

# Sandia National Laboratories/Cordova Electric Cooperative Energy Storage Project

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# Presentation Outline



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# Project Team



- US Department of Energy
  - OE Stationary Energy Storage Program
  - Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia)
  - Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA)
- Cordova Electric Cooperative (CEC)
- Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP)

# Problem Statement & Project Goal



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- Run-of-the-river (no water storage) hydro-diesel islanded microgrid operated by Cordova Electric Cooperative (CEC)
  
- Periods of *low demand* and *high water availability*:
  - Spills significant amounts of water (non-realized power production)
- Periods of *high demand* and *low water availability*:
  - ***Co-generate with diesel generators***

Approximate cost of generation:

\$0.9/kWh hydro

\$0.40/kWh diesel

**Project Goal:** To provide an in-depth analysis that is detailed enough to develop a business case and technical RFP for an ES for Cordova.

# Community Overview

- City of Cordova and Native Village of Eyak
  - 2014 Combined population<sup>i</sup> - 2286
  - Accessible only by sea and air
  - Thriving fishing industry
    - Netting between \$45 - \$85 million annually



Figure 1: Cordova, AK (red dot). Source: Wikipedia.org.

- <sup>i</sup>Alaska Energy Data Gateway, Census Data, retrieved January 2016:  
<https://akenergygateway.alaska.edu/community-data-summary/1421215/>

# Electrical Generation Detail

- 7.25MW hydropower generation capacity
  - CEC is able to meet demand with hydropower as much as 60% of the time.
- 11.15MW diesel generation capacity

| CORDOVA ELECTRIC GENERATING ASSESTS                          |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Power Creek Hydropower<br/>(6MW Total Capacity)</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2x3MW Turgo Turbine</b></li></ul>  |
| <b>Humpback Creek Hydropower<br/>(1.25MW Total Capacity)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2x500kW Francis Turbine</b></li><li>• <b>250kW Turgo Turbine</b></li></ul>   |
| <b>Orca Diesel Power Plant<br/>(11.15MW Total Capacity)</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2.5MW EMD</b></li><li>• <b>2.4MW Fairbanks-Morse</b></li><li>• <b>2x1.125MW Caterpillar</b></li><li>• <b>4MW EMD</b></li></ul> |

# Electrical Load Detail

Bulk of generated electricity is delivered to fish processing industry.  
Highest peak demand during summer months. ~ 10 MW  
In winter months peak drops below 3MW

- The figure below shows 2014 demand.

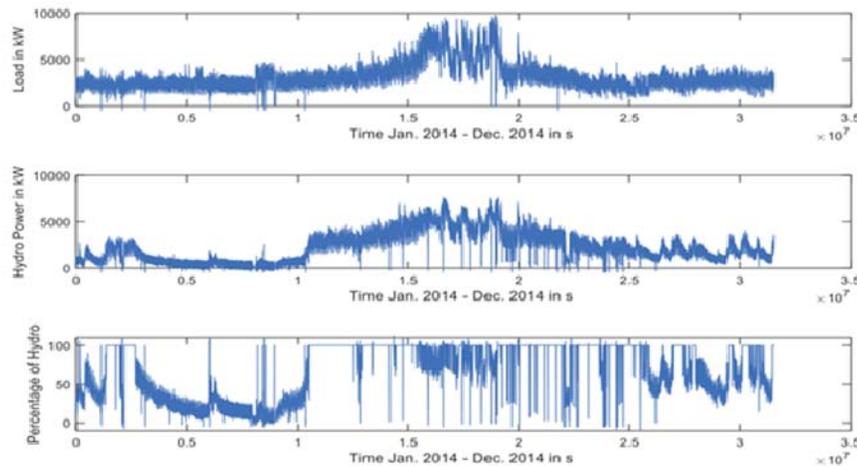
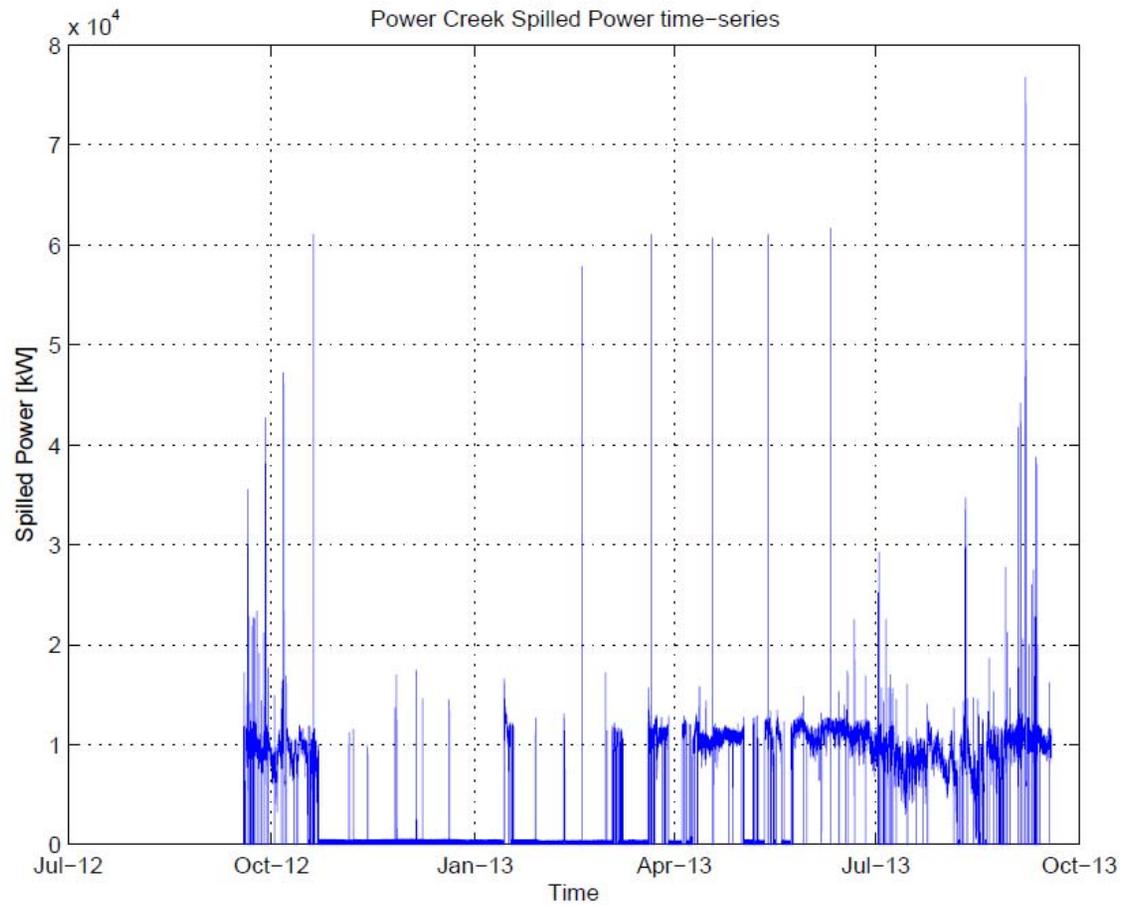


Figure 1: Demand and hydropower generation in Cordova, AK for 2014. Top panel: demand. Middle panel: hydropower output. Bottom panel: hydropower output as fraction of total generation. Intermittent drops to zero in hydropower generation are due to maintenance operations such as clearing debris from the intake structures.

# Spilled Water



Mueller-Stoffels, M., Initial Determination: Value of Energy Storage for Cordova Electric Hydro-Diesel System

# Potential Opportunity for Energy Storage in Cordova.



- April - September hydropower meets 100% of demand
  - Up to rated capacity of 7.25 MW
  - *However, periods when there is excess Spill*
  
- Diesel operates:
  - Summer when load > 7.25MW
  - and occasionally in the winter when Hydro < demand
  - **However, periods when generator is not fully loaded and periods when generator is cycling unnecessarily**

**Question – Can ES reduce spill and generator run-time COST Effectively?**

# Work To Be Performed

## Phase 1: May – Sept, 2016



- Perform analysis for the use of an EES system on the CEC grid
  - CEC, DOE/SNL, and ACEP will determine:
    - The availability of excess hydropower
    - Demand of supplemental generation to optimally size an energy storage system
    - Additional services that an ESS may be able to support
    - Based on dynamic modeling identify potential sites for deployment of an ESS.
- Total funding for Phase 1:
  - DOE/SNL - \$140K to support analysis - ACEP (\$90K) and Sandia (\$50K)
  - CEC - \$275K (Preliminary completed tasks)
  - ACEP - \$15K (Preliminary completed tasks)

# Work to Be Performed

## Phase 2 – Fiscal Year 2017



- Develop and issue Request for Proposal (RFP)
  - Based on phase 1 analysis CEC may develop and issue an RFP to procure and install an energy storage system
- Install ES storage System
  - Purchase and install an energy storage system at location determined in phase 1.
- Estimated total funding for Phase 2:
  - DOE/SNL - \$110K for ES design and installation
  - CEC - \$2-2.5M (Energy Storage System procurement and installation)
  - ACEP - \$15K (Engineering support)

# Work to Be Performed -Ancillary Tasks



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- Optimization of the ES applications/services to increase revenue streams and resilience.
- Investigate
  - Delay or avoidance of diesel starts via peak shifting
  - Frequency regulation and spinning reserve
  - Ramping control and optimal loading of diesel generators
  - Reactive power support
- Develop a better understanding of how ES can best be utilized in an isolated microgrid as well as what challenges ES designs face when being installed in harsh environments.



## **Energy Storage System Project Technical Support**

- Conduct analysis, perform modeling and provide data on applications, ES sizing and technologies that best solve the client's problem.
- Assist in developing and reviewing a client's request for Information and Proposals (RFI & RFP).
- Assist in the design, procurement specifications, and construction of ESS'.
- Assist in the design of Data Acquisition Systems (DAS).
- Assist in developing the ESS commissioning plan.
- Analyze operational test data and develop system optimization algorithms.

# SNL Industry Acceptance Capabilities (Contd.)



## ES Testing and Analysis

- Cell and module analysis, up to 48 VDC 2000 A within a controlled environment (chamber)
- Spectral impedance measurement
- Test ESS up to 1.0 MW 480 V 3-phase AC
- On-site (Vendor) acceptance testing support
- Safety evaluations
- Provide third party independent ES system evaluations, analysis, and reports

## Industry Outreach

- <http://www.cesa.org/webinars/>



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