

Clean, onsite energy generation using biogas for a leading dairy digester developer in California

Business challenge

This developer captures biogas at dozens of dairy locations in California and upgrades and injects it into existing gas pipelines as a net-zero carbon fuel to be used to power vehicles or generate electricity. They needed a solution to produce electricity from biogas directly, both to power their facilities in parallel with the grid and to operate independently from the grid to provide clean resilient power at these remote dairies.

Project highlights

Mainspring Linear Generators run on dairy biogas and form the backbone power generation source for dairy digester operations.

- Four 230 kW Mainspring Linear Generators
- Renewable, clean power for the facility with near-zero NOx emissions
- Ideal combination of dispatchability, high efficiency, and low total cost of ownership
- COD expected 2024



Customer outcomes

Mainspring Linear Generators run on biogas to provide 100% of onsite power needs while improving the economics for the customer and their dairy farm partners. Key benefits include:

Cost Savings

Utilization of gas provides lower cost electricity compared to the grid and improves overall LCFS project economics.

Resilience

Onsite prime power with backup ensures resilience for operations.

Sustainability Renewable power with near-zero NOx emissions.

"This project extends our success in landfill biogas into dairy, the leading agricultural commodity in California. These operations significantly reduce California's dairy methane emissions and help make California dairies among the most sustainable in the world." – Adam Simpson, Chief Product Officer, Mainspring Energy





The Mainspring Linear Generator

Local, scalable, fuel-flexible power for commercial and industrial customers, biogas developers, utilities, municipalities, and datacenters

Easy, modular installation High availability & low maintenance Up to 25 MW per acre scalability





Each package contains two linear generator cores, operated in tandem

Breakthrough design enables an unmatched combination of features and benefits. **High efficiency** Direct conversion of linear motion into electricity

Fuel flexibility Continuous, adaptive control without mechanical constraints Near-zero NOx Low-temperature, non-combustion reaction without a flame or burning

Fully dispatchable

Load-tracking, fast on/off, black start, and islanding

Permitting anywhere Meets any air permitting requirements in the US

Controllable & configurable Integrates seamlessly with site components & requirements

Performance specifications

Outputs ¹	Power (net AC) Electrical	250 kW 400/480 V, 3 Phase, 50/60 Hz
Inputs	Fuels Input Pressure Water Consumption	Any blend of Biogas ² , Natural Gas, Hydrogen, and Propane 5-15 psig (10 psig nominal) None
Efficiency ³	Electrical (LHV, net AC) Heat Rate (HHV, net AC)	46% 8,233 BTU/kWh
Emissions ⁴	NO _x Noise	< 2.5 ppm (<0.07 lb/MWh) < 70 dBA @ 6 feet
Physical	Weight Dimensions (L x W x H)	20 tonnes 20.5' x 8.5' x 9.5'

Environment	Temperature Range Humidity	-30 to 50 C 0 to 100%
Operations	Power Output Range Grid Parallel to Island Transfer⁵ Maximum Step Load Building Soft Start Capability	0 to 100% power output < 10 sec 300 kVA for up to 10 sec Yes
Other	 UL 2200 package UL 1741 SB grid-tie inverter Compliant with CA Rule 21 	 Remote monitoring Secure customer portal Modbus interface

Relative humidity: </0% I Sulfur: < 50 ppmvd I Siloxanes: < 100 ppbvd I Oxygen and hitrogen: limitations

³ Measured according to ASME PTC 50 at 15 C and 1 atm on natural gas and biogas. Rated

efficiency may vary by fuel type. Products comply with emissions limits in South Coast AQMD.

⁵ Performance with purchase and installation of external site relays and controls equipment.

All data is subject to technical development and modification. R30202

About Mainspring Energy

Driven by its vision of the affordable, reliable, zero carbon grid of the future, Mainspring is delivering a breakthrough new category of power generation - the linear generator - to customers to increase their energy resilience, generate cost savings, and meet their sustainability and climate goals.

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