

## PUBLIC ABSTRACT

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Proposal Title: An Igniting and Self-Stabilized pulverized-coal Burner

Commercial Application: New Facilities Existing Facilities  
Other, Specify:

Technology Type:

Estimated total cost of project:  
(May not represent final negotiated costs.)

Total Estimated Cost: \$ 192,000

Estimated DOE Share: \$ 192,000

Estimated Private Share: \$ 0.00

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**Anticipated Project Site(s):**

Location (city, county, etc.) State Zipcode  
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Type of coal to be used: bituminous  
Primary

Alternate (if any)

Size or scale of project: 3.0 tons/test 2 times/week

Tons of coal/day input

**And/or**

Megawatts, Barrels per day, etc.

Other (if necessary)

Duration of proposed project:

(From date of award)

72 (Months)

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### **An Igniting and Self-Stabilized Pulverized Coal Burner**

By Xiong Cheng- Rui

In coal fired power plant, when boiler starts up, as the pulverized coal-air flow is not as easy to be ignited as gas or oil, and as the temperature in furnace is very low, gas or oil must be used for heating the furnace during start-up. In addition, when boilers operate under low load, the furnace temperature decreases so that stable combustion can not be kept. Gas or oil is also used to stabilize the combustion in the furnace. As the power demand varies in cycle within 24 hours in a day and in a week, a number of boilers must shut down in midnight or weekend and start up again in the morning or Monday morning or operate under low load during that period. This is called cycling. Thus a large quantity of gas or oil is expended on cycling.

To save the gas or oil, expended in cycling. This proposer [1], applied Karlovitz's flame theory [2] [3] to pulverized coal worked out a burner, which can ignite pulverized coal-air flow and stabilize its flame by using simple electric heating with small amount of energy consumption and without any assistance of gas or oil, a "Proof-of-Concept-Test" was successfully completed. In a power plant with full scale, the expected functions were obtained [4][5][6]. However, it needs a further commercialization test to make the burner applicable for boiler practice. It will save at least 3.77 million tons oil (only from utility in U.S.) a year which can supply space heating to 4.6 million families.

**More important significance of the burner lies in that it can also avoid flame failure, burn low grade coal including anthracite and coke on existing and new pulverized coal-fired boilers, and control NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions.**

To get the four functions we do not need four research program of four times test work to be done. As long as the first function (saving oil) is obtained the other three functions can be obtained simultaneously. Of course optimization is needed to get an all-round balanced four functions.

To complete the application test, the main research work is a practical one. It can be performed in a vintage boiler first, a \$ 0.192 million investment can get \$ 6.6 million commercial benefit very easily from deploying the research result to existent 20-55 MW coal-fired units in U.S. utility and totally \$ 361.5 million from the 20-600 MW units.

Till now, only that boiler with Fluidized—Bed Combustor (FBC) can burn LGC and control NO<sub>x</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> simultaneously well. However these FBC have not formed a large scale for electric power generation, and research on FBC has expended a large amount of funds in the past two decades.

The proposed work is a simpler and better and cheaper way of burning LGC and controlling, NO<sub>x</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> emission simultaneously than FBC.

As this burner has a high and unique flame stability. It will be helpful to develop other advanced combustion technology, for example, the limestone injection into furnace for capturing SO<sub>2</sub> and getting a chemical product calcium sulfate.

As this burner is for pulverized coal use, and pulverized coal is and will be the main fuel for power generation and will be used continuously in DOE's "Combustion 2000", a coal-related R&D program, and according to available information there has been no such a pulverized-coal burner which has such an excellent multi-function as the proposed burner has. So this burner will have a long viability in commercial applications.

Saving oil (low cost), enhancing reliability, burning low grade coal(low cost).and improving NO<sub>x</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> control, all these meet closely the DE—PS26—02NT41428—Solicitation the Clean Coal Power Initiative.