

ECE 333 Green Electric Energy

Homework 5

due Friday, October 7, 2014

The quiz for this HW is based on the assigned problems below and examples in slides
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Reading:

Text: From Masters' 2nd edition

- appendix A
- chapter 7.8

Solve the following problems:

Text: 7.12

Problem 1. Better windows for a building adds $\$3/\text{ft}^2$ of window but saves $\$0.55/\text{ft}^2$ in the reduced heating, cooling and lighting costs. With a discount rate of 12%

- What is the NPV of the better windows over a 30-year period with no escalation in the value of the annual savings?
- What is the IRR with no escalation rate?
- What is the NPV if the savings escalate at 7% per year due to fueling savings?
- What is the IRR with the escalation rate?

Problem 2. A 30 kW PV systems on a building reduces the peak demand by 25 kW and reduces the annual electricity demand by 60,000 kWh/yr. The PV systems cost \$135,000 to install, has no annual maintenance costs, and have an expected lifetime of 30 years. The utility rate structure charges \$0.07/kWh and \$9/kW per month on demand

- What annual savings in utility bills will the PVs deliver?
- What is the IRR on the investment with no escalation in utility rate?
- What is the IRR on the investment if the annual savings on utility bills increases 6% per year?

Problem 3. A small, 10-*kW* wind turbine that costs \$15,000 has a capacity factor of 0.25. If it is paid for with a 6-%, 20-*year* loan and it is an equal payment cash flow set, what is the cost of the electricity generated if the wind turbine always works at 10-*kW*?

Problem 4. A 2-*kW* *PV* systems with capacity factor 0.20 costs \$8,000 after various incentives have been accounted for. It is to be paid for with a 5%, 20-*year* loan. Since the household has a net income of \$130,000 per year, their marginal federal tax bracket is 30.5%

- a. Do a calculation by hand to find the cost of *PV* electricity in the first year
- b. Set up a spreadsheet to show the annual cash flow and annual electricity price for this system.

Problem 5. A *PV* systems that generates 8,000 *kWh/yr* cost \$15,000. It is paid for with a 6%, 20-*year* loan. Ignoring any tax implications, what is the electricity cost from the *PV* systems