## Fuel Cells in the Mainstream

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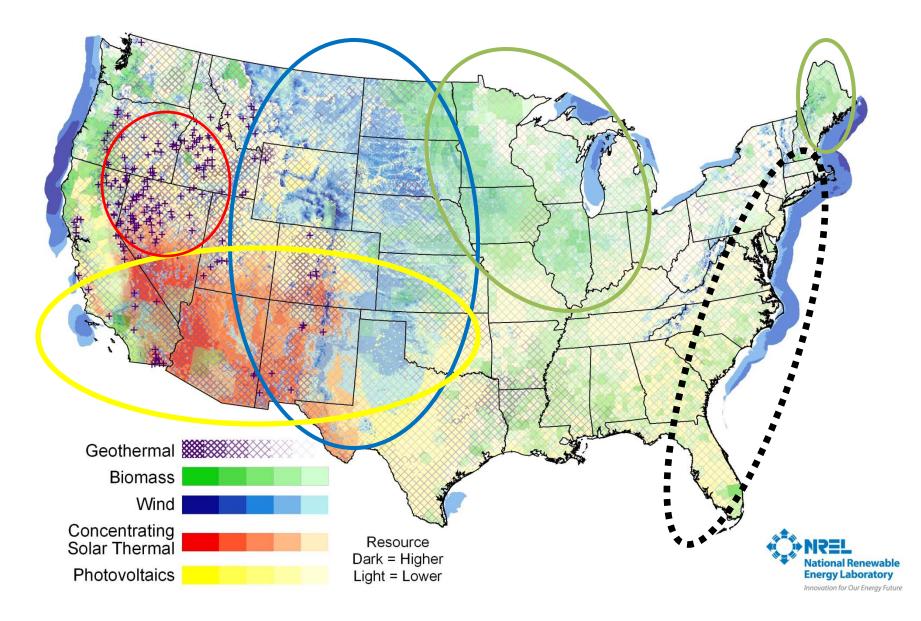
## **Cube Project Particulars**

- 3.4 Megawatts Grid Interconnection
- ~60% electrical efficiency best distributed generation available
- 20-Year PPA executed with CL&P
- Approval by PUC for "rate basing"
- Permitting accomplished
- Fixed-Price, turnkey EPC contract
- REC-eligible in CT
- Classified as a "Load Reducer"

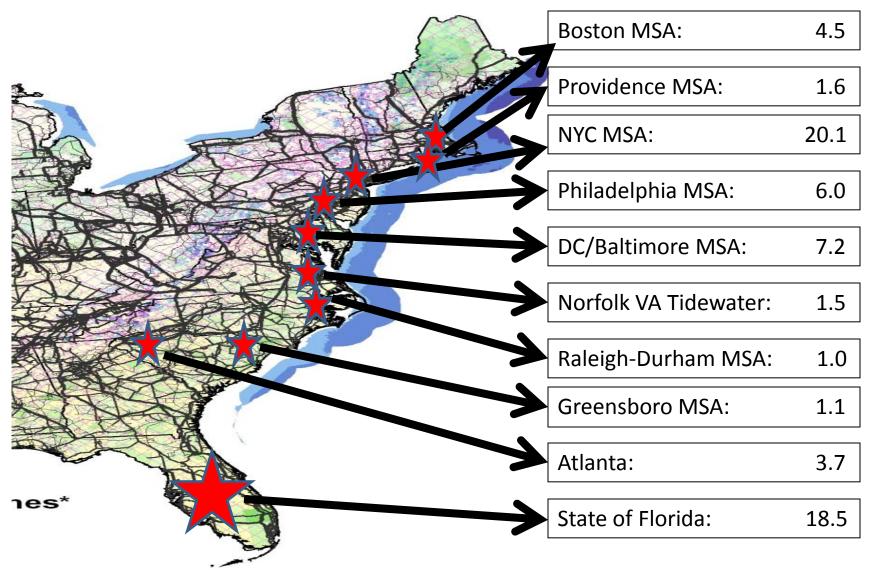
## **Alternative Energy Development**

- Resource Driven
- Transmission
  - Availability
  - Constraints
  - Cost to construct
  - Impact to pricing
- Construction Constraints
  - Roads
  - Infrastructure
  - Terrain
- Permitting
- Pricing

#### **U.S. Traditional Renewable Resources**



### Urban Center Population – 62 million



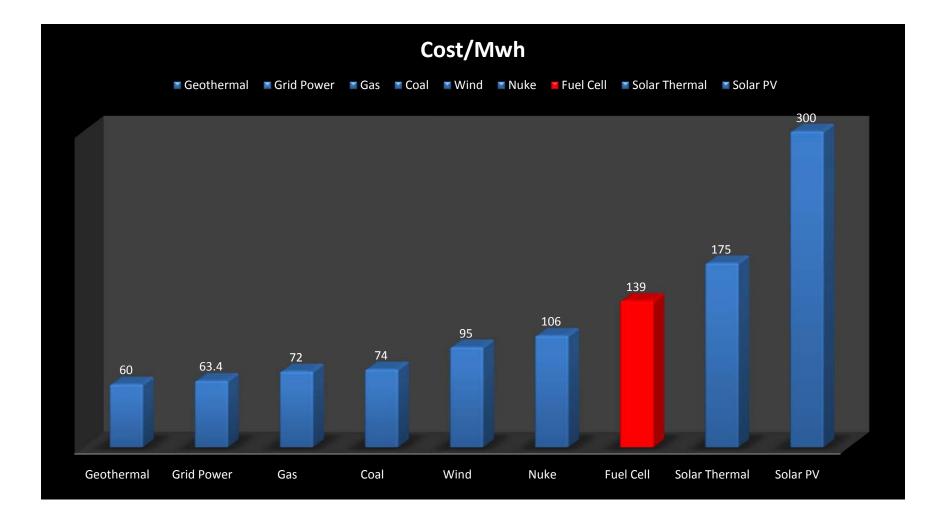
# **Fuel Cell Siting**

- Locate anywhere especially inside transmission constraints
- Easy to build and size modular design
- Baseload
- No resource study time to generation shorter
- Others
  - Ease of permitting (inside industrial zones)
  - Low water use
  - Low visual impacts

# **Urban Clean Energy Solution**

- High energy output to physical footprint density
  - Wind: 1 acre disturbed land per 2 mw + 5 acres under control divided by 33% equals ~20 acres per megawatt hour.
  - Solar: Approximately 10 acres per megawatt divided by 20% equals about 50 acres per megawatt hour.
  - Fuel Cell: Approximately 10 megawatts per acre divided by 90% capacity factor makes them 180 times more dense than wind and 450 times more dense than solar
- No transmission lines
- Fits into the landscape
  - Low noise profile
  - Low visual profile
  - Low water use
- Base Load source of power

#### **Comparative Cost of Power Sources**



# Subsidy "Parity"

- Compare government support for alternative clean energy technologies:
- Solar:
  - 30% ITC on \$4500 per kilowatt = \$1500
  - 20% capacity factor
  - Equals <u>\$7500</u> equivalent capacity subsidy
- Wind:
  - 30% ITC on \$2000 per kilowatt = \$600
  - 33% capacity factor
  - Equals <u>\$1,800</u> per equivalent capacity subsidy
- Fuel Cells
  - 30% ITC on \$4500 per kilowatt = \$1500
  - 95% capacity factor
  - <u>\$1,579</u> per equivalent capacity subsidy

## Future Support

- Credit for localization
  - Ohio RPS good example
- Bulk purchases (example: Capitol Power Plant)
- Credit for transmission offsets
- Access to low cost capital
- Credit for low NOx
- Other Benefits
  - Low noise
  - Low water use
  - Smaller footprint