## NASA Johnson Space Center





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## What is JSC?

- "The Pentagon of NASA"
  - Established in 1961
  - Home of Mission Control Center for NASA's Human Space Flight Program



- One of NASA's largest research and development centers
- Occupies 1,620 acres southeast of downtown Houston
- Mission Control for tracking the International Space Station and other international space exploration missions
- Home to the Orion Spacecraft, test site of the James Webb Telescope and other satellites, the NASA and European Astronaut Corps, and other advanced human exploration projects

# Project Drivers – "Houston, we have a problem"

- Persistent Hurricane and Flooding Threats to Critical JSC Missions
  - 2010-2017, 1-2 Hurricanes on average per year
- 2011 Severe Drought Conditions Texas State-Wide
  - Record Number of +100 degree days
  - Load Shedding by JSC
  - Brown Out Potential
- December 14, 2012
  - Truck driver accident with electrical tower and caused JSC Site Electrical Outage
- Cybersecurity Concerns
  - U.S. utility sector faces millions of attempted cyber intrusions a day
- Energy Goals

- JSC was red on the metric for energy reduction
- Currently JSC is in the green

## CHP = Energy Resiliency and Security

- JSC/CHP takes pressure off the strained grid
- Increased Energy Security
  - CHP provides JSC with an "island grid" for power
  - JSC controls reliability and availability of the power plant
  - Self generation of ~70% of base power consumption
  - Provides ~ 11.9 MW of onsite power generation
  - Provides all site steam load, 40-60% peak chilled water load
  - Power to critical JSC facilities
    - Including Mission Control for the International Space Station, which has one turbine completely dedicated to its operation
- Energy and Cost Reduction
  - Steam used to offset 6000 tons of electric chillers
  - Lower energy rates due to lower peak rates
  - Reduces energy intensity from 212,716 BTU/GSF to 103,616 BTU/GSF
  - Meets all energy reduction goals through 2032



## Summary: An ESPC Funded CHP Microgrid

#### **Contract Type & Value**

- DOE ESPC
- \$49.9 Million
- \$1 Million AFFECT Grant Award

#### Scope

- Combined Heat & Power / Chilled Water Optimization
- Facility Operations
- Repair & Replacement

#### Technologies

- Two 5.7 Megawatt (MW) Combustion Turbines
- Two 50,000 lb/hr Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSG) with Economizers and 25,000 lb/hr Duct Burners to supply 6,000 tons of steam turbine chillers
- Two Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Emissions Control Systems
- 500 Kw Back Pressure Steam Turbine Generator
- Paralleling Substation and Combustion Turbine MCC
- Steam Turbine Generator Step-up Transformer
- 750 Kw diesel black start emergency generator





## **Resiliency in Action**

- The onsite electricity generation from the CHP plant boosts JSC's reliability and resilience
  - Allows the facility to operate in the event of a major power outage by guaranteeing access to continuous energy
  - Facility efficiency improvements mean it needs less total energy, thus extending the length of time JSC could operate as an islanding microgrid separate from the power grid



## "Houston, ESG has a solution"

- More important now than ever to combat growing threats with mission critical energy
- Crossed the chasm into the growth area of the next era of energy
- Performance contracting is a critical way to implement resiliency solutions and cybersecurity
- Not just theory this CHP microgrid is in practice and effective in delivering resilient energy to NASA's critical mission



