University of Iowa – Microgrid Approach









PRVN CONSULTANTS, INC.

AGENDA

- Main Campus Approach to Microgrid
- Oakdale Research Campus Approach to Microgrid
- Considerations On Design Approach
- Risks to Microgrid Approach
- Q&A



MICROGRID CONSIDERATIONS

- Microgrid goal: Black plant/campus restart?
- Prevent an outage?
- Peak shaving?
- What will the microgrid support?
- Micorgrid prime movers
- Restart of tripped assets
- Automation/Control philosophy



MAIN CAMPUS MICROGRID GOALS

- Prevent loss of steam to campus including hospital and critical research
- Restore electrical power to power plant to restore steam quickly
- Within 2 hours supply backup power to critical research buildings (on the other side of campus)
- Long term outage restore steam turbine generators and pickup additional critical facilities (not whole campus)
- Chilled water in the future



MAIN CAMPUS POWER PLANT OVERVIEW

- Four (4) boilers: 600+ klb/hr
- Three (3) steam turbine generators: 24.7 MW
- Six (3) off-site natural gas boiler
- Four (4) 2MW natural gas engine generators: 8 MW

Turbine	Installed	Туре	Capacity (kW)
TG-01	1946	Back Pressure Steam Turbine	3,000
TG-05	1960	Back Pressure Steam Turbine	3,000
TG-06	1976	Back Pressure Steam Turbine	18,000
DG-07	1985	Diesel Engine Generator	1,700









MAIN CAMPUS AUTOMATION

 Addition of Power Plant DG-7 and Water Plant DG-8 to microgrid





OAKDALE RESEARCH CAMPUS GOALS

- Prevent steam, electricity, hot water, and chilled water interruptions
- Restore electrical power to power plant to restore steam, hot water and chilled water quickly
- Within 15 min supply backup power to critical research buildings (already utilizes electrical distribution automation)
- Chilled water automation already utilized





OAKDALE DISTRIBUTION





Micro-Grid Considerations

- Micro-grid control hardware selection, where does control logic actually reside
- What is automated and what is the goal (Assets will dictate this considerably)
- System and switching complexity
- Physical proximity of assets
- What is critical time to restore utilities, which utilities are priority?



RISKS TO MICROGRID APPROACH

- System functionality risks (hoping it actually works)
- Loss of communications/Missing member during normal maintenance
- Complex switching and control logic
- How to prevent overload and tripping microgrid (who has excess capacity?)
- How does the Owner actually test it?
- Does anyone remember how it was supposed to work?



COMMISSIONING APPROACH... MAYBE IN 2018

