

Plug-in Hybrid School Bus Update

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Presentation Outline

- ► Project History
- ► Why plug-in hybrids?
- ► Performance and Monitoring
- ► Next Phases









Who is Advanced Energy?

- ► An independent non-profit located in Raleigh, NC
- Our mission is to create economic, environmental and societal benefits through innovative and market-based approaches to energy issues.
- Focus on solutions that are economically viable, environmentally responsible and reduce energy consumption
- We work in residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation markets





Plug-in Hybrid School Bus Project

- Collaborative effort with manufacturers, operators and environmental agencies
- ► Identified market barriers and reduced risk where possible
- Funding support from NC utilities, NC DENR, NC SEO, US DOE, US EPA, and AE
- ► Goal is to change the marketplace





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- 4 Phases
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Technical Feasibility
Business plasibility
Over Preasibility









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- 20 Bus Purchase
- Data Gathering
 - Emissions
 - Fuel Economy
 - Maintenance







National Scope

- North Carolina (2)
- South Carolina (2)
- Florida (2)
- Virginia (1)
- Washington DC (1)
- Pennsylvania (1)
- New York (2)
- Arkansas (1)
- lowa (2)
- Washington (2)
- California (1)
- Texas (2)











Bid Award to Buses Delivered

- ► RFP for buses in June 2006
- IC Corporation selected based on specific criteria
 - > 80 kW parallel **plug-in** hybrid
 - > 28 kWh Li-Ion pack from Valence
 - > \$140k incremental cost
- First buses delivered to Bradenton, FL in March 2007











Enova Systems Components











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Manatee County Charging













Estimated Benefits

- Plugging-in is optional
- ▶ 90-100% increase in fuel economy for the first 45 miles
- ► 40% increase for remainder
- ▶ 90% reduction in PM
- ► 60% reduction in NOx
- ► Increased engine, transmission, and brake life
- Electricity cost of 60¢/gallon equivalent
- Option for renewable electricity at \$1 per gallon









Performance and Monitoring

- ► Web reporting
- ► IC Aware
- ► Enova Logging
- Emissions Testing







Hybrid Electric School Bus Tier 1 Monitoring Form

School District	Please Select		*
Bus Type	Please Select	*	
Bus ID #			
Route Designation			
Bus Driver			

Maintenance Report

DATE	MAINTENANCE AREA	EXPLANATION OF MAINTENANCE	PERFORMED BY	HOURS UNAVAILABLE	LIST OF MATERIALS
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Yes 🔿 No 💿					
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Fuel Report DATE ODOMETER READING GALLONS COST PER GALLON KWH READING NOTES Image: Cost per gallon <t







Fuel Economy Comparison









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Average Fuel Economy





► IC Aware

► Parameters

- > Fuel economy
- > Speeds
- > Stops
- > Fleet location
- > Odometer

- > Engine run time
- > Brake count and duration
- > Alert reports
 - Fault conditions
 - Out of range parameters

(rapid accelerations or decelerations)





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Average Fuel Economy





Enova Logging

- Monitors hybrid system operation
- Detailed output every second
 - > Speed, SOC, Voltage, Current, Gear, RPM, Motor Temperature, Brakes, Throttle, etc.



Power Versus Speed











Emissions Testing

- Portable analyzer and Large Chassis Dynamometer
- Correlate engine operations and drive cycle with emissions







Next Steps

- 2 Year period of watching and recording emission, fuel economy, maintenance, general operation and driving performance.
- Program will be expanding with utility support
 - > Approximately 300 buses
 - > Estimated \$80,000 incremental cost
- ► Form on website for emailed program updates





Incremental Cost per Unit











► Cost Share











Push vs. Pull Methodology











Push Methodology











Pull Methodology



Time (Years)









Balanced Methodology











► AE as Facilitator









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