

Alternative & Renewable Energy Sources Katie School of Insurance Symposium – April 10th, 2012 Camilo Posada



Agenda

- Introduction
 - Clean Tech and Alternative Energy
- Alternative energy market update
 - Key alternative energy segments and risks
 - Wind
 - Solar
 - Ethanol
- Q&A



What is Clean Tech?

Clean Technology = Products & Services focused on efficient and sustainable use of resources, principally focused on:

- Alternative energy generation and management
- Product life cycle management
- Manufacturing processes including the supply chain
- Efficient management of property and buildings



Worldwide Trends in Clean Tech

Development and deployment in three regions: Asia, Europe, and North America Asia:

Manufacturing capacity ramping up Supplier to other parts of the world Focus on solar and wind technologies

Europe:

- Largest alternative energy installed base dominated by wind and solar
- Focus on micro-generation
- Smart buildings/appliances/energy efficiency

North America

Focus on solar, wind, and smart grid Next clean tech areas of development: alternative fuels, hybrid, and electric transport Micro-generation and material development



Sources: State Technology Spending: Governing State and Local Sourcebook HIT Summary Data: Corptech, Gartner Group



Top Three Clean Tech Segments by 2017: Wind, Solar, & Smart Grid Technologies

Clean Tech Segments and Technology Examples:

- Alternative Energy
 Production and Storage
 - Wind, Solar, Tidal
 - Ethanol, Bio Fuels, Geothermal
 - Carbon Capture & Other Storage
 - Grid Stability Software
 - Advanced Batteries
- Materials
 - Nanotech
 - Thermal fibers
- Transportation
 - Hybrid Vehicles, Smart Logistics Software
 - Fuel Efficiency

- Service Providers
 - Smart Grid Technologies
 - Consultants
 - Communications
 - Control Systems
 - Construction
- Manufacturing and Industrial
 - Building Systems
 - Sensors
 - Lighting Systems
- Water & Waste Water
 - Ultra Filtration
 - Desalination Equipment

Alternative Energy Market Update

- Renewable energy accounted for approximately half of the new electric capacity added in 2011 globally.
- Renewables deliver about 25% of global electric supply.
- By early 2011 at least 119 countries had some type of renewable energy policy at the national level.
- China leads several indicators of market growth: top wind turbine and solar thermal installer and top hydropower producer.
- Total investment in renewable energy reached \$211B in 2010, up from \$160B in 2009.

Renewable Energy Leaders

Renewable Power Capacity	Wind Power	Biomass Power	Geothermal Power	Solar PV
China	China	USA	USA	Germany
USA	USA	Brazil	Philippines	Spain
Canada	Germany	Germany	Indonesia	Japan
Brazil	Spain	China	Mexico	Italy
Germany	India	Sweeden	Italy	USA

Macro Challenges

- 100 year old power grid and infrastructure
- Renewable energy is more expensive
- Distribution and renewable energy not local to each other
- Sometimes little to no standards
- Servicing challenges
- Evolving supply chain headaches
- Regulatory approvals
 - Renewable energy "chicken and egg"
 - Unintended consequences (e.g. Marcellus Shale)



Alternative Energy Basic Overview

- Key Segments
 - Solar
 - Wind
 - Biomass & Biofuels

Solar Energy









Florida Gulf Coast University 16 acre 2-megawatt installation

Solar Energy Capacity



Solar Energy Types



- Photo Voltaic (PV)
 - Uses a chemical reaction to produce power
 - Chemicals force an electron flow when exposed to light.
 - Can be placed anywhere
- Thermal
 - Direct capture of heat
 - Rooftop water heaters, etc
 - Indirect Capture of heat, make steam, turn a turbine
 - Power generation
 - Limited use due to the land use vs efficiency needs









Types of PV Solar Panels

- Mono & poly crystalline silicon
- Thin Film
 - Amorphous & CIGS thin film
 - CdTe
 - Nanotechnology thin film
- Which is better?





Solar Continuum PV Perspective

Solar Operations

Raw Materials "Upstream"

Finished Products "Downstream"



Wind Energy





Wind Energy Fast Facts

- Capacity installed worldwide: 194,000 MW Up 22% over 2009
- Capacity installed U.S.: 40,180 MW (end of 2010) Up 15% over 2009¹
- An estimated 70.8 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) Wind Generated
- Top 5 states in wind energy installed (end of 2010)
 - 1. Texas: 10,085 MW 4. Minnesota: 2,192 MW
 - 2. Iowa: 3,675 MW 5. Oregon & Washington: 2,104 MW
 - 3. California: 3,177 MW
- US Potential: Estimated at 36,920 billion kWh annually (Source: NREL)
- One megawatt (MW) of wind: powers 250-300 homes
- Over 200 manufacturing facilities on line in the U.S.

¹ Source for data is AWEA unless otherwise indicated

Wind Energy Potential

481

435

73 65

62

61

59 58

56

52

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THE TOP TWENTY STATES for wind energy potential, as measured by annual energy potential in the billions of kWhs, factoring in environmental and land use exclusions for wind class of 3 and higher.

1,210

1,190

1,070

1.030

1,020 868

747

725

657

551

1	North Dakota
2	Texas
3	Kansas
4	South Dakota
5	Montana
6	Nebraska
7	Wyoming
8	Oklahoma
9	Minnesota
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11	Colorado
12	New Mexico
13	Idaho
14	Michigan
15	New York
16	Illinois
17	California
18	Wisconsin
19	Maine
20	Missouri







Onshore Wind – Micro Generation



Logan International Airport supplements electricity and Innovation through 20 small onsite wind turbines



Components to a Wind Turbine

Turbine Components

There are over 8000 components in a turbine, including:

Towers:

Towers Ladders Lifts

Rotor:

Hub Nose Cone Blades - Composites - Blade Core Pitch Mechanisms Drives Brakes Rotary Union

Nacelle:

Nacelle Cover Nacelle Base Heat exchanger Controllers Generator Power Electronics Lubricants Filtration Insulation Gearbox Pump Drivetrain Ceramics Shaft

Foundation:

Rebar Concrete Casings

Other:

Transformers Bolts/Fasteners Wire Paints and Coatings Lighting Lightning Protection Steel Working/Machining Communication Devices Control and Condition Monitoring Equipment Electrical Interface and Electrical Connection Batteries Bearings Brakes

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ELECTRONIC CONVERTER Service Failures Failures

S/CONTROLS System Control

ELECTRIC GENERATOR Cooling Sealed Environment Slip Rings

The following list names the labelled elements in the diagram.

- Rotor Blade.
- Rotor Hub
- Turbine Frame 3
- Main Rotor Bearing,
- Rotor Shaft 5
- 6 Gearbox

- 7. Mechanical Disc Brake
- 8. Generator Coupling
- Generator 9

GEARBOX

Lubrication

Overstress

- 10. Cooling Radiator
- 11. Wind Instruments
- 12. Controller

- 13. Hydraulic System
- 14. Yaw Drive Motor
- 15. Yaw Ring Bearing
- 16. Nacelle Cover

17 Tower

BLADES

Lightening

Extreme Weather

BEARINGS Failures

Grooving

Fatique

HYDRAULICS/ELECTRIC

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Leaks

Fire

Batteries

Fail Safe

Inside of the Nacelle How do I get out?



The Kaboom Factor



- Mechanical breakdowns are common
 - Lack of inspections
 - 30 minutes to climb
- Broken blades create missiles
- Collapse and structural failure
- A lack of inspections breeds potential problems
- NIMBY
 - Ice throws
 - Blade flicker
 - Noise



Property –

- Machinery Breakdown Evolution of the technology
- Fire and other perils Protection considerations/realities
- Contingent Business Income Domestic and foreign suppliers, worldwide supply chain

Products Liability –

- Components, what is considered a "critical" component
- Supply chain It's a global issue

Premises Liability –

- Attractive nuisance
- Construction and operational risks



Workers Comp -

- Multiple risks
- Remote locations
- Construction
- Installation
- Maintenance

Commercial Auto -

- Service/maintenance fleets
- Heavy hauling exposure In house vs. subcontracted

Errors and Omissions -

- How risk adverse is your carrier with new/prototypical technology?
- Financial loss suffered by utility due to turbines not producing electricity
- Delay and delivery is big exposure for wind energy market

Warranty -

- Pre-mature product failure
- Compare and contrast against other clean tech segments

Environmental – Internal and external forces

- Onsite pre-existing and new conditions clean-up insurance
- Non-owned disposal site insurance
- 3rd party transportation clean-up insurance
- Many utilities and lenders require environmental insurances

Biofuels and Biomass





NASCAR changes fuel formula for 2011 season to use 15% corn ethanol (E-15) in their race cars



Biofuels & Biomass

Types of Biomass Wood fuel Rubbish Alcohol fuels Crops Landfill gas

The Kaboom Factor

- Ethanol plants are flammable liquids distilleries
- Biofuels are chemical plants
- Gasification biomass power plants can become a bomb
- Ethanol has to be trucked to final destination
- Do idle plants mean vacant building exposures?
- Fire and explosion protection must be excellent
- Engineering, construction, operation and maintenance requires highly qualified and experienced people

Property –

- Pilot, demonstration and production plants, anticipate correct limits?
- Multiple exposures=multiple perils
- Machinery breakdown challenges
- Business Income
 - Onsite Bl
 - CBI from lack of feedstock

Products Liability –

- "Bad product" damage to end use transportation
- Distillers Dried Grains, what liabilities exist?

Premises Liability -

- Chemical plant considerations Public exposure?
- Rail sidings
- Truckers Load-in, load out
- Security
- Contractors on premises



Worker's Comp -

- Expect severe exposures
- Training and safety programs

Commercial Auto –

• Flammable liquids transportation

Environmental – Options for?

- Onsite pre-existing and new conditions clean-up insurance
- Non-owned disposal site insurance
- 3rd party transportation clean-up insurance

Other Clean Tech Considerations

- Dynamic business plans and changing operations
- Off-shore wind production
- Contracting Exposures
 - Installation
 - Testing and warranty
- Proper Controls "Kaboom" factor
- Emerging hazards
 - Nanotechnology
 - Lithium-ion batteries
 - Green building material construction defect

Resources



- American Wind Energy Association
 - http://www.awea.org/
- Solar Electric Power Association

http://www.solarelectricpower.org/

- Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency
 - http://www.dsireusa.org/
 - http://www.mass.gov/energy/rps
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory

http://www.nrel.gov/

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