# PPL Electric Utilities Spare Transmission Transformer Strategy

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Business Use



- Member of Spare Transformer Equipment Program (STEP)
  - Each Utility is obligated to commit a certain number of spares for each voltage class in which they are a member
    - PPL contributes to the 230/138kV and 230/69kV voltage classes
  - Each participating utility is committed to the Sharing Agreement required obligation based on the available spare units
    - The required obligation is a number of spare transformers that represents the MVA obligation value calculated for a participating utility based on its response to an S-5 contingency
- PPL is committed to being a good steward of the power system and supporting neighboring utilities as best possible during an emergency

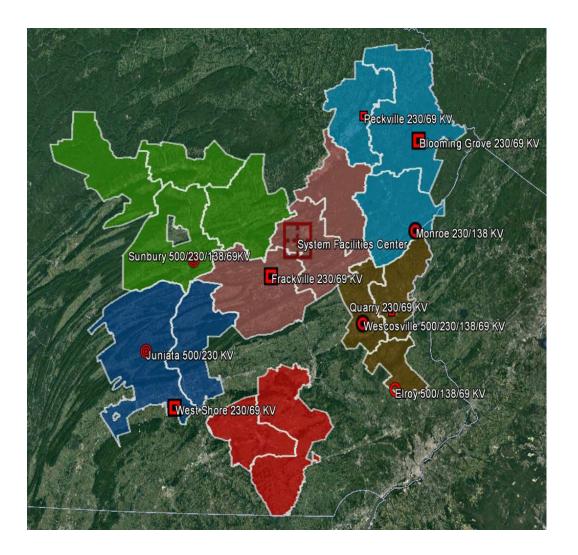




- Member of Regional Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage Restoration (RESTORE)
- Organization developed from a team of regional utilities; goal is to mitigate the increased risk of coordinated physical attack on the grid
  - Develops capabilities and the perceived need to be able to recover from a catastrophic event
  - RESTORE defines a triggering event as a catastrophic event creating an urgent grid need which the utility loses ability to serve significant load or cannot maintain grid stability
  - PPL participates in annual mock casualty drills
- PPL contributes to the 500/230kV and 230/138kV classes



# PPL EU Spare Transformer Map & Inventory



Requirement to maintain at least 1 spare unit for every classification of transformer on the system

Spare Inventory by Class: 138/69kV 170MVA – 1 230/69kV 75MVA – 2 230/138kV 340MVA – 2 230/69kV 170MVA – 3 500/138kV 340MVA – 1 500/230kV 217MVA 1PH unit – 1 500/230kV 250MVA 1PH unit – 1 500/230kV 650MVA 3PH unit – 1



### Spare Transformer Fleet Managemen

- Units spread across the system
  - Typically staged for future project or became a spare unit after a yard reconfiguration
- Staging is important to eliminate the O&M expense for relocation
- New units will be fully assembled and tested by the factory at time of deliver
  - Vaisala/Dynamic Ratings/SEL ETM health monitoring equipment connected
- Legacy units completely refurbished and tested before returning to service
- Fleet management is handled through frequent coordination with T&S Standards and Asset Management teams

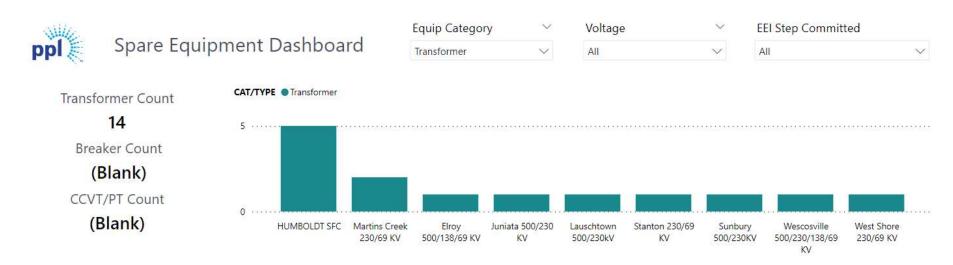


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- Storage:
  - Spare transmission units stored outside; smaller distribution voltage class units stored indoors at the PPL Systems Facility Center in Hazleton, Pa
  - Spare units are fully assembled and tested; low-oil alarm connected to station Alarm Management System and station SCADA
  - Typically, no maintenance testing performed; units visually inspected during substation inspection
- PowerBI dashboard provides organizational-level visibility to status and location of the fleet
  - PowerBI dashboard data fed directly from Cascade record inventory



#### Spare Transformer Fleet Managemer PowerBI Dashboard



Location	Equip Cat	Equip ID	Manufacturer	Model	Position	Voltage	Status	Manu Date	Install Date	EEI Step Committed
Wescosville 500/230 <mark>/138</mark> /69 KV	Transformer	316390	GE-Prolec		SYSTEM SPARE	138KV-69KV	Spare On Site	02/01/2009		
HUMBOLDT SFC	Transformer	2784384	HICO		340MVA-10165862_0001	230KV-138KV	Equipment Tested Not Yet In Service	02/14/2022		
HUMBOLDT SFC	Transformer	2784385	Delta Star		170MVA-E5227	230KV-69KV	Equipment Tested Not Yet In Service	03/14/2022		
Martins Creek 230/69 KV	Transformer	4762	Pauwel		TRANSFORMER 21 230-69 KV	230KV-69KV	Spare Available - Unit Complete	01/0 <mark>1</mark> /2007	01/01/2008	
Stanton 230/69 KV	Transformer	316 <mark>4</mark> 31	ABB		85MVA 1134091	230KV-69KV	Spare Av <mark>ailable -</mark> Unit Complete	01/24/2014	09/08/2022	
West Shore 230/69 KV	Transformer	313831	Waukesha		WSHO TRANSFORMER #2	230KV-69KV	Spare Available - Unit Complete	02/0 <mark>1</mark> /2013	05/31/2013	
Elroy 500/138/69 KV	Transformer	320852	Hyundai		SPARE	500KV-138KV	Spare On Site	12/01/2012	02/13/2015	
HUMBOLDT SFC	Transformer	2784425	Smit		25 <mark>0MVA_3231636</mark>	500KV-230KV	Equipment Tested Not Yet In Service	01/05/2022		
HUMBOLDT SFC	Transformer	2784426	Smit		250MVA_3231637	500KV-230KV	Equipment Tested Not Yet In Service	01/05/2022		
HUMBOLDT SFC	Transformer	2784427	Smit		250MVA_3231638	500KV-230KV	Equipment Tested	01/05/2022		

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#### **Business** Use

PPL Electric Utilities Spare Distribution Transformer Strategy

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- Using the conservative failure rate of 0.48% (2-3 transformers annually), it is required that our distribution spare transformer inventory be maintained at or above 1% for each class
- The following are PPL EU's current policies pertaining to the Distribution Substation transformer design standards which affect which spares are acquired:
  - 1. All spare transformers to be purchased and used on the Distribution system shall be Load Tap Changer (LTC) transformers.
  - 2. The following transformer capacities are being purchased
    - a) 14, 28, & 35 MVA transformers (69-12kV)
    - b) 35 MVA transformers (138-12kV)
    - c) 10 MVA transformers are no longer being purchased.



#### **Distribution Power Transformer Spare Strategy Overview**

Nominal Primary Voltage (kV)	Nominal Secondary Voltage (kV)	Rating(s) (MVA)	No. In-Service	Min. No. Spares Req'd	Rating of Spare
69	12	<10, 10, 11.2,12,14	199	2	14 MVA
69	12	15,16,16.8,20,25,26,28	329	3	28 MVA
69	12	28.8,33.3, 34, 35	31	2	35 MVA
69	23	5,20	2	-	-
138	12	20,21	6	-	-
138	12	33.3, 34, 35	57	1	35 MVA

- For reactive replacements, the oldest spare is preferred to be used, if feasible, to rotate the stock of spare equipment.
  - If a spare transformer is not used for greater than 4 years, transformer testing may be warranted as to not void the 5-year warranty.
- In the event of depletion of the transformer spare quantities, the following hierarchy should be followed:
  - 1. Spare Transformer Pool
  - 2. On-Site Spare Transformer (if appropriate)
  - 3. Planned Work Transformer Pool





#### Questions, Comments & Suggestions?





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