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"Propelled by Microcell"



 Technology Background
 Company Information
 Commercial Product Focus
 Results of Fuel Cell Demonstration Project



Conventional PEM Fuel Cell





Technology - Individual Microcell





Technology – Unicell





Technology – Microcell Assembly

Microcell

Unicell

Module



- Approximately 1-1.5W per cell
- Mass produced on automated extrusion line

- 10 15W per Unicell
- Fuel, air and thermal management incorporated

 Fuel cell Cores: 0.5-10kW



Significant Competitive Advantages

	 Continuous automated extrusion process
Lower Production Cost	 Derived from raw materials compared to purchasing components Elimination of expensive bipolar flow field plates
	 Reduced auxiliary and control equipment requirements; no humidification equipment Simplified design and fabrication processes = lower labor costs
	Simplified design and no humidification system = compact and lightweight
High Power Density	 Cylindrical shape provides the ideal fibrous geometry, resulting in the highest possible surface area / volume ratio
Ease of Repair, Serviceability	 Individual Microcell Unicells are inserted into a fuel cell module
	 Individual Unicells can be replaced without replacing the entire module
High Thermal Efficiency	 Heat removal occurs from every inch of every single cell Design allows for optimal heat removal to reduce cell degradation
	Metallic current collectors heat up much faster than graphite plates
Quick Start Operation	 Reach operating temperature quickly; essential for operating effectively in cold weather conditions



Polarization Curve - H₂ Fuel



Potential Markets





Company Information
New Manufacturing Facility
Robersonville, NC



R & D Facility
Raleigh, NC





Investors











Private Investors



Utility DC Power Supply



Environmentally friendly replacement for lead-acid battery based DC power supplies. Provides extended run-time during power outages and the off-loading of the distribution system during overload conditions. Potential to provide capex and O&M savings along with mitigating the problem of maintaining and disposing of lead-acid batteries.



Distributed Demand Response/Back-Up Power Option



Super-peaking power from fuel cell as dispatched by the utility. Fueled by hydrogen stored during off-peak hours or from renewable sources. Would normally operate grid parallel only. With optional dual-mode inverter and physical grid separation device, could provide back-up power.



Microcell Fuel Cell System





Smithsonian National Zoo Installation







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Fuel Cell Performance vs. Time



Outdoor Temperature During Operation





Operating Results

Cell operating conditions:

- H₂ pressure 4 psi
- Air Pressure 0-4 psi
- Coolant inlet temperature 55°C
- Module Temperature -65-70°C
- Fuel Efficiency 99%
- Cell efficiency 56.6%
- FC Voltage ~ 17.0V
- Number of cycles- ~30
- Output Voltage 48V DC





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