

## **MICRO-GRIDS**

USING THE DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM AS THE GRID TO REDUCE COSTS

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# THE PROBLEM (OPPORTUNITY)

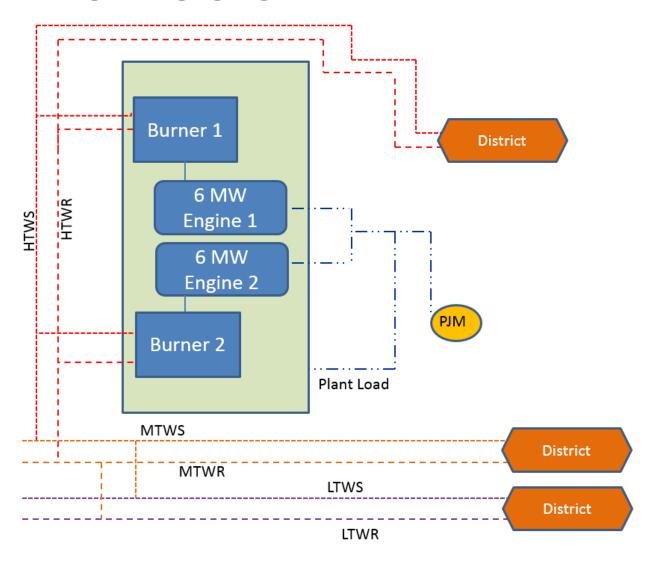
## THE PROBLEM (OPPORTUNITY)

- Build a micro-grid to serve the State of New Jersey office buildings located in Trenton New Jersey
- Minimize costs associated with construction
- Minimize costs associated with operating the system
- Take advantage of existing assets associated with the District Energy system
- Lower emissions and reduce carbon footprint



# **EXISTING SYSTEM**

## **EXISITNG SYSTEM**





# PROPOSAL

#### **PROPOSAL**

- To build a Micro-grid for the State buildings that combines:
  - The use of the thermal piping as the backbone for the grid with decentralized steam turbines placed at State facilities, powered by the plants thermal loop.
  - Install CHP at the plant to replace existing boilers and engines to provide uninterruptable back up power to the plant.
  - Meets States Goals



#### **STATE GOALS**

- Long term thermal contract
- Improved reliability for thermal production and delivery
- Micro-grid to provide resiliency to State building
- Reduce energy costs



### **PLANNED EQUIPMENT**

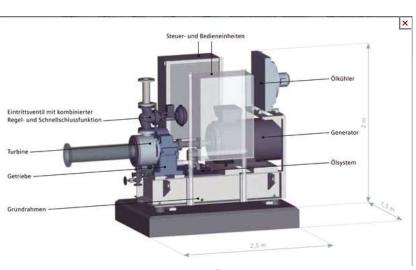
- 2x5 MW Gas turbines with Heat Recovery Hot Water Generators
- Energent 275 kW Microsteam Turbines to be used at Prison and State House
- Siemens SST0-40 300 kW Steam Turbines for use at State Buildings



## **STEAM TURBINES**

#### **Energent**

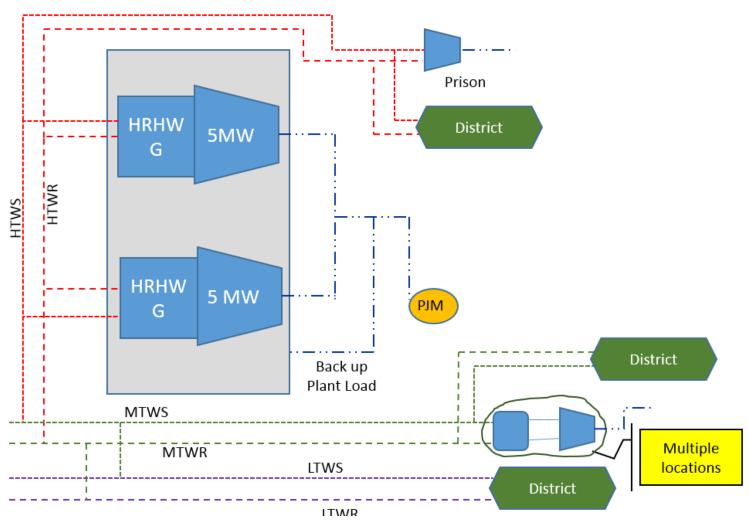




**Siemens** 



### **PROPOSED SYSTEM**





#### **OPERATIONS**

- Operate gas turbines as merchant electricity producers
- Use waste heat from turbines to supply heat to thermal loop.
- 88,767,000 kWh produced.
- Sell up to 7 MW of output (energy only) to PJM and have available capacity for backup for internal plant loads Approx. 60,000,000 kWh.
- Install 7 Micro Steam turbines along with Steam generators on State buildings to provide up to 50% electricity demand of each building. Assume 500 kW per site 8760 hours base load 4,400,000 kWh per year per site.





# RISK / BENEFITS OF PROPOSED MICRO-GRID

#### **Risks**

- PJM Market Risk
- State closes facilities
- Repair costs to maintain thermal loop

#### **Benefits**

- Improved thermal system
- Increased sales of thermal energy
- New sales of electricity
- Improved relationship with State
- Reduction in Carbon foot print
- No Wheeling fees to Electric utility
- Reduced cost to build and operate



# USE IN CAMPUS LOCATIONS

#### **CAMPUS APPLICATION**

#### **Benefits**

- Increased Reliability
- Reduce energy costs
- Reduce carbon Emissions
- No Wheeling Fees
- Optimize existing assets of thermal system
- Can be retrofitted to existing systems easily



# QUESTIONS?



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