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Session 1: Energy Conservation in Plant Equipment

PG&E's RETRO-COMMISSIONING MEASURES FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
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Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) has a long history of promoting Energy Efficiency and other Demand Side Management programs. Recently, PG&E has introduced two retro-commissioning measures in their Industrial Products portfolio that address facilities with steam and air leaks. Industrial process plants using steam as a medium for heat transfer lose a significant quantity of steam to various types of leaks. The repair and maintenance of these leaks is the basis of this measure. Industrial facilities typically do not engage in routine leak fixes as they do not affect safety or performance significantly. This retro-commissioning measure defines the savings to be gained from locating, identifying, documenting, quantifying and repairing leaks in pipes, seals, valves, connectors and other non-steam trap equipment in a steam distribution system. PG&E provides incentives to customers that repair steam leaks and maintain performance of these steam systems.

Compressed air systems are one of the largest users of electricity in an industrial facility. Leaks can be a significant source of wasted energy; A typical compressed air system that has not been well maintained will likely leak 20% of its total compressed air production capacity.

Nevertheless, this loss is generally overlooked because it has no impact on production or safety. To identify these energy savings opportunities (leaks), compressed air leak detection surveys utilize the very latest ultrasonic survey handguns known as ULDs (Ultrasonic Leak Detectors). PG&E's Compressed Air System Leak Repair program is designed with the goal of incentivizing customers to repair air leaks; obtaining verifiable, cost-effective and long-term electric energy and demand savings.

Note that Initial facility surveys are typically offered as a service to customers in both cases. Survey information provides customers with location and estimated leakage rate of all the leaks. Based on this survey information, the customer will fix all or part of the identified leaks. Once the repair is completed by the customer and verified by PG&E, a new baseline is established to account for the performed repairs. Incentives are paid as a function of the energy savings realized.

Session 5: Equipment Efficiency Improvements

AMMONIA CONTROL
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Cadbury, part of Kraft Global is a chocolate manufacturing plant that produces various chocolate products including mini eggs, Mr. Big, etc. Cadbury's secret will not be revealed however. Recently, the local TV station did a tour of the factory to see how the chocolate process worked: <http://video.citytv.com/video/detail/641647357001.000000/cadbury-chocolate-factory/> In early 2010, Cadbury's Managing Chief Engineer, Mr. Doug Dittburner, identified an Ammonia System Control project that presented an opportunity to substantially improve electrical efficiency.

A Measurement & Verification (M&V) Plan was developed to ensure that the project met eligibility requirements for Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) incentives. The first step was to develop an energy consumption baseline and engage the local distribution company: Toronto Hydro Electric System (THES) to ensure that both the pre and post on site inspection reviews met the requirements for both system configurations. THES was very supportive and assisted with advice, historic interval data and coordination of real time monitoring of the main electrical meter.

THES pre-inspection reviewed the project scope before work started along with the metering capability proposed and the M&V plan. The M&V plan used the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol (IPMVP) Option B.

The ammonia system control project was installed, system configuration was optimized and THES advised Cadbury that the project met the requirements and produced a savings of 2,927,835 kWh. The incentive was capped at 50% of the project cost, including the M&V requirements for a total incentive of \$250,000!

Attendees for this session will learn the following:

1. The importance in establishing a M&V Plan to an accepted standard
2. Case study of the ammonia control project
3. Finally, the benefit of engaging the utility for both the financial incentive and third party verification

These lessons are equally applicable to every project and uses the philosophy:

- Understand Right
- Use Right
- Buy Right

(and in that order!)

The project continues to maintain the savings.
