

BIOMASS FEASIBILITY

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Project Descriptions

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⌘ Project 1

- ☑ New Facility
- ☑ Essentially Power Only
- ☑ Flat Industrial Load Profile

⌘ Project 2

- ☑ Existing Facility
- ☑ Hot Water and Power
- ☑ Highly Variable Load Profile

Biomass Application

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MDF Cabinet Manufacture

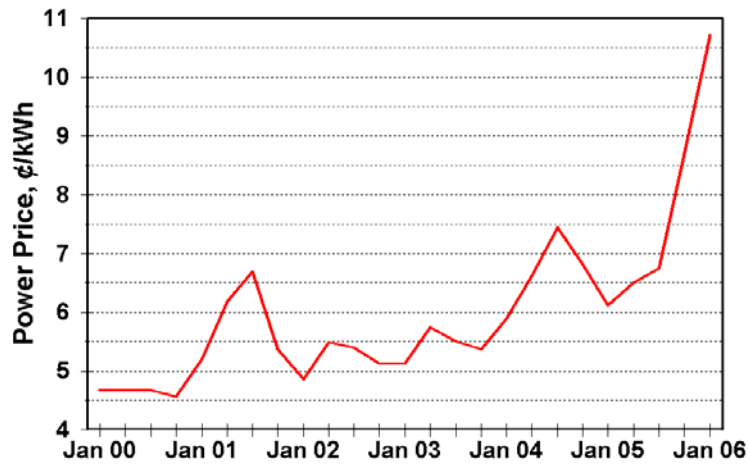


1,200,000 parts/month
10% losses (sawdust, chips)
11.1 tons/day waste
350 kW power equivalent

Plant Load: 6 MW
7 Mlb/h Steam

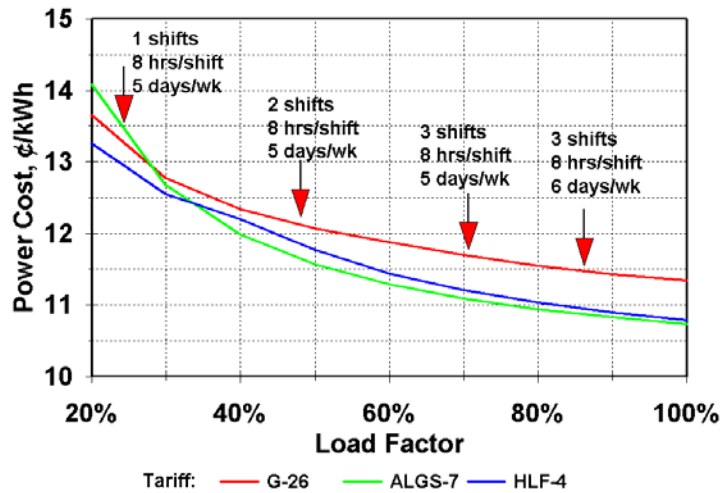
Power Cost Trend

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Power Cost vs Load Factor

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Power Options

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- ⌘ Generate only internal loads
- ⌘ Sell 3rd shift surplus power to grid
- ⌘ Oversize plant to export power
- ⌘ Sell all generated power / buy all plant power

Capacity Additions

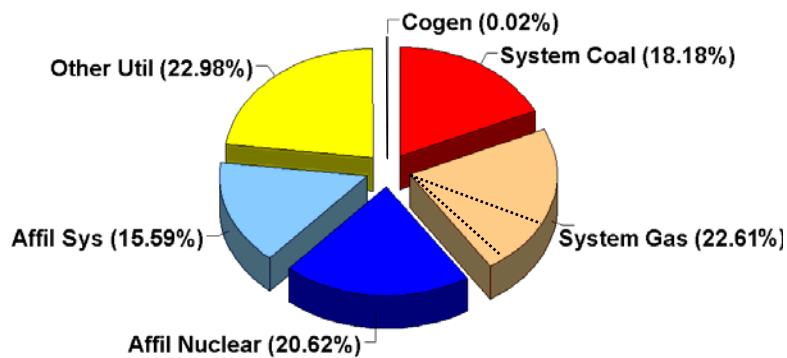
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	<u>Additions,</u> <u>MW</u>	<u>Retirements,</u> <u>MW</u>	<u>Purchases,</u> <u>MW</u>	<u>Capacity</u> <u>Payments</u>
2006	0	0	738	0
2007	0	0	854	0
2008	0	0	867	0
2009	0	0	888	0
2010	0	0	910	0
2011	0	0	1,091	0
2012	0	0	1,159	0
2013	0	0	1,264	0

Average Unit Age: 45 years
Newest Unit Built: 1983

Utility Sources

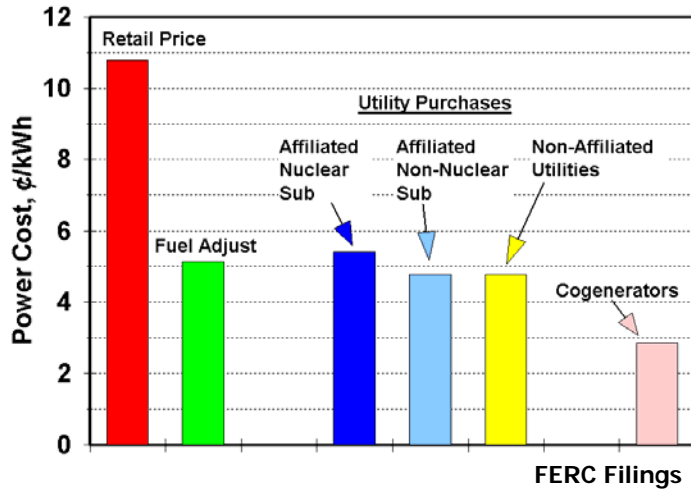
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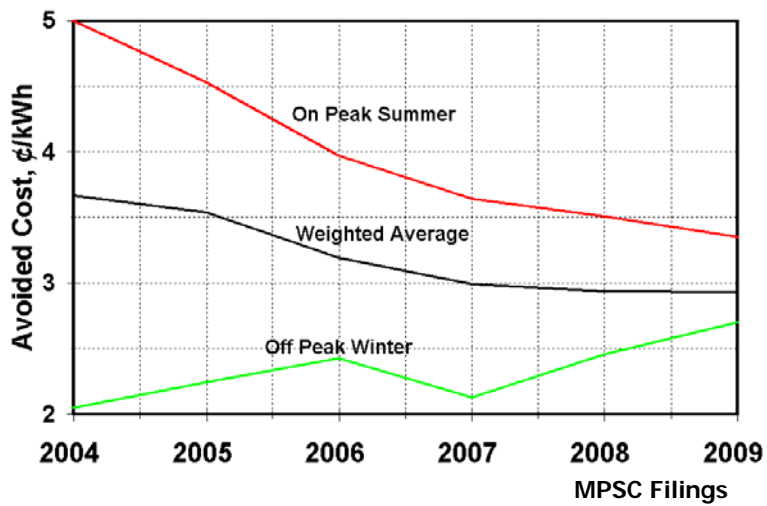
Utility Power Costs

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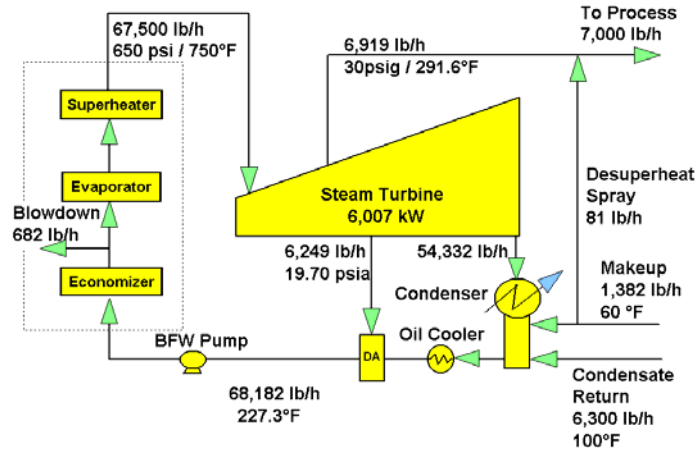
Avoided Costs

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Power Cycle

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Fuel Options

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	<u>\$/ton</u>	<u>\$/MMBtu</u>
Wet Wood	\$5.60	\$1.99
Rice Hulls	15.00	1.13
Tires	42.00	1.41
Bagasse	20.00	2.42
RDF	20.00	1.66

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<u>MDF</u>		<u>MDF</u>	<u>Rice Hulls</u>
80% Wood	C, %	55.3	38.3
19% Phenolformaldehyde	H	5.8	4.4
1% Paraffin	O	38.6	35.5
	N	.05	.83
	S	.02	.06
	Ash	0.23	20.6
	HHV	8,902	6,402
	% H2O	8.0	9.0

Fluidized Bed Boiler

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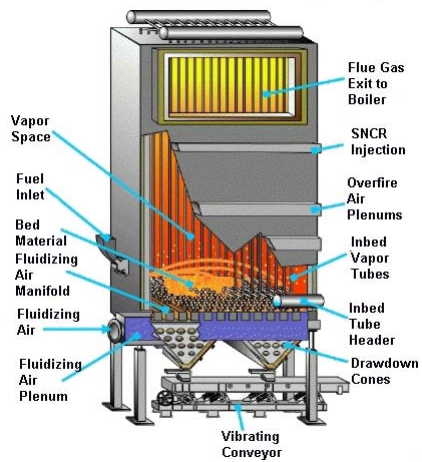
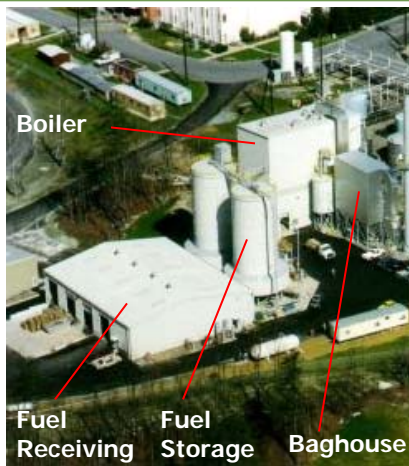


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Project Capital Costs

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Fuel Preparation	\$1.2 Million	
Boiler	4.9	
Steam Turbine	2.2	
Auxiliaries	0.1	
Electrical Intertie	<u>0.7</u>	
Total Equipment	\$9.1 Million	
Construction	\$2.7	
PM & Engineering	0.6	
Freight	0.3	
Contingency	<u>0.6</u>	
Total Installed Cost	\$13.4 Million	
Development Costs	0.2	
Int During Construction	0.5	
Debt Placement Fees	<u>0.1</u>	
Total Project Investment	\$14.3 Million	\$2,380/kW

Operating Assumptions

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Op. Hours	20 hrs/day, 7 days/week (83.3% LF)
Load	6,000 kW / 400 kW
Availability	97%
Power Cost	11.29¢/kWh before 14.3¢/kWh after
Avoided Cost	3.671¢/kWh

Pricing Assumptions

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Natural Gas	\$14.00/MMBtu
Rice Hulls	\$1.13/MMBtu
Water	\$0.50/kgal
Labor	8 x \$35/hr
Maintenance	0.5¢/kWh
Landfill	\$35.00/ton

Operating Costs

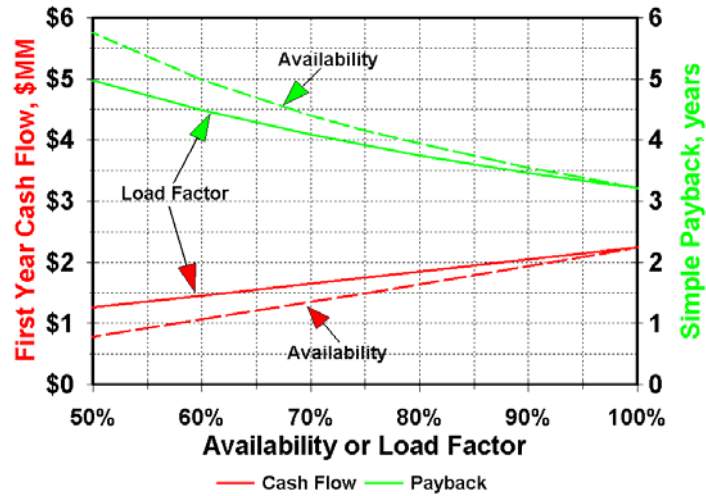
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	<u>No Cogen</u>	<u>With Cogen</u>
Power	\$4.99 MM	\$0.19 MM
Boiler Fuel	1.01	1.05
O&M	0.33	1.25
LT&I		0.12
Standby		<u>0.12</u>
	\$6.32 MM	\$2.74 MM
Operating Savings		\$3.59
Power Sales		<u>0.29</u>
Net Revenues		\$3.88 MM

Board Plant Operation: 20 hrs/day, 7 days/week

Availability/Load Factor

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Financial Incentive

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Sell "a preponderance of power" to municipal utility = 250 basis point reduction in debt interest rate.

	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Int %</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
	\$25 million	7.0%	10 yr	\$3.56 million/yr
		4.5%	10 yr	<u>3.16</u>
				\$0.40 million/yr
Load kWh	3.69 MMkWh/mo @ 10.94¢			\$4.85 million/yr
			Wheeling:	0.24
			Fin. Savings:	<u>-0.40</u>
Gen kWh	4.25 MMkWh/mo @ 9.19¢			\$4.69 million/yr
			Avoided Cost:	3.67¢

Value of Steam

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Board Plant Operation: 20 hrs/day, 7 days/week

Load Factor	Op. Sav, \$MM/yr	1st Yr CF \$MM	Payback, yrs	10 yr ROI, %	10 yr ROE, %
Base Case					
100.0%	\$3.808	\$1.835	3.75	21.9%	94.1%
No surplus power sales					
83.3%	\$3.687	\$1.688	3.87	20.6%	87.4%
No steam usage					
100.0%	\$2.855	\$1.268	4.85	17.0%	69.4%

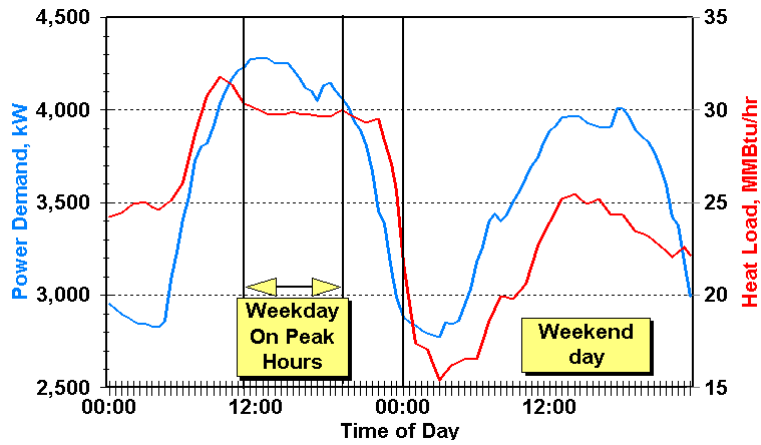
University Wood Facility

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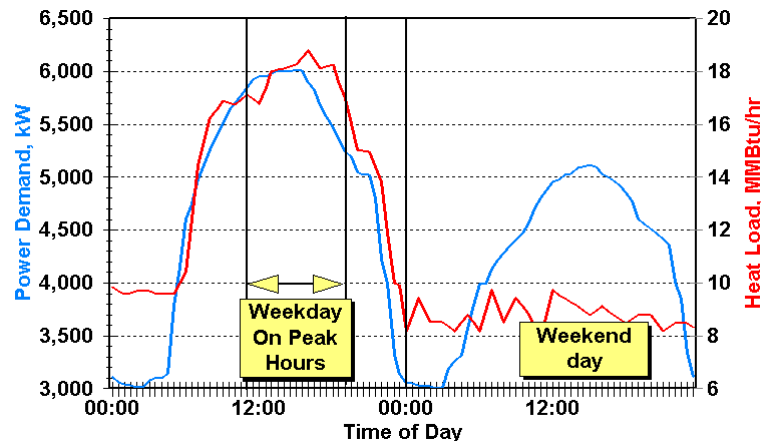
January Load Profiles

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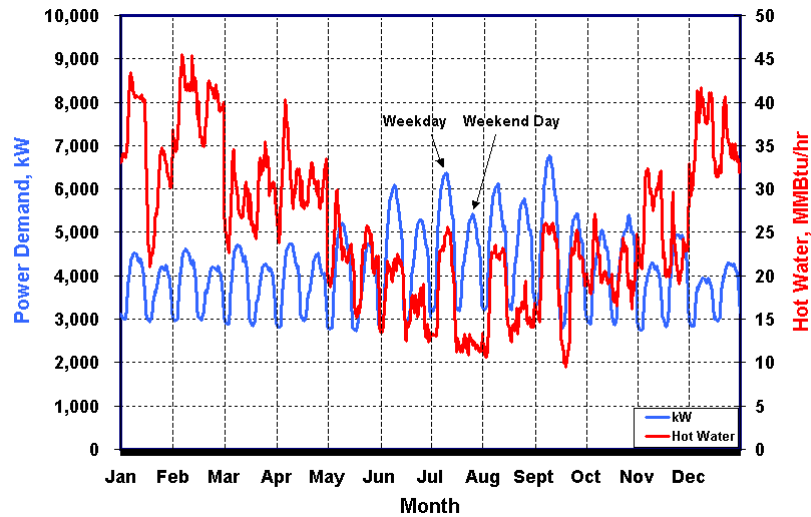
July Load Profiles

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Demand Profiles

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Energy Cost Reduction Strategy

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- ⌘ Change from natural gas to a lower cost fuel source for hot water generation.
- ⌘ Use surplus summer heating capacity to reduce summer electrical demand.
- ⌘ Reduce electric power purchases during the more expensive On Peak hours of the day.

Heat Cycle Options



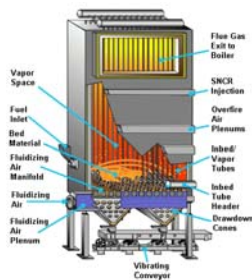
⌘ Hot Water Only

- ⊠ 50 MMBtu/hr Output
- ⊠ Displaces gas fired HW boiler only

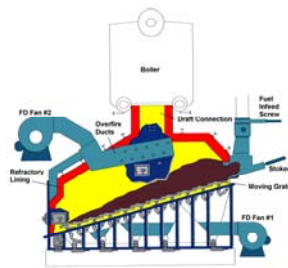
⌘ Steam/Hot Water

- ⊠ 50,000 lb/hr Steam at 650psig/750°F
- ⊠ Provides HW during winter heating season
- ⊠ Provides electric power during summer

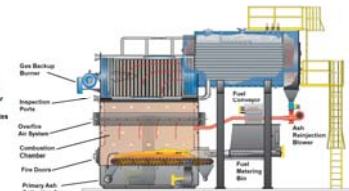
Boiler Options



EPI Fluid Bed
(Steam & HW)



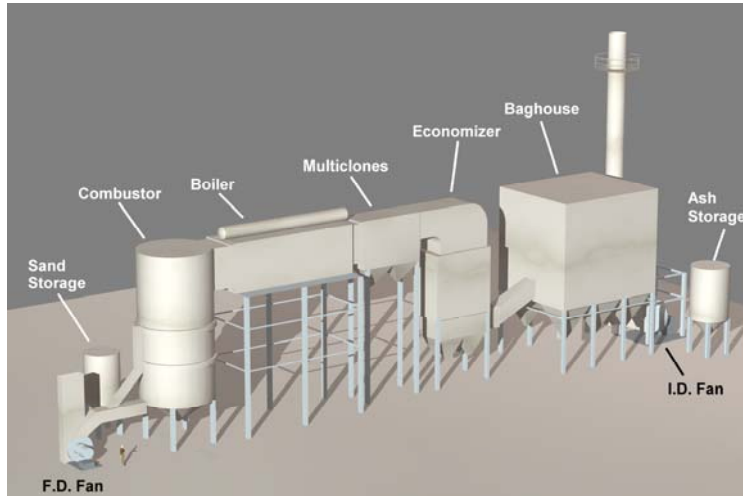
English Stoker
(Steam & HW)



Hurst Stoker
(HW Only)

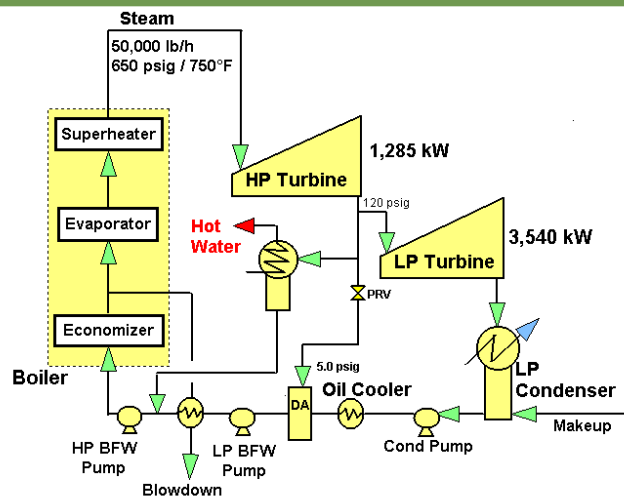
EPI Boiler System

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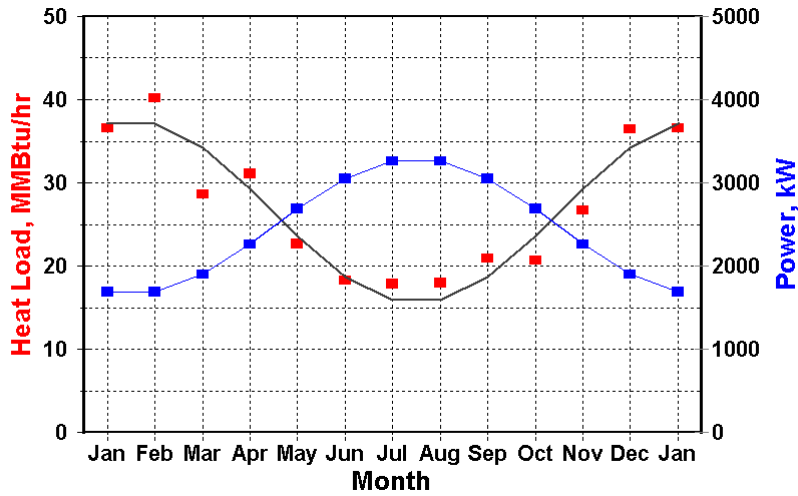
Combined Heat/Power Cycle

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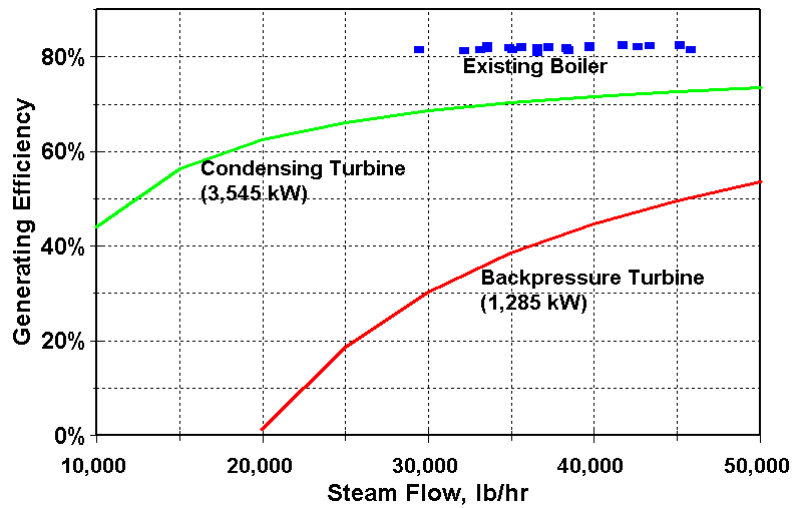
Power/Hot Water Tradeoff

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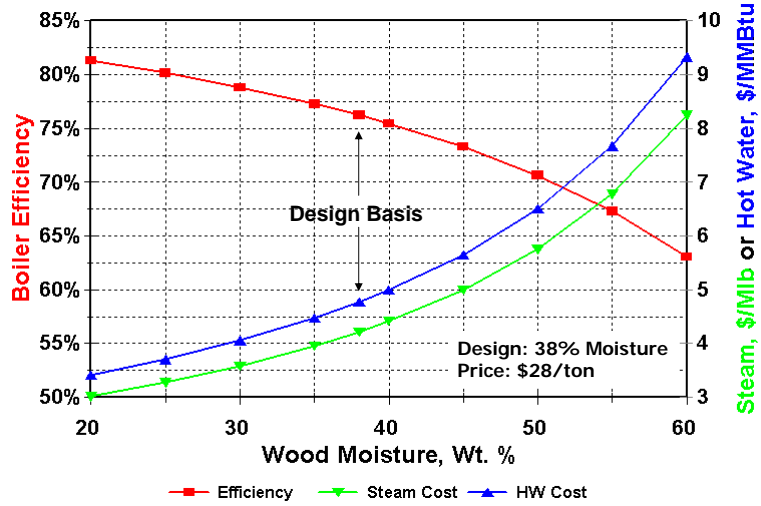
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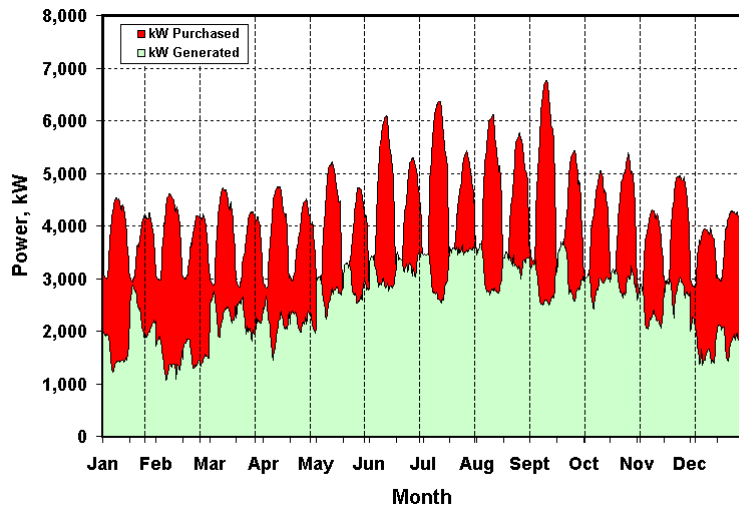
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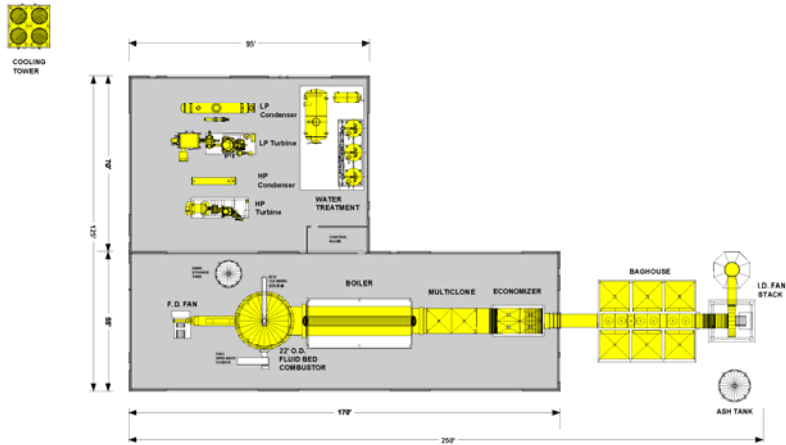
Base Load Option

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EPI System Layout

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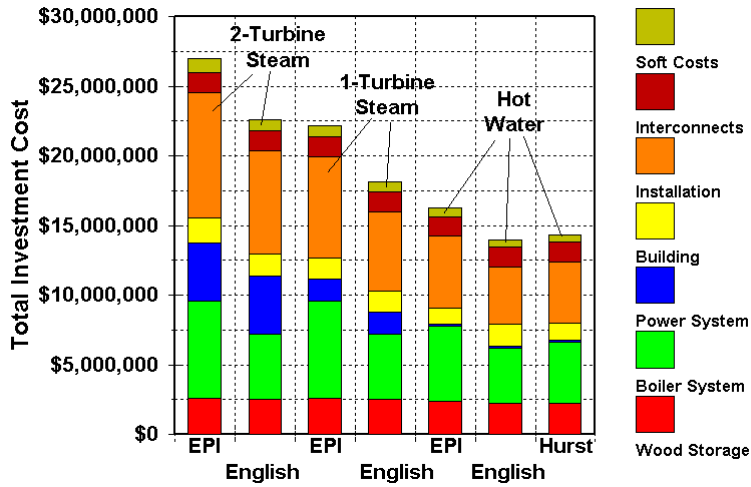
Site #2 Layout

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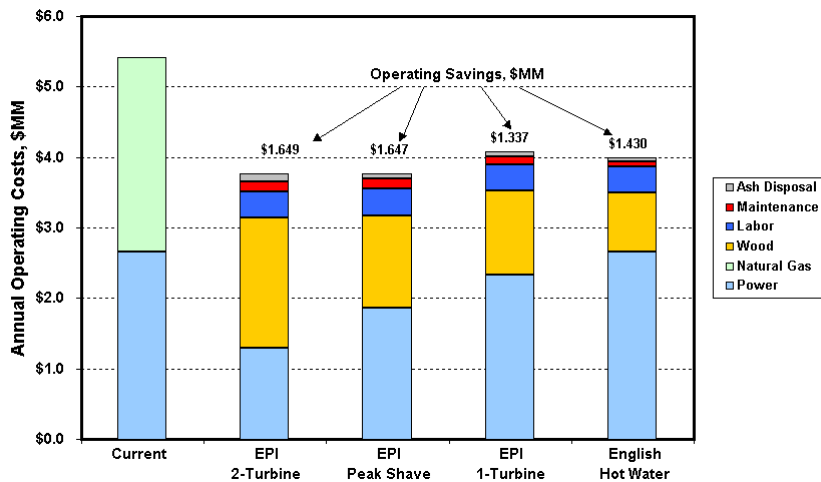
Capital Costs (Site #3)

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Operating Costs

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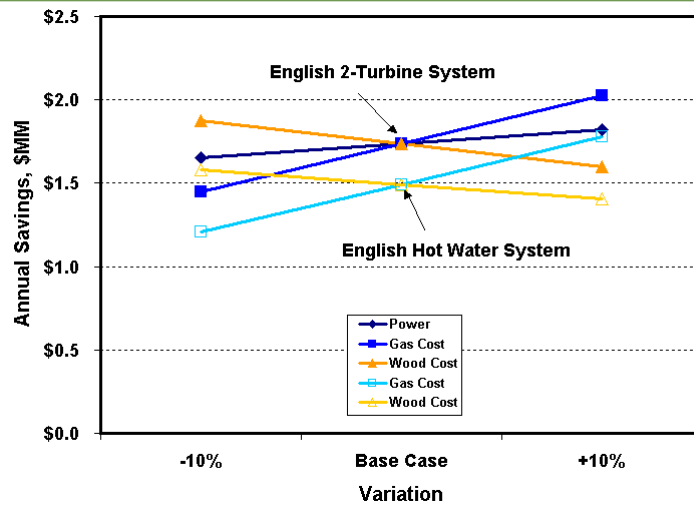


Financial Performance Summary



	Cap Cost \$MM	1st Yr Op Sav \$MM	1st Yr CF \$MM	15 Yr NPV \$MM	15 Yr ROI	Simple Payback Yrs
EPI Steam System	\$26.95	\$1.71	-\$0.89	-\$4.12	2.5%	15.8
Peak Shaving Option	\$26.95	\$1.71	-\$0.89	-\$3.73	2.8%	15.8
Single Turbine Option	\$22.16	\$1.39	-\$0.74	-\$2.95	2.9%	15.9
English Steam System	\$22.64	\$1.73	-\$0.45	-\$0.33	4.9%	13.1
Peak Shaving Option	\$22.64	\$1.74	-\$0.45	\$0.06	5.2%	13.0
Single Turbine Option	\$18.12	\$1.42	-\$0.33	\$0.61	5.7%	12.8
EPI Hot Water System	\$16.24	\$1.48	-\$0.09	\$2.98	8.0%	11.0
English HW System	\$13.97	\$1.49	\$0.15	\$5.01	10.5%	9.4
Hurst HW System	\$14.35	\$1.49	\$0.10	\$4.65	10.0%	9.7

Sensitivities



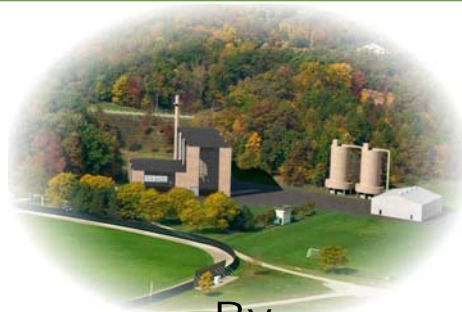
Feasibility Study Essentials

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- ⌘ **Project complexity and load characteristics determine the techniques needed in the analysis.**
- ⌘ **A good feasibility study will also address strategic issues, including fuel supply options, operating risks, and economic risk factors.**
- ⌘ **The study should be a useful tool for the project developer, the plant designer, the project financing team, and the plant operations manager.**

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