



UAA Professional Development Seminar Series

Renewable Energy Implementation in Alaskan Islanded Microgrids

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Dr. Huang will talk about the particular benefits and particular challenges of renewable energy implementation in islanded microgrids, of which there are over 200 in Alaska. In Alaska, our high number of microgrids is due to our low population densities distributed over a vast area. However, in interconnected regions in the rest of the U.S. and world, microgrids are also of interest as a way to increase energy security and integrate more distributed power generation. Alaska therefore poses some interesting test cases, especially when considering deployment in extreme and austere environments.

Living on a tight budget as a graduate student in Fairbanks with one of the highest heating requirements and high costs of energy in the world made Daisy keenly aware of the need to use high