

NRG's Fourth Quarter and Year-End 2009 Results Presentation

February 23, 2010

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Agenda



- > 2009 Recap D. Crane
- Operational and Commercial Review J. Ragan
- Financial Review G. Luterman
- ➤ Key Focus D. Crane
 - Retail
 - Environmental
 - Nuclear
- ➤ Q&A



2009 Recap: A Historic Performance

2009 Milestones



Operational

- ✓ Top quartile safety record (1.16 OSHA recordable rate)
- ✓ Top quartile coal plant EAF performance (90.4%)
- ✓ FORNRG 2.0 target achieved (\$76 million Free Cash Flow)

Financial

- ✓ Completed unwind of Merrill Lynch credit sleeve
- ✓ Completed \$534 million GenConn project financing
- ✓ Completed \$500 million share repurchases
- ✓ Completed \$700 million bond financing
- ✓ Paid down \$429 million in term loan and \$181 million in CSF II debt
- ✓ Sold MIBRAG for over \$280 million

Commercial

- ✓ Hedged 2010-2012 coal exposure at lower than market prices (nearly 9 million tons)
- Managed through commodity down-cycle by adding power/gas hedges in 2010
- Integrated and centralized wholesale supply for retail operations

Growth

- Acquired Reliant retail business for \$288 million, plus working capital
- ✓ Completed Cedar Bayou 4 ~520 MW
- ✓ Completed Langford Wind 150 MW
- ✓ Completed Blythe Solar ~20 MW
- Acquired Bluewater Wind, leading offshore wind developer
- ✓ Acquired 500 MW of eSolar development projects



An outstanding year by all measures setting the foundation for the new decade







- ✓ Exceeded guidance with \$2.6 billion in Adjusted EBITDA (up 14% y-o-y) and nearly \$1.9 billion of adjusted cash from operations (up 26% y-o-y), in spite of severe commodity down cycle in 2009
- √ \$3.8 billion of liquidity, with over \$2.3 billion of cash on hand (net of third party postings)
- ✓ Reaffirming initial guidance of \$2.2 billion in adjusted EBITDA and increasing cash from operations guidance to \$1.4 billion for 2010



Operations and Commercial Review

Full Year 2009 Operations and Commercial Overview



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Operational Performance

- > Safety Excellent Performance
 - OSHA recordable rate of 1.16, exceeding top quartile rate of 1.32
 - 2009 was the second best year for safety in NRG's history
- Baseload plant performance remains on track
 - 90.5% baseload equivalent availability factor; 90.4% EAF for the coal fleet (top quartile for coal is 89.5%)
 - Achieved strong operating results despite low load cycling on most coal units due to soft market conditions

EPC Performance

- Repowering
 - CBY4 completed and commenced operation in June
 - Contracting & mobilization at Devon and Middletown
 - Langford and Blythe commenced operations
- > Environmental Back-end Controls
 - Dunkirk and Huntley completed
 - Indian River commenced
- Renewables
 - Langford wind project completed
 - Blythe solar project completed

Commercial and Risk Management Activities

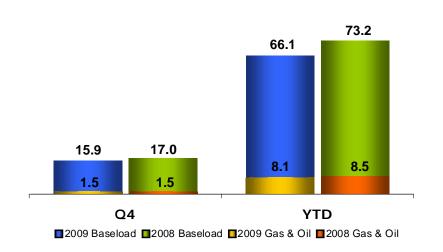
- Successful integration of retail supply into commercial operations
- Unwind of credit sleeve reducing collateral obligations and delivering synergies
- Managed through current commodity down cycle securing hedges to close out open position for wholesale in 2010

Successful commercial execution backed by solid operations drove outstanding 2009 financial results



Full Year 2009 Operations Update

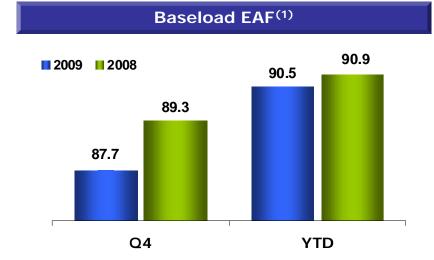
Net Fleet Production (TWh)

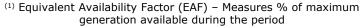


Retail Sales & Business Metrics¹

Q4 2009	YTD 2009				
Electric Sales Volume (GWh)					
4,525	17,152				
7,135	20,915				
11,660	38,067				
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1,537	1,566				
66	68				
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¹ YTD reflects Reliant Energy ownership by NRG from May 1 to December 31, 2009









Market Trends Update



Economic Indicators (US vs Texas)

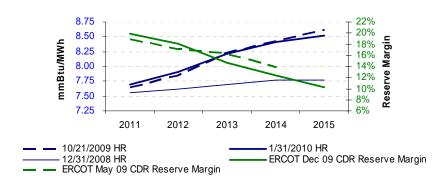
The ISM Index, manufacturing indices, and other leading indicators show significant improvement



Source: NRG estimates

Houston Heat Rate vs Reserve Margin

Forward heat rate curves suggest markets continue to expect tight supply / demand balance



Source: NRG estimates, ERCOT CDR.

Notes: Heat rates are vs Henry Hub

ERCOT vs PJM East Demand Growth

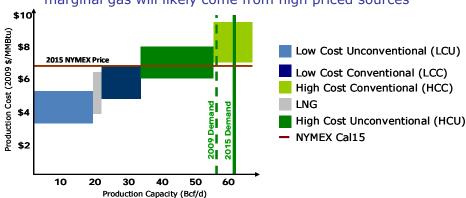
Load growth in ERCOT has improved from its Q1-Q2 2009 lows



Notes: Demand growth is year over year weather normalized. Q3 2009 normalized for hurricane impact. PJM East refers to the traditional PJM Mid-Atlantic region.

Production Basin Full Cycle Costs

Unconventional gas will drive production growth, but marginal gas will likely come from high priced sources

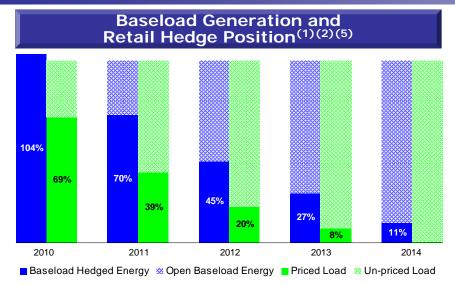


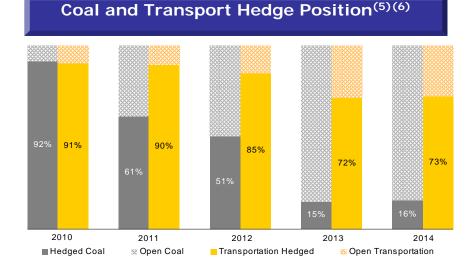
Notes: LCU-Deep Bossier, Haynesville Tier 1, Marcellus, Barnett Tier 1; LNG-Atlantic and Middle east Basin; LCC-Anadarko Basin, GOM Shallow, Associated Gas; HCU-Rockies, San Juan Basin, Barnett Tier 2/3; HCC-Permian Basin, California, GOM Deepwater. Gas Demand Growth Assumption is at 2%. Forward NG strip as of 2/19/10.

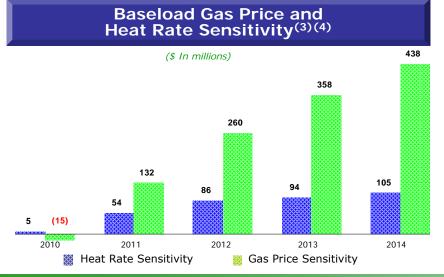


Managing Commodity Price Risk









Commercial Strategy

- Match opportunistically generation and load using variety of products (heat rates, gas, ancillary services, RECs, and options)
- Reduce collateral requirements and transaction costs through matching wholesale and retail portfolios and use of the first lien structure
- ✓ Focus on coal transportation contract renewal and commodity hedging

(1) Portfolio as of 02/11/2010. Data in 2010 is from Mar'10 to Dec'10; (2) Retail Priced Loads are 100% hedged; (3) Gas price sensitivity reflects Gross margin change from \$1/mmBtu gas price. This \$1/mmBtu change is 'equally probable' to 0.29 mmBtu/MWh move in heat rate; (4) Sensitivities were based on hedge positions as of 02/11/2010; (5) Indian River unit 3 is assumed to be retired by the end of 2013; (6) Excludes coal inventory.





- Maintain a high standard for operational performance and safety
- ✓ Continue to match generation and retail load to achieve collateral and transaction cost synergies
- ✓ Assess market for additional hedging
- ✓ Meet or exceed FORNRG targets
- ✓ Drive construction projects toward completion



Financial Review



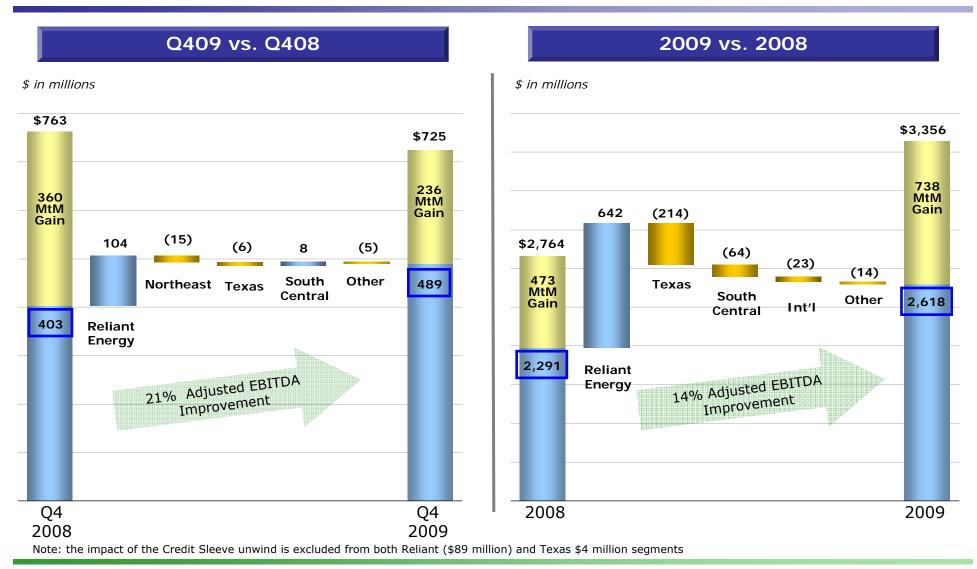
Financial Summary - 2009

- - √ \$2,618 million of Adjusted EBITDA, a 14% increase over 2008
 - √ \$1,862 million of Adjusted Cash from Operations, a 26% increase over 2008
- ☑ Q4 2009 Results
 - √ \$489 million of Adjusted EBITDA, a 21% increase over 2008
 - √ \$104 million of Adjusted EBITDA from Reliant Energy
- ☑ Liquidity of \$3.8 billion, up 13% from year end 2008
 - √ \$2.3 billion of cash
 - ✓ Early unwind of Merrill Lynch Credit Sleeve
- ☑ 2009 Capital Allocation Plan Completed
 - √ \$500 million of common share repurchases
 - ✓ Term Loan B Debt repayment of \$429 million

 - √ \$181 million debt and interest repayments for Common Stock Finance (CSF) II
- Acquisitions of Reliant Energy, Blythe Solar Project, and Bluewater Wind
- Completed construction of Cedar Bayou 4 (CCGT, 260 MW NRG ownership) and Langford Wind project (150 MW); and began construction on GenConn projects (Peakers, 200 MW NRG Ownership)
- ☑ Sold MIBRAG for \$284 million, a gain of \$128 million



Adjusted EBITDA: 2009 vs 2008



Reliant Energy's 2009 contribution and our hedging program overcame a difficult gas and power price environment to achieve record financial results



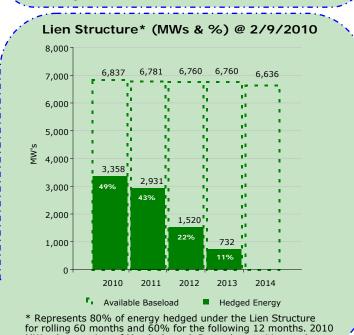
Liquidity

\$ in millions		Dec 31, 2009	ec 31, 2008
Cash and Cash Equivalent Restricted Cash	\$. <u></u>	2,304 2	\$ 1,494 16
Total Cash		2,306	 1,510
Funds Deposited by Counterparties		177	754
Total Cash and Funds Deposited	\$	2,483	\$ 2,264
Synthetic LC Availability		583	860
Revolver Availability		905	1,000
Total Liquidity	\$	3,971	\$ 4,124
Less: Collateral Funds Deposited		(177)	(760)
Total Current Liquidity	\$	3,794	\$ 3,364

Lien Structure provides additional hedging liquidity:

Total 149 TWhs of hedging capacity available 2010-2014

Beginning cash \$1,510 Adjusted CFO 1,862 Net debt issuance 248 Sale of MIBRAG 284 Reliant acquisition (360)Capital Expenditures (734)**Share Repurchases** (500)Other (4) Ending cash \$2,306



NRG continues to build and strengthen its liquidity position



2009 Free Cash Flow

\$ in millions	Dec 31, 2009	I	Dec 31, 2008	Va	riance
Adjusted EBITDA, excl. MtM	\$ 2,618	3 \$	2,291	\$	327
Interest Payments - cash	(62	3)	(605)		(18)
Income Tax - cash	(4	7)	(48)		1
Collateral	12	7	(417)		544
Working Capital/Other assets & liabilities	(21	3)	258		(471)
Adjusted Cash from Operations ¹	\$ 1,862	2 \$	1,479	\$	383
Maintenance CapEx	(25	0)	(182)		(68)
Preferred Dividends	(3	3)	(55)		22
Free Cash Flow - Recurring Operations	\$ 1,579	9 \$	1,242	\$	337
Environmental CapEx, Net	(11	7)	(156)		39
Repowering NRG:					
Gross Investments	(38	8)	(645)		257
Project Funding	17	8	50		128
Total, Net of Project Funding	\$ (21	0) \$	(595)	\$	385
Free Cash Flow	\$ 1,252	2 \$	491	\$	761
¹ 2008 not adjusted					



NRG's business operations continue to generate strong cash flows to support its initiatives and stakeholder returns 16



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Capital Allocation – 2009

Capital Allocation Goals and Results Business Debt Capital Return to **Capital Growth Shareholders** Reinvestment Management ■ Term Loan B Maintenance Share Wind, Cedar pay down CapEx repurchases Bayou 4, STP, GenConn Scheduled debt Environmental maturities CapEx ✓ Acquisition of Reliant √ YTD Maintenance CapEx √ \$500M in share √ \$429M in Term Loan B repurchases completed Energy retail business, of \$250M repayments, including early Blythe Solar Project, and totaling 19.3M shares at an payment of Term Loan B ✓ YTD Net Environmental. Bluewater Wind average price of \$25.88 2010 sweep CapEx of \$117M ✓ Cedar Bayou 4 completed √ \$700M bond offering in June in June, three weeks ahead with a 2019 maturity of schedule ✓ Early termination of Reliant ✓ Initiated construction of Retail credit sleeve increased GenConn projects corporate liquidity by \$157M ✓ Langford Wind project √ \$181M debt and accrued completed in December interest repayments for Common Stock Finance (CSF) ✓ Continued to move forward IIon STP 3&4





2010 Guidance

\$ in millions	2/23/2010 Guidance	0/29/2009 Guidance	C	Change
Wholesale	1,700	1,700		-
Retail	500	500		-
Consolidated adjusted EBITDA ¹	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$	-
Interest Payments Income Tax	(628) (75)	(628) (150)		- 75
Collateral Payments/working capital/other	(73)	(72)		-
Cash from Operations	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,350	\$	75
Maintenance CapEx	(241)	(262)		21
Preferred Dividends	(9)	(9)		-
Free Cash Flow - Recurring Ops	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,079	\$	96
Environmental CapEx	(227)	(281)		54
Repowering NRG:				
Gross Investments	(781)	(495)		(286)
Estimated Project Funding	183	391		(208)
Total, Net of Project Funding	\$ (598)	\$ (104)	\$	(494)
Free Cash Flow	\$ 350	\$ 694	\$	(344)

¹ Excludes MtM adjustments on economic hedges

2010 Guidance



Recurring Free Cash Flow Per Share

Recurring Free Cash Flow Yield

19.4%

Note: Calculated by dividing by the 262 million common shares outstanding on February 17, 2010

Note: Cash Flow Yield based on common stock share price of \$23.07 as of February 22, 2010





Capital Allocation – 2010

Business Reinvestment

- Maintenance
 - Safety
- Reliability
- Environmental CapEx

Capital Management

- Maintain /
 Enhance
 corporate capital
 structure
- Term Loan B pay down

Capital Return to Shareholders

- Annual target of 3% of market capitalization
- Accomplished through common share purchases

Growth



repowering NRG



- Maintenance CapEx of \$241M
- Environmental CapEx of \$227M
- □ \$230M in Term Loan B repayments
- □ Paydown CSF I \$248M (including accrued interest of \$59M)
- □ \$180M in share repurchases
- □ Repowering investments, net \$598M
- □ Complete GenConn-Devon construction and continue GenConn Middletown construction
- ☐ Continue to develop STP 3&4 consistent with plan
- □ Continue to develop sustainable energy solutions (Solar, wind, biomass, etc.)



In 2010, NRG will continue to optimize its capital structure while executing on its 2010 Capital Allocation Plan



Capital Structure Provides Strong Platform for Growth Initiatives



Capital Structure

200	6	2009
\$ 4.7	Senior Notes	\$ 5.4
3.1	Term Loan	2.2
0.3	CSF Structure	0.2
0.7	Other Debt	0.6
\$ 8.8	Total Debt	\$ 8.4
\$ 0.9	Preferred Stock	\$ 0.1
0.7	Retained Earnings	3.3
4.1	Paid-in-Capital and Other	4.3
\$ 5.7	Stockholders Equity	\$ 7.7

¹ Other includes Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income and Noncontrolling interest less Treasury stock

Credit Ratings and Statistics

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	S&P	Moody's	S&P	Moody's
First Lien Debt	BB-	Ba1	BB+	Baa3
Unsecured Debt	B-	B1	BB-	B1
Corporate	B+	Ba3	BB-	Ba3

Improved Credit Ratings

	2006	2009	Targeted Range		
Net Debt/Total Capital	58%	44%	45% - 60%		
Debt/Adj. EBITDA	5.9x	3.2x	≤ 4.25x		
FFO/Debt	12%	23%	> 18%		
Credit Statistics within range					





Key Focus

- Retail
- Environmental
- Nuclear



Reliant - \$642 million EBITDA!

2009 Achievements

- Reduced risk profile with integration of retail supply into NRG commercial operations
 - Locked in low supply costs
 - Protected against Hurricane event
 - Mitigated congestion exposure

2. Optimized retail brand in core markets

- Maintained lowest customer PUC complaint rate among major retailers
- Balanced margins with mass retail customer load counts of nearly 1.6 million customers
- Targeted pricing strategy based on customer value segmentation (up to 20% price reductions)

3. Re-launched C&I Sales

- Remain largest C&I provider
- Sales ahead of expectations



Exceeded guidance for Adjusted EBITDA of over \$640 million

2010 Focus

- 1. Stabilize mass customer base and position for growth in 2011+
 - Monitor price competitive landscape and implement disciplined pricing strategy designed to retain customer count of 1.5 million
 - Initiate targeted marketing and pricing offers for highly segmented customers
 - Smart Energy DOE program enroll 75,000 mass customers

2. Grow C&I margin and volume

- Increased renewal rates
- Target new segments (CHP opportunities, rooftop solar)
- Expand service offering (maintenance services, energy efficiency audits)

3. Launch new revenue sources

- Home service bundling products increasing stickiness
- EV public charging system build out in Houston



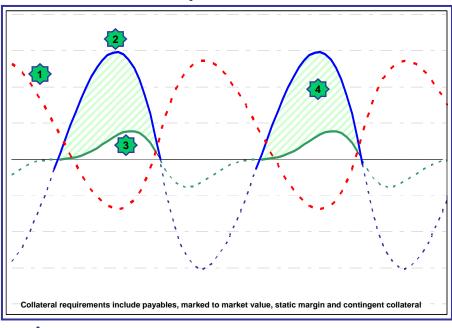
Targeting Adjusted EBITDA of \$500 million

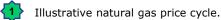
Objective is sustainable above cycle results in order to enhance our business across the current commodity down cycle 23

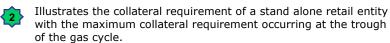
Plus Significantly Reduced Collateral Requirements NRG

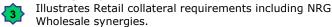


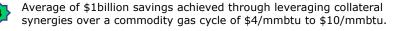
Comparison of Retail Collateral Requirements



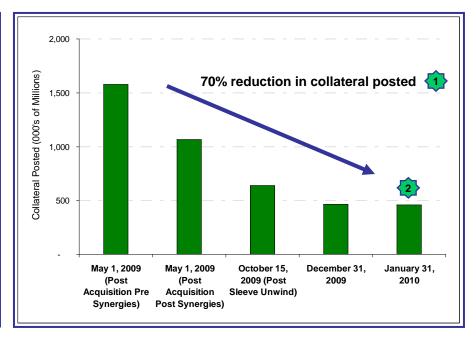








Actual Collateral Posted



Reduction in collateral posted due to collateral synergies and natural roll off of positions

Approximately 50% of the exposure relating to current supply rolls off by the end of 2010

Owning the Texas wholesale portfolio enables NRG to operate a market leading retail business in a far more collaterally-efficient manner

Texas Retail and Wholesale Together Has Advantages



Benefits of Retail and Wholesale Integration

✓ Mid-cycle ongoing adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾
run rate largely driven by confidence
with respect to retail sales and
margins, commercial synergies⁽²⁾, and
implemented downside risk mitigation

Implied value for Shareholders

Mid-cycle Reliant \$300M Energy EBITDA run rate

Implied equity value/share⁽³⁾ at EBITDA multiples of:

$$6x - 7x^{(4)} = ~\$6.50 - \$7.50 / \text{share}^{(5)}$$

⁽¹⁾ EBITDA run rate for Reliant Energy is provided on a segment basis and a projected annual basis; a reconciliation to Net Income or Cash from Operations, respectively, is not accessible on these bases;

⁽²⁾Transaction cost savings of 1% of total supply costs and increased MWh sales

⁽³⁾ Excludes Reliant Retail purchase price; (4) Average sell side equity research multiple assigned merchant mid-cycle; (5) Calculated using 4^{th} quarter diluted weighted average 271 million shares



Environmental Capital Plan: Today and Tomorrow

Air Quality CapEx¹ (2010-2015)

~\$900 million

Indian River 3

~\$800 million

Future Regulations

NRG Investment

Potential CAIR and MACT:

- > CAIR 2012-2020
- MACT by 2015/16



Worst case (MACT for acid gases on every unit): install scrubbers on ~1900 MW at WA Parish and ~1500 MW at Big Cajun at an incremental increase for dry scrubbers of \$250/KW for all but one unit (BC II)- fabric filters will already be in place; Big Cajun is allowed recovery of environmental costs plus capital return

Potential Once-through Cooling- 316(b)

> EPA 2011-2020



1 coal unit (South Central) to determine once through cooling mitigation

Potential Coal Combustion Residue

2011-2020



Dry disposal techniques in place; liner changes as new cells are opened

1 Excludes non-air quality environmental capex

Future environmental investments, under the strictest scenarios, are limited and manageable for larger, newer units at NRG



EPA Environmental Re-Regulations and Impact on Capacity in the Northeast

Older Small Coal Plant Economics

- > Capacity Revenues
- Energy Margins
- > Ancillary Service

EPA-mandated Environmental CapEx Costs

- Retrofits for Hg, Acid Gas, SO2 and/or NOx control
- Cooling towers
- Landfill conversions (wet to dry)

50-60 GW At-Risk Coal Nationwide



Coal Retirement Implications

- ✓ Reserve margins fall; heat rates expand (60 GW at-risk coal = more than 10% of average US demand)
- ✓ Surviving plants earn higher margins (energy and capacity)
- ✓ Improved economics for NRG fleet

Sources: NRG Research.

Increasing environmental regulation and new build economics to stress reserve margins and pressure heat rates



CPS Transaction Overview- Proposed Terms

Key Summary of Proposed Terms

Ownership: CPS to retain 7.625% interest in STP 3&4 for life of the plant

Acquisition: NINA would acquire 42.375% of STP 3&4 from CPS for:

- \$40mm payable two weeks after receipt of conditional DOE loan guarantee;
- \$40mm additional payable six months after the first payment;
- An undertaking to fund 100% of the project development but only if NRG wishes to pursue the project

Donation: \$2.5mm per year, for four years to energy-related community initiatives in San Antonio

Litigation: All litigation would be dismissed against all parties with prejudice; any future disputes would be handled in Travis County Court, or, if foreign partners are involved, in federal court

Management Control: NRG/NINA

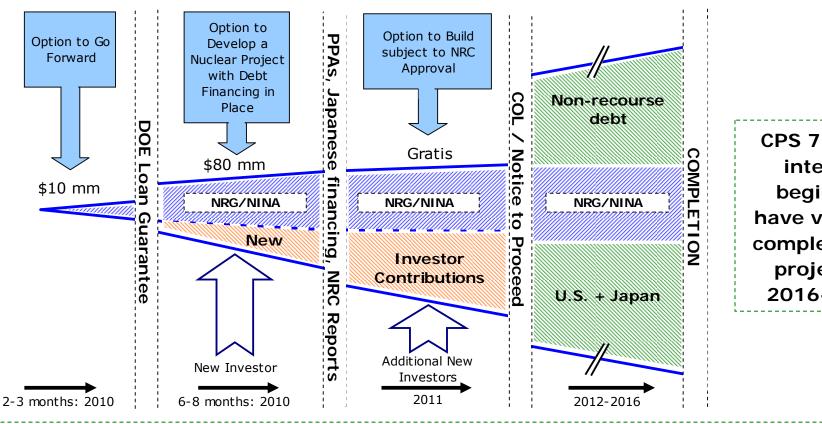






Analyzing the Proposed Deal

For NRG, a sequence of affordable options in an increasingly valuable nuclear opportunity



interest
begins to
have value at
completion of
project in
2016-2018

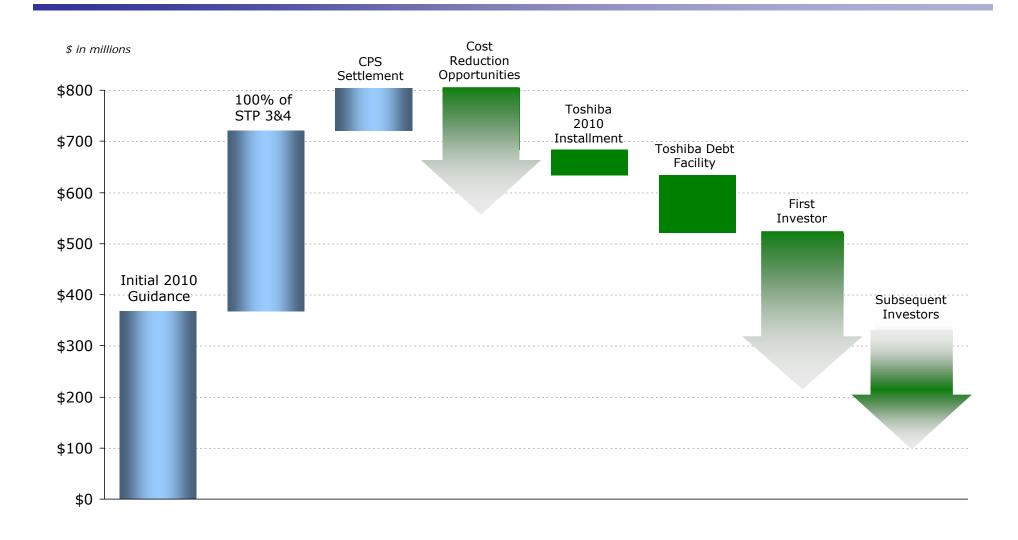
Failure to achieve key milestones at each stage of the project will cause reevaluation of the project







STP 3&4 – 2010 Planned Project Spend





First Mover Advantage in the Nuclear Renaissance

★ Generation Fleet Revitalization

★ Exploit Existing **Brownfield Sites**



★ Lower Carbon Intensity

★ Expand Position in Merchant Markets

> ★ Pursue Supply Chain Initiatives

★ Support Electric Vehicle Platform

Milestones for 2010



Resolve CPS		In progress
Meet or exceed increased guidance over the balance of FY2010	$\qquad \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \qquad$	On track
Commence new share buyback		Announced today
Equal or exceed new FORNRG 2.0 targets		Announced today
Achieve key nuclear milestones at DOE and NRC		On track
Successful sell-down of STP 3&4 to new partners		Dependent on DOE Loan Guarantee
Advance new Solar projects		On track
Advance EV initiatives	$\qquad \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad$	In progress

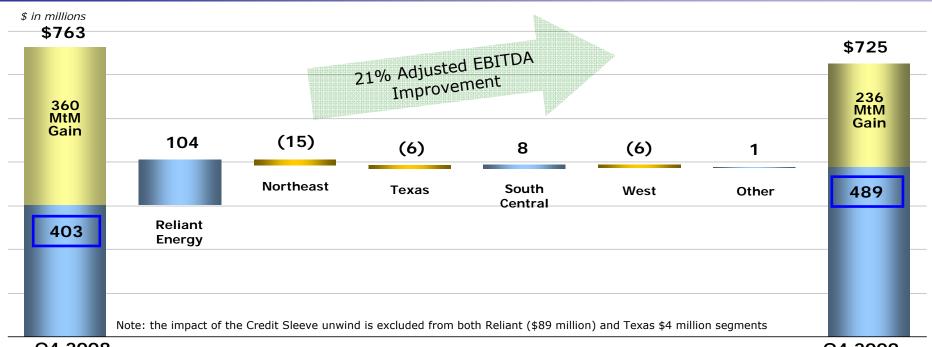
Our 2010 milestones will set up NRG for value enhancing growth in the new decade



Appendix



Q4 Adjusted EBITDA – 2009 vs. 2008



Q4 2008

Reliant Energy

> Reliant Energy acquired May 1, 2009

Northeast

Driven by the Indian River Unit 3 cancellation of construction work

Texas

- Energy margins flat, as a 3% decline in generation was offset by a 3% increase in margins per MWh
- > Increase in Major Maintenance costs at WA Parish Coal for planned outages that did not occur in Q4 2008

South Central

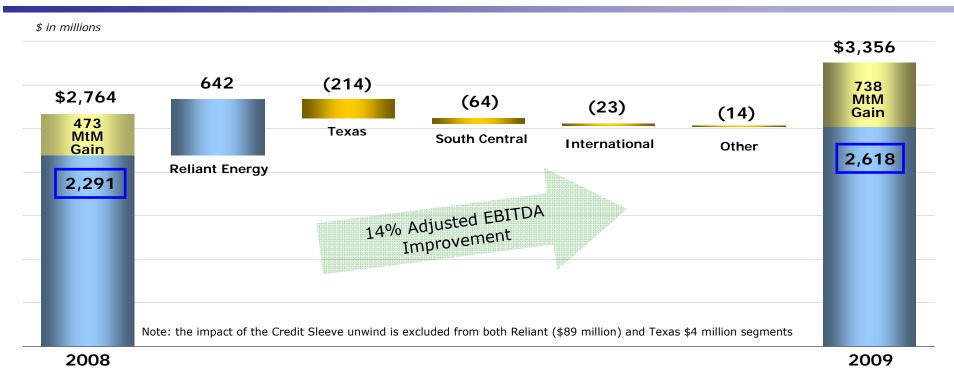
Merchant sales volumes 53% greater compared to the fourth quarter of 2008, which more than offset a decline in contract revenue as a regional utility did not renew its contract in 2009

West

- ➤ Unfavorable fuel adjustments versus 2008
- Higher O&M driven by increased scope of maintenance projects, including Encina repairs



YTD Adjusted EBITDA - 2009 vs. 2008



Retail

> Reliant Energy acquired May 1, 2009

Texas

- Lower energy margins due to decreased generation and close to 60% decline in average Houston zone energy prices, offset by lower fuel costs
- Higher maintenance costs at WA Parish and Limestone for increased outage hours related to planned maintenance
- Higher O&M costs related to full year of Elbow Creek operations and half year of Cedar Bayou Unit 4

South Central

- > Lower revenues driven by a 45% lower average merchant sales price in 2009 of \$53/MWh versus \$95/MWh in 2008
- > Unrealized losses related to forward energy sales
- Higher operating expenses due to additional scheduled plant maintenance

International

> MIBRAG sale and lower equity earnings at Gladstone

Other

> Cancellation of construction project at Indian River Unit 3



Capital Expenditures

\$ in millions	Mair	ntenance	Enν	/ironmental	Rep	oweringNRG	Total
Full Year 2009							
Northeast	\$	30	\$	172	\$	5	207
Texas		160		-		29	189
South Central		9		-		-	9
West		4		-		4	8
Reliant Energy		7		-		=	7
Wind		-		-		120	120
Nuclear Development		=		-		197	197
Other		46		-		-	46
Accrued CapEx	\$	256	\$	172	\$	355 \$	783
Less: CapEx Accruals		(6)		(3)		(40)	(49)
Total Cash CapEx	\$	250	\$	169	\$	315 \$	734
GenConn Equity Investments		-		-		73	73
Less Project Funding:							
Toshiba Investment		-		-		(50)	(50)
Dunkirk bonds		-		(52)		-	(52)
GenConn Financing		-		-		(108)	(108)
Other		-		-		(20)	(20)
Total, Net of Project Funding	\$	250	\$	117	\$	210 \$	577

\$ in millions	Ma	aintenance	E	invironmental	Re	epowering NRG	Total
Full Year 2010 Guidance							
Northeast	\$	28	\$	212	\$	-	240
Texas		103		-		-	103
South Central		21		3		-	24
West		4		-		10	14
Retail		11		-		-	11
NINA		-		-		684	684
IDC/Other		74		18		13	105
Total CapEx	\$	241	\$	233	\$	707	\$ 1,181
GenConn Equity Investments		-		-		74	74
Less Project Funding		-		(6)		(183)	(189)
Total, Net of Project Funding	\$	241	\$	227	\$	598	\$ 1,066



Adjusted EBITDA by Region

		4th	Qua	rter 20	09			4th Quarter 2008						
\$ in millions	Less: MtM Adj. Gain/(Loss) EBITDA Impact Net				Less: MtM Adj. Gain/(Loss) EBITDA Impact					Net				
Retail	\$	378	\$	274	\$	104	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Texas		270		6		264		591		321		270		
Northeast		33		(44)		77		127		35		92		
South Central		27		2		25		17		-		17		
West		11		-		11		17		-		17		
International		12		-		12		10		-		10		
Thermal		6		(2)		8		8		4		4		
Corporate		(12)		-		(12)		(7)		-		(7)		
Consolidated NRG	\$	725	\$	236	\$	489	\$	763	\$	360	\$	403		

			YTE	2009					YTE	2008			
		Less: MtM Adj. Gain/(Loss)						Less: MtM Adj. Gain/(Loss)					
\$ in millions	Е	BITDA	In	npact		Net	Е	BITDA	In	npact		Net	
Retail	\$	1,436	\$	794	\$	642	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Texas		1,307		(22)		1,329		1,929		386		1,543	
Northeast		465		(3)		468		558		83		475	
South Central		52		(29)		81		145		-		145	
West		53		-		53		68		-		68	
International		59		-		59		82		-		82	
Thermal		23		(2)		25		32		4		28	
Corporate		(39)		-		(39)		(50))	-		(50)	
Consolidated NRG	\$	3,356	\$	738	\$	2,618	\$	2,764	\$	473	\$	2,291	

Note: MtM impacts reflect the net change in fair value of asset-backed forward supply/sales contracts and ineffectiveness



Q4 2009 Generation Sold & Availability

(in thousands MWh					20	09	20	08
except otherwise stated)	2009	2008	Change	%	EAF ¹	NCF ²	EAF ¹	NCF ²
Texas	10,775	10,989	(214)	(2)	84%	43%	85%	45%
Northeast	2,441	2,925	(484)	(17)	87	14	84	17
South Central	2,939	2,998	(59)	(2)	85	40	89	46
West	358	532	(174)	(33)	97	10	93	13
Total	16,513	17,444	(931)	(5)	86%	31%	86%	37%
Texas Nuclear	1,903	2,166	(263)	(12)	73%	74%	83%	84%
Texas Coal	7,554	8,043	(489)	(6)	92	82	96	88
NE Coal	2,262	2,590	(328)	(13)	93	53	80	60
SC Coal	2,574	2,647	(73)	(3)	81	78	88	82
Baseload	14,293	15,446	(1,153)	(7)	88%	74%	89%	81%
Langford	25	_	25	n/m	n/a	22%	n/a	n/a
Elbow Creek	85	9	76	n/m	n/a	38%	n/a	n/a
Wind	110	9	101	n/m	n/a	34%	n/a	n/a
Oil	12	58	(46)	(79)	98%	1%	95%	3%
Gas - Texas	900	573	327	57	81	7	81	5
Gas - NE	167	277	(110)	(40)	82	2	83	3
Gas - SC	5	31	(26)	(84)	88	1	89	1
Gas - West	158	148	10	7	97	10	93	12
Intermediate/Peaking	1,242	1,087	155	14	85%	5%	85%	5%
Purchased Power	868	902	(34)	(4)				
Total	16,513	17,444	(931)	(5)				

¹ Equivalent Availability Factor

² Net Capacity Factor



2009 Generation Sold & Availability

(in thousands MWh					20	09	20	08
except otherwise stated)	2009	2008	Change	%	EAF ¹	NCF ²	EAF ¹	NCF ²
Texas	47,259	47,806	(547)	(1)	88%	47%	89%	50%
Northeast	9,220	13,349	(4,129)	(31)	90	13	89	20
South Central	12,144	12,447	(303)	(2)	90	41	93	48
West	1,279	1,532	(253)	(17)	87	8	91	10
Total	69,902	75,134	(5,232)	(7)	89%	32%	90%	40%
Texas Nuclear	9,396	9,456	(60)	(1)	91%	91%	92%	92%
Texas Coal	30,022	32,825	(2,803)	(9)	92	83	94	90
NE Coal	7,946	11,506	(3,560)	(31)	89	45	84	67
SC Coal	10,249	10,912	(663)	(6)	88	79	92	84
Baseload	57,613	64,699	(7,086)	(11)	91%	76%	91%	86%
Langford	25	_	25	n/m	n/a	22%	n/a	n/a
Elbow Creek	325	9	316	n/m	n/a	30%	n/a	n/a
Wind	350	9	341	n/m	n/a	30%	n/a	n/a
Oil	134	349	(215)	(62)	92%	3%	90%	12%
Gas - Texas	5,224	4,647	577	12	85	11	85	10
Gas - NE	1,141	1,495	(354)	(24)	87	3	91	4
Gas - SC	149	235	(86)	(37)	91	1	95	2
Gas - West	386	362	24	7	87	8	92	9
Intermediate/Peaking	7,034	7,088	(54)	(1)	87%	6%	89%	7%
Purchased Power	4,905	3,338	1,567	47				
Total	69,902	75,134	(5,232)	(7)				

¹ Equivalent Availability Factor

² Net Capacity Factor

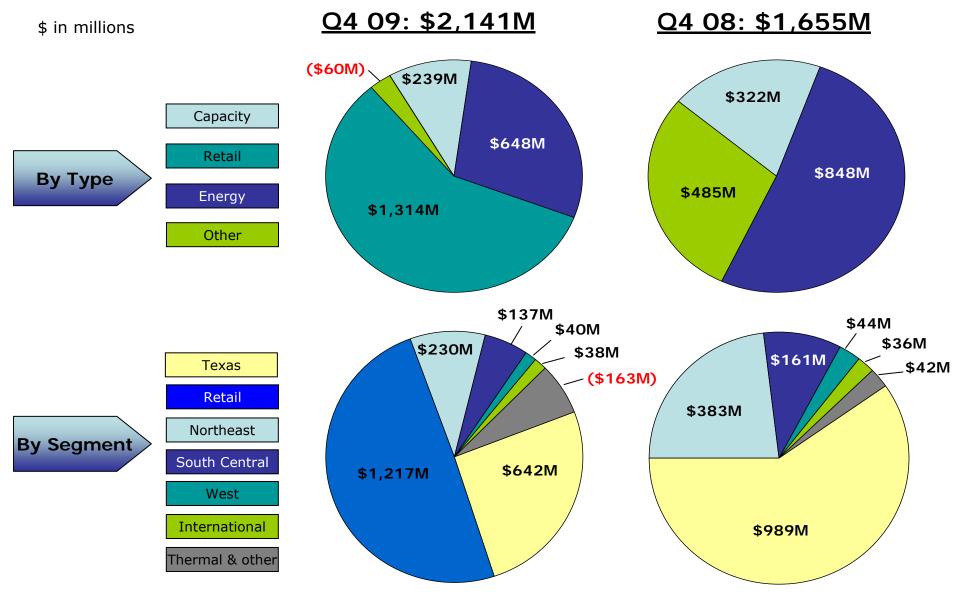


Fuel Statistics

	4 th Qւ	ıart	er	Year to Date			
Domestic	2009	2	2008		2009	2	2008
Cost of Gas (\$/mmBTU) Coal Consumed (mm Tons)	\$ 4.43 7.8	\$	6.00 8.0	\$	3.79 30.7	\$	9.31 33.9
PRB Blend Northeast South Central Texas	80% 69% 100% 75%		74% 61% 100% 70%		80% 71% 100% 75%		76% 64% 100% 71%
Coal Costs (\$/mmBTU) Northeast South Central Texas	\$ 1.91 2.85 1.78 1.68	\$	1.94 3.25 2.00 1.51	\$	1.87 2.91 1.89 1.62	\$	1.87 2.98 1.90 1.50
Coal Costs (\$/Tons) Northeast South Central Texas	\$ 31.18 56.79 29.06 26.15	\$	31.37 65.01 32.77 23.28	\$	30.54 55.87 31.10 25.43	\$	30.48 58.11 30.66 23.35

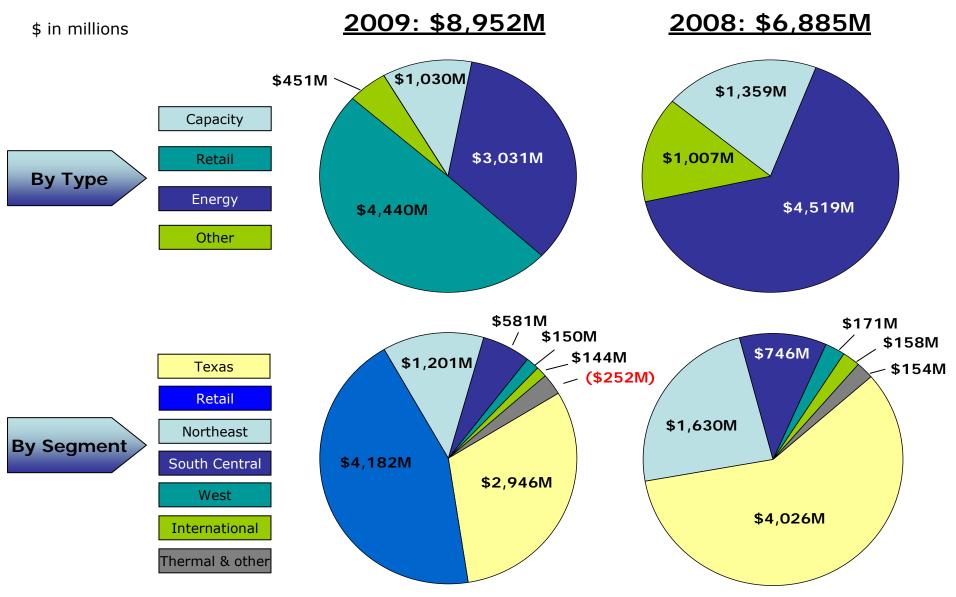


Q4 2009 Operating Revenues





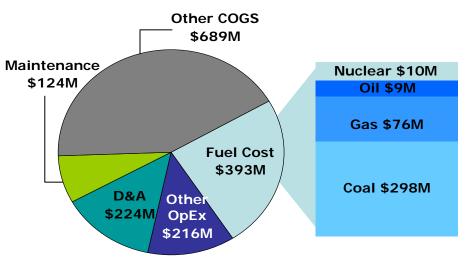
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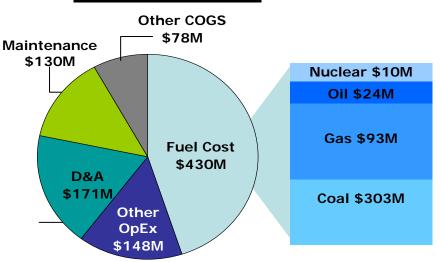


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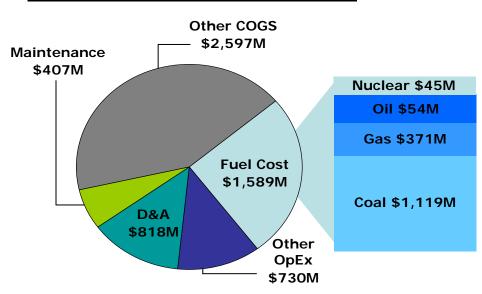
Q4 09: \$1,646M



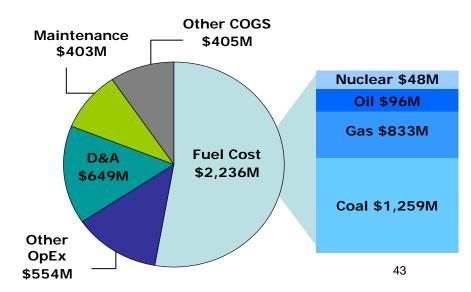
Q4 08: \$957M



Full Year 2009: \$6,141M

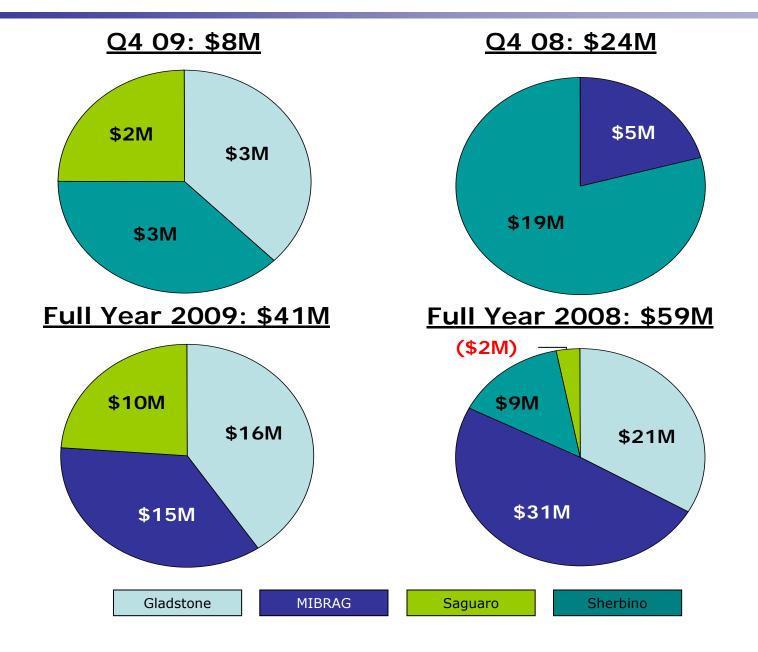


Full Year 2008: \$4,247M





Equity Earnings





Restricted Payments (RP) Capacity 101

Indentures¹

Based on GAAP net income and currently drive RP capacity limitations; Governed by increases in net income.

Adders:

- + Issuance of stock
- + Issuance of convertible preferred

Deductions:

- Payments of dividends
- Repurchases of stock
- Payment of dividends on new preferred

Items that do not increase basket

> Asset Sales (Gains or Losses)

Growth Parameter

> 50% of Net Income

Credit Agreement

Based on corporate cash flows²

Adders:

- + Issuance of stock for cash proceeds
- + Issuance of convertible preferred

Deductions:

- Payments of dividends
- Repurchases of stock
- Payment of dividends on new preferred

Items that do not increase basket

> Asset Sales

Growth Parameter

Currently 50% of cash flow, dependent on Debt/EBITDA

¹ Excluding 8.5% senior notes issued in June 2009, due 2019

² Cash flow defined as: cash from operations, less maintenance and environmental CapEx, less net investment in growth CapEx, less principal payments

Capacity Revenue Sources: Generation Asset Overview



In addition to our baseload hedging program, NRG revenues and free cash flows benefit from capacity sources originating from either market clearing capacity prices, Reliability Must Run (RMR)/Resource Adequacy (RA) contracts, power purchase agreement (PPA) contracts, and tolling arrangements. While ERCOT (Texas) region does not have a capacity market, Texas capacity revenues reflect bilateral transactions. Prior to NRG's acquisition of Texas Genco, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) regulations required that Texas generators sell 15% of their capacity by auction at reduced rates. In March 2006, the PUCT accepted NRG's request to no longer participate in these auctions and that capacity is now being sold in the merchant market. In addition to the PUCT mandated auctions, the prior owners of Texas Genco also participated in voluntary auctions. These capacity contracts expired in 2009. In South Central, NGG earns significant capacity revenue from its long-term contracts. As of December 31, 2009, NRG had long-term all-requirements contracts with 10 Louisiana distribution cooperatives with initial terms ranging from ten to twenty-five years. Of the ten contracts, seven expire in 2025 and account for 50% of contract load, while the remaining three expire in 2014 and comprise 40% of contract load. During 2009, NRG successfully executed all-requirements contracts with three Arkansas municipalities with service start dates as early as mid-year 2010. These new contracts account for over 500 MW of total load obligations for NRG and the South Central region. In addition, NRG has certain long-term contracts with the Municipal Agency of Mississippi, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, and Southwestern Electric Power Company, which collectively comprise an additional 10% of region's contract load requirement. The table below reflects the plants and relevant capacity revenue sources for the Northeast. West and Thermal business segments:

-	ources or cupacity Revenues.
	Market Capacity, Reliability
Run	(RMR), PPA, and Tolling Arran

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Region and Plant	Zone	MW	Must Run (RMR), PPA, and Tolling A	rrangements Tenor
NEPOOL (ISO NE):				
Devon	SWCT	135	LFRM/FCM ¹	
Connecticut Remote Turbines	SWCT	145	LFRM/FCM ¹	
Montville	CT - ROS	500	RMR/FCM ²	RMR until June 2010
Somerset Power	SE - MASS	1254	LFRM/FCM ¹	
Middletown	CT - ROS	770	RMR /FCM ²	RMR until June 2010
Norwalk Harbor	SWCT	340	RMR/FCM ²	RMR until June 2010
PJM:				
Indian River	PJM - East	740 ⁵	DPL- South	
Vienna	PJM - East	170	DPL- South	
Conemaugh	PJM - West	65	PJM- MAAC	
Keystone	PJM - West	65	PJM- MAAC	
New York (NYISO):				
Oswego	Zone C	1635	UCAP - ROS	
Huntley	Zone A	380	UCAP - ROS	
Dunkirk	Zone A	530	UCAP - ROS	
Astoria Gas Turbines	Zone J	550	UCAP - NYC	
Arthur Kill	Zone J	865	UCAP - NYC	
California (CAISO):				
Encina	SP-15	965	Toll	Expires 12/31/2010
Cabrillo II	SP-15	190	RA Capacity ⁶	
El Segundo	SP-15	670	RA Capacity	
Long Beach	SP-15	260	Toll ⁷	Expires 8/1/2017
Blythe	SP-15	20	PPA ⁸	, , ,
Thermal:				
Dover	PJM - East	104	DPL- South	
Paxton Creek	PJM - West	12	PJM- MAAC	

- LFRM payments are net of any FCM payments received.
- 2. Per the terms of the RMR agreement, any FCM transition capacity payments are offset against approved RMR payment. RMR agreements will expire June 1, 2010, the first day of the First Installed Capacity Commitment Period of the Forward Capacity Market
- 3. South Central includes Rockford I and II, which is in PJM and receives capacity payments at the RPM wholesale market clearing price for the RPM RTO region.
- Somerset has entered into an agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, or MADEP, to retire or repower the remaining coal-fired unit at Somerset by the end of 2009. In connection with a repowering proposal approved by the MADEP, the date for the shut-down of the unit was extended to September 30, 2010. Subsequently, NRG requested of ISO-NE that it be allowed to place the 109 MW Unit 6 on deactivated reserve effective January 2, 2010, in advance of the required shut-down date. On December 21, 2009, ISO-NE granted NRG's request.
- 5. Indian River Unit 1 will be retired by May 1, 2011 and Indian River Unit 2 will be retired by May 1, 2010. On February 3, 2010, NRG and DNREC announced a proposed plan to retire the 155MW Unit 3 by December 31, 2013. This plan is subject to definitive documentation
- 6. RA contracts cover the entire Cabrillo II portfolio through 2010 (RA contracts for 88 MW run through November 30, 2013)
- 7. NRG has purchased back energy and ancillary service value of the toll through July 31, 2011.
- 8. Blythe reached commercial operation on December 18, 2009 and sells all its capacity under a 20-year full-requirements PPA.

Forecast Non-Cash Contract Amortization Schedules: 2009-2012



Increase/ (Decreases) Revenue

(\$M)			2009			2010					
Revenues	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	
Power contracts/ gas swaps ¹	47	(43)	(51)	(76)	(123)	8	7	35	(3)	47	
Fuel Expense	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	
Fuel and energy supply out-of-market contracts ²	5	19	26	24	74	13	11	12	9	45	
Fuel and energy supply in-the-market contracts ³	5	8	15	4	32	1	1	3	4	9	
Emission allowances (NOx and SO2)	10	10	10	9	38	15	15	15	15	60	
Total Net Expenses	10	(1)	(1)	(12)	(4)	3	5	6	10	24	

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(\$M)			2011			2012					
Revenues	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	
Power contracts/ gas swaps ¹	(23)	(18)	3	(27)	(65)	(29)	(22)	(8)	(25)	(84)	
Fuel Expense	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	
Fuel and energy supply out-of-market contracts ²	5	3	1	2	11	1	1	1	2	5	
Fuel and energy supply in-the-market contracts ³	1	1	3	1	6	2	1	3	1	7	
Emission allowances (NOx and SO2)	15	15	15	15	60	13	13	13	13	52	
Total Net Expenses	11	13	17	14	55	14	13	15	12	54	

¹ Amortization of power contracts occurs in the revenue line.



Cost

Reduce

² Amortization of fuel and energy supply contracts occurs in the fuel and energy supply cost line; includes coal.

³ Amortization of fuel and energy supply contracts occurs in the fuel and energy supply cost line; includes coal, nuclear, and gas.

Note: Detailed discussion of the above referenced in-the-money and out-of-the money contracts can be found in the NRG 2009 10K



Appendix: Reg. G Schedules



Appendix Table A-1: Fourth quarter 2009 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation
The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

(\$ in millions)	Reliant Energy	Texas	Northeast	South Central	West	International	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Net Income/(Loss)	159	162	(12)	1	8	7	2	(294)	33
Plus:		-	(/					(- /	
Income Tax	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	111	114
Interest Expense	5	(12)	14	10	-	2	1	149	169
Amortization of Finance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	4
Depreciation Expense	52	119	30	17	2	-	3	1	224
ARO Accretion Expense	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Amortization of Power Contracts	98	(8)	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	87
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(25)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
EBITDA	289	274	33	27	11	12	6	(25)	627
Early termination of CSRA	89	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Exelon Defense Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Integration Cost	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	13	13
Adjusted EBITDA	378	270	33	27	11	12	6	(12)	725
Less: MTM Forward Position Accruals	67	(2)	(32)	2	1	-	(1)	-	35
Add: Prior Period MtM Reversals	(207)	21	11	-	1	-	1	-	(173)
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	- '-	29	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	28
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM	104	264	77	25	11	12	8	(12)	489



Appendix Table A-2: Fourth quarter 2008 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation
The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

(\$ in millions)	Texas	Northeast	South Central	West	International	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Net Income/(Loss)	285	80	(8)	13	6	5	(110)	271
Plus:								
Income Tax	211	-	-	-	4	-	(5)	210
Interest Expense	13	14	13	1	-	1	90	132
Amortization of Finance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Depreciation Expense	117	32	17	2	-	2	1	171
ARO Accretion Expense	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Amortization of Power Contracts	(40)	-	(5)	-	-	-	-	(45)
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
EBITDA	591	127	17	17	10	8	(15)	755
Exelon Defense Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Adjusted EBITDA	591	127	17	17	10	8	(7)	763
Less: MtM Forward Position Accruals	322	39	-	-	-	4	-	365
Add: Prior Period MtM Reversals	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	6
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	3	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	1
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM	270	92	17	17	10	4	(7)	403



Appendix Table A-3: Year-to-Date 2009 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation
The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

	Reliant								
(\$ in millions)	Energy	Texas	Northeast	South Central	West	International	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Net Income/(Loss)	966	673	291	(41)	40	150	8	(1,145)	942
Plus:									
Income Tax	-	171	-	-	-	9	-	548	728
Interest Expense	34	4	54	42	2	8	5	460	609
Amortization of Finance Costs	1	-	-	=	-	-	-	30	31
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	8	14
Depreciation Expense	137	472	118	67	8	-	10	6	818
ARO Accretion Expense	-	3	2	-	3	-	-	-	8
Amortization of Power Contracts	258	(57)	-	(22)	-	-	-	-	179
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(49)	7	-	=	-	-	-	-	(42)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
EBITDA	1,347	1,311	465	52	53	167	23	(93)	3,325
Early Termination of CSRA	89	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Exelon Defense Cost	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	31	31
Integration Cost	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	54	54
FX Loss on MIBRAG Sale Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	20
Settlement of Pre-Existing Relationship with									
Reliant Energy	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	(31)	(31)
Gain on Sale of Equity Method Investment	-	-	-	-	-	(128)	-	-	(128)
Adjusted EBITDA	1,436	1,307	465	52	53	59	23	(39)	3,356
Less: MTM Forward Position Accruals	138	(43)	38	(29)	-	-	1	-	105
Add: Prior Period MtM Reversals	(656)	26	39	-	-	-	3	-	(588)
Less:Hedge Ineffectiveness	`- ´	47	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	45
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM	642	1,329	468	81	53	59	25	(39)	2,618



Appendix Table A-4: Year-to-Date 2008 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation
The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

(\$ in millions)	Texas	Northeast	South Central	West	International	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Net Income/(Loss)	911	390	50	51	235	16	(428)	1,225
Plus:								
Income Tax	692	-	-	-	19	-	2	713
Interest Expense	100	56	51	6	-	6	333	552
Amortization of Finance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
Depreciation Expense	451	109	67	8	-	10	4	649
ARO Accretion Expense	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	9
Amortization of Power Contracts	(255)	-	(23)	-	-	-	-	(278)
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(13)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
EBITDA	1,929	558	145	68	254	32	(58)	2,928
Exelon Defense Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Income from Discontinued Operations	-	-	-	-	(172)	-	-	(172)
Adjusted EBITDA	1,929	558	145	68	82	32	(50)	2,764
Less: MtM Forward Position Accruals	436	96	-	-	-	4	-	536
Add: Prior Period MtM Reversals	25	13	-	-	-	-	-	38
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	(25)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(25)
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM	1,543	475	145	68	82	28	(50)	2,291



Appendix Table A-5: Full Year 2009 Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations Activities Reconciliation The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted Cash Flow from Operations and provides a reconciliation to Cash from Operations

(\$ in millions)	Year ended December 31, 2009
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	\$2,106
Less: Cash receipts from termination of hedges associated with CSRA unwind	(165)
Less: Reclassifying of payment of Financing Element of Acquired Derivatives	(79)
Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities	\$1,862





Appendix Table A-6:
The following table summarizes the calculation of the following: Debt to Adjusted EBITDA, Funds from Operations to Debt and Net Debt to Capital

	2006	2009		2006	2009
Debt to Adjusted EBITDA			Net Debt to Capital		
Numerator:			Numerator:		
Gross debt	8,726	8,418	Gross debt	8,726	8,418
Denominator:			Less: Total Cash	818	2,306
Adjusted EBITDA	1,476	2,618	Net Debt Denominator :	7,908	6,112
Debt/Adjusted EBITDA	5.91	3.22	Capital		
Funds from Operations to Deb	Funds from Operations to Debt		Net debt	7,908	6,112
Numerator:	_		Preferred Stock Book value of	1,139	396
Adjusted EBITDA	1,476	2,618	common Equity	4,519	7,301
Less: Cash Interest	451	623	Capital	13,566	13,809
Less: Cash Taxes	21	47	Debt/Cap	58.3%	44.3%
Funds From Operations:	1,004	1,948			
Denominator:					
Gross debt	8,726	8,418			
FFO/Debt	11.5%	23.1%			



- EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and adjusted cash flow from operations are nonGAAP financial measures. These measurements are not recognized in
 accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as an alternative to GAAP measures of performance. The presentation of adjusted EBITDA should not be
 construed as an inference that NRG's future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.
- EBITDA represents net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is presented because NRG considers it an important supplemental
 measure of its performance and believes debt-holders frequently use EBITDA to analyze operating performance and debt service capacity. EBITDA has
 limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our operating results as reported under GAAP.
 Some of these limitations are:
 - EBITDA does not reflect cash expenditures, or future requirements for capital expenditures, or contractual commitments;
 - EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, working capital needs;
 - EBITDA does not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on debt;
 - Although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements; and
 - Other companies in this industry may calculate EBITDA differently than NRG does, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.
- Because of these limitations, EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to use to invest in the growth of NRG's business.
 NRG compensates for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and using EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA only supplementally.
- Adjusted EBITDA is presented as a further supplemental measure of operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA adjusted for discontinued operations, legal settlements and write downs and gains or losses on the sales of equity method investments and other assets, Exelon defense costs and Texas retail acquisition, settlement of pre-existing relationships and integration costs; factors which we do not consider indicative of future operating performance. The reader is encouraged to evaluate each adjustment and the reasons NRG considers it appropriate for supplemental analysis. As an analytical tool, adjusted EBITDA is subject to all of the limitations applicable to EBITDA. In addition, in evaluating adjusted EBITDA, the reader should be aware that in the future NRG may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in this news release. Adjusted EBITDA, excluding mark-to-market (MtM) adjustments, is provided to further supplement adjusted EBITDA by excluding the impact of unrealized MtM adjustments included in EBITDA for hedge contracts that are economic hedges but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment in accordance with SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as well as the ineffectiveness impact of economic hedge contracts that qualify for hedge accounting treatment. Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM adjustments, is a supplemental measure provided to illustrate the impact of MtM movements on adjusted EBITDA resulting from commodity price movements for economic hedge contracts while the underlying hedged commodity has not been subject to MtM adjustments.
- Adjusted cash flow from operating activities is a non-GAAP measure NRG provides to show cash from operations exclusive of the nonrecurring benefit from net cash proceeds from the termination of positions associated with unwind of the Merrill Lynch credit sleeve in October 2009. In addition, NRG provides a reclassification of net payments of derivative contracts acquired in business combinations from financing to operating cash flow. The Company provides the reader with this alternative view of operating cash flow because the cash settlement of these derivative contracts materially impact operating revenues and cost of sales, while GAAP requires NRG to treat them as if there was a financing activity associated with the contracts as of the acquisition dates. Free cash flow is cash flow from operations less capital expenditures, preferred stock dividends and repowering capital expenditures net of project funding and is used by NRG predominantly as a forecasting tool to estimate cash available for debt reduction and other capital allocation alternatives. The reader is encouraged to evaluate each of these adjustments and the reasons NRG considers them appropriate for supplemental analysis. Because we have mandatory debt service requirements (and other non-discretionary expenditures) investors should not rely on adjusted cash flow from operating activities or free cash flow as a measure of cash available for discretionary expenditures. In addition, in evaluating adjusted cash flow or free cash flow, the reader should be aware that in the future NRG may incur expenses similar to the adjustment in this news release.