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natural refrigerants

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Low Charge NH_3 Refrigeration Systems

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Energy consumption reduction of

~70%¹⁾

Fact or fiction?

¹⁾ State of the art dual compression stage, low charge NH_3 refrigeration system with evaporative condenser in comparison with industry standard, single compression stage, air cooled HFC based refrigeration system



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If you have one of these:

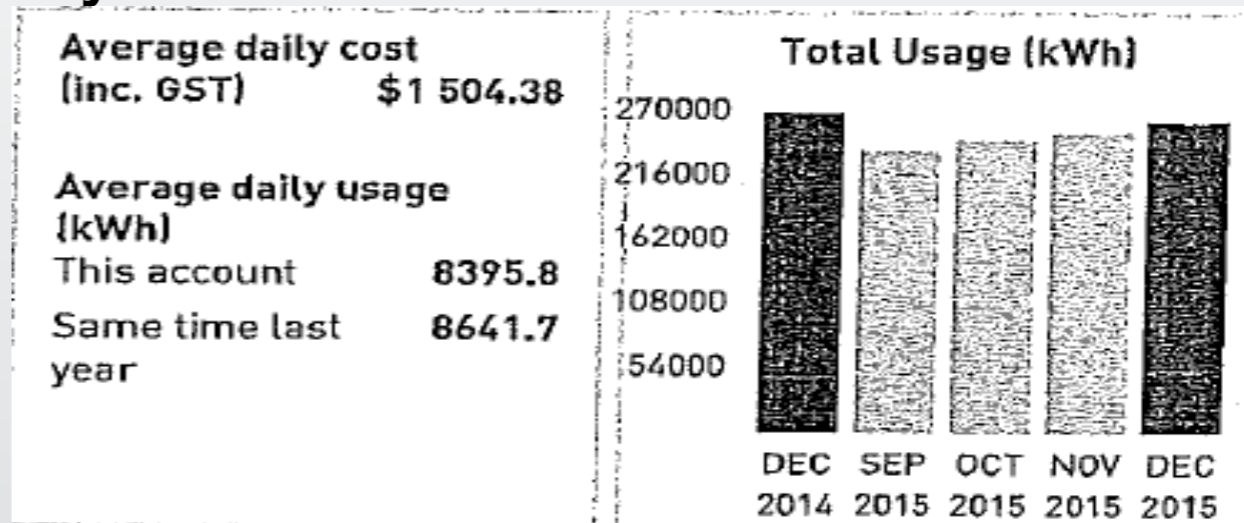


Industry standard, single stage, HFC based, air cooled refrigeration plant

Billing Period (31 days) 30/11/15 - 31/12/15
 Security Deposit Held NIL

Total Due \$46 635.91
Pay By 25 JAN 2016

and can continue to pay this every month for this:





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IN FIVE YEARS PAID FOR WITH ENERGY COST SAVINGS

you can own one of these:

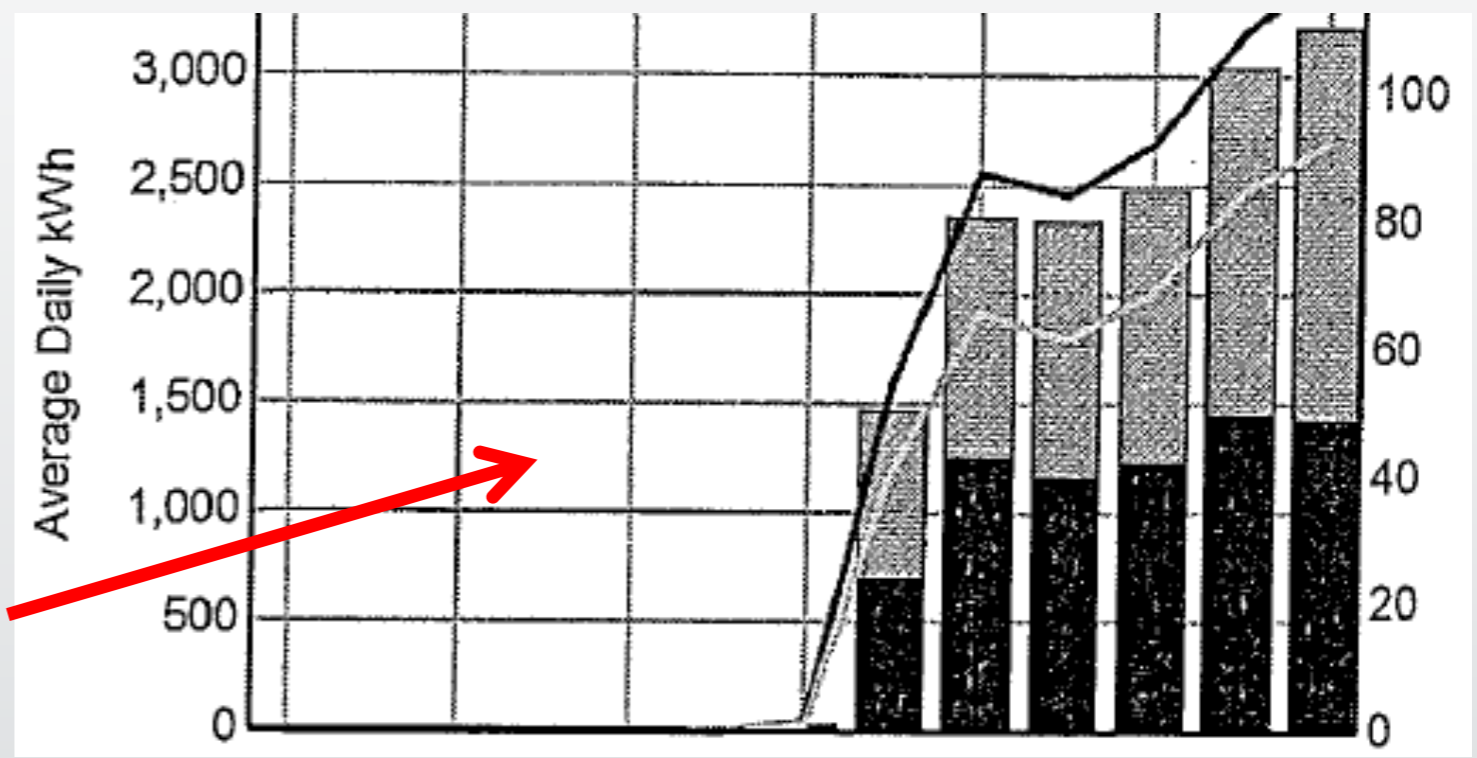
and pay this per month after that:

Total Amount Payable \$13,382.39



State of the art low charge NH₃ refrigeration system

for this





Business case



- Retrofit from multiple air cooled HFC units to central low charge NH_3 plant with glycol loop for medium temperature
- Investment ~A\$1,900,000 (refrigerated volume ~21,000 m^3)
- Estimated SEC reduction from 143 to 38 kWh/ m^3 *a
- Annual cost savings A\$400,000 (energy & maintenance)
- Current monthly electricity account A\$43,000-A\$48,000

Simple pay-back k\$1900/k\$400 < 5 years



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\$42,000/month



480 kg NH₃



\$13,500/month

Conversion cost \$2,000,000

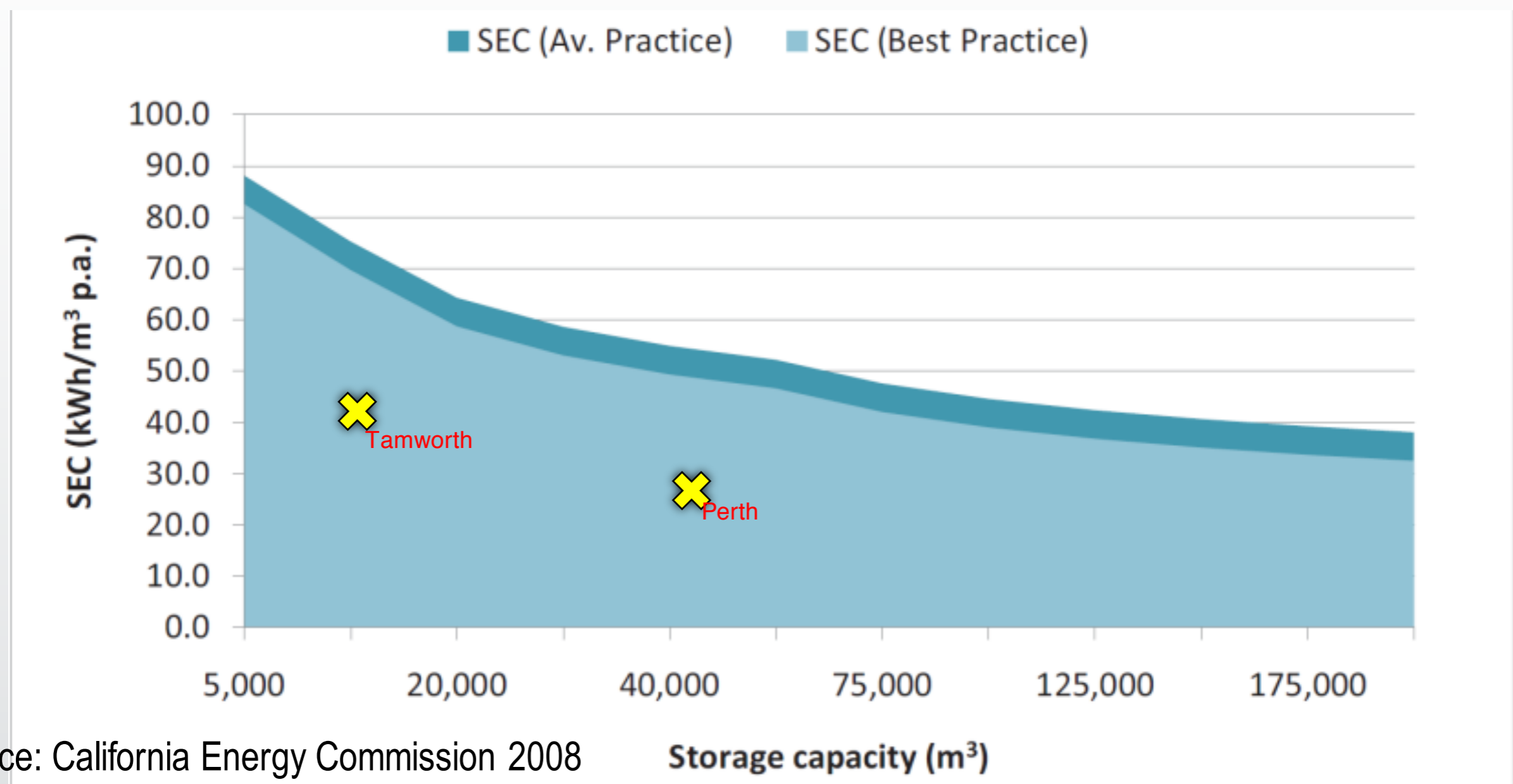
ROI = (42,000-13,500)*12/2,000,000*100=17%



Energy Efficiency



$$\text{SEC (kWh/ft}^3\text{) average practice} = 38.978 \times \text{storage volume}^{-0.2275}$$



Source: California Energy Commission 2008



NH₃ versus NH₃



Plant	Annual energy consumption [MWh]	Recording period	Refrigerated volume [m ³]	Spec. energy consumption (SEC) [kWh/m ³ *a]
Low NH ₃	410	1.7.14- 30.6.15	9,474	43.2
Screw	1,135	1.7.14- 30.6.15	10,748	105.6

- Both building layouts ~identical
- Energy consumption is for entire facility not only NH₃ plant



NH₃ versus NH₃



Same capital cost!

\$8,000/mth.

43 kWh/m³*a

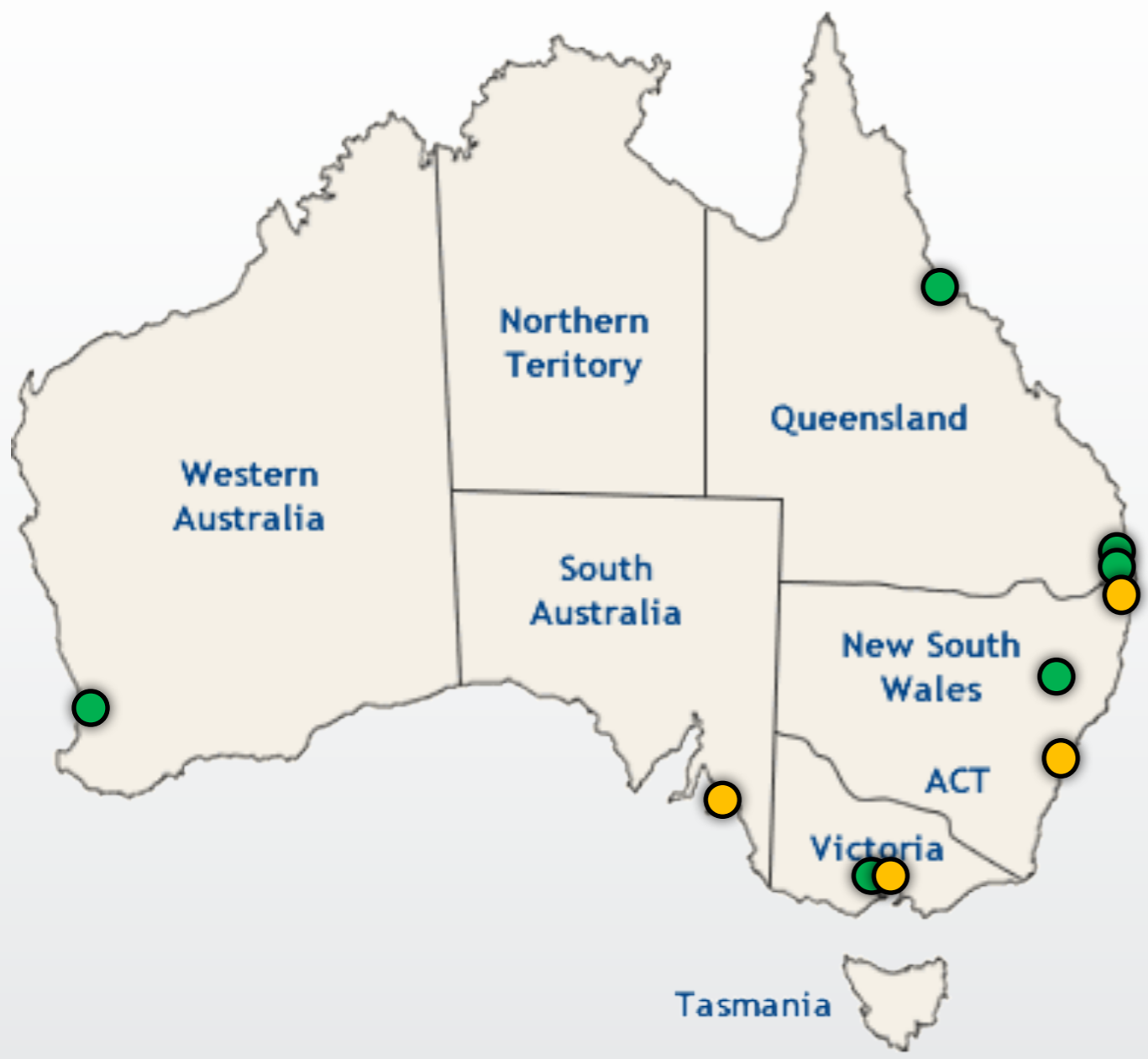
\$22,000/mth.

106 kWh/m³*a

NH₃ low charge, dual stage, reciprocating compressors with VFD's

NH₃ flooded, single stage economized screw compressors

Market acceptance



- Completed
- Under construction



Discussion



- ~20% ROI on retrofits of HFC plants to low charge NH_3
- ~30-50% return on Δ investment between new low charge NH_3 and new industry standard HFC ($\text{HFC} \approx 0.6 * \text{NH}_3$)
- NH_3 “inconveniences” gradually minimized/eliminated (oil, leakage risks, moisture, operators, specialist maintenance)
- Low charge NH_3 costs about the same as NH_3 liquid overfeed
- Lower than expected energy bills and 30-50 times lower air cooler NH_3 inventories drive market acceptance

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QUESTIONS?