

40.26 Three 90% efficient secondary chilled water pumps operate in a parallel redundant N+1 configuration supplying a total of 1500gpm against 200ft of total dynamic head. In normal operation with all three pumps running, the pumps have a speed of 900rpm. When one pump fails, the remaining pumps increase speed to provide consistent uninterrupted flow to the cooling loads. During a pump failure, what brake horsepower is required to drive each of the two running pumps?

- A. 28hp
- B. 42hp
- C. 63hp
- D. 95hp

Make a table to organize the information comparing the normal mode of operation to the failure mode described. The values in the table are per individual pump.

Normal	Failure
$Q_1 = 500gpm$	$Q_2 = 750gpm$
$h_{A,1} = 200ft$	$h_{A,2} = 200ft$
$n_1 = 900rpm$	$n_2 ?$
$bhp_1 ?$	$bhp_2 ?$

Look up the **pump affinity laws**. Recall the relationship between volume flow rate and speed is linear. Therefore, a 50% increase in speed must be required to produce a 50% increase in the flow rate.

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{Q_2}{Q_1}$$

$$n_2 = n_1 \left(\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} \right) = (900rpm) \left(\frac{750gpm}{500gpm} \right) = 1350rpm$$

Brake horsepower changes with the cube of the speed. However, before applying another pump affinity law, first calculate the brake horsepower by finding the water horsepower, **whp**, which is determined by the flow rate and head added by the pump, then include the efficiency to account for the pumping losses. Assume the pump efficiency is constant over a range of speeds.

$$whp = \frac{Q_{[gpm]} h_{A[ft]}}{3960}$$

$$bhp = \frac{whp}{\eta_p} = \frac{Q_{[gpm]} h_{A[ft]}}{3960 \cdot \eta_p}$$

$$bhp_1 = \frac{(500)(200)}{(3960)(.9)} = 28.06hp$$

Having defined the brake horsepower for the normal operating state, apply the affinity law relating power and speed to determine the bhp for the failure mode:

$$\frac{bhp_2}{bhp_1} = \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^3$$

$$bhp_2 = bhp_1 \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^3 = (28.06hp) \left(\frac{1350rpm}{900rpm}\right)^3 = 94.7hp$$

Note the dramatic increase in power associated with a moderate increase in speed. This is one reason why energy savings can be readily achieved by running redundant pumps in parallel using variable speed drives.

Answer D

40.27 100,000gpm of water falls 900ft through a hydroelectric turbine system with 90% efficiency. The friction loss through the system is 100ft. How much power is generated by the system?

- A. 13MW
- B. 15MW
- C. 17MW
- D. 19MW

A hydroelectric turbine is effectively a pump acting in reverse, turning hydraulic horsepower into brake horsepower and then turning a generator, which is effectively a motor operating in reverse, turning brake horsepower into electricity. This problem gives the efficiency of the hydroelectric turbine *system*, therefore it is not necessary to analyze the detailed interaction between the turbine and the generator. Rather, the entire system can be viewed as taking water horsepower, *whp*, as an input, and producing electrical power, P_{elec} , as an output.

Write the form of the **Bernoulli Equation** suited for pumping applications:

$$h_A = \frac{P_2 - P_1}{\gamma} + \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2g} + z_2 - z_1 + h_f$$

where state 1 is located at the source on the turbine inlet side, state 2 represents the outlet side, and h_A is the head added *to the turbine* (rather than by a pump).

Both the inlet and outlet states are at atmospheric pressure. There is no need to account for the 900ft of elevation differential from a static pressure perspective. Therefore:

$$P_1 \approx P_2 \approx 1atm$$

$$\frac{P_2 - P_1}{\gamma} \approx 0$$

The velocity term may also be neglected as the velocities are likely to be close in magnitude at the two locations.