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How to Read a Pump Curve
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Learning Objectives

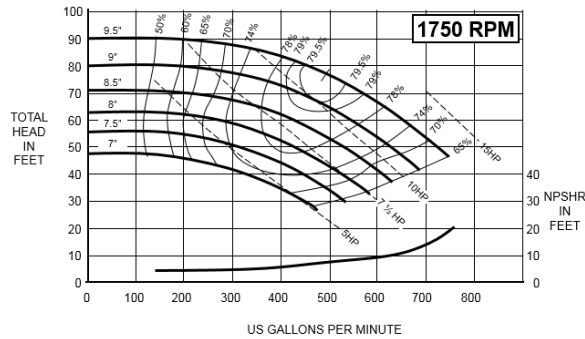


By the end of this course you will be able to:

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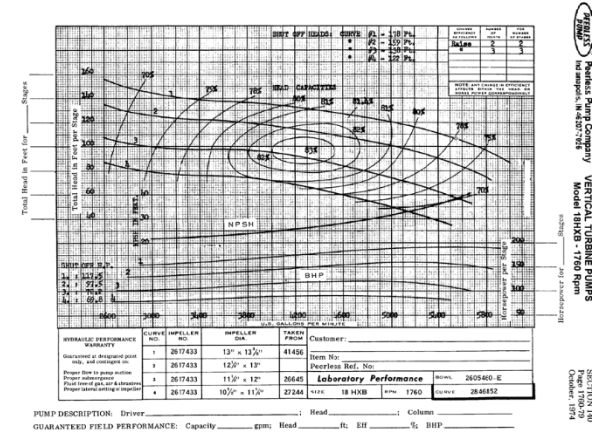
Traditional Curve Formats

Typical Single Stage Pump Curve



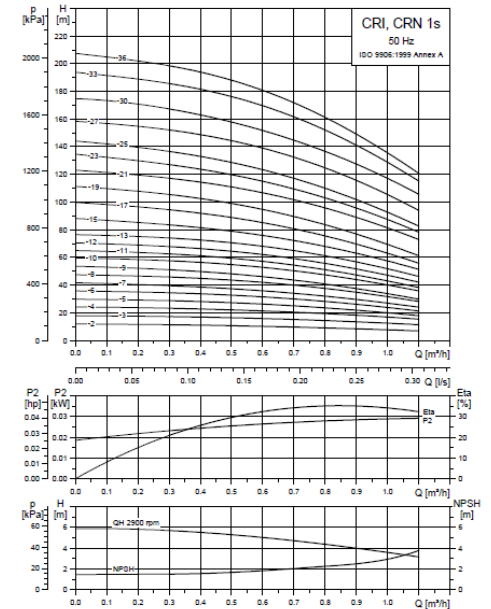
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Typical Single Stage Curve for Multistage Turbine Pump



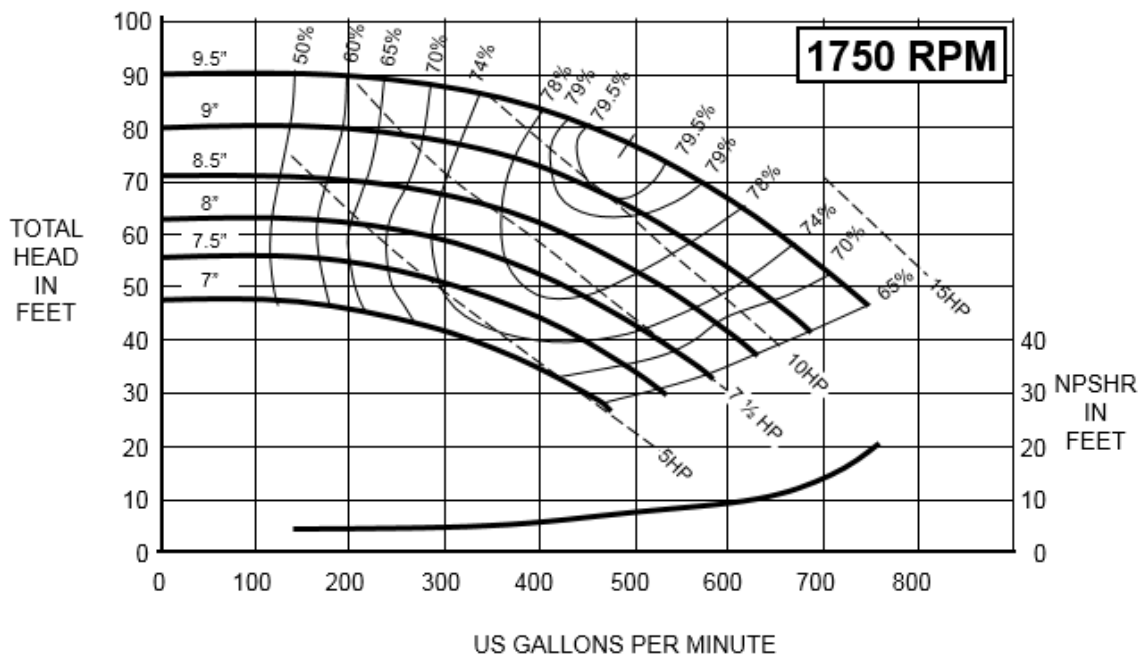
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Typical Vertical Inline Multistage Pump Curve

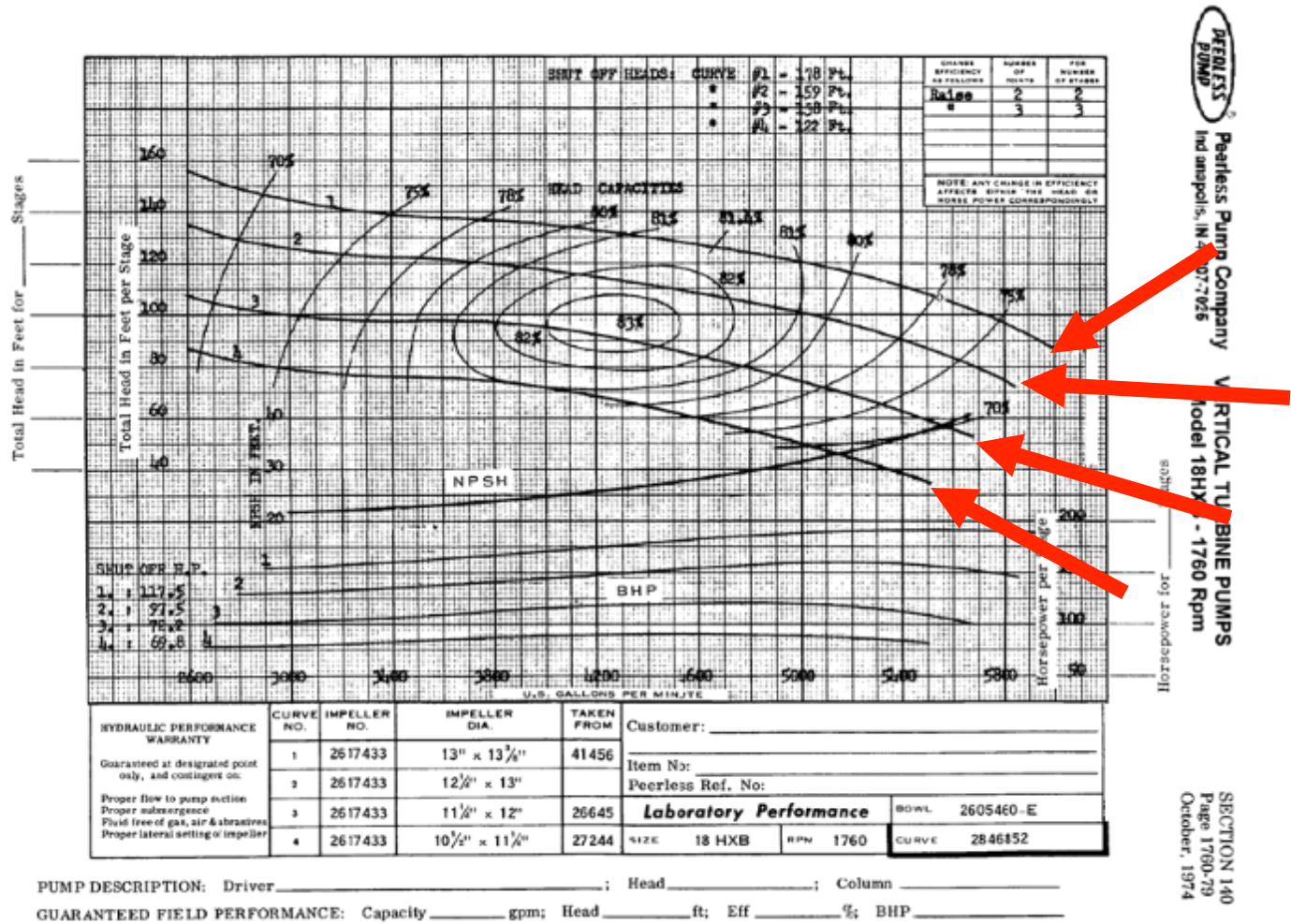


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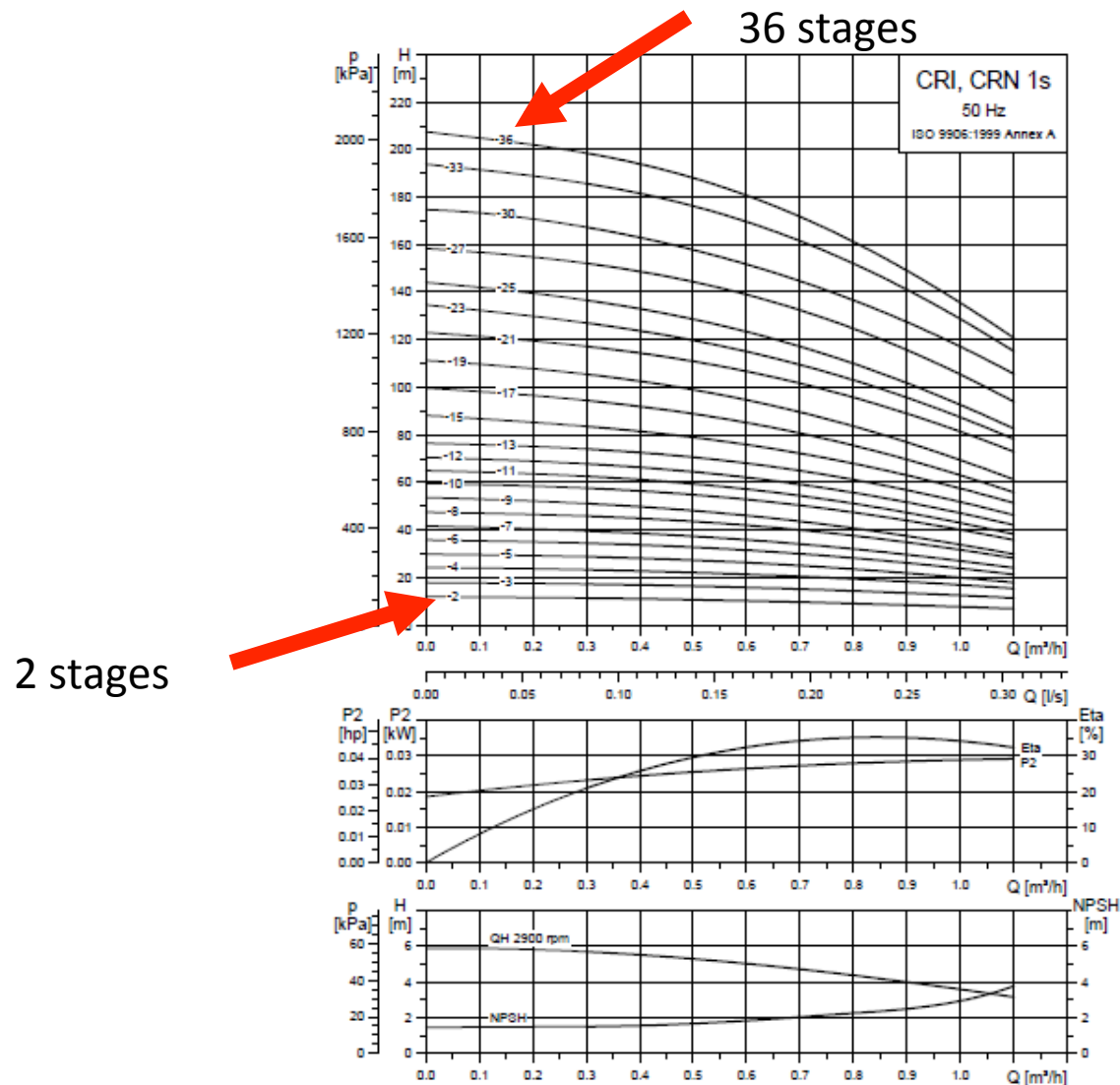
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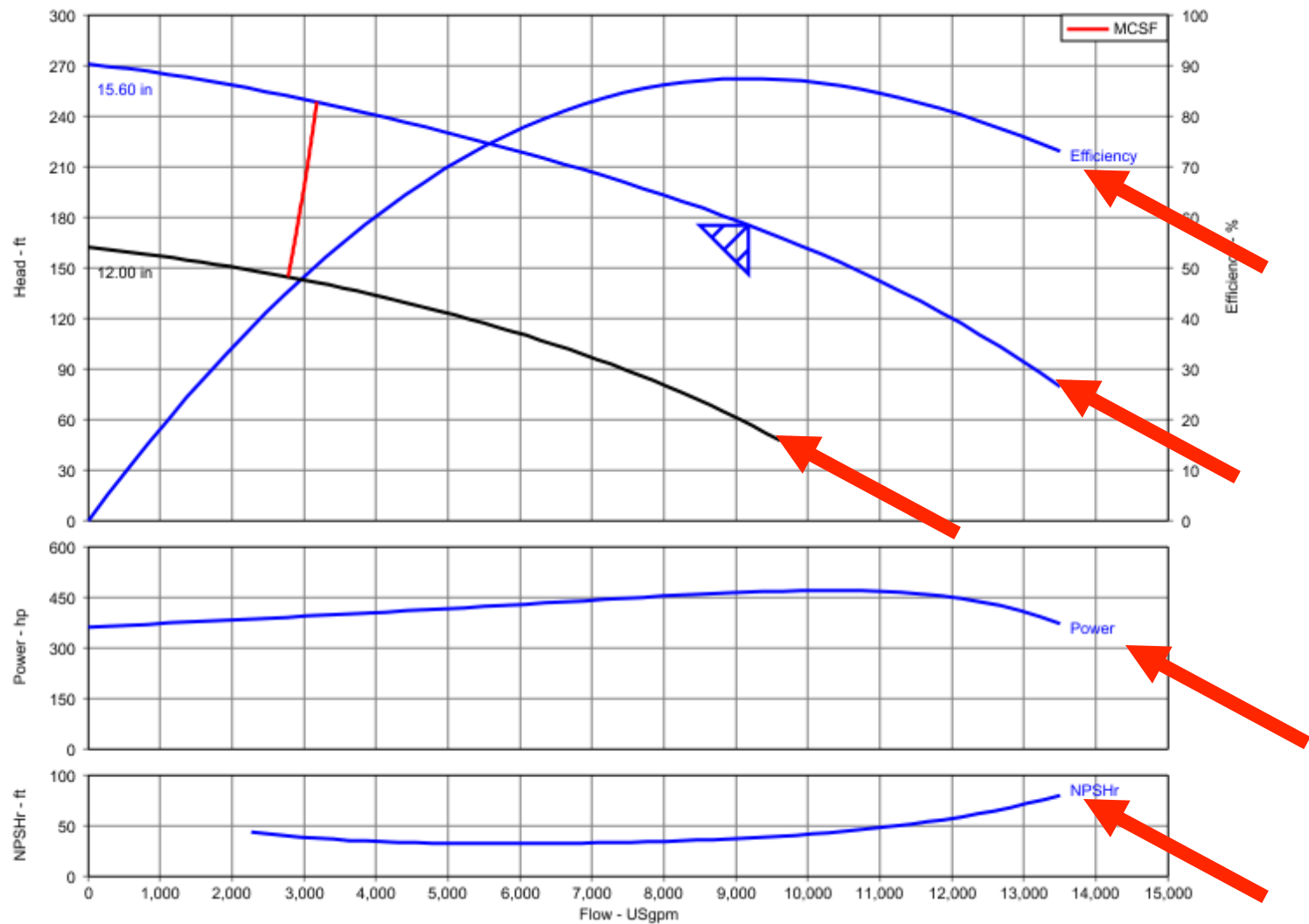
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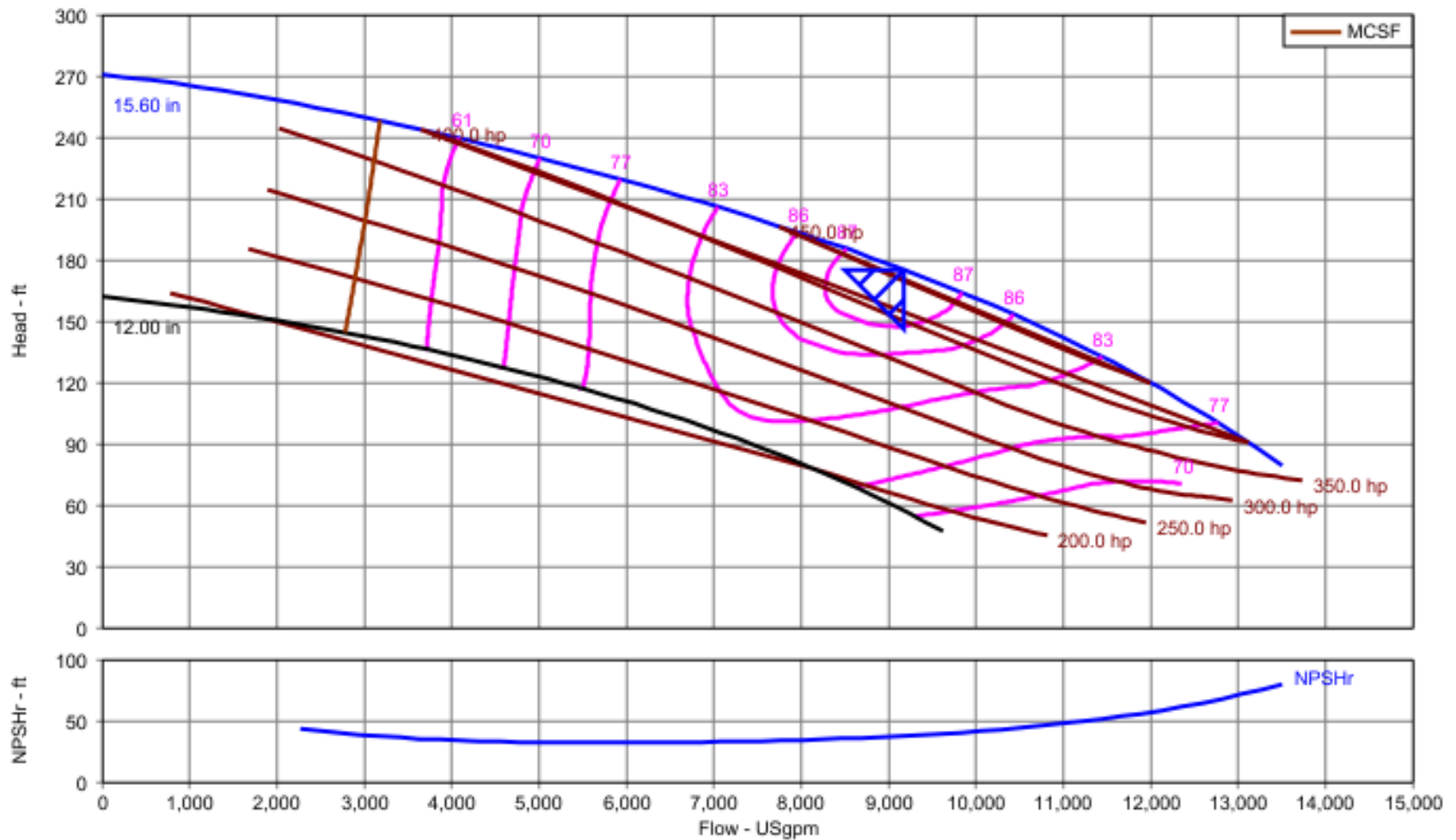
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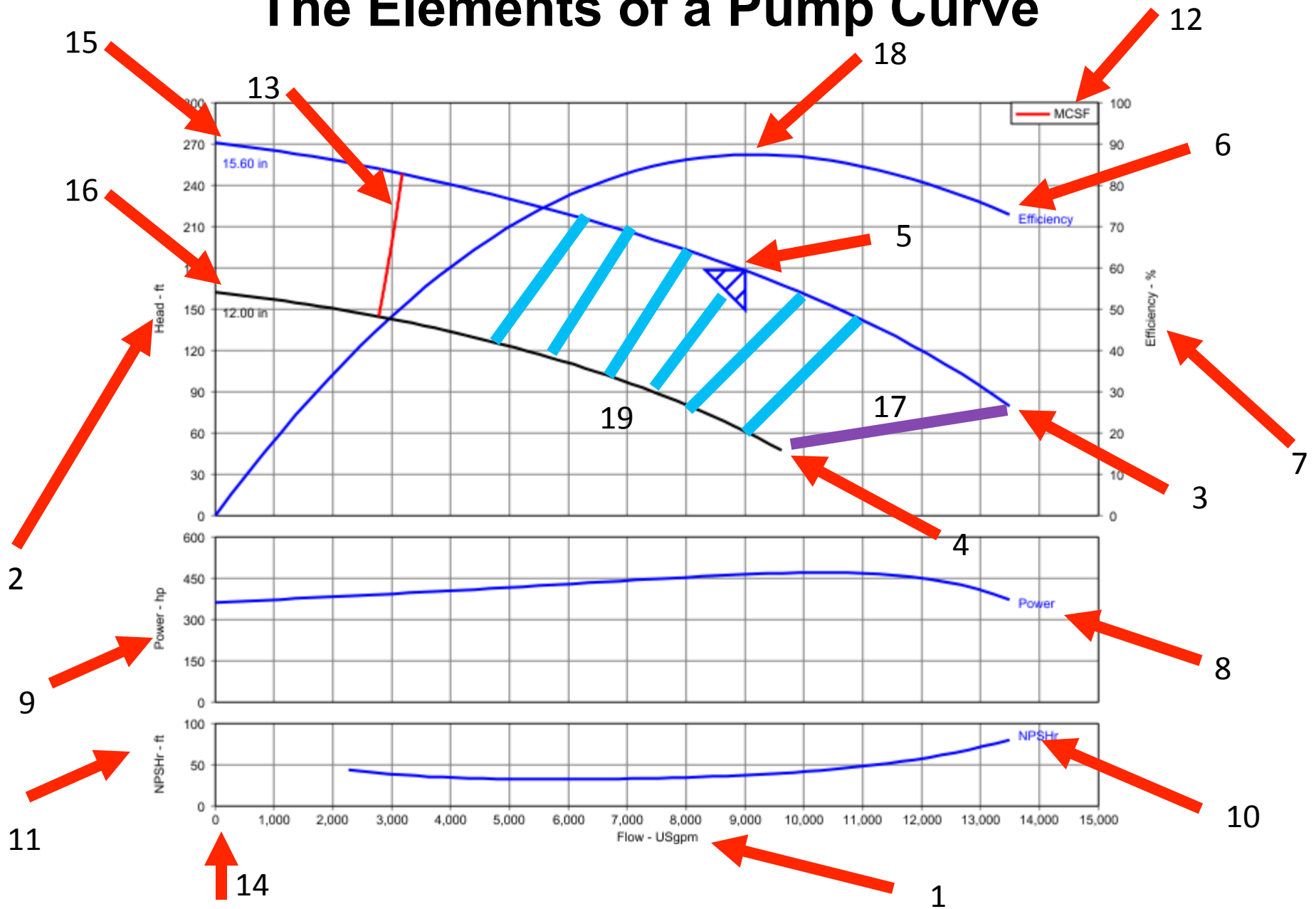
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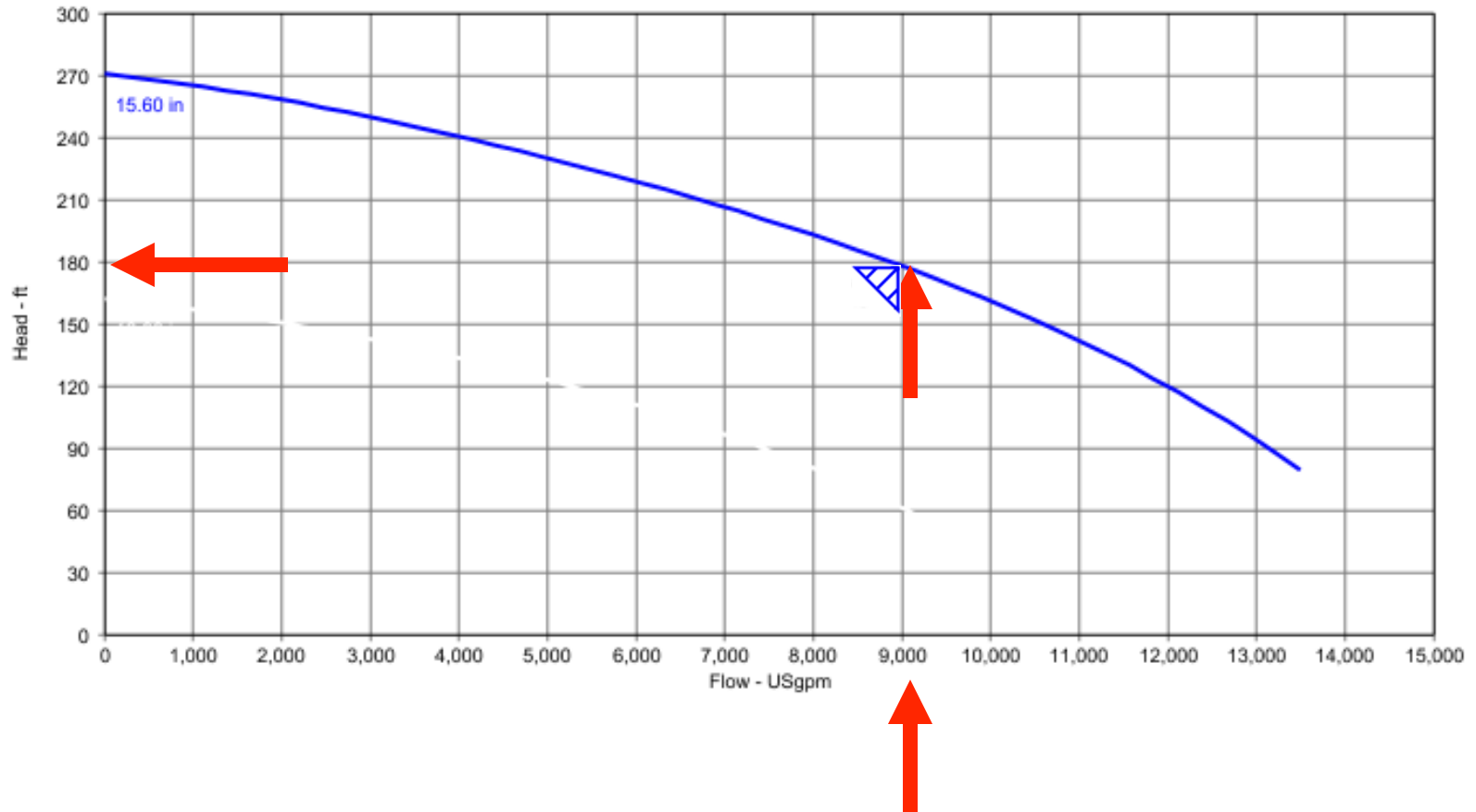
Use of ISO Lines



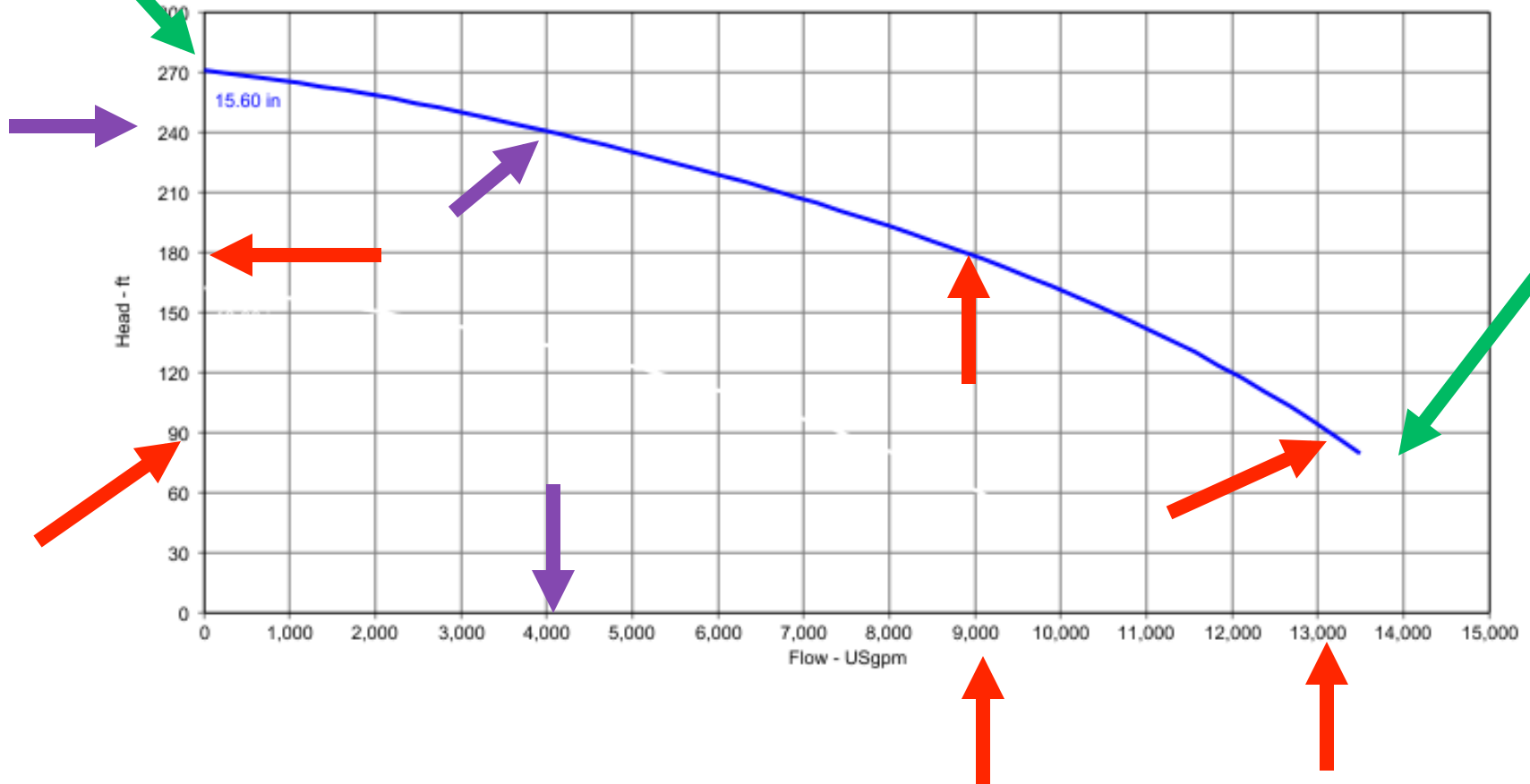
The Elements of a Pump Curve



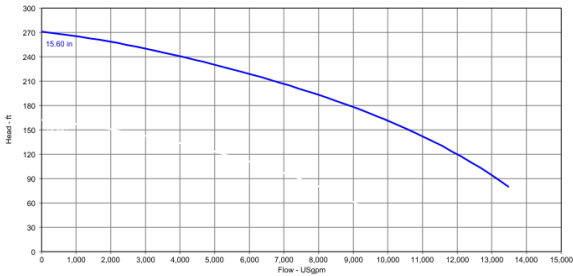
Relationship of Flow to Head



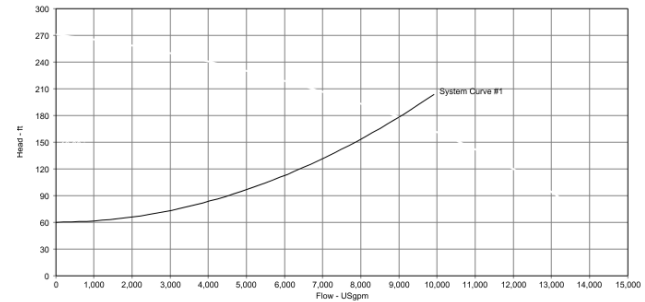
What if the actual head changes?



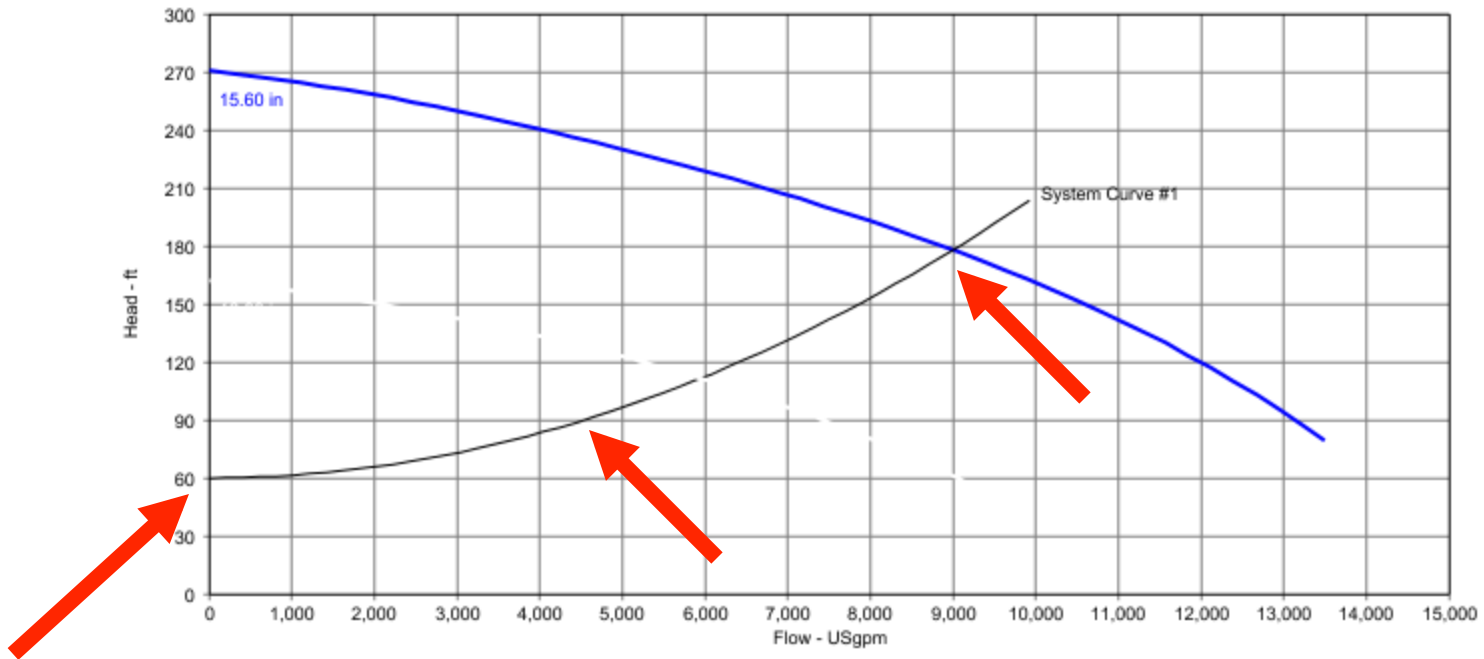
Using the System Head Curve



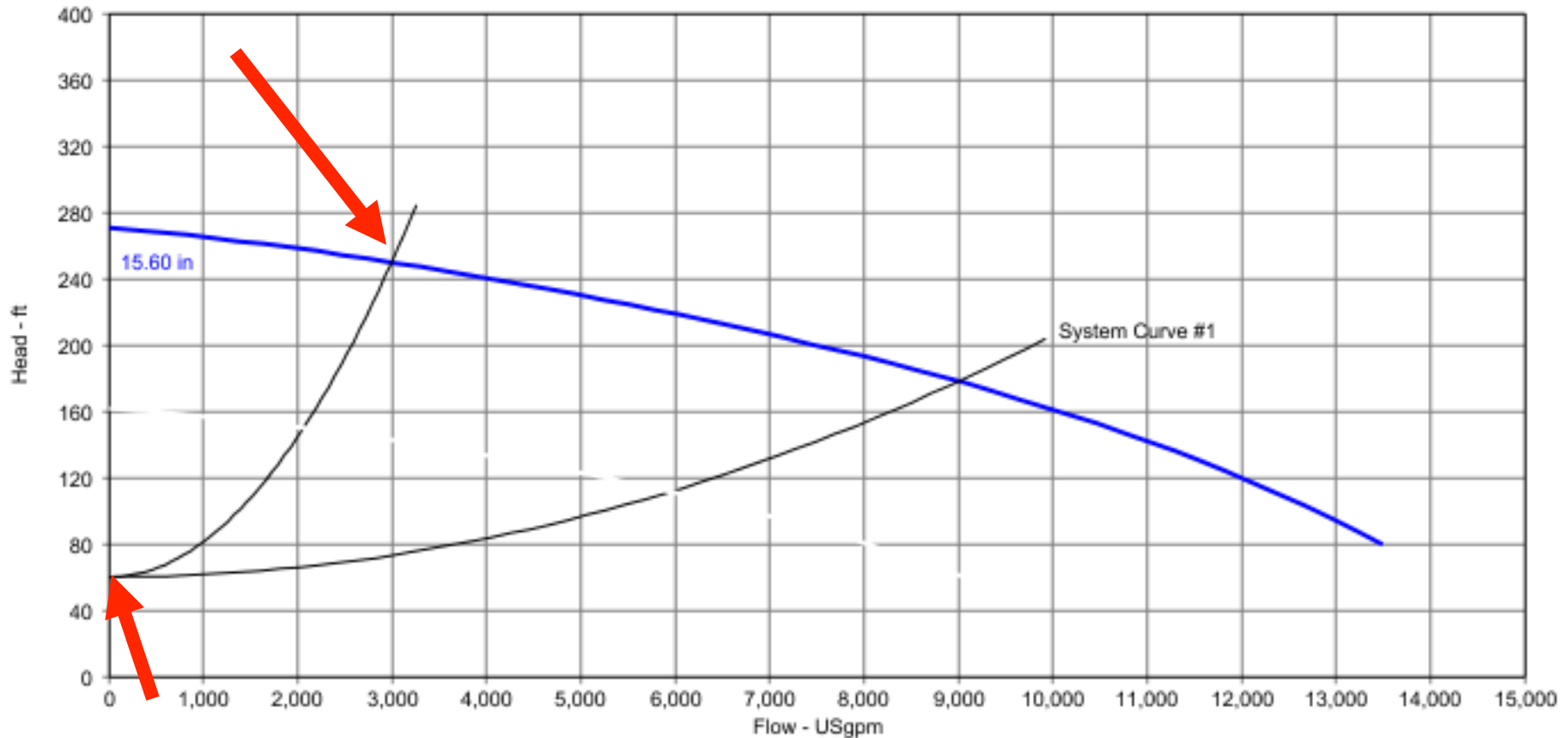
Pump curve from previous slide



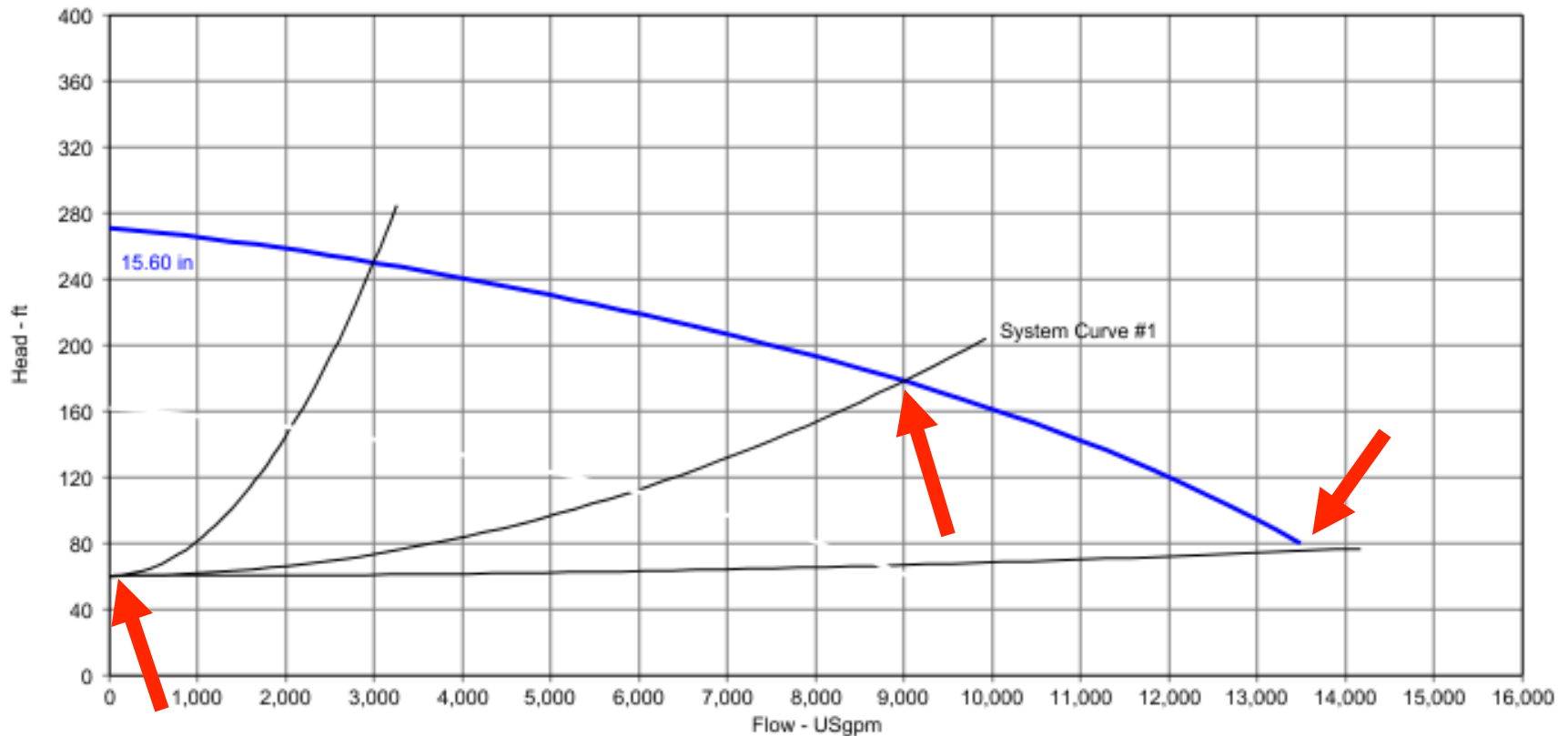
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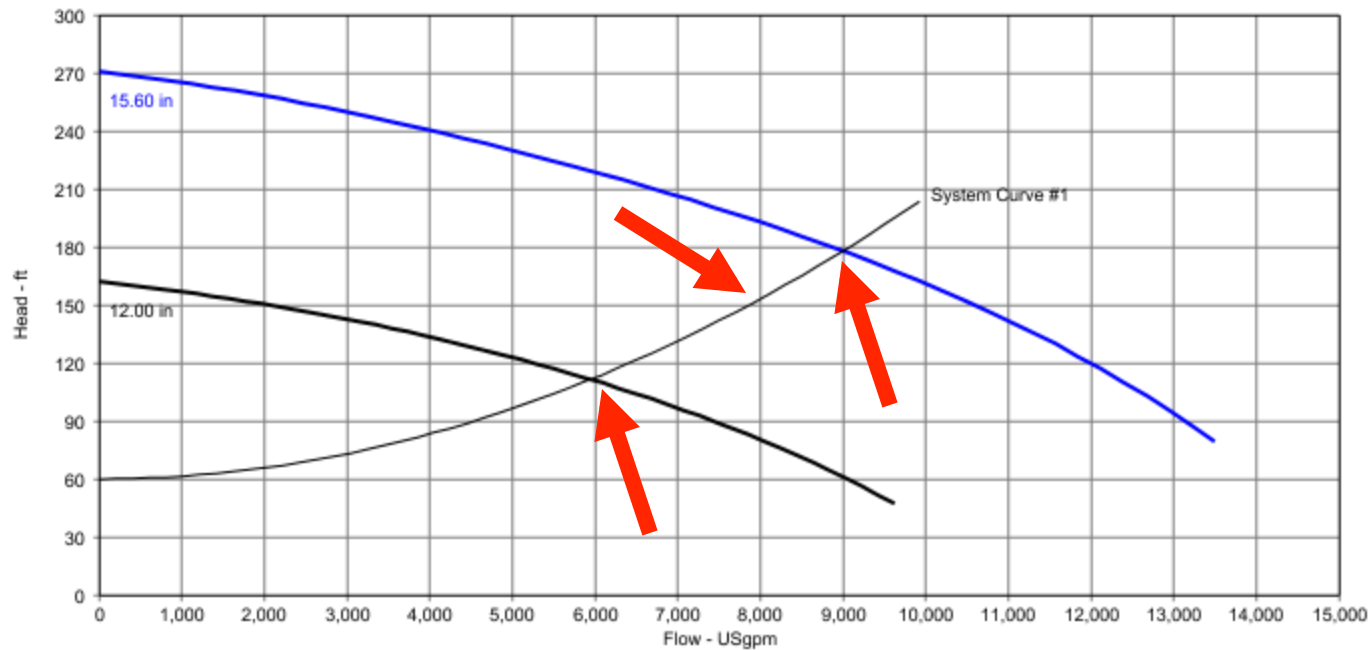
What if someone closes a valve?



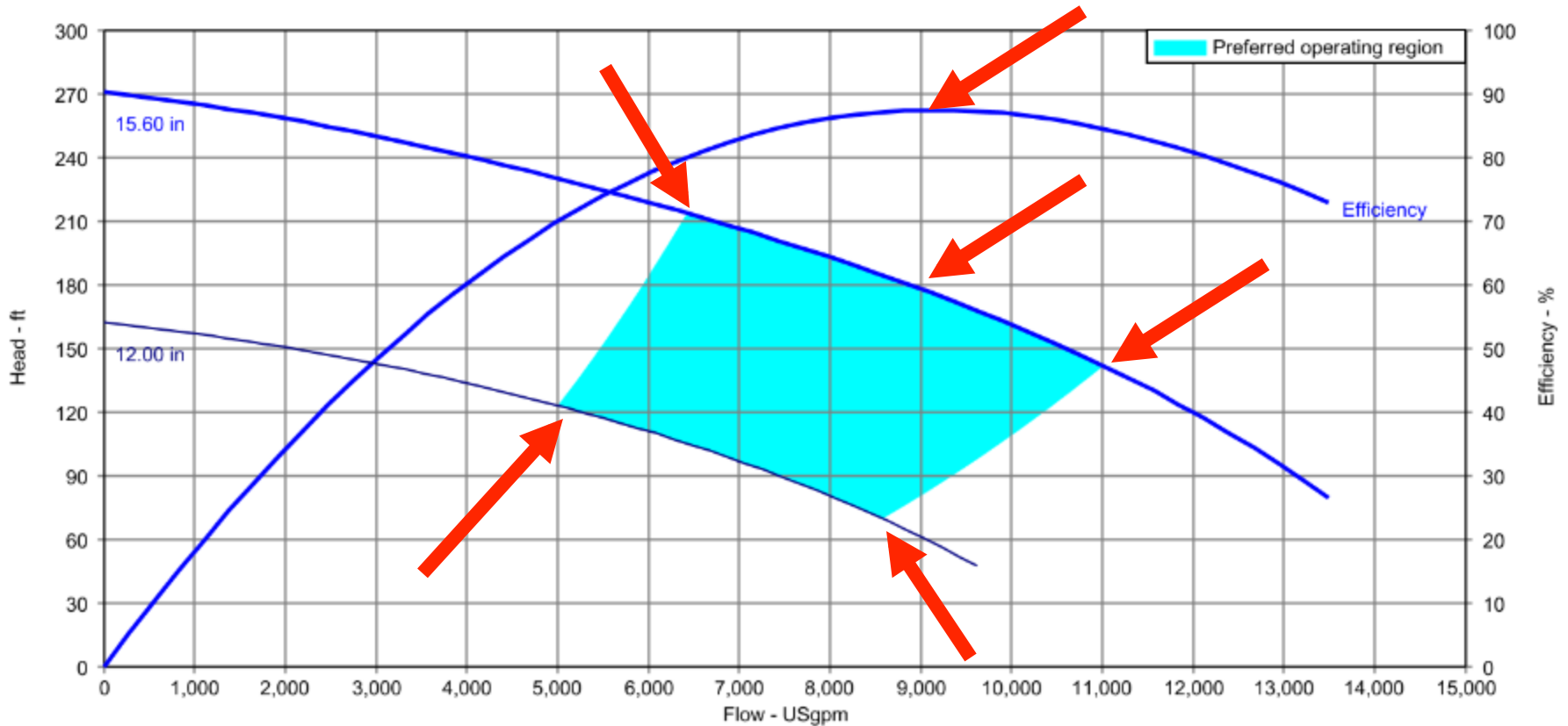
What if actual head is lower than calculated?



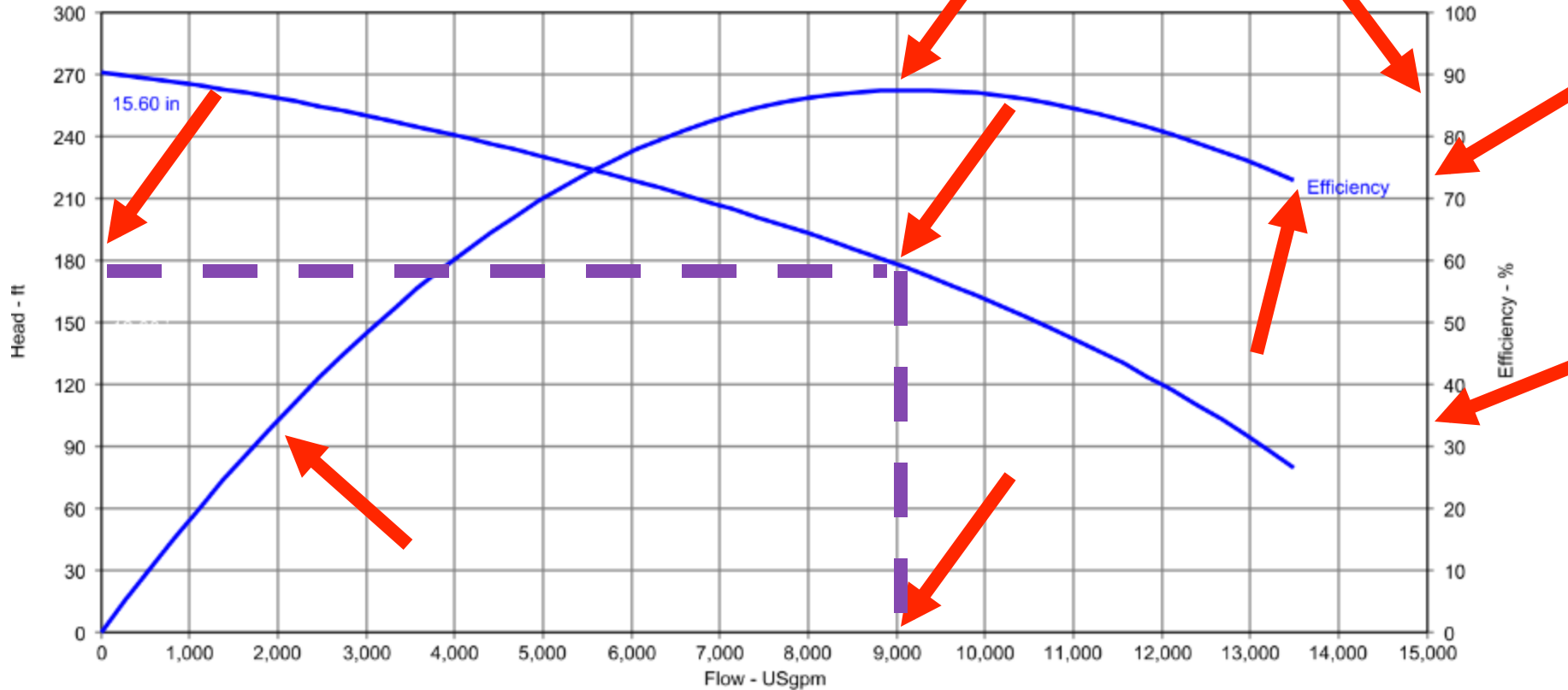
Reducing the impeller diameter



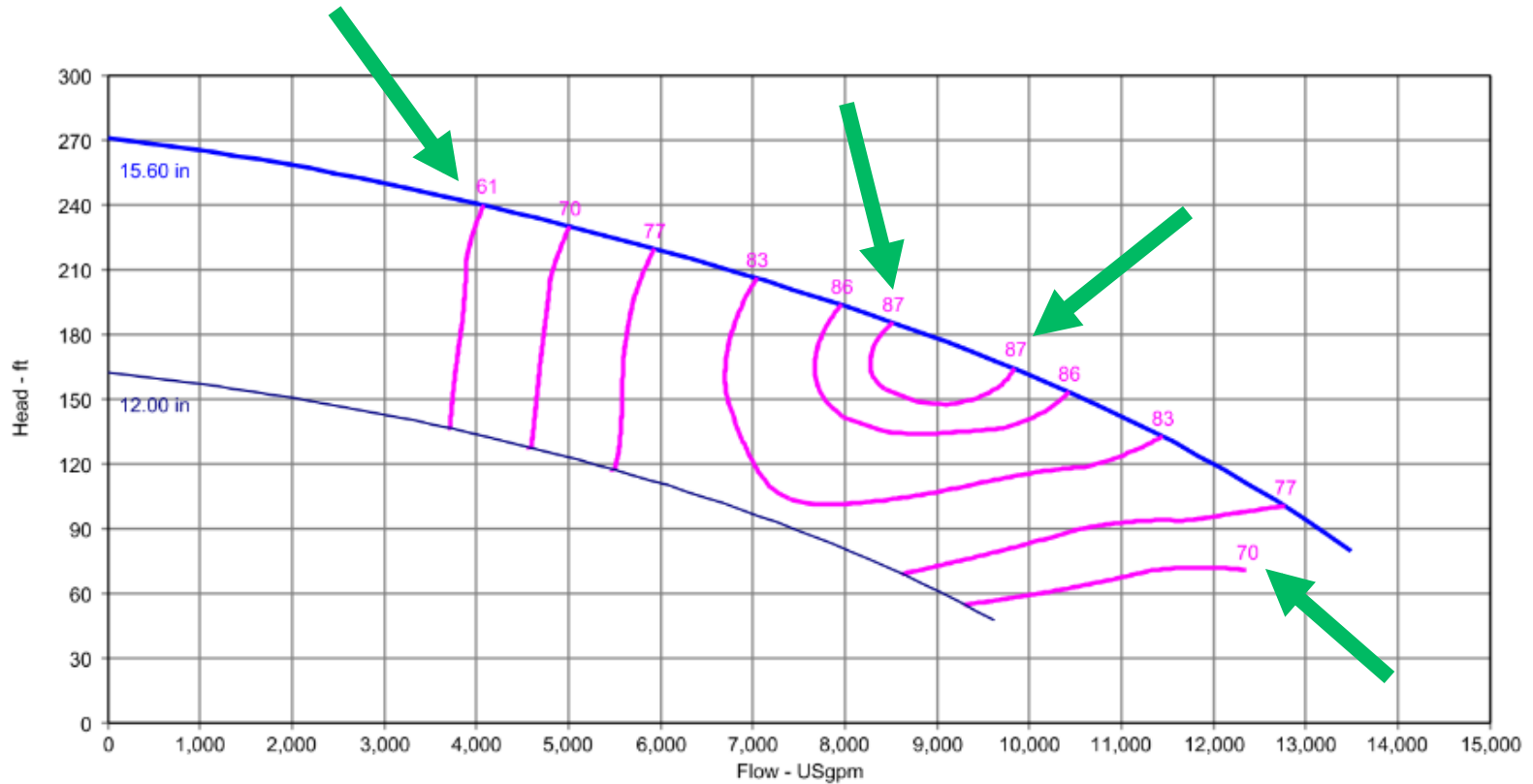
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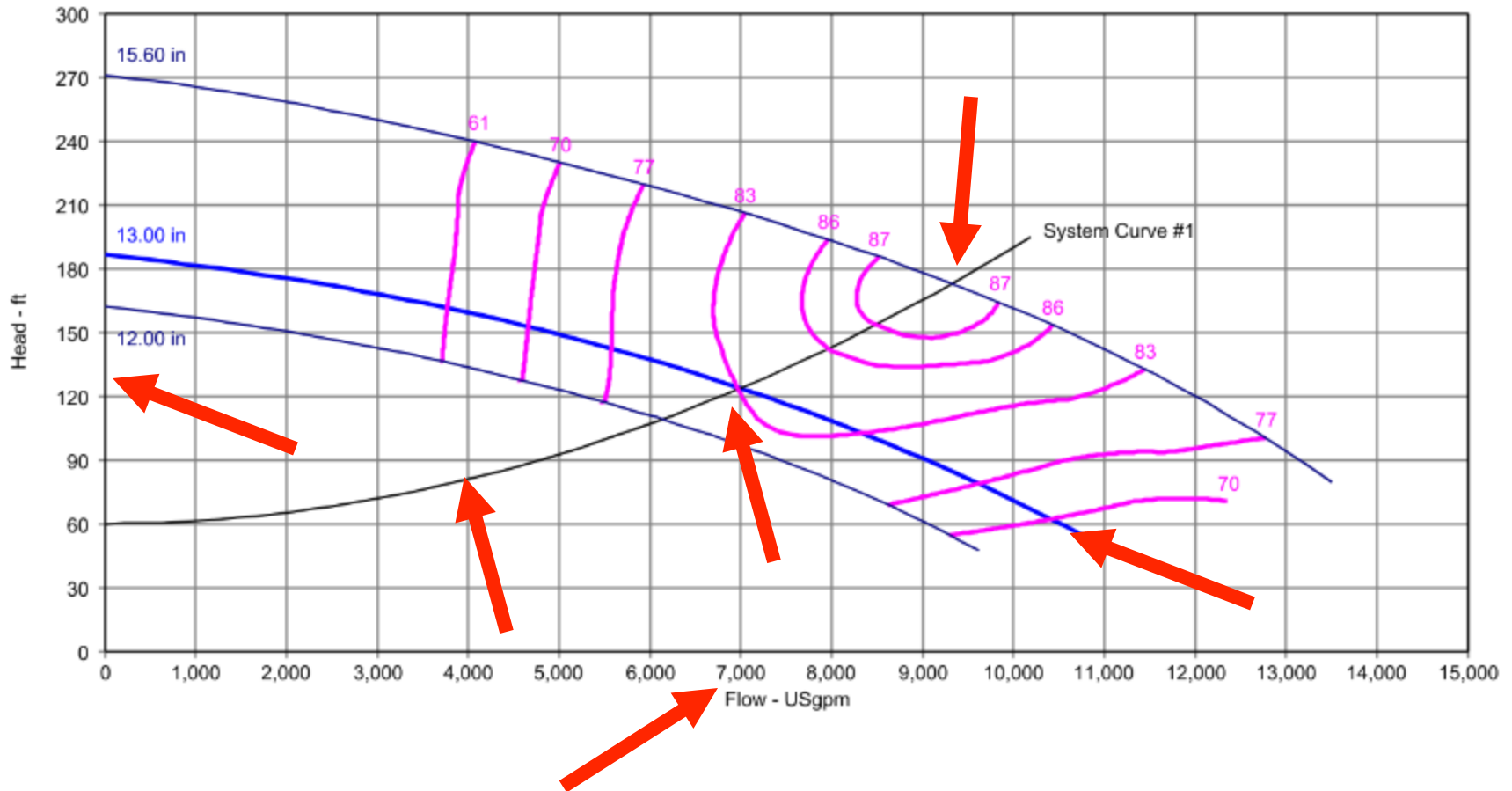
Using the Efficiency Curve



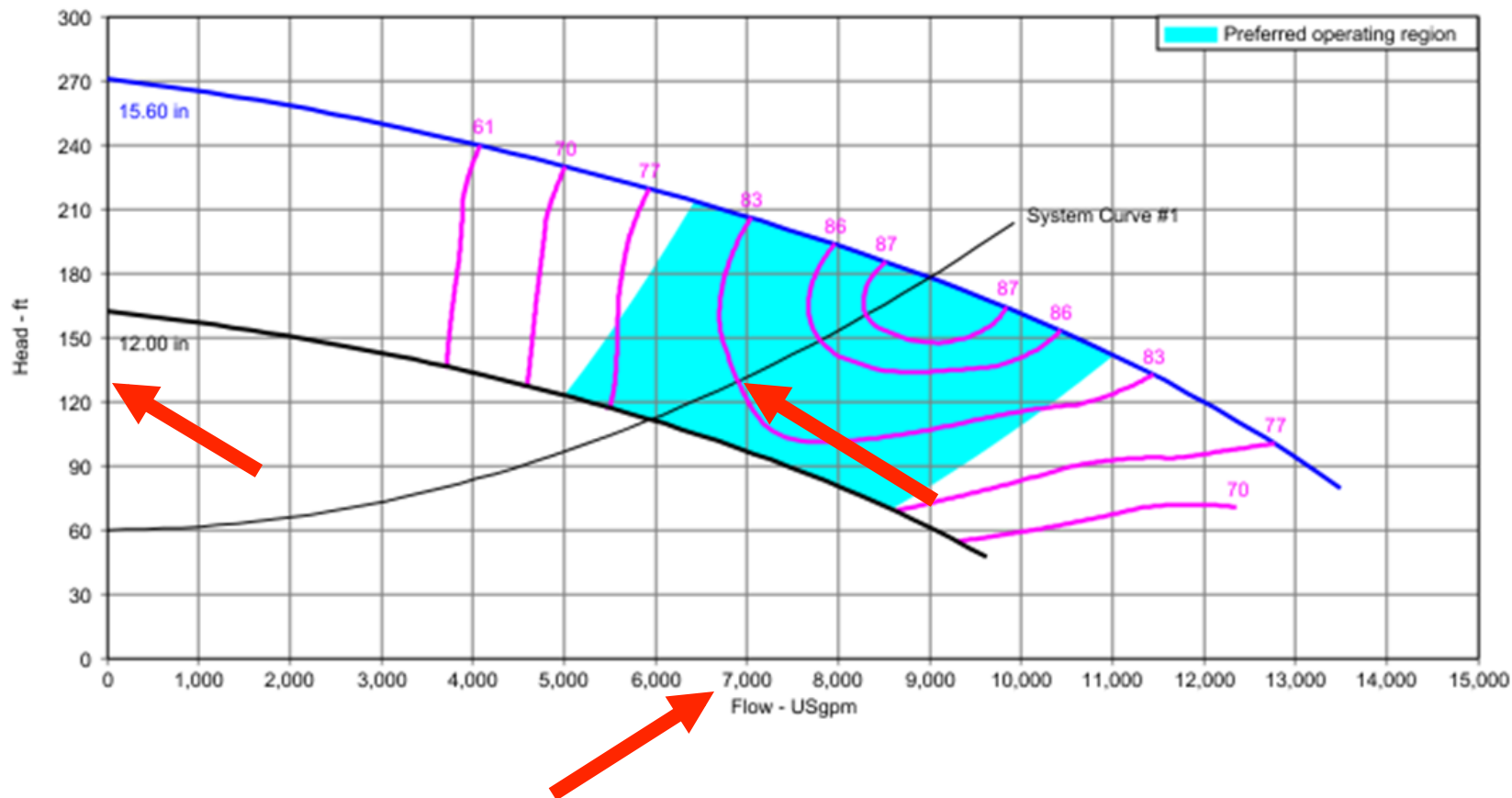
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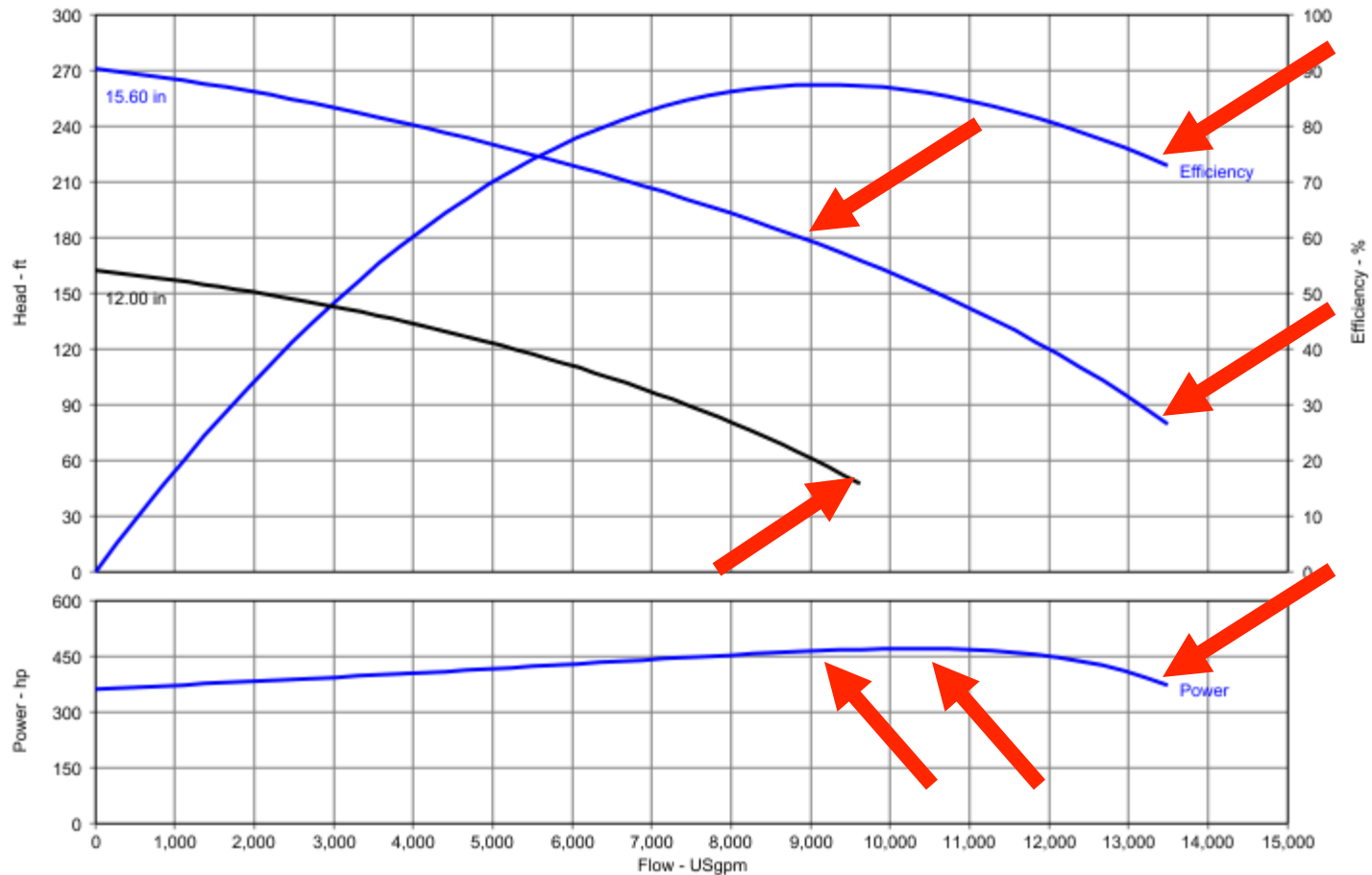
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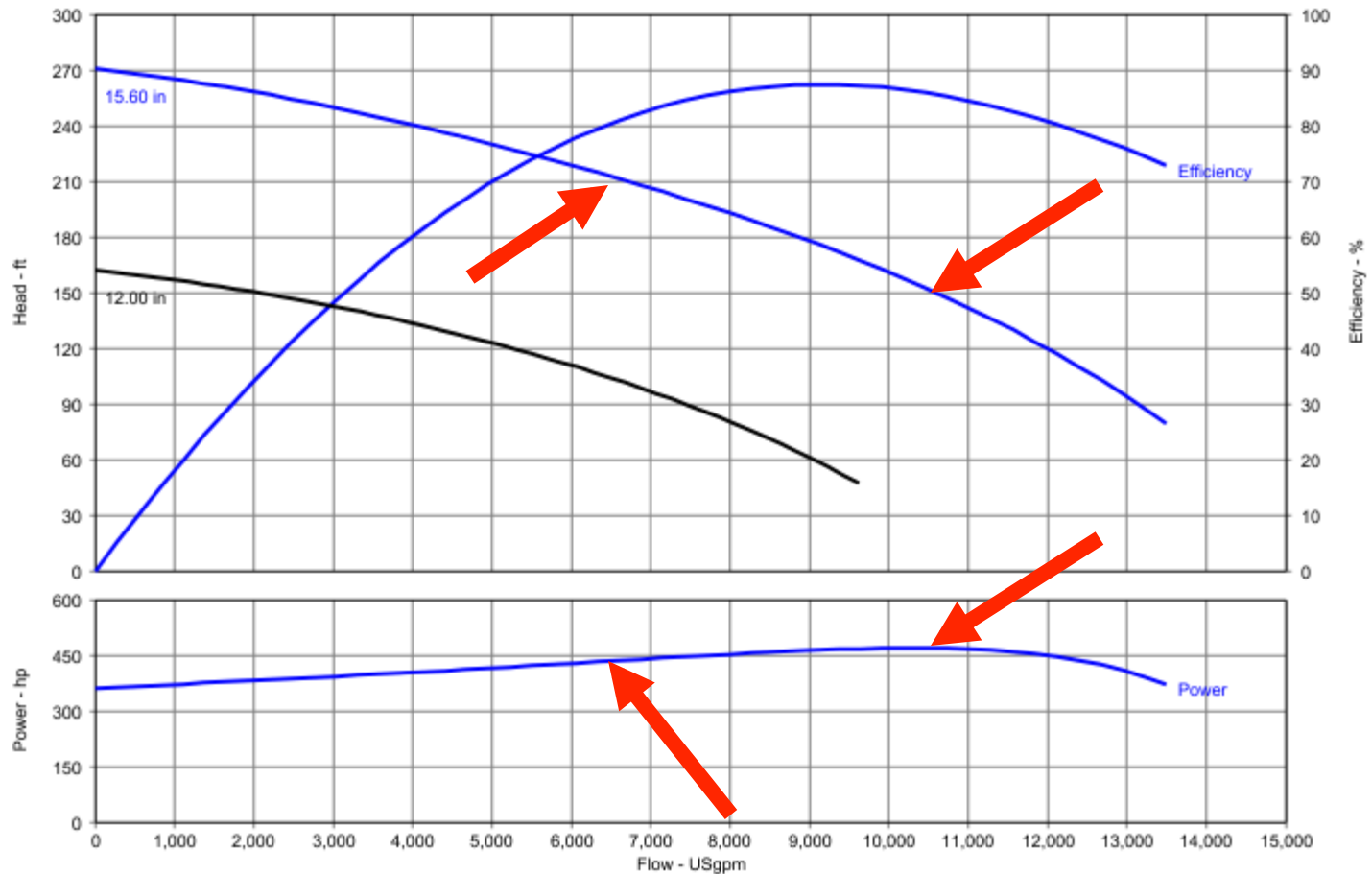
Was it a good selection?



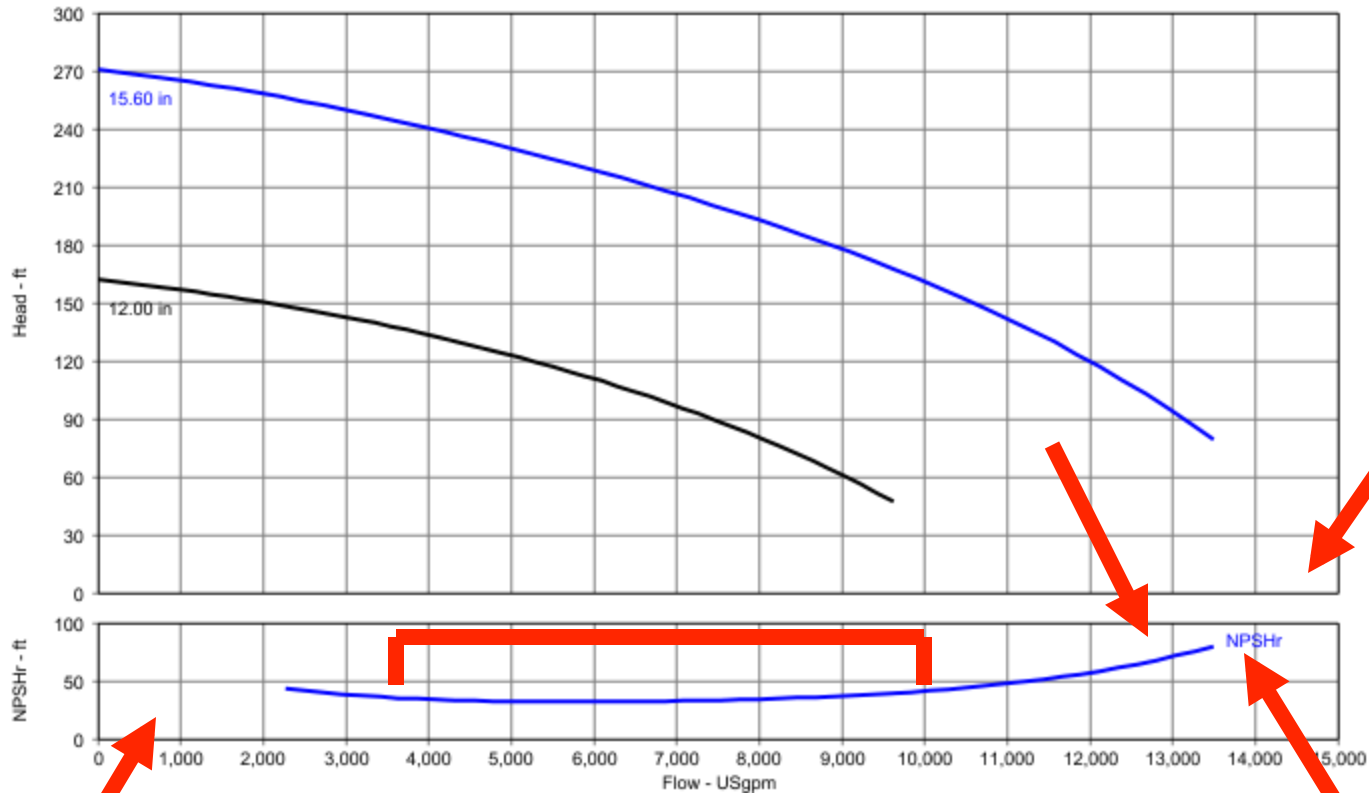
The Power Curve



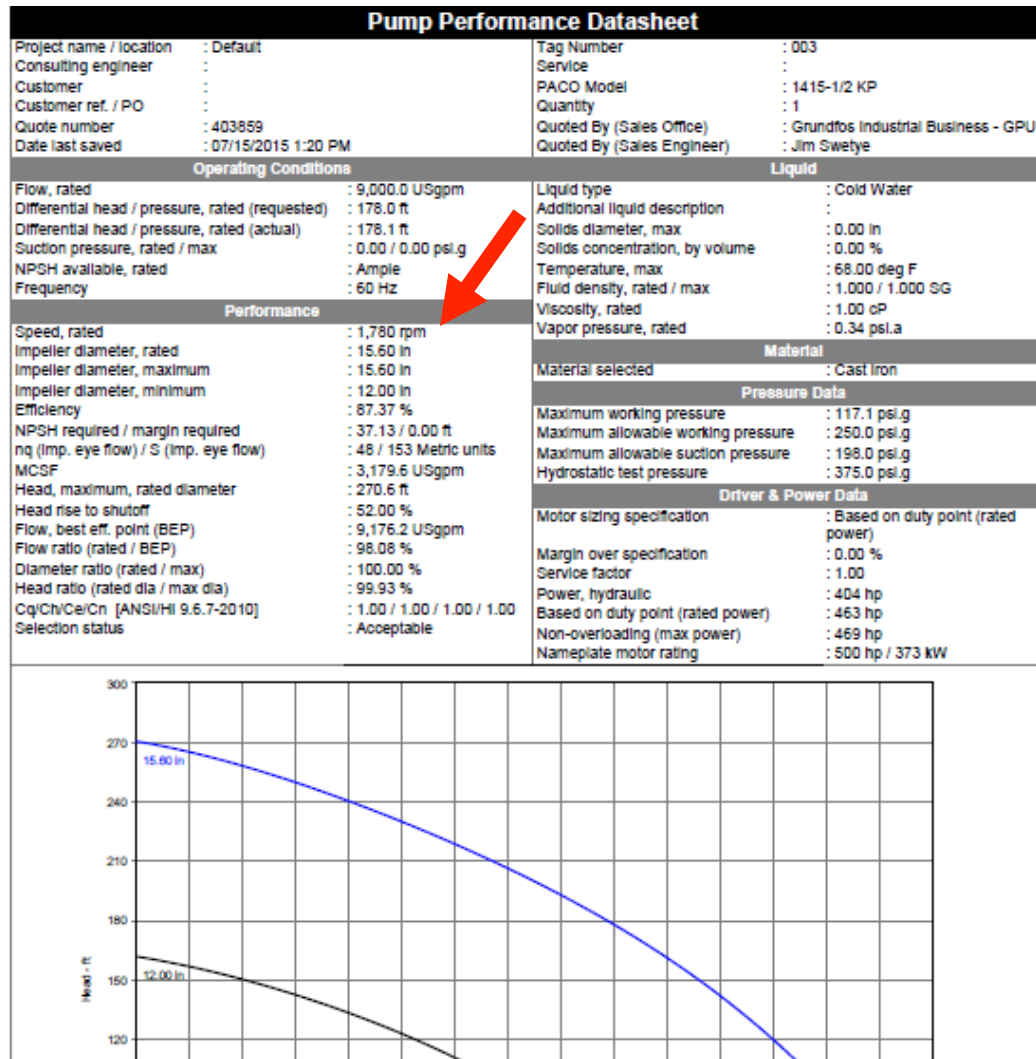
The Power Curve - Continued



Net Positive Suction Head - Required

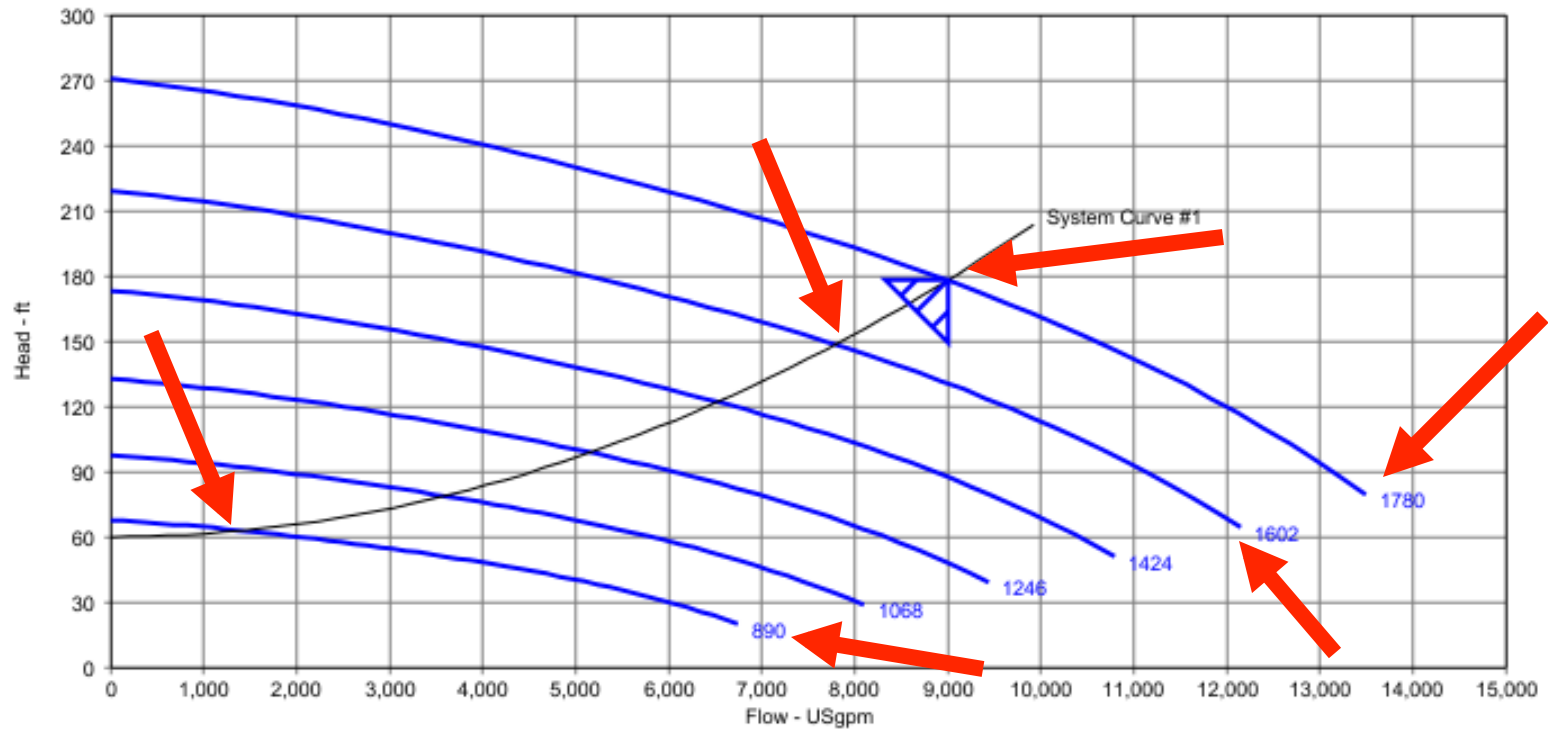


Single versus Variable Speed Performance Curves

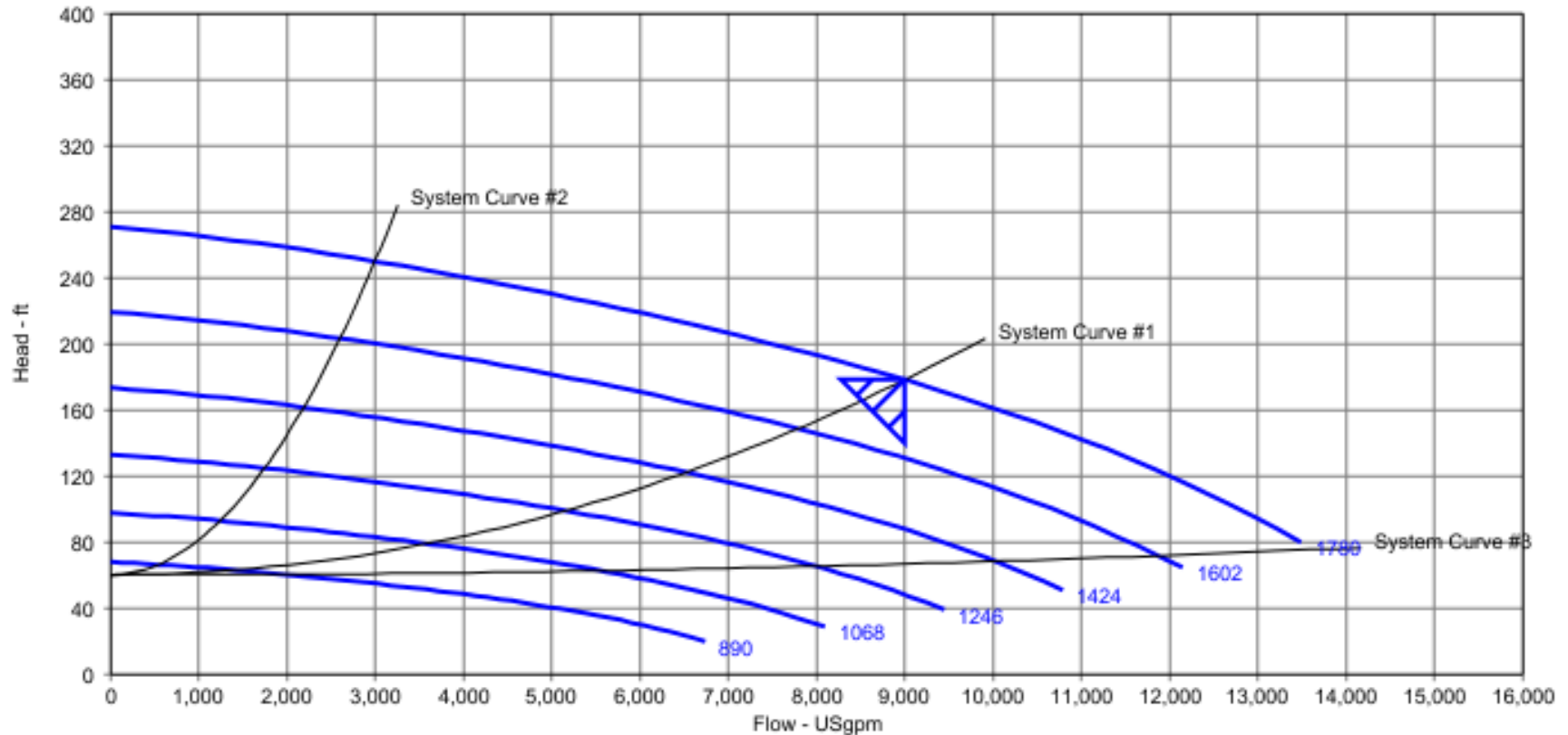


Single speed
pump curve

The variable speed curve



The variable speed curve - continued



Checklist for Reading the Pump Curve



Item

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1 What is the flow rate?

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2 What is the head?

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3 What is the impeller diameter?

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4 What is the pump efficiency?

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5 What is shutoff head?

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6 What is runout flow?

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7 Where does the specified duty point fall on the curve?

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8 Will the pump perform within the Allowable Operating Region?

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9 Will the pump perform within the Preferred Operating Region?

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10 What is the load on the driver at the duty point?

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11 What is the load on the driver at the maximum point on the curve?

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12 What is the NPSHr?

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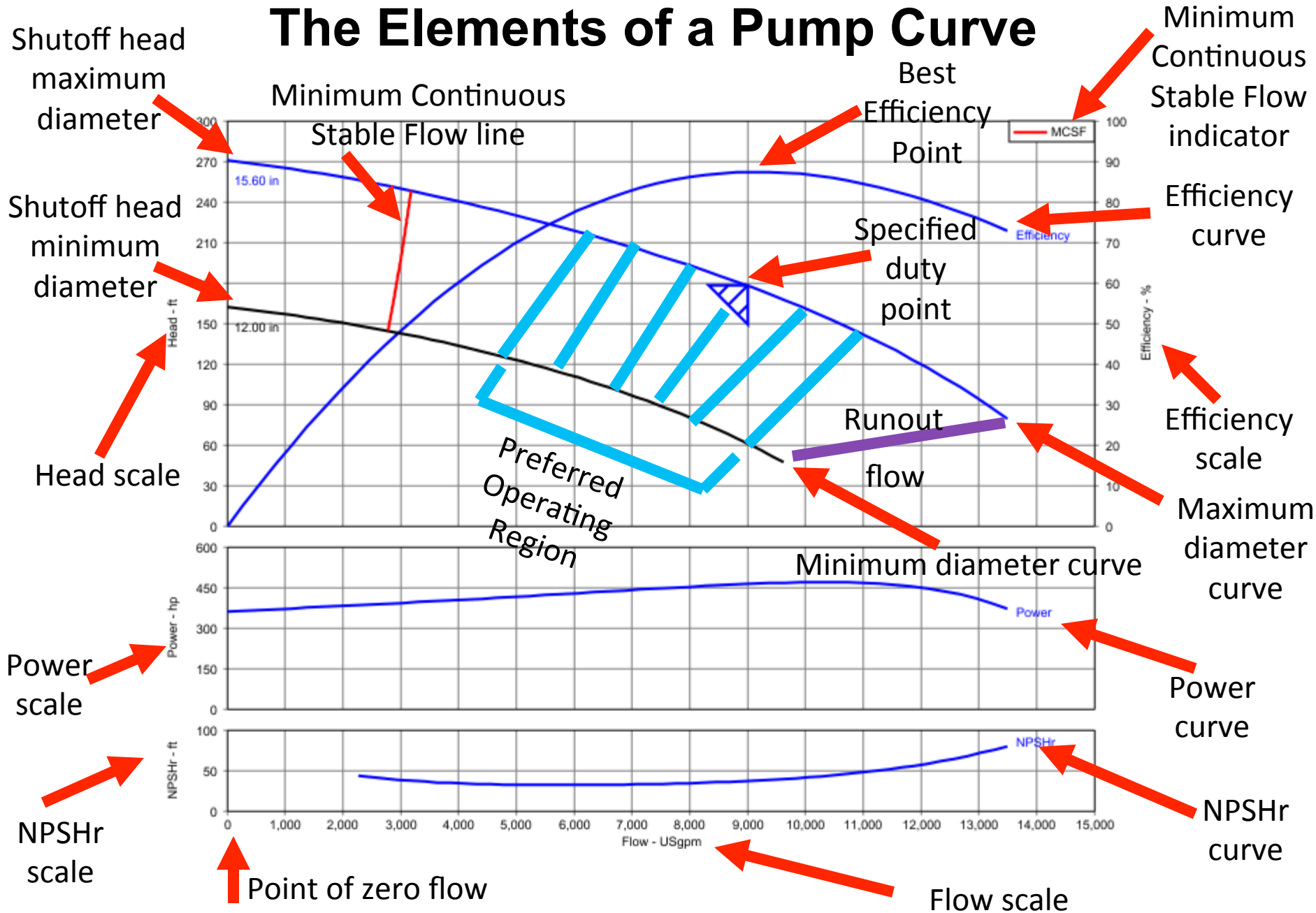
13 Is there sufficient NPSHa?

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14 Is there a better pump for the job?

This list cannot possibly cover all possible scenarios, but provides a good starting point.

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Summary Slide of Learning Objectives:

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