Fuel Cells for Resiliency and Decarbonization in California

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California Policy Priorities





Fuel Cells Provide Clean, Resilient Power

Significant System Benefits

- Load-following and islanding capabilities
- Firm, reliable source of 24/7 clean power
- Scalability to meet local system needs
- Improved power quality
- Very high system efficiencies



Stationary Fuel Cells in Microgrids



Fuel Cells in Utility Microgrids



Where Renewable Meets Reliable



Town of Woodbridge, Connecticut

- Fuel cell microgrid supplies grid and maintains power during outage for 6 critical town buildings
- 2.8 MW system has blackstart capability and provides heat to a local high school
- Critical loads are sequenced by microgrid controller and inverter follows microgrid load



Fuel Cells for Military Microgrids



Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut Multi-Microgrid

- 7.4 MW in grid parallel operation to support critical operations during outage
- Inverter follows microgrid load and load-leveler maintains constant fuel cell power
- Power purchase agreement to submarine base
- Full commercial operation in May 2019



Fuel Cells for Campus Microgrids



University of Bridgeport (UB) Connecticut Fuel Cell-Only Microgrid

- Serves a 5,600 student campus
- PPA to UB creates \$300,000 annual savings. NRG owns fuel cell power plant.
- 1.4MW baseload with steam generation for CHP – heat to campus
- Baseload, net metering
- Black-start capability



Fuel Cells for Municipal Microgrids

City of Hartford, Connecticut Fuel Cell-Only Microgrid

• Constellation Energy providing engineering, procurement, construction and operation services



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Fuel Cells for Municipal Microgrids

Video Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=2gMv-Diaxow

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Fuel Cells for Seamless Load Transfer & Backup Power





October 2012 Hurricane Sandy

 All 23 fuel cells in the impacted areas remained operational during the storm

CT October 2011 Winter Storm Alfred

- South Windsor, CT High School serves as community shelter
- · Whole Foods Market avoids costly food spoilage
- CT Juvenile Training Facility operates continuously

San Diego, CA September 2011 Blackout

- · Albertsons Supermarket remains open for business
- · Perishable inventory protected



Fuel Cells for Critical Power

Albertson's Supermarket (San Diego, CA)



- 400 kW fuel cell system
- Electric load-following with net metering
- Heat recovery for space heating, space cooling, domestic hot water
- Backup power for refrigeration perishable inventory protected

September 2011 Blackout

- One of the few retail stores operating in the valley
- Provided essential services and goods to the community





Fuel Cells for Dispatchable Load Following



- Coca-Cola bottling facility
- 5 day/week production facility
- 400 kW baseload weekdays
- Load-following with 100 kW minimum utility import on weekends



- Whole Foods Market
- Supermarket
- Continuous load-following
- Net-metering with zero utility power import



Proven Resiliency in the Field



Napa Fire 10/9/17

Physical Damage 11/21/16

Japanese Super-Typhoon 10/23/17







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Large-Scale Fuel Cell Systems For Resiliency, Grid Services and Clean Air

Utilities

Bridgeport, CT – 14.9 MW – Dominion Energy

- Resiliency and power for 15,000 homes
- Newark, DE 30 MW 2 Delmarva substations
 - Power for 22,000 homes

Brookhaven, NY – 39.8 MW – PSEG/Long Island Power Auth.

• Resilient combined cooling, heat and power and small footprint

Hwasung City, South Korea – 59 MW – Gyeonggi Green Energy

• On 5.2 acres and supplies grid power and district heating

Daesan, South Korea – 50 MW – Hanhwa Energy, Korea East West Power

• Direct hydrogen for combined heat and power to local utility Incheon, South Korea – 20 MW CHP – KOSPO

• Announced September 5

Busan, South Korea - 30.8 MW CHP – Korea South-East Power

• District heating and power for 71,500 homes





Renewable Fuel Cells in Microgrids

University of California, San Diego

- Operates with 3 MW roof top solar PV intermittent contribution
- Load-following by 30 MW gas turbine generators
- 2.8 MW directed biogas fuel cell serves baseload and treats turbines as grid





Fuel Cells for Campus Decarbonization



UC Irvine Medical Center's 1.4 MW fuel cell and absorption chiller microgrid system

- Generates ~30% of the facility's power needs
- Supplies 200 refrigeration tons of cooling (800 kW)
- Avoids the annual emission of:
 - 28 tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx)
 - 64 tons of sulfur dioxide (SOx)
 - 3,000 pounds of particulate matter (PM10)
 - 7,000 tons of CO₂



Fuel Cell Systems For Decarbonized Critical Power

Challenges

- eBay's Data Center in Utah loses \$6,000 per second of downtime
- The company's sustainability mission was in conflict with UT's electric grid which sources 80% of it's electricity from coal

Solution

- 6 MW of fuel cell systems provide primary, onsite, reliable power matched to the operational requirements of the data center
- System provides 100% of electricity demand while drastically reducing carbon footprint

How it works

- Redundant, modular architecture provides highly reliable power
- System architecture replaces large and expensive backup generators and UPS components





Fuel Cells for Decarbonization



Stationary Fuel Cells Reduce Pollutants

UC Irvine full grid simulations

SGIP fuel cell fleet data



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Poor Battery Dispatch & RTE Increases Emissions

SGIP Battery fleet data (Non-PBI)

SGIP Battery fleet data (PBI)



Fuel Cells Achieve California's Energy & Climate Goals



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