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1 2 the attomeys with contact lists from my association with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers.

3 4 5 I joined Snavely King earlier this year. I have provided technical support and advice in connection with that firm's analyses of steam generation facilities and costs, principally in connection with depreciation proceedings.

6 **Q* WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?**

7 A. **8** 9 10 During my college years, I enrolled in the apprenticeship program of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and also served in the Naval Reserves as a boilermaker. In 1971, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Baltimore.

11 **Q. HAVE YOU ATTACHED A SUMMARY OF YOUR EXPERIENCE?**

12 A. Yes. Appendix A is a brief summary of my qualifications and experience.

13 **Q. FOR WHOM ARE YOU APPEARING IN THIS DOCKET?**

14 A. I am appearing on behalf of the Florida Office of Public Counsel ("OPC")

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

16 A. 17 18 19 First, I will explain the basic principles of the combined-cycle technology. Second, I will report on my December 14, 2001 tour of Plant Smith Unit 3. Third, I will describe my survey of the current disposition of retired electric generating units.

20 **Q.**

ON WHAT INFORMATION IS YOUR TESTIMONY BASED?

21 A. 22 23 My testimony regarding the principles of combined-cycle technology is based on my individual research, my observation of other combined cycle plants that are under construction, and my 33 years of practical experience with the stages and

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1 2 3 4 5 entities of the steam cycle. I have condensed and simplified the principles in Exhibit (WMZ-1). My report of the plant tour of Smith Unit 3 is attached as Exhibit (WMZ-2). (At the time this testimony was prepared, Gulf Power had not released the photographs that were taken during the tour. Exhibit - WMZ-2 will be filed separately when I receive those photos.)

6 7 *Q.* **DO YOU HAVE ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH COMBINED-CYCLE PLANTS?**

8 9 10 11 12 These plants are relatively new to the scene and none have been constructed so far in the Mid-Atlantic region that was part of my jurisdiction while I was working in the field. I have, however, worked on several "waste heat boilers" over the years. **A.** Recapturing exhaust heat is not a new concept. Steel mills and refineries have used the waste heat concept for many years.

13 14 **HAVE YOU RECENTLY OBSERVED ANOTHER COMBINED CYCLE PRODUCTION PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION?** *Q.*

15 16 17 18 19 Yes. On my tour of seven plants in the Georgia Power System conducted on September 26, 27, and 28, 2001, I observed the construction of four combinedcycle units under construction at Plant Wansley. Exhibit (WMZ-3) contains a photo that I took during that tour. You can see the similarity between those units and Plant Smith Unit 3. A.

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PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF YOUR RESEARCH. *Q.*

21 22 23 The combined-cycle technology combines the thermodynamic principles of the gas turbine cycle and the steam cycle. The heat contained in the exhaust gases expelled by the gas turbine is used to heat the water used in the steam cycle. A.

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1 2 3 There has been an increase in the use of combined cycle power generation because of its advantages in the overall efficiency and the relatively low cost of construction compared with other known energy sources.

4 *5* 6 7 8 9 10 11 Over the years, improvements in the Brayton (gas turbine) Cycle and the Rankine (steam) Cycle has resulted in an efficiency of over 60% in combinedcycle cycle plants now under construction, and efficiency ratings in excess of 70% are expected before the end of this decade. Historically, the average efficiency of electricity generation has progressed from under *5%* in 1900, to its high of around 33% in the mid-1980s. When the use of combined-cycle techniques became a reality for commercial operation, the efficiency rating has progressed approximately 10% per decade.

12 **Q.** 13 **HOW DO THESE FACTS RELATE TO THE FINAL RETIREMENT OF A COMBINED-CYCLE PLANT?**

14 **A.** 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 For a plant to be considered for retirement, it must be determined that the plant has become economically unfeasible to continue power generation. If all predictions are true about the increase in future power requirements to the grid, then the development of the most cost-effective method for delivering the needed power would be the only prudent answer. At the present time, the combinedcycle technology is the state-of-the-art in power generation. At each stage of the development of the entities used in this technology, improvements have been made to increase the life span of various parts.

$\overline{4}$ **Q. HAVE YOU COME TO A CONCLUSION BASED ON YOUR ANALYSIS?**

- 5 A. The current average life span of existing electric generating plants over 50 MW is 6 approximately 55 years (Snavely-King's National Study 2000-01). I have found $\overline{7}$ nothing in my research, or on the plant tour that would lead me to conclude that Plant Smith Unit 3 would have a shorter life span than these existing plants. 8
- 9 **RETIRED PLANT SURVEY**

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR SURVEY OF RETIRED PLANTS.**

11 A. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 The Energy Information Agency of the Department of Energy maintains a database, which identifies the status of steam plants generating electricity in the nation. From this database, I was able to identify all generating units that had been retired since 1982. The FERC database also identified the units' owner as of the time they were retired. I telephoned those owners and found that in many cases, the ownership had changed. I then telephoned as many current owners as possible to inquire as to the present state of the retired unit, that is, whether it is still in place or whether it has been dismantled and, if so, what has become of the site.

20 **Q. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF YOUR SURVEY?**

21 A. 22 23 Exhibit (WMZ-5) provides a summary of the result of my survey. It lists all of the **146** steam generating units 50 MW and above that has been retired since 1982. I was able to contact **28** owners of 86 units in **40** separate locations. Only

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1 2 3 **15** units in **9** locations have actually been dismantled, and of these only **6** units in **4** locations have been returned to "Greenfield" status, meaning that there is not remaining evidence of the site having been used for electric generation.

4 *5* 6 *7* 8 9 This leaves **68** units in **26** locations that have not been dismantled. Most of these units are essentially untouched, although some are being retained to be cannibalized for their parts. **Four** units in **2** locations have been recommissioned and put back in service. **Four** more units, at Hawthorn in Missouri, owned by Kansas City P&L CO. are about to be returned to service. These units have been listed as retired since 1984.

10 **Q.** 11 **WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF THESE SURVEY RESULTS IN THE ISSUES IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

12 **A.** GPC has incorporated a \$5.6 million dismantling charge in its depreciation 13 request. My survey indicates that utilities do not necessarily dismantle generating 14 units when they are retired for a number of reasons. It is highly unlikely that any $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$ 15 owner would dismantle a unit if any other units sharing the same building were 16 still in operation. First of all, asbestos removal would the operation of the 17 working units because it would represent a safety hazard for any personnel 18 performing normal plant duties. Furthermore, it is probably uneconomical to 19 dismantle a single unit within a plant while leaving other, operational units in 20 place.

21 **Q. WHAT DO YOU CONCLUDE?**

22 **A.** 23 I conclude that the dismantlement of all of GPC's existing units is an unlikely event.

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1 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

2 A. Yes, it does.

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Experience

Snavely King Majoros O'Connor *8t* **Lee, Inc., Washington D.C.**

Senior Consultant (2000 to present)

Mr. Zaetz provides technical expertise in all of the firm's projects involving the engineering, costing, operation, valuation, depreciation and dismantlement of electric and gas facilities. Mr. Zaetz has assisted in several electric and gas depreciation studies.

Independent Consultant **(2000-2001)**

Mr. Zaetz provided consultation to the U.S. Department of Justice in connection with several units to enforce the nitrogen oxide ("NOX) abatement regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Zaetz reviewed engineering plans and work orders to determine the nature and objectives of modifications to the generation plants subject to the suite. He prepared summaries of his findings in anticipation of possible testimony before Federal Courts.

Boiler Local 193 Severn, MD

General Foreman Foreman *(1973-2000)*

Mr. Zaetz supervised the fabrication, installation, repair and dismantlement of boiler plant, synthetic natural gas, fuel handling equipment, and environmental abatement facilities in electric generating plants operated by both public utilities and private industrial and commercial enterprises. In the course of 180 separate projects, Mr. Zaetz supervised operations in most of the major power plants throughout the Maryland, Northern Virginia and Southern Delaware area.

Shop Steward

Mr. Zaetz represented over 100 boilermakers in labor arbitrations, safety disputes and the implementation of Federal worker protection provisions.

Legislative Education Action Committee

Mr. Zaetz participated as committeeman and Chairman of the Education Committee in the Union's efforts to facilitate and enhance the technical training of its members.

Education

University of Baltimore: B. S. in Business Management

Boilermaker Apprentice Program

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Exhibit_(WMZ-1)

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COMBINED-CYCLE

TECHNOLOGY

Historical trend in the average efficiency of electricity generation in central-station thermal power plants in the U.S.

(efficiency in percent, HHV basis)

Rankine Cycle (closed cycle)

Combined Cycle Heat Engine

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Overall efficiency for a combined cycle

STEAM POWER CYCLE

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** \dot{Q}_B $\dot{\phi}_B$ $\dot{\phi}_{SH}$ $\dot{\phi}_{SH}$ fuels like coal, oil or **natural gas. A** simple power plant consists of a boiler, turbine, condenser and a pump. Fuel, burned in the boiler and superheater, heats the water to generate steam. The steam **is** then heated to a superheated state in the superheater. This steam is used to rotate the turbine which powers the generator. Electrical energy is generated when the generator windings rotate in a strong magnetic field.

Mer the steam leaves the turbine it **is** cooled to its liquid state in the condenser. The liquid is pressurized by the pump prior to **going** back to the boiler **A** simple power plant is described by a Rankine Cycle.

RANKINE CYCLE

Saturated or superheated steam enters the turbine at state 1, where it expands isentropically to the exit pressure at state **2.** The steam is then condensed at constant pressure and temperature to a saturated liquid, state **3.** The heat removed **from** the steam in the condenser is typically transferred to the cooling water. The saturated liquid then flows through the pump which increases the pressure to the boiler pressure (state **4),** where the water is first heated to the saturation temperature, boiled

and typically superheated to state 1. Then the whole cycle is repeated.

TYPICAL MODIFICATIONS

REHEAT

When steam leaves the turbine, it is typically wet. The $\frac{1}{1}$ http://filebox.vt.edu/eng/mech/scott/steam.html

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presense of wafer causes erosion **of** the turbine blades. To prevent this, steam is extracted from **high** pressure turbine (state 2), **and** then it **is** reheated in the boiler (state 2') **and** sent **back** to the **low** pressure turbine. *^c*

REGENERATION

Regeneration helps improve the Rankine cycle efficiency by preheating the feedwater into the boiler. Regeneration can be achieved by open feedwater heaters or closed feedwater heaters. In open feedwater heaters, a fraction of the steam exiting a **high** pressure turbine is mixed with the feedwater at the same pressure. In closed system, the steam bled **from** the turbine is not directly mixed with the feedwater, and therefore, the two streams can be at different pressures.

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GAS TURBINE CYCLE

The *gas* turbine is used in a wide range of applications. Common uses include power generation plants and *military* and commercial aircraft. In Jet Engine applications, the power **output** of the turbine **is** used to provide thrust for the aircraft.

In a simple *gas* turbine cycle, low pressure air **is drawn** into a compressor (state 1) where it **is** compressed to a **higher** pressure (state 2). Fuel **is** added to the compressed air and the mixture **is** burnt **GAS TURBINE CYCLE**

in a combustion chamber. The resulting **hot** products enter the turbine (state **3)** and expand to state **4.** Most of the work produced *in* the turbine is used to m the compressor and the rest is used to run auxiliary equipment and produce power.

Air standard models provide useful quantitative results for gas turbine cycles. In these models the following assumptions hold true.

- The working substance is *air* and treated **as** an ideal gas throughout the cycle
- The combustion process is modeled **as** a constant pressure heat addition
- The exhaust is modeled **as** a constant pressure heat rejection process

In cold air standard (CAS) models, the specific heat of air *is* assumed constant at the lowest temperature in the cycle.

Brqyton Cycie

The Brayton cycle depicts the air-standard model of **a** gas turbine power cycle.

The four steps of the cycle are:

- **(1-2)** Isentropic Compression
- **(2-3)** Reversible Constant Pressure Heat Addition
- **(3-4)** Isentropic Expansion
- **(4-** 1) Reversible Constant Pressure Heat Rejection

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THE GAS-TURBINE PRlIMER

This section is provided **as** *an* educational service to people of all ages and professions who **are** interested in gas-turbine operation and theory. We feel it is in the best interest of the gas-turbine industry to educate the general population **about** this technology since it is **a major** power source used in the generation of electricity, **and** the power plant of choice **for** modern aircraft.

THEORY HISTORY GLOSSARY

GAS-TURBINE THEORY

A simple gas turbine is comprised of three main sections a compressor, a combustor, and a power turbine. The gas-turbine operates on the principle of the Brayton cycle, where compressed air is mixed with fuel, and burned under constant pressure conditions. The resulting hot gas is allowed to expand through a turbine to perform work. In a 33% eficient gas-turbine approximately two / *thirds of this work is spent compressing the air, the rest is available for other work ie. (mechanical drive, electrical generation)*

One variation of this basic cycle is the addition of a regenerator. A gas-turbine with a regenerator (heat exchanger) recaptures some of the energy in the exhaust gas, preheating the air entering the combustor. This cycle is typically used on low pressure ratio turbines.

Gas-turbines with high pressure ratios can use an intercooler to cool the air between stages of compression, allowing you to burn more fuel and generate more power. Remember, the limiting factor on fuel input is the temperature of the hot gas created, because of the metallurgy of the _first stage nozzle and turbine blades. With the advances in materials technology this physical limit is always climbing.

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GAS-TURBINE WTH INTERCOOLING

A gas-turbine employing reheat.

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An Intercooled & *Recuperated Turbine*

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GAS-TURBINE HISTORY

The history of the gas turbine begins with a quest for jet propulsion.

The earliest example of jet propulsion can be traced as far back as 150 BC to an Egvptian named Hero. Hero invented a toy that rotated on top of a boiling pot due to the reaction efect of hot air or steam exiting seveml nozzles arranged radially around a wheel. He called this invention an aeolipile.

In 1232 the Chinese used rockets to fighten enemy soldiers.

Around 1500 A.D. Leonard0 da vinci drew a sketch of a device that rotated due to the efect of hot gasses flowing up a chimney. The device was intended to be used to rotate meat being roasted. In I629 another Italian named Giovanni Branca actually developed a device that used jets of steam to rotate a turbine that in turn was used to operate machinery. This was the first practical application of a steam turbine.

Ferdinand Verbiest a Jesuit in China built a model carriage that used a steam jet for power in 1678.

The first patent for a turbine engine was granted in 1791 to an

Englishman named John Barber. It incorporated many of the same elements of a modem gas turbine but used a reciprocating compressor. There are many more early examples of turbine engines designed by various inventors, but none were considered to be true gas turbines because they incorporated steam at some point in the process.

In 1872 a man by the name of Sioize designed the first true gas *turbine. His engine incorporated a multistage turbine section and a multi stage axial jlow compressor. He tested working models in the early 1900's.*

Charles Curtis the inventor of the Curtis steam engine filed the first patent application in the U. S. for a gas turbine engine. His patent was granted in 1914 but not without some controversy.

The General Electric company started their gas turbine division in 1903. An engineer named Stanford Moss lead most of the projects. His most outstanding development was the General Electric turbosupercharger during world war I. (Although credit for the concept is given to Rateau of France.) It used hot exhaust gasses_f).om a reciprocating engine to drive a turbine wheel that in turn drove a centrifugal compressor used for supercharging. The evolutionary process of turbosupercharger design and construction made it possible to construct the first reliable gas turbine engines.

Sir Frank Whittle of Great Britain patented a design for a jet aircraft engine *in* 1930.He first proposed using the gas turbine engine for propulsion in **1928** while a student at the Royal **Air** Force College in Cranwell, England. In **1941** an engine designed by Whittle was the first successful turbojet airplane flown in Great Britain.

Concurrently with Whittle's development efforts, Hans von Ohain and **Max** Hahn, two students at Gottingen in Germany developed and patented their own engine design in 1936 these ideas were adapted by The Ernst Heinkel Aircraft company. *The Gemn Heinkel aircrap company is credited with thejirst flight of a gas turbine powered jet propelled aircraft on August 27th 1939. The HE1 78 was the first jet airplane tojly.*

The Heinkel HeS-3b developed 1100 lbs. of thrust and flew over 400 mph, later came the ME262, a 500 mph fighter, more than 1600 of these were built by the end of WWII. These engines were more ahaced than the British planes and had such features **as** *blade cooling and a variable area exhaust nozzles.*

In 1941 Frank Whittle began flight tests of a turbojet engine of his own design in England. *Eventually The General Electric company manufactured engines in the US. based on whittle's design.*

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PLANT LANSING SMITH UNIT 3

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PLANT WANSLEY'S COMBINED CYCLE UNITS

Here are two of the four combined-cycle units that are under construction. Each combined-cycle unit consists of two gas turbines that supply the heat for two Heat Recovery Steam Generators *(HRSG),* which in turn, power the steam turbine. These 400MW units are very similar to Unit **3** at Plant Smith..

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Structured Steam Turbines for the Combined- Cycle Market

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Abstract

GE's variety of robust *steam* turbine products **has** proven to be a valuable choice in today's highly competitive, combined-cycle marketplace. A **dis** cussion of the GE steam turbine offering for 2-on-1, "F" technology, gas turbine, combinedcycle plants is the **main** focus of this paper, with emphasis placed on the structured ID11 product - the customer's choice for delivery cycle, **per**formance, reliability, and availability.

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To date, GE has built over **40** steam turbines used in "F" technology, gas turbine, combinedcycle applications, totaling over 6000 *MW* in steam turbine-generator output. In a GE Steam And.Gas **(STAG)** application, the steam turbine is matched with one or more gas turbines, utilizing the exhaust energy from the combustion turbine(s) to produce steam through a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG). **A** typical GE configuration uses a three-pressure HRSG for the plant, where steam is supplied **from high**pressure (HP), intermediate-pressure **(IP),** and lowpressure (LP) drums to the corresponding section of the steam turbine.

In the past, **GE's** design philosophy dictated

standardization of some of the major turbine components, but customization of the steam path for each application. In 1997, in response to customers' condnual demands for shorter delivery cycles and higher efficiency, **GE** recognized the need to take a more proactive approach to meet the demands of a competitive and **growing** marketplace.

To be competitive in this market, GE needed a steam turbine product that was both efficient at baseload conditions and robust enough to be used in a variety of climates, configurations, and operating modes. While *only* a customdesigned unit could operate at *peak* efficiency in any given situation, the design and production of such a unit would result in a prohibitively high price and an excessively long delivery cycle. This was not **an** option for a domestic **U.S.** market that was beginning to add significant capacity for the first time in many years. Based on an analysis of market activity, GE focused its **standardization** effort on steam turbines for 207FA and 209FA combined-cycle plants. GE's product for these **particular** applications is the **D11** turbine, a design consisting of a combined, opposed-flow, HP/IP section with single-shell construction, and a twdow **Lp** section *(Figure* 4.

Figure 1. GE's D-11 steam turbine

The results of this design standardization yielded five basic **D-11** structured configurations, which are listed in *Table 1*. For the 60-Hertz *(Hz)* market, three standard **LP** sections have been designed with last-stage bucket (LSB) lengths of 30 in. **(76.2** *cm),* **33.5** in. **(85.1** *cm),* and **40** in. (101.6 **an).** For the 50 **Hz** market there are **two** standard **LP** sections, based on **LSB** lengths of **33.5** in. **(85.1** *cm)* and **42** in. **(106.7 an).**

Table 1. Structured D-11 configurations

Cvcle Optimization

The starting point for designing the structured **D-11** product is the highly efficient and reliable, three-pressure HRSG design, with nominal **1800 psia/105O0F (124 bar/566"C)** throttle conditions and **1050°F** reheat temperature. Given that the basic bottoming cycle parame ters were already determined, efforts were centered on determining the optimum **IP and** LP admission pressures in terms of overall cyde and steam turbine efficiency.

IP Admission and Reheat Pressure

As shown in Figure 2, variation in hot reheat pres sure does not have a significant effect on steam turbine generator output over the range considered. The reheat pressure will ultimately set the IP admission level since the **IP** admission is into the cold reheat line. The hot repeat pressure **impacts** the volume **flow** of the reheat system, and therefore, has a major influence on the design of both the HRSG and the **steam** turbine. Hot reheat pressure for the cycle is set by the **flow passing** area of the first **IP** turbine nozzle. **For** GE's structured D-11 product, the hot reheat pressure for the baseload condition was set at 333 psia **(23** bar) for the **207FA** configuration and **366** psia **(25.2** bar) for the **209FA** configuration. Since these **results** are very *close* to the combined cycle optimum level, **GE's** designs for the **HRSG** and steam turbine are both cost effective and mechanically conservative.

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LP Admission Pressure

The second parameter that **GE** investigated for optimization was the **LP** admission pressure level, including the place within the steam **tur**bine flow path to locate **this** admission. The effect of steam turbine output based on the variation of LP admission preassure is shown in *Figure 3.* This optimization considered steam turbine output effects, **HRSG** surface area effects and stack exit temperature, volume flow criteria, and location of admission interface with the steam turbine. *As* a result of the analy**sis** of the parameters mentioned above, the lowpressure admission was located in the **IP** exhaust region of the steam turbine. **Because** the **IP** exhaust passes directiy into the low-pres sure turbine crossover pipe, the pressure in the crossover pipe is directly set by the **HRSG** LP drum pressure level.

As a result of extensive cycle and steam turbine efficiency optimizations **as** well **as** the careful selection and design of the **IP** and **LP** steam paths, **GE** was able to establish a common **LP** admission pressure and effective flow passing area (AeN). **Because** of **this** work on the **stan**dardization of the crossover pressure, it was now possible to design, for a given class of turbine **(207FA** or 209FA), a single **IP** section that was

compatible with a variety of standardized low pressure sections. The optimized **LP** Bowl pressures were set at *55* psia **(3.8** bar) for the 207FA configuration and *66* **psia (4.5** bar) for the 209FA machine.

Steam turbine condensing pressure **has** a large influence on **steam** turbine output and varies depending on the available condensing medium. Knowing the optimum required **LP** admission/LP crossover pressure made it possible for **GE** to match the fixed **IP** turbine with a newly designed series of standardized low-pressure turbine sections with different last-stage buckets and annulus areas for different condensing pressures. These **LP** modules can be interchanged without impact to the **HP/IP** turbine design.

Sbuctured D- 1 f Design Features

The optimized 207FA and 209FA thermal cycles have enabled the development of a standardized family of steam turbines. A cross-sectional drawing is shown in *Figure 4.*

Opposed Flow HPAP Section

The structured **D-11** steam turbine evolved from the opposed-flow, HP/IP turbine with a double-flow **LP** section, a design that **has** been

Figure 3. Relative steam turbine output vs. LP admission pressure

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Figure 4. Cross-section of **the structured D-11 turbine**

applied in fossil and combined-cycle applicadons for many years. **Main** steam enters the *tur*bine at the bottom of the high pressure shell via nvo.separate stop and control **valves.** The **flow** of *HP* steam continues to the left **m** *Figure 4* and exits the section via the cold reheat line where it returns to the HRSG. The reheated, intermediate pressure steam enters the center of the Casing via the hot reheat piping and **flows** through the **IP** section in the direction opposite that of the *HI'* section. This design results in an even temperature gradient **&om** the center of the casing to the ends, **as** the hlghest tempemture **steam** in the system enters at the center of the shell and then gradually reduces its temperature **as** it **flows outward** toward the end packings and bearings.

The combined HP/IP section utilizes single shell construction that has been proven by successll operating experience at **a** maximum operating pressure of 1950 psia at an operating temperature of **1050°F'.** There are **two** HP/P shell designs, one for **207FA,** *60 Hz* applications and one for **209FA,** *⁵⁰***Hz** applications. Each shell design is standard, with the interstage diaphragm grooving **and** supports already designed into the shell (Figure *5).* Variability in the steam path design is limited to the high

Figure 5. Machining of **HPAP casing**

pressure section, with the HP staging customized for each application.

Steam Path Design

Staging within the HP and **IF** sections is based on low reaction design theory, which Ieads to the use of wheel-and-diaphragm construction *(Figure 6).* **Rows** of rotating blades, or buckets, are machined from blocks of 12Cr steel, utilizing a pinetree dovetail design, **as** shown in *Figure* 7. These buckets are assembled tangentially on a rotor wheel and locked into place by the use of several specially designed closure buckets and by bands or covers, which are fas-

tened or "peened" over several buckets **at** a time. Stationary blades, or nozzles, are **also** machined from 12Cr steel and are assembled in the outer ring and inner web portions **of** the diaphragm (Figure 8). The diaphragm sections are then affixed in grooves in the upper and lower halves of the shell.

Figure *6.* **Assembled** HP/IP rotor

The HP section **was** designed to accommodate up to **45%** additional throttle **mass** flow based on the site-specific requirements for supplementary firing. Because of the fked **IP** steam

Figure 7. Tangential entry "Pinetree" dovetail bucket

sure drop, the cold reheat pressure varies within a certain range. Hence, this pressure variation requires some customization of *Hp* staging for each application. Since **two 7FA** or 9FA *gas* turbines provide a predetermined amount of exhaust energy, and the HRSG surface areas are somewhat standardized **by** the constraints dis cussed earlier, it was possible to optimize *HP* turbine thermal performance, and to fix the number of high pressure stages **at 11** for the 207FA turbine and **10** for the 209FA turbine. With the *fixed* staging of the **IP** section, it became possible to closely control the *HP/IP* rotor design in **terms** of forging *size* and bearing span. Rotor dynamic criteria have been thoroughly analyzed *so* that the relatively small steam path **miarions** allowed in the **high-pres** sure section do not require re-analysis of the design for *each* application.

Low-Pressure Section

The lowpressure **section** designs are based on **GE's established,** highly reliable and efficient family of last stage buckets (LSBs), shown in *Figure 9.* These buckets are of the continuously

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Figure 9. Last stage bucket family

coupled design, with attachments at both the vane tip and mid-vane to provide a high degree of rigidity, model suppression, and damping.

Through use **of** computer modeIing of the **LP** section, GE found that this section could be optimized with a 5-stage design. In addition, **maximization** of the steam turbine output required redesigning the upstream **LP stages,** utilizing the most advanced, three-dimensional blade design technology. **This** redesign effort resulted in an integrated and interchangeable set of low-pressure turbines, specifically designed for combined-cycle applications.

In previous designs, provisions for feedwater heating extractions from the low-pressure turbine were included only if required **by** the *spe* cific application of **any** lowpressure **section.** Extraction provisions for feedwater heating **are now** included on all structured **D-ll LP** turbine sections.

Application Rules for the Stnrctumd D-11 Steam Turbine

The structured **D11** *steam* turbine is **designed** for **an 1800** psia inlet pressure at nominal flow conditions. Like most combined-cycle steam turbines, normal operation is with valves wide open

in boiler-following mode. Once the **guarantee** point inlet pressure is established, the corresponding *HP* turbine flow passing *area* **(0th** erwise known as AeN) becomes fixed, at which point inlet pressure will vary directly with inlet flow. *Tablc* 2 *summarizes* the **key** design **parame**ters for the structured D-11 turbine. When supplementary firing is applied, the maximum inlet pressure for the fired *case* is allowed to float higher than the unfired *case.* This is permissible, given that the additional flow generated **by** sup plementary firing **causes** a greater pressure drop across the inlet valves and piping, *so* that the Same pressure will be seen at the high pressure bowl. If the intent is to apply a significant level of supplementary firing only during **periods** of peak energy demand, it is necessary to set the unfired inlet pressure at a much lower value. For instance, if up to 20% supplemental firing is anticipated on an intermittent basis, then the unfired pressure should be set **at 1910** psia/ **1.2** = **1592** psia. *(SeeFigun* **IO.)**

Figure 10. Flow **function vs. enthalpy**

Note that in *Table* 2, the inlet AeNs of both the **IP** turbine and **LP** turbine are already fked because, unlike the *HP* turbine, the designs of both the **IP** and **LP** sections of the steam path are based on the optimizations mentioned in the 'Cycle Optimization" section of **this** paper. These inlet AeNs remain fixed, regardless of the

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STAG Configuration		287FA	287FA	295FA	20 SF A	
Machine Speed (RPM)		3889	3880 MAX.	3866.	3800 MAX	
Supplementary Duct Firing		UNFIRED	FIRED	UMFRED	FIRED	
Machine rating	MW	180	265	283	400	
Throttle pressure limit	osia	1890	1910	1890	1910	
Throttle temperature limit	F	1050		1050		
HP AeN	Sq in	11.75	17.27	17.56	25.77	
Cold reheat pressure at turbine flange. based on 12% reheat pressure drop	psia	379	500	416	548	
Cold reheat pressure at turbine tlange. based on 6% reheat pressure drop	psia	355	476	390	513	
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Hot reheat pressure	psia	333	448	366	482	
Hot reheat temperature	е	1050		1050		
IP/Reheat bowl pressure (Nominal)	psia.	330	443	382	477	
IP/Reheat bowl AeN	So-n	74.38		181.78		
P exhaust pressure (Nominal)	Daia	56	71	69	87	
LP admission pressure at vaive	psia	58	73	71	89	
LP bowl AeN	Sq-m	421		513		

Table 2 Thermal Application Data

amount of supplemental firing. Hence, for given mass flows, the pressures at the inlets of the IP and LP sections can be established. If the cycle is fired, then the additional flow will result in higher pressures at these points.

AeN, or the pressure that results from establishing the AeN, may be reasonably estimated from the equation:

 AeN = $F/(w/p) \times P$; or

 \overline{P} = $F/$ AeN x (w/b) ,

where:

 \boldsymbol{F} = $Flow in lb/hr$

 AeN = Flow passing area in sq. in.

 (w/p) = Flow function, determined from the graph in Figure 10, once enthalpy is known

 \boldsymbol{P} = Initial pressure, in psia

Close attention must be paid to the pressure vs. AeN equation to ensure that the turbine and HRSG are properly matched. Table 2 shows AeNs for the IP and LP inlets, and the nominal pressures associated with each of these points if the thermal cycle is configured around these parameters.

It is important to note that under all steady state operating conditions, both the main steam inlet and reheat steam inlet are designed to accommodate a maximum temperature of 1050°F.

It can be seen from Table 2 that two sets of cold reheat pressure values are given. The first assumes a total of 6% pressure drop through the reheat section of the HRSG including cold and hot reheat piping, while the second assumes a total of 12% pressure drop. By using these pressure drops, the cold reheat values may be predicted knowing that the reheat turbine inlet AeN is set at 74.38 in² (479.87 cm²) for the 60 Hz turbine and 101.78 in² (656.64 cm^2) for the 50 Hz turbine. This flow restriction controls the pressure in the reheat section of the HRSG and therefore, the pressure at the turbine high-pressure section exhaust.

Similarly, the LP bowl AeN is set at 421 in^2 (2716 cm^2) for the 60 Hz turbine and 513 in²

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 (3310 cm^2) for the 50 Hz turbine. This parameter controls the pressure in the turbine crossover and therefore, the IP turbine exhaust, which is **also** the **Lp** steam admission point. There is normally a total of about 2-psi pressure drop across the LP admission strainer, LP butterfly control valve and LP butterfly stop valve, admission pipe and turbine inlet flange. **This** is **shown** in *Table* 2 **as** the pressure difference between IP nominal exhaust pressure and LP admission pressure.

Figure 11a. Output vs. exhaust pressure -60 Hz

1SB Selection

When configuring any steam turbine, it is very important to choose the proper annulus area for the anticipated exhaust flow and condenser pressure. Figures *lla and llb* show potential choices of last stage buckets for 60 Hz and 50 **Hz** applications, respectively. Given the design point of the turbine and the range of condens ing pressures, the optimum **LSB** *can* be selected, **and** from there, the associated annulus area may be calculated. Economic factors come into play when selecting low-pressure turbine *sec-* tions, but the use of *Figure ¹*I together with the **LP** turbine data shown in *Tdle* 3 provides the proper selection for most applications, where **Lp** exhaust loss is minimized for a particular condenser pressure.

Other Features

Structured D-11 steam turbines have additional flexibility because of the following thermal cycle variations that were taken into account **as**

figure llb. Output vs. exhaust pressure - *50* **Hz**

part of the conceptual design process:

- 1. Two-pressure reheat cycle (no LP admission). If fuel **oil** (containing **sulfur)** is the primary or secondary fuel, the thermal cycle will not support the third level of steam generation in the HRSG. A structured D-11 turbine applied to such a cycle should be configured without the LP admission port.
- exhaust piping, **as** shown schematically in *Figure 12.* The shell connections and **2.** Process extraction from HP or **E'**

Note: All pressures are approvimate

Table 3. LP turbine data for structured D-11 steam turbines

IP staging are designed to withstand the additional loads caused by process extraction flows.

- **3.** Feedwater heating deaeration extraction **fiom** lowpressure turbine section. (Generally used for cycles where the gas turbine fuel has relatively high sulfur content)
- **4.** Application of 1000"F/1000"F cycle temperatures in lieu of the standard 1050"F/1050"F, due to economic considerations, which allows the use of (less expensive) P22 main steam and hot reheat piping, rather than the more expensive **P91** piping.
- 5. Application **of** two different GE generators at **both** 50 *Hz* and **60** *Hz* to accommodate the range of output, considering the steam turbine output difference between unfired and maximum supplementary fired cases.

Heat Balance Requirements

The information given above will allow a conceptual **steam** turbine design to be successfully incorporated into the thermodynamic design of the plant. It is necessary, however, to pay strict attention to the entire range of operating *sce*narios to which the plant will be subjected and to anticipate such Occurrences in the design of the steam turbine, *so* that reliability and **per-**

Figure 12 Schematic showing structured **D-11** layout with possible extractions

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formance fargets are met In addition to the guarantee point heat balance data, GE also requires the heat balance data at the maximum and minimum ambient conditions for which the plant will be designed. Simply put, cold **air** is denser than hot **air,** *so* that on a cold *day* the gas turbines will pas a greater mass flow and produce more power and exhaust energy. This in turn drives greater steam production from the HRSG, which results in greater flow to the HP turbine, and a corresponding higher throttle pressure. On a maximum ambient temperature day, the reverse scenario takes place, but the decreased steam production will result in potentially higher steam temperatures. Since the plant cannot operate safely at temperatures above **1050°F,** excess heat must be handled by attemperation, or through features in the overall plant design. Therefore, at a minimum, the following three heat balances must be available:

- **1.** Cold ambient day steam conditions.
- **2.** Hot ambient day steam conditions.
- 3. Guarantee point steam conditions.

If these heat balances do not *fully* describe the operating envelope with respect to maximum throttle pressure and temperature, maximum and minimum **IP** and **LP** admission flows, and maximum and minimum process extraction **flows,** then additional heat balances will be required. This information is used to ensure that temperatures and pressures within the **tur**bine steam path are accounted for in the design of the HP section, and evaluated against the pre-established design limits of the IP and LP sections.

Bypass System Information

Bypass system data is additional information necessary to successfully release any steam **tur**bine for steam path design. Most modem combined-cycle power plants use the "Cascading" **type** of bypass system, for which the structured **D-ll** steam turbine may be configured **as** a **stan**dard option. Specific bypass system information **required** is:

- 1. Bypass configuration (i.e., cascading, or other configuration);
- **2.** *HP* and **LP** bypass system capacities, expressed **as** a percentage of main steam flow; and
- **3.** HRSG **floor** pressure (this parameter must be provided by the HRSG vendor).

This information enables the high pressure exhaust set point to be established, to enable **bypass** mode thermal modeling of the **Is, E',** and **LP** turbines. This ensures that the low **flow** forward through the **IF'** and LP turbines, and **reverse** flow through the HP turbine, do not **cause** overheating of **any stages;** a *very* important consideration in a machine already brought to **1050°F** at the main steam and reheat steam inlets, and **also** continuing to rotate at rated speed. The floor pressure information is key to establishing.

- **Transfer** point **from** reverse flow *to* forward flow in the *HP* section;
- *HP* turbine exhaust temperature during the flow transfer operation; and
- No excessive windage heating **is** occurring in the HP section during **this** low flow, high backpressure operating regime.

The bypass system flow information is then used to establish proper sizing for the *HP* reverse flow valving so that sufficient cooling steam will be available for all operating situations.

Advantages of &&red D-11 Steam Turbine

Delivery Cycle

Design standardization permits the structured **D-11** steam turbine to be offered with 12 **months** ex-factory shipment from release date. Since the design of items which require long led times will be essentially complete, **GE** will forecast reserve capacity and volume with experienced suppliers, resulting in shorter delivery cycles for rotor forgings, castings, and exhaust fabrications.

Customer Drawing Availability

Critical customer drawings will be available immediately after the customer gives **GE** notice to proceed. The product is specifically designed *so* that minor adjustments in the high pressure *steam* path to configure the turbine for the thermal cycle conditions of a particular application do not change the outline dimensions, component weights, sole plate layout or foundation loadings. This design consistency **allows** architect engineers and owners to get **an** early start on the turbine foundation design, overhead crane specification, auxiliary equipment placement, and design of piping and electrical systems.

Common Spare Parts

Spare par& inventory *can* be reduced from the levels required prior to standardization of the **D-11's** design. *All* possible variants of the struc*tured* **D-11** steam turbine have common cornponents throughout. Items such **as** valve stems, valve **discs,** journal bearings, thrust bearing, shaft end packing, interstage packing, spill strips, horizontal joint shell bolting, *auxiliary* system components and **various** gaskets will be common to **all** D-ll turbines.

Installation Time

Installation of the structured **D-11** turbines **has** been simplified and will proceed more quickly than installation of nonstructured turbines. When it is shipped from the factory, the HP/IP section of the turbine will be hlly assembled with diaphragms and rotor installed and prop erly aligned, and with the horizontal joint shell **bolts** fully tightened. Delivering the HP/IP turbine preassembled saves about **four** weeks of field erection time.

Future Structured Applications

The structuring philosophy that was used to standardize the **D-ll** turbine is **also** being applied to other turbines being built by **GE.**

DA2

The DX2 is GE's new family of high-efficiency *steam* turbines, designed for both *207F* and **209F** applications. These new turbines feature separate casings for the HP **and** IP sections, while utilizing the **LP** sections that were devel**oped** in the structured **D-ll** design program.

A- 10

The **A-10** design consists of a single *HP* section and a combined P/LP section and is used primarily in 107F and **109F** multishaft applications. Although this design **utilizes** separate *cas* ings, it is compact, and has the additional feature of not requiring a crossover pipe.

DX4/GXl Designs

GE is currently developing steam turbines for combined-cycle plants that are designed to operate with inlet conditions of **2400** psia **(1 65** bar) and 1050°F (566°C). Although this increase in operating pressure requires use of more expensive balance of plant (BOP) components, the inherent benefit in overall cycle performance can outweigh the higher initial

capital investment in certain operating environ**ments.**

As a result of the structuring process, GE's delivery cycle for **these** optimally designed **steam** turbines will be comparable to *that* of the structured D-ll line.

Conclusion

The structured D-11 *steam* turbine is **a** highly efficient, highly reliable, costeffective **steam** turbine, contigured specifically for **207FA** or 209FA combined-cycles. Within the base design, there is allowance for significant variation on the basic threepressure level reheat condensing cycle, while maintaining a 12-month ex-factory shipping commitment. The concept of product structuring **has** proven to be valuable on the **Dl** 1 turbine, and will be equally **benefi**cial on hture GE steam turbines.

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