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AN INTRODUCTION TO WIND POWER PROJECTS

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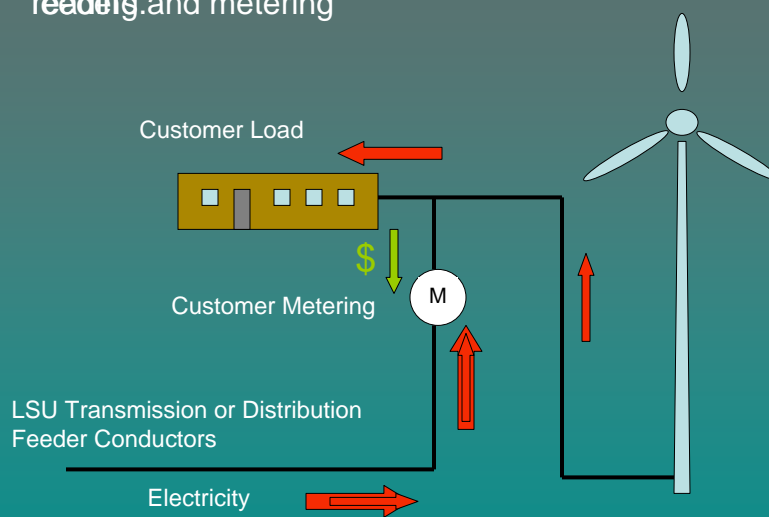
PRESENTATION TOPICS:

1. Wind Power Basics
2. Michigan Wind Resources
3. Metering Wind
4. Wind Study
5. Feasibility Study
6. Turbine Selection

1. Wind Power Basics

- a) Wind is a viable renewable resource
- b) Wind may be used to generate electricity
- c) Wind offers the ability to reduce energy use
- d) Wind is one of the fastest growing energy sectors in the United States and Worldwide
- e) Wind is easily integrated for on-site generation

g) The Wind Turbine efficiency (C_p) is a load setting choice (LSU) provide the electricity through the meter feeders and metering



“Green” Attributes

Renewable wind generation does not introduce pollutants into the environment.

Energy generated is free of pollutants and thus has environmental and monetary value.

Fossil



1 MW-h
produces

SO	3 lbs.
NOx	1.5 lbs.
CO ₂	1,100 lbs.

Wind Turbine

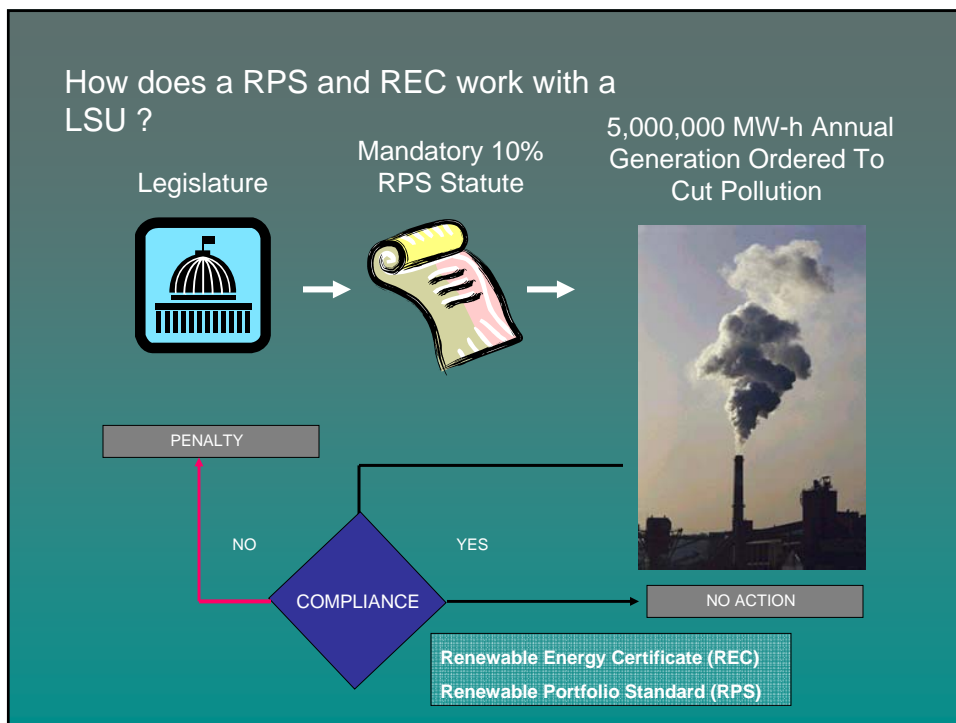
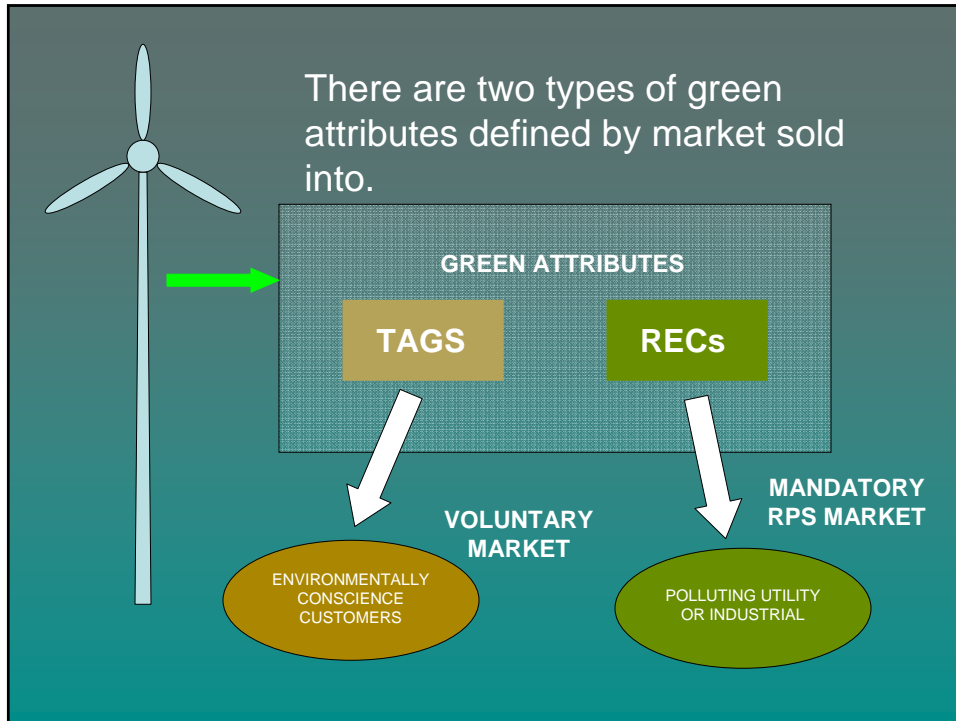


1 MW-h
produces

SO	0 lbs.
NOx	0 lbs.
CO ₂	0 lbs.

NUCLEAR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- 1) Large tracts of land used for mining and milling are now legacy burdens upon the U.S. government for FOREVER.
- 2) Nuclear reactors emit large volumes of steam – a greenhouse gas.
- 3) Handling on spent nuclear waste – FERMI I still not resolved yet decommissioned for many years.
- 4) Emission of unique Krypton gas isotopes having long term half-life. Isotopes are thought to alter electro-conductivity characteristics of the atmosphere.



Decisions, Decisions, Decisions ...

Cost of Pollution Controls or Build New Generating Plants with Lower Emissions



Cost of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)



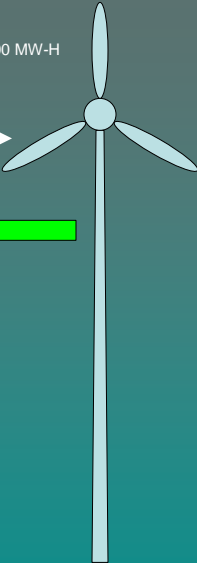
Cost of Non-Compliance Penalties

Utility Not Able To Reduce Emissions Internally

UTILITY MUST REDUCE DIRTY EMISSION BY 500,000 MW-H

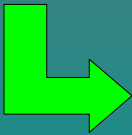


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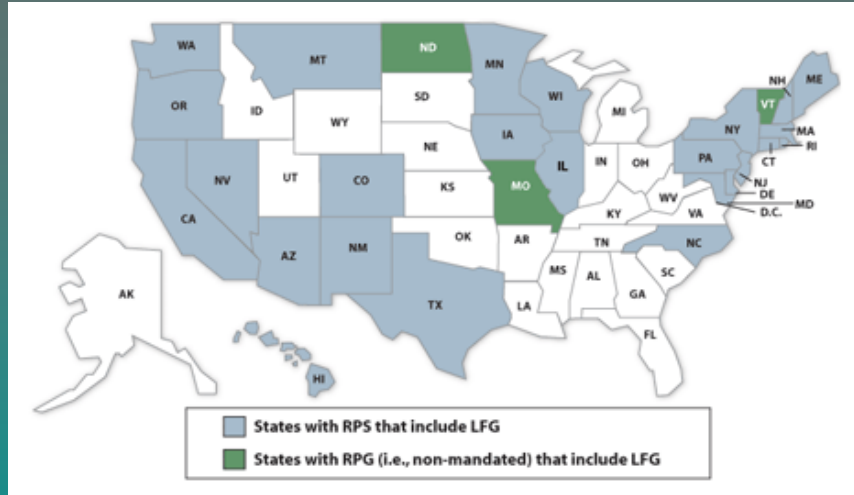
← REC →

LSU BUYS 500,000 RECs from GREEN ENERGY GENERATOR



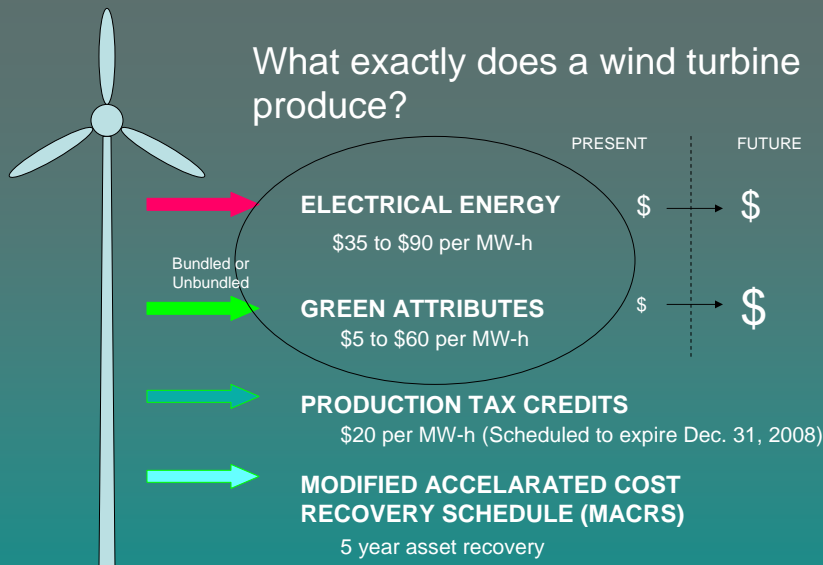
To achieve RPS Compliance

States with Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)



Source: U.S. Department of Energy

What exactly does a wind turbine produce?



WE BELIEVE THAT THE COST OF ENERGY WILL INCREASE AND THAT THE VALUE FOR GREEN ATTRIBUTES MAY POSSIBLY EXCEED THE PRICE OF ENERGY ON A PER KW-H BASIS.

Minimum 5 MW
needed to sell
power into MISO
transmission grid
for commercial
project.



WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS ?

- # 1 USE WIND POWER TO OFFSET OUR ELECTRICAL DEMAND
- # 2 SELL ENERGY INTO THE MISO MARKET

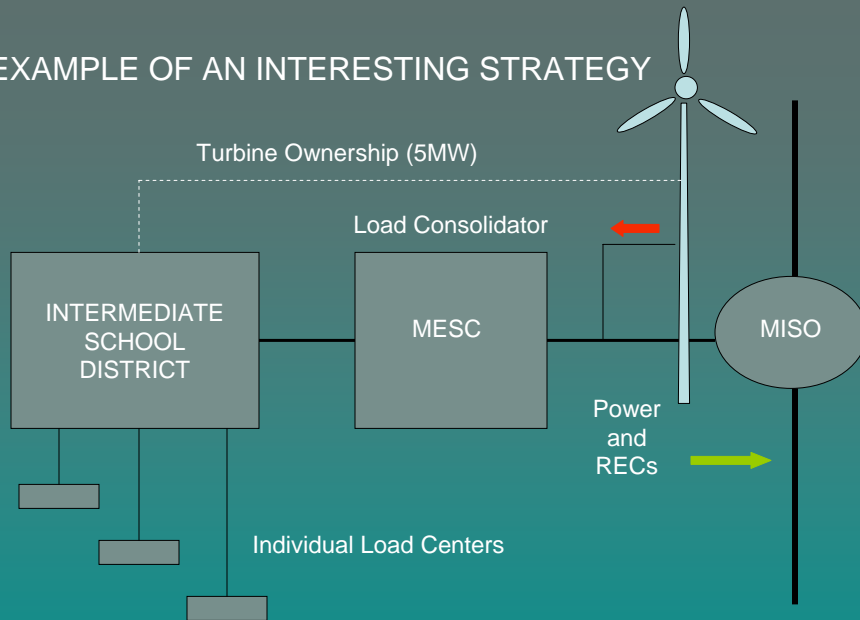
MISO at a Glance



- 108,000 MW peak load
- 122,000 MW generating capacity
- 100,000+ miles of transmission lines
- 16.5 million customers
- \$12.6 billion installed assets

www.midwestiso.org

EXAMPLE OF AN INTERESTING STRATEGY

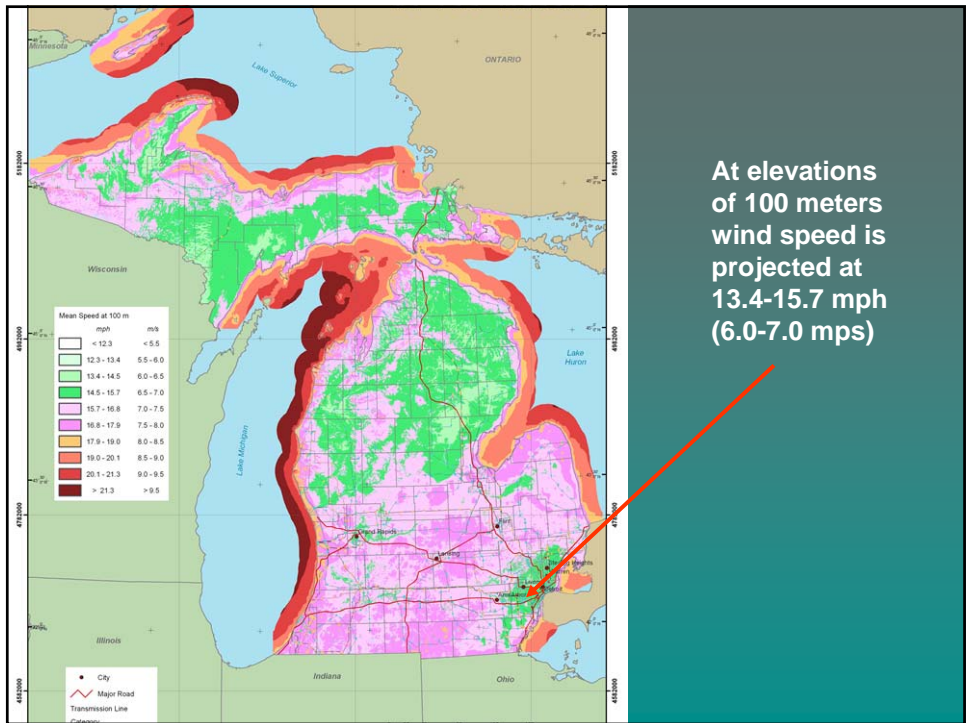
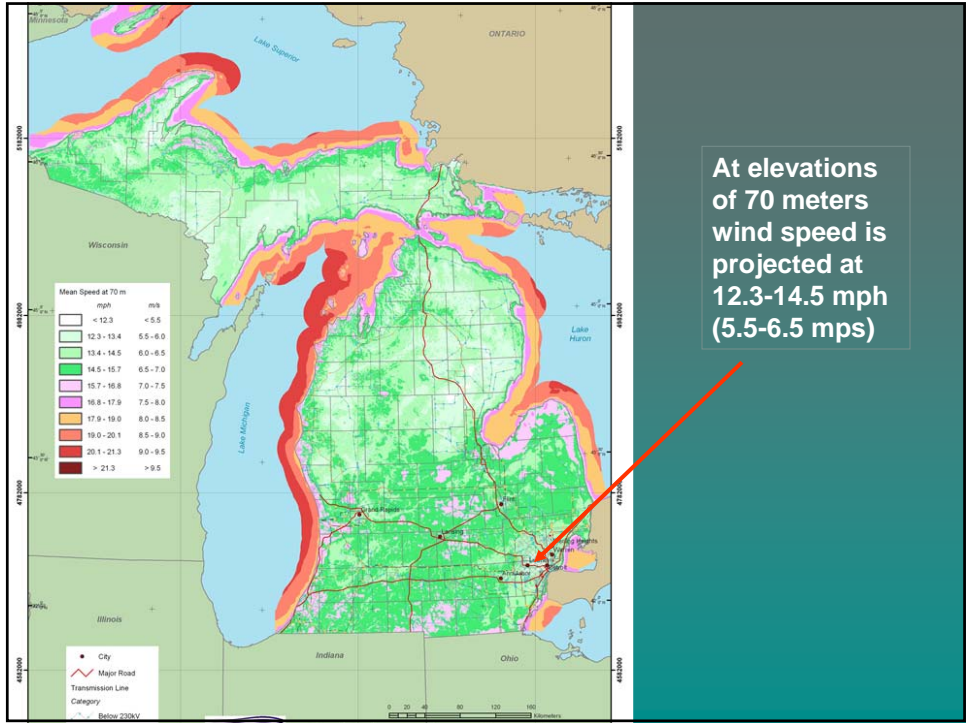


2. Michigan Wind Resources

- a) Michigan has good wind resources
- b) State's resource considered 14th in nation
- c) Best wind is along lake shores, compared to open fields and ridges
- d) Useful resource available at higher elevations even in cities; provided proper turbine selected

Most Important Factors Affecting Power In The Wind

- 1) Wind Velocity
- 2) Turbine rotor height
- 3) Frequency Distribution



Meteorological Towers

Height: 30m to 80m

Material: Galvanized steel tube 6" - 10" diameter, larger diameters are preferred for regions prone to icing.

Weight: 1,250 lbs to 3,000 lbs

Zoning: Requires variance

Installation: 4 days

Anchoring: Steel-Concrete, Screw-In, or Arrowhead earth anchors with multiple guy-wires

Instruments: Anemometers, Wind Vanes, Temperature and Barometric.



When people do not understand wind ...

They make bad decisions (Example: Hurricane victims)

Comparing Wind Speed and Force

Wind Speed

100 mph

125 mph

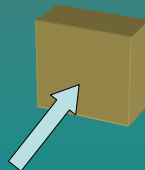
150 mph

Relative Force on a Flat Surface

180 lbs

351 lbs

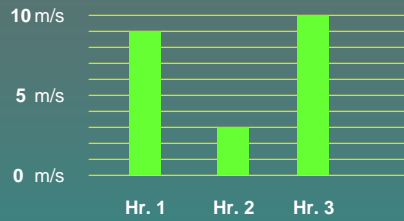
607 lbs



$$\text{Specific Power of Wind Site} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \times V^3$$

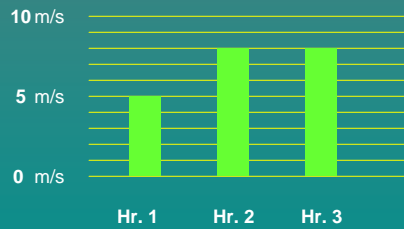
Let's examine wind data from the same 3 hour incremental blocks of time at two different locations in Michigan.

Example No. 1:



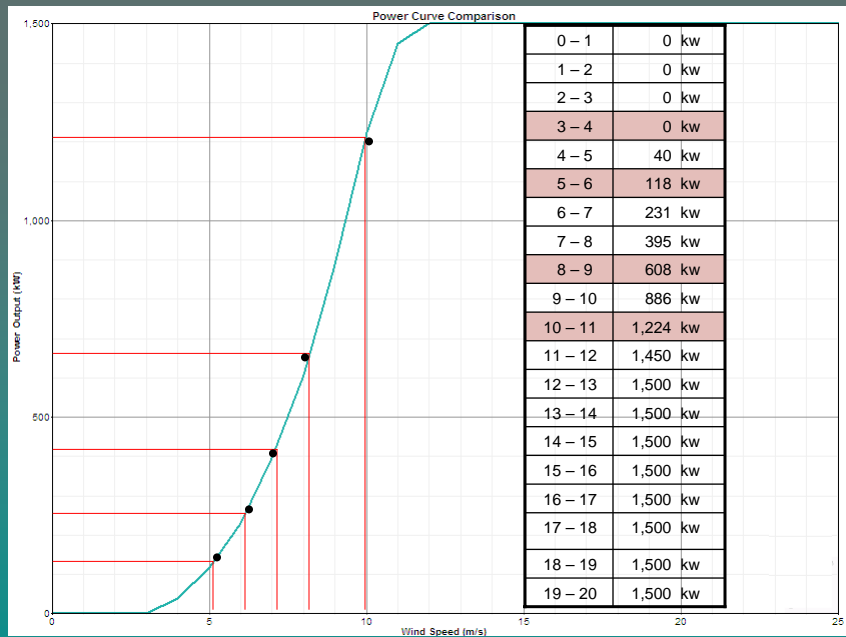
$$\frac{8 + 3 + 10}{3} = 7 \text{ m/s}$$

Example No. 2:



$$\frac{5 + 8 + 8}{3} = 7 \text{ m/s}$$

Q: WHICH IS BETTER ?



Example No. 1:

8 m/s 3 m/s 10 m/s



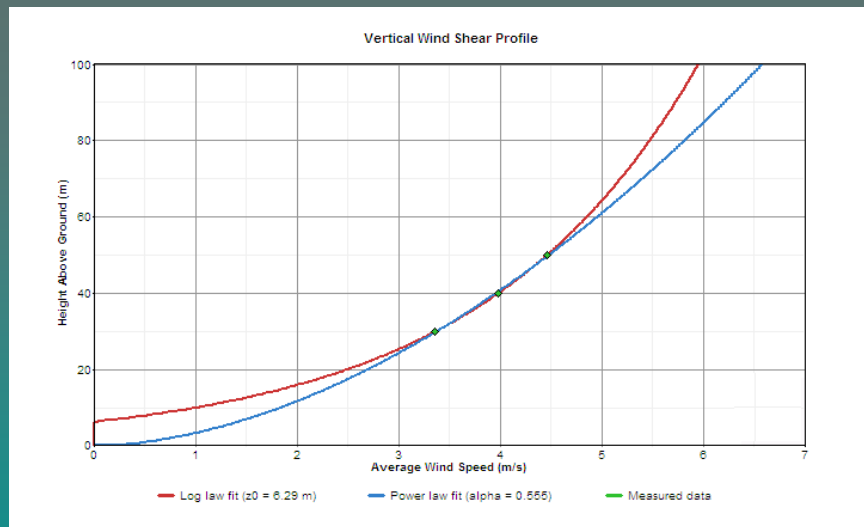
$$\begin{aligned}
 1,224 \text{ kw} \times 1\text{h} &= 1,224 \text{ kw-h} \\
 0 \text{ kw} \times 1\text{h} &= 0 \text{ kw-h} \\
 608 \text{ kw} \times 1\text{h} &= 608 \text{ kw-h} \\
 \hline
 &1,832 \text{ kw-h}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example No. 2:

5 m/s 8 m/s 8 m/s



$$\begin{aligned}
 608 \text{ kw} \times 1\text{h} &= 608 \text{ kw-h} \\
 608 \text{ kw} \times 1\text{h} &= 608 \text{ kw-h} \\
 118 \text{ kw} \times 1\text{h} &= 118 \text{ kw-h} \\
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 &1,334 \text{ kw-h}
 \end{aligned}$$



3. Wind Studies

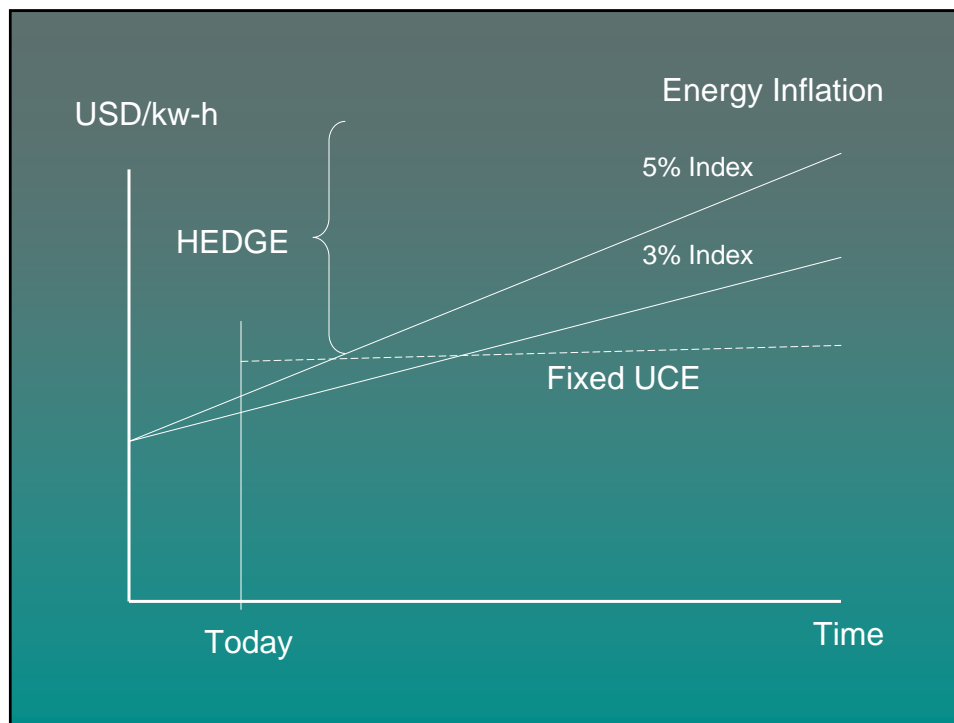
- a) Suitable met tower height
- b) High quality anemometers
- c) Temperature and barometric sensors
- d) Direction vanes
- e) Minimum of 180 days data collection
- f) Copy of original raw data files
- g) Optional data communication link
- h) Quarter site visits for inspection of tower
- i) Investment grade report on wind resource

4. Feasibility and Pro Forma Studies

- a) Cost of wind turbine generator
- b) Cost differential on tower height
- c) Cost for transportation, taxes and tariffs
currency fluctuations
- d) Cost for engineering, construction, legal and
permitting
- e) Grants, Loans, Forward Sales of RECs and PTCs
- f) Consideration of MACRS for equity investors
- g) Legal structure for project ownership
- h) Net present value of investment over 25 years

4. Wind Turbine Selection

- a) Fixed Speed or Variable Speed
- b) Power Curve, Resource and Capture Matching
- c) Initial Warranty Period, Extended Warranty
- d) Service Contract
- e) Turbine Availability Guarantee
- f) Rotor Blade Power Curve Guarantee



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