

An Illinois Wind Generator System in Chicago



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Topics

- Technical Team : TurbodynamX
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Review

The Previous Semesters

- Installed weather monitoring device on former USX site (87th and Lake Michigan)
 - Included permit submission and approval
- Collected data from USX site and analyzed
- Conducted market research for Illinois
- Worked on permit package



Features and Benefits

Generator:

Type	Synchronous
Drive	Direct
Excitation	Permanent magnets
Nominal power	12 kW
Nominal rotation speed	282 rpm
Rotation range	0-325 rpm

Turning system:

Type	Active, 2 geared rotors
Rotation speed	3.6 degrees /s
Control	Microprocessor

Performance:

Operating speed	
Start-up wind speed	6.71 mph
Nominal wind speed	30.32 mph
Cut-out wind speed	67.11 mph
Survival wind speed	201.33 mph

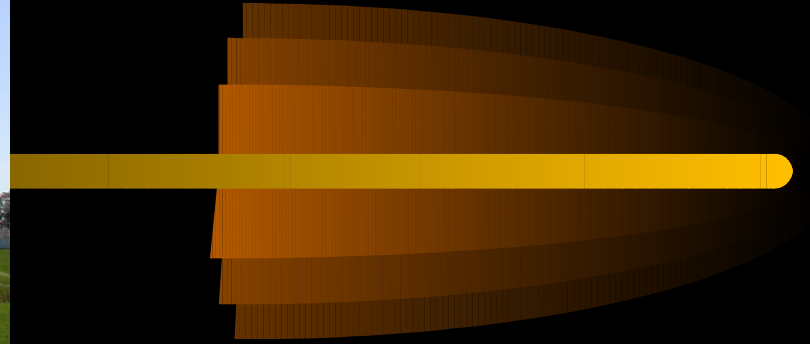
Fairing:

Overall diameter	17.30 ft.
Leading edge diameter	15.09 ft.
Materials	GFP Epoxy Resin

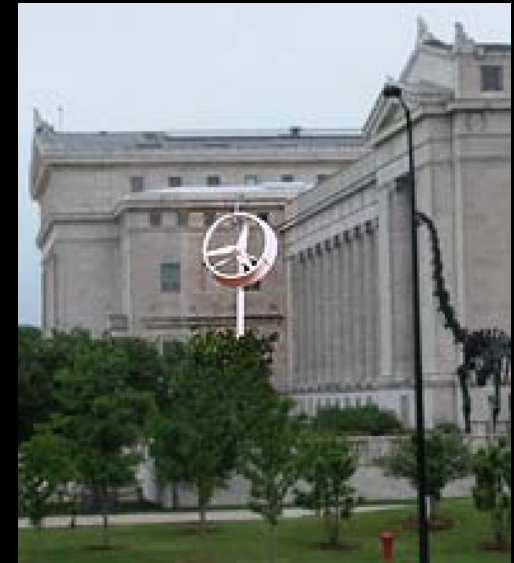
Rotor:

Diameter	14.44 ft.
Number of blades	3
Blade materials	GFP Epoxy Resin

Located at the Field Museum



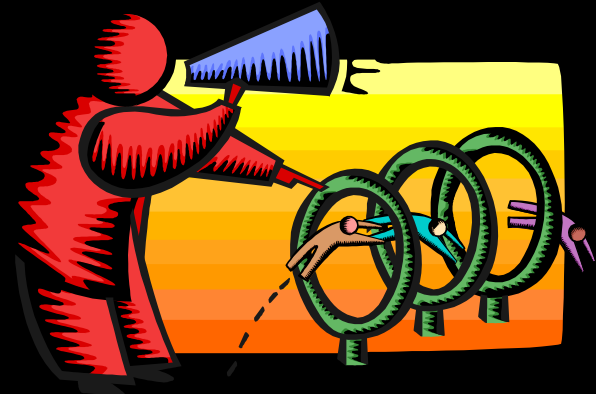
- Provides an ideal environment for the effective demonstration of this particular turbine as an effective, clean and renewable source of energy.
- Provides a high profile setting with abundant opportunities for many Chicago area residents to observe this new technology.



Permitting Process

What's the hold up?!

- July 2002 – began permit application
- September 2002 – submitted permit application
- April 2003 – permit finally approved
- What codes to use?
 - Tower? Sign? Antenna?
 - Answer: all of the above





Groundbreaking

- Unveiling

- June 20th

- Chicago Midwest Renewable Energy Conference

- 3rd annual conference sponsored by IIT



Purpose of this Turbine Project

- Validate the performance as claimed by the manufacturer
- Provide exposure for renewable energy in urban environments and particularly in the Midwest

TurbodynamX, Inc.

- Mission
- Current company status
- Business Plan



Business Plan – Part I

- Customers
 - Residential
 - Corporate
- Products
 - CH CAP HORN 12/5.3



Business Plan – Part II

- Competition
 - Direct
 - Indirect
- Pricing
 - Base Price: \$60,000
 - Incentives: \$30,000
 - Net Cost: \$30,000



Wind Farm in the city

- Goal

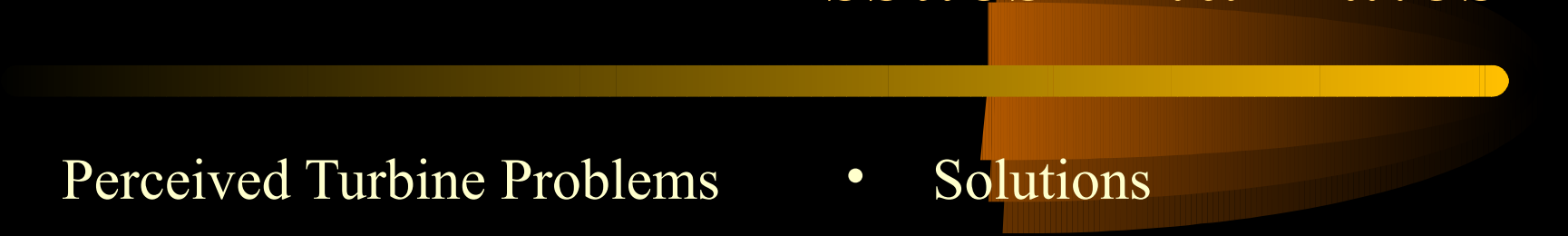
- To develop a wind farm in the Chicago Land area.

- Problems

- FAA Issues
 - Visual Impacts
 - Land Issues
 - Environment Issues
 - Miscellaneous Issues



FAA Issues And Fixes



- Perceived Turbine Problems
 - Proximity to Hanger Facility (Air Sea Rescue)
 - Lighting Problems
 - EMI Problems
 - Rotor- Clip
 - Flight Plan Interruption
- Solutions
 - Property Lines not a Issue for Development
 - Lighting Solutions by Turbine Manufacturer
 - EMI/Rotor-Clip/ Flight Plans All Covered By FAA Study

Visual Impact



Relative Size



The blades on the wind turbines at the FPL Energy Gray County Wind Farm are the length of a wing on a commercial jetliner.

Industrial Grade Turbines



- 1.5 – 2.0 Mega Watt
- Appropriate Grid
- 60 - 66 meter Rotor Diameter
- Hub height of 60 to 80 meters
- 30 - 40 meters Minimum Rotor Height
- 90 -100 meters Maximum Rotor Height

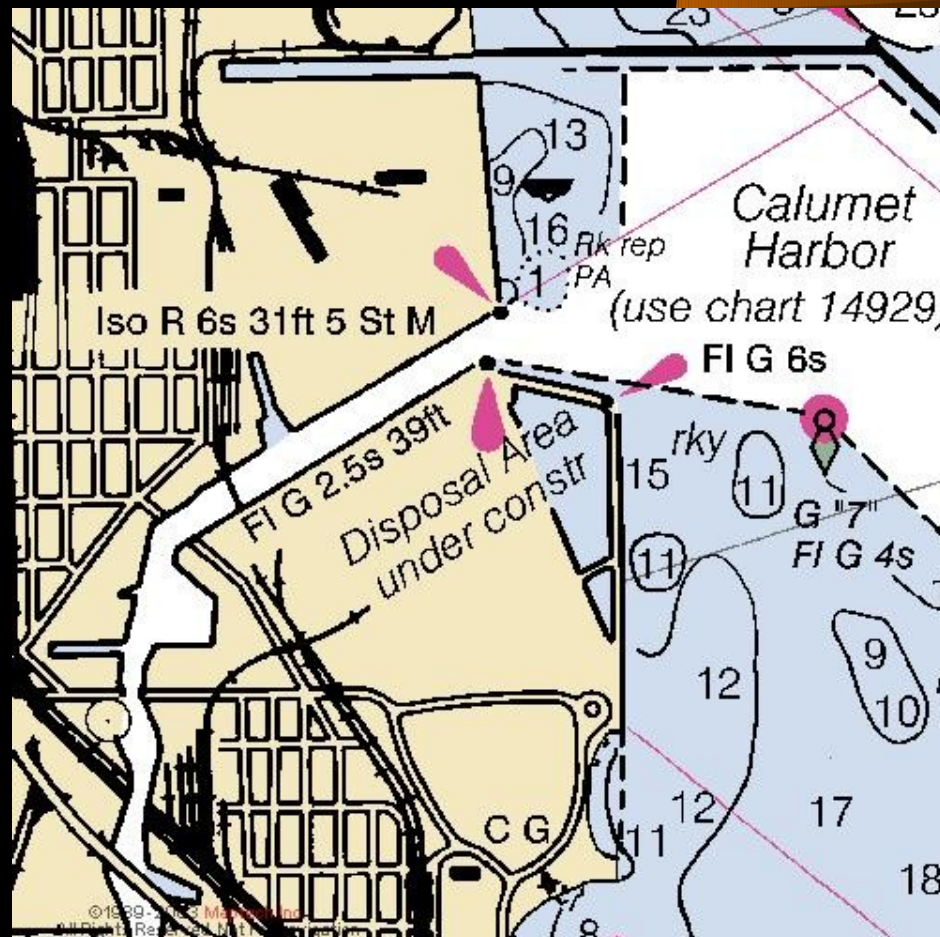
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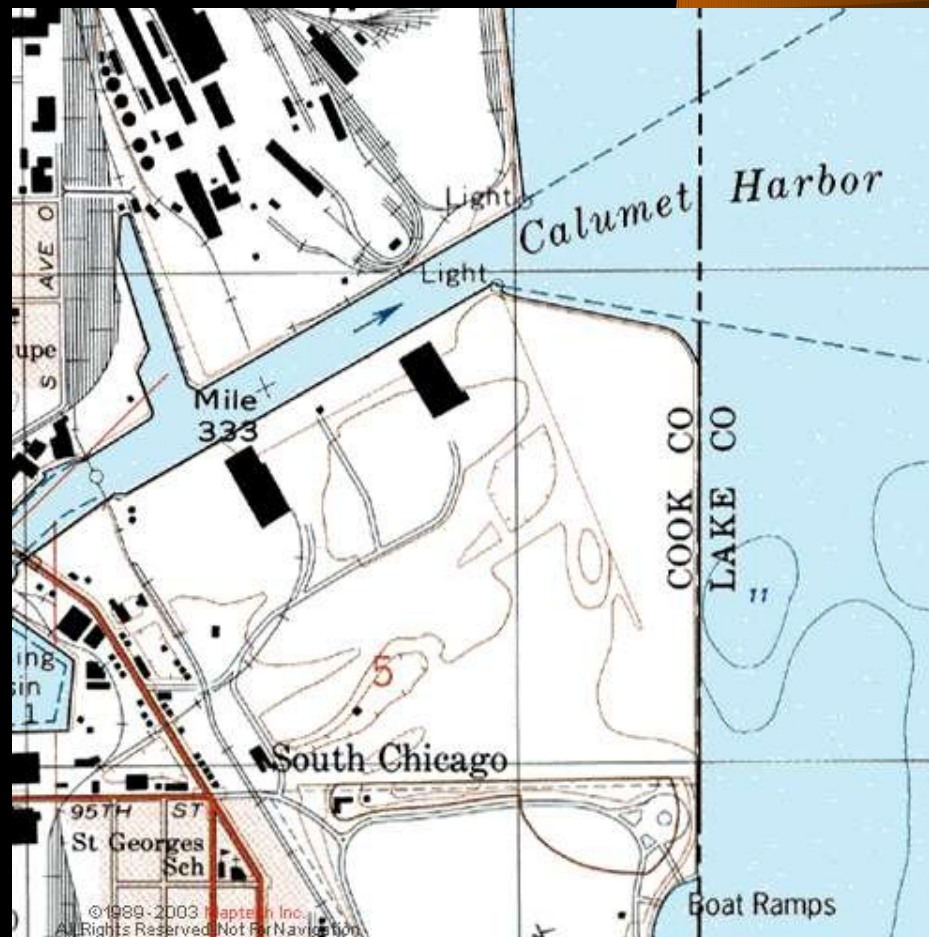
- Unconfirmed Land Type
 - Surveys Have Not Been Made Available
 - If Refill, After Extraction, Problem
 - Else Not
 - Possible Higher Cost Due to Fill Type



Navigational Maps



Topographical Maps



Environmental Issues



- Bird Deaths
- Impact on Land
- Conservation of Current Environment

Bird Deaths Continued



- Flight Patterns Avoid Proposed Property
- Majority of Birds in Chicago Area are Non-Endangered Species
 - Pigeons
 - Sea Gulls
 - Etc.

Other Issues

- Ice Build Up
 - 650ft Safe Distance
 - Preventive Measures
 - Ice Types
 - Rime Ice
 - Solid Ice

