# Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR) Compact Gasification System



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Leveraging 50 Years of Rocket Engine Technology to Reduce Cost and Increase Plant Availability

# Gasification Market is Poised for Rapid Growth

### **Market Drivers**

- Increasing price of oil & natural gas
- Low cost, abundant coal & petroleum coke
- Environmental regulations
- Gasification business maturation & technology advances

### **Growth Barriers**

- High capital cost
- Low plant availability



PWR's objective is to address these barriers with the compact gasification system

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# Rocket Engine Technologies Enable Compact Gasifier

#### **Rocket Engine Technologies**

- Rapid Mix Injector
- Cooled Membrane Wall
- Rapid Spray Quench



- 5000° F flame temperature gasifies most feedstock within 3 ft of injector
- Rocket engine cooling technology keeps metal temperatures below 800° F
- Plug flow provides uniform residence time for high carbon conversion
- High pressure and water quench enables low cost H<sub>2</sub> production and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration
- Dry feed minimizes oxygen consumption and gasifies all ranks of coal

Rocket engine price < \$10 per kW thermal (much less than current gasification systems)

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# **Compact Gasifier Reduces Cost and Improves Plant Availability**

Current Market Leaders



#### **PWR Compact Gasifier**

- 90% size reduction
- 50% lower cost (gasification system)
  - Factory fabrication
- 99% availability (gasification system)
  - Long life components
  - Rapid repair
  - Short scheduled outages
- 80% to 85% cold gas efficiency
  - Dry feed system
  - 99% carbon conversion
  - Low oxygen consumption
- Low cost gasification of all ranks of coal & petcoke

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# **Proof of Concept Tests Completed in 1975-1985**

#### Dense Phase Dry Feed System



#### **Compact Gasifier in Horizontal Position**



### Rapid Spray Quench

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Flow Splitter



#### Rapid Mix Injector

- Gasified coal, petcoke, and biomass (20-40 TPD)
- Performed only short duration tests (< 1 hr)</li>

## **Gasifier Development Status**

Completed

**CMC** Tests

at CANMET

Completed CMC Material Tests at Albany



- DOE Albany tests showed excellent slag adhesion with no reactions
- Additional tests planned for ORNL

CMC liner test successful with 26 starts and high temperature excursions

### Defined Pilot Plant at GTI (18 TPD)



- Pilot Plant to be located at GTI Flex Fuel Test Facility
- Will demonstrate single injector in full-length gasifier

Designing Commercial Gasifier (400 TPD)

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- Design is scalable to 3000 TPD by replicating injectors
- Fixed length
- Inside diameter:
  - ~ 1 ft for 400 TPD
  - ~ 3 ft for 3000 TPD

# Dry Solids Pump and Feed System Development Status

Constructing Cold Flow Test Facility at EERC (400 TPD)



- Flow splitter tests to begin in early 2007 in batch mode
- Dry solids pump to be added later for continuous operation

#### Fabricating Feed System & Flow Splitters (400 TPD)



Designing Dry Solids Pump (400 TPD)

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- Flow splitters are commercial size
- Will demonstrate full flow operation and turndown to 33% flow
- Design is scalable to 3000 TPD
- Throat area:
  - $\sim$  8 in<sup>2</sup> for 400 TPD
  - ~ 60 in<sup>2</sup> for 3000 TPD





# **Compact Gasification System Mature Availability Estimate**

<u>Component</u>	<u>MTBF</u>	<u>MTTR</u>	FOR
	(yr)	(nr)	(%)
<ul> <li>Gasifier</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Injector</li> </ul>	2	12	0.07
<ul> <li>Cooled Wall</li> </ul>	10	48	0.05
•Quench	10	60	0.07
<ul> <li>Pump &amp; Feed</li> <li>System</li> </ul>	0.4	10	0.29
<ul> <li>Solids Separation</li> <li>System</li> </ul>	0.7	18	<u>0.29</u> 0.77%

- <u>MTBF</u> = Mean Time Between Failure
- <u>MTTR</u> = Mean Time to Repair (Downtime)

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• <u>FOR</u> = Force Outage Rate

Mature availability ~ 99% (negligible scheduled outages)
Redundancy typically not needed, but can be provided at low cost for high reliability applications

### **Business Model**

PWR Licenses Technology & Provides Key Components

Compact Gasifier Dry Solids Pump



Licensees Design & Construct Plants

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End Customers Own & Operate Plants

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• License Technology to:

Gasification System Providers

• EPC Contractors

End Customers

• Provide Licensees with:

Key Components

Integration Support

Aftermarket Services

**Objective is to Complement Existing Industry Capabilities & Technologies** 

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## **Commercialization Approach**

- Team with licensees & launch customers
- Collaborate on technology development & integration
  - Compact Gasifier
  - Dry Solids Pump
- Demonstrate technology in existing plants (2007 design start)
  - Parallel trains & upgrades
  - Gasification plants
  - Steam methane reformers
- Develop standardized designs to simplify manufacturing & operations support

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## **Questions?**

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