Innovative business models and complementarities with renewable offshore technologies

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ORPC Marine Renewable Energy (MRE)

Who we are

- Created in 2004
- 30+ employees in 3 countries (USA, Canada & Ireland)

What we do

- Convert kinetic energy in moving water into clean, predictable, affordable sources of renewable electricity
- Completely underwater, do not interfere with navigation and are not visible
- "No known adverse impact on the marine environment"
 How we do it
- Close relationship with the communities
- Process and solutions that respect the environment
- Flexible business model







14 years of continuous innovation (and evolution of our business model)





Alternative markets

SCALE

Community Scale Power: RivGen®

> Project: Igiugig, Alaska





Grid Integration Smartgrid Architecture Energy Storage

Projects: Igiugig Phase 2 & False Pass, Alaska

Utility Scale Power: TidGen®

Project: Western Passage, Maine Remote Power and Propulsion: Autonomous TGU

Project: ARPA-E

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Autonomous TGU

- Subsea power supply and propulsion module
 - Defense, scientific and commercial markets
- Utilizes multiple functionalities for long distance, high endurance missions
 - Unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) charging
 - Subsea sensor network support,
 - Heavy-lift and marine construction applications



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RivGen® Power System Remote community river

Power

- 40kW rated (at 2.25 m/s)
- 80kW rated (at 3.5 m/s)
- Operational up to 3.5 m/s

Logistics

- Transportable in standard
 Shipping containers
- Modular onsite assembly
- Towable, self-deploying system

Physical

- 5 m 10 m water depths
- 15.7 m(l) x 3.5 m(h) x 14.4 m(w)
- 29,500 kg (dry weight)

Business challenges and opportunities



- Challenges:
 - Understanding clients' needs, capabilities, and energy objectives
 - Financing capital intensive projects
 - Work in a complex of regional ecosystem
- Opportunities:
 - Offer turnkey microgrid system where MRE provides the baseload
 - Establish new partnerships to deliver complete energy solutions



Microgrid baseload system - Igiugig



- Diesel usage down 90%
- C02 down 230 metric tons/year
- Diesel cost down \$170,000/year
- O&M costs down \$50,000/year
- Noise eliminated and environmental risk decreased

Lease and services agreement provided at level of community affordability

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Business models



- Models:
 - Sales
 - Lease (EaaS)
- Decision factors:
 - Energy demand
 - Operational needs and capabilities
 - Long and short-term goals

Zero Carbon Smart Microgrid Solution



Remote community can buy or lease zero carbon smart microgrid solution

Energy as a Service



"A transition picture"





Fuel plane flying over the RivGen[®] being assembled in Igiugig Photo taken by AlexAnna Salmon, President IVC, on June 19, 2019

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