

# Stationary Fuel Cell Technology

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Agenda for Today – Building recognition for the value of Stationary Fuel Cells

- Fuel Cell Technology Overview
- International Adoption and Regulatory Drivers
- State Regulatory Policies
- Fuel Cells a new means to invest in efficient electric/natural gas infrastructure
- Fuel Cells adaptable to US power development models

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# FuelCell Energy, Inc.

- Premier developer of stationary fuel cell technology — founded in 1969
- 70 installations in N. America, Europe, and Asia
- Industrial, commercial, utility products
- 300 KW to 50 MW and beyond



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# Fuel Cell Technology 101

Stationary Fuel Cells are the Power Generation Cousins of the Batteries intended for Smart Grid Bulk Electricity Storage – Key Difference Fuel Cell Technology is Ready Today

- Electrochemical Power vs Combustion (Elegant vs Primitive)
- Continuous Battery (Fuel In > Power Out)
- No Burning >> No Smoke, No Noise



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# Stationary Fuel Cell Technology 2010

Well Beyond R&D and Demonstration – Poised to be part of Mainstream Resources to serve Modernized US Electricity Grid

- US Technology Developed with investment from US DOE, DOD and NASA and Private Capital
- Hundreds of systems in operation worldwide
- US Manufacturing Base and Supply chain in place
- Designed to standards for Commercial, Industrial and Utility duty
- Per kWh costs that are far less than other clean and renewable options being considered

# The Appropriate Technology for US Needs

Good Possible Solution Partial Solution	or Poor ution Solution Factor	24/7 Power	Peaking Power	Central Generation	DG or On- Site Power	SOX, NOX Particulate Matter	CO2 Reduction	Avoid Siting, NIMBY Issues
CONVENTIONAL COMBUSTION	<b>Up to 95%</b>							Ť
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SOLAR	15-25%				2005 2005	2000 2000		<u>نې</u>
FUEL CELLS	000 Up to 95%							۲ ۲

Stationary Fuel Cells offer a better balance of solutions than more commonly discussed resources

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# Fuel Cells and US Energy Policy

- American developed and manufactured
- Stationary fuel cells were developed by the US/DOE to solve the clean, efficient power generation challenge.
- Uses diverse domestic fuel resources.
- Improves domestic energy security
- Improves reliability of grid
- Cost effective complement to wind, solar
- Technology use growing faster in Asia than US











## **Environmental Benefits are Tangible**

- Emits virtually zero pollutants (NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>)
- Significantly reduced CO<sub>2</sub>
- Quiet operation suitable for almost any location



#### - 99.94%

Reduction of 1,240 tons per year of NO<sub>X</sub> per 100 MW of power







Reduction of 387,000 tons per year of CO<sub>2</sub> per 100 MW of power

Average emissions from New England fossil fueled plants Source: US EPA

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## **Efficiency Differences Among Technologies are Sizeable**



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# Basic Fuel Cell Plants offer a platform of diversity for US applications – multiple fuels, multiple accessory systems offer enhanced efficiency

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## Fuel Cells offer Combined Heat and Power.. "Plus"



#### High electrical efficiency, Near zero emissions, near zero noise, low profile California State University, Northridge

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## Clean Power for Urban Infrastructure Revitalization

### Bridgeport, CT

- 15 MW Fuel Cell Power Plant with Organic Rankine Cycle
- 1.5 Acre Remediated Brownfield Site along congested I-95 and New York City rail corridor
- Under Power Contract, in process of Sec. 1703 DOE Loan Guarantee program



If we really wanted to "Green the Capital", replace the Capitol Power Plant with an American Stationary Fuel Cell based plant

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## OK – So where do Fuel Cells fit in the US scheme of things

- Best power solution at the sub transmission level between the Wholesale Power Plant and the retail consumer
- Why production efficiency at the point of use is the next best thing to consumption efficiency at the point of use
  - Efficiency is cumulative, but local efficiency is better
    - All other constraints, line losses, upstream congestion, are reduced
  - But siting near that point of use becomes harder
    - Urban congestion, esthetics, scale, noise become factors.
- Smart people hang out with smart people (make the smart grid work better by placing resources within and among the smart grid)



US Energy and Climate Policy– Factors Required to foster robust adoption of this excellent technology

- 1. Recognize Economic Development Value American Technology = American Jobs – manufacturing plus installation offers 3.5x Job growth of just installation
- 2. Reward the combination of efficiency and cleanliness and US Technology with incentives that motivate adoption
- 3. Reward the ability to combine high efficiency and domestic fuels (renewable and natural gas)



Conclusion

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