



# **Challenges and Solutions: Implementation and Supporting Complex Wind-Diesel Applications in Remote Locations**

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# Outline

- **Northern Power Systems**
- **Remote Locations**
- **Complex Logistics**
- **Environmental Challenges**
- **Solutions**



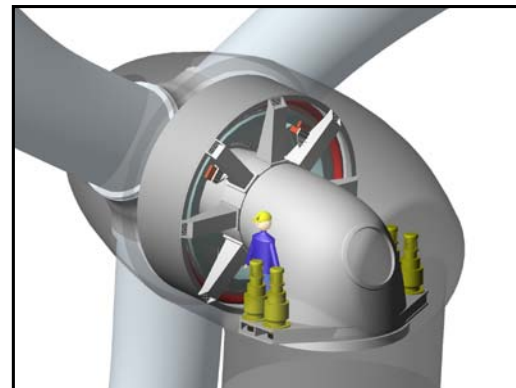
# Northern Power Systems

## ➤ Over 30 years of wind turbine design, manufacturing and installation

- DOE, NREL, NASA and NSF
- Power for military and science
- Sustainable quality power
- Specifically for extreme, remote applications

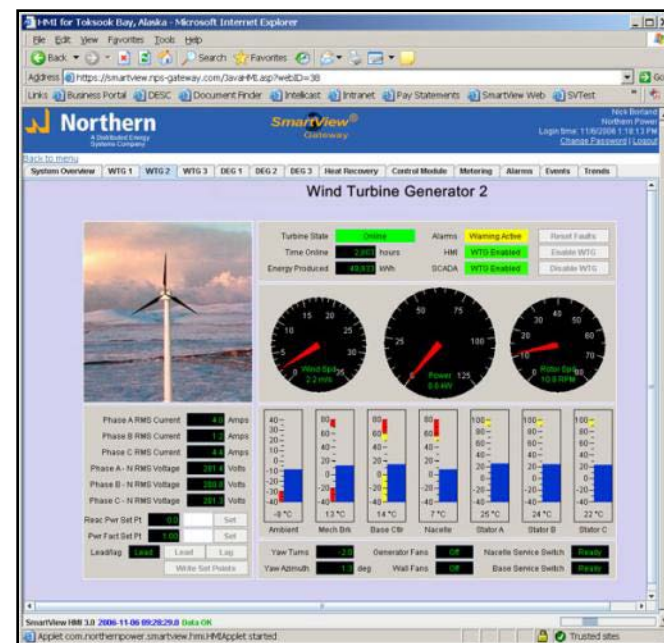
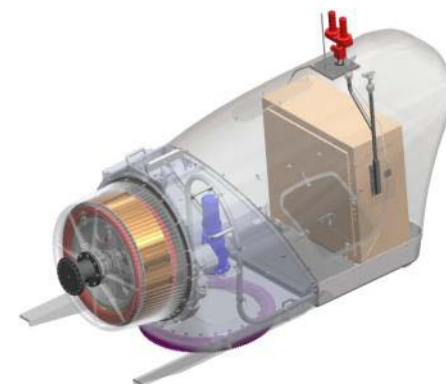
## ➤ Wind Energy Focus

- Remote village power
- Cold weather solutions
- Wind-diesel integration and controls



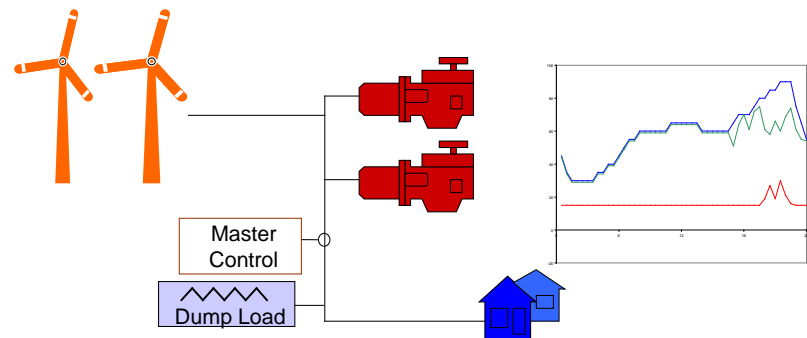
# Northwind® 100 Design

- Direct-drive, Permanent Magnet Generator
- Fixed pitch rotor
- Monopole Tubular Tower
- SmartView® Remote Monitoring
- Arctic Model Temperature spec: 55° C to -40° C



# Turnkey Village Power

- Diesel gensets
- Diesel and Balance of Plant Controls
- Northwind® 100 wind turbines
- Northwind® load controller
- Thermal and electrical distribution
- SmartView® remote energy monitoring



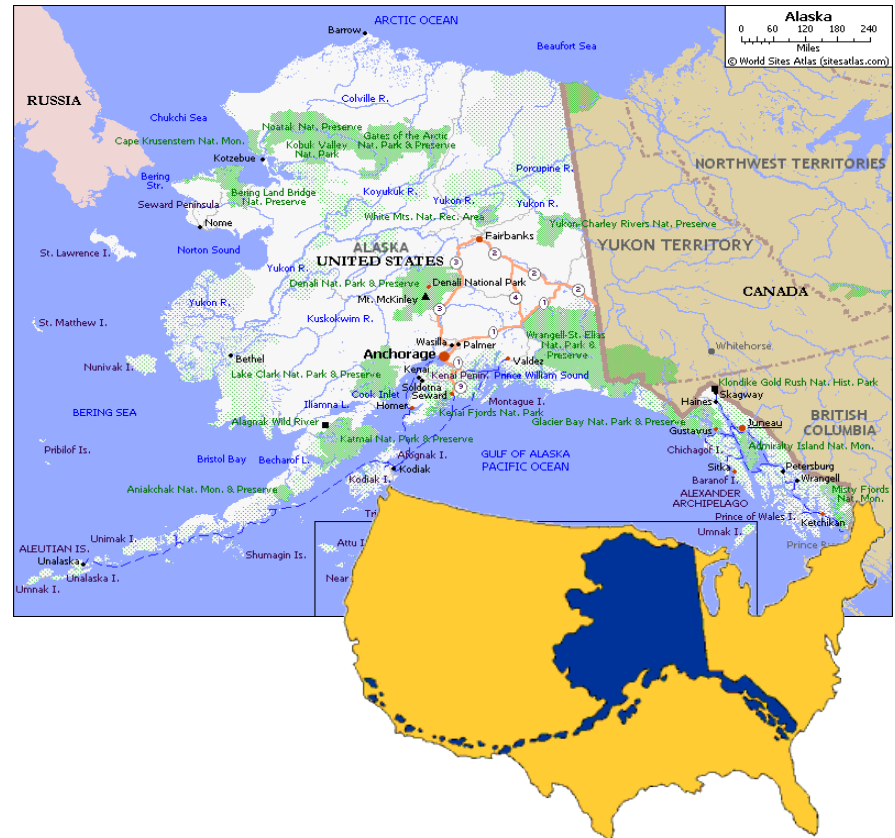
# Remote Location

## Challenges

- Limited access
- High travel costs
- Local tech support
- Response time

## Solutions

- Advanced planning
- Local partners





# Complex Logistics

## ✧ Challenges

- Narrow shipping windows
- Staging of equipment
- Narrow construction windows
- Personnel logistics

## ✧ Solutions

- Advanced planning
- Local partners



# Delivery





# Travel



# Transportation



# Difficult Environmental Conditions

## ➤ Physical obstacles in the “bush”

- Boardwalks are common
- Above ground utilities
- Tundra too soft for vehicles



# Summer Tundra/Permafrost





# Poor Soils

## ✧ Soils present unique challenges

- High variability
- Lack of stability
- Climate change impacts





# Complex Foundations



# Low Temperatures and Icing

## ➤ Challenges

- Meeting low temperature specs
- Discouraging ice build-up
- When to initiate shut down?

## ➤ Solutions

- Nacelle heating
- Hydrophobic coatings
- Smart controls



# Hydrophobic Blade Coating



# Conclusion

- **Use correct equipment for application**
- **Employ strong regional partner**
- **Train local technicians**
- **Turnkey solutions provider**
- **Synchronized projects in a cold and remote areas**
- **Use remote energy management software**
- **Prepare for environmental difficulties**





# Kasigluk, Alaska





# Canadian Cold Climate Opportunities



# Thank You

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