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COMMERCIALIZATION CHALLENGES FOR A PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY

ECHOGEN power systems

Problem: Market economics and growth in cheaper renewables are currently limiting the opportunity for WHR

- Currently natural gas and electric prices are too low
- The growing penetration of cheap renewable power further exacerbates the problem

Yet these dynamics also create opportunities for......

- Other applications of sCO₂ that are less reliant on natural gas and/or water supply e.g. nuclear, CSP, primary cycles or
- Economic, reliable, long-life, electrical energy storage with low capital cost, lower replacement costs, proven reliability and low environmental impact

Renewable electricity capacity as a percentage of total U.S. electricity generating capacity



Renewables are increasing: energy storage will become more essential

Solution: Provide early commercial demonstration to accumulate 1000's of hours of operation on commercial sCO2 engines

- Recompression cycle represents best option to advance the cause:
 - Primary power cycle at 550-650°C
 - Utilize proven technology from Echogen's current engines to minimize technical, budget and schedule risks
- 1000's of hours = commercial bankability, accelerates adoption of articles 2 thru 10
- Partnerships across the industry spectrum are critical to the acceleration effort
- Supercritical Power from Renewable Industrial and Nuclear Technologies (SPRINT)

SPRINT 10MWe Operating Plant

- Prove commercial viability of various applications, Nuclear, CSP, large Industrial and Energy Storage
- Utilize proven technology from EPS100 to minimize technical, budget and schedule risks
- Most of baseline cycle equipment is common to RCB
- Demonstrate SS & transient load
 & operating conditions
- Capable of 24-hour operations and "extended" test campaigns



SPRINT leverages EPS100 technology

- Turbine-driven compressors
 - LT compressor = EPS100 turbopump
 - Modify for higher turbine inlet temperature (600°C vs 350°C original design)
 - HT compressor = new design, based on EPS100 TP
 - 2-stage compressor
- EPS100 power turbine
 - Current design target = 485°C
 - Case material = Inconel 718 (<5% strength reduction)</p>
 - 84-85% efficiency (vs 80-81% for comparably-sized axial turbine)





- Industry consortiums such as EPRI
- Three host sites being considered that have infrastructure in place and therefore quicker to demonstration
- Other key partners being negotiated/pursued
 - EPC/facility design
 - Equipment OEMs
 - National labs for intellectual leadership
 - End users in nuclear, CSP, oil & gas, powergen and energy storage

- SPRINT introduces high-efficiency sCO₂ power cycle for CSP, nuclear and energy storage applications
- Risk management by leveraging Echogen's 10 years of development and operation of sCO₂ power cycles
- Utilization of existing technology provides accelerated deployment opportunity
- Gets a "bankable system" proven in 24-28 months

SPRINT and STEP go hand-in-hand

- STEP critical for bold component-focused Nextgen R&D
 - Motor-driven compressors
 - >700°C turbine inlet temperature
 - 3+ years to data
- SPRINT designed for rapid introduction of production configuration system
 - Turbine-driven compressors
 - ~625°C turbine inlet temperature
 - 2 years to operational experience
- Complementary programs with the common goal
 - Successful rollout of sCO₂ technology to the market

Appendix

