

The Power Generation/Fresh Water Supply Conflict When Water is Scarce, Where Can You Look for Water for Your Power Plant? Ovivo USA, LLC To Review (continued) A few facts about water and power generation

Fresh water is becoming scarce

Agricultural Production (which uses a similar amount of fresh water for irrigating food crops) will increase with population growth

Power Generation will increase with population growth

As climate warms, water warms and fresh water supplies decline (Drought)



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## Bioreactor MBBR Comparison of Typical Loading Rates

- Activated sludge process
   High loaded 0,6 1,5 kgBOD/m3 d
   Low loaded < 0,5 kgBOD/m3 d</p>
- 2. Traditional Fixed Film processes High loaded 0,4 – 2,5 kgBOD/m3 d Low loaded < 0,4 kgBOD/m3 d Biorotor 4 – 20 gBOD/m2 d
- 3. FlooBed<sup>®</sup> Bioreactor Volume load 2,0 – 20 kgBOD/m3 d Carrier load 20 – 200 gBOD/m2 d



## **EWT Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)**

- A membrane bioreactor is a state of the art wastewater treatment process utilising biological treatment alongside filtration all in one common tank.
- 2. Kubota flat-plate membrane technology
- 3. Permeate suitable for water re-use



# **Cycle Make-up: Demineralization**

### Membrane based

- Ultrafiltration
- Reverse Osmosis
- Electrodeionization

#### Ion Exchange based

- Softening
- WAC/SAC WBA/SBA
- Mixed Bed IX





## **Electrodeionisation**



Advantages Chemical Free

Where Used :-

Polishing post -RO





Can be returned to sewage treatment plant if within permitted discharge limits

Can be sent to immediate sidestream recycle/reuse treatment system consisting of CLS and membranes for make up to the cooling tower

Can be sent to on-site irrigation if suitable for soil application and where sufficient land is available on site



## Membrane Distillation

## **Forward Osmosis**





## Conclusions

Power Generation is competing with agricultural use. Population growth fuels both growth in power generation and demand for food.

Again only 1% of all fresh water is accessible for use.

Drought can impact water supply and temperature of the water can affect power plant efficiency, availability, and reliability

Coal, Nuclear, and IGCC's draw more water than combined cycle natural gas fired power generators

Combined cycle growth and older coal plant retirements are temporarily easing the stress on fresh water supplies, but power plants are built to last 40 years but will sufficient water be available to operate for 40 years?

Once through cooling conversions to wet cooling will also ease water stress

Hybrid cooling schemes using air cooling/wet cooling will also ease stress.