



# Lessons Learned @Calvert Cliffs

## Plant Process Computer Replacement Unit 2 Deployment

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# Background

CCNPP – Lusby, Maryland

Two Unit Combustion Engineering PWR

Unit 1 Commercial Operation 1975

License Expiration 2034

2737 MW<sub>t</sub>

Unit 2 Commercial Operation 1977

License Expiration 2036

2737MW<sub>t</sub>

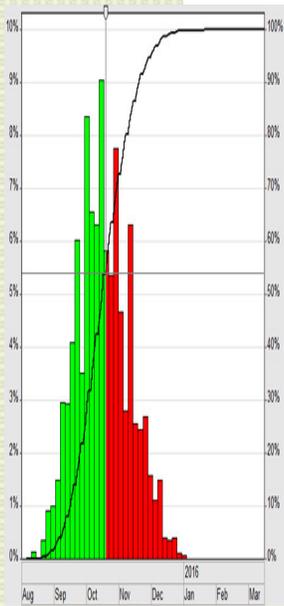


# Project Overview

- Replace existing PPCs (U1 & U2).
- Consolidate hardware & software.
- Redundancy (power, network & computers).
- 25 custom applications
- Qualified Data Historian

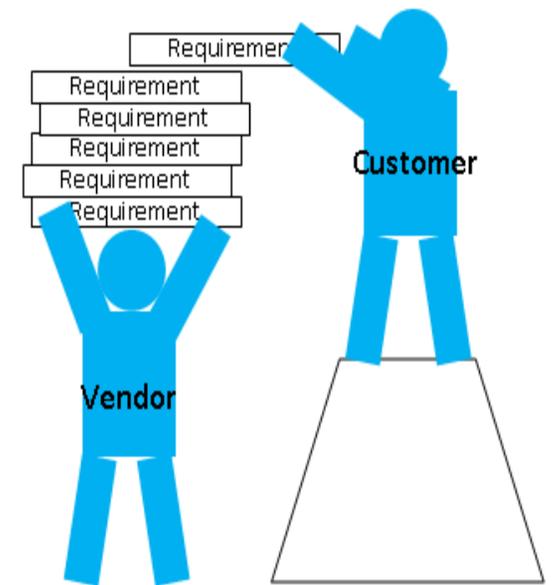
# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Have a fully resource loaded schedule.
  - Would not of had to push out 5 custom applications
  - Would had realized earlier that this was not a traditional business IT project.
  - Living document (Vacations, ACE, RCAR, IRT, Training, Symposium)
  - Doing a better job for Unit I Implementation.
  - More engaged IT support.
  - Finding the right resources was a challenge.



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- **Control scope creep and scope changes.**
  - Not well defined specifications.
  - Requirements not clear enough.
  - Design descriptions unclear.
  - Research/Science projects.
  - Learn to just say “NO!”
- **Project has accommodated**
  - Budget and schedule overruns.



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- **Requirement Traceability Matrix (RTM)**
  - Did not get reviewed or approved until just before going into FAT.
  - Should be developed, reviewed & approved during the SRS development.
    - Very time consuming (see schedule)

# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Customer purchased hardware.
  - The project only looked at the cost savings.
  - Didn't account for managing the equipment



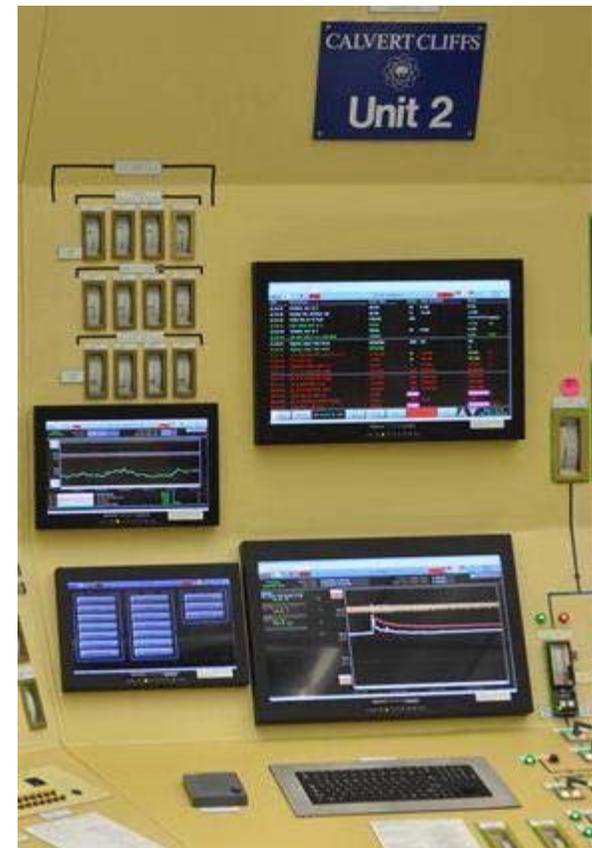
## CONS:

Warehouse storage  
Inventory manager (tracking)  
Shipping cost for FAT  
Manage software deployments  
Purchase hardware not used

## PROS:

Available on-site  
Development lab  
Parallel run  
Decrease cost  
Customer control platform  
Customer hands on product  
Develop deployment procedures

# Before and After



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Doesn't always have to be a negative.  
Positive lessons learned



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Observe and be involved at the “Dry Run Factory Acceptance Test”.
  - This proved to be essential



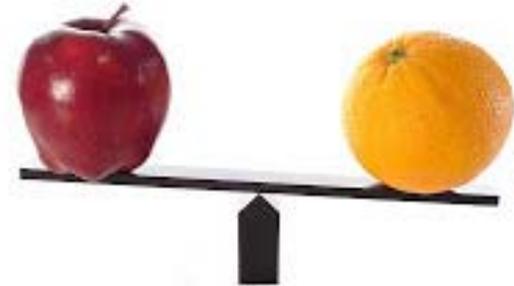
- First look at the integrated system
- Provided education on R\*TIME

# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- **Configuration Management**
  - To manage software changes:
    - a log book with SME review and vendor and customer signature before code is checked into PVCS.
- **Job path manager (outage)**
  - Coordinate activities.
  - Approvals for work during “no work” evolutions (reduced/lowered inventory).

# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Hardware setup at FAT should be the identical as the Unit Plant.
  - Simulations, virtual servers, software differences lead to rework and risk of coding errors.
  - Powertrax Interface – acceptable at FAT
    - Site experienced random server failovers
    - Resulted in code change
    - Lost man hours
    - Schedule slippage



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Do not make code changes during FAT unless all the changes are fully understood.
  - Plant Calorimetric – Latent coding error
    - Excessive system utilization and memory leak.
    - Change from archive as a repository for real time data to buffered current value data.
    - Only perform archive requests upon failover or start-up.
    - New design reviewed, approved and retested.
      - Used steady state data in a small window of time.



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- **Plant Calorimetric (cont.)**
  - Code error caused a retrieval of data from the incorrect time period.
    - Resulted in another code change
    - Rigorous retesting
    - Extent of condition
    - Operating Experience (OE)



# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- The project will expose unknown features.
  - Duplicate Sequence Of Events (SOE)
  - Discovered during failover at SAT.
    - Priority concern
    - Vendor support on-site
  - Identified the issue as SOE buffering on the DAS Host Interface Ports.
    - This is by design, unknown to spec author.
  - Scientech develop an interim solution.

# SOE Buffered Messages

Time	Point Name	Description	State	Tag
<b>4/16/2013 Database: CC2</b>				
8:28:45.284	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	1	NORMAL
8:30:30.877	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	0	TRIP
8:30:53.492	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	1	NORMAL
8:30:55.111	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	0	TRIP
8:31:02.829	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	1	NORMAL
8:32:38.035	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	0	TRIP
8:32:59.581	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	1	NORMAL
8:34:38.123	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	0	TRIP
8:36:01.824	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	1	NORMAL
8:36:03.324	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	0	TRIP
8:36:14.292	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	1	NORMAL
8:41:54.887	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	0	TRIP
8:44:22.898	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	0	TRIP
8:44:58.744	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	1	NORMAL
8:47:40.040	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	1	NORMAL
8:49:38.936	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	0	TRIP
8:50:46.519	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	0	TRIP
8:51:17.762	2RPSTU5BS	STEAM GEN LOW PRESSURE CH B	1	NORMAL
8:52:43.222	2RPSTU7BS	THERM MARGIN LOW PRESS CH B	1	NORMAL
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1:18:20.317	2PS8226S	(BUF) HYDR FLUID LO PRESS TRIP SY	1	TRIP
1:18:37.932	2PS8226S	(BUF) HYDR FLUID LO PRESS TRIP SY	0	NORMAL
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➤ Since DAS buffers SOEs until requested by the PPC.

➤ And during PPC automatic failover, the DAS will notify the PPC that SOEs are pending.

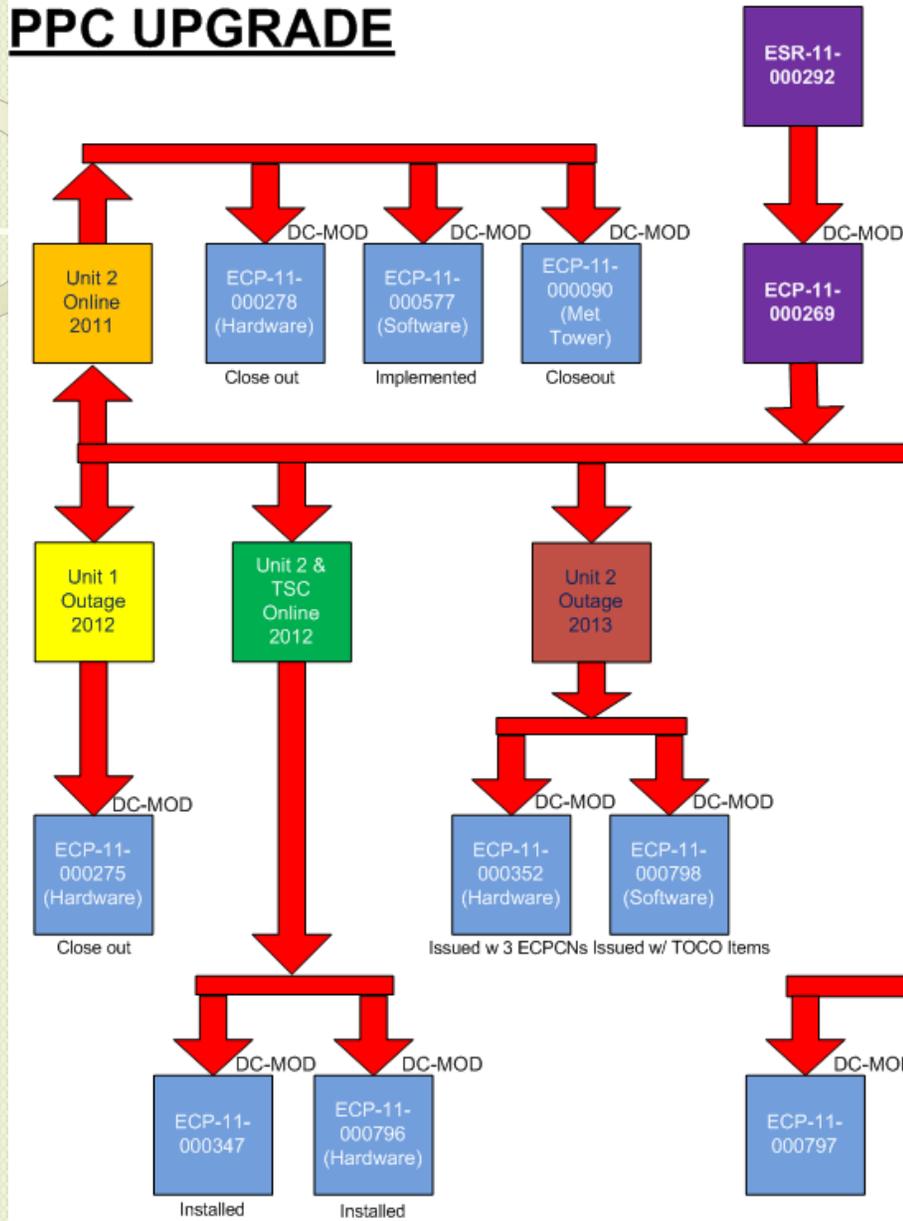
➤ The first requested SOEs are labeled as (BUF).

➤ This is an interim solution. Will be corrected later.

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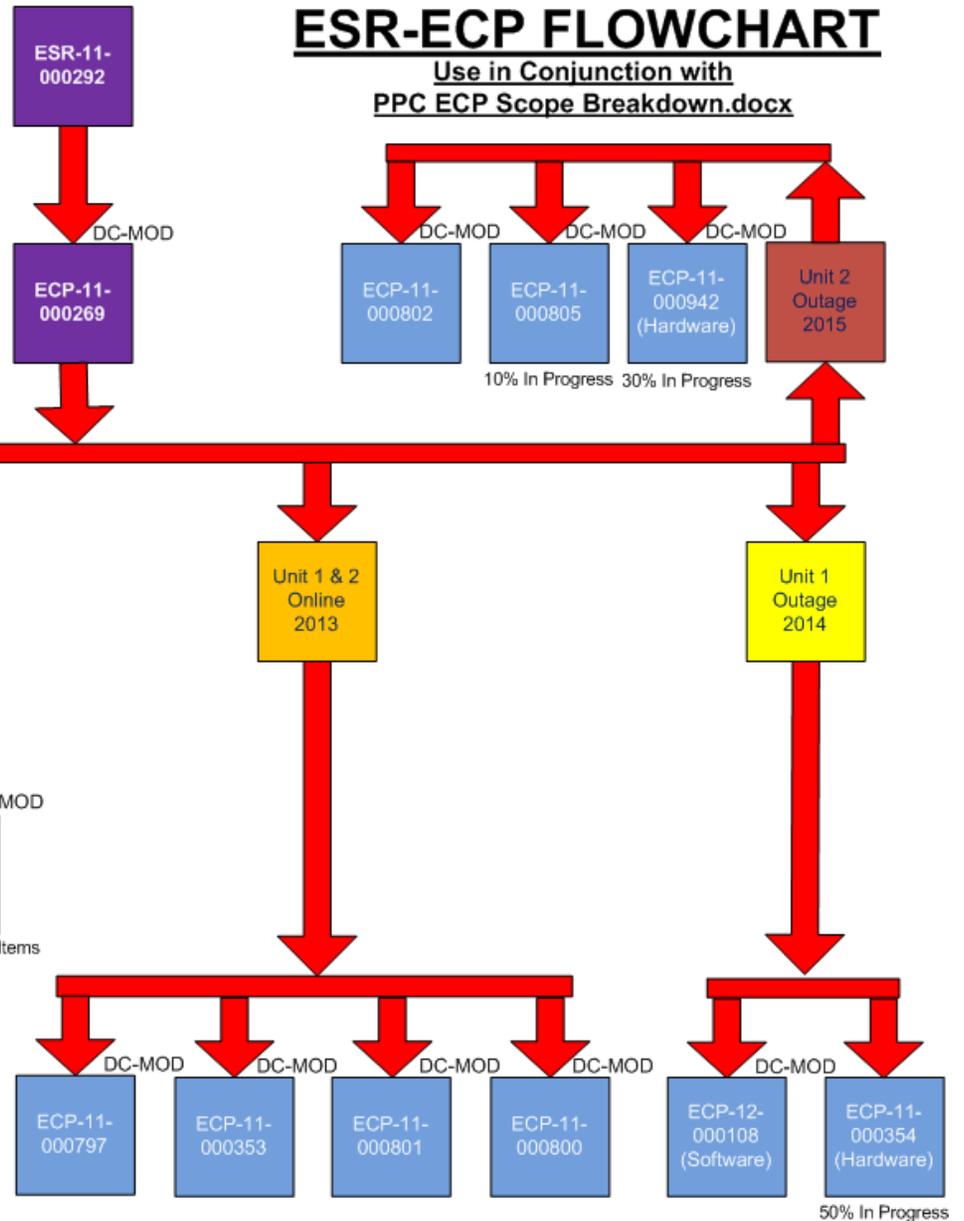
# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

## PPC UPGRADE



## ESR-ECP FLOWCHART

Use in Conjunction with  
PPC ECP Scope Breakdown.docx



ESR-ECP FLOWCHART - Rev 8.vsd

# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Engineering reviews and meeting (10%, 50%, 90%)
  - Problem getting quorum
    - Constant hounding by administrator.
    - If you feed them, they will come.
  - Having many disciplines on the project is a plus.

# PPC Replacement Lessons Learned

- Questions

