



Quiz 7. The *pump-turbine* system in the figure draws water from the upper reservoir in the daytime to produce power for a city. At night, it pumps water from lower to upper reservoirs to restore the situation. For a design flow rate of 15,000 gal/min (or 33.4 ft<sup>3</sup>/s) in either direction, the frictional head loss is 17 ft. Estimate the power in horse power (a) extracted by the turbine and (b) delivered by the pump. (Note:  $\dot{W}_t = \gamma Q h_t$  and  $\dot{W}_p = \gamma Q h_p$ ;  $\gamma = 62.4 \text{ lbf/ft}^3$ ; 1 hp = 550 ft·lbf/s)



• Energy equation:

$$\frac{p_1}{\gamma} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 + h_p = \frac{p_2}{\gamma} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_t + h_L$$

## Solution:

(a) For turbine operation, take the upper reservoir surface as the point "1" (i.e., upstream) in the energy equation, and with  $p_1 = p_2 = 0$ ,  $V_1 \approx V_2 \approx 0$ , and  $h_p = 0$ ,

$$0 + 0 + z_1 + 0 = 0 + 0 + z_2 + h_t + h_L$$
  
$$\therefore h_t = z_1 - z_2 - h_L = 150 \text{ ft} - 25 \text{ ft} - 17 \text{ ft} = 108 \text{ ft}$$
(+3 points)

Thus,

$$\dot{W}_t = \gamma Q h_t = \left(62.4 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^3}\right) \left(33.4 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}\right) (108 \text{ ft}) = 225,000 \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{s}} = 410 \text{ hp}$$
 (+2 points)

(b) For pump operation, take the lower reservoir surface as the point "1" (i.e., upstream) in the energy equation, and with  $p_1 = p_2 = 0$ ,  $V_1 \approx V_2 \approx 0$ , and  $h_t = 0$ ,

$$0 + 0 + z_1 + h_p = 0 + 0 + z_2 + h_L$$
(+3 points)
$$\therefore h_p = z_2 - z_1 + h_L = 150 \text{ ft} - 25 \text{ ft} + 17 \text{ ft} = 142 \text{ ft}$$

Thus,

$$\dot{W}_p = \gamma Q h_p = \left(62.4 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^3}\right) \left(33.4 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}\right) (142 \text{ ft}) = 296,000 \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{s}} = 540 \text{ hp}$$
 (+2 points)