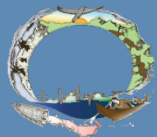


Sustainable Solar Energy for Hughes Village Council, Hudotl'eekkaakk'e Tribe

A project to increase energy security and tribal resiliency in Hughes Alaska

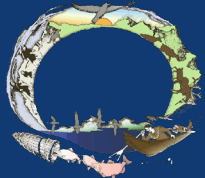
Dave Messier
TCC Rural Energy Coordinator



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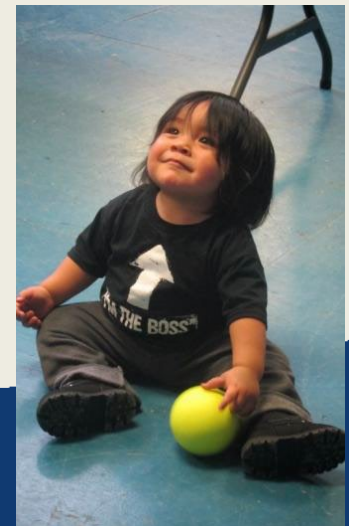
- Koyukon Athabascan community
- 210 Air miles northwest of Fairbanks
- Fly in Only for Fuel using DC4's built in the 50's and 60's



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Hughes, Alaska – Community Vision

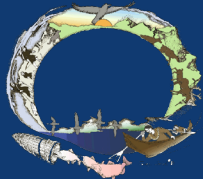
“We are a community who value their subsistence way of life, our children and elders, and our healthy lifestyles. We will take direction from our elders through hands-on learning and storytelling. We are preparing our next generation to continue our work. We approach our work with open minds and open hearts and the intention to build a community that is designed by its members to be a place safe from floods and reflective of our values and our lifestyles. We are continuously seeking a higher quality of life. “



Community Planning Progress

Community Planning Initiated in 2002, Successes:

- Construction of new teacher clinic (Completed)
- Construction of outdoor basketball court (Completed)
- VHF Radios for residents (Completed)
- Completion of a new landfill (Completed)
- Biomass Heating Project (Completed)
- Reduce Reliance on Imported Diesel fuel for electric generation (ongoing, Thanks DOE!)

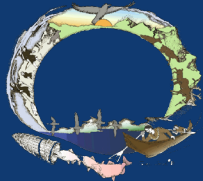
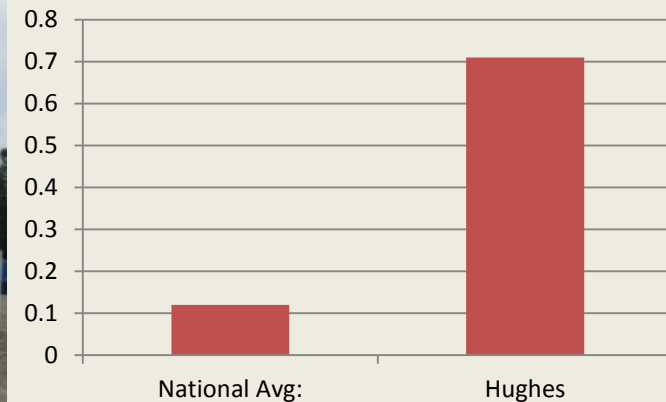


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Where does YOUR Electricity come from?



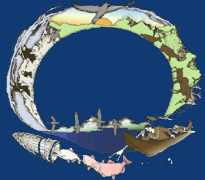
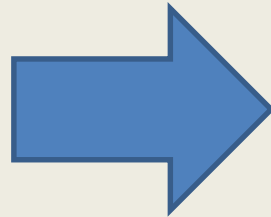
\$/kWh Hughes Vs. National Avg



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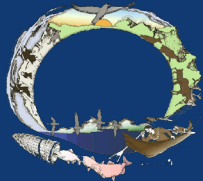
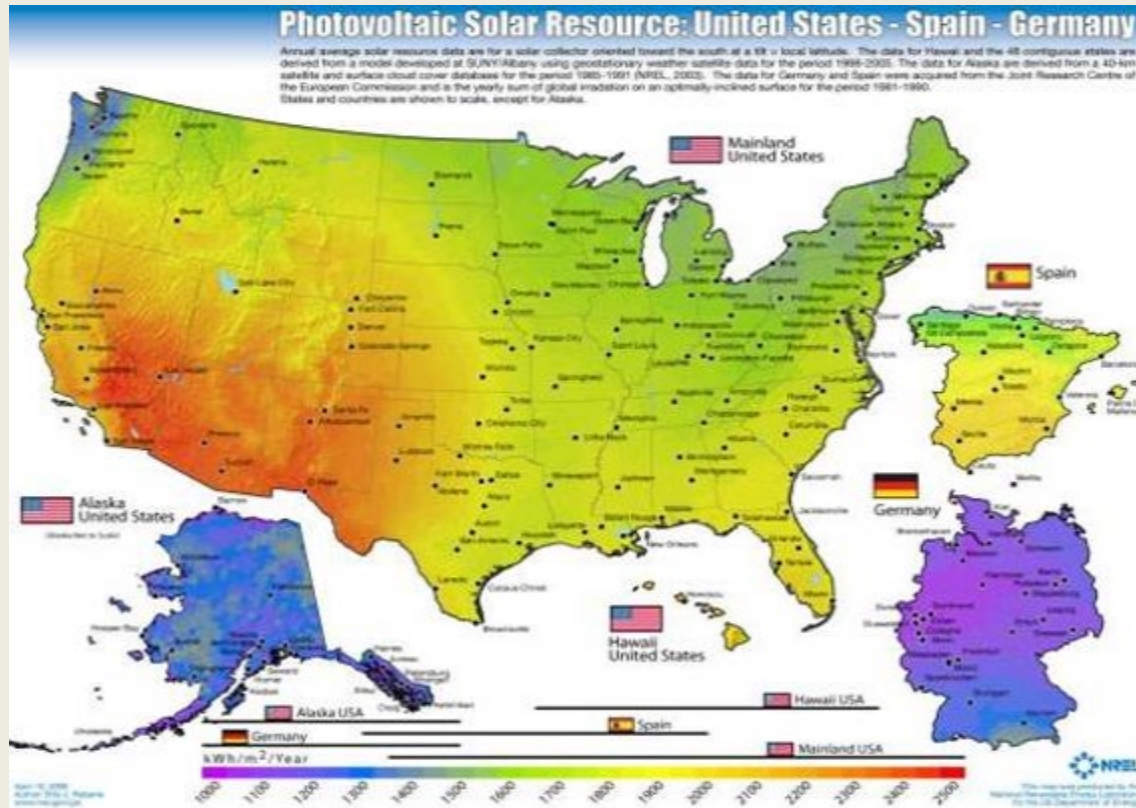
The Challenge?

How do we get Hughes from
HERE... To ...HERE



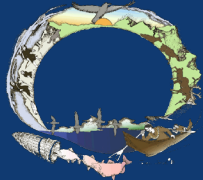
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But wait a sec, I thought Alaska didn't have much sun?



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Did we mention the DC 4's...

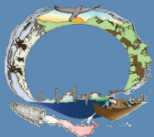


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Renewable Portfolio Standard

Renewable/Efficiency Portfolio Standard:

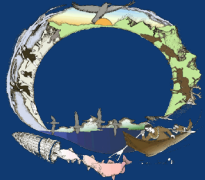
“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the city of Hughes, Alaska and the Hughes Tribal Council recognize the importance of communities working together to improve their energy situation...[and] that these entities choose to establish a goal of 50% diesel displacement in our community by the year 2025....meaning that 50% of the electricity generated and sold by the local utility will be from renewable energy sources”



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*“Stronger Together
for the Next 100 Years”*

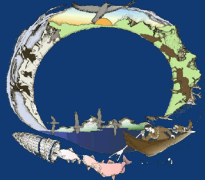
Hughes Plant Operators and Gensets



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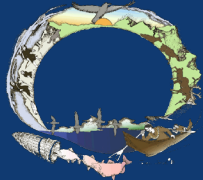
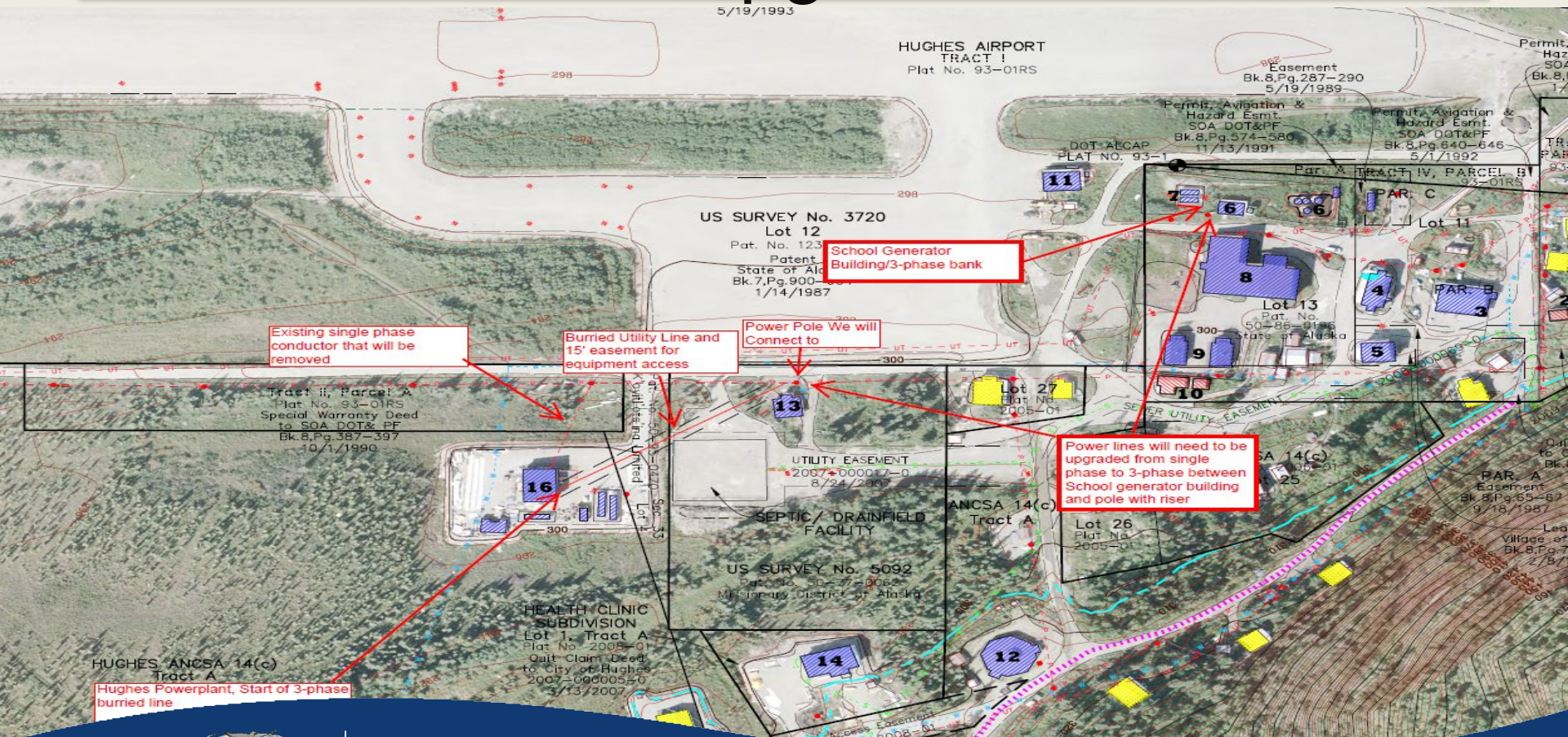
Project Goals

1. Increase Tribal Energy Security and Resiliency
2. Development of a replicable PV-Diesel hybrid electrical system that can be deployed in other villages
3. Implement a financial model that allows tribal ownership, reduces energy costs and does not negatively effect the PCE contribution to electric rates



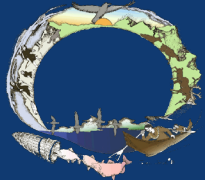
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Community Wide 3-phase Upgrade



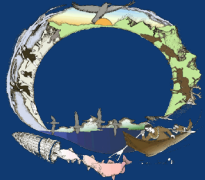
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Community Wide LED Lighting Upgrade



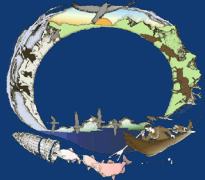
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Site of Solar PV Array



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Site of Solar PV Array last year

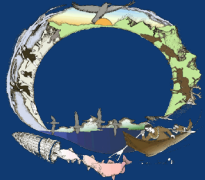


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Solar PV Array



Oct 30th 2018 Hughes, AK North of the Arctic Circle

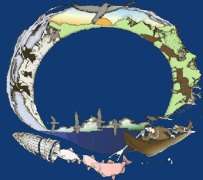


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Summer 2019 Wiring PV Panels



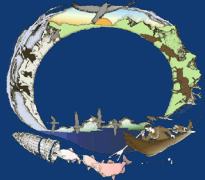
Hughes PV Array Panels-Inverter \$2.10/watt



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Logistics...



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Project Logistics

Material Cost of Racking and Solar PV Panels: \$102,000

Cost of Shipping: \$15k SEA → Nenana + \$15k Nenana → Hughes

Racking From Ohio →

Trucked to SEA →

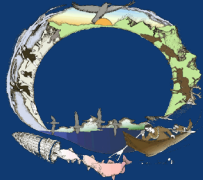
Barged to ANC →

Trucked to NEN →

→ Barged 450 miles down the Yukon Tanana and Yukon River and 400 miles up the Koyukuk River

Installed Cost w/shipping: \$2.10/watt

Installed Cost w/out shipping \$1.84/watt



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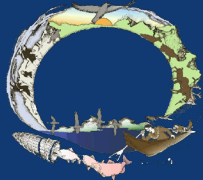
ABB E-Mesh 250/335

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e-mesh™ PowerStore™ Integrated 250/500 Energy storage with a compact footprint

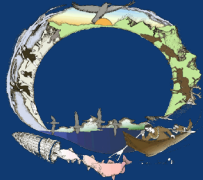
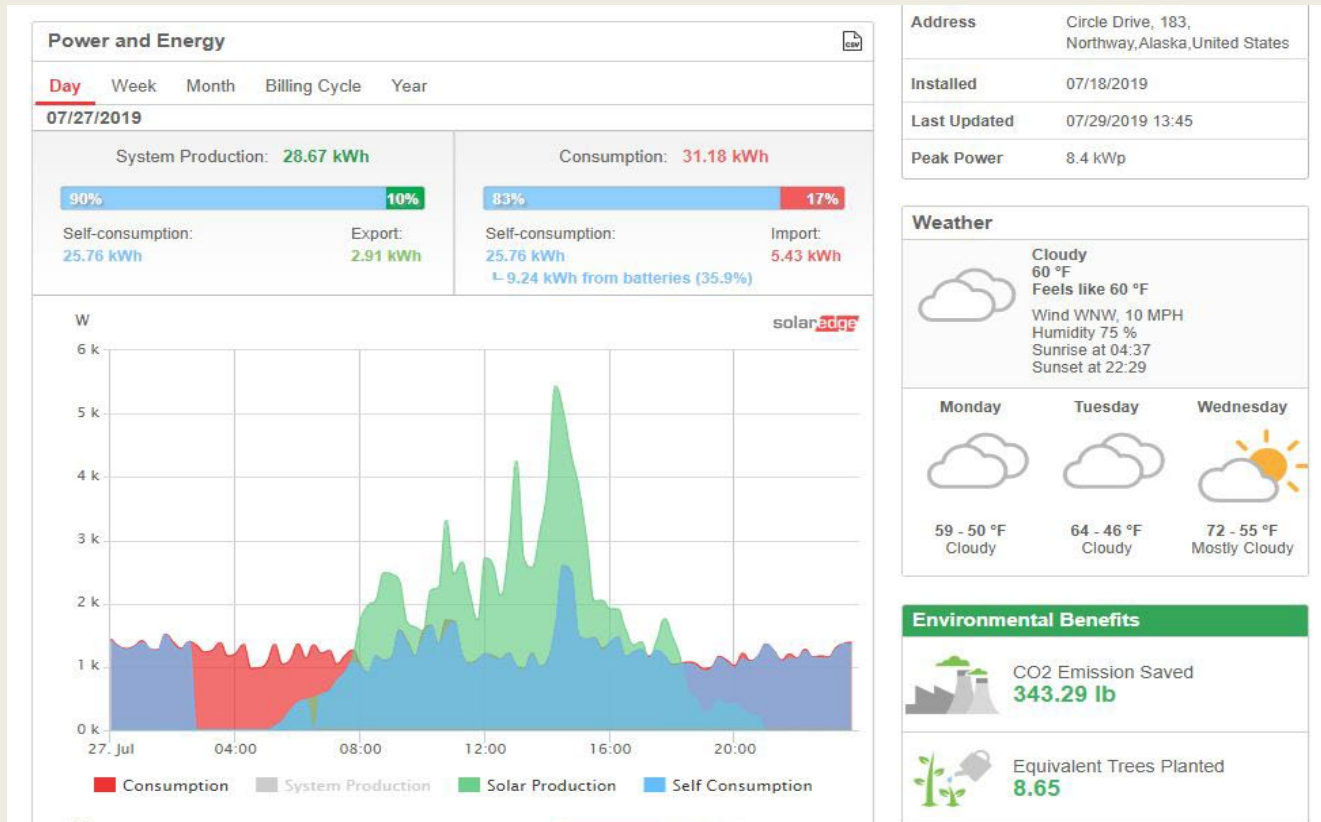


e-mesh™ PowerStore™ Integrated 250/500, is ABB's latest battery energy storage solution that helps ensure power reliability and availability, grid stability, and the integration of renewable energy enabled by advanced automation technology.



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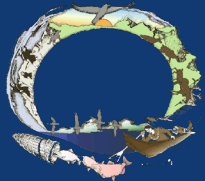
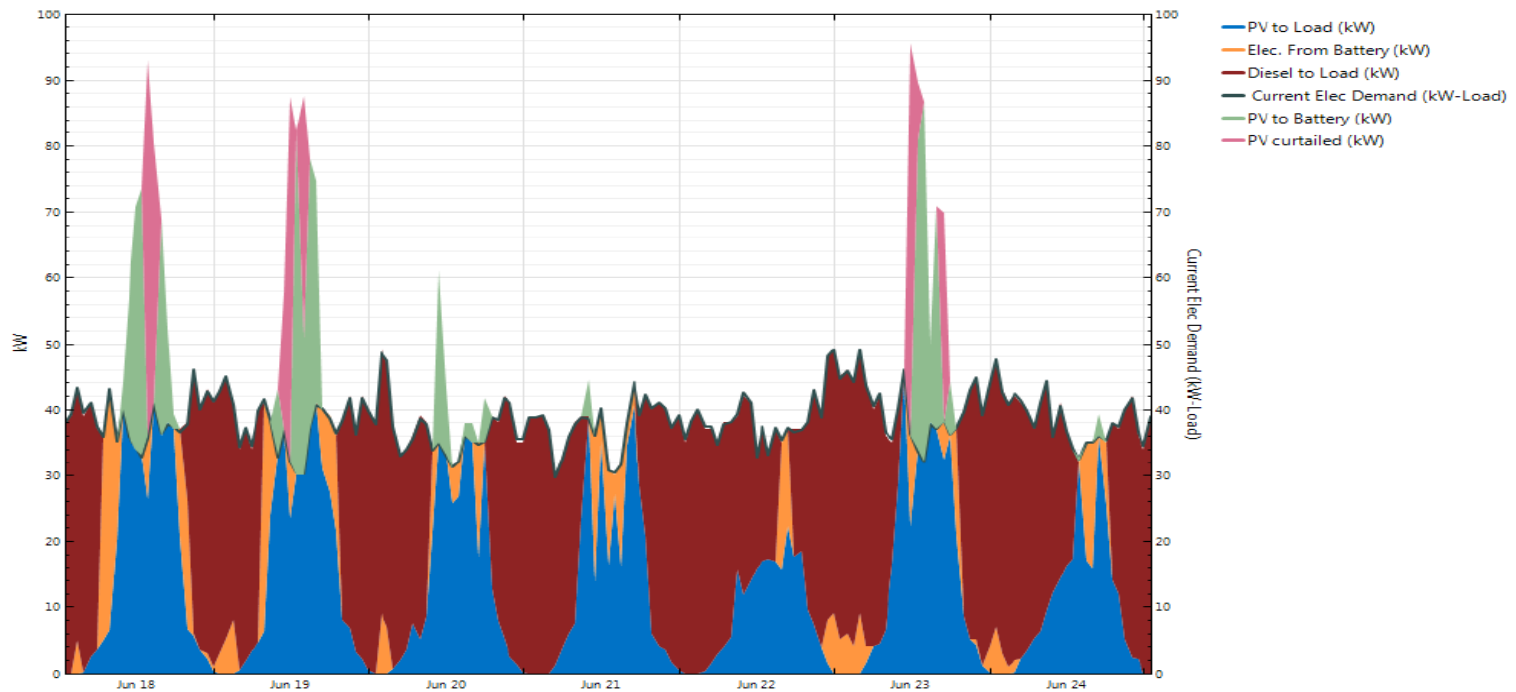
Example from Northway



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NREL Modeling in Hughes

Dispatch – Nominal battery cost



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Delays = Budget

Original Budget

All In Cost Estimates

\$623k DOE

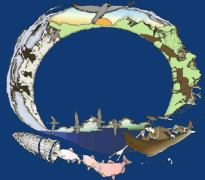
\$623k DOE

\$127k Hughes/TCC

\$500k Hughes/TCC

\$751k Total Project

\$1.12M Total Project



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Why is DOE Funding so Important?

Hughes Village Light and Power FY18

Customers: 63

Annual kWh Sales: 443,942

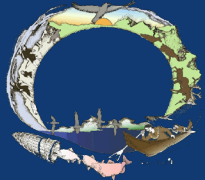
Expense/kWh (Fuel, parts, Staff) : \$.79/kWh (\$.55 Fuel \$.24 non Fuel)

10 year loan at 4% interest for this project:

Payments: \$11,370/mo x12 = \$136,332 - \$66k Fuel Savings = \$70,332

\$70,332/443,942kwh = \$.16/kWh

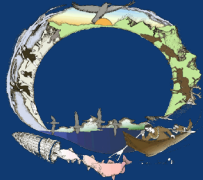
New \$/kWh = \$.95/kWh = 20% cost increase



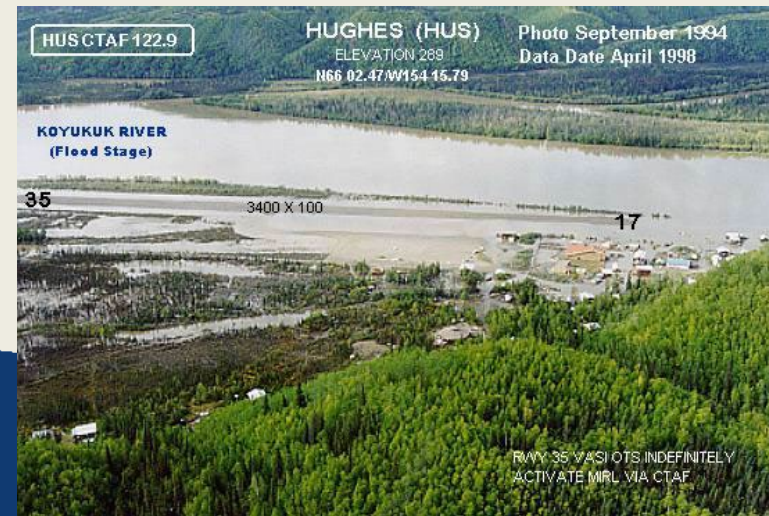
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Project Challenges

1. Cost effective design and battery bank in a changing Battery Market
- ~~2. Single Phase limitation in the community of Hughes~~
- ~~3. Getting panels and battery bank out of the flood plain~~
4. Implementation of Effective Micro-grid Control System
- ~~5. Budget~~



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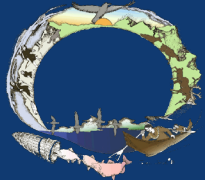


Ana Basee' (Thank you!) Dept.
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“Self Sufficiency is the greatest of All
Wealth” - Epicurus

Questions?

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