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CHG&E Peaker Retirement

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Central Hudson Combustion Turbines

- 25 MVA, 20 MW each
- Located at Westerlo Loop Substations
 - Coxsackie 13.8 kV
 - South Cairo 13.8 kV
- Other Westerlo Loop Substations: New Baltimore; Westerlo; Freehold; Lawrenceville; Hunter
- Current Local Reliability Needs addressed by CTs
 - Local Substation reserve capacity for transformer outages
 - Post-Contingency voltage support for transmission loop



Westerlo Loop Peak Loads

Year	Summer Peak (MW)	Winter Peak (MW)
2019	61	59
2018	57	63
2017	48	56
2016	55	52
2015	51	50



Post-Contingency Conditions – Worst Case

- Loss of North Catskill Lawrenceville CL Line
- Loss of North Catskill 69 kV Bus #1
 - Close Normally Open Breaker at Westerlo to Pick Up loads at:
 - Freehold
 - South Cairo
 - Lawrenceville
- Loss of North Catskill Coxsackie NC Line
- Loss of North Catskill 69 kV Bus #2
 - Close Normally Open Breaker at Westerlo to Pick Up loads at:
 - Westerlo
 - New Baltimore
 - Coxsackie



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Post-Contingency Conditions – Loss of CL Line



Hunter load supplied normally (from Lawrenceville)

Without the Combustion Turbines, and using only the existing capacitor banks, acceptable voltage (≥ 0.9 pu) can be maintained for load levels up to approximately 43 MW.



Post-Contingency Conditions – Loss of CL Line



Hunter Load Transferred to Vinegar Hill.

Without the Combustion Turbines, and using only the existing capacitor banks, acceptable voltage (\geq 0.9 pu) can be maintained for load levels up to approximately 47 MW.



Post-Contingency Conditions – Loss of NC Line



Without the Combustion Turbines, and using only the existing capacitor banks, acceptable voltage (\geq 0.9 pu) can be maintained for load levels up to approximately 61 MW.



Conclusions

- Without the Coxsackie and South Cairo CTs, there is no reserve capability for local transformer outages.
- Without the Coxsackie and/or South Cairo combustion turbines, the Westerlo Loop is voltage constrained at approximately:
 47 MW for loss of the CL line
 61 MW for loss of the NC line
- Recent peak loads have exceeded 47 MW for at least 5 years and equaled or exceeded 61 MW for 2 of the last 5 years.
- Analyses are underway to identify solutions.

