Response to January 2nd to 8th, 2014 Electrical System Events

Presentation to Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities

January 16, 2014



Overview

Customer impacts arose from

- Hydro system disruptions
- Hydro supply shortfalls
- 1st blizzard of season

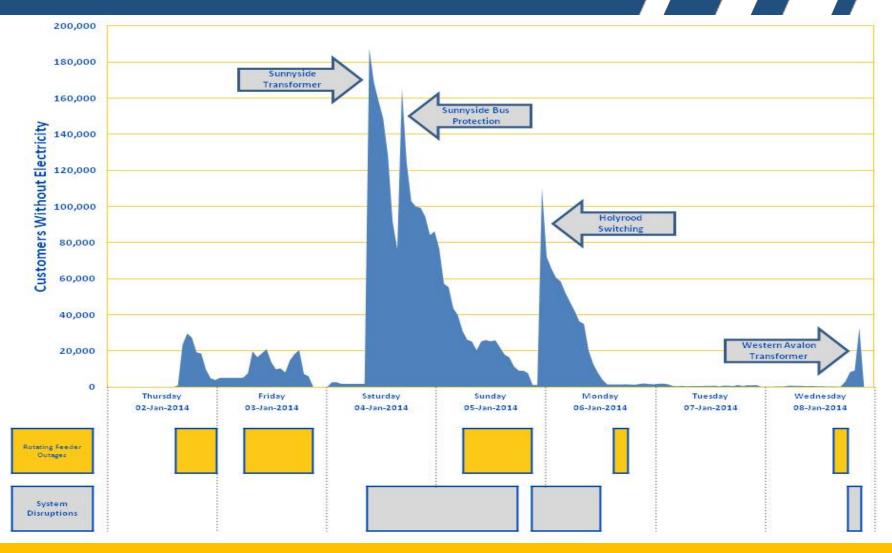


Operational Preparedness

- Crew mobilization
- Staffed thermal generation
- Prioritized critical customers
- Increased staff at Control & Call Centres



Our Customers





Rotating Outages

| Date | Time | Feeder Rotations | Average Duration (minutes) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Thursday January 2, 2014 | 4:13 pm to 10:45 pm | 77 | 88 |
| Friday January 3, 2014 | 6:57 am to 7:36 pm | 141 | 44 |
| Sunday January 5, 2014 | 7:23 am to 8:29 pm | 158 | 54 |
| Monday January 6, 2014 | 5:17 pm to 10:48 pm | 39 | 47 |
| Wednesday January 8, 2014 | 3:23 pm to 5:42 pm | 32 | 25 |



Cold Load Pick-up

- Restoration of cold feeders can double demand
- The increased demand slows restoration
- Impacts fuses and feeder balancing
 - Blown fuses must be replaced manually
 - Restoration of unbalanced feeder requires manual intervention



Blizzard

- Storm damage to Newfoundland Power system was modest
- Accounted for 5.7% of total customer outage duration
- Trinity /Conception transmission failure most significant storm event

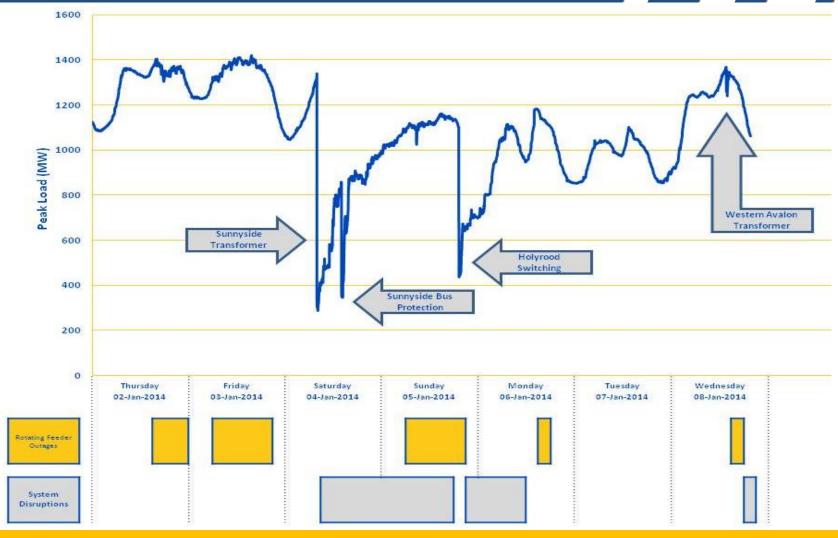


Key System Disruptions

- Sunnyside Transformer Fault
- Sunnyside Bus Protection Failure
- Holyrood Switching Fault
- Western Avalon Transformer Limitation



Customer Load





Key System Disruptions

| Date | Time | Customers | Recovery (hours) |
|--|---------|-----------|---------------------|
| Sunnyside Transformer Saturday January 4, 2014 | 9:05 am | 187,501 | * |
| Sunnyside Bus Saturday January 4, 2014 | 3:33 pm | 165,432 | 29.0 |
| Holyrood Switching Sunday January 5, 2014 | 9:27 pm | 110,392 | 14.5 |
| Western Avalon Transformer Wednesday January 8, 2014 | 5:45 pm | 29,300 | 0.5 |



System Operations

- Doubled 24 hour staffing
- Over 100,000 system events
- Over 1,000 feeder interruptions
- Over 450 feeder rotations



Generation Performance

- Hydroelectric generation
 - Units ran consistently through December 2013
 - Production during system events limited by low water levels
- Thermal generation
 - Key Greenhill & MGT units ran well
 - Greenhill limited by fuel for 20 hours



Customer Contact Centre

- Additional telephone lines installed
- 156,008 customer calls answered
- 60 additional employees trained
- Reduced busy signals for customers by ½

Website

- Almost 950,000 visits
- 219,000 visits on January 4th



Social Media

- Twitter: 350 posts; 6,000 new followers
- Facebook: 166,000 visits

Media Relations

- Over 100 media interviews
- 6 news conferences/scrums
- Focus on safety & conservation



Assessment

- January 2014 vs. January 2013
- Potential for preparedness improvements
- Potential for response improvements



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