

# PhaseStor PCM based Thermal Storage Solution Ft Irwin Technology Demonstration June 2017



## **PhaseStor** Technology Description

**Technology:** The bio-based BioPCM® (phase change material) is used to store thermal energy within a specified temperature range (-31°F to +275C°F). Pressurized heat exchangers containing process fluid are fully immersed in BioPCM® derived from organic non food-grade fatty acids.

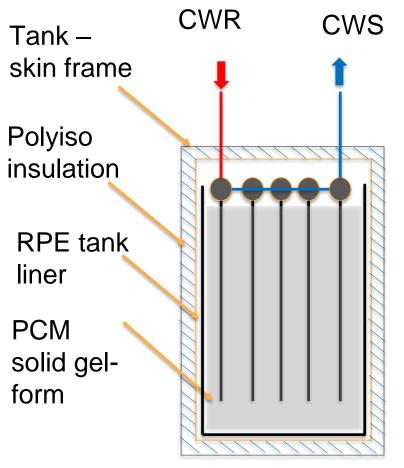
PCM is specifically formulated for large scale thermal storage applications. The technology is unique, in that it remains in solid form regardless of charge state (solid to semi-solid transition).



600,000 Btu Demonstration Tank



## **Technology** Description



#### Sample System Operation

- Process fluid (CHW) flows under pressure through heat exchangers
- Heat exchangers are submerged in solid gel BioPCM® Phase Change material set to desired freeze/ transition temperature (40°F - 45°F)
- Charging cycle set supply water from chiller to 6°F-8°F below BioPCM® freeze/transition temperature
- Discharge bypass return water from load 6°F - 10°F above freeze temperature through the heat exchanger and return to the building supply line.



## Simpler PhaseStor Solution

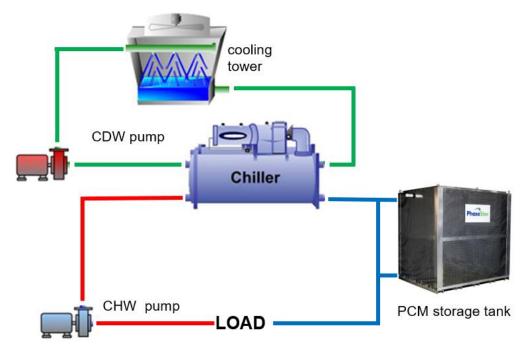
#### PhaseStor Systems

A retrofit to conventional non-storage chilled water plant requires the addition of:

- Storage tank
- Valves & controls

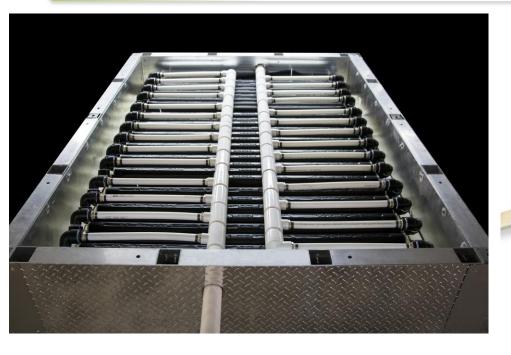
#### Lower Energy Costs

When designed and sized to avoid peak demand PhaseStor systems require less energy consumption because the chiller operates at higher temperatures and less run time as well as less pumping.





### Design & Manufacture



Polypropylene Heat exchanger in various sizes and configurations



Heat exchanger piping manifold assembly



### Design & Manufacture

- Aluminum frame tanks can be assembled in place for easy shipping and rigging.
- Large scale (300 ton-hr and 450 ton-hr) PhaseStor modular heat exchange systems available





### **Demonstration** Installation

- Ft. Irwin CA
- Demonstration site 18,500 sft Military Education Center
- 70 ton chilled water system

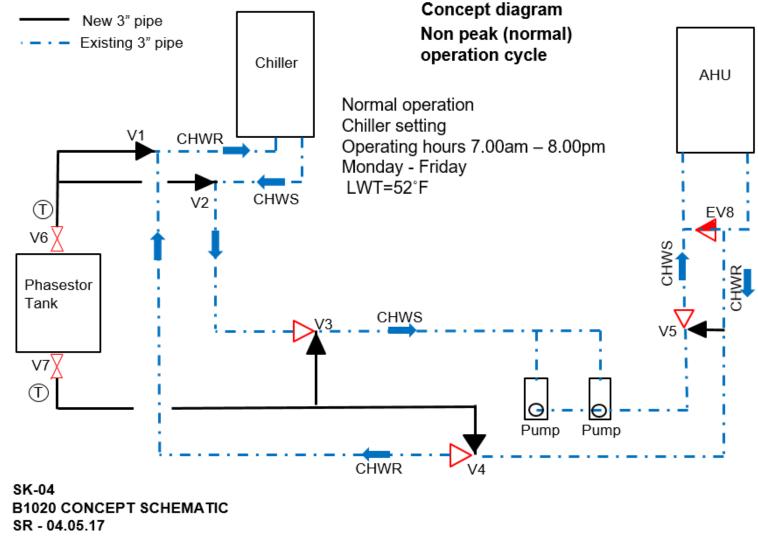






PhaseStor Install, rear service yard, B1020

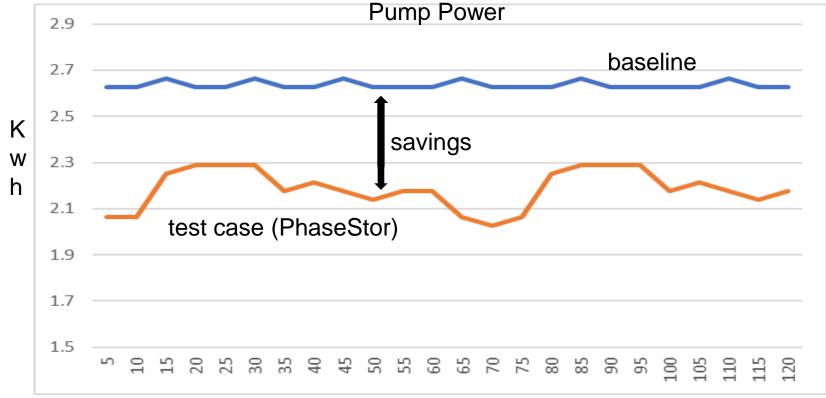
### **Installation** Design





## **Preliminary** Test Results

Chilled water pump kWh reduction, Reduction due to ability to reduce flow rate as there is increased thermal control (no chiller cycling or surge)

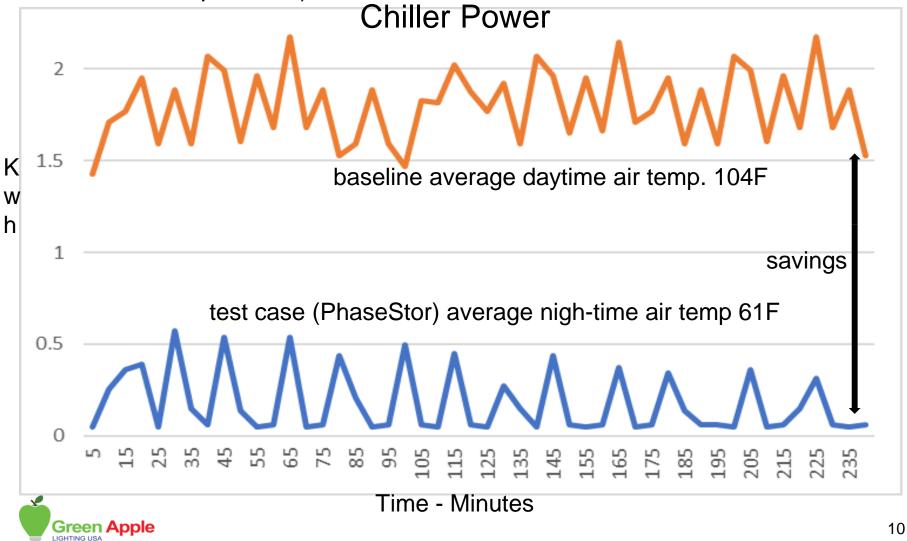


Time - Minutes



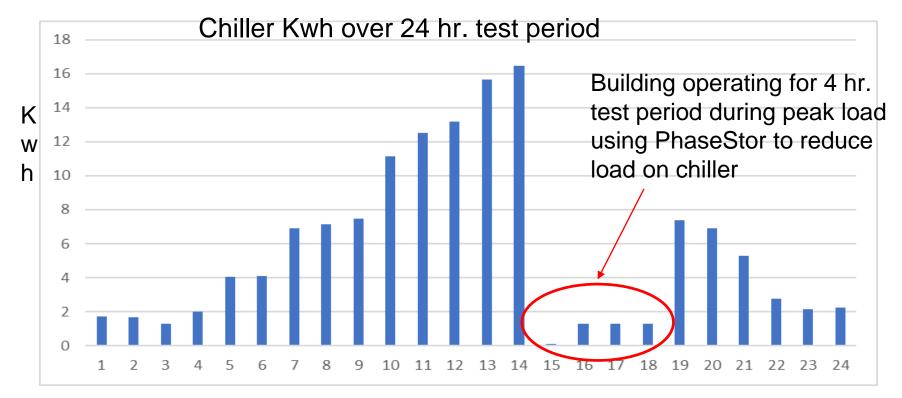
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Reduction in chiller energy when charging PhaseStor at night-time (low ambient air temperature)



## **Preliminary** Test Results

70 ton Chiller, kWh use over 24 hr. demonstration cycle Average (day-time) ambient air temperature :104F



Time - Hours



## **Installation** References

#### **Projects:**

- Microsoft -WA
- Ennis Paints NC
- 1888 Mills GA
- Ft. Irwin CA







### PhaseStor Advantages

#### Heat Energy Storage

- Much Smaller Footprint BioPCM® thermal capacity is 50x greater than water
- Installed system will provide greater than 20x chilled water storage
- Less equipment and maintenance required than chilled water or ice storage

#### **Chiller Water Applications**

- Minimal Material Expansion & Contraction Issues
- No Need for Glycol
- Less Pumping

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• Store Energy at any Temperature (-50°C to 275°C)

## **PhaseStor** Applications

- Dedicated server backup and thermal support
- Heating & Cooling System Resilience
- Cooling & Heating System Security
- Thermal / Electric Demand Response (Chillers)
- Peak Demand Management (Chillers)
- Increase Chiller / Cooling System Capacity
- Solar Thermal Storage
- Many other temperature controlled industrial applications



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