Converting Main Guide Bearings From Oil to Water



History - Hydro

- First conversion in hydro industry dates back to the mid-1990's with Southern California Edison, U.S.A.
 - 15.5"(394mm) shaft diameter x 29"(734mm) overall length
 - 22 MW unit
 - Install 1994
 - Water flow rate 30GPM (114 L/min)
 - Most recent inspection 2005, still visible machining marks on the bearing!

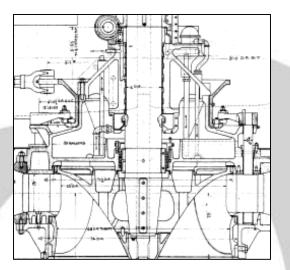
Recent Conversions Oil to Water

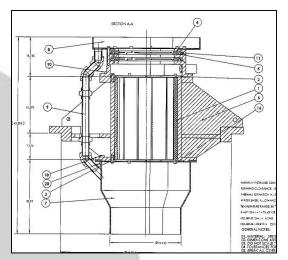
Russell Smith Power House (U.S.A.), 2007

- 3MW, 15"(380mm) shaft, horizontal Francis
 Skagerrak Energi AS (Norway), 2009
- 25MW, 19.3"(490mm) shaft, vertical Francis
 Lake Spaulding, California (U.S.A.), 2010
- 10MW, 14"(355mm) shaft, vertical Francis Spaulding2 PG & E, USA, 2012
- 10MW, 14"(355mm) shaft, vertical Francis



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To This!



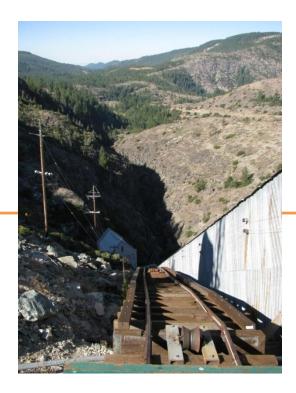






Example of a Bearing / Seal Conversion

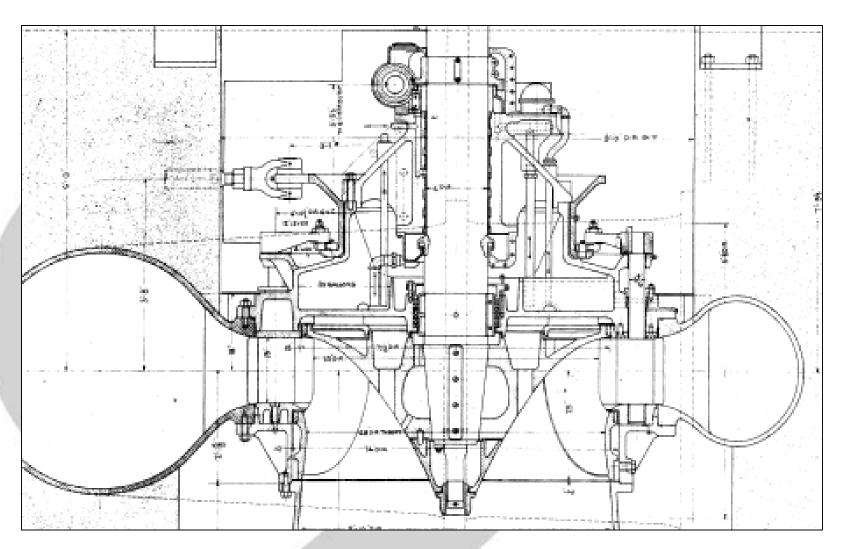
Spaulding Power House
Pacific Gas and Electric
(U.S.A.)
Nov. 2011



Spaulding Generating Station Technical Data

- Manufacturer: Pelton Water Wheel 1927
- Type: Vertical, Francis
- Head: 197ft (60m)
- Speed: 257 rpm
- Maximum output: 10.25MW

Original Oil System



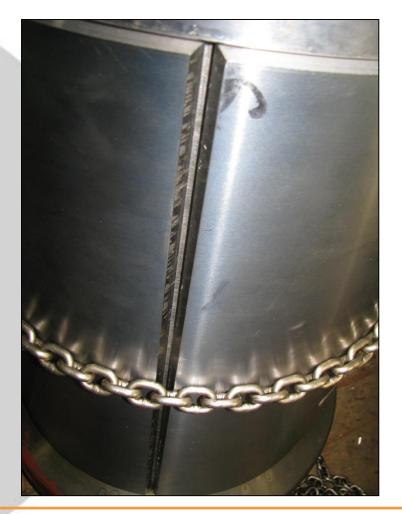
Removing and Inspecting Old Bearing





Placing the Liner





Liner Welded in Place



In Place Machining of the Liner





Insertion of New Housing





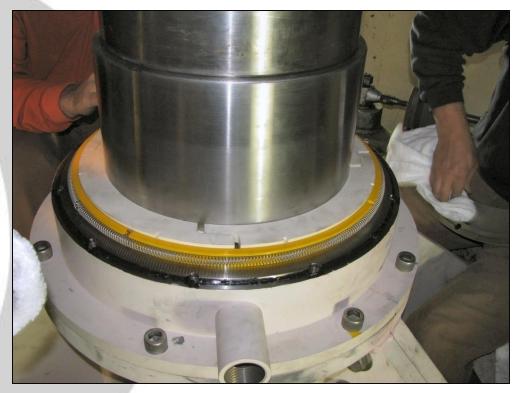
New SXL Guide Bearing





Segmented Shaft Seal





Assembled Seal Housing and Bearing



Spaulding GS Today

- Operating for 4 years, original installation November 2010
- Turbine opened in March 2011 for bearing inspection
- Bearing removed, inspected and reinstalled in one day using the Thordon tapered key installation method

Spaulding II

- Client Pacific Gas and Electric
- Consultant Black and Veatch
- End User Pacific Gas and Electric, USA
- Francis Machine Conversion from white metal bearing
- Head: 275ft (84m)
- Specification SXL from end user.
- Installed in early 2012, working perfectly

Complete Assembly

