

Presentation to

Wastewater Advisory Committee

Update on the Combined Heat and Power Project for the Deer Island Treatment Plant

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Contract 6963A: Part of long term combined heat and power (CHP) system infrastructure planning

- Evaluate DITP's existing CHP system
- Develop recommendation to:
 - Reliably and economically meet energy needs
 - Maximize on-site generation
 - Reduce electricity purchases



Existing CHP Schematic & Energy Flow





CHP Technology Evaluation

Several CHP technologies were evaluated Two primary contenders

Reciprocating Engine Generators (like a car) Combustion Turbine Generators (like a jet)

Chosen Technology Generated more electricity when simulated in DITP system

Consultant Proposed Design - Schematic and Energy Flow*



- New building for equipment
- Design and construction cost: \$82M

*Based on preliminary sizing and overall design



Performance Prediction Method

- Simulation predicts energy performance
- Calculates performance of new CHP when run in DITP system
- Accounts for interplay between boilers and CHP engines
 - Simulation enables high confidence results



Source of Additional Electricity



Economic Analysis - Net Present Value Introduction

The NPV is the sum of all capital and O&M costs over the analysis duration discounted to the base year



- Accounts for time value of money
- Discounts future money to base year of 2021
- Discount rate tied to MWRA cost of money
- Analysis period 25 years



| Consultant NPV Summary Results | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Alternative | NPV | Compare New NPV to Existing (NPVΔ) | | |
| Existing CHP | \$ 214M | - | | |
| New CHP | \$ 227M | \$ +13.1M* | | |

The above numbers are the net present value (NPV) in millions of dollars for a 25 year analysis of operating a new and existing CHP/power plant and purchasing fuel oil and electricity.

Consultant recommended continued use of existing CHP

*Based on preliminary CHP sizing and current Eversource incentive as well as a prediction of the variable market driven energy certificate sales revenue.



Staff built upon Consultant's analysis by modifying the following parameters:

- Adjusting the O&M costs
- Lowering the discount rate
- Using a standard boiler life





| | Consultant NPV Results | Staff Preliminary NPV Results | | |
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| Alternative | | O&M | Discount Rate 4% | Boiler Replacement |
| Existing CHP NPV | \$ 214M | \$ 233M | \$ 290M | \$ 328M |
| New CHP NPV | \$ 227M | \$ 239M | \$ 284M | \$ 284M |
| ΝΡνΔ | \$ +13.1M | \$ +5.8M 🗖 | 🔷 \$ -6.5M* 🗖 | ➡\$ -43.1M** |

*Includes O&M

**Includes Discount rate and O&M

New CHP outperforms existing CHP

Fuel Oil 300k Gal/yr 3,000 Metric Tons GHG 8M Car miles

Electricity 40 GWh/yr* 13,800 Metric Tons GHG** 34M Car Miles 16,800 Metric Tons GHG 42M Car Miles Social Cost of Carbon: \$775k/yr

*Does not include Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Purchases/Sales ** Based on actual GHG profile provided from the electrical supplier



Beyond NPV Considerations

- Increase on site generation
 - From: 57% by Energy; 65% by Cost
 - To: 74% by Energy; 78% by Cost

- Eliminate 30 fuel oil truck deliveries per year
- Eliminate high pressure steam system hazards

Percent of total energy demand (thermal and electrical) met by on-site renewable generation





New CHP Next Steps





Questions?