

# Community Energy and Microgrid Ownership Models

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- Benefits & Costs

- ✦ Funding
- Fuel availability
- Inside expertise Operation
- ✤ Grid reliability needs
- Cost of power
- Legislation
- Environmental Impact



## Proposed Combined Heat & Power (CHP) Plant

**Duke University Model** 

#### CHP Ownership Challenge

- ✦ Reliability:
  - Duke University electrical system total outage less than 6 seconds in 30 YEARS
- Rate:
  - Cost of electricity less than 8 cents per KWH
- Cost:
  - Large investment to build a CHP
- Skills:
  - No expertise to operate a large generating plant
- Legislation:
  - Change in the Power Company Rate Plan
- Environmental Impact:
  - Reduce carbon footprint
- Island mode challenge:
  - No reliability gain in "island mode" without using Duke Energy distribution system

#### **Proposal Overview**

- Duke Energy will build, own and operate a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant on property leased from Duke University
- Duke Energy will send electricity back onto NC grid and we will continue to purchase electricity as we always have
- Duke University will buy the "waste" steam generated in the process at a rate that is significantly less than it costs us at our steam plants. The discounted steam rate would float with cost of natural gas.
- The system will be constructed to allow Duke University to "island" in cases of emergency (power grid outage).

#### Combined Heat and Power Plant System Diagram



#### Benefits & Cost to Duke University

#### **Benefits**

- Sustainability
  - 13% reduction of the 2015 CAP-reported carbon footprint (DU & SOM) (coal move was 12% of 2008 CAP)
  - 24% reduction in total University & Medical Center energy-related carbon
  - DU contributing to local and regional environmental sustainability
- Reliability
  - Increased energy security for Duke campus
  - Additional generation on campus for emergencies (Island Mode)
  - Improved ability to continue operating during regional emergencies (hurricane, ice, etc.)
- Savings
  - Significant natural gas cost savings to the university (\$2.5-\$3.0M / yr)
  - Simple payback of 2-3 years

#### <u>Costs</u>

- Duke University would be leasing the land to Duke Energy for an extended period (35 years)
- In order to reliably operate our steam plants at a low load during summer, we would have to invest in modifications to the West Campus Steam Plant
- Project costs to connect the CHP plant to the campus utility infrastructure
- Total investment in plant modifications and infrastructure could range up to \$7M

### Site Location on Duke Master Plan

#### Proposed site next to Chilled Water Plant #1 and Substation #4



#### **Microgrid Schematics**



#### **Microgrid Shematics**

Utility Utility t Local generating facility(CHP, PV, Wind) **Distribution infrastructure** Utility Grid t Customer owned distribution system V Connected load (customer load) G R **Local Power** Control Area / Substation/ Disconnect Generation D Location

Customer Load

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**Substation** 

#### Duke University Microgrid Model



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#### Duke University Microgrid Model – Island Mode



Duke Facilities Management Utilities & Engineering Services Substation

#### Single Owner / Single Operator - Microgrid Model



#### Single Owner / Single Operator - Microgrid Model Island Mode



Duke Facilities Management Utilities & Engineering Services **Substation** 

#### Third Party Owner / Single Operator - Microgrid Model



#### Third Party Owner / Third Party Operator - Microgrid Model



#### Third Party Owner / Third Party Operator – Multiple Customers



#### Single Owner / Third Party Operator - Microgrid Model



#### Third Party Owner / Third Party Operator - Microgrid Model



All Cases- Microgrid Model Island Mode



Duke Facilities Management Utilities & Engineering Services **Substation** 

#### Questions