

Strategies, Projects and Developments for Solar Technologies

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Burns & McDonnell Overview

- Founded in 1898
- 3,600+ Employee/Owners
- 2012 Revenue of \$1.4 Billion
- >\$1 Billion in Bonding Capacity
- EPC Capabilities
- 11 Diverse Global Practices
- 11 Regional Offices



#1 in Electrical Transmission & Distribution#6 in Power





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Solar Project Experience





Solar Technologies

- Photovoltaic (PV)
 - The direct conversion of light to electricity
- Solar Thermal
 - The collection and use of the heat energy from the sun
 - Usually to boil water to make steam and power a turbine/generator



Photovoltaic

- Majority of all solar power systems installed in the last 5 years were PV
- Currently at its lowest cost ever
 - About \$2.40/Wac for utility scale systems
 - Evidence that costs are rising again
- Pros:
 - Cost
 - Modular
 - Relatively easy to site
- Cons:
 - No storage





Solar Thermal

- Beginning to see thermal projects emerge
- Parabolic trough
 - Nevada Solar-One (2007)
 - 280 MW Solana
- Power Tower
 - 390 MW Ivanpah
 - 110 MW Crescent Dunes
 - 150 MW Rice







Solar Thermal

• Pros:

- Potential for energy storage
- Potential to integrate with fossil plants
- Cons:
 - Cost (almost 2 x PV)
 - Land area (almost 2 x PV)
 - Direct Normal Solar Insolation
 - Water for mirror cleaning and power block cooling



How do we do More?

• PV

- Conversion efficiency
 - Currently about 14% at the system level
- Tracking
 - Single-axis tracking can generate 20% more energy
- Pre-assembly
- Solar Thermal
 - Increase efficiency (solar field temperature)
 - Reduce costs
 - Re-power retired fossil units
 - Hybridize



Hybrids

- Provides supplemental heat to an existing fossil power plant
 - Offsets fossil fuel consumption
 - Could be relatively "cheap" solar MWh (Power block already capitalized)
- Design for new rather than retrofit old
 - Combined Cycle
 - Turbine headroom
 - Coal plant boiler sweet spot
 - LOI, Opacity, Emissions







- Don't have to generate electricity - replace electricity
- Air conditioning load in the southwest is the largest customer and utility load
- Solar HVAC
 - Absorption chillers
 - Cochise College 60 ton with parabolic trough solar field
 - Desert Outdoor Center 20 ton with flat palte solar collectors





Policy Changes

- Permitting
 SFOZ
 - Gila Bend
 - Permitting phase reduced from years to months
- DOE Loan guarantees
 - Solyndra and Evergreen were manufacturers NOT project developers
 - More independent oversight
- More transparency
 - What's working what isn't







