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Fuel Procurement Strategy for Electric Generation

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Agenda

- Review of Fuel Procurement Strategy for Electric Generation
- Recent LG&E and KU electric generation system changes
- Impact of the natural gas combined cycle unit (Cane Run 7) on the LG&E and KU fuel requirement for electric generation
- Projected natural gas price where fuel switching (coal to gas) occurs
- LG&E and KU fuel expense for electric generation and how it's currently physically hedged
- Discuss natural gas physical hedging



Key Objectives

- Mitigate Major Risk Elements
- Coordinate Coal and Natural Gas Procurement used in Electric Generation
- Demonstrate Prudent Procurement Practices
- Alignment of Fuel Procurement with the Annual Business Planning Process
- Management Oversight



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Major Risk Elements

- Volume exposure
 - Quantify the contract position: long, flat or short
 - Guidelines for percent of minimum fuel requirement under contract
- Price Exposure
 - Quantify the price structure of the contract portfolio
 - Fixed, fully or partially indexed, indexed with a floor and ceiling
- Supplier Performance
 - Financial integrity assessment
 - Operational capability assessment
 - Past performance
- Supply Development and Logistics
 - Supply region diversity
 - Transportation diversity/logistics
 - Resource development exposure



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LG&E and KU had significant electric generation asset changes during 2015

- Prior to 2015 all base load generation was coal fired
 - 18 coal-fired generating units
 - 14 primary natural gas-fired CTs for peaking load
- Five coal-fired units were retired in 2015
 - Cane Run Station retired in June
 - Green River Station retired in October
- Commissioned Cane Run 7, the first natural gas fired combined-cycle unit
 - Commercial in June 2015
 - ~640 MW
 - Very efficient heat rate



Cane Run 7 well positioned on the Texas Gas Transmission (TGT) Pipeline



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Cane Run 7 and coal units compete to serve a portion of annual base load energy needs

- Coal-fired units and CR7 must operate together, at respective minimum levels, to meet annual base load requirement.
- This generation will yield the <u>minimum</u> projected fuel requirement for each.
- CR7 must supply a minimum of 6% with potential maximum of 14% of the annual base load requirement.
- This 8% difference represents a potential fuel swing of 20 BCF of natural gas and 1.4M tons of coal.
- *CR7* is projected to operate at a high capacity factor in 2016 due to low natural gas prices.





Fuel switching occurs between \$3.50 and \$5.00 per mmBtu

for natural gas at forecasted coal prices





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LG&E and KU fuel expense for generation and current physical hedging

- System Fuel Expense ~\$950M per year (Base load and Peaking CTs)
- All hedging is through physical purchases, <u>No</u> financial instruments are used to hedge
- Prior to CR7 all base load fuel was coal and the Company physically hedged a portion of its projected coal requirement for up to six years, no hedging for CT natural gas

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Guidelines for coal procurement (%)	95-100	80-90	40-90	30-70	10-50	0-30
Fuel expense (coal and natural gas) exposed to market before CR7	\$75- 120M	\$160- 245M	\$160- 585M	\$330- 670M	\$500- 840M	\$695- 950M
Fuel (coal and natural gas) expense exposed to market after CR7 w/o hedging natural gas for CR7	\$210- 245M	\$280- 350M	\$280- 630M	\$420- 700M	\$560- 840M	\$740- 950M

• Firm natural gas transportation is procured for locations interconnected with only one pipeline



Coordinated coal and natural gas procurement process for electric generation

- Determining the required volume of fuel
 - <u>Minimum projected fuel requirement</u> for each fuel will be determined during the annual planning process and will be utilized to guide forward procurement activities (non-current year).
 - Updated generation forecast will be produced each quarter to determine the quarterly need for each fuel.
- Procurement Process
 - No material changes for coal.
 - No change to the current procurement strategy for the simple cycle combustion turbines.
 - To date all natural gas for CR7 has been purchased on a short-term basis. The Companies will be transitioning to this strategy in the near future.
 - Solicitations for both coal and gas procured for electric generation will follow the same schedule.
 - Solicitations will occur quarterly. The fall and spring solicitations will continue to be more formal and will be utilized to address longer term needs._____



Fuel procurement for electric generation – Utilization Under Contract Guidelines (% of minimum projected need)

• Coal

	Year 1-	Year 2-	Year 3-	Year 4-	Year 5-	Year 6-
Delivery Year guideline (%)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Utilization under contract of the minimum projected						
coal requirement (~14M tons)	95-100	80-90	40-90	30-70	10-50	0-30

• Natural Gas for Combined Cycle – The contract position for natural gas will be gradually built over time.

Delivery Year guideline (%)	2017	2018	2019
Utilization under contract of the minimum projected CR7 natural gas requirement (~15 BCF)	10 - 50%	0 - 30%	0 - 10%



Objectives for LG&E and KU fuel procurement for electric generation remain to...

- Maintain a reliable fuel supply
- Ensure the fuel supply meets all operational limits and environmental standards
- Procure the lowest reasonable cost fuel
- *Reduce customer bill volatility*



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