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Hoffman Power Consulting Releases Critical Assessment of Microgrids

Report Concludes that Community Microgrids Can Enhance Resilience to Wildfires and Extreme Weather Across the U.S.

Palo Alto, CA: September 30, 2020 – [Hoffman Power Consulting](#) (HPC) today released its “[Critical Assessment of the ‘Big Three’ Types of Microgrids](#).” Synthesizing 180 recent documents, this reference guide covers the latest insights on the microgrid business. It concludes that community microgrids are a key solution for enhancing electric power resilience to wildfires and extreme weather.

“Our report comes on the heels of record-setting threats to resilience,” says report principal author Steve Hoffman, CEO of HPC. As of today, 3.75 million acres have burned in California wildfires. This surpasses the previous all-time record of 1.98 million acres (2018), with potentially several weeks remaining in the fire season.

As of two weeks ago, forecasters expect a total of 28 Atlantic storms, which would tie the record for most Atlantic storms in a season (2005). Elisa Wood of *Microgrid Knowledge* addresses the potential role of microgrids in disasters like these: “History tells us that disasters tend to spur interest in microgrids.”

The new HPC report documents the broad and deep interest in microgrids in general and the emerging interest in community microgrids. “We started from the well-established conventional microgrid market,” explains Hoffman, “and then delved into the community microgrid market opportunity, market drivers, business models, and benefits.” The comprehensive report then covers barriers to implementation (and recommended solutions), prototype installations, and recent regulatory/legislative activity.

“We also described insights from COVID-19 regional and local health, safety, and economic impacts that may strengthen the case for these microgrids,” says Hoffman.

The report presents the latest views on “oasis” community microgrids, and profiles early adopters of this approach. The assessment’s 184 unique, recent references provide an

organized, timely guide to the latest data, best practices, and recommendations related to microgrids. Microgrid developers and partners, community officials, utility personnel, businesses considering microgrid adoption, regulators, and others are likely to find the information useful in their decision making regarding microgrids.

The [report is publicly available](#) at no cost on the HPC website.

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About Hoffman Power Consulting: Established in 1985, [Hoffman Power Consulting](#) (HPC) of Palo Alto, CA specializes in producing customized thought leadership, business, and marketing materials on electric power resilience to wildfires, severe weather, cybersecurity attacks, and other threats. The firm has written more than 1000 custom deliverables for its clients in the electric power industry. HPC helps companies that offer electric utilities resilience products and services to differentiate their offerings, demonstrate industry leadership, enhance marketing and communication effectiveness, and grow their client base and revenue.

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