

# United Utilities- Enabling a Resilient Water Supply System with the PI System Infrastructure

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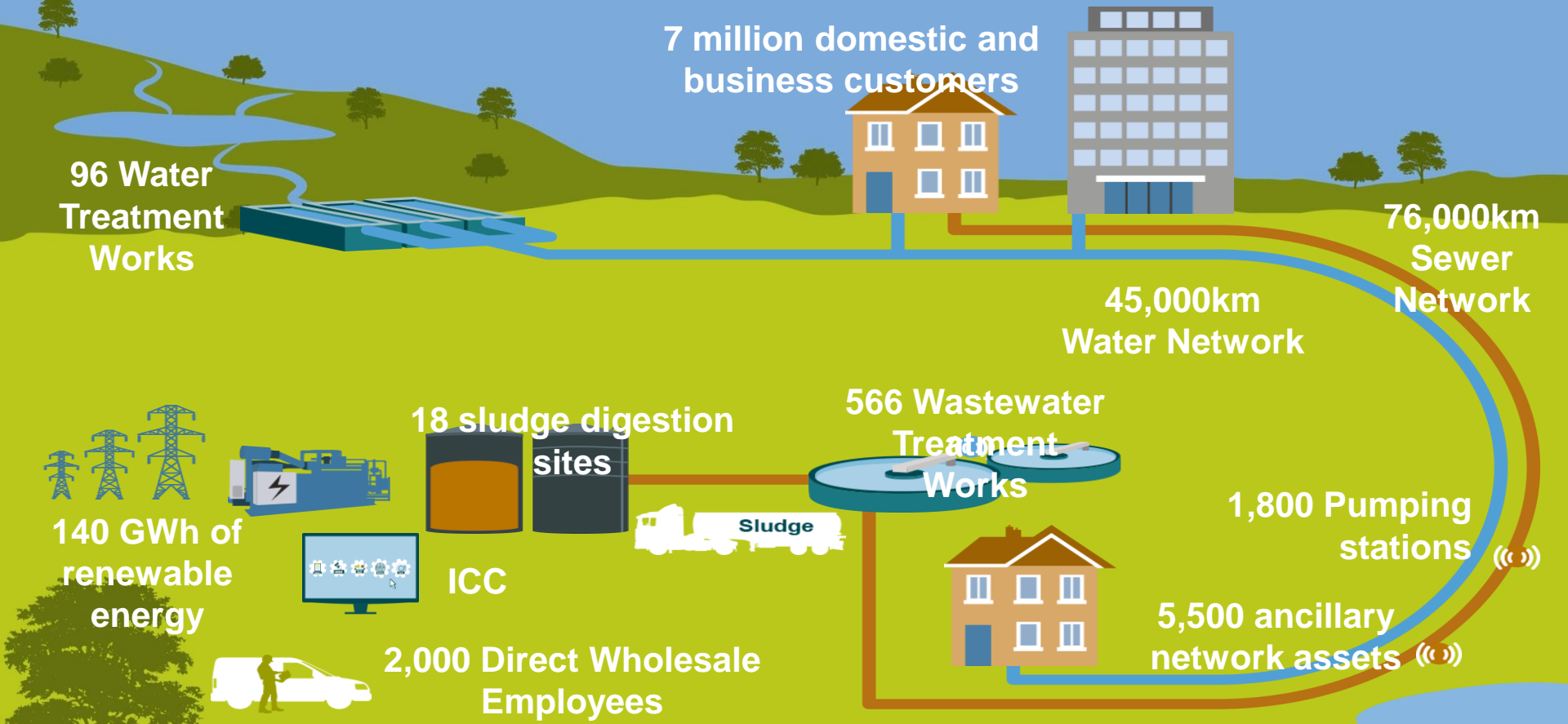
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# United Utilities Business Plan



# Production Line overview





# UU IT strategy

Proactive insight

Workforce enablement

“Silent service”

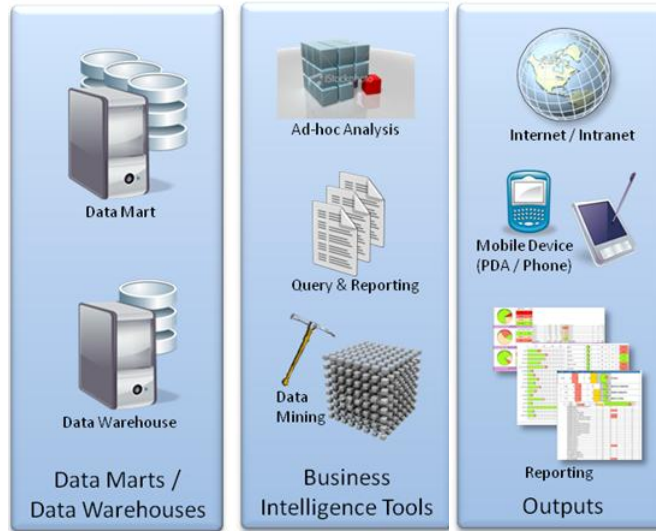
End-to-end  
visibility

Analytics

Modelling  
capability



# Mapping OSIsoft PI System with UU'S Users





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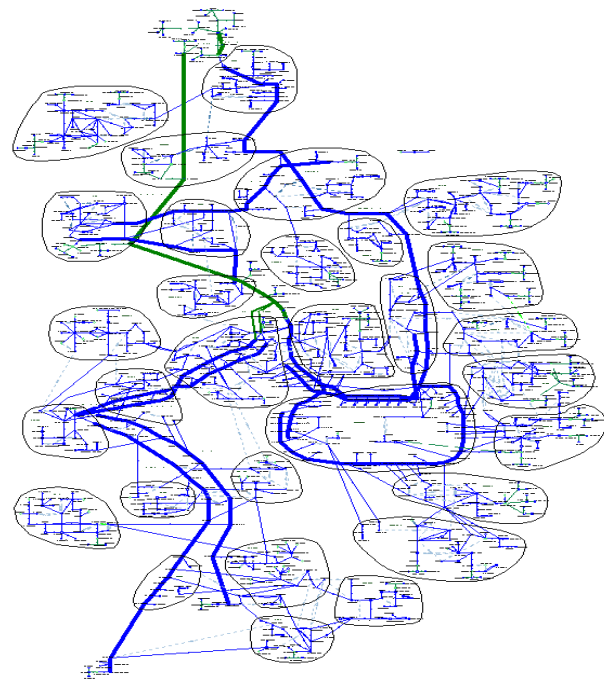
## Regional Water Production

## Planning Manager



# What is Production Planning?

- Ability to effectively plan (model) & deliver water to the customer at least cost.
- Collection of data, modelling of scenarios, produce, deliver and monitor plans.
- Data is currently available in multiple systems
- Information & Data collected in one place from:
  - Reservoirs, rivers, boreholes (ground water)
  - Flows from all water sites both Treated and Raw Water
  - Storage levels in service reservoirs
- Data is automatically collected then fed into modelling systems
- Plans are produced, Communicated to Field Staff and Automatically Monitored



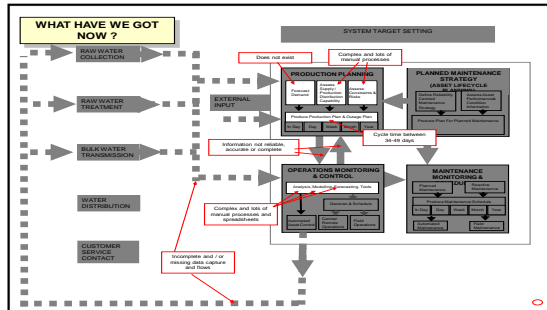


# Production Planning ‘Then and Now’

The previous approach to Water System Optimisation and Production Planning had limited capability due to:-

- **Absence of a ‘systems’ view** of the “regional supply system from source to customers tap
- An **outdated business model** with processes across a number of teams
- **Reliance on scarce specialist knowledge**
- **Fragmented business systems** with lack of “real time” information (lagging not leading information)
- **Insufficient financial metrics** of unit and marginal cost

*“two men and a spreadsheet”*



- **Minimal system modelling capability** to enable intelligent analysis & informed decision making
- **New requirements for proactive production planning and operator intervention**
- **Inability to make proactive operator interventions and system changes** due to the lack of remote monitoring and control functionality from the Intelligent centre

# System Overview

## Telemetry Systems & Loggers

- Send site asset data into PI System

## OSIsoft PI Server

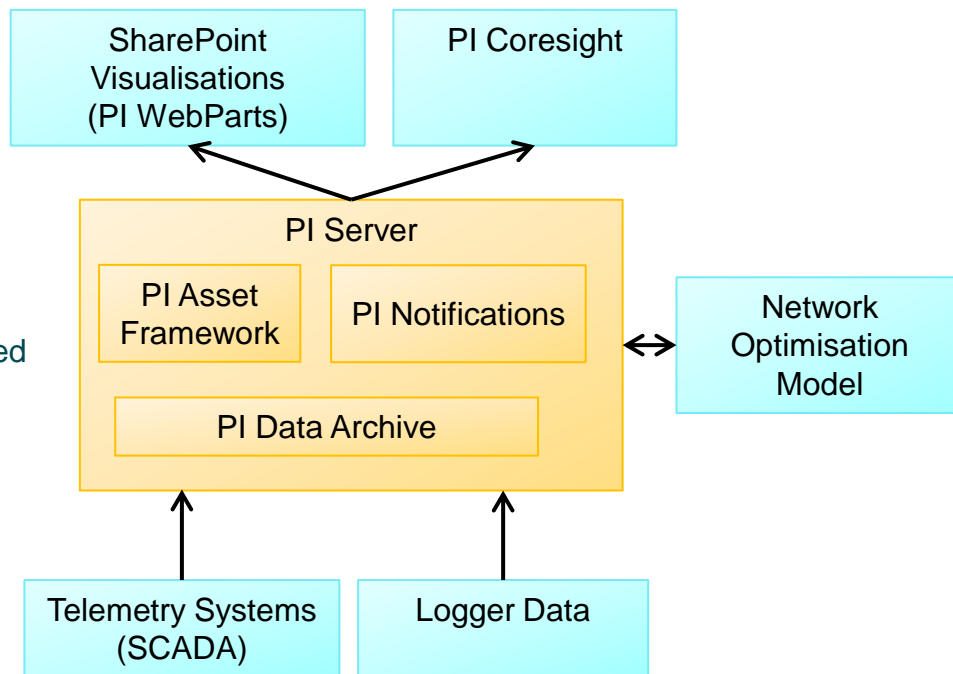
- Captures and analyses data
- Calculates performance & projects forecast LBE data

## Optimisation Model

- Takes data from PI System to produce weekly optimised Production Plans
- Sends plan data back to PI System for monitoring

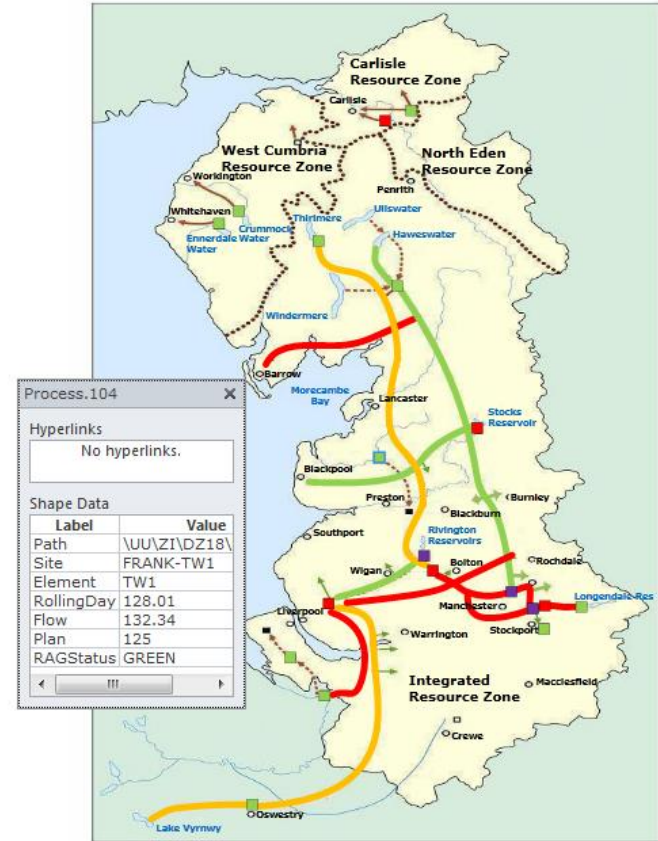
## SharePoint

- To view / monitor assets using real-time data through visualisations

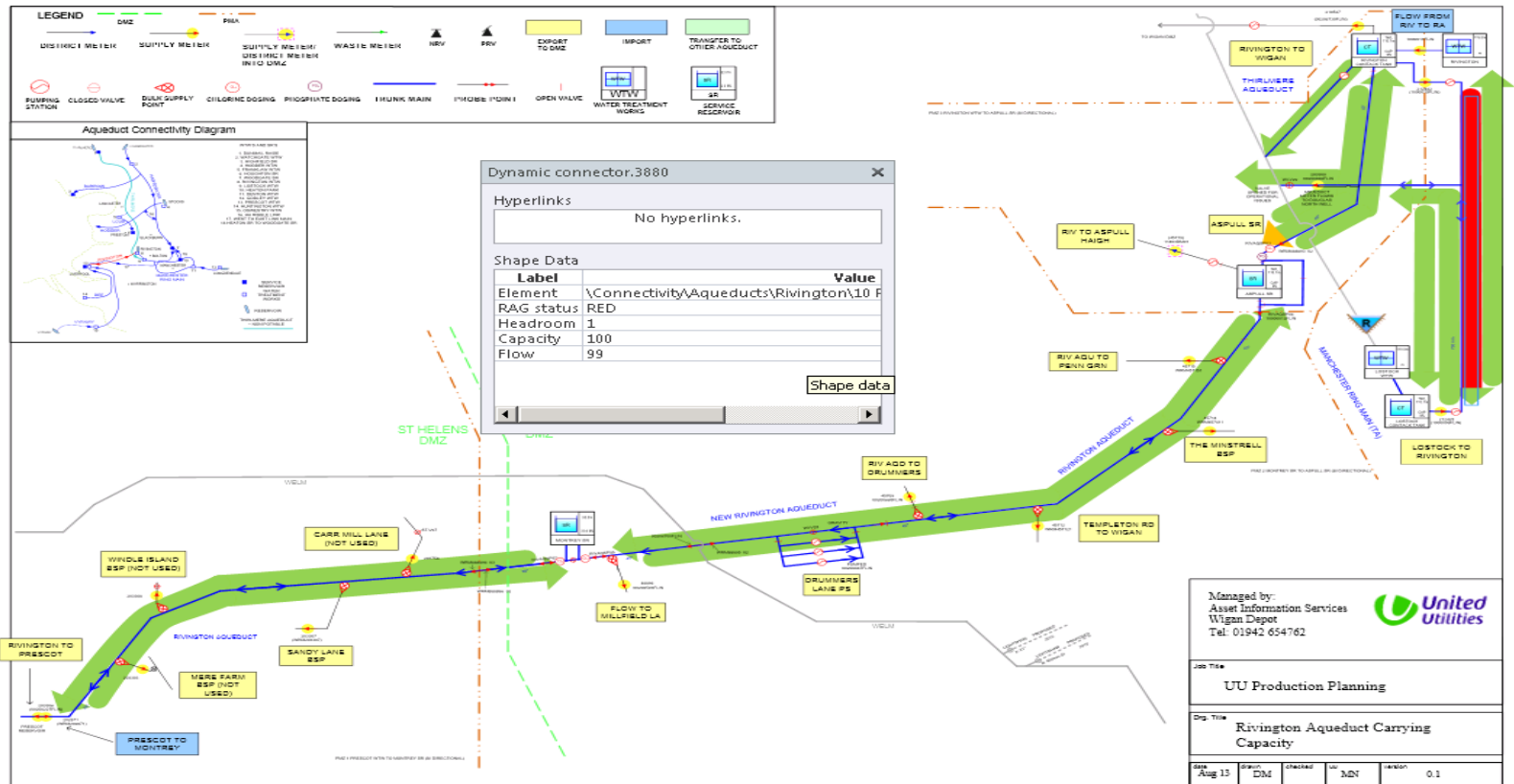


# Overview Schematic

- Using PI WebParts to support existing Visio diagrams enabling live animation.
- Red / Amber / Green status to visualise Aqueducts and Key Water Treatment Sites.



# PI System Visualisations – Aqueduct Overview

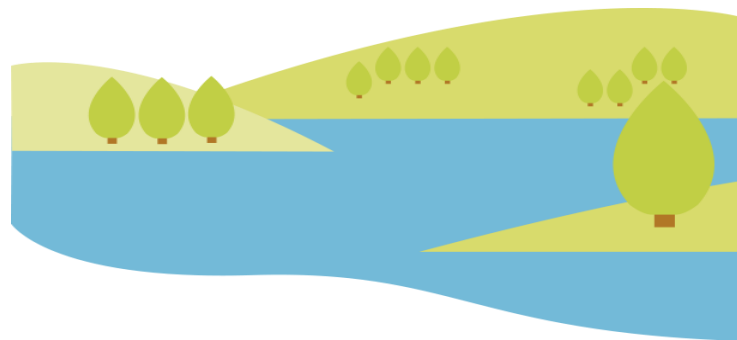




# Our New Production Planning System

## Improved Inputs:

- Real time data flow feeds to intelligent control centre via OSIsoft PI System
- Feeding into scenario modelling packages
- Feeding into Production Plan process
- **Visualisations with real time data of assets in corporate systems:**
  - Water Treatment Works / Large Diameter Trunk Mains Flow
  - Service Reservoir Levels
  - Treatment Works Capacities which include outage plans.
- **Improved Processes:**
  - Water hydrology management (shared information)
  - Optimised source to tap
  - Incident management support
  - Security and general risk management responses
  - Single source of data (OSIsoft PI System)
- **New organisational structure for production planning in place working to new business processes**



# A Step Change in Production Planning

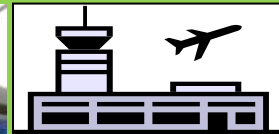
## From a Vintage Plane ....



### Previous

- Currently takes a week to produce a Water Production plan.
- The cost of water production is not visible, with no 'baseline plan' to track against
- No ability to model scenarios for outages
- Using out of date data and information to base future production plans.

## ....to a Dreamliner



### Now

- Water Production plans produced within day
- Automatic integrated real time data collection and processes
- Potential to reduce costs (power, chemicals) by minimum 5% p.a.
- Increased resilience & modelling capabilities

# Benefits Overview

The overall aim will reduce business risk and enhance our customer service

1. **Future proofing the UU's production business.**
2. **Better understanding of production changes and interventions** of the Regional Supplies System
3. **Delivery of Cost efficiencies** associated with
  1. Using cheaper unit cost of water sources with existing systems
  2. Optimised energy and chemicals usage across Water Production and Network assets and pumping efficiencies
4. **Risk avoidance and improved customer service**
5. **Retaining business knowledge and continuity through implementing a robust business model**
6. **Operator intervention to minimise customer impact from unplanned events and incidents**

## Other benefit items include:

- Risk Management - contribute to security of supply, avoiding compensation payments.
- Asset Management Assessment (AMA) - increased auditable and accurate data to reduces fines.
- Abstraction licence management – improved compliance with regulatory requirements
- Upgraded PI System built in a scalable manner.

# What Next For Production Planning

*“it’s not all blue sky thinking”*

- **Development of outage tracker to link directly & upload to PI System.** Will help automate the outage planning process to avoid missing pre-approved planned outages
- **Impounding Reservoir level data to be introduced into PI System.** Bringing a fully connected source to tap data stream into one central repository.
- **PI DataLink to support contingency plan to update automatically.** Will give the ability to react using real time contingency plans in the event of unplanned outages across the water network.





# Future Plans - Unit Cost of Treatment (Water & Wastewater)

- **Operation costs are increasing with Energy and Chemical prices set to rise.**
- **PI System will interface with SAP and our engineering models**
- **PI System will inform production & investment decisions based on targets set by our engineering models.**



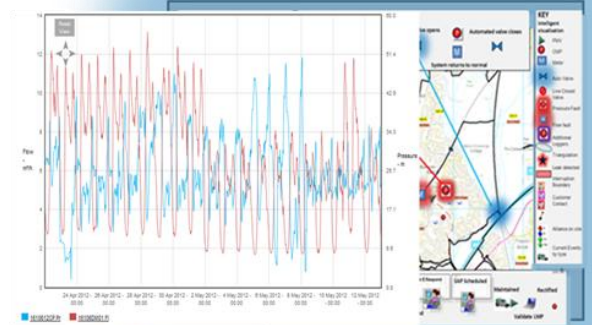
# Future Plans - Regional Sludge Operations Management

- Optimise the movement & management of organic waste for energy generation.
- SAP data to provide real-time knowledge on asset availability
- Track actuals against targets to inform production & investment decisions
- Telemetry and sample data to assess waste quality



## Future Plans- Intelligent Network Management

- **PI Events Frames used to detect abnormalities in water pressure or leakage**
- **Proactive intervention before the any customer impact.**
- **Situational Awareness - integration with Esri ArcGIS to visually represent and drill down on events on our network.**

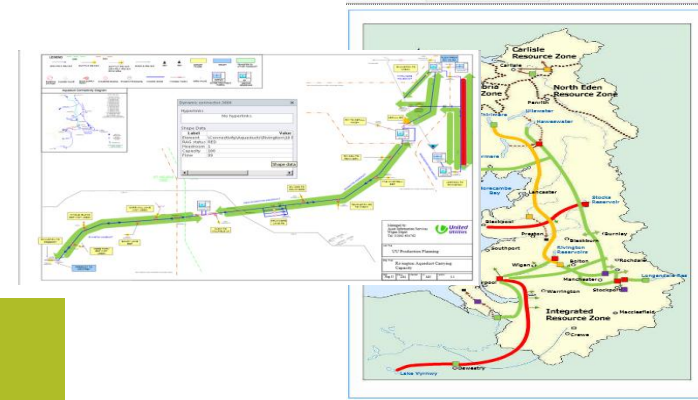


Problem found Root cause identified  
Proactive intervention raised to maintain  
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# Enabling a Resilient Water Supply System with the PI System Infrastructure

*"It's great for me now to be able to see the heartbeat of our complex transmission system in real-time. There is now no hiding place for inefficient operation."*

**John Butcher , Regional Water Supplies Manager**



## Business Challenge

- A step change in Water Production Planning
- Transformation to proactive production planning and operator intervention
- Build a strategic scalable solution based on the OSIsoft PI System infrastructure for managing time series data

## Solution

- Water Production plans produced within day
- Automatic integrated real time data collection and processes
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## Results and Benefits

1. Future proofing the UU's production business with OSIsoft PI System
2. Better understanding of production changes and interventions
3. Delivery of cost efficiencies
4. Risk avoidance and improved customer service
5. Retaining business knowledge and continuity through implementing a robust solution

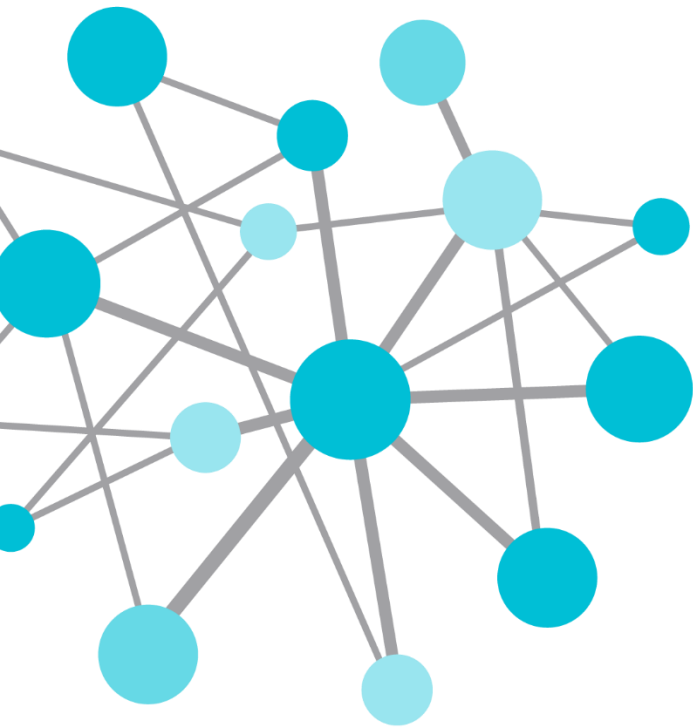


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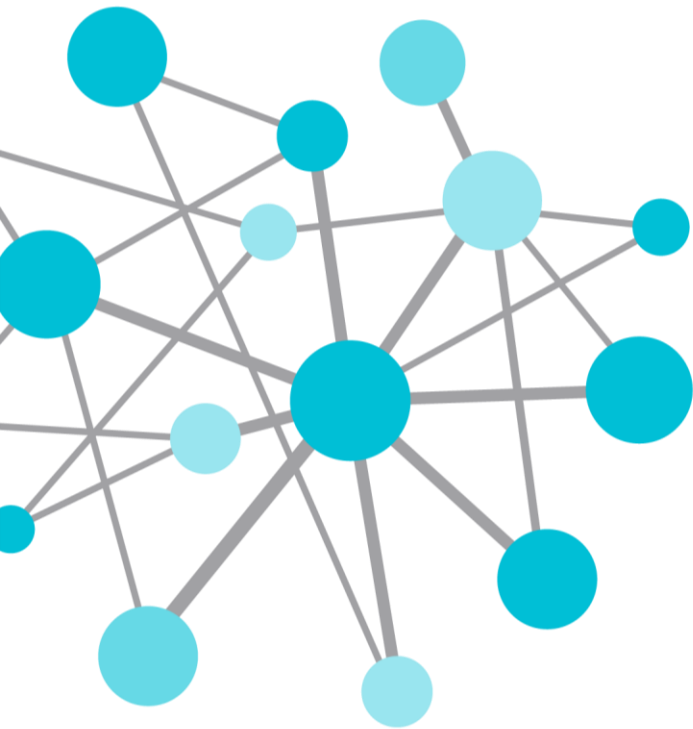


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