

# Leveraging PI System at PowerStream: Operations to Micro Grid

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#### **Presenters**



#### John McClean

- Vice President of Operations for PowerStream
- Energy Technology graduate of Bismarck State College
- Over 31 years of experience in electric utility operations including generation and distribution.
- Led the consolidation of Operations' business units at the formation of PowerStream from 2004 onward and subsequent mergers and acquisitions since then.
- Focus on continuing to leverage technology and process improvement.
- Support and expand Smart Grid applications and technologies in use at PowerStream: FDIR, AFR, Field Intelligence.
- The Operations' business units John currently oversees include System Control, Protection and Control, Station Sustainment, and Metering.
- Member of national and provincial committees in areas of emergency preparedness and system reliability



#### Vince Polsoni

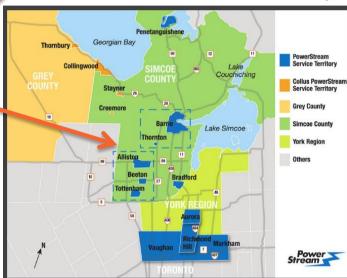
- Manager of Station Sustainment
- Certified Electrical Engineering Technologist and a RCM2 Trained Facilitator
- Over 29 years of experience in the Electrical Utility Industry in Asset Management, Substation Design, Station and Distribution System Maintenance
- Focus on Maintenance Optimization by transitioning from Time Based Maintenance to Risk Based Condition Based Maintenance
- Improving Safety and Reliability by leveraging technology, automation and process improvement (RCM)
- Experience in implementation of Asset Management, Work Management Systems and Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM)
- Successfully implemented the PI System and CMMS at Powerstream

#### Where are we?





Texas 696,200 km2 Powerstream Service Territory



Powerstream Service Territory

- 806 km2
- 11 Municipalities
- Located just North of Toronto

Ontario

1,068,587 km2

#### **PowerStream Fast Facts**

• 2nd Largest Municipally owned Local Distribution Co. (LDC) in Ontario, Canada

Serving 11 Communities through Central Ontario (Serving over 1 million residents)

550 Employees

• **343,000 Customers**: (Residential (89%) Commercial Ind. (11%))

Total Revenue: \$788 Million

Total Assets: \$1,087.5 Million

Overhead Circuit Wires: 2,500 km
 Underground Cable: 4,900 km

Transformer Stations (TS's):
Municipal Substations (MS's):
55

• Distribution Transformers: 43,000

• Switchgears: 1,800

• Poles: 40,000

Peak Demand: 1,972 MW

• Geographical Size of Service Territory: 806 Sq. Km

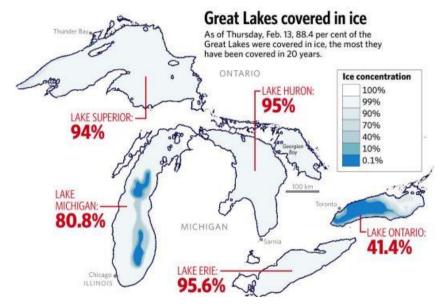
Distribution Voltages
 4kV, 8kV, 13.8kV, 27.6kV and 44kV





# We are buried and surrounded by ice and snow....Polar Vortex





# **Agenda**

- PI System in use at PowerStream(Operations)
- Micro Grid Demonstration Project
- Overview of Project
- Control and Analytics Systems







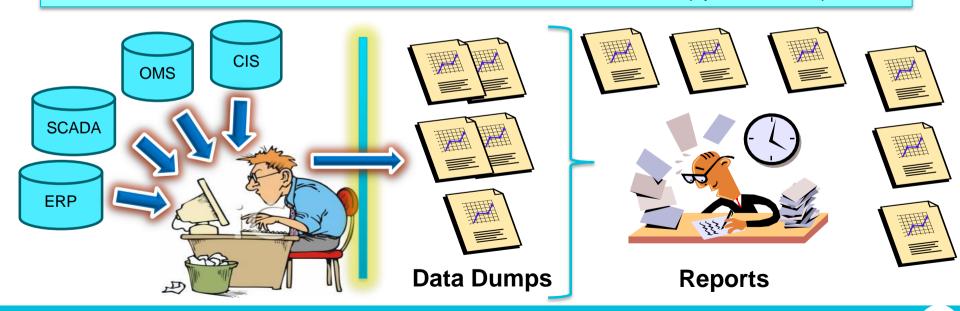


#### **Background - PI System at Powerstream**

- July 2012 Implementation 5000 tags
- Purchased as part of Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) implementation strategy
  - Migrate from Time Based Maintenance to Risk Based Condition Based Maintenance model
  - Integrate with CMMS to make SCADA data available
- Operational reports (PI ProcessBook, PI Coresight, PI DataLink, PI Web Parts)
- July 2013 Notifications
  - Equipment alarms, operations, peak load, oil temperatures, fire alarm, SF6 gas, building temp, battery /charger failure, etc

# Life before PI System Reporting SCADA / OMS / CIS / ERP

- Data is overwritten based on frequency of data point collection in some databases (e.g. SCADA)
- Archived/Historical data is often extracted and stored in flat files (spreadsheets)



#### Leveraging PI System at Powerstream

- Asset Dashboard on Company Intranet
- Link to multiple databases/systems
  - SCADA, MicroGrid, CMMS
  - OMS (future), WMS/EAM (future), CIS (future)
- Expand Notifications / Alerting to stakeholders (email)
  - Offload low level SCADA alarms through PI System PI Notifications to field staff (awareness)
- Future Mobile Dashboard (iPAD and SmartPhone)
- Future Analytics

#### PI System Products used at Powerstream

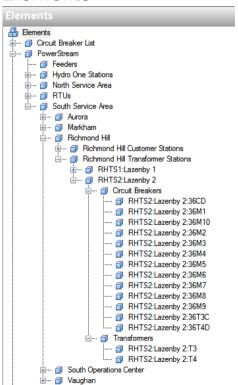
30,000 tags (and growing)

- PI ProcessBook
- PI Coresight
- PI WebParts
- PI DataLink
- PI Data Access
- OSIsoft Utilities Gateway
- PI Asset Framework (AF)
- PI-SMT, PI ICU
- PI System Explorer
- PI Asset Framework (PI AF)
- PI Notifications

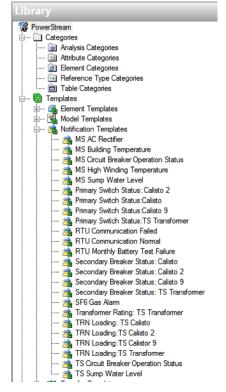


# PI System Explorer

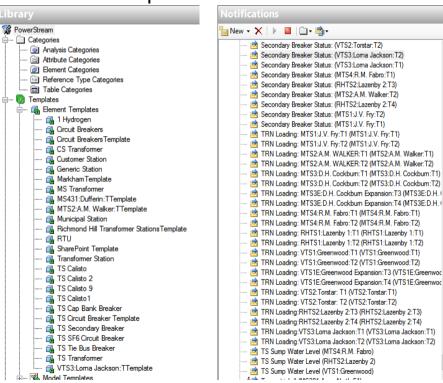
#### Elements



#### **Element Templates**



#### Notification Templates Notifications



#### Leveraging PI System for Risk Based CBM

Integration

Automatically Generate maintenance task in CMMS system based on triggers

Real-time Alerting

Notifications and alarms (Real-time)

Visual Reports

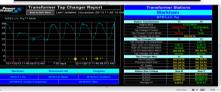
- Various displays catering to different audiences
- Various display tools
- Drill-down user interface

User Friendly Simple Tools

- Basic functions (average, max, min)
  - Trends, calculated values, counters

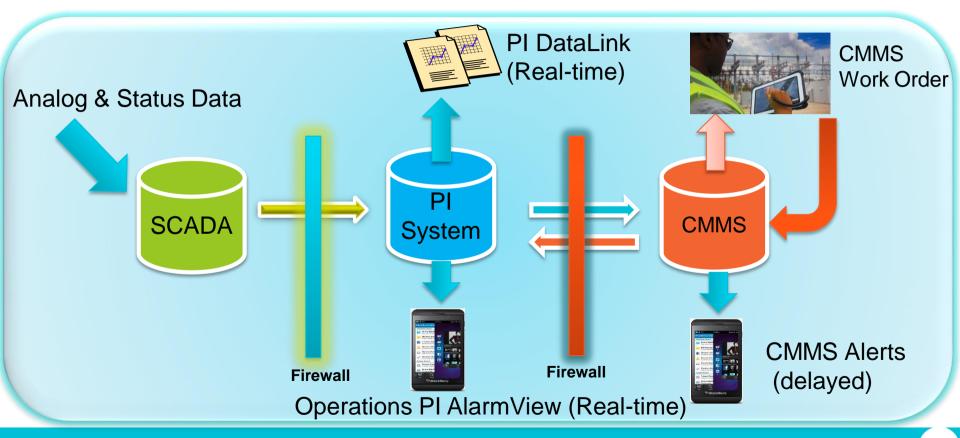








#### **Condition Based Maintenance - Data Flow**



#### PI ProcessBook Reports - Powerstream

- System Demand
- Station Performance/Risk
- Under Frequency Load Shed
- DC System
- Building Heating
- Station Single Line Diagrams
- Station Fire Alarm
- Primary Switch Status

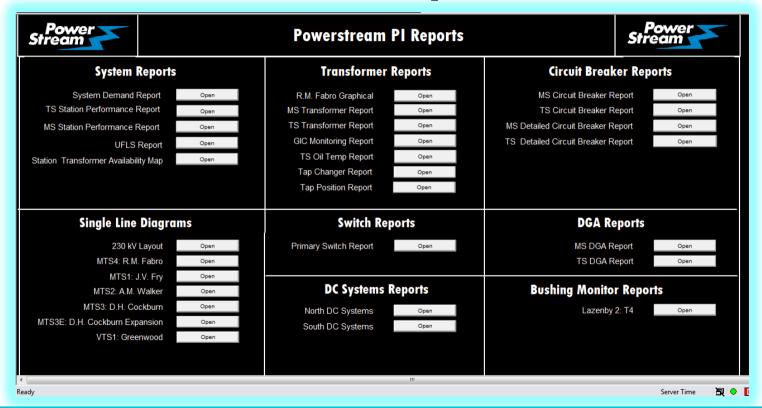
- Transformer
  - Condition
  - Dissolved Gas Analysis
  - Oil Temperature
  - Tap Changer and Tap Changer Position
  - Bushing Monitoring
- Circuit Breaker
  - Status and Detailed
  - SF6 Status

# PI CoreSight Reports - Powerstream

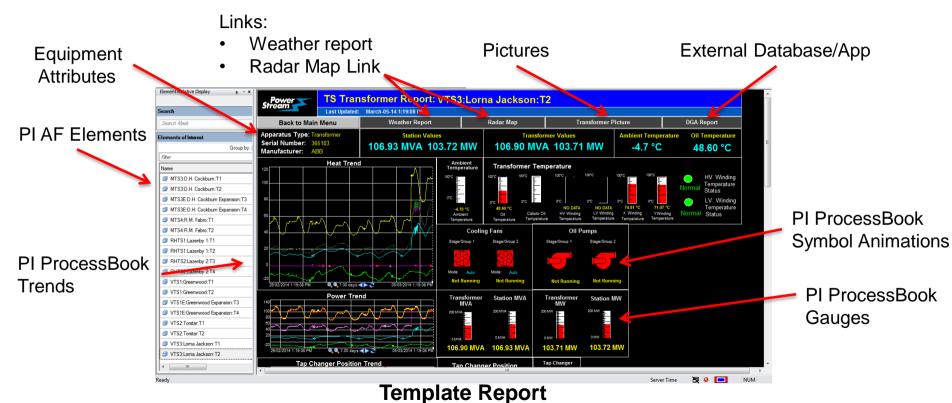
- System Demand
- Station Risk Index
- Station Loading
- Transformer
  - Loading
  - Winding temperature
  - Oil temperature
  - Hydrogen and Moisture
  - Cooling
  - Availability

- Bus Availability
- GIC Monitoring
- Sump Water level
- Station Building Temperature
- Ambient Temperature
- Primary Switches
- Equipment Failures (history)
- Adhoc Reports

# PI ProcessBook Reports Home Page

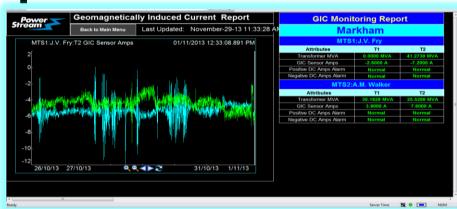


#### PI ProcessBook – TS Transformer Report



#### PI ProcessBook Reports

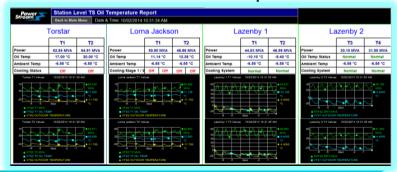
Geomagnetically Induced Current (GIC)



Transformer Secondary Bushing Monitoring

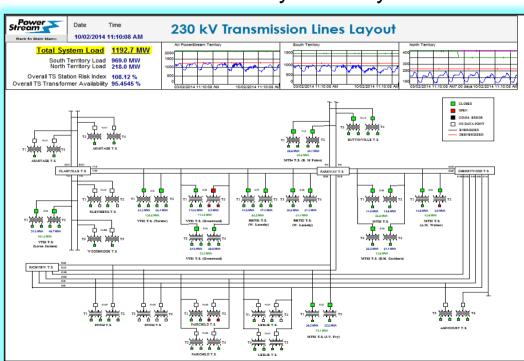


Transformer Oil Temperature

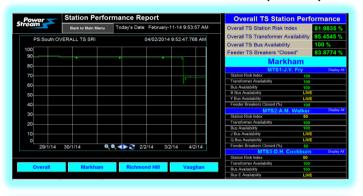


#### PI ProcessBook Reports

230 kV Transmission System Layout



Station Performance (Risk)





#### PI ProcessBook Reports

Tap Changer



230 kV Primary Switch Status



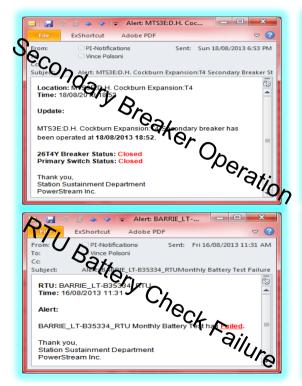
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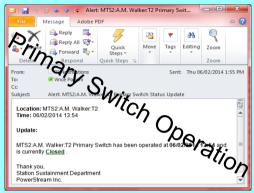


Circuit Breaker Status

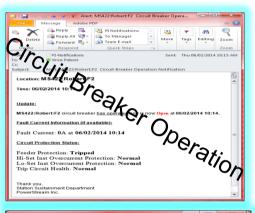


#### **PI Notifications**





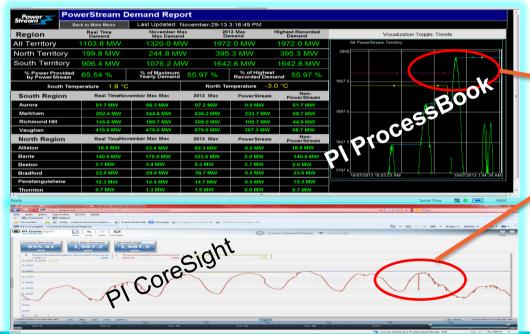


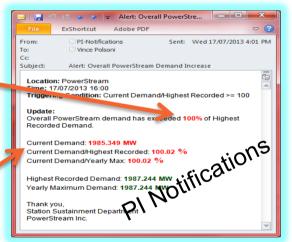




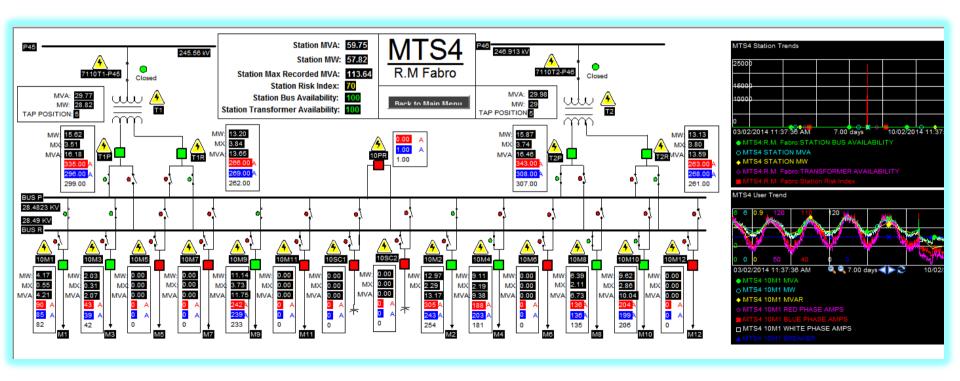
#### **Demand Report**

 Used PI System to view and notify System Demand as it reached Powerstream's "All-Time" peak of 1972 MW on July 17, 2013 at 4:01pm

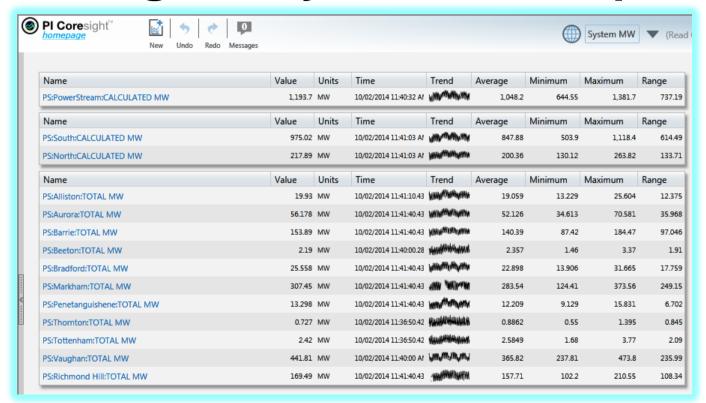




#### PI ProcessBook – Station Single Line

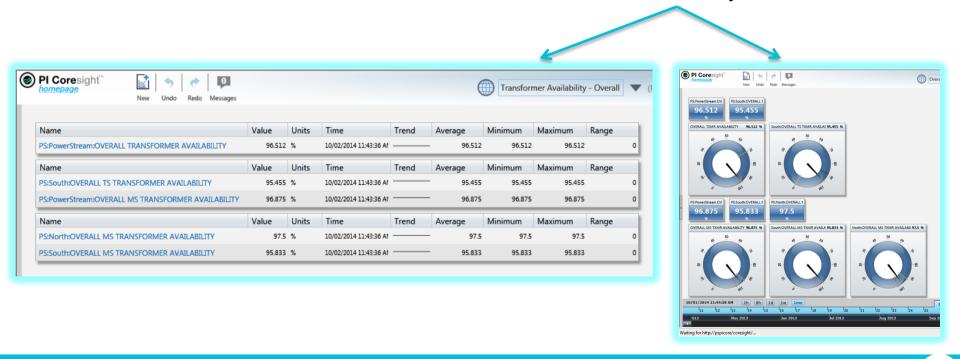


# PI Coresight – System MW Report



#### PI Coresight – Transformer Availability

Transformer Availability – 2 views



# PI Coresight – Transformer Reports

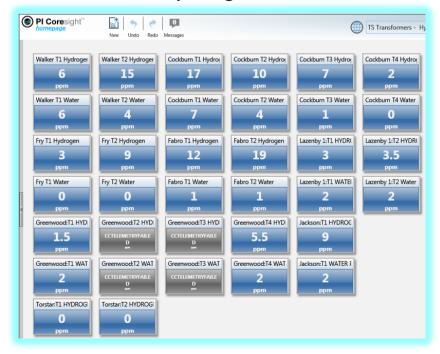
Transformer Load (MW)



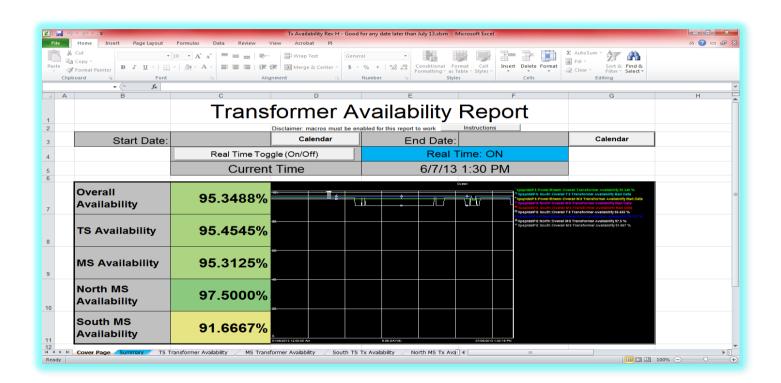
Transformer Winding Temperature



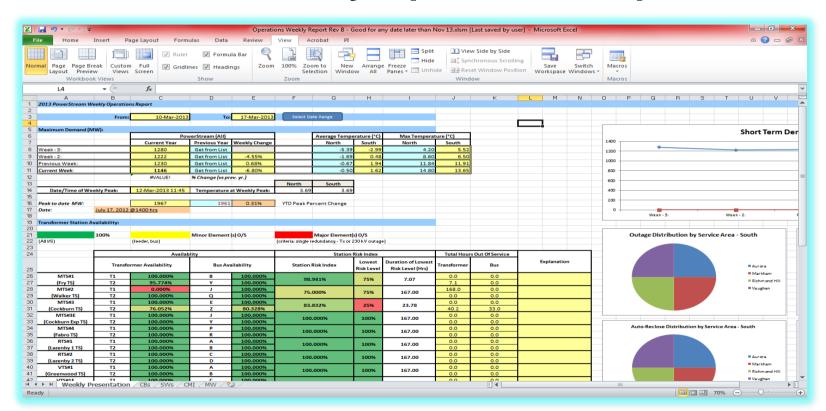
Transformer Hydrogen and Moisture



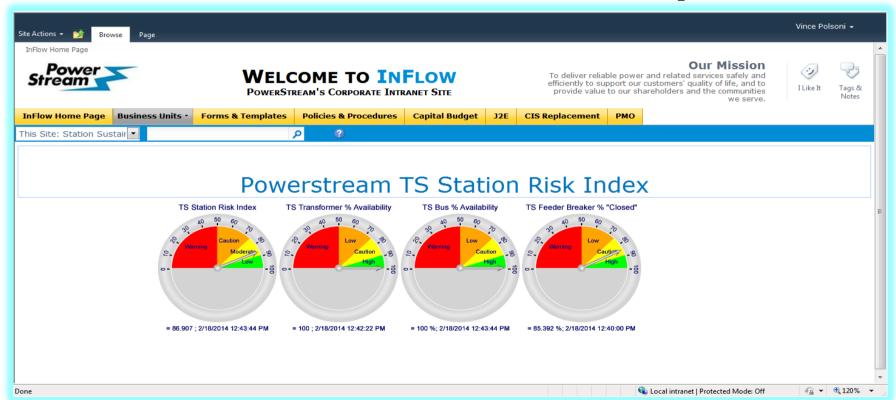
#### PI DataLink - Transformer Availability Report



#### PI DataLink – Weekly Operations Report



# PI WebParts – Risk Index Report

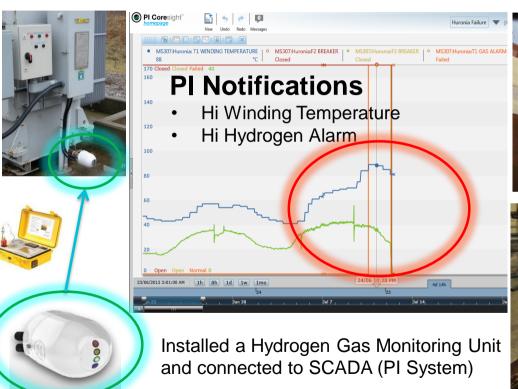


# **Big Saves - Thanks to PI System**



Sharks Earthquake Giants

#### Save - 10MVA 44kV-13.8 kV Transformer









- \$500,000 averted
- No customer outages
- Transformer taken out of service before failure and replaced with spare

#### Save - 75/125 MVA 230kV-27.6kV





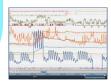
#### **Transformer - Save**

- In late 2011 noticed increased gassing from annual oil test results from laboratory.
- In early 2012 Purchased a portable DGA unit and began to test and monitor transformer oil.
- In summer 2012 implemented PI System.
- In Fall 2012 installed a 7 gas monitoring units and PI System Tags
- Created PI DataLink report and configured a Trigger in CMMS to monitor gassing vs. load and oil temperature
- Consulted with transformer SME's (with PI System data)



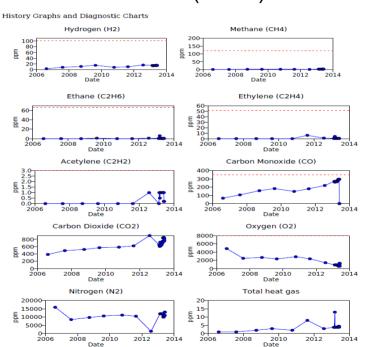




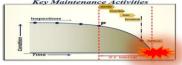


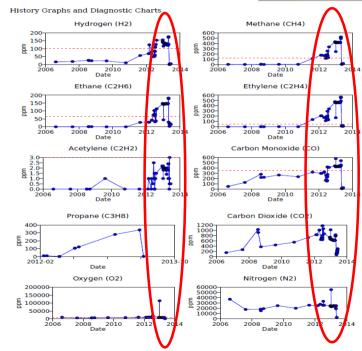
**Comparison T3 and T4 DGA Trends** 



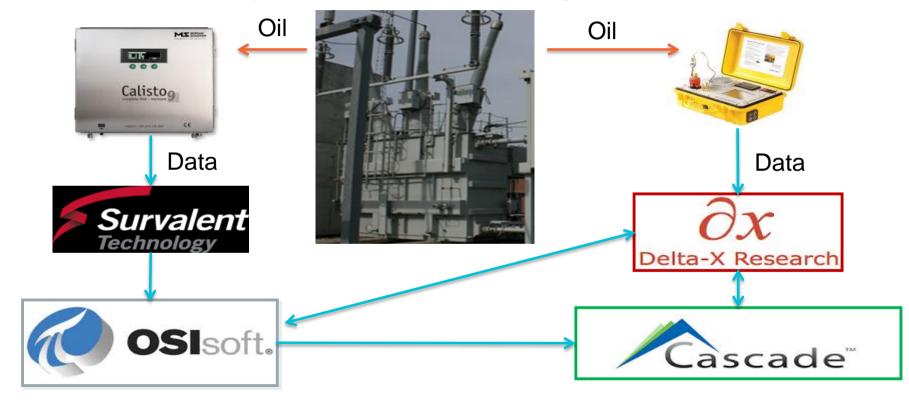




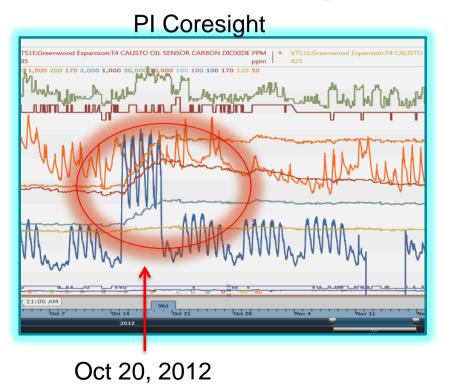


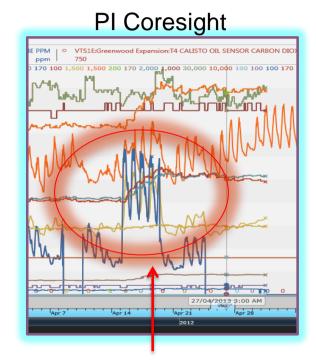


#### **Expert Systems Working in Unison**



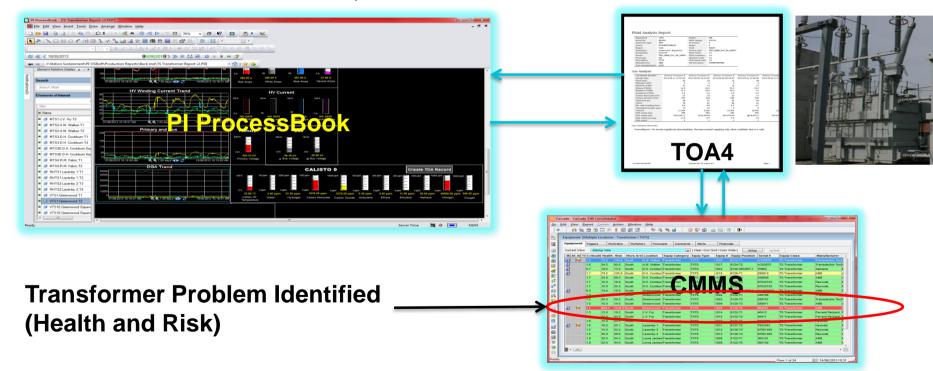
#### **Increased Gassing - 2 Significant Events**





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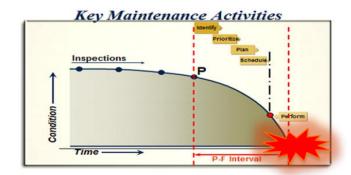
# Gassing in Transformer PI ProcessBook, TOA4 and CASCADE CMMS





# **Findings**

 It was found that one of the "T" connectors was not crimped during manufacturing to the copper lead.



Up to \$2 million if unit failed catastrophically or with serious internal damage to windings or core.





Photo 7 - Discolored Lead Paper Insulation

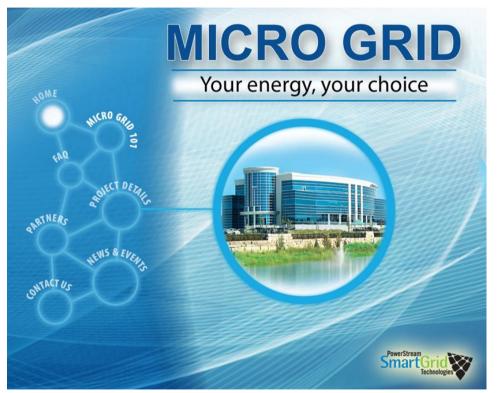
Photo 8 - Burned and Carbonized Lead Insulation

Repair: \$100,000 (Potential Failure)

### Benefits of Life after PI System

- Able to accomplish a lot with minimal resources
- Fast learning curve
  - YouTube, Manuals, Support, Training
- Maintenance Optimization
- Innovation stimulant
- Information to those who need it

### PowerStream's Micro Grid Project





Citibank: Utilities are dinosaurs waiting to die

Microsoft the latest to "unplug" from

worldwide Microgrids expected consum to grow to 9,000 MW by 2020

# BUSINESS AS UNUSUAL

Denmark to provide 100% renewable electricity, heat, and transportation

Microgrids: Are They Our Aging Grid's Bail-Out Plan?

E-Bay, Ellison Embrace Microgrids in Threat to Utilities Will microgrids destroy traditional utilities... or save them?

#### Powerstream definition of Micro Grid

"A Micro Grid is a sustainable and reliable energy system comprising of a number of different energy sources capable of seamlessly operating on or off the provincial grid."

- Loads typically located in close proximity:
  - may include a single customer, or
  - a load center such as a hospital, school or campus.
- Generation side consists of renewable and sustainable sources,
  - May have economic, environmental, or reliability-related dispatch signals,
- May have multiple connection points to distribution system,
- May have load prioritization.

#### Micro Grid Project Details

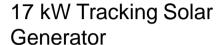


- Launched the Micro Grid demonstration project in November 2013 at its head office in Vaughan, Ontario.
- Using the project to evaluate a Micro Grid's performance while it is connected to, and also disconnected from, the provincial grid.

#### **Generation Assets**



5 kW Solar Generator (EV Car Port)





1.8 kW Wind Generator



35 kW Natural Gas Generator

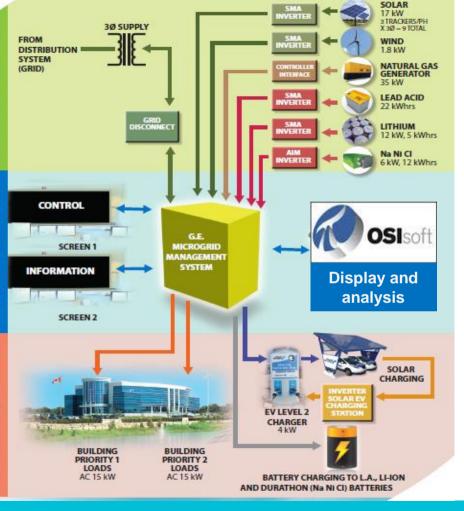
#### **Control and Storage Assets**











- 25 kW Renewables
  - Solar
  - Wind
- 35 kW Natural Gas Generator
- 40 kWh storage
  - Batteries
    - Lead Acid
    - Lithium
    - Na Ni CL

30 kW load

#### **Modes of Operation**







2. Supply from Grid



3. Island (Generator)



4. Island (No Generator)



5. Black Start



6. Unintentional Grid Outage (Generator)



7. Unintentional Grid Outage (No Generator)



8. Intentional Grid Outage (Generator)



9. Intentional Grid Outage (No Generator)

# 2 Phases of Micro Grid project

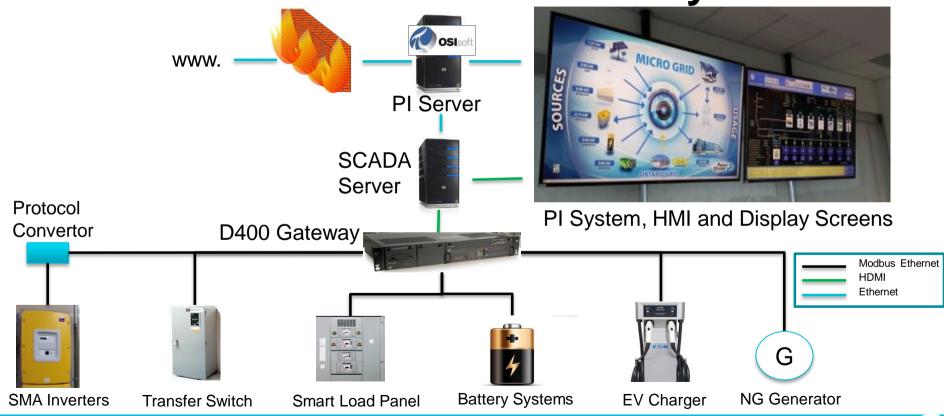
Phase 1

- drawing electricity from several sources a solar array, a wind turbine, natural-gas generator, solar-assisted carport charging station as well as Lead Acid, Lithium Ion and Sodium Nickel Chloride batteries
- provide electricity for loads at its head office building such as lighting, air conditioning and refrigeration as well as to provide charging its fleet of electric vehicles.

Phase 2

 add additional components such as vehicle-to-grid EV charging systems and further automation systems.

#### **Communications and Control System**



#### PI ProcessBook Micro Grid Display



#### PI System Benefits – Micro Grid Project

Real-Time Display

- Intuitive Display
- Various displays catering to different audiences
- Drilldown user interface



Notifications / Alarms

Notifications and alarms (Real-time)

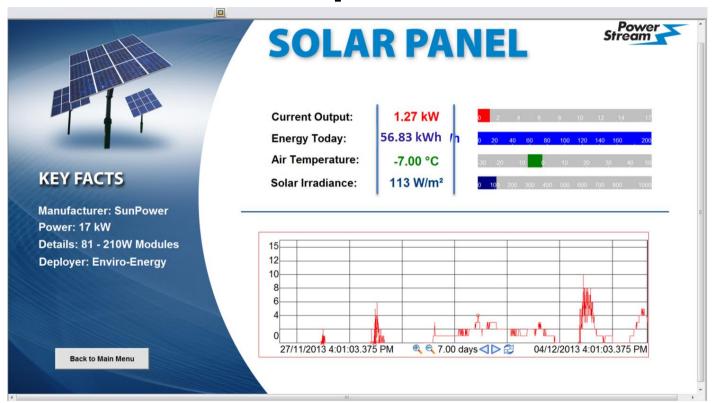


User
Friendly
Simple Tools

- Multiple report options
- Historical data
- Mobility (Smartphone, tablet)



#### PI ProcessBook Report – Solar Panel



# **Early Project Take-Aways**

- Ongoing discussion of trade-off of SCADA level automation versus device by device intelligence (e.g. intelligent inverters), similar to distribution level discussion
- Alarm systems provide backup to automation systems, e.g. switching to on-grid when batteries run low!
- Analyzing historical events allows good comparison with simulation and specs expectation, e.g. response of loads and other assets when switch to off-grid

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## Phase 2 (Now Underway)

- Further test the system under different operating scenarios:
  - minimizing costs of operation,
  - maximizing use of renewables, and
  - reducing peak loads.
- PowerStream will also collect data that will analyze the performance of the system, including "lessons learned".
- We expect to include new generating technologies such as fuel cells and electric vehicles to grid support.
- Over the longer term, PowerStream expects to install a Micro Grid on a larger scale, one that will connect directly to power lines and that will serve larger loads.

#### **Summary**

There is a constant pressure to do more with less; Improve reliability and availability. In order to achieve this, the same information needs to be made available in multiple systems.

Data turned into Information is the key to a successful transition of maintenance methodology.



- Provide and utilize
   Operational data outside of SCADA (Operations)
- 2. Present Micro Grid system architecture and data in an appealing, easy-to-understand format.
- SCADA to PI connectivity (Ops)
- Integrated PI System to CMMS (Ops)
- Micro Grid SCADA to PI for demonstration presentation

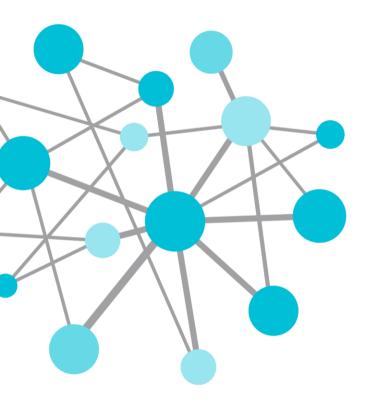
- Real-time information to those who need it (Ops)
- Increased equipment monitoring and alerting (Ops)
- Eye-pleasing and functional presentation of Micro Grid data

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