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The Foundation for a High Efficiency Plant:

Operator Training and Practical Thinking

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Operators Training

An Energy Conservation Measure
(ECM) you can't turn down....

Example Existing Plant

August 2013: Day One

Example Chiller Plant:	10,000 Ton system
Average Energy Rate:	0.778 kW/ton
Average Generation Rate:	\$0.12/kWh
Cost Per Hour:	\$934/hr.

Equivalent Annual Rate:
\$2,054,800/yr.



First Operating Training

August 2013: Day Two

Example Chiller Plant: 10,000 Ton system

Average Energy Rate: 0.668 kW/ton

Average Generation Rate: \$0.12/kWh

Cost Per Hour: \$801/hr.

Equivalent Annual Rate:

\$1,763,520/yr.

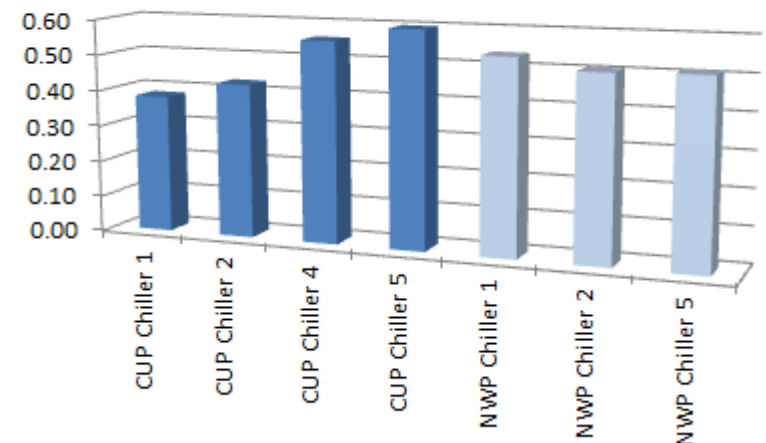
Savings: \$291,280/yr.

14% Reduction in one day!

No Capital Investment cost!

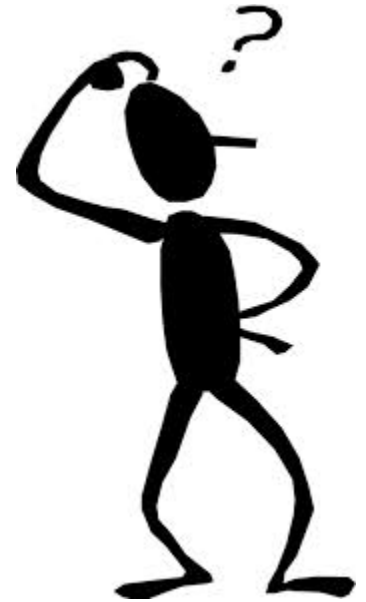
Payback in Months

Chiller Average kW/Ton



Questions for Yourself

- Why do Operator Training?
- How to do Operator Training?



WHY.....

Train operators now?

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- In 70s and 80s most of the operators came from Navy.
 - Too stubborn
- Unions forced and were successful in licensing codes on who can operate the energy plant.
- Today's operators have some college background and are hungry to learn.

WHY.....Train operators now?

- Management were not used to spending funds in training operators so “status Quo” made sense.
- Today operators do not operate equipment, they operate system.
- Changing the operation efficiency hardly requires any capital investments
- Consultants with white hair and willing to share knowledge are dying breed.
 - So make use of them and get rewarded.

System Costs

- Energy **System** (Plant, Distributions and Utilization) Costs millions of dollars.
- Think about your training and development costs over the last few years vs. the total cost of operations in your plant.....
- Efficiency is often confused with reliability risks?
 - Most operators aren't aware that efficient doesn't mean unreliable.
 - These thoughts and fear must first be removed by example and education.

Our Culture and Tradition

- Stop putting fear of failure in operators mind.
- Empower them and reward them for trying
- Humans are habitual creatures.
- Long time way of doing things.
- Requires an investment in slowly changing the traditions and habits.
- Giving the operators the tools to make the transitions smooth and easy.

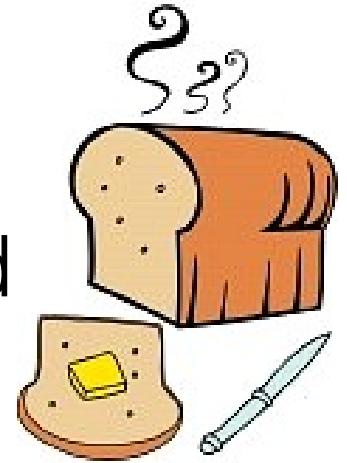


Enhanced Optimization

- Much Complexity is added to the plant
 - Black Box Optimization
 - Automation
- Use of Black boxes will make plant operations even more confusing to the average operator that may not have a full understanding of the equipment.
- How much has been overridden
 - Set points hosted - back to reliability
 - Running equipment in manual.
- Black Boxes provides false security and inhabits empowering operators.

Start with the simple optimization: Operator Training and Practical Thinking

- This is our bread and butter.
- A great foundation for adding the enhanced optimization.
- Creates an environment of practical thinking.
- Empowers the operator.



- Leading to the Question.....



HOW.....

Do it the Right Way.

Start with the Basics.....Know Your Equipment and System

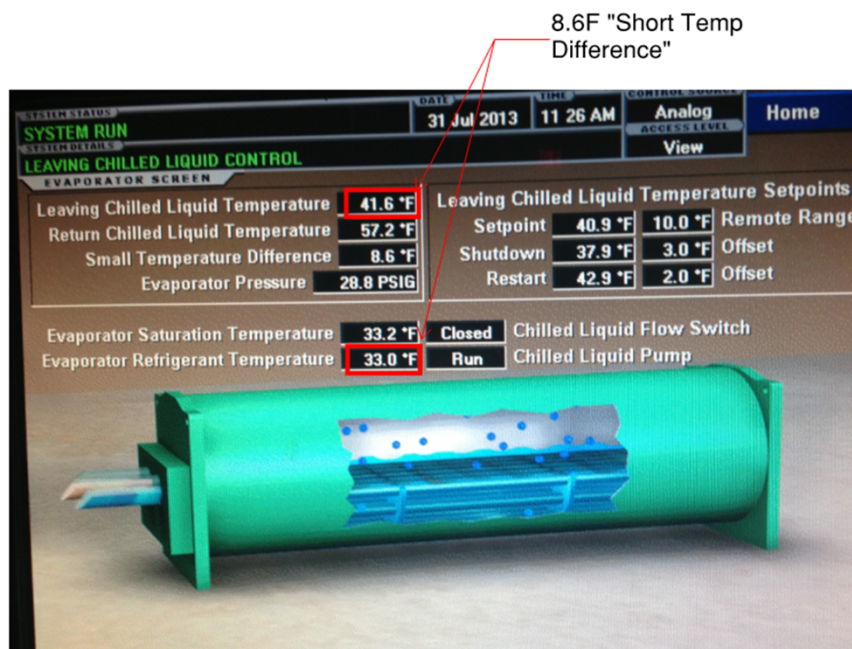
- Collecting Design and operating Data
- System Surveying by senior staff
 - Get the guys with Grey hair!!!
- Identifying and digesting system opportunities
- Work with operators and change operations with their help.
- Discuss before and after results and educate operators in layman language to build his/her confidence.

Match Generation, Distribution, Demand

- This may be the most important part.
- Convince the operator that
 - Chilled water is not for cooling, it is for dehumidification
 - Peak load is limited to less than 300 hours a year,
- Understand the requirements of the demand.
 - Chilled Water Requirements
 - Steam Requirements
- Limits of the distribution system
 - How much capacity can be regained.
- Do not just **buy the next piece of equipment for millions** of dollars.

Lead by Example

- Operators must be trained by showing them.
- Remove fear from operators.
- Show them the results.



Provide the Tools.

- Simple tools that make operation decisions easier- Cheat Sheet



Chilled Water System "Cheat Sheet"

CW Temp Setpoint				Chiller Staging														CT Cell Staging													
				CUP				NWP				Example Staging of Chillers						CUP		NWP		Example Staging of Cooling Towers									
CUP		NWP		Load (Tons)	CHW DT	Run These Chillers	CHW DT	Run These Chillers	CUP Tons per Chiller		NWP Tons per Chiller		Total Tons	Stage CT Cells to Get as Close to Min Flow as Possible	Min Flow (GPM)	Stage CT Cells to Get as Close to Min Flow as Possible	Min Flow (GPM)	CUP CT Flow Per Cell		NWP CT Flow Per Cell		NWP CT Flow Per Cell									
DA WB	Tower Leaving CW Setpoint (degF)	Tower Leaving CW Setpoint (degF)	CUP CH-1						CUP CH-2	CUP CH-3	CUP CH-4	CUP CH-5						NWP CH-1	NWP CH-2	NWP CH-3	NWP CH-4	NWP CH-5	CT-1	CT-2	CT-3	CT-4a/b	CT-5a/b	CT-6a/b	CT-7a/b	CT-8a/b	CT-9a/b
0 - 31		50	80	1,000	10	Free Cooling OR CUP CH-1 OR 2 up to 1650 Tons each	10	Free Cooling OR					1,000		1,400			1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400		
35 - 40	WB+ 18	52		1,400		Free Cooling OR CUP CH-1 AND 2 up to 1650 Tons each			700	700			1,400					1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400		
41 - 51	WB+ 18	53		1,800		CUP CH-1 OR 2 up to 1650 Tons each			900	900			1,800					1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800		
45 - 50	WB+ 10	55		2,000		CUP CH-1 OR 2 up to 1650 Tons each			1,000	1,000			2,000					2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		
50 - 55	WB+ 8	58		2,500		CUP CH-1 OR 2 up to 1650 Tons each			1,250	1,250			2,500					2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500		
55 - 60	WB+ 7	62		3,000		CUP CH-1 OR 2 up to 1650 Tons each			1,500	1,500			3,000					3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		
60 - 65	WB+ 7	67		4,000		CUP CH-5 not less than 8000 Tons OR CUP CH-4 5 not less than 1100 Tons		NWP CH-1, 2 OR 5 not less than 1100 each					4,000					4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000		
65 - 70	WB+ 7	72		7,000		CUP CH-5 not less than 1000 Tons		NWP CH-1, 2 OR 5 not less than 1100 each					7,000					7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		
70 - 75	WB+ 7	77		11,000		CUP CH-5 not less than 8000 Tons AND CUP CH-4 5 not less than 1100 Tons		NWP CH-1, 2 OR 5 not less than 1100 each					11,000					11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000		
75 - 80	WB+ 7	82		13,000		CUP CH-1 or 2 up to 1650 Tons each and NWP CH-5 5 not less than 1100 Tons		NWP CH-1, 2 OR 5 not less than 1100 each					13,000					13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000		
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Notes:

1. WB Only but not necessarily corresponds to the load chosen on the same row

2. Stage CW pumps and control (delta CW valve) to maintain 2.75 GPM per Ton

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CHW Pump Staging			
CUP CHW Pump Staging (Note 1)		NWP CHW Pump Staging	
Flow Range	Active Pumps	Flow Range	Active Pumps
0 - 5,000	CHWP-1 or 2. Let first pump ramp up to 90% before engaging next pump.	0 - 13,000	1 CHW Pump
5,000 - 11,000	Let CHWP-1 and/or 2 ramp up to 90% before starting 3 or 4	13,000 - 22,500	2 CHW Pumps
11,000 - 15,000	CHWP-5	22,500 - +	3 CHW Pumps
15,000 - +	Let CHWP-5 ramp up to 90% before starting CHWP-1 and/or 2		
Notes: 1) Pump curves not available. Recommendations based on trended performance			
CW Pump Staging			
CUP CHW Pump Staging		NWP CHW Pump Staging	
Flow Range	Active Pumps	Flow Range	Active Pumps
0 - 10,000	1 CW Pump	0 - 10,000	1 CW Pump
10,000 - 17,000	2 CW Pumps	10,000 - 17,000	2 CW Pumps
17,000 - +	3 CW Pumps	17,000 - +	3 CW Pumps
Pump curves and pump performance trends not available (no CW DP, Pump KW data not reliable). Run CHWP 1 and/or 2 and/or 3 and/or 4 when CHWP-5 would run at a speed less than 60%.			

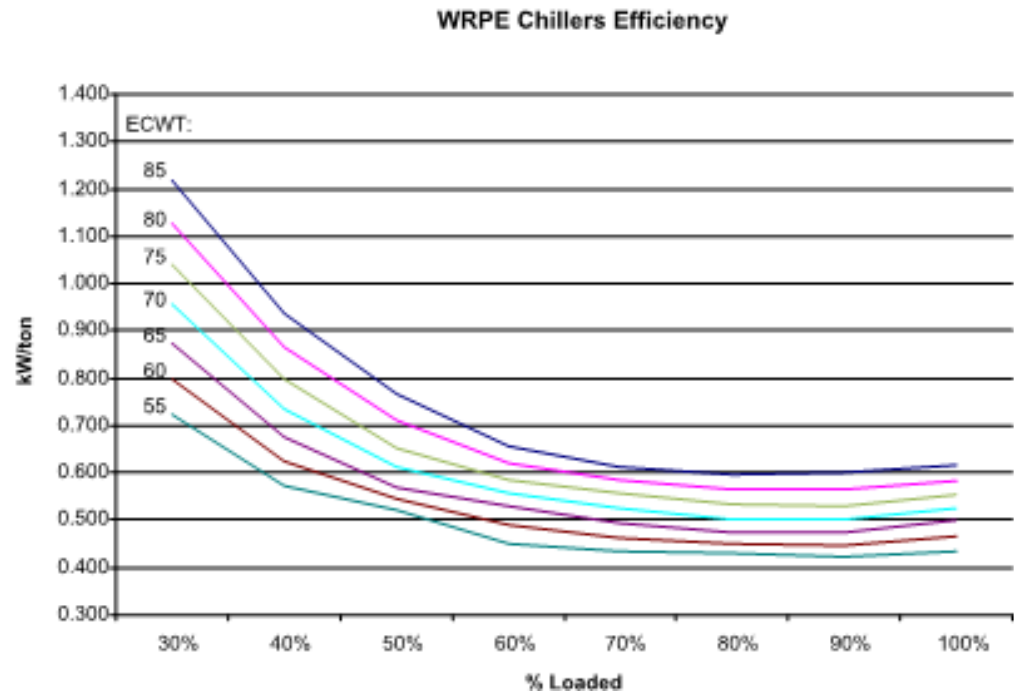
Experience and Case Studies



Architect of the Capitol (AOC)



- 30,000 ton chilled water system.
- Savings of \$450,000/yr.

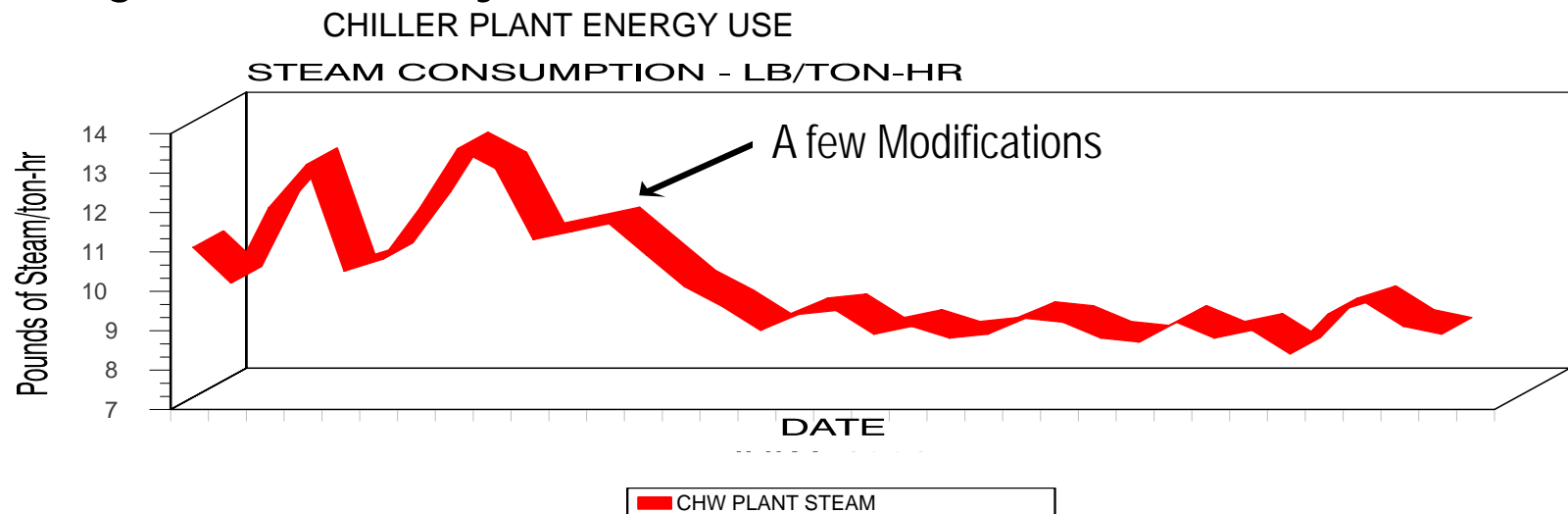


Actual Operator Comments: Most Useful Parts

- *Information compiled*
- *Rethink old and new ways to operate*
- *Strategies for operations*
- *Guide to successfully operate*
- *Getting everyone on the same page*
- *Relating Data to Operations*

Northeastern University #1

- Plant outsourced plant operation
- 25,000 ton chilled water system.
- New operator team was not familiar with the existing equipment.
- Engaged in all day training sessions to educate, and operate with great efficiency.

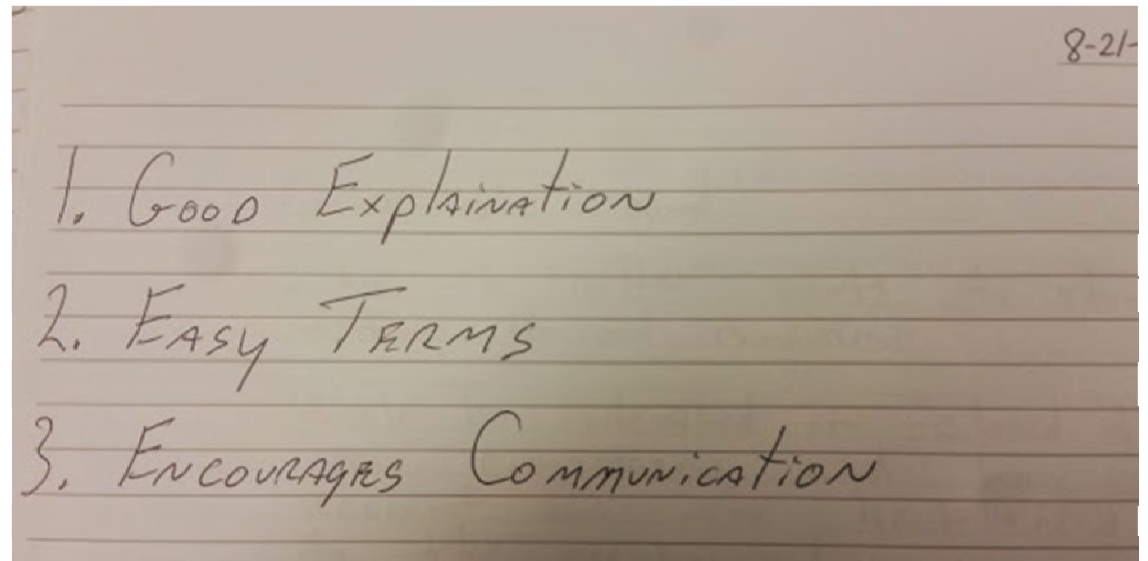


Northeastern University #2

- 10,000 ton chilled water system.
- Very Low Delta T in winter. 6 degrees
- Hydraulic Imbalance
 - Pump Staging required
- Cooling Tower Staging
- Chiller Staging
- Savings of \$150,000/yr.
- Identified \$370,000/yr.

Q: What was useful?

All of it. The towers, the pumps, and chiller performance.



Lockheed Martin

- 4000 ton chilled water system.
- Regained Capacity of Chilled Water Plant

Chilled Water Operator Training Feedback.

I. Overall Comment

- Learned a lot about our system.

II. What Part you found most useful.

- That we have enough supply to be able to put the rest of the plant on chilled water.

Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS)

- Unique Project
- BMS wanted to ensure that operators were well trained, and knowledge was sustained for long term
- BMS engaged in a year long Operational Oversight
 - **Daily Review of System** Operation-interact with operators
 - **Cheat Sheet** for System Operations based on Big Data Analytics
 - On site monthly for additional training and review
- Immediate Project Payback



Summary

- Operators training is not a luxury. **Make it a requirement**
- Operators training **Empowers operators.**
- Empowerment initiates changes by operators
- Improved plant operation initiated by operators gives him a reason to wake up in the morning and report to work
- Generally **no capital funds** are required.
- Payback is in **months** not years.

An ECM you can't turn down....Operator Training.

Thank You

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