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Benefits of Hot Water

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Overview

Steam vs Hot Water for Heating



Quick History Lesson

Steam is self motivated... ...and controllable



System Advantages: Generation

Steam System

Hot Water System

Boiler

Deaerator Feedwater Pumps Blowdown Vessel Flash Tanks Condensate Receivers Condensate Pumps Water Treatment



System Advantages: Generation

- Increased system efficiency and use of renewable technologies
- Supply water reset control
- Less idle/cycling losses
- Lower conductive losses to ambient
- Little/no make-up water costs
- Lower chemical treatment costs



System Advantages: Distribution

- Reduced distribution losses
- Corrosion potential in condensate return system
- Manholes not required
- Alternative installation methodology
- Safety system leaks less dangerous
- Pressurized system

Typical System Energy Losses



By the Numbers: Distribution Capital Cost

- Reduced installation labor
- Fewer components
- Closer to chilled water installation

Steam	Component	Hot Water
Steel	Piping	PP-RT
Gate	Valves	Butterfly
3	Manholes	0
3	Heat Exchanger	1
\$4M	Total	\$2.5M

Example: 1000' piping with three buildings

By the Numbers: Production Performance



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Steam CHP Hot Water CHP Waste Waste 22% Electric 16% Electric 19% 38% Heat Heat 28% 40% Electric Heat Waste Electric Heat Waste

By the Numbers: Maintenance

\$2,500,000 Components Failures \$2,000,000 Staffing \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000 \$500,000

\$0 Hot Water Steam Plant Distribution Building

Building Conversion Diagram



Building Level Hot Water



DOMESTIC HOT WATER



FOOD SERVICE



HUMIDIFICATION



HEATING COILS



PROCESS / STERILIZATION

Phasing

- Targeted approach: dormitories, remote locations, renovations
- Build consensus



Case Study

DC Metro Area Campus



Solution: Energy Exchange

- Split existing steam system into two hot water districts
- Each district optimized to capture full benefits of a heat recovery chiller and energy storage tank
- Looped configuration for resiliency



Existing Steam

New Hot Water District Systems

Life Cycle Savings

Rolling 40-year LCCA 48% savings



40-year Greenhouse Gas Production 66% savings



Budget Resiliency



Low yearly O&M costs protect system from future budget cuts

Case Study

University of Florida: Holland Law



Site Plan

Existing

- 3000' distribution piping requiring replacement
- Mixture of hot water and steam service

Proposed

- New condensing boiler plant and HHW distribution

w/ HHW



Mechanical Room Conversion

- Remove PRV, Condensate Receiver/Pump, Air Separator, DHW Steam-to-HW HEX
- Configuration allows reuse of existing equipment and phasing of construction to reduce system down time



Thank You

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