Power-Water Nexus

Nexus for economic and environmental sustainability

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Looking ahead... What the world can expect by 2025

1B

60%

80%

70%

30x

28%

Expected increase in world population... up from our current 7 billion

Emerging markets share of the global economy... up from approximately 48 percent today

Primary energy consumption will be hydrocarbon based

Power-related carbon emissions will come from developing countries

Increase in volume of annual electronic data generated

Amount the world's water needs will exceed freshwater supply

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Source: GE Energy, Global Strategy and Planning, 2012

Unconventional fuels



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Unconventionals...next wave of E&P

Over next 25 years...



* Includes oil sands, extra heavy oil, and oil shale

Source: GE Energy, GSP and IEA, "Are We Entering a Golden Age of Gas? World Energy Outlook,, 2011



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US water requirements for frac fuels

Million barrels per year (MMB/y), 2010





Source: Global Strategy & Planning,, 2012

Frac fuels: how much water?

Water requirements, Billion barrels per year (BB/yr)





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Advanced technology exists



Global power generation



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Benchmark to measure water volumes Water requirements in terms of megacities



New York City peak water demand

1.5
billion
gallons
per day

Source: Water System Safe Yield Calculation 2011, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, November 30, 2011.



Global power-water footprint

How could it evolve?





Water withdrawals by region Billion gallons per day, 2011-2025





Source: GE Energy, Global Strategy & Planning 2012

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European generation units

Greater than 100 MW operating in areas of high water stress



128 units are in areas of high to extremely-high water stress



Notes: Includes thermal and hydro plants Source: Platts UDI Database 2012 and WRI Aqueduct data

Water withdrawals for power gen



Gas-fired plants compare favorably to coal and nuclear

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Responses to water stress

Constraints force four potential paths



Shift to alternate water source... saline or brackish water

Pivot to water reduction technologies... closed-loop cooling towers and dry air- cooling

<u>Reduce</u> by switching to zero water use technologies... wind, solar PV, gas turbines

Grab resources away from other sectors... agriculture,

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Technology integration

Building infrastructure synergies to reduce emissions + water



Joining capabilities for sustainability and resilience



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Data Centers



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Rise of the global internet economy

From 360 million to +2 billion internet users, 2001-2011



Future data center energy demand

Global electricity consumption growth, 2012-2025



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Data center water footprint Today's demand equivalent to 7 megacities

Electricity Consumption, 2012 Trillion of Kilowatt hours

Data center water requirements, 2012* Million gallons per day (MGD)



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Future data center water footprint

Data center water demand, 2012-2025



World's data center water needs in next 15 years = 11 mega cities



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Source: GE, Data Center forecast, 2012

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Summary

- > Water stress/shocks are an under appreciated energy system risk
- The volume of water used in hydraulic fracking is within manageable scales; regulatory policy should focus on proper pricing and assuring against contamination
- Water usage in the power sector will grow dramatically world-wide over the next 15 years, but will likely hold constant in Europe given retirements of coal and introduction of low-to-zero water renewables
- > Data centers will put new pressure on water resources
- Minimizing water usage in power will become increasingly important; need for less water- intensive power systems, such as combining gas and renewables



