COMMENT PITCH: PRACTICAL CHALLENGES IN ENERGY EFFICIENT DATACENTER IMPLEMENTATION – CASE TELIA HDC

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TELIA HELSINKI DATA CENTER IN A NUTSHELL

- Building area in four floors: 34,342 m²
- White space: 15,000 m²
- Critical IT-power: 24 MW
- Recycled heat: ~258,000 MWh/year
- Space for racks: 5,000
- Up to devices: 200,000

Tier III level reliability
WORKLOAD CONSOLIDATION – INDUSTRIAL SCALE IMPROVES EFFICIENCY

• Telia Helsinki Data Center target PUE is 1.2 for mixed co-location customer workload

• This efficiency level is extremely hard to reach in small customer datacenters – scale, ground-up design and diligent operations are pre-requisites for such efficiency

• We typically see PUE in the scale of 1.6-2.0 in legacy data center environments which means 3-5 times more “waste” in electricity consumption

• Customer workload migrations are costly projects and investments are of fully depreciated. The target environment must be able to deliver tangible financial benefits (read: lower prices) to provide justification for such spend

• Comment: datacenter segment net efficiency would increase dramatically if workloads would be more consolidated to purpose-built facilities with industrial scale
HEAT REUSE – COSTLY INVESTMENTS AND CHALLENGES IN FINDING FEASIBLE COMMERCIAL TERMS

- Telia Helsinki Data Center is located in an area with district heating network for office buildings, housing and apartment blocks to enable effective reuse of waste heat produced in the datacenter.

- Heat reuse requires heat pumps with estimated investment value of ca. 700k€ to move heat from ca. 30°C cooling water to >80°C district heating water.

- Helsinki Energia is the district heating provider in the area – Telia has been unable to find commercial terms that would justify investments, Helen would like to sell district cooling instead of buying waste heat.

- A LOI has been signed with Fortum with more favourable commercial terms. However, Fortum network is ca. 2 km away from Telia facility and pipeline construction increases dramatically the needed investments and required heat volumes in order to be lucrative.

- Comment: heat reuse is technically sound idea, but justifying the investment and entering into an agreement can be complicated as district heating providers do not have to take in these external heat sources.
Datacenters that have more than 5MW of live load are getting taxed according to tax class 2 which means 1.55 c/kWh lower tax rate for consumed electricity.

Lower taxation applies to individual consumption locations only and can not be applied to multi-location datacenter or teleoperator infrastructure – Telia’s >200GWh annual consumption in Finland is not seen as energy intensive industry.

5MW is a massive load threshold compared to our Swedish counterparts (0.1MW) and reaching that level with commercial co-location service is a lengthy exercise and requires years of sales, migrations and growth.

Comment: Customers seek financial motivation to consolidate and migrate – tax class threshold is too high to provide enabling production cost decrease. Tax benefit due to heat reuse or lower load threshold would speed up consolidation by offering the further motivation.
TRAFICOM REQUIREMENTS FOR TELEOPERATOR PREMISES (M54) INCREASE OVERHEADS

- Telia Helsinki Data Center is used to host Telia’s own network assets and it acts as a connectivity hub for Telia’s mobile and fixed networks in addition to its role as commercial, open co-location datacenter.

- Traficom M54 stipulates how such premises need to physically protected and how redundancy needs to be implemented:
  - Entire basement is a S1 class bomb shelter
  - Site has N+1 generator backup for all workloads with monthly testing plan
  - Operator workloads have 3 hour battery backup and separate cooling systems for such a massive battery “farm”
  - Operator workloads have emergency cooling system in addition to redundant cooling solutions
  - Site has fuel supply tanks and delivery arrangements for rather lengthy runtime

- Comment: Requirements set forth in M54 are excessive from a hybrid facility’s perspective. Bomb shelter structures, N+1 generators and 3 hour battery run time requirements cause material inefficiencies in terms of building cost, battery room space allocations, continuous battery renewal, triplicate cooling systems etc.
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APPLICABLE CERTIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

- ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System
- Energy Efficiency System + : 2014 (EES+)
- OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Assessment
- ISO 9001 Quality Management (for B2B services)
- ISO 22301 Business Continuity Management
- ISO 27001 Information Security Management
- PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard)
- SOC 2 (Service Organization Control report type II in 2019)

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✓ Heat recycling
✓ CO₂ free electricity
✓ Waste recycling