

# Mississippi River Hydrokinetics Project Development

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### Corporate Vision



Free Flow Power is positioning itself as a leading independent power producer ("IPP") and service provider currently focused on hydropower in the US and internationally, pursuing a strategy comprising several components:

Acquire, improve, manage hydropower assets

Develop new pumped hydropower storage

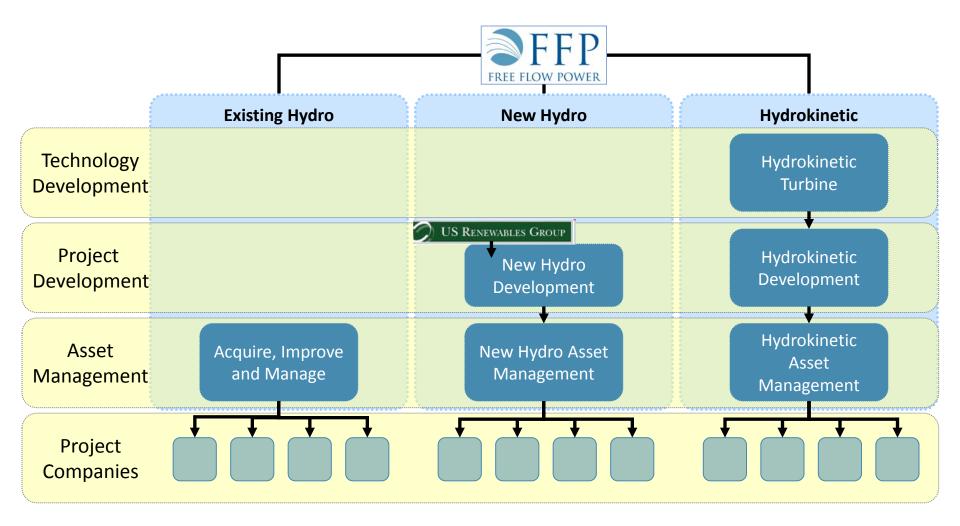
Develop new conventional hydropower

Develop hydrokinetic generation

Services businesses that complement other segments



# Corporate Structure





### Project Pipeline Overview

#### Background

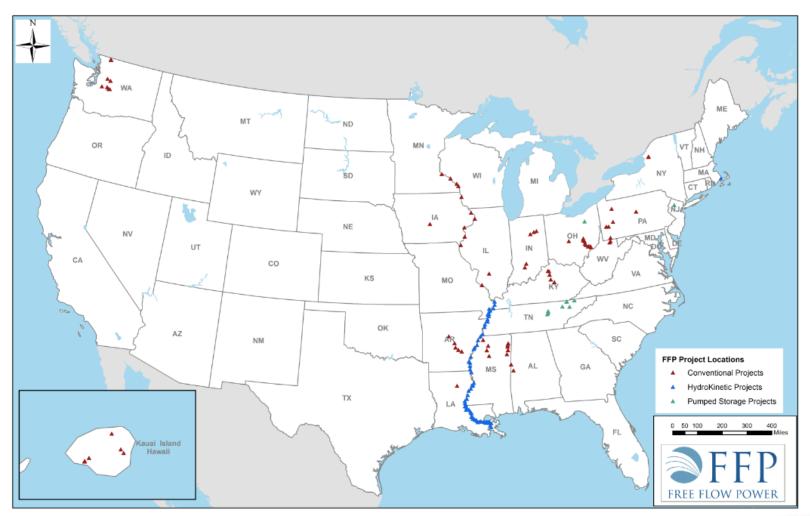
- Founded in 2007
- In 2008, acquired Black Brook Environmental, a 20 year old hydropower project developer
- 29 professionals, many with 15-30 years experience in hydropower, large project finance, & electric power conversion technology

#### • Development Pipeline:

- Hydrokinetic (HK): 1,000MW+, 68 sites permitted or pending
- New Hydro on Existing Dams: 400MW+, 75 sites permitted or pending
- Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH): 7,210MW, 10 sites permitted or pending
- Acquire, Improve & Manage Existing Hydro: 4,700MW+ identified



# Conventional and Hydrokinetic Sites

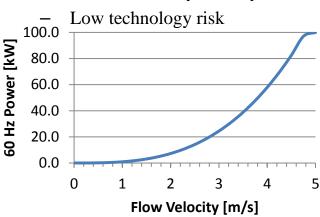




## FFP Technology Advantage



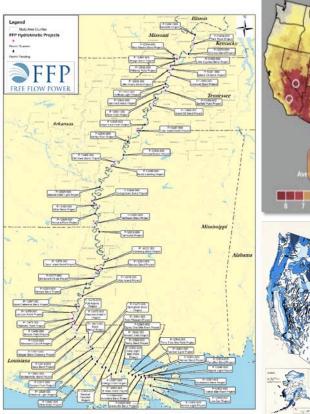
- First full-scale prototype built 2010
  - 3 meter diameter x 4.5 meter length
  - 2.25-m rotor, 7 blades (2:1 TSR)
- Successful testing
  - Structural Integrity
  - Fish Passage
  - Electrical Generation
  - Hydraulic Performance
- Primary Advantages
  - Low cost of energy potential
  - Environmentally friendly

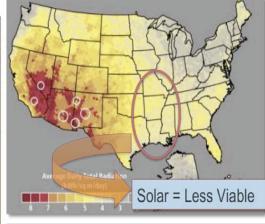




### Mississippi River Basin Advantage

- Significant river hydrokinetic opportunity in Southeast U.S.
- Geographies have limited other renewable sources
- Generation potential near load centers
- FFP has established foothold in Mississippi River Basin
  - FERC preliminary permit site control
  - Total FFP site capacity for 1GW+
- FFP has built a two to three year lead over its competitors for river hydrokinetic FERC licensing







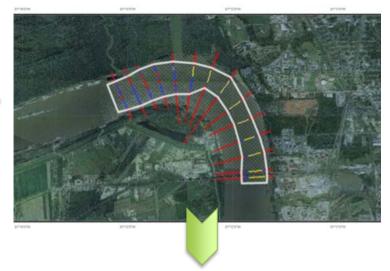


### FFP Commercial Scale Pipeline Advantage

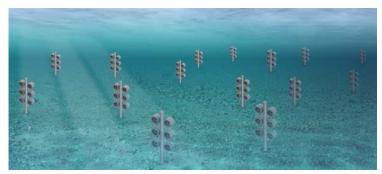
#### Project Sites >GW



Each Site from 5 to 50+ MW



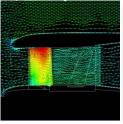
Piling-Mounted Turbine Arrays





# FFP Rapid Advancement

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

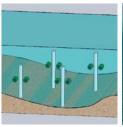


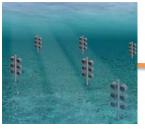














Research

Applied Research

Concept Demo Full-scale Laboratory Testing

Full-scale In-River Testing Precommercial Deployment

Commercial Deployment



# 2011: Mississippi River Prototype Deployment

- Operational Verification
  - Cut-in Speed
  - Power Generation
  - Reliability
- Initial Performance Testing
  - Performance Coefficient
  - Generator Temperature Rise
  - Turbine Drag
- Site Characterization
  - Seasonal velocity profiles
  - Debris
  - Fish
  - Traffic Survey







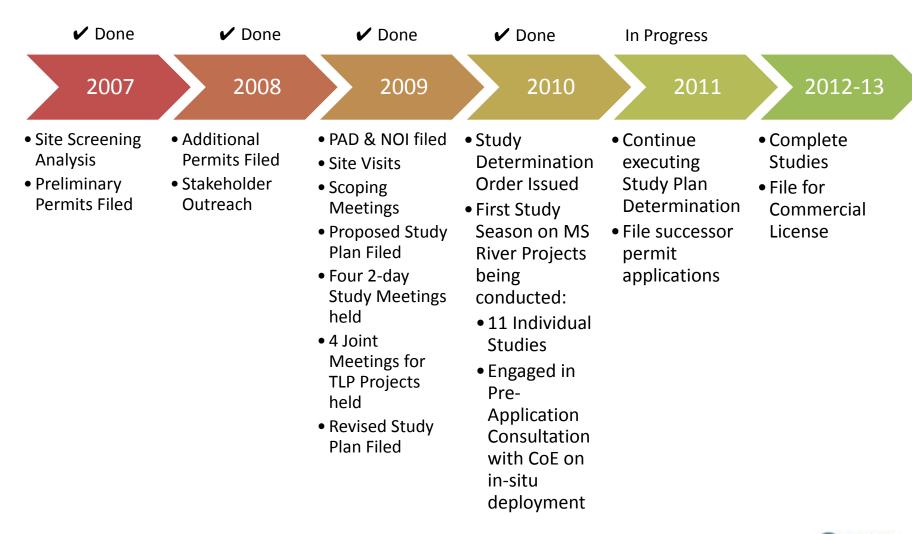
### 2011: Mississippi River Prototype

#### Free Flow Power

Mississippi River Deployment June 2011



### FFP FERC Site Licensing Milestones



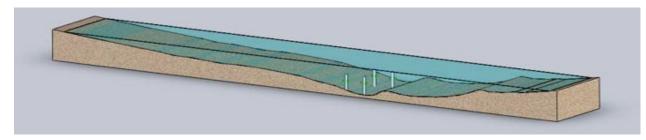


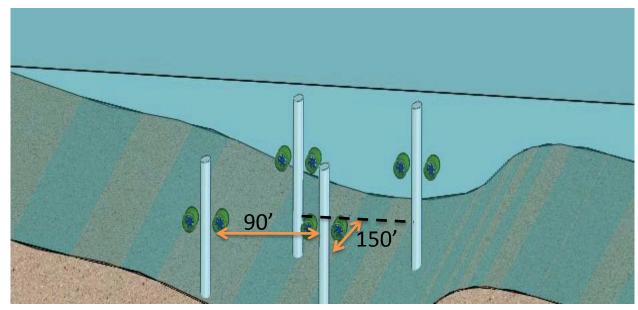
# FERC Study Plan Determination

Study Title	Site Independent or Specific
Turbine Siting Study	Both
Navigation Study	Both
Hydraulic Study	Both
Fish Entrainment Study	Independent primarily
Damage Turbine Recovery Methods	Independent
Electromagnetic Field (EMF) Study	Independent primarily
Vegetation, Wildlife Habitat & Noxious Weeds Inventory	Both
Commercial Fishing & Recreation Study Plan	Both
Archeological & Historical Resource Investigation	Both
Acoustic Energy Study Plan	Independent primarily
Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species Study	Both



### FERC Study Plan: In-Situ Deployment





- 1 turbine/piling plan (graphic shows 2)
- 90 feet transverse spacing
- 150 feet downstream spacing
- 45 feet longitudinal offset from upstream piles
- Install gill net & stationary monitoring on at least 1 turbine for fish entrainment validation testing



### FERC Study Order Lab-Based Fish Entrainment Tests Planned 2012 at USGS Conte Lab



Turbine installed in 10 ft wide flume

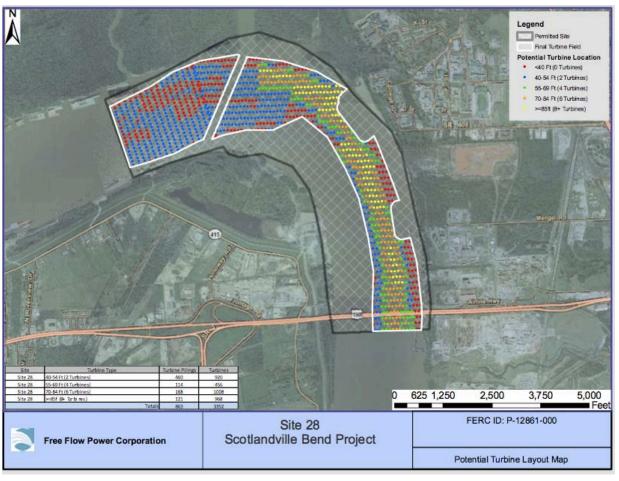


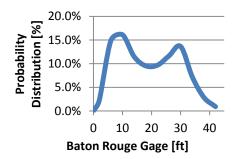
Fish can be tube-injected and captured & monitored downstream



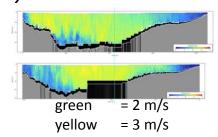
# Commercial Sites Planned Using Flow, Depth, & Competing Use Analysis

Exclusion zones (depth, dredging, flow failures, revetments) analyzed





Decades of river gage flow and discharge data analyzed

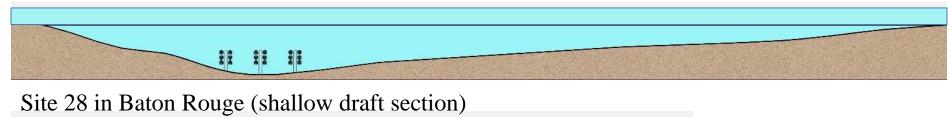


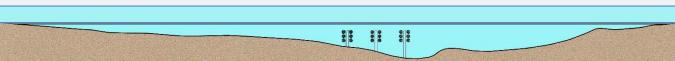
Local velocity surveys conducted, obtained, and analyzed to improve placement



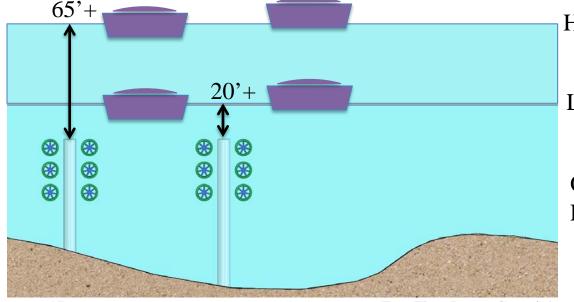
# Depth of Commercial Deployments

Site 8 in New Orleans (deep draft section)





Site 28 close-up showing loaded/unloaded barges in high and historical low (LWRP) water ref



High Water

**LWRP** 

Can build in as little as 40' depth from LWRP (1 turbine height per pile)



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