## **BRI Cyclo-Turbine™ Power Generator**

Boschma Research, Inc.\*



\*BRI is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business with facilities at Brownsboro, Alabama

**BRI Wind Tunne** 

**BRI** Proprietary

**Curtate** 

**Thrust Vect** 



Founded in 2008 to exploit the efficiency advantages of Cycloidal Motion

Heavily armed Engineering team with SOLID WORKS in their holsters

Vast experience by team of technicians recently released from Turkish jails!

Supported by Investors, Contracts and Grants



A Navy propulsion research spinoff offers a "Green" power production opportunity

Extracts energy by controlling blade angle to optimize lift while minimizing drag

1<sup>st</sup> Proposal (FY2000) rejected due to policy at that time: "WATER IS NOT A RENEWABLE RESOURCE"



Hydrokinetic Power Generation by BRI Cyclo-Turbines



(Debris Guard and Floatation Not Shown)



# Curtate Cycloidal Turbine





# **BRI Pi-Pitch Turbine in Final Assembly**



## **Pi-Pitch Cycloidal Motion**

Flow direction insensitive. Effective during both rising and falling tides. Needs ~10 inches of water. Self-starting at very low flow velocities. Self-cleaning blades.



Flow direction



# **BRI Pi-Pitch Turbine in Final Assembly**



## Debris Guard and Fish Screen Test Fixture with Rotating "Kicker"



Tests in the Flint River showed excellent performance in rejecting multiple types of debris.

## Venturi for Flow Acceleration

Venturi flow accelerator increases flow rate at the turbine  $(E_k = \frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2)$ .



### **Instrumented Test Platform**



28' Pontoon Boat Turbine Elevator 2-Point Flow Velocity Torque Meter & RPM Counter Computer "Room" Four 3000lb Winch Corner Lifts Onboard Aux Generator Power Meter w/Data Logger & Generator Temperature Computer Data Collection Storm Anchor





Elevator Down, Data Collect Underway



# **5kW PM Generator for Igiugig**





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Rated rotation speed: 200 RPM Weight: 130 kg 3-phase star connected AC output Rectified DC output option Starting torque: 3.5 NM (2.6 ft lbs) Torque at rated power: 269 NM (198 ft lbs)

#### Grid Tie System on Test Stand at BRI

#### Left to right: AC Safety Switch, AC-DC Converter, Inverters w/transformers, Emergency Cutoff Switch



#### 480/277-Y 3-Phase Grid Tie

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# lgiugig December 2008



# Igiugig Village at the Kvichak River Population 62



# Igiugig Proposed Installation Site





BRI developed *Curtate* and *Pi-pitch* blade motion turbines for river, waste water and tidal applications.

Under contract with the Alaska Energy Authority for deployment of Curtate 5kW unit at Igiugig, Alaska.

Well received marketing activities underway to obtain contracts for waste water energy recovery.

System Technical Improvements: Computer-controlled blade angle, active debris guard, automatic emergency shutdown, and DC-3 aircraft transportable.

## The Dollars and Cents of It

#### Small Hydro = lowest production cost, highest ROI

Plant Type	Capacity Factor (%)	U.S. Average Levelized Costs (2009 \$/megawatthour) for Plants Entering Service in 2016					
		Levelized Capital Cost	Fixed O&M	Variable O&M (including fuel)	Transmission Investment	Total System Levelized Cost	
Conventional Coal	85	65.3	3.9	24.3	1.2	94.8	
Advanced Coal	85	74.6	7.9	25.7	1.2	109.4	
Advanced Coal with CCS	85	92.7	92	33.1	1.2	136.2	
Natural Gas-fired	]	ļ					'Gray'
Conventional Combined Cycle	87	17.5	1.9	45.6	1.2	66.1	technologies
Advanced Combined Cycle	87	17.9	1.9	42.1	1.2	63.1	have
Advanced CC with CCS	87	34.6	3.9	49.6	12	89.3	pollution
Conventional Combustion Turbine	30	45.8	3.7	71.5	3.5	124.5	footprint.
Advanced Combustion Turbine	30	31.6	5.5	62.9	3.5	103.5	
Advanced Nuclear	90	90.1	11.1	11.7	1.0	113.9	
Wind	34	83.9	9.6	0.0	3.5	97.0	
Wind – Offshore	34	209.3	28.1	0.0	5.9	243.2	(Blue)
Solar PV <sup>1</sup>	25	194.6	12.1	0.0	4.0	210.7	Diue
Solar Thermal	18	259.4	46.6	0.0	5.8	311.8	technologies
Geothermal	92	79.3	11.9	9.5	1.0	101.7	are pollution
Biomass	83	55.3	13.7	42.3	1.3	112.5	froo
Hydro	52	74.5	3.8	6.3	1.9	86.4	iree.

<sup>1</sup>Costs are expressed in terms of net AC power available to the grid for the installed capacity.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2011, December 2010, DOE/EIA-0383(2010)



Projected Cost of Waste Water Operations

We estimate the levelized cost for Waste Water Operations at \$55 per MegaWatt hour

Why so Low: No debris, flow controlled, no silt, maintenance crew always onsite, ease of extraction and installation.

Fast Return On Investment (ROI)



- BRI Cyclo-Turbine<sup>™</sup> offers efficient water-to-power conversion in flowing water, deep or shallow.
- Very broad market includes both developed and developing nations.
- System breaks down for DC-3 transport to deploy to remote areas worldwide.
- Return on Investment is large, and occurs sooner.
- Growth path holds promise for substantial performance gains and increased ROI.



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