## **Description of Supplementary Files**

File Name: Supplementary Information Description: Supplementary Figures and Supplementary Table

| US State       | Open Water<br>Surface Area | Potential Power<br>Available | Potential Water<br>Savings              | Net Energy<br>Generation Rate | Freshwater<br>Withdrawals   |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                | (km²)                      | (MW)                         | (10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> / year) | (MW)                          | (106 m <sup>3</sup> / year) |
| Utah           | 8,393.0                    | 47,200.53                    | 10,540.70                               | 4,788.71                      | 5,711.02                    |
| California     | 4,844.8                    | 27,550.54                    | 6,376.01                                | 22,454.78                     | 43,048.52                   |
| Texas          | 5,835.2                    | 21,557.70                    | 7,105.39                                | 51,350.04                     | 31,330.44                   |
| Minnesota      | 8,996.0                    | 19,251.52                    | 6,651.15                                | 6,504.54                      | 5,279.30                    |
| Florida        | 5,778.5                    | 18,516.16                    | 6,555.36                                | 27,101.90                     | 8,572.70                    |
| Louisiana      | 4,413.7                    | 14,353.23                    | 4,704.11                                | 12,307.35                     | 11,804.42                   |
| Nevada         | 1,710.4                    | 12,292.26                    | 2,586.21                                | 4,457.40                      | 3,614.10                    |
| Oklahoma       | 2,729.3                    | 9,831.92                     | 3,159.98                                | 8,691.28                      | 2,454.63                    |
| Oregon         | 2,382.9                    | 8,994.33                     | 2,332.57                                | 6,605.77                      | 9,312.79                    |
| Montana        | 2,854.4                    | 8,628.27                     | 2,615.48                                | 3,345.02                      | 10,546.27                   |
| Maine          | 4,029.0                    | 8,357.80                     | 2,845.18                                | 1,340.33                      | 564.93                      |
| South Dakota   | 3,030.5                    | 7,617.27                     | 2,762.17                                | 1,099.66                      | 864.67                      |
| Tennessee      | 2,435.0                    | 7,471.78                     | 2,301.29                                | 8,586.15                      | 10,644.95                   |
| Idaho          | 1,816.9                    | 6,896.89                     | 1,795.02                                | 1,788.48                      | 23,806.20                   |
| North Dakota   | 2,831.9                    | 6,833.77                     | 2,425.13                                | 4,241.62                      | 1,566.52                    |
| North Carolina | 2,259.9                    | 6,759.28                     | 2,301.30                                | 14,656.22                     | 15,295.17                   |
| Alabama        | 2,096.0                    | 6,743.71                     | 2,080.63                                | 17,406.10                     | 13,815.00                   |
| Wisconsin      | 2,873.7                    | 6,460.54                     | 2,212.82                                | 7,575.36                      | 8,511.02                    |
| Wyoming        | 1,420.4                    | 6,004.67                     | 1,543.46                                | 5,589.79                      | 6,414.11                    |
| Arkansas       | 1,693.5                    | 5,725.01                     | 1,742.70                                | 6,342.40                      | 15,665.22                   |
| Georgia        | 1,657.8                    | 5,430.77                     | 1,726.02                                | 14,705.24                     | 6,130.40                    |
| Washington     | 1,887.3                    | 5,280.05                     | 1,616.29                                | 12,475.74                     | 6,808.82                    |
| New York       | 2,459.3                    | 5,230.50                     | 1,871.86                                | 15,825.08                     | 7,918.95                    |
| Missouri       | 1,602.2                    | 5,153.40                     | 1,609.49                                | 9,547.95                      | 11,853.76                   |
| South Carolina | 1,503.9                    | 4,889.18                     | 1,595.62                                | 11,019.66                     | 9,374.46                    |
| Michigan       | 2,000.4                    | 4,317.96                     | 1,541.75                                | 12,900.46                     | 14,925.13                   |
| New Mexico     | 598.6                      | 3,734.85                     | 874.37                                  | 3,733.04                      | 4,366.53                    |
| Virginia       | 1,154.0                    | 3,428.69                     | 1,137.83                                | 9,636.03                      | 6,130.40                    |
| Arizona        | 403.0                      | 3,407.94                     | 710.25                                  | 12,915.76                     | 8,412.35                    |
| Colorado       | 634.2                      | 2,917.65                     | 735.66                                  | 5,980.94                      | 15,171.83                   |
| Kansas         | 898.8                      | 2,795.83                     | 976.10                                  | 5,197.16                      | 5,538.33                    |
| Vermont        | 1,246.7                    | 2,775.62                     | 1,018.56                                | 226.26                        | 595.77                      |
| Illinois       | 972.4                      | 2,620.09                     | 887.48                                  | 22,140.64                     | 18,008.83                   |
| Kentucky       | 850.9                      | 2,503.63                     | 768.84                                  | 9,536.95                      | 5,982.39                    |
| Mississippi    | 703.0                      | 2,420.52                     | 753.45                                  | 7,392.45                      | 5,328.64                    |
| Nebraska       | 635.1                      | 2,081.10                     | 677.34                                  | 4,552.90                      | 11,113.67                   |
| New Hampshire  | 586.2                      | 1,434.13                     | 457.15                                  | 2,284.92                      | 506.96                      |
| Iowa           | 534.7                      | 1,284.57                     | 463.81                                  | 6,467.91                      | 4,243.18                    |
| Ohio           | 506.6                      | 1,164.58                     | 428.32                                  | 13,914.77                     | 13,074.91                   |
| Massachusetts  | 500.3                      | 1,117.73                     | 407.11                                  | 3,662.78                      | 1,467.84                    |
| Pennsylvania   | 456.4                      | 1,104.55                     | 375.42                                  | 24,494.55                     | 11,249.35                   |
| Indiana        | 421.9                      | 1,066.98                     | 371.42                                  | 11,874.35                     | 11,952.44                   |
| Maryland       | 277.7                      | 771.23                       | 264.53                                  | 4,151.32                      | 2,035.25                    |
| New Jersev     | 258.4                      | 705.17                       | 244.93                                  | 8,516.99                      | 2,676.66                    |
| Connecticut    | 157.1                      | 353.80                       | 125.81                                  | 4,277.47                      | 1,128.64                    |
| West Virginia  | 111.7                      | 297.77                       | 91.46                                   | 8,252.88                      | 4,884.59                    |
| Rhode Island   | 43.1                       | 98.34                        | 36.31                                   | 792.13                        | 186.26                      |
| Grand Total    | 95 486 7                   | 375 / 33 81                  | 96 403 85                               | 462 709 22                    | 110 888 32                  |

Grand Total95,486.7325,433.8196,403.85462,709.22419,888.32Supplementary Table 1 | Summary statistics of open water surface area, potential power generationfrom natural evaporation, and concurrent water savings along with net energy generation rate andfreshwater consumption data, by US State



Supplementary Figure 1 | Steady-state power generation and effects on evaporative losses as a function of  $\beta$  a, Energy fluxes b, evaporation rates, and c, surface temperatures are calculated as a function of  $\beta(w)$  for weather conditions of 200 W m<sup>-2</sup> *I*, 16 °C *T*<sub>a</sub>, 101.3 kPa *P*, and 2.7 m s<sup>-1</sup> (6 mph) *u* at 5 values of *RH* (mild conditions).  $\beta(w)$  depends on the load *w* (work done per mole of water evaporated).



**Supplementary Figure 2** | **Distribution of typical daily relative humidity in Daggett-Barstow, CA a,** Histogram and **b**, empirical cumulative distribution function of typical daily relative humidity in Daggett-Barstow, California. The mean relative humidity is 36.2%, observed over 365 daily mean *RH* values from TMY3 data for the Daggett Barstow, California TMY3 data set.



Supplementary Figure 3 | Daily prediction of peak power generation and corresponding water savings in Daggett-Barstow, California Daily maximum power output (W m<sup>-2</sup>, blue) and corresponding water savings (mmH<sub>2</sub>O day<sup>-1</sup>, red) predicted by Equation 3 for Daggett Barstow, California. Input data is generated by using daily mean *I*,  $T_a$ , *P*, *u*, and *RH* values from TMY3 data for the Daggett-Barstow, California TMY3 data set.



**Supplementary Figure 4** | **Heat balance power generation model converges toward steady-state prediction and estimates of energy storage a,** Energy fluxes, **b**, evaporation rates, and **c**, surface temperatures of three selected conditions. Steady state results are solid lines, the final non-steady state results are dashed lines. The non-steady state results converge toward the steady state predictions after one simulation year. Results are calculated for cool (pale, 12 °C, 45% RH, 150 W m<sup>-2</sup>), mild (neutral, 16 °C, 35% RH, 200 W m<sup>-2</sup>), and warm (dark, 20 °C, 25% RH, 250 W m<sup>-2</sup>) weather conditions at 2.7 m s<sup>-1</sup> (6 mph). The dotted lines show the convergence of a non-steady state model initialized at a surface temperature of 288 K with an isothermal depth of 5 m. The relaxation times of the surface temperature is plotted as a function of isothermal water depth d, for ten selected depths (circles) and interpolated (dashed line) at mild (16 °C, 35% RH, 200 W m<sup>-2</sup>) conditions.



**Supplementary Figure 5** | **Simulation model of a controlled evaporation driven engine a,** Process model for an evaporation energy harvesting power plant and **b**, the control model for simulating the reliability of such a power plant.



**Supplementary Figure 6** | Matching variable demand by controlling power output via heat storage Results for the final year of a simulation run for **a**, North Central Texas from Midland, Texas and **b**, Greater New York City from Newark, New Jersey. From inside-out: Hourly 1) *I* (yellow, W m<sup>-2</sup>), 2) *RH* (blue, %), 3)  $T_a$  (red, °C), 4) *u* (cyan, m s<sup>-1</sup>), 5)  $W_{PD}$  (gray, W m<sup>-2</sup>) and predicted  $W_0$  (green dots, W m<sup>-2</sup>), and 6) three 3-day zoomed in samples of hourly  $W_{PD}$  (gray, W m<sup>-2</sup>) and predicted  $W_0$  (green dots, W m<sup>-2</sup>). The results show that power generation matches demand **a**, 93% and **b**, 67% of the time. Meteorological data is from the TMY3 data set. The power demand data is from the **a**, ERCOT database or **b**, NYISO database. Annual data is evenly divided by hourly data.



Supplementary Figure 7 | The relationship between water savings and power demand Predicted water savings as a function of target power demand for California (circles), Texas (triangles), and New York (squares) test locations. These simulations predict that the minimum water savings is 2.2, 3.6, and 5.1 mmH<sub>2</sub>O day<sup>-1</sup> for the respective New York, Texas, and California test locations.