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# **CEC COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

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# Wind Firming EnergyFarm PRIMUS POWER

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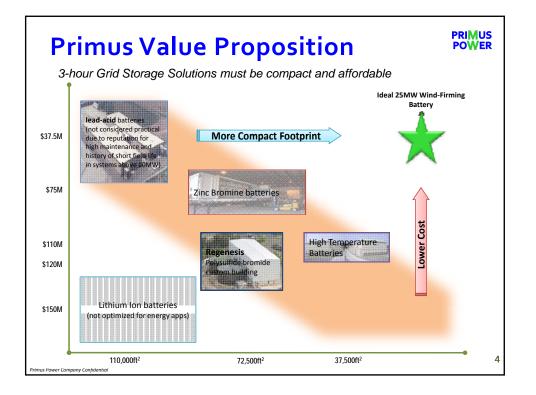
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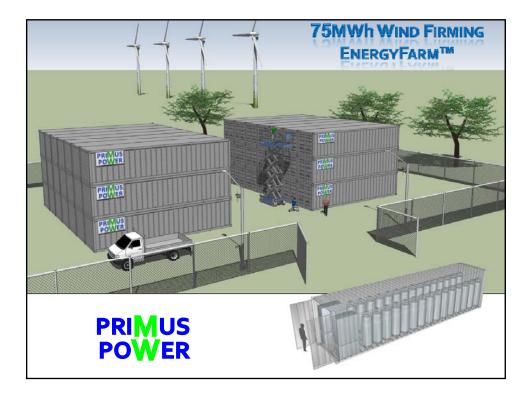
# **Scope**

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- Development, integration, and field deployment of zinc flow battery storage system
  - ✓ Cell and system development in 2010 2011
  - ✓ Field demo at PG&E Modular Generation Test Facility early 2012
  - √ 25 MW/ 75 MWh installation at Modesto Irrigation District late 2012
- \$46.7M in total project funding
- Primary application: wind firming
- Lower cost, smaller footprint solution
- Local sourcing and manufacturing







# **Development History**

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- Mature electrochemistry through 15 years of well-funded work by the Electric Power Research Institute on large-scale Zn-Cl<sub>2</sub> systems in the 70's & 80's
  - » 125kW/6ookWh system built by EDA in the early 8o's
  - » EPRI designed a complete 100MWh system
  - » CEC funding enabled proof-of-concept of current version of the technology



3MW EPRI System Design

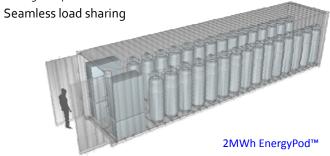
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# EnergyPods™ & EnergyFarms™

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#### "Plug & Play" EnergyPods™ create EnergyFarms™

- ▶ 66okW / 2MWh per 4o' ISO
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- > Substation applications
- ≥ 2x16 EnergyCells™ in series
- > 200MW/acre & 600MWh/acre
- > 750 1000 V<sub>DC</sub>; 500A<sub>DC</sub>
- > 480V<sub>AC</sub>/3-phase integration
  - $\checkmark$  single-step conversion



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### **WFEF Schedule**

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#### **Major Milestones** Commissioned $\mathsf{EnergyFarm}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ Detailed EnergyFarm™ Final EnergyFarm™ $Validated\,EnergyPod^{TM}$ Quantified economic customer specification product design and technology performance benefits Validated EnergyCell™ functionality Quantified envir. benefits technology performance Final report

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#### **WFEF Status To Date**

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#### > Technical

- ✓ Optimizing chemical and electrical operating parameters to improve efficiency and energy density
- ✓ Evaluating new commodity materials to optimize reliability and battery life
- ✓ Out-sourcing non-cell components to reduce technical and schedule risk

#### Overall

- ✓ Metrics and Benefits Reporting Plan work initiated
- ✓ Detail Requirements Specification underway
- ✓ Four patents filed with several in progress
- $\checkmark$  Facility move in planning stages; expected move in August

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# **State & Federal Funding**



- >Primus Power received one of sixteen DOE Smart Grid Storage Demonstration Awards (\$14M of an overall \$47M project)
  - ✓ Enables 3-year roadmap to commercialization
  - ✓ Additional DOE (ARPA-E) application submitted to evaluate
    alternative electrode materials
- ➤ Primus Power received one of five CEC PON-08-011 Smart Grid Demonstration awards
  - ✓ Follow-on contribution to original CEC grant funding
  - ✓ Provides support for EnergyCell<sup>TM</sup> and production process development

Funding	(\$M)
DOE	14
CEC	1
Primus	32.7
TOTAL	47.7

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### **Expected Outcomes**

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- Deployment of affordable, reliable energy storage technology with quantified benefits
- Over 100 high tech and manufacturing jobs created
- Acceleration of cost-effective renewables integration in wind firming application
- Reduction in greenhouse gases
- Other benefits as identified through modeling studies with MID

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# **Challenges**



#### **≻**Cost

- ✓ Production facility design and build
- ✓ Component materials costs

#### **≻**Technical

- ✓ Materials stability over the life of the battery
- ✓ Effective thermal modeling and thermal management
- ✓ Automation and communications within a utility environment

#### **≻**Resources

- √ Availability of/access to technical team
- √ Lab/equipment availability

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# **Do Differently?**

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- ✓ DOE funding is critical to timely development!
- ✓ ARPA-E future opportunity
- ✓ Streamline internal processes for acquiring funding

#### ➤ CEC

- ✓ Continue aligning funding opportunities to DOE programs; creates easier access to and administration of funding
- ✓ However, CEC component could focus on earlier deliverables and be shorter in duration
- ✓ Provide clarity re reviewers and level of detail needed in light of confidential nature of the information

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