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Renewable Energy Microgrid Integration for Remote, Off-grid Cabins in Nunavut

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DETAILS

Non-technical project proposal description

English: Lead Researcher: Heather Shilton Affiliation: Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation To support increased infrastructure and energy demands throughout the 20th century, diesel generators were installed in all communities across Inuit Nunangat. This continues to be the case today where new power plants are being installed and/or upgraded with additional diesel fuel generators. While fossil fuels currently support nearly all heat and electricity loads across Inuit Nunangat, there is a strong desire to develop renewable energy sources to mitigate against climate change impacts and improve resiliency. Challenging crises, such as the recent contamination of Iqaluit drinking water with fuel, remind us of the vulnerability and risk in Inuit Nunangat of relying on a single source for critical infrastructure requirements. To help address these challenges, the project herein has three proposed key areas of work: 1. Feasibility assessments and technological evaluations for three key types of house-scale renewable energy systems well-suited to Inuit Nunangat; 2. Integration and performance evaluation of house-scale renewable energy systems and energy storage with demonstration house in Iqaluit, Nunavut; and 3. Development of remedies to barriers of renewable energy adoption in Inuit Nunangat and advancement of socio-economic development. This project will integrate Inuit values, needs and interests with renewable energy technology evaluations and deployment in Inuit Nunangat. Remedies to barriers of renewable energy adoption will be developed in accordance with Inuit Quajimajatuqangit through coordination with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's Inuit Quajimajatuqangit department, the parent Inuit birthright organization of the project proponent, Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation. Inuit representation is embedded in this project by the project definition and leadership, students that will contribute and advance their training, and community members that wish to participate in the project by providing paid services or community engagement with consideration. This project will contribute to Arctic energy resilience through the capacity development and de-risking of technology that will be undertaken. Training opportunities for residents of Inuit Nunangat will be available and increased demand for renewable energy technology installation, operation, and maintenance will lead to community economic development. This project will alleviate the key barriers of renewable energy deployment in Inuit Nunangat to create an easier path to follow for future proponents, regulators, and utilities. Scientific outputs and publications arising out of this work will be adapted and translated to be accessible to a wide audience across Inuit Nunangat. Community engagement throughout the whole project will be conducted to the extent that communities and individuals wish to engage. Project progress and outcomes will be shared at key events with Inuit representation, such as trade shows, conferences, and regional meetings. Addressing the complex set of challenges for renewable energy deployment and operation in Inuit Nunangat requires the combination of work plans detailed in this project description for accelerating impact.

French: Chercheuse principale: Heather Shilton Affiliation: Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation Pour répondre aux besoins accrus en infrastructure et en énergie tout au long du 20e siècle, des génératrices diesel ont été installées dans toutes les collectivités de l'Inuit Nunangat. Cela continue aujourd'hui, où des centrales électriques nouvelles sont installées et mises à niveau avec des générateurs de carburant diesel supplémentaires. Alors que les combustibles fossiles supportent presque toutes les charges de chaleur et d'électricité dans l'Inuit Nunangat, il existe un désir fort de développer des sources d'énergie renouvelables pour atténuer les impacts du changement climatique et améliorer la résilience. Des crises difficiles, comme la récente contamination de l'eau potable d'Iqaluit par du carburant, rappelle le nous la vulnérabilité et le risque dans l'Inuit Nunangat de dépendre d'une seule source pour les besoins en infrastructures essentielles. Pour aider à relever ces défis, le projet ici propose trois domaines de travail clés: 1. Évaluations de faisabilité et technologiques pour trois types principaux des systèmes d'énergie renouvelable à l'échelle de la maison qui sont bien adaptés à l'Inuit Nunangat; 2. Intégration et évaluation du rendement des systèmes d'énergie renouvelable et de stockage d'énergie avec une maison de démonstration à l'échelle à Iqaluit, au Nunavut; et 3. Élaboration de solutions pour éliminer les obstacles à l'adoption des énergies renouvelables dans l'Inuit Nunangat et faire progresser le développement socioéconomique. Ce projet intégrera les valeurs, les besoins et les intérêts des Inuits aux évaluations et au déploiement des technologies d'énergie renouvelable dans l'Inuit Nunangat. Des solutions pour éliminer les obstacles à l'adoption des énergies renouvelables seront élaborées conformément à l'Inuit Quajimajatuqangit en coordination avec le département Inuit Quajimajatuqangit de la Qikiqtani Inuit Association, l'organisation inuite mère du promoteur du projet, la Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation. La représentation Inuite est intégrée à ce projet par la définition du projet, la conduite du projet, les étudiants qui contribueront et feront progresser leur formation, et les membres de la communauté qui souhaitent participer au projet en fournissant des services rémunérés ou un engagement communautaire avec contrepartie. Ce projet contribuera à la résilience énergétique de l'Arctique grâce à des réductions des risques technologiques et le développement des capacités. Des possibilités de formation pour les résidents de l'Inuit Nunangat seront disponibles. Aussi, la demande accrue d'installation, d'exploitation et d'entretien de technologies d'énergie renouvelable mènera au développement économique communautaire. Ce projet adressera les principaux obstacles au déploiement de l'énergie renouvelable dans l'Inuit Nunangat et créer une voie plus facile à suivre pour les futurs promoteurs, organismes de réglementation et services publics. Les extrants

Inuktitut:

Inuinnaqtun:

Given Innuinaqtun is mostly spoken in the Kitikmeot Region and this project focuses on locations in the Qikiqtani Region, the project does not appear to be applicable to Innuinaqtun speakers.

Personnel

Personnel on site: 4

Days on site: 5

Total Person days: 20

Operations Phase: from 2022-05-09 to 2025-03-25

Activities

Location	Activity Type	Land Status	Site history	Site archaeological or paleontological value	Proximity to the nearest communities and any protected areas
Panarctic Communications Datacenter - Privately Owned Building	Equipment installation	Private	No known site history	There is no known archeological/paleontological value	Panarctic Communications Datacenter is located 3.5 KMs from Iqaluit and 1.7 KMs from Apex.
Sylvia Grinnell River	Marine Based Activities	Crown	No known site history - specific locations are not yet identified but known historical sites will be avoided for data collection activities.	There is no known archeological/paleontological value - specific sites are not yet identified but known areas of value will be avoided.	Specific locations are not yet identified but all protected areas will be avoided and all data will be collected using non-invasive equipment & techniques.
Niaqunguk (Apex) River	Marine Based Activities	Crown	No known site history - specific locations are not yet identified but known historical sites will be avoided for data collection activities.	There is no known archeological/paleontological value - specific sites are not yet identified but known areas of value will be avoided.	Specific locations are not yet identified but all protected areas will be avoided and all data will be collected using non-invasive equipment & techniques.
Resolute River	Marine Based Activities	Crown	No known site history - specific locations are not yet identified but known historical sites will be avoided for data collection activities.	There is no known archeological/paleontological value - specific sites are not yet identified but known areas of value will be avoided.	Specific locations are not yet identified but all protected areas will be avoided and all data will be collected using non-invasive equipment & techniques.

Community Involvement & Regional Benefits

Community	Name	Organization	Date Contacted
Iqaluit	Jordan Okalik-Musgrove	Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation	2022-05-09
Rankin Inlet	Jackson Lindell	Hamlet	2023-02-09

Authorizations

Indicate the areas in which the project is located:

North Baffin
South Baffin

Authorizations

Regulatory Authority	Authorization Description	Current Status	Date Issued / Applied	Expiry Date
Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Research Institute	Scientific Research License is required to carry out the project research activities, including equipment installation for data collection, field surveys and community engagements.	Applied, Decision Pending	2023-02-10	

Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Proposed Use	Length of Use
Water	A small boat to be used to carry out field surveys for river flow data.	
Land	Vehicles will be rented locally from rental companies or community members to be used to get to project locations. Forklift rented from local contractors to be used for equipment installation.	

Project accomodation types

Community
Other,

Material Use

Equipment to be used (including drills, pumps, aircraft, vehicles, etc)

Equipment Type	Quantity	Size - Dimensions	Proposed Use
Survey Boat (Locally Rented)	1	N/A	To carry out data collection in rivers
Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP)	1	0.3 m x 0.2 m x 0.2 m	To measure water velocity and depth of rivers
Real time kinematic global positioning system (RTK-GPS)	1	1 m x 0.5 m x 0.5 m	To access location services
Vehicle (To be rented locally)	1	N/A	To get to project locations
Solar PV Panels	20	1.6 m x 1 m x 0.1 m	For Solar PV Installations
1 kW Battery Stack and Auxiliary Equipment	1	1.5m x 1m x 1m	To study battery storage performance
Water Tanks	4	1.6m x 1m x 0.8m	To store salt water electrolyte used in the battery
Forklift (to be rented locally)	1	N/A	To install battery and electrolyte tanks

Detail Fuel and Hazardous Material Use

Detail fuel material use:	Fuel Type	Number of containers	Container Capacity	Total Amount	Units	Proposed Use
Gasoline	fuel	1	100	100	Liters	For use in the survey boat and rental vehicle
H2SO4	hazardous	1	3	3	Liters	For use in the battery electrolyte
NaOH	hazardous	1	4	4	Kg	For use in battery electrolyte
Na2SO4	hazardous	1	150	150	Kg	For use in battery electrolyte
Non-volatile, biodegradable alcohol based solvent	hazardous	1	300	300	Liters	For use in battery electrolyte

Water Consumption

Daily amount (m3)	Proposed water retrieval methods	Proposed water retrieval location
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Waste

Waste Management

Project Activity	Type of Waste	Projected Amount Generated	Method of Disposal	Additional treatment procedures
Equipment installation	Hazardous waste	303 Litres of Liquid and 154 Kg solid	All the hazardous materials including H ₂ SO ₄ , NaOH, Na ₂ SO ₄ and Non-volatile, biodegradable alcohol-based solvent form the electrolyte that is to be used in the battery storage system. At the end of the battery operation cycle i.e., 1 year, the battery electrolyte solutions will be shipped back in the battery tanks and will be re-used, or disposed of locally in Ontario.	As all hazardous material is to be shipped back to be re-used or disposed of locally in Ontario, there are no additional treatment procedures required.
Equipment installation	Non-Combustible wastes	Details given below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Packing material •Wire scraps < 10 m. •Sheet metal ducting scraps < 1m. •Building envelope hole saw scrap, approximately 6" diameter (gypsum board, insulation, plywood, metal roofing). Non-combustible waste will be disposed of using the communities current waste disposal methods.	No additional treatment procedures are anticipated at this time.
Equipment installation	Other, End of lifecycle Project Materials	N/A	All the equipment that is being brought into the community including the survey equipment, solar PV panels and battery equipment, and any other auxiliary equipment listed in the material use section, will be shipped back at the end of the project lifecycle to be reused for future research projects.	No additional treatment procedures are anticipated at this time.

Environmental Impacts:

There are no envisioned environmental impacts from this project. The equipment installed for the research project is non-intrusive, temporary equipment and will be shipped back after the end of the project. Leftover battery electrolyte solutions will be shipped back in the battery tanks and will be re-used, or disposed of locally in Ontario.

Additional Information

SECTION A1: Project Info

SECTION A2: Allweather Road

SECTION A3: Winter Road

SECTION B1: Project Info

SECTION B2: Exploration Activity

SECTION B3: Geosciences

SECTION B4: Drilling

SECTION B5: Stripping

SECTION B6: Underground Activity

SECTION B7: Waste Rock

SECTION B8: Stockpiles

SECTION B9: Mine Development

SECTION B10: Geology

SECTION B11: Mine

SECTION B12: Mill

SECTION C1: Pits

SECTION D1: Facility

SECTION D2: Facility Construction

SECTION D3: Facility Operation

SECTION D4: Vessel Use

SECTION E1: Offshore Survey

SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey

SECTION E3: Vessel Use

SECTION F1: Site Cleanup

SECTION G1: Well Authorization

SECTION G2: Onland Exploration

SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration

SECTION G4: Rig

SECTION H1: Vessel Use

A small boat will be used to collect data in the rivers during the site surveys to collect data using vessel mounted equipment. There are no impacts or waste associated with these activities.

SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea

There will be no disposal at sea as part of the project.

SECTION I1: Municipal Development

Description of Existing Environment: Physical Environment

Description of Existing Environment: Biological Environment

Description of Existing Environment: Socio-economic Environment

Miscellaneous Project Information

Identification of Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

There are no envisioned environmental impacts from this project. The equipment installed for the research project is non-intrusive, temporary equipment and will be shipped back after the end of the project.

Cumulative Effects

There are no envisioned environmental impacts from this project. The equipment installed for the research project is non-intrusive, temporary equipment and will be shipped back after the end of the project.

Impacts

Identification of Environmental Impacts

		PHYSICAL	Designated environmental areas	Ground stability	Permafrost	Hydrology / Limnology	Water quality	Climate conditions	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes	Surface and bedrock geology	Sediment and soil quality	Tidal processes and bathymetry	Air quality	Noise levels	BIOLOGICAL	Vegetation	Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns	Birds, including habitat and migration patterns	Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning	Wildlife protected areas	SOCIO-ECONOMIC	Archaeological and cultural historic sites	Employment	Community wellness	Community infrastructure	Human health
Construction																										
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(P = Positive, N = Negative and non-mitigatable, M = Negative and mitigatable, U = Unknown)

Project Location



List of Project Geometries

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| 1 | point | Panarctic Communications Datacenter - Privately Owned Building |
| 2 | point | Sylvia Grinnell River |
| 3 | point | Niaqunguk (Apex) River |
| 4 | point | Resolute River |