

# Extracting Value from Combination: Operational Synergies Post-GenOn



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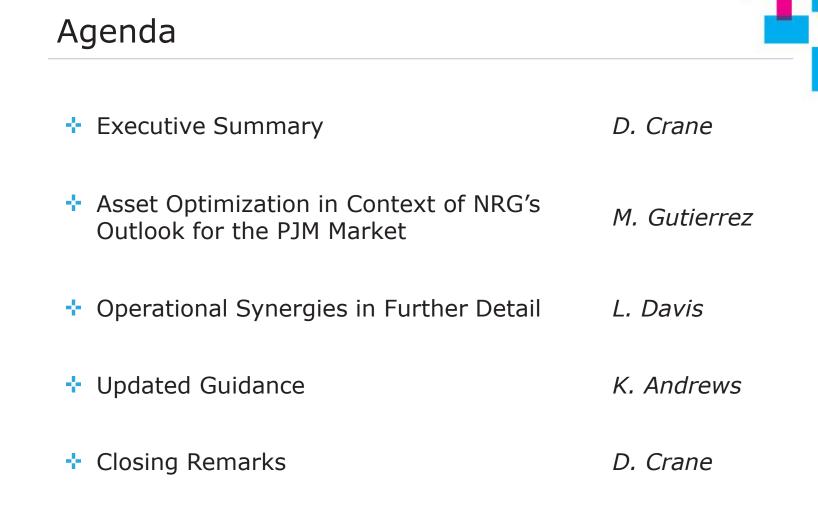
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## **Executive Summary**

Announcing Operational Synergy Projections...

- + \$125 MM of annual EBITDA by 2014<sup>1</sup>
- + \$175 MM of annual FCF improvements by 2014<sup>1</sup>

Cost synergies from \$185 MM to \$200 MM

...While Also Increasing Annual Cost and Balance Sheet Synergies...

...Plus Update of Wholesale and Retail EBITDA Guidance, Leading to...

(\$ millions)	2013	2014
Wholesale <sup>2</sup>	<b>\$1,825 -\$1,940</b>	<b>\$1,915 - \$2,030</b>
(Previous)	(\$1,750-\$1,865)	(\$1,750-\$1,865)
Retail	<b>\$575-\$650</b>	<b>\$600-\$675</b>
(Previous)	(\$650-\$725)	(\$675-\$750)

✤ Balance sheet efficiency savings from \$100 MM to \$142 MM

Revised Total Company Guidance

(\$ millions)	2013	2014
Adjusted EBITDA (Previous)	<b>\$2,615 -\$2,815</b> (\$2,615-\$2,815)	\$2,850 - \$3,050 (\$2,760-\$2,960)
Free Cash Flow, before growth (Previous)	\$1,050-\$1,250 (\$1,000-\$1,200)	\$1,100-\$1,300 (\$900-\$1,100)





## **Operational Synergies Process Overview**



Fleet Benchmarking

### Asset-by-Asset Analysis

- 1. Earnings vs. Cost review
- 2. Capital review does necessary capital exceed hurdle rate?
- 3. What are the market opportunities and risks for the asset?
- 4. Strategic review what other opportunities exist for the facility?

### Value Creating Actions

- 1. Operational Improvements: specific cost enhancements and performance
- 2. Gas additions / reactivations at select facilities
- 3. Deactivations (new and accelerated) of select facilities



A Detailed Asset-by-Asset Evaluation, Combined with Early Action, Leads to Significant Value Accretion



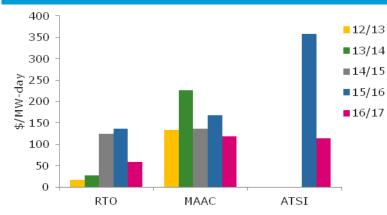


# Asset Optimization in Context of NRG's Outlook for the PJM Market



## PJM Market Update – 2016/17 Auction

### Auction Results: Low End of the Range



#### YoY (GW) Impact on Auction Outlook Challenging economics without +4.3New Generation spark spread recovery Demand Response Stricter compliance rules -2.4 Near import limit. Significant Imports +3.6transmission upgrades needed Disciplined bidding. Significant Coal Retirements<sup>3</sup> +4-5 un-cleared coal generation Demand growth<sup>4</sup> Low/Moderate growth Flat

**Auction Drivers** 

### **Reserve Margin<sup>1</sup> Adequate with DR**



### 2016/17 New Build Economics<sup>2</sup>

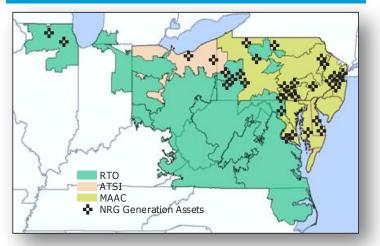
	RTO	МААС
Capital Cost (\$/KW)	\$1,000	\$1,100
Margin requirement (\$/KW-mo)	\$14.30	\$15.50
Capacity Price (\$/MW-day)	\$59	\$119
Peak Spark Spread Required (\$/MWh)	\$32	\$32
Forward Peak Power Price (\$/MWh)	\$46	\$57
Forward Delivered Gas Price (\$/mmbtu)	\$4.46	\$4.68
Forward Peak Spark Spread	\$14.6	\$24.0
Gap to required spark spread (\$/MWh)	\$17.4	\$8.0
-\$0.50 mmbtu gas sensitivity (\$3.50 mWh)	\$13.9	\$4.6

PJM Auction Results Highly Volatile Reflecting Increased Reliance on Demand Response and Imports

<sup>1</sup>Source: PJM report on 2016/2017 RPM Base Residual Auction Results <sup>2</sup>NRG Estimates. RTO is based on ADHub power / TCO gas basis, MAAC on PJM East / Tetco M3 gas basis. Peak Spark Spread required represents the spark spread needed to justify new build economics net of capacity revenues for a new CCGT <sup>3</sup>Source: PJM 2016/17 BRA report <sup>4</sup>Excludes the addition of East Kentucky Power Cooperative load

## PJM Auction – NRG's Perspective

### NRG's PJM Asset Position<sup>1</sup>



### **Distribution of Cleared MWs<sup>2</sup>**

Zone	15/16	16/17
MAAC	80%	72%
ATSI <sup>3</sup>	0.4%	10%
RTO	20%	18%
Total	100%	100%

- ✓ Over 80% of NRG's PJM portfolio concentrated in MAAC and ATSI regions<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Cleared over 1 GW of incremental generation in the ATSI region for the 16/17 capacity auction<sup>2,3</sup>
- ✓ Opportunistic imports enhance value of NRG portfolio across regions



NRG Remains Well-Positioned in PJM; Operational Synergy Prospects Not Impacted and Actions Underway were Reinforced

<sup>1</sup>Generation assets as disclosed in the 2012 10K

<sup>2</sup>Represents % of MW's cleared in 15/16 and 16/17 PJM capacity auction, respectively. Includes GenOn assets. Excludes imports <sup>3</sup>Includes Avon Lake and New Castle conversions which have cleared PJM's 16/17 capacity auction



# **Operational Synergies in Further Detail**



## **Operational Synergies: Current Status**

		(\$ millions - annual)
	2014E R	un Rate <sup>1</sup>
Initiative	Adjusted EBITDA	FCF, Before Growth
Operational Improvements	\$70	\$95
Gas Additions / Reactivations <sup>2</sup>	\$30	\$30
Deactivations (New and Accelerated)	\$25	\$50
TOTAL	\$125	\$175



Approx. \$125 MM in EBITDA and \$175 MM in FCF have been Identified Near-Term; Further Improvements Under Evaluation

## **Reactivation of Select Facilities**

### Targets for Reactivation

- 1. Merchant capacity prices can support gas addition project
- 2. Physical condition of boilers can accommodate gas addition
- 3. Local reliability need provides near-term contractual support

Facility		MW	Details
Avon Lake PJM – ATSI	✓	732	<ul> <li>Cleared capacity auction in ATSI zone</li> <li>Ease of conversion – short distance to gas and simple boiler modification</li> <li>Summer 2016 COD</li> </ul>
New Castle PJM – ATSI	✓	330	<ul> <li>Cleared capacity auction in ATSI zone</li> <li>Ease of conversion – short distance to gas and simple boiler modification</li> <li>Summer 2016 COD</li> </ul>
Dunkirk Unit 2 <i>NY – ROS</i>	✓	75	<ul> <li>Unit slated for mothball May 2013</li> <li>Achieved new reliability contract with National Grid for 6/2013 - 6/2015</li> <li>Creates additional contractual EBITDA/FCF</li> </ul>
Elrama <i>PJM – RTO</i>	X	460	<ul> <li>Gas addition ruled out due to poor market conditions and complicated gas conversion process</li> </ul>

Over 1 GW of Reactivated Generation in ATSI By 2016



## Deactivations: New and Accelerated

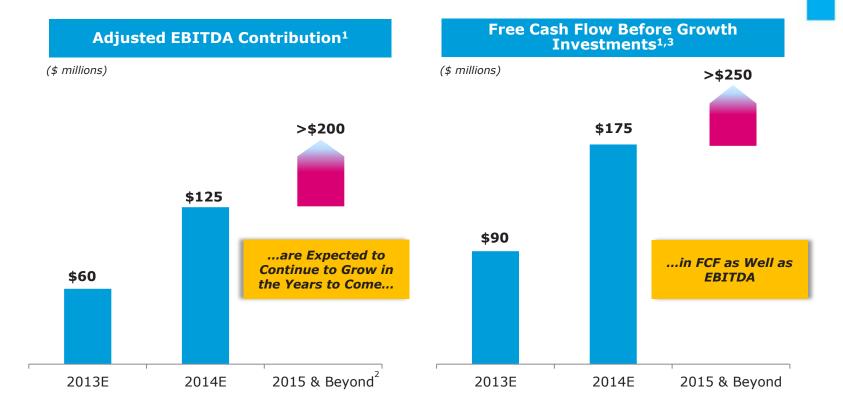
	1. Require unprofitable investment with limited useful life
Three Classes of Assets	<ol> <li>In markets with increasing downside risk and with little upside potential</li> </ol>
	3. Already slated to retire, but facing continuing market risk

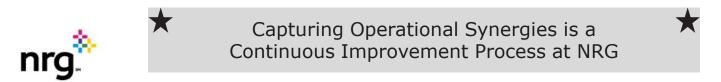
Facility	MW	Rationale
Norwalk Harbor NE-ISO	340	<ul> <li>Roll-off of capacity floor</li> <li>Limited repowering opportunities</li> <li>Increased market risk with punitive new performance rules</li> </ul>
Werner PJM – MAAC	210	<ul> <li>Large expenditures required to comply with New Jersey HEDD</li> <li>Limited remaining life and energy upside</li> </ul>
Portland PJM – MAAC	570	<ul> <li>Settlement with New Jersey and Connecticut regarding NSR allegations</li> <li>Preserved ability to repower with natural gas</li> <li>Accelerated deactivation from 2015 to 2014</li> </ul>
Titus <i>PJM – MAAC</i>	275	<ul> <li>Continued operational risk with aging unit and impending shutdown</li> <li>Inability to repower with natural gas</li> <li>Ability to buy-back capacity and "de-risk" facility</li> <li>Accelerated deactivation from 2015 to 2013</li> </ul>



Deactivations Reduce Market Risk and Provide Significant Cash Flow Accretion

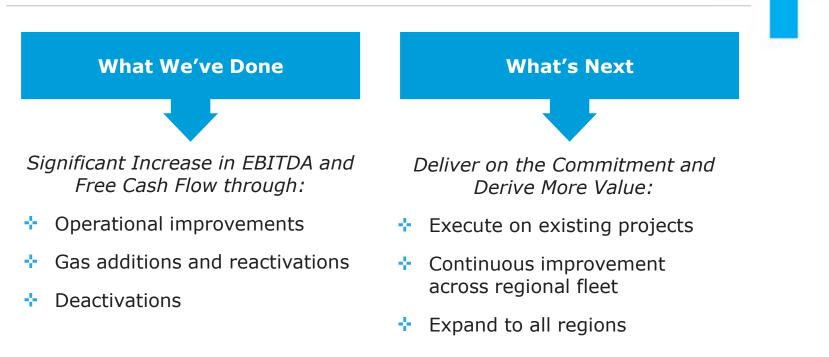
# Financial Impact of Our Operational Synergies Initiatives...





<sup>1</sup>Includes previously announced operational synergies in 2013 and 2014 of \$10 million and \$25 million, respectively <sup>2</sup>Further Growth in Adjusted EBITDA beyond 2015 requires incremental growth capital expenditures not currently committed. See slide 22 for current committed amounts <sup>3</sup>Includes reduction in maintenance capex

## Operational Synergy Recap





Significant Value Creation Already In Execution; Plan in Place to Further Advance the Process





# Updated Guidance



			(\$ millions)
	Annual Run Rate		
Synergies	<b>Previous</b> <sup>1</sup>	Increase	Current
1. Total Cost	\$185	\$15	\$200
2. Operational	\$25	\$100	\$125
Adjusted EBITDA Improvement (2014)	\$210	\$115	\$325
Est. 2013 Partial Year Contribution	\$150	\$50	\$200
3. Balance Sheet Efficiencies	\$100	\$42	\$142
Total Cash Flow Benefits <sup>2</sup>	\$310	\$157	\$467

Exceeding Synergy Targets Across the Board



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## NRG Retail Update

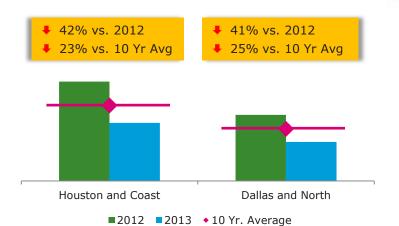
### Outlook

- ✤ Revising Adjusted EBITDA Guidance
  - ✤ 2013E: \$575 \$650 million
  - ✤ 2014E: \$600 \$675 million
- Changes driven by:
  - + Exceptionally mild weather
  - Rising wholesale prices; changing cyclical earnings
  - ✤ Continued competitive intensity, particularly in C&I

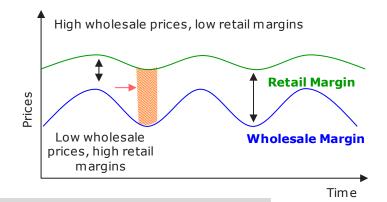
### **Business Strategy**

- Retain and grow mass market customers while building differentiated products
- ✤ Disciplined approach to C&I
- Continuous operational improvement while leveraging integrated wholesale-retail model and scale advantage

### Mild Texas Weather: CDDs<sup>1</sup> Jan-May



### **Market Cycle and Retail Performance**





Continuing to Execute for the Long Term; Value Maximization Across the Business Cycle

		(\$ millions)
	2013	2014
Wholesale <sup>1</sup> (Previous)	<b>\$1,825-\$1,940</b> (\$1,750-\$1,865)	<b>\$1,915-\$2,030</b> (\$1,750-\$1,865)
<b>Retail</b> (Previous)	<b>\$575-\$650</b> (\$650-\$725)	<b>\$600-\$675</b> (\$675-\$750)
Solar <sup>2</sup>	\$215-\$225	\$335-\$345
Adjusted EBITDA (Previous)	<b>\$2,615-\$2,815</b> (\$2,615-\$2,815)	<b>\$2,850-\$3,050</b> (\$2,760-\$2,960)
Free Cash Flow – before growth investments (Previous)	\$1,050-\$1,250 (\$1,000-\$1,200)	\$1,100-\$1,300 (\$900-\$1,100)



 $^1$ Total synergies of \$200 million and \$325 million are included in Wholesale results for 2013 and 2014, respectively  $^2$ Solar includes the Adjusted EBITDA contribution from the projects excluding development expenses



# **Closing Remarks**



## Conclusion

### **Creating Value During the 2013 Transition Year**

- Continuous improvements from the GenOn transaction with improved synergy results across all categories
- Announced registration of NRG Yield
- On track with ~2.2 GW construction program
- Realizing benefits of integrated wholesale /retail model for long term performance

### Preparing for 2014 and Beyond

- Continued cost optimization and efficiency improvements across entire business platform, including retail
- Positioning portfolio for key development opportunities (New York, Texas, and California)
- Solar leading our alternative energy segment with multiple opportunities to drive further growth



Increased Strength During the Bottom of the Cycle 🛪 May Lead to Further Value Enhancing Opportunities





# Appendix



## **Balance Sheet Efficiencies Update**

			(\$ millions)
Debt	Timing	Debt Reduction	Annual Savings
Pay down GenOn Term Loan	Dec. 2012	\$686	\$41
Terminate GenOn Revolver	Dec. 2012	-	7
Refinance 2014 GenOn bonds	May 2013	-	14
Refinance 2017 NRG Senior Notes	Sep. 2012	100	15
Reprice \$1.6B Term Loan	Jan./May 2013	-	20
Reprice Corp. Revolver	May 2013	-	7
Open market bond repurchases	March 2013	200	16
Net 2014 GenOn bond Redemptions <sup>1</sup>	June 2013	245	20
Interest Income and collateral savings	2013	-	2
-	Total thru 6/24/13	\$1,231	\$142
		<u>40%</u> over ginal target	

Taking Advantage of Robust Capital Market Environment

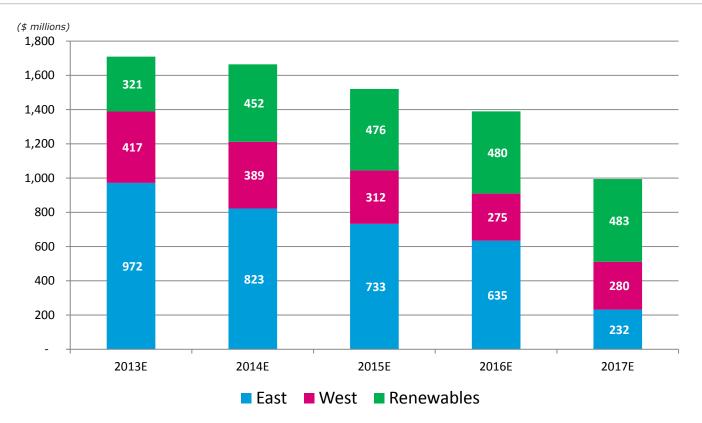


## Committed Growth Investments

		(\$ millions)
	2013	2014
Conventional Investments, net	120	83
Solar Investments, net	130	(39)
Operational Improvement Investments	30	55
Total Growth Investments	280	99



## Fixed Contracted and Capacity Revenue



### Notes:

- East includes cleared capacity auction results for PJM and New England through May 2017, inclusive of Thermal assets
- West includes committed Resource Adequacy contracts and tolling agreements for our El Segundo and Marsh Landing projects
- Renewables includes wind and solar contracted assets





# Appendix: Reg. G Schedules



## Reg. G: 2013 & 2014 Guidance

\$ in millions	6/24/2013		5/7/2013	
	2013 Guidance	2014 Guidance	2013 Guidance	2014 Guidance
Adjusted EBITDAR	\$2,695-\$2,895	\$2,930-\$3,130	\$2,695-\$2,895	\$2,840-\$3,040
Less: GenOn operating lease expense	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2,615-\$2,815	\$2,850-\$3,050	\$2,615-\$2,815	\$2,760-\$2,960
Interest Payments	(945)	(945)	(935)	(990)
Income Tax	50	(40)	50	(40)
Collateral/working capital/other	(120)	(215)	(150)	(230)
Adjusted Cash flow from operations	\$1,600-\$1,800	\$1,650-\$1,850	\$1,580-\$1,780	\$1,500-\$1,700
Maintenance CapEx, net	(385)-(405)	(325)-(345)	(420)-(440)	(390)-(410)
Environmental CapEx, net	(155)-(175)	(205)-(225)	(155)-(175)	(205)-(225)
Preferred Dividends	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
Free cash flow - before growth investments	\$1,050-\$1,250	\$1,100-\$1,300	\$1,000-\$1,200	\$900-\$1,100







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    income tax payments;
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