



## The challenge of remote locations for the Renewables Industry

Renewable energy sources tend to be in remote or hostile locations. Any land-based installation has to deal with the planning process and meet the inevitable objections from local residents and countryside campaigners. This is one of the reasons why land based wind farms tend to be situated in isolated spots, on hilltops and moors away from settlements and livestock.

Secondly, remote locations are simply better natural environments to generate renewable energy. Wind farms are sited offshore or on remote hilltops because that is simply where they are most efficient, it's where the wind is strongest. Similarly, solar energy is more accessible in higher, more remote locations where people choose not to settle and tidal power has to be harvested out at sea.

### The need for real-time data

One of the biggest challenges in the renewable energy industry is finding a suitable location. To justify the investment involved in building and installing a wind turbine array a prospective site has to meet stringent requirements with regard to wind speed and frequency. Too little wind and the array won't deliver the required amount of power, too much wind and the array is vulnerable to damage.

Similar feasibility calculations apply to solar and tidal installations, all of which require careful and prolonged

monitoring to ensure that the energy yield from a particular site justifies the investment.

The need for monitoring doesn't end once the installation has been built. In order to ensure that a solar or wind array is operating at maximum efficiency a range of key components need to be measured day and night. That data has to be transported securely and in real-time to a control office where metrics such as wind speed, solar radiation power and individual component performance can be assessed.

## Retrieving data from remote and hostile locations

Cellubi from Wireless Innovation provides a simple, cost effective solution to the problem of retrieving assessment and monitoring data. Unlike other M2M solutions, Cellubi provides the flexibility for engineers to design the service that suits them best. This might mean regular “heartbeat” signals or time stamps to confirm the condition of specific instruments. It might mean a series of alarms or triggers configured to meet specific thresholds or it might mean a complex combination of variables. Whatever the precise solution that’s required, Cellubi can be configured to deliver exactly the data that’s needed in the most cost-effective way.

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**Manufacturer:** • Wireless Innovation

**Network:** • VF/EE/AT&T/ Verizon

**Device Type:** • Cellular Service

**Markets:**

- SCADA/ Telemetry
- Mil
- OEM
- Tracking
- Utility



## A track record of success in Renewables

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