

**36.6** A pump delivers 200 GPM of water at 130 feet of total dynamic head, operating from 7am-7pm Monday through Friday. The pump is 80% efficient and the motor is 93% efficient. What is the annual cost of operation at \$0.13 per kWh?

- A. \$2670
- B. \$3490
- C. \$3750
- D. \$5030

The cost is a function of electrical power and time, and electrical power is a function of hydraulic horsepower (aka water horsepower i.e. **whp**) and efficiency. Start by calculating the water horsepower based on volume flow rate and feet of head provided by the pump:

$$whp = \frac{Q\Delta h}{3960} = \frac{(200)(130)}{3960} = 6.566hp$$

Note the volume and head units must be in *GPM* and *ft*, respectively, to use this “rule of thumb” equation. Therefore units need not be shown, provided they are confirmed to be correct prior to use.

Recall that brake horsepower, *bhp*, depends on water horsepower, *whp*, and the efficiency of the pump,  $\eta_p$ . Similarly, the electrical power,  $\dot{W}$ , depends on brake horsepower, *bhp*, and motor efficiency,  $\eta_m$ .

$$bhp = \frac{whp}{\eta_p}$$

$$\dot{W} = \frac{bhp}{\eta_m}$$

Put these together, substitute, solve, and convert to *KW*:

$$\dot{W} = \frac{whp}{\eta_p\eta_m} = \frac{6.566hp}{(.8)(.93)} \left( \frac{.746KW}{1hp} \right) = 6.58KW$$

To find the annual cost, multiply by time and the unit rate of electricity:

$$Cost = (6.58KW) \left( \frac{12hrs}{day} \right) \left( \frac{5days}{wk} \right) \left( \frac{52wks}{yr} \right) \left( \frac{\$0.13}{KWH} \right) = \$2669 \text{ per year}$$

**Answer A**