# Thermal Networks for Heating and Cooling Downtown Bridgeport IDEA2015



**NuPower Thermal** 



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#### **NuPower LLC – Renewable Power Development**



Plainfield Renewable Energy Project 37.5MW Biomass Power Plant in Plainfield, CT

- Start of Operation 12/13
- 15 year PPA with two CT Utilities
  - 1,000 tpd waste wood



## City of Bridgeport, CT







### **City of Bridgeport**

Area - 19.4 sq. miles

Pop. - 147,216

Density - 7,588/sq. miles



## The Bridgeport Thermal Project



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# Thermal Customer Profile Totaling approximately 3.5 million square feet

- Academic
  - University of Bridgeport
  - Housatonic Community College
- Commercial
  - Webster Arena
  - Peoples Bank
- Government
  - City Buildings
  - State Buildings



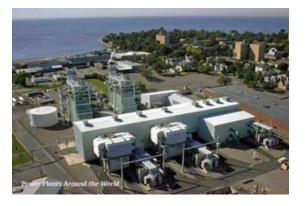
### **Potential Heat/Electrical Sources**



Wheelabrator WtE Facility 67 MW



United Illuminating Fuel Cell Facility 3 MW



Emera Combined Cycle Facility 520 MW



#### **Bridgeport Thermal Project Progress**

- Feasibility Report completed 2013 on Bridgeport opportunity
- CT Legislature awarded NuPower Thermal in 2014 the exclusive thermal energy carrier franchise
- Initiated Phase 1 development retained Ramboll in July 2014
- Closed CT Green Bank development funding in January 2015



#### **Project Team**

#### **Ramboll Group**

- District Thermal Engineering Design Firm
- Focus District Thermal/Building Design/Environmental Engineering

#### **Smith Engineering**

- Engineering Consulting Firm
- Focus Central Energy Plant Optimization, Chiller Equipment Design and Customer Data Analysis

#### Milone & MacBroom

- Regional Civil Engineering Firm
- Focus Pipe Route Analysis and Permitting

#### **Pullman & Comley**

Contract and Legislative Support

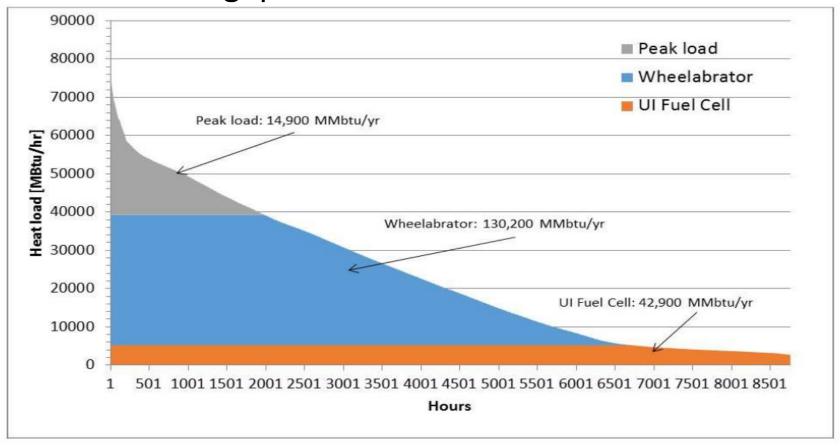


## Phase 1 Project Status

- Completed Concept Design Phase
  - Customer site survey and energy usage analysis
    - Housatonic Community College
    - University of Bridgeport
    - CT Judicial System
    - Webster Arena
    - City of Bridgeport
    - Peoples Bank
  - Concept design of heating and chilled water loop
  - Completed heat source design for Wheelabrator WTE and UI fuel cell facilities
  - Final Design Report for Heating and Chilling Systems
  - Negotiating LOI with Anchor Customers



#### **Bridgeport Heat Duration Curve**

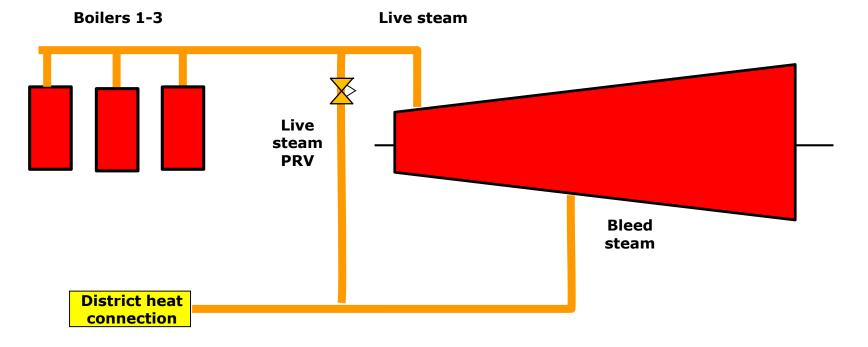


UI Fuel Cell	42,900	MMBtu/yr	23%
Wheelabrator	130,200	MMBtu/yr	69%
Peak load	14,900	MMBtu/yr	8%
Total	188,000	MMBtu/yr	100%



#### Wheelabrator – Heat Source

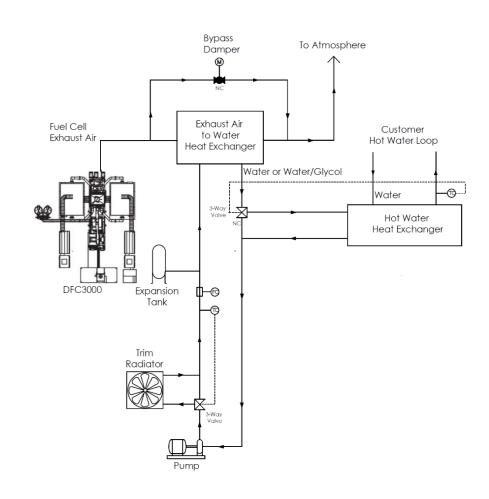
- Bleed steam from turbine up to 34 MMBtu/hr (1:5 Power to Heat Ratio)
- High redundancy with 3 individual boilers and 94% historical availability
- Additional 68 MMBtu/hr available (1:3 Power to Heat Ratio)





#### **UI Fuel Cell – Heat Source**

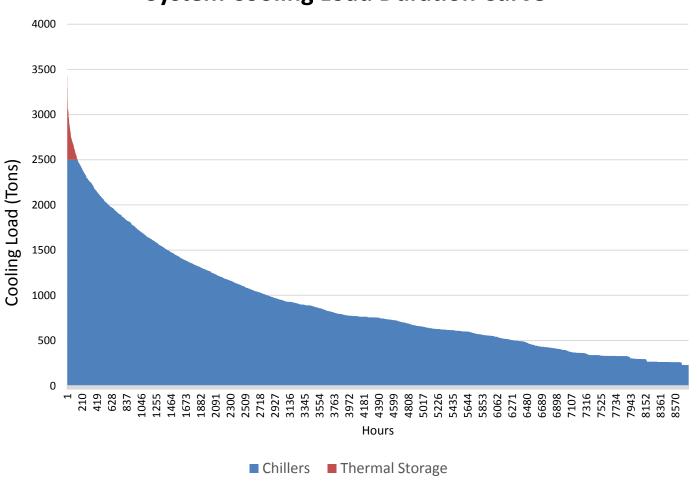
- Temperature Exhaust Gas
  - 600 ºF
- Heat Recovery Potential
  - 5 MMBTU/hr
- Impact
  - Improves System Efficiency





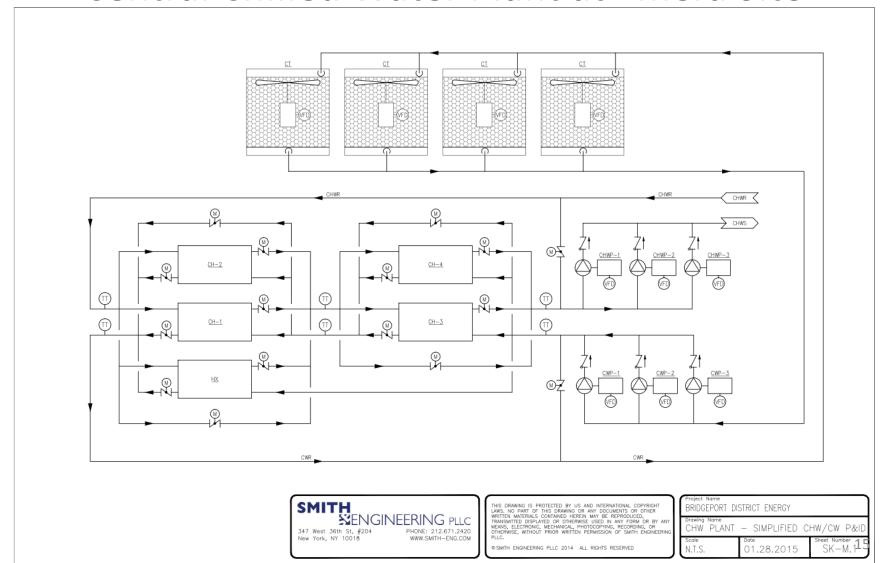
#### **Bridgeport Cooling Duration Curve**

#### **System Cooling Load Duration Curve**



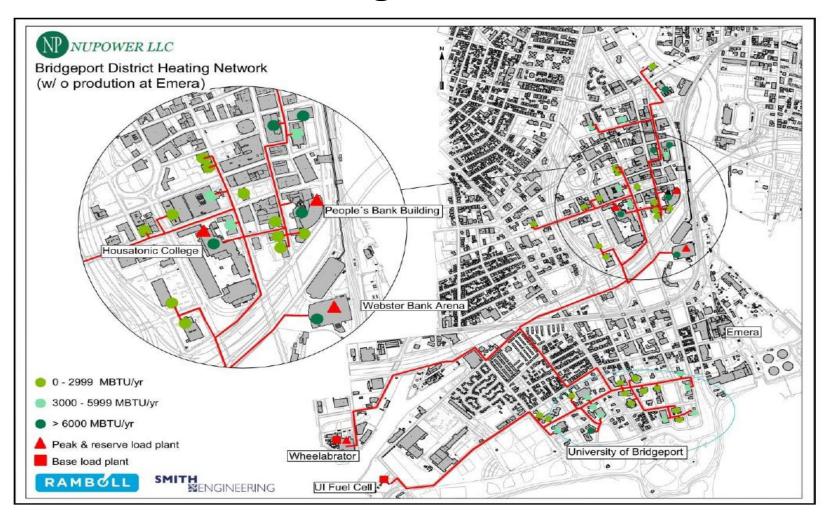


#### **Central Chilled Water Plant at Emera Site**



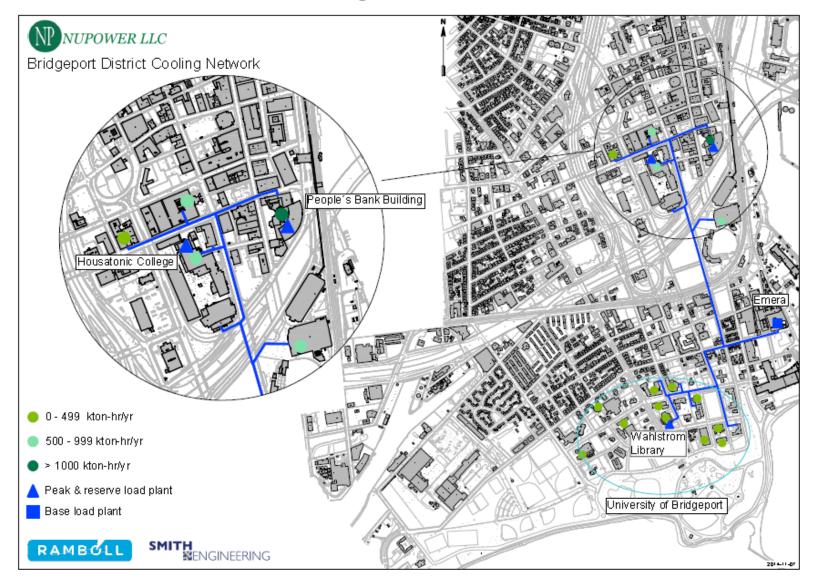


## Heating Network





## Cooling Network





## **Legislative Status**

- Hot Water Component
  - CT Energy Conservation and Load Management natural gas reduction program
    - Specifically for district heating systems using waste heat
    - Funding based on reduction of customer natural gas consumption over term of offtake contract
- Chilled Water Component
  - PA 15-107
    - Solicitation by CT DEEP of long term contracts up to 20 years
    - energy storage including thermal energy for the direct use of heating or cooling at a later time avoiding electrical usage



## **Key Project Attributes**

- Unregulated utility status as licensed Thermal Energy Carrier
  - access to public ROW
  - exclusive license for City of Bridgeport
- Environmental Permits no controversial permits. Air permit requirements are minimal
- Legislative Initiatives natural gas savings and thermal/energy storage programs
- Anchor customers
  - energy usage analysed and site visits completed
  - anchor tenant presentations completed
  - LOIs in process or completed
- Off-Take and Customer Purchase Contracts in process



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