

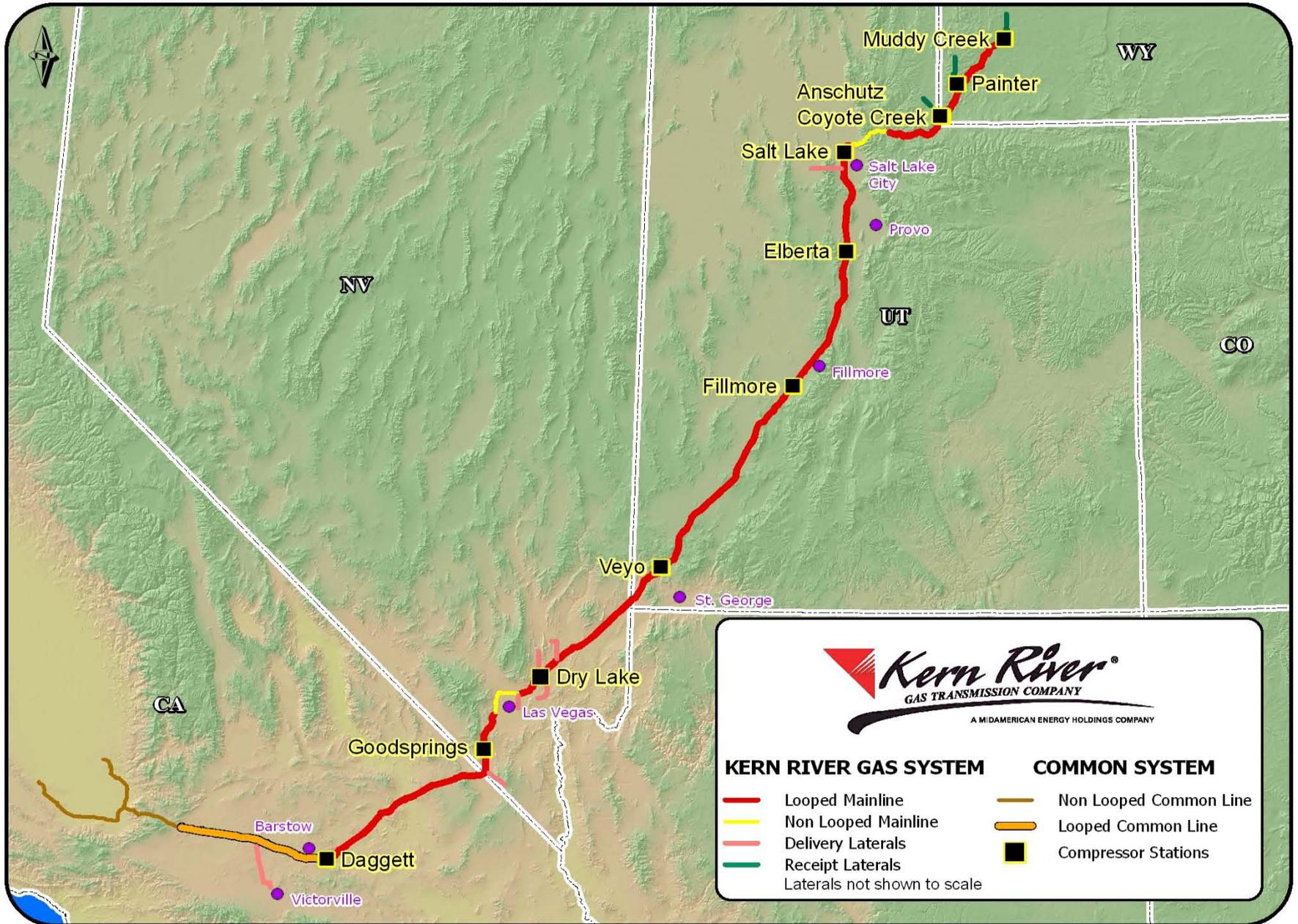
Pipeline Operator Perspective on Risk Assessments

Improving Pipeline Risk Assessments and Recordkeeping
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System Overview

- Kern River is a 1,380-mile interstate natural gas transmission system
- Extends from southwest Wyoming through Utah and Nevada to Bakersfield, Calif.
- In operation since 1992
- Current design capacity of 1.9 billion cubic feet per day
- Owned by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company – Berkshire Hathaway



Muddy Creek ■ WY

Anschutz
Coyote Creek ■ Painter

Salt Lake ■ Salt Lake City

Provo

Elberta ■

UT

Fillmore ■ Fillmore

CO

NV

Veyo ■ St. George

Dry Lake ■ Las Vegas

CA

Goodsprings ■

Barstow

Daggett ■

Victorville

2010 Expansion Summary

- 145 MMcf/d forward-haul expansion
 - Compression addition at Muddy Creek
 - Compression restages at Painter
 - Meter station expansions at Opal and Kramer Junction
 - Implemented MAOP special permit to operate at 80% design factor. MAOP increased from 1,200 psig to 1,333 psig.
- Placed into service April 2010

Apex Expansion Summary

- 266 MMcf/d expansion
 - Compression additions at Coyote Creek, Elberta and Dry Lake – 48,000 horsepower
 - Grass-roots compressor station near Milford, Utah – 30,000 horsepower
 - Compression restages at Coyote Creek, Elberta and Dry Lake
 - Compressor replacement at Fillmore
 - Wasatch Loop closure – 28 miles
- In-service November 2011



Purpose of Risk Assessment

- Prioritize baseline assessment
- Identify potential problem areas
- Design preventive and mitigative measures
- Justify preventive and mitigative measures

Data Integration

- Geographical information system
- Pipeline open data system database
- Relative risk model
- Integrity alignment sheet generator

Important Data

- Pipeline attributes
- Topography
- Encroachments
- Structures
- In-line inspection
- Close interval survey
- Coating survey
- Depth of cover
- Pipe examinations

Annual Process

- Update structures
- Identify threats
- Run risk analysis
- Quality-check results
- Evaluate preventive and mitigative measures – “what if” scenarios

KRGT Risk Assessment History

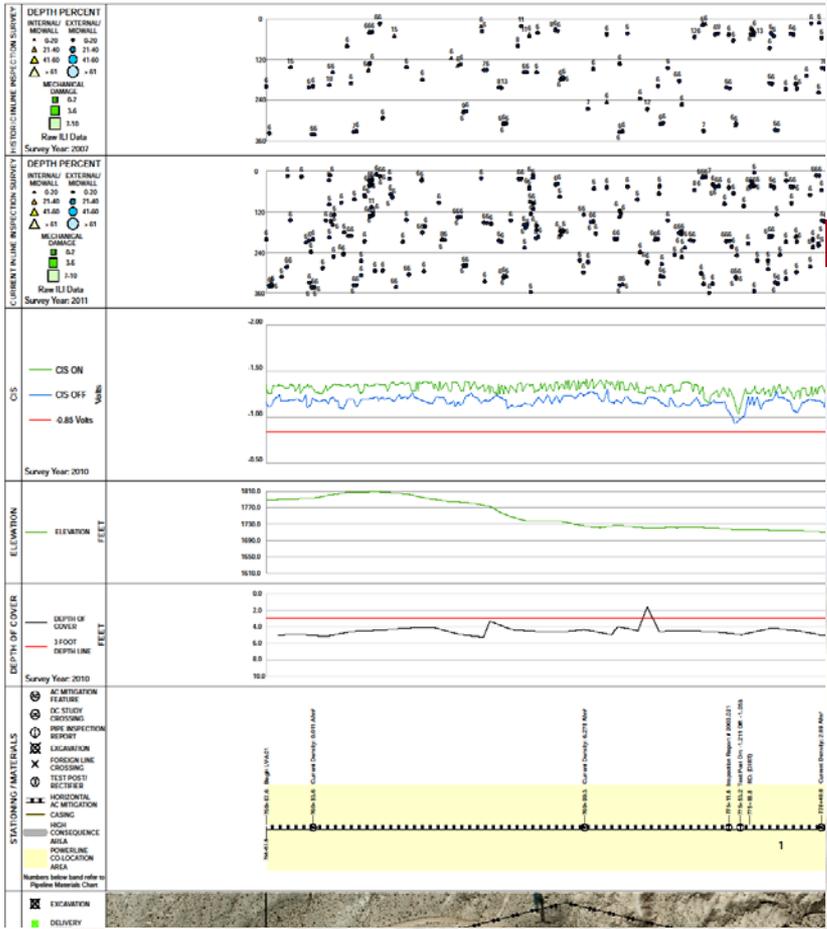
- 2005 – moved to new risk model
- 2005 – data quality check performed
- 2006 – revised process to use only population consequences for high consequence area ranking
- 2007-08 – realign and re-station data
- 2008 – algorithm to differentiate HCAs by population density and proximity

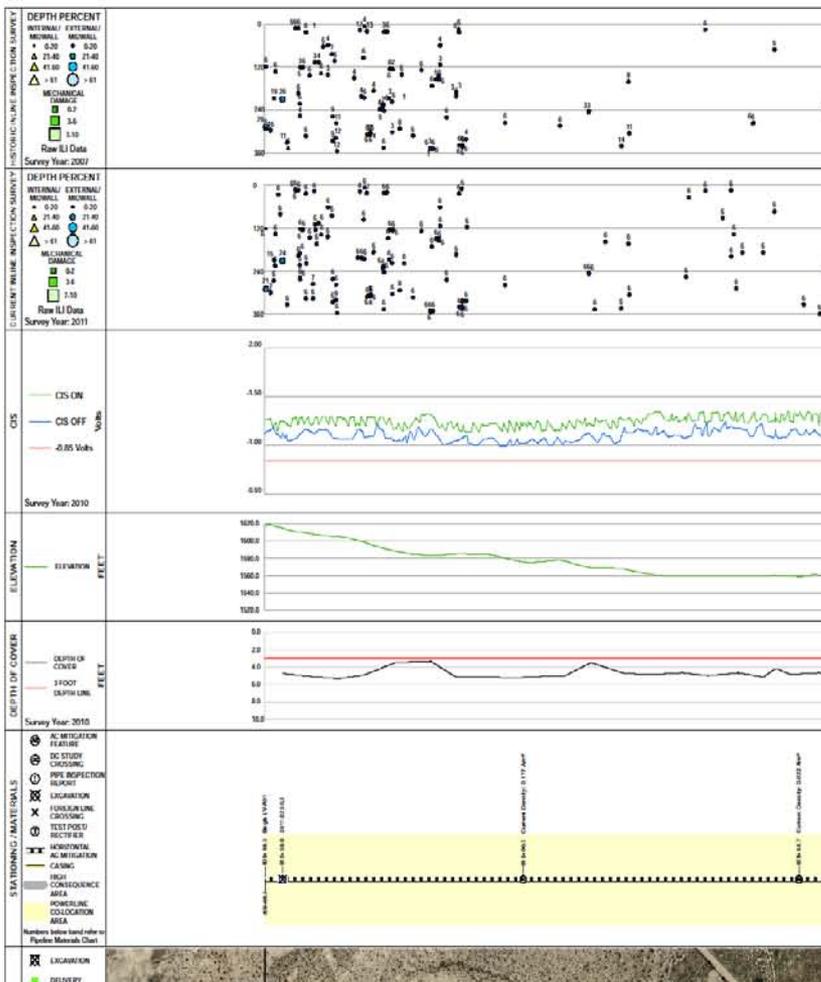
KRGT Risk Assessment History (cont.)

- 2009 – moved to new, customizable risk modeler
- 2009 – developed integrated integrity alignment sheets
- 2010 – added ILI, CP and other integrity data and substantially improved algorithm
- 2011 – “pre-processing” to handle large data sets

Integrated Integrity Alignment Sheets

- Very useful quick view of interactions
- For details, drill down in GIS





Continuous Improvement

- Linear referencing
- Alignment and positioning
- Data – quality and new types
- Database
- Algorithms – detailed and quantitative
- Credit for mitigation performed
- Viewing
- New threats