PROPOSED GENERATOR CONNECTION TO THE TASMANIAN GRID



BACKGROUND

- TASMANIA NEEDS ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY
- EXTRA CAPACITY WILL MOST LIKELY BE STEAM OR COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINES
- WIND GENERATORS DO NOT ADD TO SYSTEM STABILITY EXTRA WIND CAPACITY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL INERTIA (HYDRO OR STEAM) CAN HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT
- A DECISION TO DEVELOP A GENERATION FACILITY MUST BE BASED ON SOUND COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES. LARGE BASE-LOAD MACHINES PROVIDE THE BEST EFFICIENCY AND ALLOW POWER TO BE GENERATED AT COMPETITIVE COST



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- SMALL GAS AND COMBINED CYCLE TURBINES (<60MW) CAN BE DESIGNED TO MEET THE TASMANIAN FREQUENCY STANDARD, BUT ARE GENERALLY NOT ECONOMICAL OTHER THAN FOR SUPPLYING PEAK LOAD
- LARGE STEAM TURBINES CAN OPERATE OVER A VERY LIMITED FREQUENCY RANGE. DEVIATIONS OUTSIDE THAT RANGE CAUSE FATIGUE OF THE TURBINE BLADES, PARTICULARLY AT THE LARGER, LOW PRESSURE END



GUNNS' CURRENT POSITION

- ORDERED A 250MVA STEAM TURBINE GENERATOR FROM TOSHIBA
- THIS IS NOT A GAS-FIRED PLANT
- GENERATOR WILL RUN ON BIOFUEL
 - MILL RESIDUE (BLACK LIQUOR)
 - WOOD WASTE
- OUTPUT IS LIMITED BY STEAM SUPPLY TO 190MW
- MILL LOAD IS 65MW
- CHEMICAL PLANT LOAD IS 65MW
- PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION TO GRID IS 60MW



ADVANTAGES

- ADD INERTIA TO THE SYSTEM (190MW)
- PROVIDE VOLTAGE SUPPORT AT GEORGE TOWN
- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BASE LOAD CAPACITY (60MW)
- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RAISE AND LOWER ANCILLARY SERVICES (FCAS)

SUBMISSIONS TO THE RELIABILITY PANEL DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:

- INCREASED STABILITY UNDER NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS
- INTRODUCTION OF FAST FCAS (RAISE AND LOWER)





LIMITATIONS

A STEAM TURBINE HAS A VERY LIMITED LIFE AT FREQUENCIES OUTSIDE ITS NORMAL OPERATING RANGE







- AT 52Hz THE TOTAL MACHINE LIFE IS APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS
- GREATER FLEXIBILITY AT LOWER FREQUENCIES
- WE HAVE REQUESTED 51.6Hz AS AN UPPER LIMIT FOR OUR CONNECTION TO ALLOW US A REASONABLE PLANT LIFE



RESPONSE TO DISTURBANCES

OVERFREQUENCY (FAST LOWER FCAS)

 CONTROLLED REDUCTION OF GENERATOR OUTPUT BY UP TO 170MW IN LESS THAN 3 SECONDS

UNDERFREQUENCY (FAST RAISE FCAS)

 INSTANT REDUCTION IN INTERNAL LOAD GIVES AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN OUTPUT TO THE GRID OF UP TO 65MW, EVEN WHEN THE GENERATOR IS RUNNING AT MAXIMUM OUTPUT

