



Santee Cooper's Renewable Energy Initiatives

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Who are we?

- Santee Cooper is the South Carolina Public Service Authority, an authority of the state government. Santee Cooper is a retail electric utility along the northern coast of South Carolina, and a supplier of electricity to a network of electric co-operatives and a number of industrial customers across the state.
- Currently net summer capacity is approx 6 GW
- State's net summer capacity is approx 24 GW

Renewable Resources

- specific to South Carolina

- Biomass
 - Wind
 - Solar
 - Hydro
 - Geothermal
 - Marine
(Tidal/Wave/Current)
- How much of each is available?
 - How effective is the energy production technology?
 - What is the cost?
 - What are the obstacles?



South Carolina – Available Renewables

(source: Black and Veatch for SCEAC)



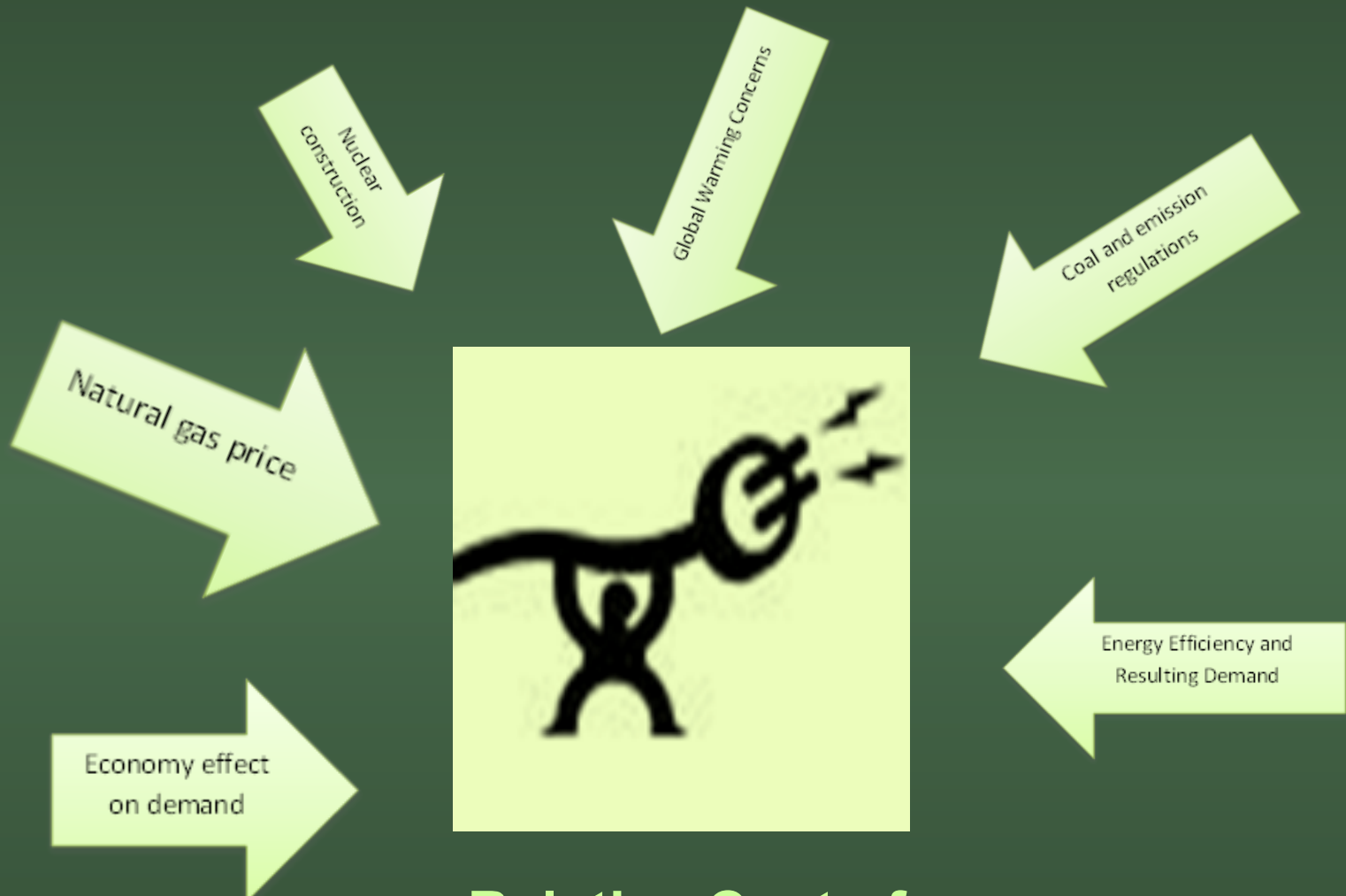
RESOURCE	TECHNICAL POTENTIAL	CONSTRAINED POTENTIAL
	CAPACITY (MW) ^(e)	CAPACITY (MW) ^(e)
Wind		
Onshore	185-1,215	185
Offshore	70,000	3,300
Solar Photovoltaic	51,000	850-1,700
Hydroelectric^(d)	(630 MWa) 1,260-1,575	(164 MWa) 328-410
Landfill Gas Projects	12.1-17.5	12.1-17.5
Biomass		
Woody Biomass	960	317
Agricultural Residues	370	63
Energy Crops	227-565	23-56
Anaerobic Digestion of Organic Waste	46	28



Total w/o offshore wind = 2,777 MW

Total w/ offshore wind = 6,077 MW

Total state capacity = 24,000 MW



Relative Cost of Renewable Electricity

Santee Cooper Green Power Program



Began in September 2001 with the start-up of
the Horry County Landfill-Gas-to-Energy
Generating Station

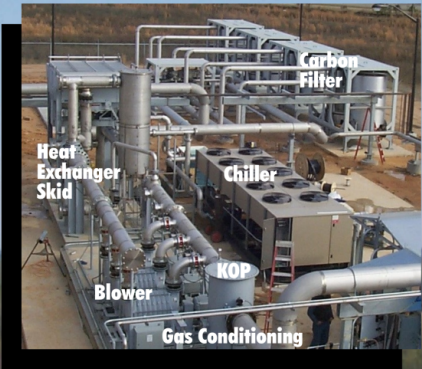
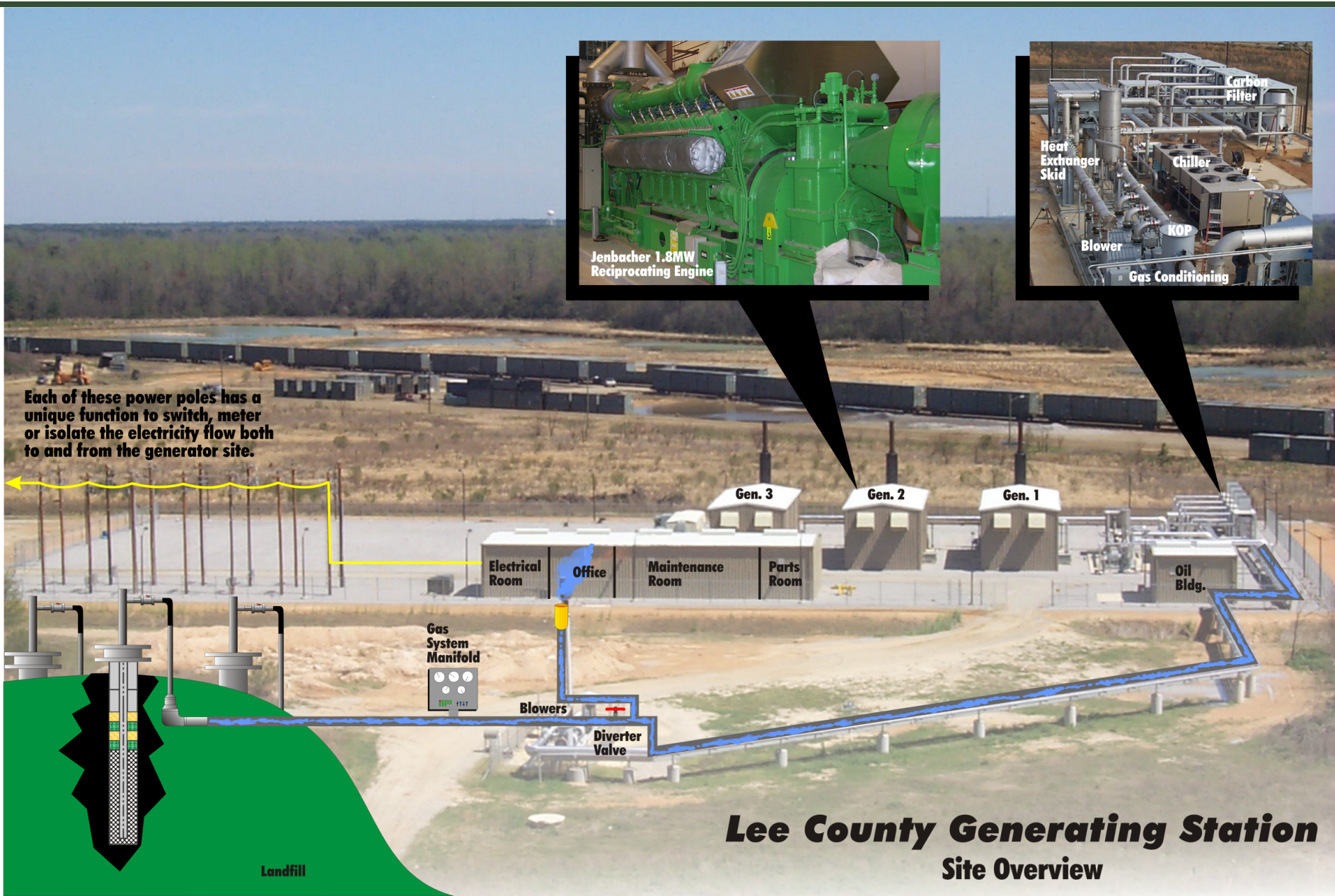
Landfill Gas is a
Type of Biomass
Generation



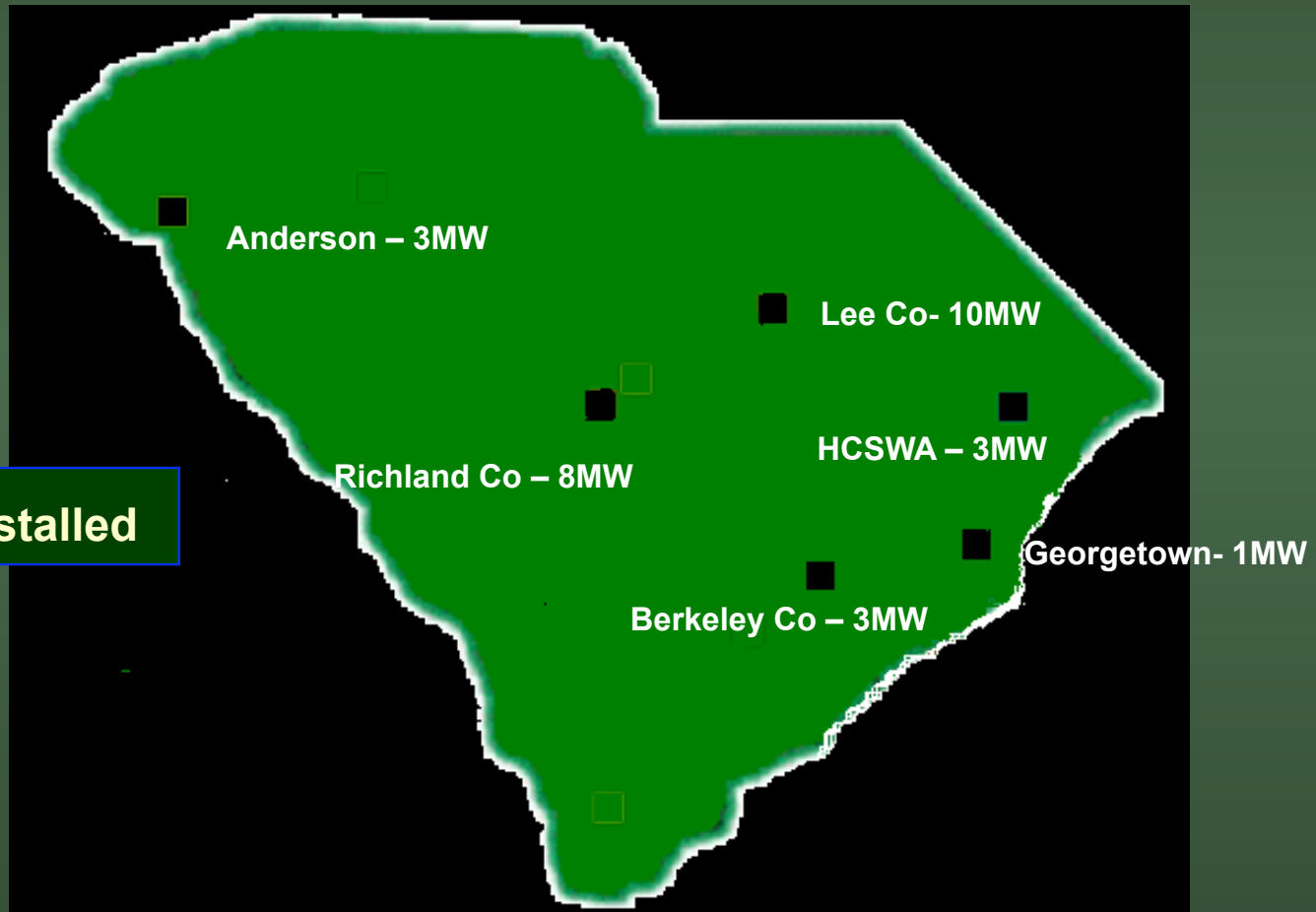
Green Power



100% of the revenue collected from Green Power sales goes into a fund that is reinvested in future development of renewable energy resources.



Landfill Gas



28 MW installed

Biomass – Landfill Gas



Horry:	3 MW	(2001, 2003)
Lee:	10 MW	(2005, 2009)
Richland:	8 MW	(2006, 2010)
Anderson:	3 MW	(2008)
Georgetown:	1 MW	(2010)
Berkeley:	3 MW	(2011)
Total	28 MW	



Georgetown County Landfill Gas Site



HORRY LANDFILL GAS - SITE OVERVIEW

JUNE 22, 2005



Renewables



- 151 MW's in current and contracted capacity
- Not all is Green Power, because the contracted woody biomass PPA's are not certified to CRS for sale.

Woody Biomass – PPA's

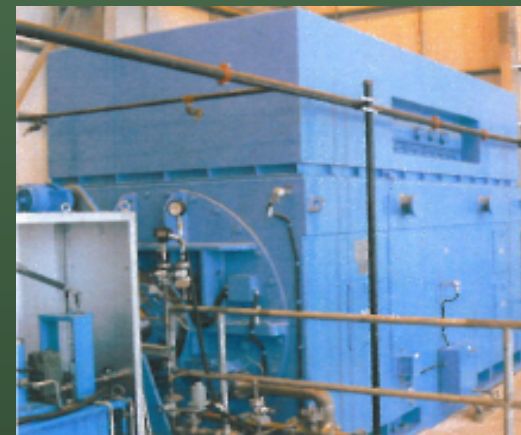


- Domtar – 38 MW cogen wood-fueled project that was carefully negotiated among Domtar, MEC and Santee Cooper
- Southeast Renewable Energy – (2) 17.8 MW wood-fueled plants in Dorchester and Allendale Counties
- Northstar – 21 MW wood-fueled project in Horry County

Biomass – Woody Biomass



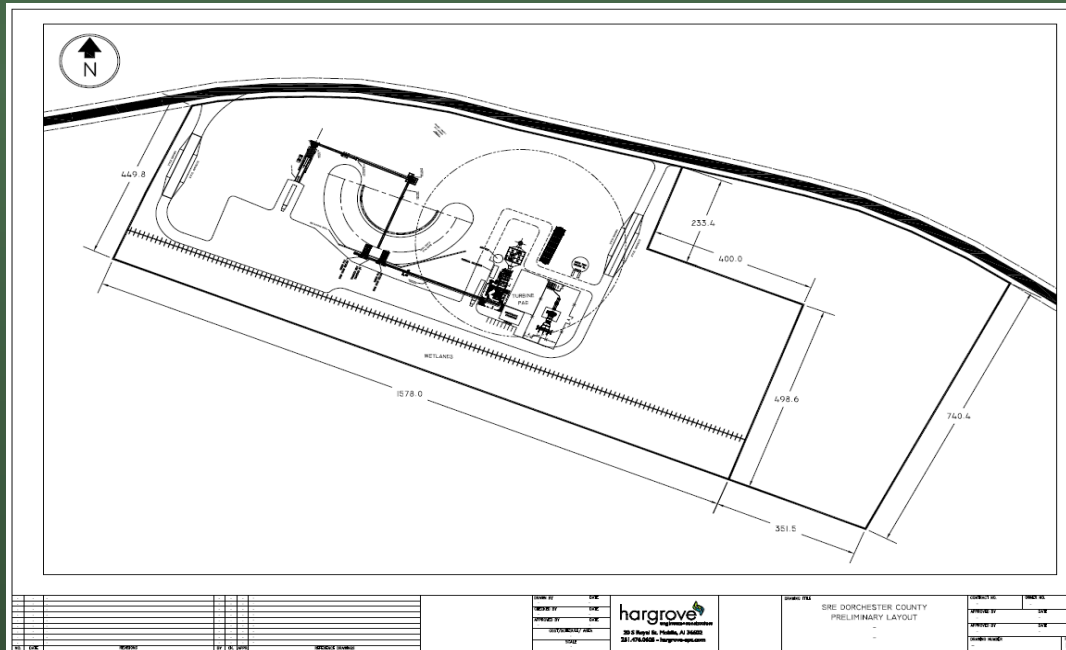
- 38 MW
- Began generating power Sept. 17, 2010
- Operating >80% capacity factor



Biomass – Woody Biomass



- Allendale Biomass, LLC
- Dorchester Biomass, LLC
- 17.8 MW each
- Scheduled on-line in Nov 2013



Biomass – Digester/Biogas



4 Anaerobic Digester/Biogas PPAs

1. Waste2Energy

Columbia area, Food and produce waste collection, 1.6 MW

2. Bioenergy Technologies

Berkeley County, Grease and sludge, 1.6 MW

3. Burrows Hall

Williamsburg Co, Hog waste, 180 kW

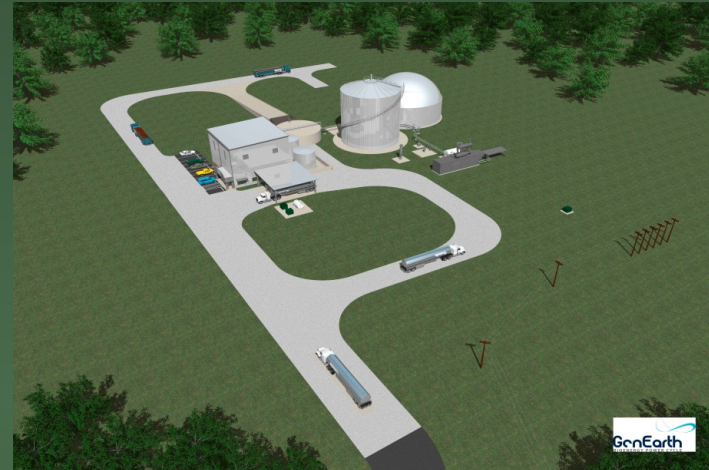
4. Green Energy Solutions

chicken manure, State-wide, 50 sites, 510 kW ea

Biomass – Digester/Biogas



Bio Energy Technologies
– 1.6 MW generator



Biomass – Digester/Biogas



Environmental Fabrics, Inc.
10,000 head hog farm
Earthen Insulated Covered Lagoon
Anaerobic Digester



**180 kW
Capacity**



Biomass – Digester/Biogas



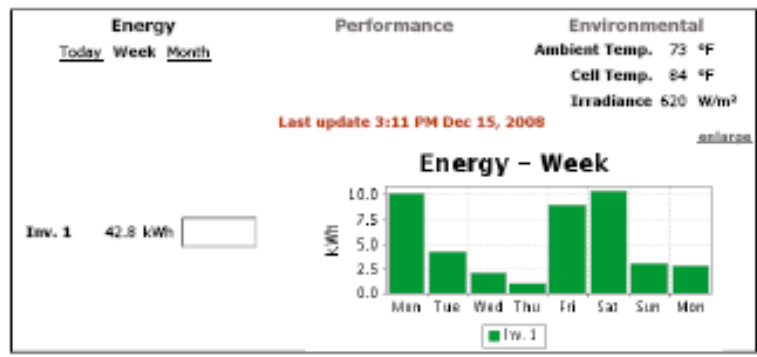
- Green Energy Solutions
 - Up to 50 Farms across the state
 - 25 MW



Santee Cooper Solar Schools Program



Hilton Head Middle School Admin View



<http://view2.fatspaniel.net/SSH/MainView.jsp>



Bennettsville



Mauldin



Springfield



Diamond Hill



Aynor



Hillcrest



Sangaree



Carver's Bay



Hilton Head



Hopkins



Chapin



Leslie M. Stover

New Ellenton



Chesterfield-Ruby



Carver-Edisto



Savannah Grove



Tamassee-Salem



Ruffin

Solar



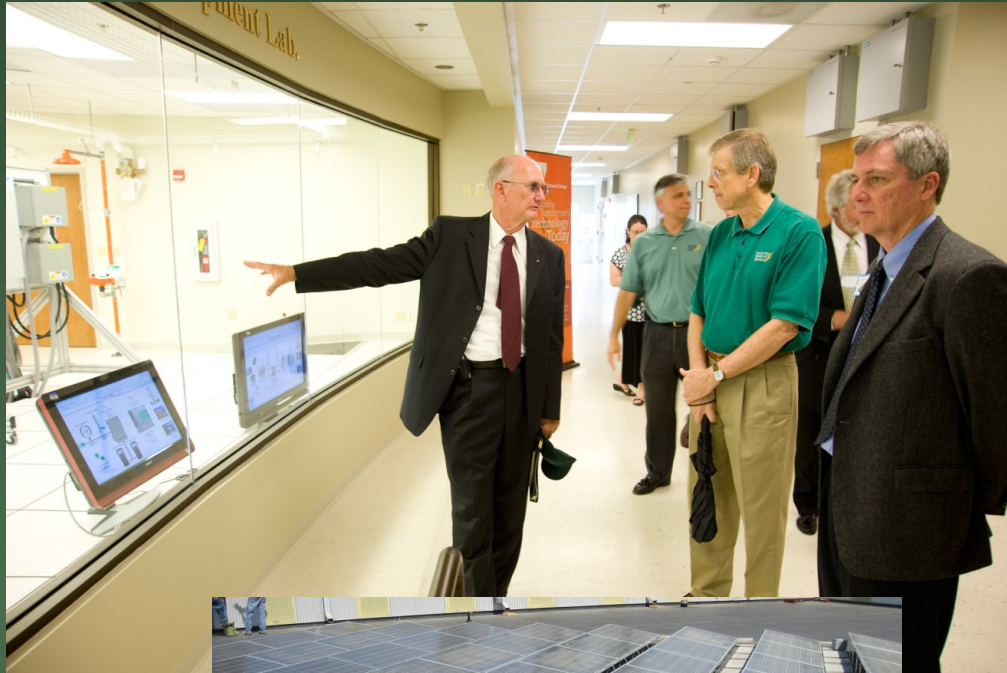
Solar Pavilions at Coastal Carolina University

Solar Canopies at Technical College of the Lowcountry –
New River Campus - Bluffton SC





Solar to Hydrogen Demonstration
at the
Center for Hydrogen Research
Dedicated on May 15, 2009



Education, Training and Development Lab
which demonstrates

- Storage of solar power in hydrogen
- Hydrogen as a means to transport energy
- Clean cycle for transportation to replace oil and gas

Grand Strand Solar Project



- 311 kW
- 1,325 modules
- 4 Inverters
- Grid connected
- Dedicated April 18, 2011
- Partial funding from a SEP-ARRA Grant





Solar Homes Initiative 2008 Living Green With Renewable Energy



SOLAR SYSTEMS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>KW</u>	<u>LOC.</u>	<u>SQ FT</u>	<u>GEO.</u>	<u>THERMAL</u>	<u>HEAT REC.</u>
CROMARTIE	4.48	GRD RACK	4439		3	
DAVIS	4.16	ROOF RACK	3851			
DERR	2.0	ROOF	1890		1	
HOUGHTON (B)	3.3	ROOF	2300	2		
KAMPEN	3.2	ROOF	2857			
LAWARE	3.6	ROOF	2200		1	
LONG	4.16	ROOF	3552		1	
MacKINNON (B)	2.0	ROOF	2037		1	1
MILLER	4.16	ROOF	2448		1	
MIMMS	<u>4.16</u>	GRD RACK	3800	2		
TOTAL kW	35.36					



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3.6 kW Flush Mounted Roof
David Laware - Shady Oak Ln., Surfside Beach

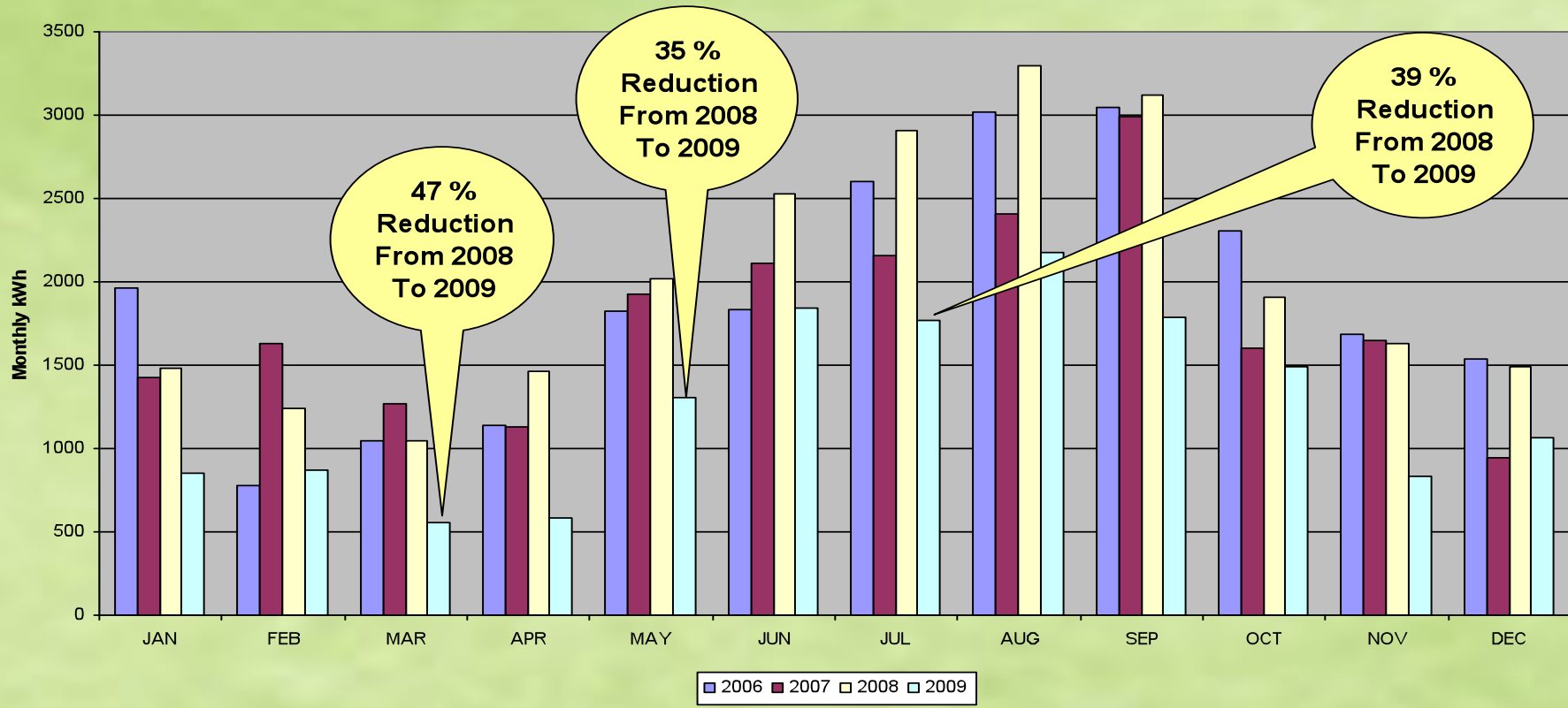




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LAWARE 3.6 kW – PV IN SERVICE DATE – DEC. 31, 2008 – 4 YR. HISTORY (kWh)



Why Consider Offshore Wind?

- **Santee Cooper:**
 - renewable energy leader
- **Limited renewable resources**
- **Conditions support research**
 - Shallow coast
 - Class 6 winds close to shore
 - Good ports
 - Robust transmission near coast



Why Consider Offshore Wind?



- **Great Partners**

- **Ocean and Coastal Consultants (div of COWI)**
- **Savannah River National Labs**
- **Clemson University (esp CURI DTTF)**
- **Coastal Carolina University**
- **South Carolina Energy Office**
- **Dozens of individual OSW supporters within many SC organizations**

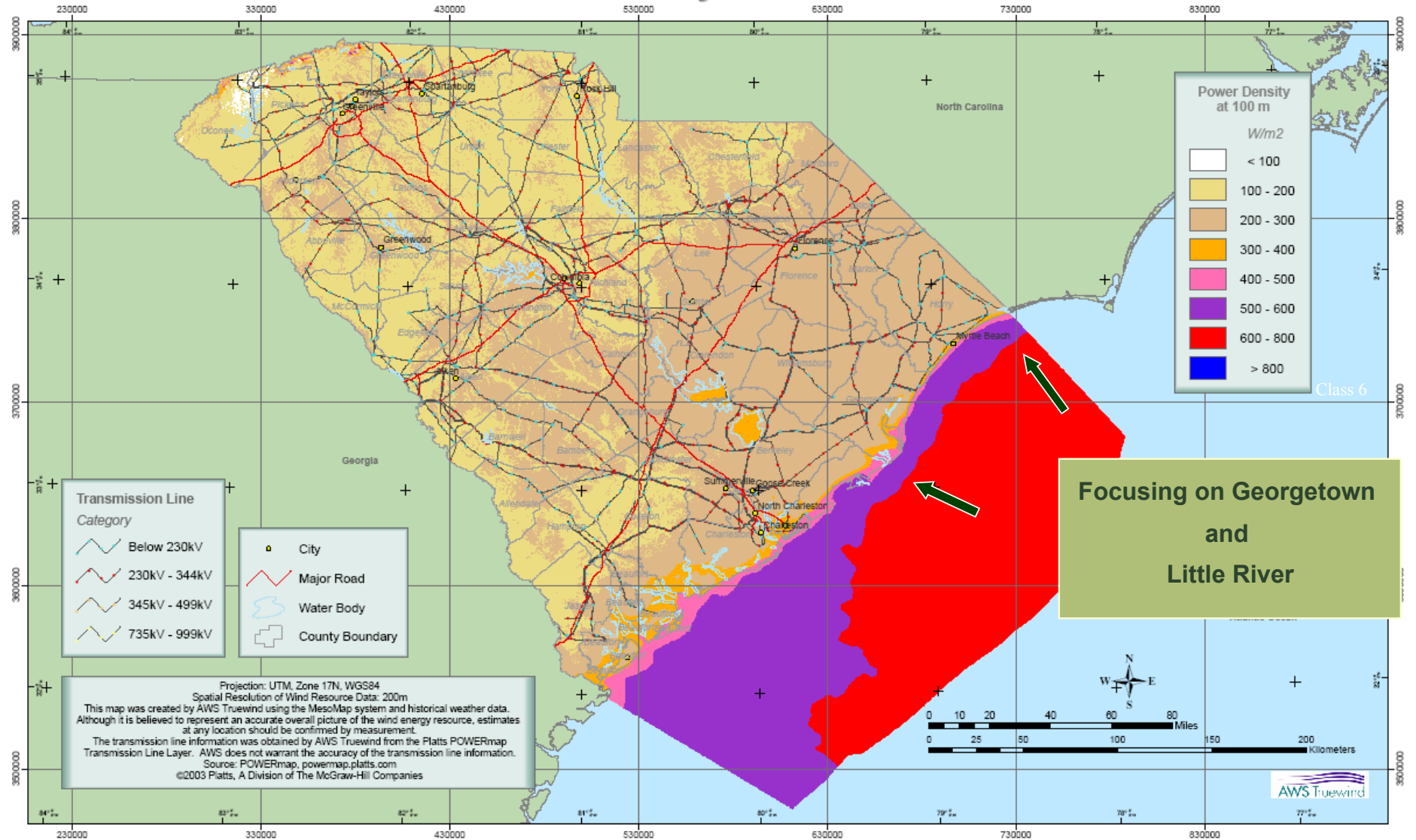


Wind Turbine Demo



- NMB, Oceanfront park
- 2.4kW rated capacity
- A small scale example of an offshore wind turbine (HAWT)
- Developing curriculum for high school students

Mean Annual Wind Power Density of South Carolina at 100 Meters

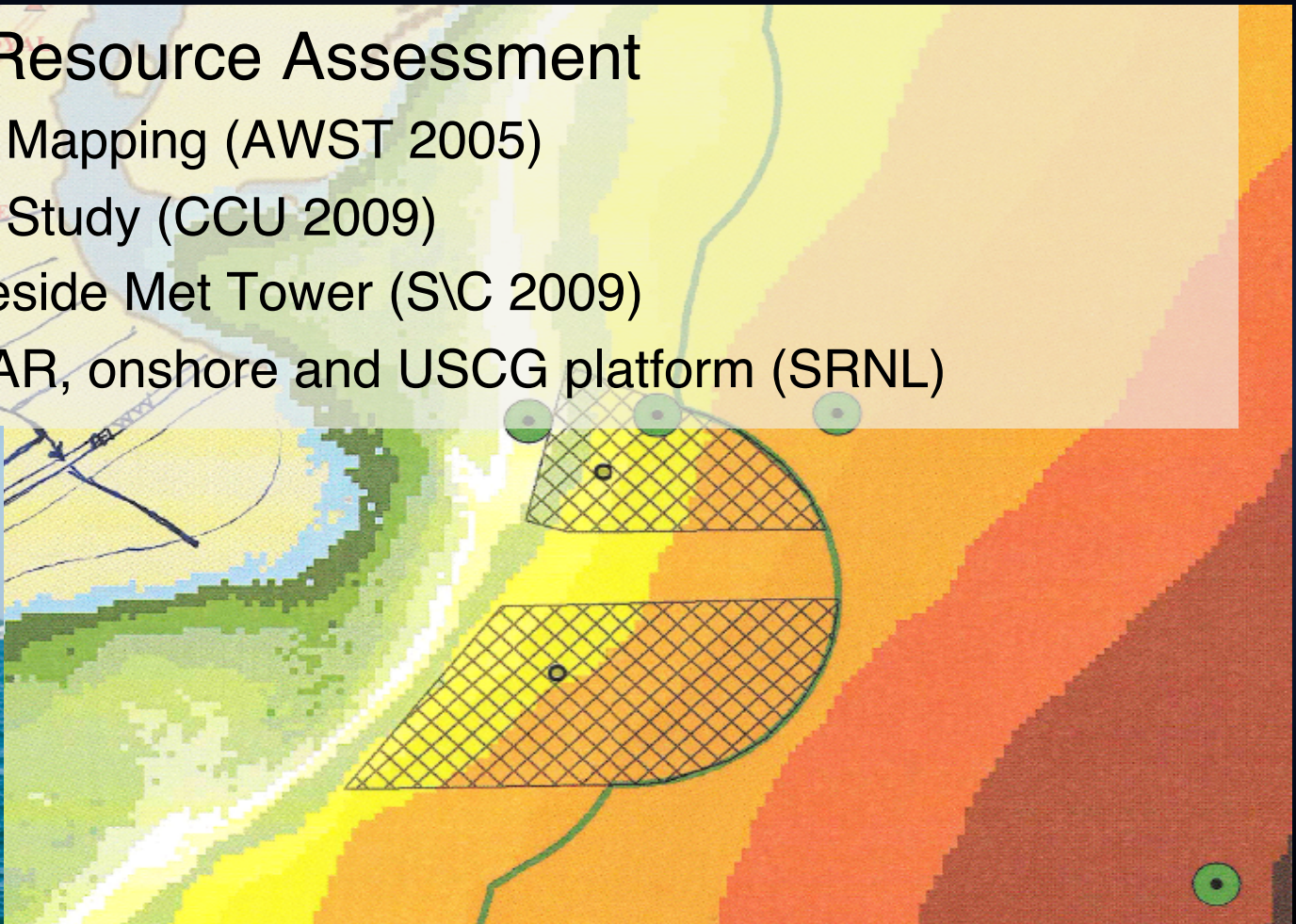


BACKGROUND WORK

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- Wind Resource Assessment
 - Wind Mapping (AWST 2005)
 - Buoy Study (CCU 2009)
 - Shoreside Met Tower (S\C 2009)
 - SODAR, onshore and USCG platform (SRNL)

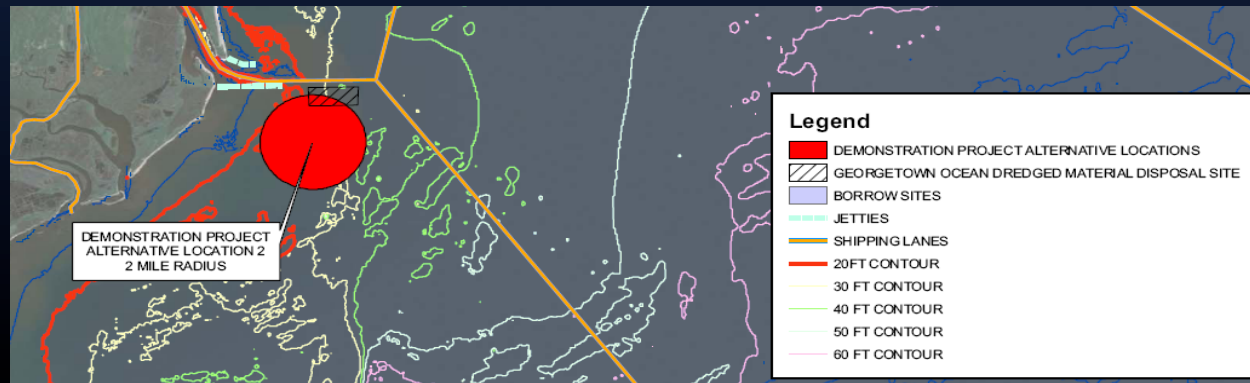


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- Siting Work
 - Wind Farm Feasibility Committee (SC Energy Office)
 - Transmission / Grid Integration Study (SC Energy Office)
 - Preliminary Siting (SC Energy Office)
 - Photo Simulations (Clemson)



BACKGROUND WORK

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- Regulatory Task Force
 - Made up of State and Federal Agencies, Stakeholders, Interested Parties
 - Convened in 2009
 - ID Regulatory Process (State Waters)
 - Leasing Framework Recommendation
 - Coastal Geospatial Mapping (SCDNR)
 - Demonstration Project presented to RTF in May and July 2011 and January 2012.



BACKGROUND WORK

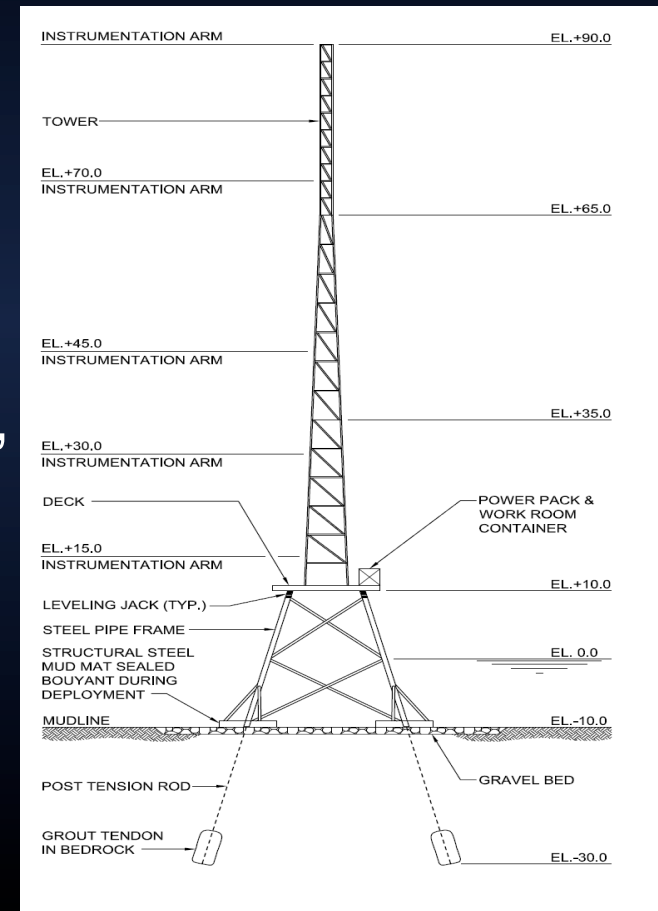
- Offshore Meteorological Station
 - Conceptual Design
 - Siting Validation
 - Site Investigation
 - Geophysical Surveys
 - Geotechnical Surveys
 - Design Protocol
 - Preliminary Design
 - Regulatory Permit Preparation

METEOROLOGICAL STATION CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

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- Monitoring Program Alternatives
 - Short Vs. Tall Tower
 - Remote Sensing Equipment
- Foundation Alternatives
 - Gravity, Jacket, Monopile, Suction, Driven Pile,
- Tower Type Alternatives
 - Monopole Vs. Lattice



METEOROLOGICAL STATION SITE INVESTIGATION

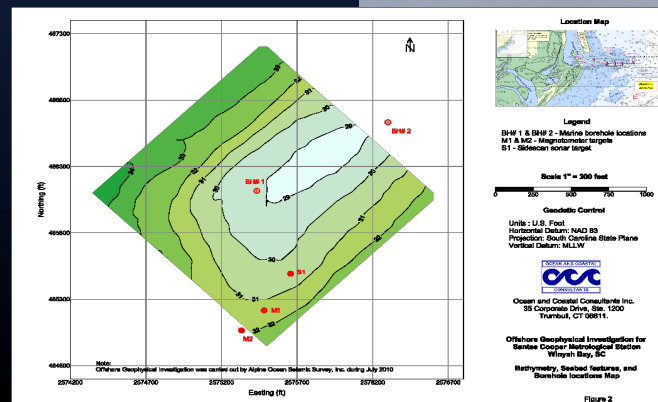
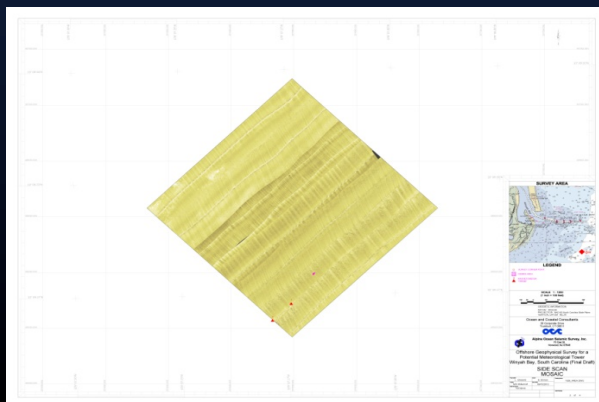
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Geophysical Surveys

- Hydrographic
- Side Scan
- Magnetometer
- Subbottom Profile

Geotechnical Surveys



METEOROLOGICAL STATION DESIGN PROTOCOL

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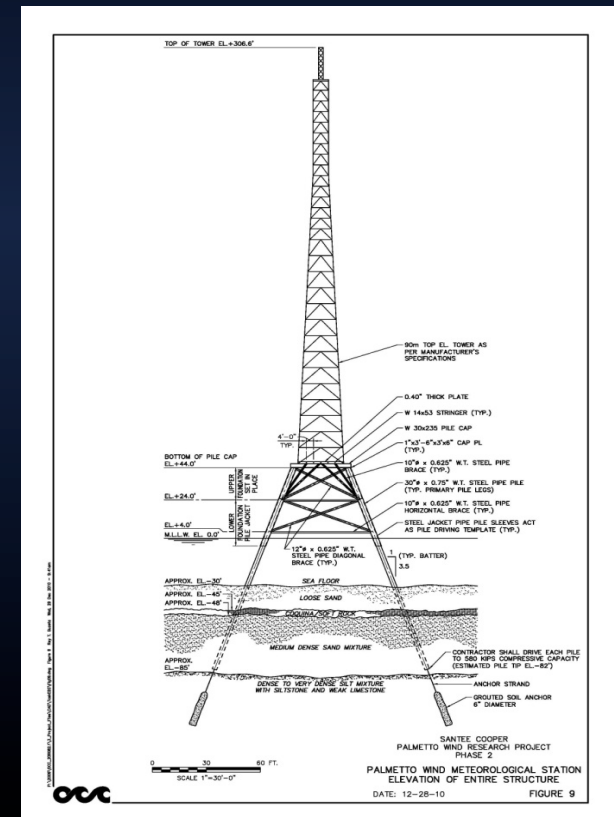
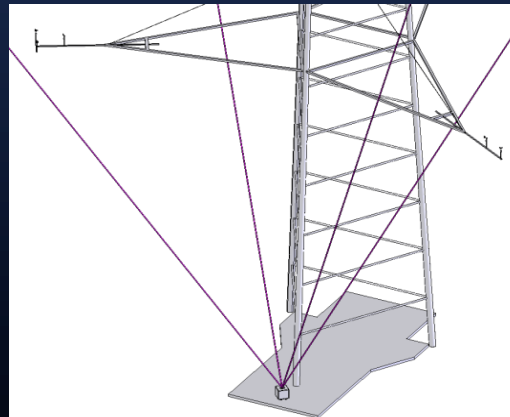
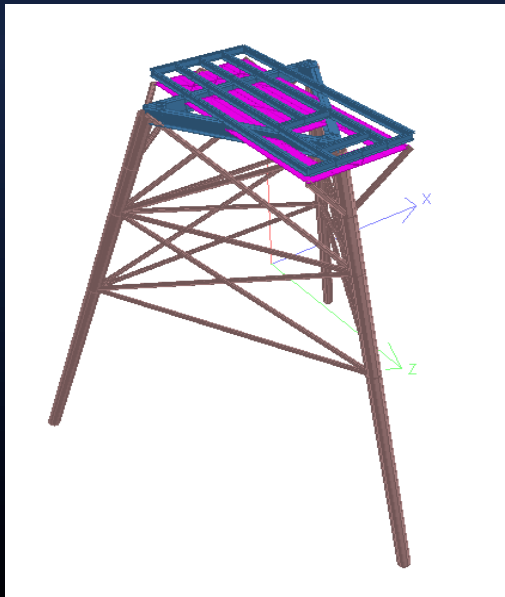
- Design Principles / Certification
- Site Conditions / Environmental Loads
- Operational Criteria
 - Multipurpose Research Platform
- Constructability
- Decommissioning

METEOROLOGICAL STATION PRELIMINARY DESIGN

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- Structural Design and Layout
- 3-D Structural Modeling



METEOROLOGICAL STATION REGULATORY STATUS

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- Pre-Application Discussions
- Presented to RTF
- Applications are Ready for Submittal to Regulatory Agencies

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PURPOSE

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The purpose of the demonstration scale offshore wind farm conceptual design (up to 20 wind driven generators) is to provide an actual circumstance to evaluate the environmental impacts, wind conditions, constructability, grid integration aspects, and socioeconomics of an offshore wind energy generating facility in South Carolina. The understanding gained from the demonstration farm as currently conceptualized will be widely applicable, especially in the South Atlantic Bight. No decision or plan to construct has been made regarding this design because more detailed cost and feasibility information is required.

PROJECT EXPECTATIONS

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- Not a utility scale alternative
- Large scale onshore wind not viable
- South Atlantic Bight – significant wind resource
- Initial wind studies indicated Northern SC has better wind resource
- State waters
- Answer questions about offshore wind

South Carolina OSW Path Forward



- Have a great location in state waters with over \$1.5 million invested in design and uncountable man-hours of vetting
- State overall has been supportive, with no opponents to date
- Overall, Santee Cooper has been very supportive of the efforts
- Looking for the right timing and partners
- Will keep working at this until it is not relevant.



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Please purchase **Green Power** from
Santee Cooper or the electrical
cooperatives.

Every dollar goes directly to new
renewable generation.

\$3 for a 100 kWh block each month,
added to your electric bill



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