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A Vision for High Volume Wind Energy Markets

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Advanced Turbines Competitive without a PTC

- Lifetime O&M cost reduction through innovation giving high reliability
- Condition monitoring to actively analyze the turbine condition and forecast maintenance
- Drivetrain innovation to reduce weight/cost while improving reliability
- Active rotor pitch and speed control for load reduction and more energy
- Lighter rotors with higher tip speeds and more flexible blades giving higher energy and lower loads
- Twist/flap coupling for passive load control during turbulence conditions
- Scaling to larger sizes with transport and installation constraints?



NPS 1.5 MW Direct Drive



Offshore Wind Turbine Development for Deep Water

Onshore Wind Turbine

> Monopile Foundation depth 0 - 30 m

Current Technology

Tripod fixed bottom depth 20 - 80 m

> Floating Structure depth 40 – 900 m

Plug Hybrid Electric Vehicles (A Future Off-Peak Electricity Market with Storage)



Offshore Wind / Wave Synergy

- Long-term Possibility +20 Years
- Maximize Grid Interconnect Potential
- Reduce Intermittency & Increase Total Energy Output
- Increase System Reliability & Reduce Maintenance



Credit: GE Energy

