# DRY FORK STATION

Plant Report

2012 ACC Users Group

### **Dry Fork Station - Overview**



- Dry Fork Station, Gillette, WY
  - 445 MWs @ 2.2 million lbs/hr steam flow
  - Owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Wyoming Municipal Power Agency
  - 92.9% Basin Electric; 7.1% WMPA

### **Dry Fork Station - Company Overview**



- Basin Electric is headquartered in Bismarck, ND
- Incorporated in1961
- Wholesale power supplier to 134 member cooperatives in 9 states
- 5,125 MWs of electrical generation in portfolio

#### Dry Fork Station – Basin's Generation Sources



### **Dry Fork Station – Overview**

- Startup date of August 2011 and went commercial in November 2011
- Coal Fired, Mine Mouth Plant Burn approximately 5900 Tons coal/day
- B&W Carolina Radiant Boiler with SCR
- Mitsubishi Steam Turbine
- Graf Waulf CDS scrubber

### Dry Fork Station – ACC Overview

- GEA is the Air Cooled Condenser OEM
- Performance (Start-up Testing)
  - Steam Flow
  - Back pressure
  - Dry Bulb Temp
  - Load

1.8 Million Ibs/hr 4.1 in-HgA 83 °F 420 MW

- Mechanical Maintenance problems
  - Fan hub failures
    - Bolts falling out of hubs
    - Hub threads being stripped during installation
  - Fan blades being crushed due to over torquing
  - Motor Bearing failures in all 45 motors
  - No O&M manuals for gearboxes
  - Leaky shaft seals around gearbox input shaft

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#### BEPC SUBMITTAL REVIEW

( ) NO EXCEPTION NOTED-PROCEED ( ) PROCEED AS NOTED, MAKE CORRECTION AND RESUBMIT

() REVISE AND RESUBMIT FOR APPROVAL BEFORE PROCEEDING



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## **Dry Fork Station – ACC Operation**

### ACC Operational problems

- Freeze protection logic
- Avoiding critical speeds on the fans
- Isolation of rows in the winter time
- Air in leakage
- Walk downs

### Dry Fork Station – ACC Design

- Condensate return line
  - Vibrates excessively under normal operation
- Fan screens located below the fan
  - Screens have no load rating
- Carbon steel piping for tube cleaning system

### Dry Fork Station – ACC Performance

- ACC performance enhancements
  - Re-pitched the blades from 32.4° to 39° approach angle
  - Blade re-pitch resulted in lowering the overall vibrations of each fan by 10 to 50%



## Dry Fork Station – Any Questions?

