IBM Maximo MRO Inventory Optimization for power generation

Reduce costs, increase uptime

**Industry challenges**
- Low load growth
- Regulatory compliance
- Capital-intensive projects
- Competition - low cost alternatives

**Resulting pressures**
- O&M cost reduction
- Maintain or improve reliability
- Preventive Maintenance (PM) compliance / Mean Time to Repair (MTTR)
- Labor efficiency
- Plant shutdowns and/or re-powering

**IBM® Maximo® MRO Inventory Optimization – A strategic approach**
- Maintaining the right mix of MRO inventory
- Establish objective spares criticality rankings
- Dynamically segment MRO inventory
- Streamline potential stranded reviews
- Improve collaboration between maintenance and supply chain teams
- Prioritize and streamline workload through exceptions management

“50 percent of unscheduled asset downtime can be attributed to a lack of spare parts.”

- 2015 Aberdeen Group Report - The Importance of Inventory Optimization and MRO
Customer Success - Large U.S. Utility*

Customer profile
- Generation fleet - nuclear, fossil, hydro, wind
- Over 5,200 miles of transmission lines
- Over 2,600 miles of distribution lines
- Serving over 1 million electricity customers

Problem: MRO inventory management issues
- Inventory value growth was on an unacceptable trajectory of 10 percent annually
- Benchmarking indicated company had higher inventory levels than its peers
- Previous attempts to optimize inventories were short-lived, at best

Process improvement tools, accountability
- Inventory Governance team
- MRO Inventory Peer team created
- MRO inventory-related standards and procedures instituted
- Inventory optimization software tool (IBM MRO Inventory Optimization) implemented
- Greater management accountability

Results Snapshot
July 2012 through December 2016

- $24M USD MRO inventory savings in first year
- Elimination of 10 percent annual inventory growth
- $77.8M USD spend avoidance over 5 year
- No negative impact on reliability to customers or system
- Critical spares service level for generation is 99.7 percent

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