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Emerging Electric Technologies: Next Big Ideas

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EPRI EE Technology Development Pipeline

Accelerating Readiness of Emerging Efficient Technologies



Propel EE Technologies to Mainstream Utility Programs



EPRI Energy Efficiency Technology Pipeline Sampling of EE Technologies Under EPRI Evaluation



Technology Evolution through the Pipeline



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Technology Readiness Criteria

- Value
 - Energy and demand savings
 - Consumer benefits
 - Connectivity
- Technical Risk
 - Functional performance, reliability
 - Grid compatibility
 - Environmental/health & safety
- Commercial Risk
 - Cost
 - Consumer interest
 - Market supply strength





Technology Readiness Qualification

Program Readiness: Required Criteria

- Deemed/calculated energy savings
- Economics line of sight to acceptable TRC & payback
- Positive adoption experience
- Supply chain positive progress



Lighting: Technologies in EPRI's Lab in 2012

Advanced lighting technologies:

Fluorescent, halogen, high-intensity discharge (HID), new generation incandescent, induction, LED, plasma



Lighting is competitive: new products come in every month!



Lighting: Controls in EPRI's Lab in 2012



How lighting is controlled will bring new efficiency opportunities



Lighting: Daylighting in EPRI's Lab in 2012

- Solar concentrators
- Light pipes





Daylighting, advanced lighting technologies, and controls offer the next emerging efficiency opportunities



Space Conditioning

- Heat pumps for heating and cooling
- Efficiency boosters:
 - Variable capacity
 - Pre-cooling
 - Dehumidification
 - Ground source







VRF for Commercial Use

The Decreasing Carbon Footprint of Future Heat Pumps



Heat Pumps Moving into Colder Zones



All of Alaska in Zone 7 except for the following Boroughs in Zone 8: Bethel, Dellingham, Fairbanks, N. Star, Nome North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Southeast Fairbanks, Wade Hampton, and Yukon-Koyukuk

Zone 1 includes: Hawaii, Guarn, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands



Electronics: DC Microgrids for Energy Savings and More...

- DC vs. AC
 - Reduces conversion losses
 - Increases reliability
 - Decreases footprint
 - Improves power quality
 - Integrates with renewables and storage
- Data centers, then commercial buildings...







Worldwide DC Field Trials



DC-Powered Home – Potential Future Reality





So What Are Next Big Electricity Ideas?

- Readiness requires energy savings **and** customer benefits
- Lighting: Automate controls of advanced electronic lighting with daylighting
- Space conditioning: Heat pumps with efficiency boosters
- Electronics: Direct current
 - -Now Data centers
 - Future
 - Commercial buildings
 - Homes



Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

