power-end) / (power-beginning)					-																			
8	Calculate Distribution Factor to be applied to peak at the start of the section					0.58																			
														from Nonogram, REA Manual 60-9, May 1960 - See on 2nd page											
POST LOADS														<< Default assumption is that loads don't change. If there is major reconfiguration, enter new loads											
9	Annual Peak Power at the Beginning of the subject Section					1,299	kW																		
10	Annual Peak Power at the End of the subject Section					-	kW																		
11	Power Factor at Beginning of section					100%	PF																		
12	Power Factor at End of section					100%	PF																		
13	Annual Peak Power at the Beginning of the subject Section					1,299	kVA																		
14	Annual Peak Power at the End of the subject Section					-	kVA																		
15	Calculate Ratio of (power-end) / (power-beginning)					-																			
16	Calculate Distribution Factor to be applied to peak at the start of the section					0.58																			
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17	Annual Load Factor					50%																			
18	Annual Loss Factor (use: $0.8^2(LF^2) + 0.2(LF)$)					0.300																			
19	Road Miles of Conductor Being Upgraded					1,298	miles																		
Existing System																									
20	Phases:					2																			
21	Neutral:					1																			
22	Voltage:					7.2	kV Phase to Neutral																		
23	Conductor: Phase					#6 HD CU																			
24	Resistance per Length					2.210	Ohms / mile at 25C																		
25	Phase Conductor Resistance					2.863	Ohms																		
26	Neutral Conductor Resistance					0.300	Ohms																		
27	Phase Conductor Current A					90	Amps																		
28	Phase Conductor Current B					0	Amps																		
29	Phase Conductor Current C					90	Amps																		
30	Neutral Conductor Current					14	Amps																		
														if specific data is not available assume 15% neutral current of phase current											
Annual Energy Losses														70,876 kWh/year											
Proposed System																									
31	Phases:					3																			
32	Neutral:					1																			
33	Voltage:					7.2	kV Phase to Neutral																		
34	Phase Conductor					477 AAC																			
35	Resistance per Length					0.197	Ohms / mile at 25C																		
36	Phase Conductors Resistance					0.255	Ohms																		
37	Neutral Conductor Resistance					0.255	Ohms																		
38	Phase Conductor Current A					60	Amps																		
39	Phase Conductor Current B					60	Amps																		
40	Phase Conductor Current C					60	Amps																		
41	Neutral Conductor Current					3	Amps																		
														if specific data is not available assume 15% neutral current of phase current											
Annual Energy Losses														4,234 kWh/year											
Annual Energy Savings														66,642 kWh/year											
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Distribution Factor

Example of transformer energy savings calculation

Nameplate and Load inputs: annual average and peak

Existing system losses

Proposed system losses

Annual energy savings

	A	B	C	D
1	Transformer Loss Savings Calculation :	Blue cell is manual data entry		
2		Project Proposal:		
3		Estimated Figures		
4		TX1		
5	NamePlate Power of the TX	2,000	kVA	
6	Peak Annual (Hourly) Power through the TX	1,800	kVA	
7	Average (Hourly) Power through the TX	1,500	kVA	
8	Load Factor (Avg / Peak)	0.8333		
9	Loss Factor [0.85(LF)^2 + 0.15(LF)]	0.7153		
10	Annual Energized Hours	8,760	Hours/Year	
11				
12	BASELINE			
13	No Load Loss at Name Plate	3.200	kW	
14	Load Loss at Name Plate Rated Power	18.700	kW	
15	Peak Load-Loss	15.147	kW	
16	Annual No-Load (core) Energy Losses	28,032	kWh/year	
17	Annual Load (winding) Energy Losses	94,909	kWh/year	
18	Total Annual Energy Losses	122,941	kWh/year	
19				
20	Purchase Cost of TX (includes sales tax)	\$ 36,542		
21				
22	PROPOSED			
23	No Load Loss at Name Plate	2.180	kW	
24	Load Loss at Name Plate Rated Power	12.029	kW	
25	Peak Load-Loss	9.743	kW	
26	Annual No-Load (core) Energy Losses	19,097	kWh/year	
27	Annual Load (winding) Energy Losses	61,051	kWh/year	
28	Total Annual Energy Losses	80,148	kWh/year	
29				
30	Purchase Cost of TX (includes sales tax)	\$ 42,834		
31				
32	Annual Energy Savings : Site Savings	42,793	kWh/Year	
33	Incremental Project Cost:	\$ 6,293		
34				
35	Annual Utility Cost Savings (Energy & Demand)	\$ 1,441		
36	Simple Payback - NO BPA Incentive	4.4		
37				
38	BPA Incentive Based on Energy (bus bar) :	\$ 16,334		
39	BPA Incentive Based on Project Cost :	\$ 4,405		
40				
41	BPA Incentive LESSER of the TWO:	\$ 4,405		
42	Simple Payback with BPA Incentive	1.3		
43				
44	Energy Savings: at Bus Bar	46,668	kWh/Year	
45	BPA Incentive :	\$ 4,405		

Update for New Transformer – Reconductor Calculator

Was intended to be ready for use on Oct 1, 2019

Deployment is postponed, new target use date is April 1, 2020

What is it?

- New streamlined process for these two measures, an alternative to custom project submittal
- Works similarly to the Lighting calculator
- Project cost files can be attached to the calculator (all in 1 file)
- More automated data entry fields
- Can handle up to 6 transformer and 6 reconductor measures in 1 file

BPA Technical Support Team is Growing

Current team:

Tony Koch, Nathan Kelly, and David Bell

Both Nathan and David are degreed Electrical Engineers

David, recently hired, brings 20+ years of CVR deployment experience

- Can bring operational expertise to utility engineering staff
- This is a new offering from BPA in the area of CVR
- We seek to engage on the topic of CVR with more utilities in the coming years. This is currently a measure with very little uptake regionally

Distribution Transformer Efficiency Study

- This is a BPA effort to address incremental efficiency (above DOE-2016)
- Working closely with WSU Energy Program staff
- Sought and received input from 16 BPA customers utilities
 - (some are in the room today)
- Phase 1 report scheduled to be completed in Dec 2019
- A webinar will be scheduled in Jan / Feb 2020 to share findings
- Initial findings: Amorphous core can bring additional savings to NW

- Phase 2 work will be done in 2020
 - (address if BPA incentive can be offered)

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