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Wind Energy and AEP

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Company Overview

- 5.1 million customers in 11 states
- Industry-leading size and scale of assets:

		<u>Industry</u>
<u>Asset</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Domestic Generation	~38,200 MW	# 2
Transmission	~39,000 miles	# 1
Distribution	~208,000 miles	# 1

Source: Company research & Resource Data International Platts, PowerDat 2005

- Coal & transportation assets
 - Control over 8,000 railcars
 - Own/lease and operate over 2,600 barges & 51 towboats
 - Coal handling terminal with 20 million tons of capacity
- 20,000 employees



AEP ENJOYS SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE ENERGY VALUE CHAIN



	AEP Generation Portfolio					
Coal	Gas	Nuclear	Hydro	Wind		
67%	24%	6%	2%	1%		

AEP's Climate Strategy



- Being proactive and engaged in the development of climate policy
 - International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)
 - Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
 - Pew Center on Global Climate Change
 - e8
 - Global Roundtable on Climate Change

Investing in science/technology R&D

- FutureGen Alliance
- US DOE research on carbon capture and sequestration at our Mountaineer Plant
- EPRI combustion technologies
- MIT Energy Laboratory
- B&W Oxy-Fuel
- Taking voluntary, proactive action now, demonstrating voluntary programs can work and setting policy precedents thru CCX
 - Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX)
 - EPA Climate Leaders
 - EPA SF-6 Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems Program
 - Asia-Pacific Partnership
 - DOE 1605B- voluntary reporting of GHGs Program
 - Business Roundtable Climate Resolve
 - Numerous forestry activities
- Evaluating longer term investment decisions such as new generation and carbon capture and storage (e.g., IGCC, Ultra-supercritical)



AEP MUST BE A LEADER IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

AEP's Long-term GHG Reduction Portfolio



AEP IS INVESTING IN A PORTFOLIO OF GHG REDUCTION ALTERNATIVES

AEP's Long-term CO₂ Reduction Commitment

Existing Programs

- Renewables
 - 777 MWs of Wind
 - 300 MWs of Hydro
- Domestic Offsets
 - Forestry 0.35MM tons/yr @ \$500K/year
 - Over 63MM trees planted through 2006
 - 1.2MM tons of carbon sequestered
- International Offsets
 - Forestry projects have resulted in 1MM tons of carbon sequestered through 2006
- Chicago Climate Exchange

AEP IS COMMITTED TO A 5MM TON/YR REDUCTION IN CO2 EMISSIONS WHICH OFFSETS APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE EMISSIONS PROJECTED FROM NEW GENERATION PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED



AEP's Long-term CO₂ Reduction Commitment

New Program Additions

- Incremental Reduction quantity: 5MM tons/yr
- Timing: Implement during 2007 to take effect/receive credits by 2011
- Methods
 - +1000 MWs of Wind PPAs 2MM tons/yr
 - Domestic Offsets (methane) 2MM tons/yr
 - Forestry Tripling annual investment to increase to 0.5MM tons/yr by 2015
 - Fleet Vehicle/Aviation Offsets 0.2MM tons/yr
 - Additional actions to include DSM and end use energy efficiency, biomass and power plant efficiency – 0.2MM tons/yr

New Technology Additions

- Commercial solutions for existing fleet
 - Chilled Ammonia
 - Oxy-Fuel



AEP Wind Experience

5 MW Ft. Davis Wind Farm: Early AEP R&D Project (1996 - 2004) Decommissioned
75 MW Southwest Mesa PPA: Project built on AEP owned land (1998) SWEPCo
150 MW Trent Wind Farm: AEP owned / developed IPP wind farm (2001) AEPEP
160 MW Desert Sky Wind Farm: AEP owned IPP wind farm (2001) AEPEP
147 MW Weatherford PPA: (2005) PSO
151 MW Blue Canyon II PPA: (2005) PSO
94.5 MW Sleeping Bear PPA: Completion in mid 2007 PSO







New 360 MW RFP for Wind

- Issued RFP on behalf of two AEP owned utility units in April 2007: Indiana Michigan Power (100 MW) & Appalachian Power (260 MW)
 - Bids due 4/30/07
 - Expected online date 12/31/08
- Favorable paths to cost recovery for above market purchases of wind energy
 - Recovery methodology via fuel recovery clause in each jurisdiction
- Part of goal to add 1,000 MW of new wind PPAs by 2011
 - When combined with existing owned generation and purchased energy, AEP would control approximately 1,800 MW of wind by 2011



Wind Energy Overview



The Basics of Wind

- Growth of Wind in the U.S
 - Fastest growing technology (28% per year) in past decade
 - Why? Demand due to improved economics and environmentally driven demand from customers and policy makers
- Technology
 - Turbines are becoming larger and more efficient
- Integration / Transmission
 - Distributed, usually in rural areas
 - Intermittent wind does not always blow
- Cost of energy
 - High CAPEX \$1,700 / kW +
 - No fuel cost wind is free



Major Growth Drivers

- Utility Industry Commitment
 - Many utilities and others have committed ahead of Federal legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Economics
 - Wind energy is beginning to close the gap vis-à-vis other sources
- Fuel Diversity
 - Increased focus on domestic sources of energy
- Customers Choice
 - Some consumers / businesses are asking for some portion of Renewables in their energy mix
 - Recent example: Whole Foods and Vail Ski Resorts
- Policy
 - Some states have enacted Green Tariffs
 - 23 States + D.C. have some form of Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
 - Established mainly in states with either higher retail energy costs or good wind resource (or both)



23 States with RPS *



US Wind Map – Macro View



Note: Extensive work on mapping wind in specific regions and states has been undertaken since this map was originally produced by the DOE.

See www.eere.gov/windandhydro/windpoweringamerica/wind_maps.asp

Wind Turbine Basics





Technology Evolution

 Turbine size and efficiency has increased over past two decades by over 1000%





Portfolio Effects of Wind



Progress on Integration of Wind

- The Utility Wind Integration Group (UWIG) was established in 1989 to provide a forum for utility wind applications and to serve as a source of credible information on the status of wind technology and deployment
 - U.S. DOE and NREL provide funding to group
 - 94 members in US, Canada and Europe, including IOUs, public power and rural co-ops, as well as associate member corporate, government, and academic organizations
- Recent UWIG paper on wind integration is on point
 - Summarizes 5 articles from the November / December 2005 issue of IEEE's Power & Energy Magazine: www.uwig.org



Accelerating the Integration of Wind Generation into Utility Power Systems

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Federal Tax Benefits

- Federal §45 Production Tax Credits
 - \$19 / MWh for first 10 years of operation, based on production
 - Expires on 12/31/08; bill to extend to 2013 in U.S House of Representatives (HR 197)
- MACRS Depreciation
 - Wind project enjoy 5 –year accelerated tax depreciation

Federal Tax benefits represent up to 2/3 of wind project NPV to project owners and serve to buy-down the cost of wind energy





Wind Development Building Blocks

- Wind Resource
- Real Estate Issues
- NIMBY / Community Acceptance
- Transmission / Dispatch
- Permits

- Power Off-taker / PPA
- Regulatory Recovery
- Engineering
- Turbine Selection
- Operations Plan
- Financial Projections



Conclusion

- Not all regions have the same indigenous resources with regards to renewables
- AEP proactively supporting a broad range of portfolio actions through its current investments in environmental retrofits, clean coal and renewables
- Regulatory and economic barriers must be addressed in order that these types of activities continue



Questions

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Appendix

AEP's Climate Position

- AEP supports a reasonable approach to carbon controls in the US
- AEP has taken measurable, voluntary actions to reduce its GHG emissions and will support a well-thought out US mandate to achieve additional, economy-wide reductions
- Climate change is a global issue and AEP supports the US taking a leadership role in developing a new international approach that will address growing emissions from all nations, including developing countries such as India and China
- A certain and consistent national policy for reasonable carbon controls should include the following principles:
 - Comprehensiveness
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Realistic emission control objectives
 - Monitoring, verification and adjustment mechanisms
 - Technology development & deployment
- Regulatory or economic barriers must be addressed
- Recognition provided for early action/investment made for GHG mitigation
- Inclusion of adjustment provision if largest emitters in developing world do not take action



A reliable & reasonably-priced electric supply is necessary to support the economic well-being of the areas we serve

AEP's View of Financial Regulatory Certainty

- Projects approved with public interest, not least cost test
- Pre-approval of pre-construction, construction, operating, maintenance investments for generation and transmission
- Reasonable rate of return on investment
- Extra rate of return for investments in specified technologies (e.g., IGCC, wind, other renewables)
- Real time recovery of full investment, not when project is in operation
- Accommodation if new technology does not fully perform as expected or costs are higher that expected



State Investment Recovery Policy Examples

- Indiana (Code Section 8-1-8.B)
- Kentucky (Code Section 254)
- Virginia (SB 1416)
- Arkansas (Act 755)

