

Pressure Issues

- Pressures are dangerously high as recognized by Abenaki, Twin Mountain FD and NHDES
- System maintenance is problematic because of dangerous conditions (valve exercising, flushing, flow testing, etc.)
- Excessive power consumption
- Potential for high water loss
- Pressures exceed building codes/state regulations of 80-100 psi
- Customers incur extra costs for pressure reducing valves (PRVs) and maintenance

Pressure Issues (Cont.)

- Genuine risk of catastrophic failure in the system (FX Lyons experienced a serious incident at pump station in 2011 resulting in TV coverage)
- Severe pressure surges/waves up to 250 psi have occurred in the past at the Omni Resort and Bretton Arms hotels
- Other significant failures/incidents have occurred
- Past non-renewal of insurance coverage due to significant damage claims in 2016

Water Hammer





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 Photo of a dramatic water hammer effect. This is a booster pump station that was destroyed by a pressure surge



Water hammer is also responsible for pipeline failures

Goals

- Establish lower pressure gradients for the system
- Maintain high level of domestic service
- Improve system safety, reliability and operation
- Maintain adequate fire flows per ISO recommendations
- Reduce lost water (UAW)
- Reduce power consumption
- Upgrade the system and reduce operating and maintenance costs over time
- Improve monitoring and treatment process

Pressure Reduction Project Cost and Phasing

- Total project cost approximately \$2.3 M
 - Construction and testing of three booster stations
 - Water main extensions new well pumps and motors
 - New water storage tank
- Phase 1: Reduce pressure at well # 1 and well #2
- Phase 2: Replace water storage tank
- Phase 3: Reduce overall system pressure to 100 psi max

Phase 1

- Phase 1 project cost approximately \$940,000
 - Reduce pressure at pump house (wells) to approximately 100 psi
 - Construct one new booster station (BPS)
 - Construct a direct transmission main from wells to new BPS
 - Maximum system pressure at OMNI and at low elevations will remain at 200 psi until next phases are implemented
 - All components installed in easements obtained from OMNI



Benefits of Phase 1

- Postpone other improvements and associated costs while achieving the goal of reducing pressure at well
- Gets closer to final project outcome
- Phase 1 improvements can stand alone and integrate into overall project while becoming immediately used and useful.
- Immediate reduction in pump house pressure
- Reduced water hammer and high pressure concerns (at well but not in total system)
- No change in OMNI pressure or fire flow
- Allows for phased in costs (mitigate amount of rate increases)

Total Project Cost and Phasing

- Phase 1 Interim system improvements \$940,000 (12 months). Reduction in well house pressure.
- Phase 2 New water storage tank \$500,000 (year 2). This will replace the existing tank.
- Phase 3 Construction of two booster stations and other system improvements \$900,000 (years 3 and 4). Lowers system pressure to 100 psi, max. Ensures adequate fire protection pressure and flows.

Phased Rate Increases

- Phase 1 Rate Increase 28%
- Phase 2 TBD
- Phase 3 TBD

Next Steps – Phase 1

- Obtain easements
- Design Phase 1
- PUC approval
- Phase 1 improvements over 1 construction season



Attachment B - Common Areas Defined







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