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Chefornak Battery Energy Storage

Community Energy Transition

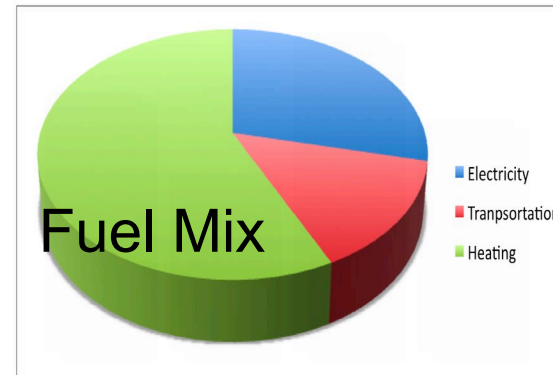
Building Resiliency and Reducing Fuel Dependency



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\$6.61 Diesel, \$8.00 gasoline



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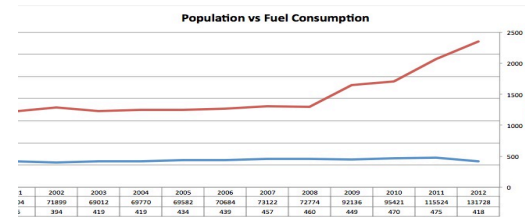


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Chefornak : Since 2010 Fuel Storage Shortage

New School





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Village of Chefornak

Chefornak Battery Energy Storage Project

3B: RESILIENCY

Project Summary

- The Village of Chefornak along with its community utility Naterkaq Light Plant will purchase, install, and integrate a 500kW/677 kWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) into the standalone community wind diesel grid. The BESS will enable over 4,000 hours of diesel off/wind only operation and will double the amount of displaced fuel from 23,000 to well over 50,000 gallons.
- The long-term goal of the Tribe is to displace/reduce 50% of our diesel fuel use by 2030. The objective of this project is to increase Tribal Community Resilience. This project does that by providing at least 3 hours of non-fuel emergency power to 5 critical tribal facilities, enabling emergency repairs to be completed; reducing diesel dependency; and providing an estimated fuel cost savings of over \$200,000 annually.

Key Personnel/Organizations

Village of Chefornak, Noel Kairaiuak – Tribal Administrator – Business Point of Contact

Naterkaq Light Plant, Anna Abraham – Utility Manager – Technical Point of Contact

Contractor: Dennis Meiners, Owner/Principal and Patrick Boonstra, Senior Project Manager– Intelligent Energy Systems, LLC

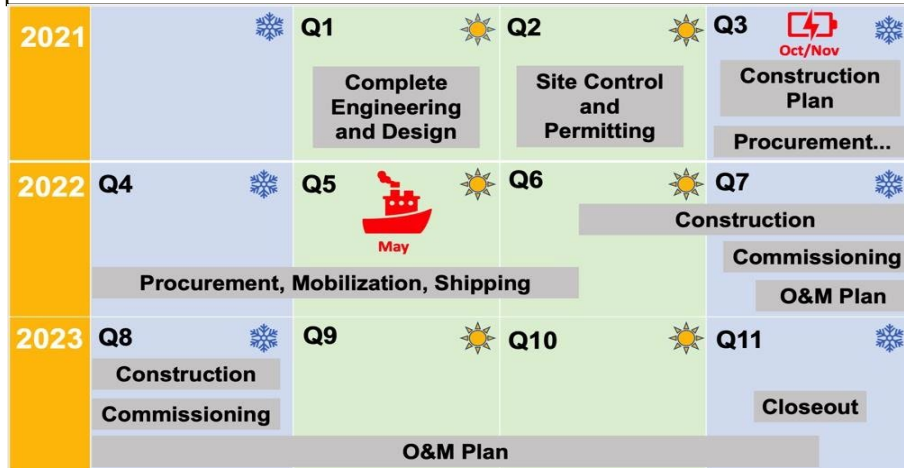
Federal funds requested: \$ 854,964

Cost-share proposed: \$ 94,996

Total Project Costs: \$ 949,960

Project Outcomes

- This project advances Chefornak’s long-term goal to reduce dependence on diesel fuel and thereby increase its resilience by:
- 1) increasing winter fuel displacement so the community will have sufficient fuel in the winter without purchasing expensive, emergency fuel;
 - 2) providing at least 3 hours of non-fuel emergency power to critical tribal facilities and enable repairs to be completed;
 - 3) improving the overall community power system reliability, security, and resiliency; and
 - 4) reducing energy costs, starting with \$205,000 annual fuel savings and eliminating the need to spend more than \$300,000 on additional bulk fuel tanks.



The BESS will enable 4,000+ hours of diesel off/wind only operation and will double the amount of displaced fuel from 23,000 gallons to over 50,000, for a savings ~\$206,000 is diesel fuel costs annually.

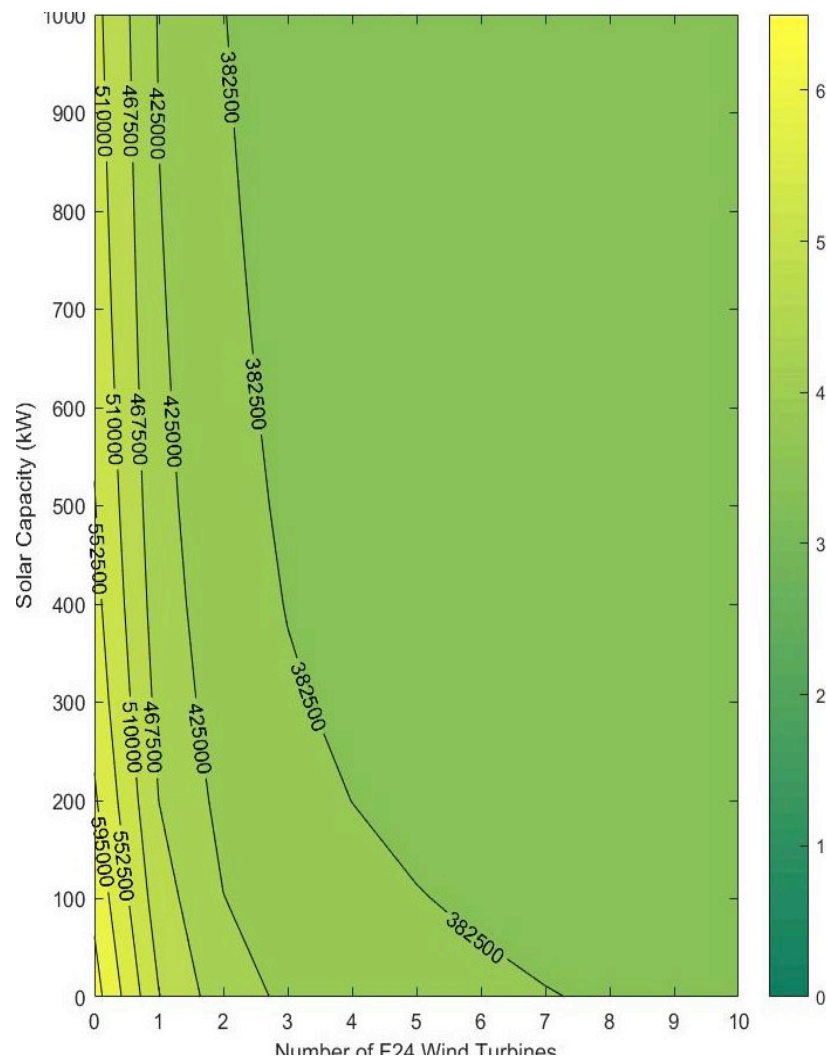
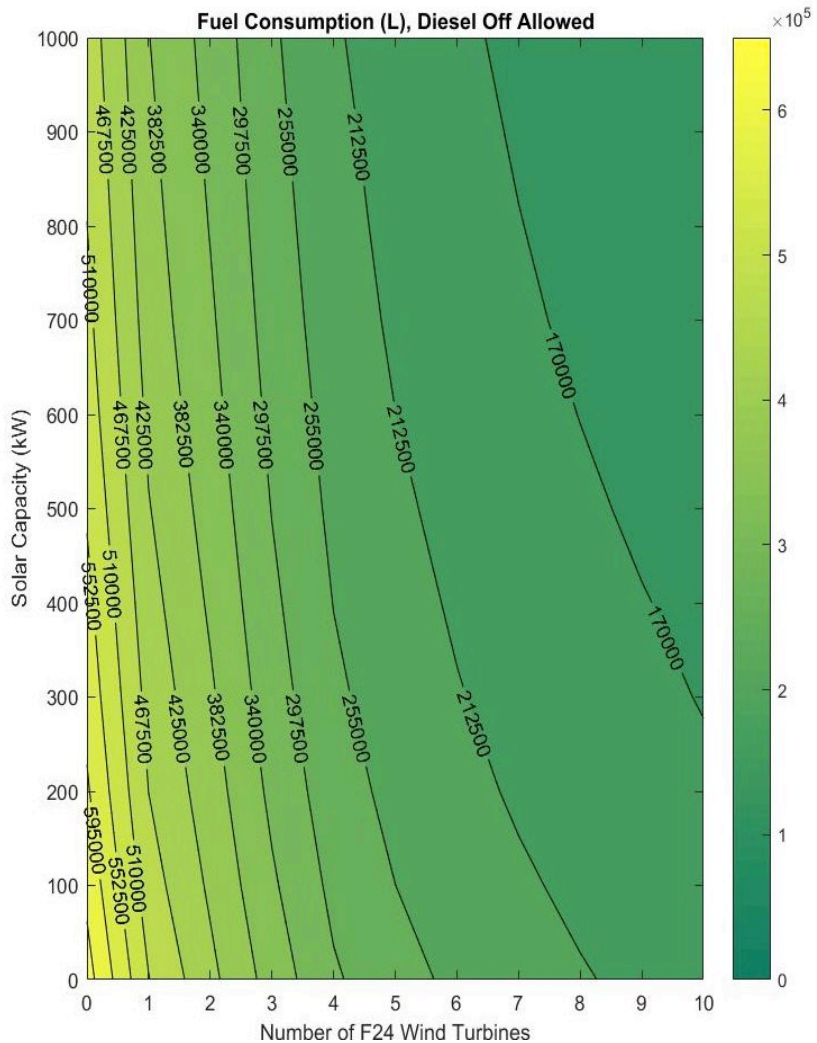
Resources



Starting Components



targets for diesel off



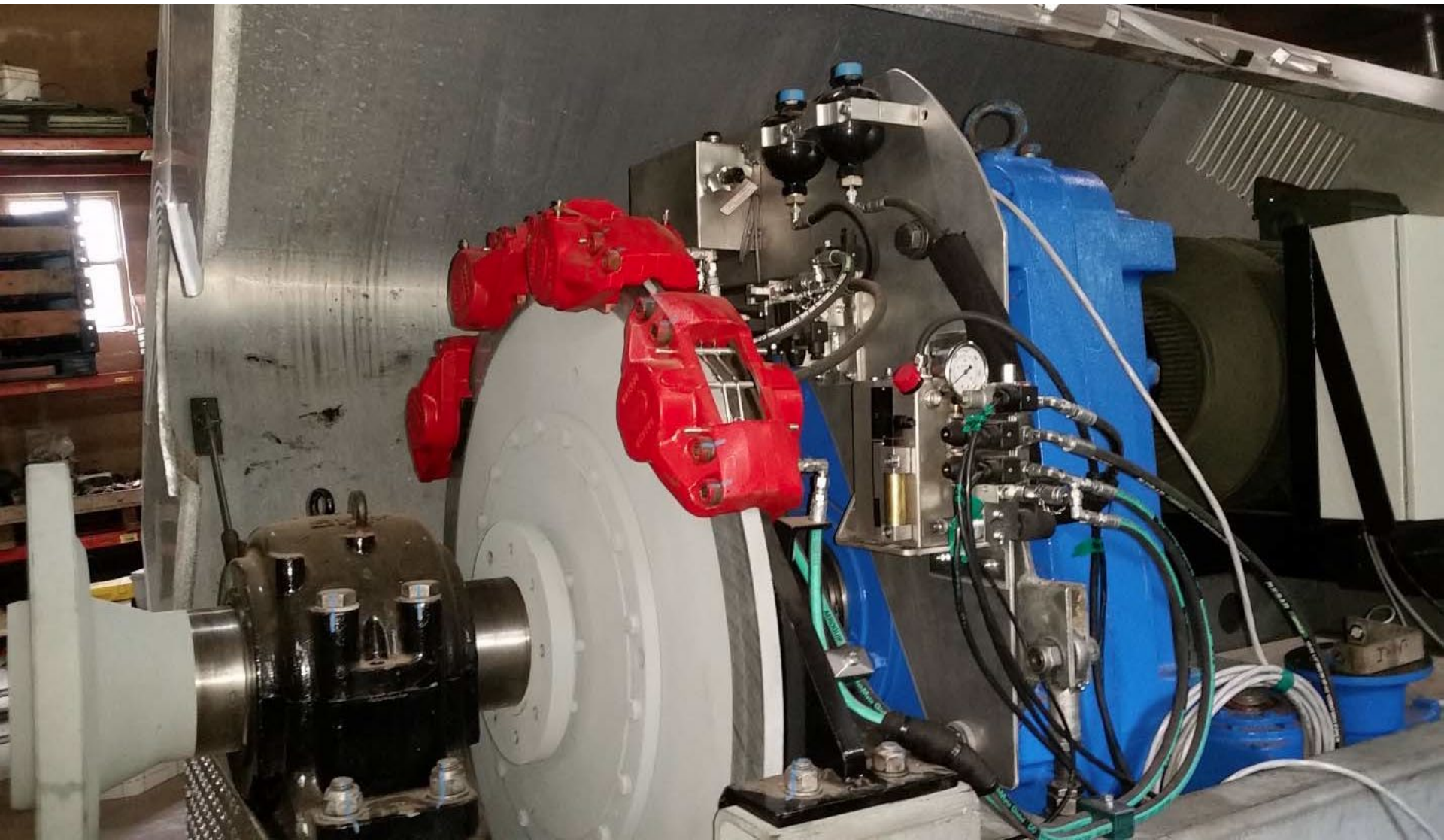




Adapt Technology



Turbine advancements





Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)



Electric Thermal Stove (ETS)

ETS installed in a residence

Photo via <https://news.uaf.edu/study-will-explore-thermal-storage-heaters-to-reduce-pollution/>

Project Timeline

- Battery delivery scheduled
- Installation Summer 2023

