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# POWDER RIVER AREA STUDY

#### **Geographical Location – Powder River**



- Yellowtail
- Buffalo
- Midwest
- Antelope Mine
- City of Casper
- **Dave Johnston Plant**
- Glendo

## General Information – Powder River

Area: Approximately 20,000 square miles (Campbell, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Platte, Sheridan Counties in Wyoming & Big Horn County in Montana)

#### Substation

- 46 PacifiCorp-owned
- 10 third party-owned
- Transmission Voltage
  - 230 kV
  - 115 kV
  - 69 kV
  - 57 kV

## Generation – Powder River

#### Generator (PacifiCorp: 1298 MW & Third Parties: 385.7 MW)

- Dave Johnston generators PacifiCorp (774 MW)
  - Unit #1: 104 MW
  - Unit #2: 104 MW
  - Unit #3: 228 MW
  - Unit #4: 338 MW
- Wyodak generators (335 MW)
  - 80% owned by PacifiCorp (268 MW)
  - 20% owned by third party (67 MW)
- Glen Rock wind generators PacifiCorp (138 MW)
- Rolling Hills wind generators PacifiCorp (118 MW)
- Top of World wind generators third party (200.2 MW)
- Three Buttes wind generators third party (99 MW)
- Casper (Rawhide) wind generators third party (19.5 MW)

#### Load Distribution – Powder River

#### Load Profile

#### City of Casper

- 80 % of residential & commercial
- 20 % of industrial
- Double peaks (summer & winter)

#### Rest of the study area (except the City of Casper)

- 10% of residential & commercial
- 90% of industrial
- Steady load

## Load – Powder River

#### Base System Load

- Summer 2015: 653 MW (201 MW for the City of Casper)
- Winter 2015-26: 688 MW (191 MW for the City of Casper)

#### Growth

- Summer: 1.1%
- Winter: 1.0%

#### Projected System Load

- Summer 2019: 699 MW (213 MW for the City of Casper)
- Winter 2019-20: 727 MW (206 MW for the City of Casper)

# Contingency Analysis – Powder River

No issues identified

#### N-1 Analysis

No issues identified

#### N-2 Analysis (BES only)

No issues identified

## Short Circuit Analysis – Powder River



Issues: Circuit breaker CB
7H705 is overdutied at
Douglas 4.16 kV switch yard
during 3-phase & 1-phase
faults.

- CB 7H705 rating: 4 kA
- 3-phase fault: 5.78 kA
- 1-phase fault: 6.63 kA
- Recommended solution: Replace the circuit breaker with a higher rating
- Estimated cost: \$100,000

# Short Circuit Analysis – Powder River



Issues: Fuse SMD-1A/1000E is overdutied at Evans 115 kV switch yard during 3-phase & 1-phase faults.

- fuse rating: 5 kA
- 3-phase fault: 8.63 kA
- 1-phase fault: 6.58 kA
- Recommended solution: Replace the fuse with a higher rating
- Estimated cost: \$10,000

## Equipment Rating Analysis – Powder River



**Issues:** 57/7.2 kV 3MVA transformers (1MVA/each) is overloaded at Orpha substation during 2019 summer peak.

- Transformer rating: 3 MVA
- 2019 summer peak: 3.18 MVA

**Recommended solution:** Tap the existing Orpha Tap – Orpha 57 kV line at the Bixby – Bucking Horse 115 kV line and operate at 115 kV with a 115/34 kV transformer. Reconfiguration of Orpha substation is required. (Replacing with a higher rated transformer is not feasible because the 57 kV system has no excess capacity due to voltage limitation) – proposed 10-year capital budget

Estimated cost: \$7,664,000

### Construction Schedule & Cost – Powder River

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POWDER RIVER AREA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM STUDY 2015-2019			TRANSMISSION SYSTEM STUDY 2015-2019			
Reliability Conditions			Recommended Construction Schedule			
The following is a list of proposal sloutions for reliability issues in the study area with their approximate block estimate cost.			2015 Construction			
			Construct Casper - Red Butte 115 kV line with 1272 ACSR conductor - budgeted		\$	3,995,572
Douglas Substation			Construct Pathfinder Tap - Casper (WAPA) 69 kV line with 1272 ACSR conductor - budgeted		\$	800,000
Replace the circuit breaker 7H705 with new higher rating circuit breaker	\$	100,000	Install new 230/115 kV 250 MVA transformer #2 at Casper substation - budgeted		\$ 1	0,445,000
Evans Substation				2015 Total	\$	-
Replace the fuse SMD-1A/100E with new higher rating fuse	\$	10,000	2016 Construction			
Total		110.000	Install new 230/34.5 kV 75 MVA transformer #2 at Yellowcake substation - budgeted		\$	3,387,000
	•	110,000		2016 Total	\$	-
			2017 Construction			
			No construction proposed for this year		\$	-
				2017 Total	\$	-
			2018 Construction			
			No construction proposed for this year		\$	-
				2018 Total	\$	-
			2019 Construction			
			Operate Orpha Tap - Orpha 57 kV line at 115 kV and reconfigure Orpha substation - proposed		\$	7,664,000
				2019 Total	\$	7,664,000
				Grand Total	\$	7,664,000

Total Estimated Cost: \$7,774,000 (excluding budgeted projects)

**Powder River Area Study** 

### **Any Questions or Comments?**