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On line Condition Based Maintenance

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Continuously the on line tool computes the risk @ FM, section and unit level and provides a picture how the unit is approaching to the maintenance and so evaluating if it can be postponed if the relevant risk is acceptable

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On line CBM <u>A Real case application</u>



BACKGROUND

GT Model Type: 120MW ISO rating (5 units considered) Combustion Type: Dry Low NOx 1 (25 ppm NOx) Fuel Gas: Natural gas (100%) Maximal expected load: 80% Service Type: Power generation ISO rating: 120 MW Environment: Marine (salty), onshore Other: simple cycle, IBH available, RM&D available

The 2nd stage turbine blade installed into the units are old design and need to be inspected at 24000 hours to keep under control shrouded tip deformation.

- 2nd stage turbine blade tip deformation is due to creep and so mainly impacted by GT Power, Speed and hot gas flow temperatures.
- The creep failure mechanism is consistent at full speed and full load conditions
- The #5 units will be operated max at 80% of Load and so the 2nd stage turbine blade tip creep deformation is expected to be limited

CUSTOMER IMPACT

The Hot Gas Inspection at 24000 hours is required to inspect the 2nd stage turbine blade IMPACT on AVAILABILITY

TARGET

Hot Gas Inspection removal at 24000 hours with 2nd stage turbine blade inspection interval extension from 24khrs to 48khrs.



2nd stage turbine blade – Tip creep deflection model



2nd stage turbine blade – Tip creep deflection model OUTCOMES

The 2nd stage turbine blade risk model has been created using as input:

- GT operating parameters acquired by RM&D system that have used to estimate the 2nd stg turbine blade metal temperature
- Stresses and creep strain/deformation as outcome of structural model and material properties
- 2nd stage turbine blade tip deformation measures



<u>Figure 1</u> shows the correlation between the 2nd stg turbine blade Risk and the Power of the gas turbine. It is clear how is it important to know the operating conditions and how it is powerful the model connected to RM&D system in order to monitor the Risk and to really customize the gas turbine maintenance.

Considering the target to remove the Hot Gas Path inspection at 24000 hours and so extending the inspection interval of the 2nd stg turbine blade from 24khrs up to 48khrs, the 2nd stage turbine blade incremental risk has been considered. <u>Figure 2</u> shows the incremental risk for the max and expected power level of 80%.

The Δ Risk48k-24k has been considered technically acceptable.



Gas Turbine OVERALL Risk Outcomes

Following as reference it is shown the INCREMENTAL RISK = $RISK_{@48}$ - $RISK_{@24}$ for the 80% Load operating profile



For the #5 units operated at 80% of Load the overall unit Risk has been considered acceptable and so the request to remove the Hot Gas Path inspection at 24000 hours approved.



Thank you!



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