Massachusetts Technology Assessment Committee (MTAC)



High Efficient Cooling Tower

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Description of Technology	Energy Saving Opportunity		
The Cooling Tower harnesses hydraulic energy to drive a hydro-turbine, which turns a fan shaft and fan blades on the unit. A sufficient amount of air flow is generated by this mechanism to cool water flow supplied to the turbine to the optimal approach to the saturation (wet bulb) temperature of the air. This cooling is done by draining the return water out of the hydro-turbine into a spray nozzle assembly which distributes the water evenly across the section of film fill. The air flow generated flows upwards in a counter-flow fashion, exchanging heat with the water across the film fill. The water then drains back into the existing tower's basin.		×	Residential
	Sector(s):	Ø	Commercial & Industrial
	Applicability Criteria:	Industrial application	
	Efficiency Improvement:	Electricity Savings	
	Energy (%) Savings Potential:	Highly variable	
	Demand (%) Reduction Potential:	Highly variable	
Strengths	Weakness		
 significantly impact a Power Plant's ability to produce maximum electricity at minimum fuel usage Lowering cost of operation in the peak power usage periods of summer months. Ability to export more power to the grid GCT operates with no supplied electricity, instead it uses the hydraulic pressure of the water supplied to the unit to generate air flow 	Niche market and limited market potential (power plants, refinery, heavy industrial sector)		

Third	Party A	Analys	is/
Previou	us MTA	C Revi	ews

A pilot test is done at CITGO in Louisiana by the manufacture Bechtel has conducted a feasibility study of GTS at Diablo Canyon in CA.

Suppl	iers Known
to	MTAC

Green Cooling Tower Solution

Acknowledged to have energy savings potential and referred to individual PA for their own EE program consideration

MTAC Status

Market Development Issues

Cost:	Average \$116/GPM(from GCTS)
Market Risk and Barriers:	Niche market base
Time to Market:	Currently on market
Simple Pay-back: (Years)	3-5 years(base on the pilot test)

