Hartford Steam Company CHP Systems

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A CHP POLICY CASE STUDY - CITY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT



Parkville Microgrid Hartford, Connecticut

Nation's First Microgrid Program



Connecticut has been hard hit with severe weather between 2010 and 2013 2010 snowstorms Tropical Storm Irene Freak October snowstorm Superstorm Sandy Blizzard of 2013

Storms have left hundreds of thousands without power for long periods of time, in some cases in excess of 10 days

A fresh approach in Connecticut



Governor Dannel Malloy wanted to do something different.

Worked with Connecticut legislature to design a "microgrid" program.

Program provides enhanced levels of safety and quality of life for Connecticut residents in large-scale outage situations.

Grant program released in November, 2012.

First Grants awarded to (9) projects in July, 2013.

First round results

Project	Facilities	Generation	Grant Value
UConn Depot			
Campus/Storrs	Campus Buildings	400 kW fuel cell, 6.6 kW PV	\$2,144,234
City of Bridgeport-City	City hall, Police Station, Senior		
Hall/Bridgeport	Center	(3) 600 kW natural gas microturbines	\$2,975,000
		(1) 2.4 MW and (1) 676 kW Natural Gas	
	Campus, Athletic Center (Public	Combined Heat and Power Reciprocating	
Wesleyan/Middletown	Shelter)	Engine	\$693,819
University of Hartford-	Dorms, Campus Center, Operation	(2) 1.9 MW diesel (existing), 250 kW	
St. Francis/Hartford	Building	diesel, 150 kW diesel	\$2,270,333
SUBASE/Groton	Various Buildings and Piers	5 MW cogen turbine, 1.5 MW diesel	\$3,000,000
Town of		(2) 130 kW natural gas, 250 kW solar, 200	
Windham/Windham	2 Schools (Various Public Purposes)	kWh battery; (2) kW diesel,	\$639,950
Town of	Police Stations, Fire Station,		
Woodbridge/Woodbrid	Department of Public Works, Town		
ge	Hall, High School, Library	1.6 MW natural gas, 400 kW fuel cell	\$3,000,000
City of Hartford-			
Parkville	School, Senior Center, Library,		
Cluster/Hartford	Supermarket, Gas station	600 kW natural gas	\$2,063,000
	Police Station, Emergency	50 kw natural gas recip engine, 250 kW	
Town of Fairfield-	Operations Center, Cell Tower, Fire	natural gas recip engine, 27 kW PV, 20	
Public Safety/Fairfield	Headquarters, Shelter	kW PV	\$1,167,659

- Will provide electricity to (3) City facilities:
 - Parkville Elementary School.
 - Parkville Senior Center.
 - Dwight Branch of Hartford Public Library.
- And to (2) private facilities:
 - C-Town Supermarket.
 - Shell Fuel Station.



- Components of the project will include:
 - 750 kW fuel cell gas generator.
 - Underground electrical conduit.
 - Interconnect to the regional CL&P grid.
- Engineering changes from original proposal include:
 - Change from 600 kW natural gas combustion engine to 750 kW fuel cell (increased efficiency).
 - CHP component eliminated. (Existing rooftop units cannot accommodate heating coils.)

- Project Team:
 - City of Hartford, Department of Public Works
 - Weston & Sampson Engineers (Consultant)
 - Constellation Energy (Developer)
 - GI Energy (Developer)
 - Bloom Energy (Fuel Cell Manufacturer)
 - Connecticut Light & Power (Utility/Interconnect)

- Project Cost and Financing:
 - Cost: \$2.9 million.
 - State Financing (CT-DEEP): \$ 2,063,000
 - City Financing (Municipal Bonds): \$ 846,000
- Schedule
 - Currently in design.
 - To be operational in 2015.

Timeline to Grant Award

- November, 2012: CT DEEP releases MicroGrid Grant Applications.
- November-December, 2012: City brainstorming involves Grants Office, DPW and Engineering Consultants.
- January, 2013: City files (2) applications: Parkville, and Jennings Road. CT DEEP selects both Hartford projects to proceed into RFP development.
- June, 2013: City files RFP's on both projects.
- July, 2013: CT DEEP awards grant to Parkville.

Implementation Timeline

- October, 2013: CT DEEP issues Contract, which is signed by Mayor Pedro Segarra in December, 2013.
- February, 2014: Engineers propose a design change from a 600 kW natural gas engine to a 750 kW Bloom Energy fuel cell.
- June, 2014: Mayor signs Letter of Agreement with Constellation to develop the fuel cell generator.
- September, 2014: City applies for Virtual Net Metering.
- May 31, 2015: Projected project completion.

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