

### Requalification of Energy Systems For Energy Transition A Five-Themed Focus For Latin America



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## **Business Challenge**

Not Paid Off Yesterday's Assets - Can We Afford to Double-Dip?



## Stranding Fossil Assets

- Coal, Oil, Gas and Downstream industries
- Huge Govt. Stake and Ownership



### People's Impatience For Progress

- Energy Access & Economic Development
- Social Cost of Power Disruptions



## Managing Climate Change

- Temp. Rise, Weather Disruption
- Improving Resilience & Reliability

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## **Affordable Climate Change Strategy**



Leverage Existing Assets With Digital Technology Repurpose Existing Fossil Generation



## 1. T&D: Dynamic Thermal Management

**Avoid 10-15% Name-Plate Derating** Fiber-optic Digital Temperature Measurement





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## 3. Behind the Meter Flexibility

**Energy Storage, Dynamic Reactive Power (DRP)** 

**Smart Hybrid Inverters - Vital Investment For Customer Options** 



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## 4. Rural/Remote "Nano" Energy Acces

### 1-5 KW Scalable Miniaturized Design Plug-and-Play Architecture

Hybrid PV-Battery System:

#### Off-Grid: PV Hot water system

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#### AC or DC Distribution







#### Hybrid: Rooftop PV



#### Hybrid: Load Management



## 5. Repurpose Fossil Plants

Replace Fossil Boiler with Supercritical CO2 Steam Cycle Allows For Phased Plant Retirements Ideal for <100 MW Coal/Oil Fired Plants



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# In Closing



- Leverage Existing Assets with Digital Technology
  - Digital Measurements, Controls, Decision Support Systems
  - Allows for a Distributed Architecture
  - Easy communications across
- Most Solutions Available Commercially
  - Fiber Optic Temperature Measurement (Dynamic Rating)
  - Snap-Pipe Cable Protection (HV/MV/LV Cables)
  - Behind-the-Meter Smart Hybrid Inverters (10-30KW with ESS)
  - Micro-Scale Hybrid Inverter (<5 KW Rural Energy Access)
  - sCO2 Steam Cycle will require R&D (<100 MW)
- Collaboration Welcome



# **Thank You**

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