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Indigenous Services Canada BC Clean Energy BC New Relationship Trust &ndash; BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities

The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the use of innovative controls integrated with solar photovoltaics (PV) and energy storage to utilize local resources to produce energy for Xenigwet First Nation members. This will decrease the Nation's reliance on fossil fuels, while providing economic opportunities.

The Xenigwet First Nation is an off-grid community of 256 residents located in the Nemiah Valley, British Columbia. There are three distinct communities within the First Nation. The Central community meets its energy needs using three 95-kilowatt (kW) diesel generators, serving 40 homes and 7 commercial buildings. The East community consists of 8 homes, too remote to economically connect to the microgrid, so have been equipped with individual PV/propane hybrid systems. The West community consists of 27 homes, 5 of which are powered by older PV/propane hybrid systems, with the remaining 22 being powered by individual propane and diesel generators.

The project will demonstrate the integration of 250 kW of PV and 1 Megawatt hour of lithium ion energy storage with the three 95 kW diesel gensets to support two banks of load each from the Central and West communities.

This project has the potential for replication of small-scale PV-energy storage systems integrated onto diesel microgrids to reduce diesel use and energy costs for remote communities, while at the same time reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In the long-term, the community will develop a holistic demand management plan to consider building upon traditional, sustainable uses of local resources in conjunction with advanced energy efficient technologies.

November 2022: The Xenigwet First Nations Government was able to turn on their renewable microgrid. The project has monitoring and optimization planned for the next few years to ensure maximum benefit from the system. The First Nation's central (IR#3) community and the West End community are connected to the PV micro-grid system.

Energy management is now, more than ever, top of mind. A microgrid is an eco-friendly and cost-effective solution that helps to easily optimize energy consumption. This system allows for integrating renewable energy sources into an existing network, and adding the possibility to generate, store and use variable levels of power depending on the actual power consumption.



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Smart microgrids allow remote communities to decrease their reliance on diesel fuel and reduce energy costs. More sophisticated microgrid functionalities can also improve the cost effectiveness of wastewater facilities, pipelines, transmission and distribution systems and a host of other types of infrastructure.

It can be difficult to implement the right combination of energy sources, storage solutions and management strategies to ensure the successful implementation of a microgrid.

The specialists at CIMA+ have implemented dozens of microgrids and kept abreast of the most cutting-edge technology. They are able to identify which systems would be the smartest choice and how to integrate them into the existing power facility or grid. Our team will also show you how to manage various energy sources and energy storage systems in real time for one, two or several buildings. Typical microgrid projects include a combination of:

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