NRG Energy, Inc. **First Quarter 2016 Results Presentation**

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Business Review Mauricio Gutierrez, President and CEO

Financial Update

Kirk Andrews, EVP and CFO

Closing Remarks

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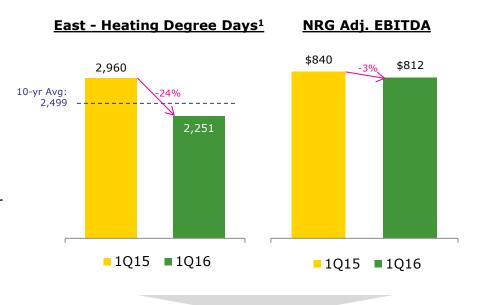
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1Q 2016 Review & Highlights

1Q Produced Strong Results...

...and Illustrated the Stability of NRG's Integrated Platform Despite Weak Markets

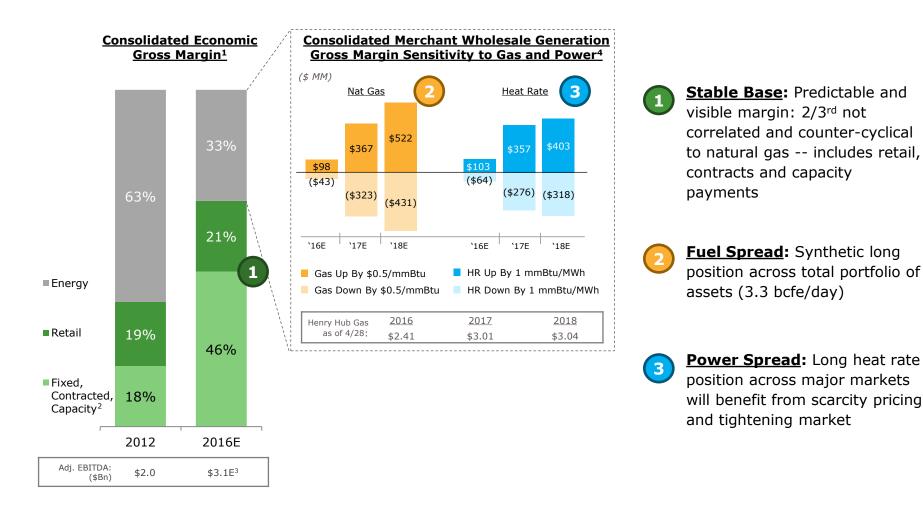


Stable Adj. EBITDA despite significant decrease in HDDs and power prices during 1Q 2016

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NRG Delivers Strong 1Q16 Results, Reaffirms Financial Guidance for 2016

- Integrated Platform Performs in Record Mild
 Winter: Delivered \$812 MM of Adjusted EBITDA in 1Q16; Reaffirming 2016 Guidance
- Enhanced Capital Available for Deleveraging: Completed \$253 MM MidWest Generation capacity monetization financing; expanding capital targeted for NRG-level deleveraging to \$1.3 Bn
- GreenCo Process Concluded: Selling majority stake of EVgo and restructuring Home Solar to fully integrate into Retail platform by 2017

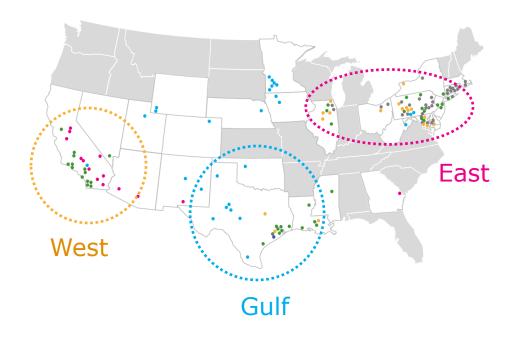


Diversified Business Model Provides Stability While Maintaining Upside to Market Recovery

¹ As of 5/5/16; Economic Gross Margin includes realized energy and operating gross margins, capacity, contract and other revenues, and commercial optimization activity; ² Includes Capacity Payments, NRG Yield, NRG ROFO Assets, other businesses; ³ Midpoint of 2016 Guidance as of 5/5/16; ⁴ Consolidated Merchant Wholesale Generation Portfolio as of 4/28/16



NRG Geographic Footprint



Key Market Drivers

East Region:

- Regulatory support for competitive markets
- Capacity markets better reflecting true economics
- Uneconomic units continue to retire
- Stagnant load growth
- Efforts for out-of-market contracts

Gulf Region:

- ORDC revisions to increase scarcity pricing
- Coal retirements driven by EPA standards
- Attractive load growth
- Lack of scarcity pricing
- Continued wind buildout

West Region:

- ↑ Aggressive Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)
- Need for ramping capacity
- Aliso Canyon brings attention to gas-power coordination

NRG Remains Well-Positioned to Take Advantage of Key Opportunities in Each Market



Concluding the GreenCo Process

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| Objectives | Maintain capabilities to take advantage of renewable trends while enhancing Incorporate all financial results in reported Adjusted EBITDA Minimize use of \$125 MM revolver to unlock capital for allocation | ng shareholder value |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Status | 2016 Financial Impact |
| nrg. Renew | Completed in 1Q16: Reintegrated into NRG; provides growth opportunity for NRG Yield | Cash flow positive No change to guidance |
| nrg.* Home _{SOLAR} | Restructuring and Integrating into Retail to Maintain TX Option Simplify business model: originate and monetize to 3rd party partners Sunrun Inc. and Spruce Financial Inc. Prioritize markets: focus on best performing markets (NJ, MA, NY) and significantly reduce operating costs Maintain customer relationship: provide additional energy related Retail products (system power, natural gas, etc) | No change to guidance Improving Economics: '15 EBITDA: (\$175 MM) '16 EBITDA: ~(\$60 MM) '17 EBITDA: Breakeven ~\$20 MM cost to achieve |
| nrg [*] EVgo \$125 MM | Strategic Partnership Achieved Agreed to sell majority stake to Vision Ridge Partners for \$50 MM¹ plus potential future earn-out payment of \$70 MM Sale preserves platform for fulfillment of CA settlement obligation No further NRG capital commitments beyond California Settlement | \$19.5 MM cash to NRG¹ Earn-out potential of up to \$70 MM through 2022² |
| \$125 MM Runway | ☑ No Longer Necessary Following Resolution of GreenCo Process | Significantly less than target |

Brought GreenCo Process to a Conclusion While Meeting Stated Objectives

¹ Purchase price includes \$19.5 MM initial payment plus \$30 MM of committed capital to be deployed over the next 2 years; before working capital adjustments;

² Based on future EBITDA achievement

Executing on Cost Savings

Streamlining the Organization...

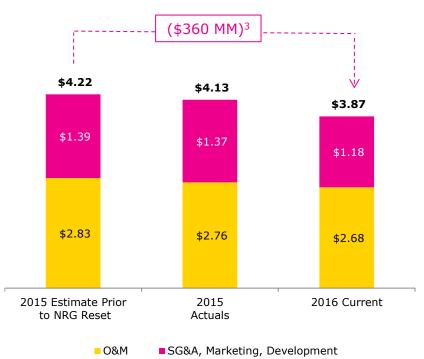
- ☑ On Track: \$150 MM recurring SG&A and Development Savings¹
- ☑ On Track: \$100 MM recurring O&M Savings²
- ☑ On Track: \$150 MM of recurring fornrg[™] EBITDAaccretive savings executed over 2016-2017



On Track for Achieving Recurring \$400 MM Target

...Already Captured \$360 MM 2016

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Continued Focused On Financial Flexibility, Deleveraging, and Cost Efficiency

¹ As identified on the Sept 2015 NRG Reset Call; formerly referred to as 'overhead savings'; ² \$100 MM O&M savings per 3Q15 call; ³ Includes fixed and variable O&M, excludes plant sales; see slide 36 for 10-K mapping



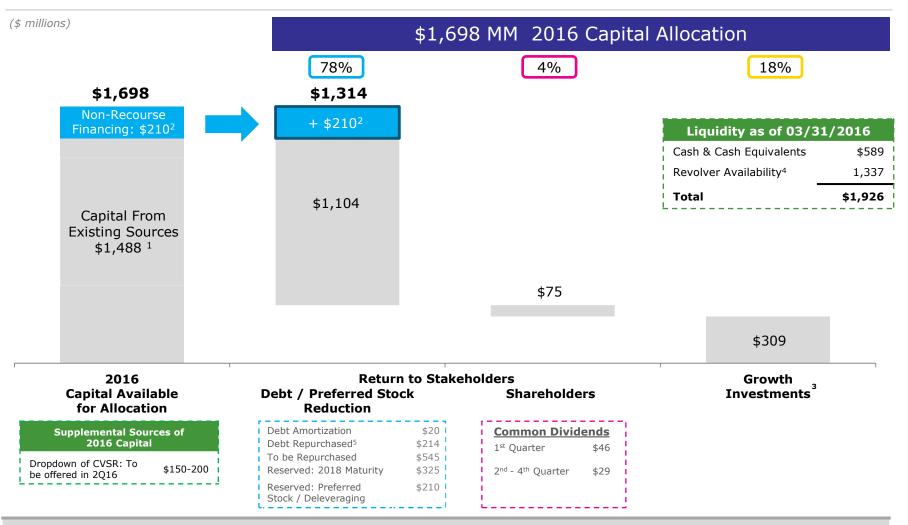
Financial Update & Capital Allocation



| | 2016 | 2016 | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| (\$ millions) | 1 st Quarter | Guidance Reaffirmed | |
| Generation / Business & Renewables ¹ | \$473 | \$1,545-\$1,670 | |
| Retail Mass | 151 | 650-725 | |
| NRG Yield | 188 | 805 | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$812 | \$3,000-\$3,200 | |
| Consolidated Free Cash Flow before Growth (FCFbG) | \$249 | \$1,000-\$1,200 | |

- Reaffirming 2016 full year guidance; includes the results of residential solar and EVgo
- \$229 MM debt repurchased² with \$16 MM annual interest savings
- Raised \$253 MM of non-recourse proceeds from the monetization of certain capacity revenues through 2019 at MidWest Generation
 - Increases capital available for allocation in 2016, allowing for additional corporate debt reduction / preferred
 - No impact on Adjusted EBITDA
- Continued execution on growth and replenishing capital plan with NRG Yield:
 - NRG to offer remaining 51.05% interest in CVSR to NRG Yield in 2Q16
 - NRG received \$51 MM from NYLD for existing business renewable and residential solar partnerships during 1Q16

nrg[®] + 2016 NRG-Level Capital Allocation



Focus on Debt Reduction Continues Through 2016

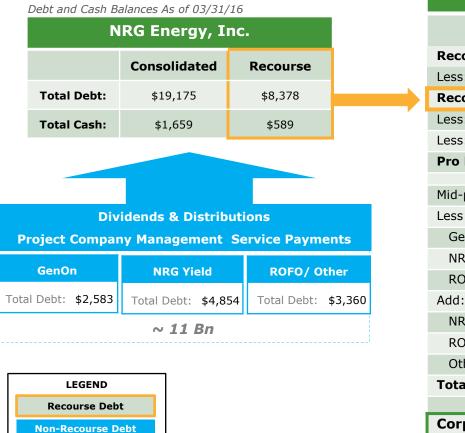
¹ Refer to slide 17 of 4Q 2015 earnings call presentation. Capital from Existing Sources includes: 2015 remaining capital of \$513 MM plus \$850 MM representing mid-point of 2016 NRG Level FCFbG guidance and expected NYLD dropdown proceeds of \$125 MM; ² \$253 MM of proceeds raised in April 2016 from the monetization of certain capacity revenues through 2019 at MidWest Generation, less the impact of 2016 capacity revenue sold of \$43 MM; ³ Net of financing; ⁴ \$2.5 Bn revolving credit facility, less \$1.2 Bn of letters of credit issued as of 03/31/2016; ⁵ Cash cost of repurchases year-to-date through May 4, 2016

NRG's Capital Structure & Corporate Credit Metrics

(\$ millions)

(Excluded Project Sub)

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| 2016E | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Post-Capital Allocation | | | | | |
| Recourse Debt (12/31/2015) ¹ | \$8,586 | | | | | |
| Less: Debt Reduction Completed ² | (208) | | | | | |
| Recourse Debt (03/31/2016) ¹ | \$8,378 | | | | | |
| Less: Debt Reduction Completed through May 4 th | (26) | | | | | |
| Less: Expanded Debt Reduction ³ | (545) | | | | | |
| Pro Forma Corporate Debt | ~\$7,800 | | | | | |
| Mid-point 2016 Adjusted EBITDA Less Adjusted EBITDA: | \$3,100 | | | | | |
| GenOn ⁴ | (335) | | | | | |
| NRG Yield | (805) | | | | | |
| ROFO / Other ⁵ Add: | (305) | | | | | |
| NRG Yield Dividends to NRG ⁶ | 80 | | | | | |
| ROFO / Other Dividends to NRG ⁷ | 65 | | | | | |
| Other Adjustments ⁸ | 150 | | | | | |
| Total Recourse EBITDA | \$1,950 | | | | | |
| Corporate Debt/Corporate EBITDA | 4.01x | | | | | |
| Pro forma, including 2018 maturity reserve ⁹ | 3.84x | | | | | |

On Plan with Prudent Balance Sheet Management Targets

¹ Includes NRG Energy Inc. term loan facility, senior notes and tax exempt bonds; ² Includes discretionary debt reduction of \$203MM at par value, and \$5MM of term loan amortization; ³ Additional debt reduction based on slide 11 of 2015 earnings presentation; ⁴ Net of shared service payment by GenOn to NRG; ⁵ Includes Aqua Caliente, Ivanpah, CVSR, Midwest Generation, Yield Eligible assets, Sherbino, Capistrano, and international assets; ⁶ Estimate based on NYLD dividends equivalent to \$1.00/share annualized by Q4 2016. Excludes proceeds from potential drop down transactions; ⁷ Distributions from NRG ROFO and other non-recourse project subsidiaries ; ⁸ Includes non-cash expenses (i.e. nuclear amortization, equity compensation, and bad debt expense) reflected in reported Adjusted EBITDA; ⁹ Pro forma for deleveraging resulting from the use of \$325 MM in 2016 capital reserved for 2018 maturity



Closing Remarks



Immediate Priorities

1. Simplify the Company and Focus on Cost Reduction

- ☑ \$650 MM reduction in capex beginning in 2017
- \boxdot \$400 MM recurring cost savings on track
- □ \$500 MM asset sale target; \$138 MM executed to date
- □ Taking steps to address GenOn capital structure and near-term maturities

2. Strengthen the Balance Sheet and Create Financial Flexibility to Manage Commodity Cycles

- ☑ Unlocked \$145 MM annually by better aligning dividend policy to market
- ☑ \$229 MM NRG-level debt repurchases completed year-to-date
- ☑ \$210 MM increase in 2016 net capital available for allocation through completion of MidWest Generation non-recourse financing
- □ \$1.3 Bn target allocation for corporate deleveraging / convertible preferred

3. Bring GreenCo Process to Conclusion with no change in 2016 Guidance

- ☑ Reintegrated Business Renewables; reinforces relationship with NRG Yield
- ☑ Concluded Home Solar strategic process: streamlining and simplifying to be a product offering of Retail; EBITDA and FCF breakeven by 2017
- ☑ Selling majority stake in EVgo; partner to develop platform; no NRG committed capital

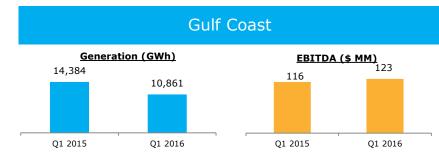


Q&A



Appendix: Operations

Q on Q Performance Drivers



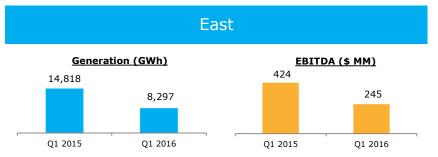
- \$7 MM higher Adjusted EBITDA due to:
- Higher capacity revenues

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- Lower supply costs to serve load contracts in South Central
- Favorable operating costs driven by reduced generation across the region
- Partially offset by lower energy margins in Texas from declining power prices and milder weather

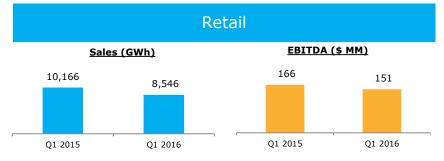


- \$63 MM higher Adjusted EBITDA due to:
 - Monetization of excess emission credits
- Lower operating costs on timing of outages



\$179 MM lower Adjusted EBITDA due to:

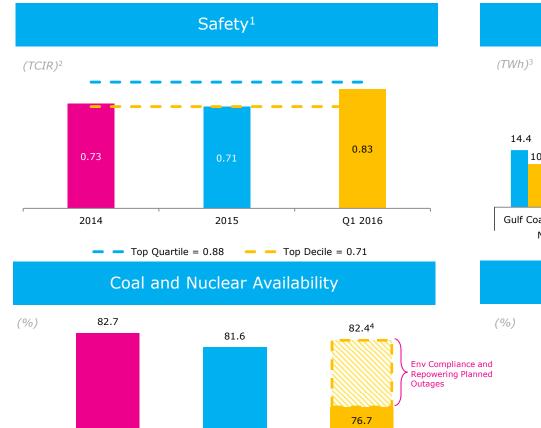
- Declining energy margins from milder weather and declines in gas prices
- Lower capacity revenues due to deactivations
- Partially offset by increased contract margins attributable to new load contracts



\$15 MM lower Adjusted EBITDA due to:

- Lower sales due to mild weather vs Q1 15
- Partially offset by lower supply costs and operating efficiencies
- Growth in customer count driven by strong customer retention, innovation, and customer experience

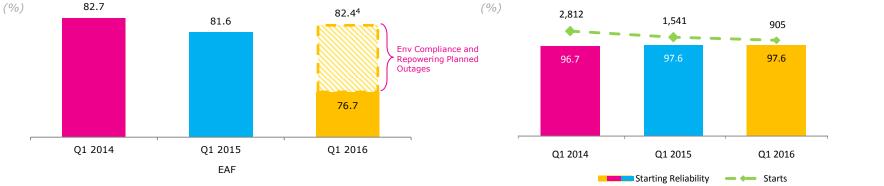
Generation / Business: Operational Metrics



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Production 32.8 23.7 14.8 10.9 8.3 2.2 2.6 1.0^{1.2} 0.4 0.7 Gulf Coast NRG Yield East West Renew NRG Total NRG Generation / Business Q1 2015 Q1 2016

Gas and Oil Starts and Reliability



Environmental Compliance and Repowering Planned Outages Resulted in Lower Availability

¹ Excludes Goal Zero, NRG Home Services and NRG Home Solar; top decile and top quartile based on Edison Electric Institute 2014 Total Company Survey results; ²TCIR = Total Case Incident Rate; ³ All NRG-owned domestic generation; excludes line losses, station service, and other items; generation data presented above consistent with US GAAP accounting; previous reports were pro-forma for acquisitions in prior periods; ⁴ assumes normalized operations from prior period, removing only the planned outages associated with Env Compliance and Repowering projects in 2016 at Powerton, Avon Lake, Joliet and New Castle

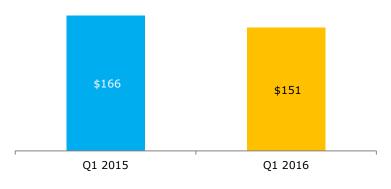


1st Quarter Highlights

- Adjusted EBITDA driven by lower supply cost and operating cost efficiencies
- 1Q16 weather was milder than 1Q15 and impacted usage and Adjusted EBITDA
- Growth in recurring customer count driven by strong customer retention, innovation and customer experience

Strong Adj. EBITDA, But Lower than 2015...

Adj. EBITDA (\$ millions)



Stable Customer Count¹

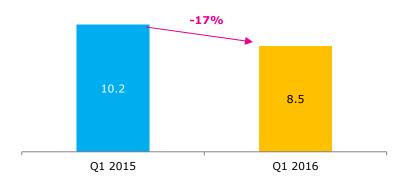
Customer Count (000s)



– – Customer count excluding Dominion East

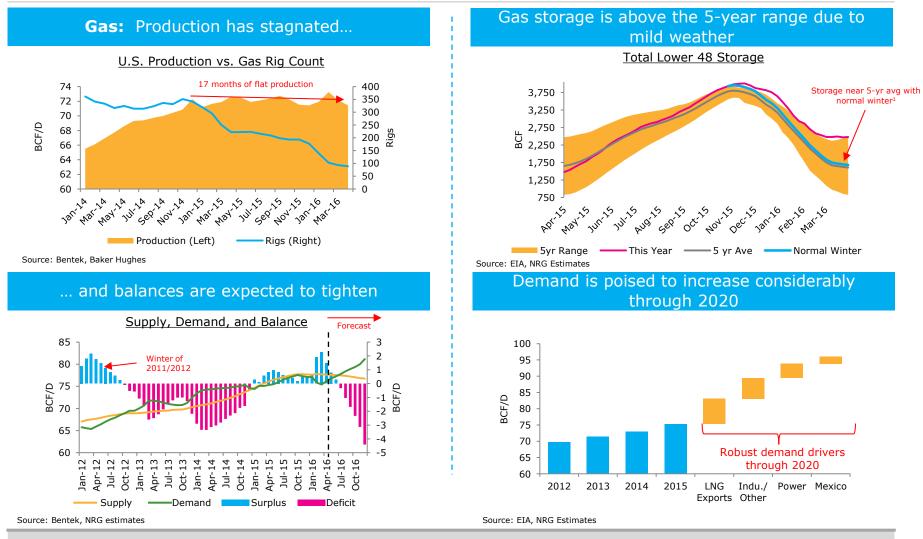
...Given Lower Load due to Weather





Retail Delivers Another Consecutive Strong Quarter



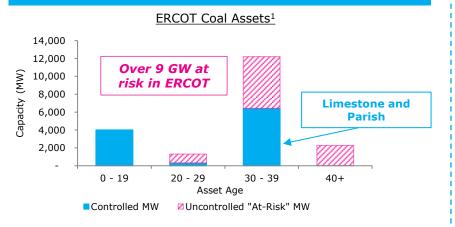


Mild Weather Masked Impact of Flat Gas Production

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ERCOT: Market tightening...



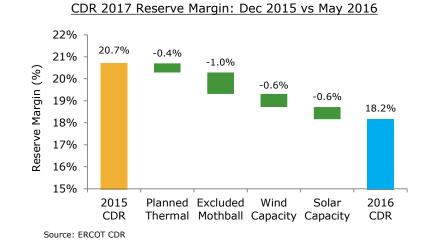
Assessment:

- New scrubbers pose a significant capital hurdle with costs expected to be in the \$400/kw to \$500/kW range
- Scrubber upgrades relatively small expense at ~\$100/kW
- > 1 Hour SO2 impact is yet to be determined, but may reinforce the need for scrubbers

New Scrubber Scrubbers Upgrade Coleto Creek 1 Sandow 4 Big Brown 1 Limestone 1 Big Brown 2 Limestone 2 Monticello 1 Monticello 3 Monticello 2 Martin Lake 1 Martin Lake 2 **Reauired due** Martin Lake 3 to 1Hr SO2

Regional Haze

ERCOT: Sooner than expected

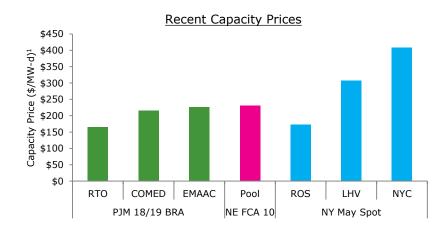


- 281 MW less planned thermal assets
 - Indeck Wharton (700 MW) delayed 2 years
 - New project Halyard Wharton (419 MW) added with 2017 COD (does not appear to be under construction, possible delay)
 - Pondera King (881 MW, 2018 COD) removed completely from the CDR likely due to HIP
- 670 MW mothballed assets excluded from reserve margin due to low probability of return
- 400 MW drop in wind capacity (1,200 nameplate), expect more delays or cancellations
- 380 MW lower solar due to ERCOT reduction of reserve margin contribution to 80%

ERCOT Fundamentals Tighten



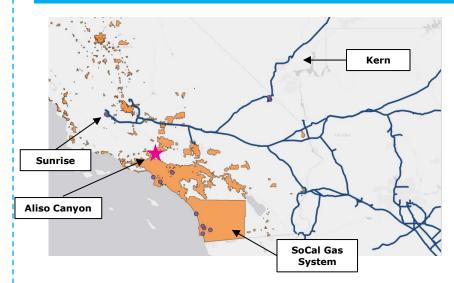
East: Capacity Remains Strong



Strong capacity pricing across markets:

- PJM CP auction coming up, results May 24; Analyst expectations ~\$140-\$160/MW-d; FE, AEP, and RICE NESHAP impact unclear
- NYISO recent strength exceeds market expectations
- ISO-NE FCA 10 showed continued resilience

West: Aliso Canyon Update



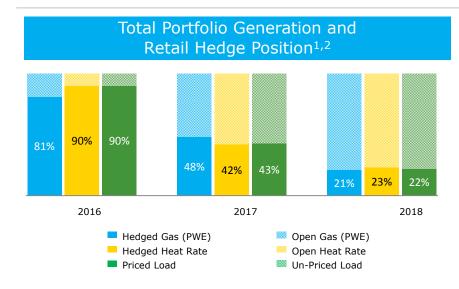
- Vast majority of NRG western revenues come from tolls, PPA's, and RA, not energy margin
- Our highest capacity factor merchant unit (Sunrise) is served by Kern River pipeline, not SoCal Gas
- We are working closely with the pipeline and ISO as the situation unfolds

Well-Positioned for Strong Northeast Capacity Clears; Limited Impact from Aliso Canyon

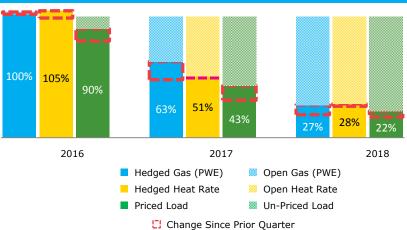
¹ PJM capacity prices represent capacity performance products for RTO , COMED, and EMAAC from 18/19 auction. NE capacity price represents payment rate for Rest-of-Pool from 19/20 auction. NY capacity prices represent ROS, LHV, and NYC from May 2016 spot auction .



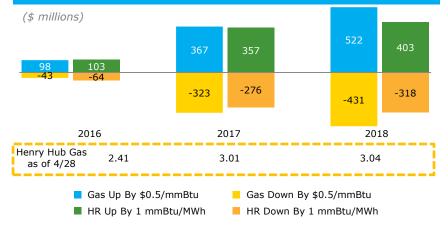
Managing Commodity Price Risk



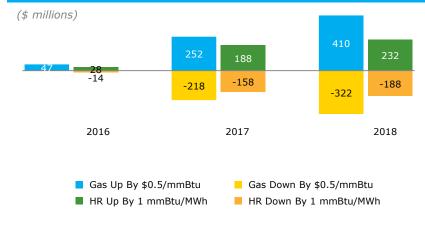
Coal and Nuclear Generation and Retail Hedge Position^{1,2,4}



Total Portfolio Sensitivity to Gas Price and Heat Rate^{1,3,5}



Coal and Nuclear Generation Sensitivity to Gas Price and Heat Rate^{1,3}



¹ Portfolio as of 04/28/2016; ² Retail priced load includes term load, Hedged month-to-month load, and Indexed load; ³ Price sensitivity reflects gross margin change from \$0.5/MMBtu gas price, 1 mmBtu/MWh heat rate move; ⁴ Coal hedge ratios are 100%, 55%,16% for 2016,2017,2018 respectively; ⁵ Total Portfolio includes wholesale merchant assets and related hedges

Hedge Disclosure: Coal and Nuclear Operations

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| Coal & Nuclear Portfolio 1 | Texas and South Central | | | EAST | | | GENON ⁷ | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| - | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Net Coal and Nuclear Capacity (MW) ² | 6,290 | 6,290 | 6,290 | 7,848 | 7,472 | 7,472 | 4,280 | 4,198 | 4,198 |
| Forecasted Coal and Nuclear Capacity (MW) ³ | 4,526 | 4,694 | 4,484 | 4,273 | 3,955 | 3,085 | 2,569 | 2,438 | 1,945 |
| Total Coal and Nuclear Sales (GWh) ⁴ | 29,912 | 29,162 | 13,841 | 21,597 | 18,405 | 3,889 | 10,208 | 9,873 | 2,076 |
| Percentage Coal and Nuclear Capacity Sold Forward ⁵ | 112% | 71% | 35% | 86% | 53% | 14% | 68% | 46% | 12% |
| Total Forward Hedged Revenues 6 | \$1,262 | \$1,036 | \$572 | \$893 | \$759 | \$136 | \$482 | \$441 | \$75 |
| Weighted Average Hedged Price (\$ per MWh) ⁶ | \$42.19 | \$35.54 | \$41.30 | \$41.37 | \$41.22 | \$34.94 | \$47.22 | \$44.62 | \$35.90 |
| Average Equivalent Natural Gas Price (\$ per MMBtu) ⁶ | \$3.34 | \$3.52 | \$4.04 | \$3.01 | \$3.27 | \$3.15 | \$3.17 | \$3.43 | \$3.23 |
| Gas Price Sensitivity Up \$0.50/MMBtu on Coal and Nuclear Units | (\$19) | \$74 | \$168 | \$65 | \$178 | \$242 | \$59 | \$109 | \$146 |
| Gas Price Sensitivity Down \$0.50/MMBtu on Coal and Nuclear Units | \$36 | (\$79) | (\$143) | (\$34) | (\$138) | (\$179) | (\$40) | (\$85) | (\$107) |
| Heat Rate Sensitivity Up 1 MMBtu/MWh on Coal and Nuclear Units | (\$1) | \$93 | \$103 | \$29 | \$96 | \$129 | \$24 | \$49 | \$70 |
| Heat Rate Sensitivity Down 1 MMBtu/MWh on Coal and Nuclear Units | \$10 | (\$80) | (\$88) | (\$23) | (\$78) | (\$100) | (\$21) | (\$40) | (\$53) |

¹ Portfolio as of 04/28/2016

Gross Margin Sensitivities

² Net Coal and Nuclear capacity represents nominal summer net MW capacity of power generated as adjusted for the Company's ownership position excluding capacity from inactive/mothballed units

³ Forecasted generation dispatch output (MWh) based on forward price curves as of 04/28/2016, which is then divided by number of hours in a given year to arrive at MW capacity; The dispatch takes into account planned and unplanned outage assumptions

⁴ Includes amounts under power sales contracts and natural gas hedges; The forward natural gas quantities are reflected in equivalent GWh based on forward market implied heat rate as of 04/28/2016, and then combined with power sales to arrive at equivalent GWh hedged; The Coal and Nuclear Sales include swaps and delta of options sold which is subject to change; Actual value of options will include the impact of non-linear factors; For detailed information on the Company's hedging methodology through use of derivative instruments, see discussion in 2015 10K Item 15 - Note 5, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, to the Consolidated Financial Statements; Includes inter-segment sales from the Company's wholesale power generation business to the Retail Business

⁵ Percentage hedged is based on Total Coal and Nuclear sales as described above (⁴) divided by the forecasted Coal and Nuclear Capacity (³)

⁶ Represents all coal and nuclear sales, including energy revenue and demand charges.

⁷ GenOn disclosure not additive to other regions



| Forward Prices ¹ | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Annual Average for 2016 - 2018 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| NG Henry Hub (\$/MMbtu) | \$2.41 | \$3.01 | \$3.04 | \$2.82 |
| PRB 8800 (\$/ton) | \$9.22 | \$9.95 | \$10.59 | \$9.92 |
| NAPP MG2938 (\$/ton) | \$32.91 | \$35.56 | \$37.80 | \$35.42 |
| ERCOT Houston Onpeak (\$/MWh) | \$34.38 | \$37.56 | \$38.16 | \$36.70 |
| ERCOT Houston Offpeak (\$/MWh) | \$19.65 | \$22.86 | \$22.92 | \$21.81 |
| PJM West Onpeak (\$/MWh) | \$38.60 | \$42.11 | \$40.40 | \$40.37 |
| PJM West Offpeak (\$/MWh) | \$25.43 | \$29.17 | \$28.12 | \$27.57 |



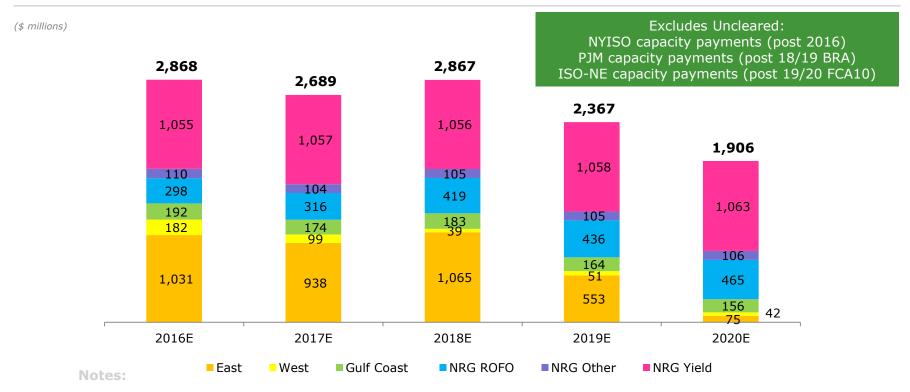
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|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Domestic ¹ | 2016 | 2015 |
| Coal Consumed (mm tons) | 5.5 | 11.5 |
| PRB Blend | 62% | 72% |
| East | 55% | 61% |
| Gulf Coast | 71% | 84% |
| Bituminous | 20% | 16% |
| East | 36% | 31% |
| Lignite & Other | 18% | 12% |
| East | 9% | 8% |
| Gulf Coast | 29% | 16% |
| Cost of Coal (\$/ton) | \$ 42.44 | \$ 43.05 |
| Cost of Coal (\$/MMBtu) | \$ 2.35 | \$ 2.41 |
| | | |
| Cost of Gas (\$/MMBtu) | \$ 2.18 | \$ 4.33 |

nrg^{*} 1Q 2016 Generation & Operational Performance Metrics

| | 2016 | 2015 | | _ | 20 | 16 | 20 | 15 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (MWh 000's) | Generation ¹ | Generation ¹ | MWh Change | % Change | EAF ² | NCF ³ | EAF ² | NCF ³ |
| Gulf Coast – Texas | 6,566 | 9,622 | (3,056) | (32%) | 87% | 28% | 88% | 42% |
| Gulf Coast - South Central | 4,295 | 4,762 | (467) | (10%) | 90% | 47% | 81% | 52% |
| East | 8,297 | 14,818 | (6,521) | (44%) | 83% | 16% | 83% | 27% |
| West | 724 | 426 | 298 | 70% | 76% | 6% | 71% | 3% |
| Renewables | 1,218 | 996 | 222 | 22% | 95% | 38% | 97% | 33% |
| NRG Yield ⁴ | 2,555 | 2,154 | 400 | 19% | 94% | 21% | 90% | 16% |
| Total | 23,655 | 32,778 | (9,124) | (28%) | 85% | 21% | 83% | 29% |
| Gulf Coast – Texas Nuclear | 2,502 | 2,499 | 3 | 0% | 98% | 97% | 98% | 98% |
| Gulf Coast - Texas Coal | 3,098 | 5,914 | (2,816) | (48%) | 81% | 34% | 83% | 65% |
| Gulf Coast – South Central Coal | 420 | 2,042 | (1,622) | (79%) | 88% | 21% | 72% | 63% |
| East Coal | 6,625 | 12,430 | (5,805) | (47%) | 71% | 31% | 80% | 52% |
| Baseload | 12,645 | 22,886 | (10,241) | (45%) | 77% | 36% | 82% | 59% |
| Renewables Solar | 508 | 425 | 83 | 19% | 91% | 30% | 97% | 30% |
| Renewables Wind | 710 | 570 | 140 | 25% | 97% | 41% | 97% | 35% |
| NRG Yield Solar | 118 | 115 | 3 | 3% | 99% | 26% | 99% | 26% |
| NRG Yield Wind | 1,532 | 1,059 | 473 | 45% | 100% | 34% | 96% | 25% |
| Intermittent | 2,868 | 2,170 | 698 | 32% | 98% | 35% | 97 % | 27% |
| East Oil | 244 | 490 | (246) | (50%) | 96% | 2% | 90% | 3% |
| Gulf Coast - Texas Gas | 966 | 1,209 | (243) | (20%) | 89% | 8% | 90% | 11% |
| Gulf Coast – South Central Gas | 3,875 | 2,720 | 1,156 | 42% | 91% | 54% | 85% | 46% |
| East Gas | 1,428 | 1,898 | (470) | (25%) | 86% | 10% | 78% | 13% |
| West Gas | 724 | 426 | 298 | 70% | 76% | 6% | 71% | 3% |
| NRG Yield Conventional | 261 | 320 | (59) | (18%) | 87% | 6% | 82% | 8% |
| NRG Yield Thermal ⁴ | 644 | 660 | (16) | (2%) | 96% | 33% | 95% | 15% |
| Intermediate / Peaking | 8,142 | 7,723 | 419 | 5% | 87% | 11% | 82% | 11% |

¹ Excludes line losses, station service and other items; ² EAF – Equivalent Availability Factor; ³ NCF – Net Capacity Factor; ⁴ Includes MWh (thermal heating & chilled water generation); NCF not inclusive of MWht

Fixed Contracted and Capacity Revenue



- ✤ East includes cleared capacity auction for PJM through May 2019, New England ISO through Forward Capacity Auction 10 (FCA10) through May 2020; NY on rolling forward basis (including executed bilateral contracts).
- + West includes committed Resource Adequacy contracts & tolling agreements.
- Gulf Coast region includes South Central capacity sold into PJM/MISO auctions and Co-Op contracted revenues. Co-Op contracted revenues are also incorporated in the regional hedge table.
- NRG ROFO includes all wind, solar and conventional assets which are part of ROFO agreement including projects under construction (Carlsbad and Puente).
- + NRG Other includes renewable assets which are not part of ROFO.

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✤ NRG Yield includes contracted capacity, contracted energy and contracted steam revenues.



Appendix: Finance

Growth Investments

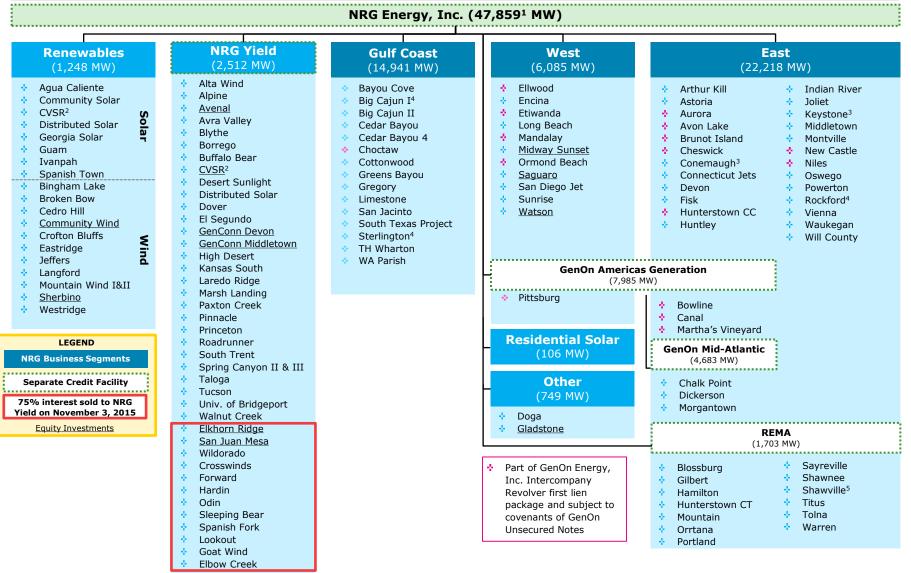
| (\$ millions) | Maintenance | | Environmental | | Growth Investments | | Total | |
|---|-------------|-----|---------------|----|-----------------------|------|-------|------|
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Generation | | | | | | | | |
| Gulf Coast | \$ | 33 | | 3 | | 1 | \$ | 37 |
| East | | 37 | | 74 | | 38 | | 149 |
| West | | 1 | | - | | 8 | | 9 |
| B2B | | 3 | | - | | - | | 3 |
| Retail Mass | | 4 | | - | | - | | 4 |
| Renewables | | 6 | | - | | 22 | | 28 |
| NRG Yield | | 6 | | - | | 1 | | 7 |
| Corporate | | 10 | | - | | 32 | | 42 |
| Total Cash Capital Expenditures | \$ | 100 | \$ | 77 | \$ | 102 | \$ | 279 |
| Other Investments ¹ | | - | | - | | 20 | | 20 |
| Project Funding, net of fees ² | | (9) | | - | | (66) | | (75) |
| Total Capital Expenditures and Growth Investments, net | \$ | 91 | \$ | 77 | \$ | 56 | \$ | 224 |

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nrg^{*} · Projected Capex, Net of Financing

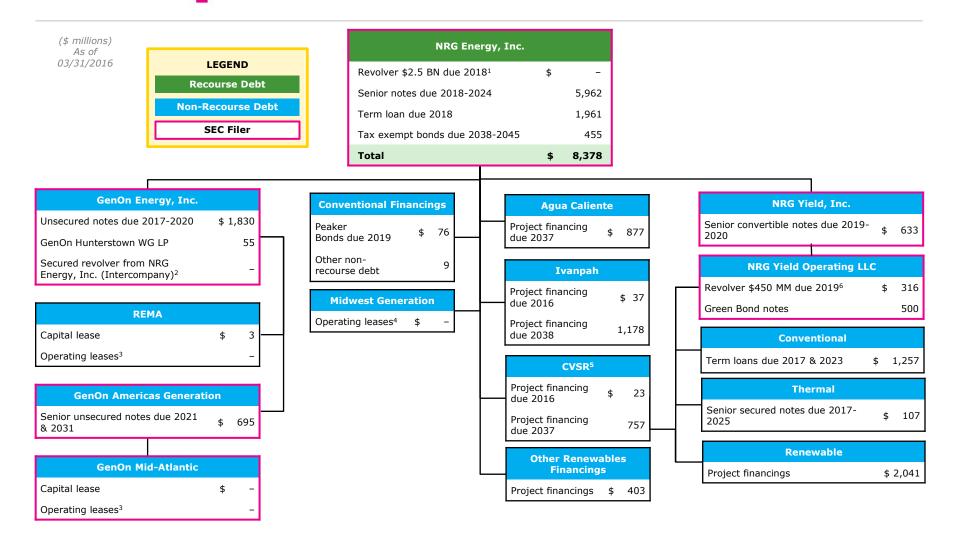
| (\$ millions) | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Growth ¹ | 309 | 205 | 165 |
| NRG Level | Environmental | 242 | 6 | 9 |
| | Maintenance | 275 | 198 | 215 |
| | Growth Investments and Conversions | 120 | 6 | 4 |
| GenOn | Environmental | 62 | - | - |
| | Maintenance | 152 | 94 | 82 |
| | Growth | 7 | 2 | - |
| Other ² | Environmental | - | - | - |
| | Maintenance | 33 | 39 | 27 |
| | Total Capex: | \$1,200 | \$550 | \$502 |

Generation Organizational Structure



¹ Capacity controlled by NRG as of 03/31/2016 ² NRG Yield owns 48.95% interest in CVSR; Remaining 51.05% interest is included in Renewables ³ NRG and GenOn jointly own/lease portions of these plants; GenOn portion is subject to REMA liens ⁴ Included as part of Peaker Finance Co ⁵ Mothballed on 05/31/15 to add natural gas capabilities, expected to return in Summer 2016

Consolidated Debt Structure



Note: Debt balances exclude discounts and premiums

¹ \$1,174 MM LC's issued and \$1,337 MM Revolver available at NRG

² \$276 MM of LC's were issued and \$224 MM of the Intercompany Revolver was available at GenOn

³ The present value of lease payments (10% discount rate) for GenOn Mid-Atlantic operating lease is \$688 MM, and the present value of lease payments (9.4% discount rate) for REMA operating lease is \$370 MM

⁴ The present value of lease payments (9.1% discount rate) for Midwest Generation operating lease is \$82 MM; this lease is guaranteed by NRG Energy, Inc.

⁵ NRG Yield owns 48.95% of CVSR

6 \$60 MM of LC's were issued and \$119 MM of the Revolver was available at NYLD



Schedule of Debt Maturities

| \$ in millions as of March 31, 2016 | | NRG | Nonrecourse t | o NRG | |
|---|---------------|----------|---------------|-------|--|
| Issuance | Maturity Year | Recourse | GenOn Y | | |
| 7.875% GenOn Senior Notes | 2017 | \$ - | \$ 691 \$ | - | |
| NRG Term Loan | 2018 | 1,961 | - | - | |
| 7.625% NRG Senior Notes | 2018 | 958 | - | - | |
| 9.50% GenOn Senior Notes | 2018 | - | 650 | - | |
| | 2018 Total | 2,919 | 650 | - | |
| 3.5% NRG Yield, Inc. Convertible Notes | 2019 | - | - | 345 | |
| 8.25% NRG Senior Notes | 2020 | 1,058 | - | - | |
| 9.875% GenOn Senior Notes | 2020 | - | 489 | - | |
| 3.25% NRG Yield, Inc. Convertible Notes | 2020 | - | - | 288 | |
| | 2020 Total | 1,058 | 489 | 288 | |
| 7.875% NRG Senior Notes | 2021 | 1,128 | - | - | |
| 8.50% GenOn Americas Generation Senior Notes | 2021 | - | 366 | - | |
| | 2021 Total | 1,128 | 366 | - | |
| 4.750% Tax Exempt Bonds due 2022 | 2022 | 54 | - | - | |
| 6.25% NRG Senior Notes | 2022 | 1,060 | - | - | |
| | 2022 Total | 1,114 | - | - | |
| 6.625% NRG Senior Notes | 2023 | 910 | - | - | |
| 6.25% NRG Senior Notes | 2024 | 848 | - | - | |
| 5.375% Yield Operating LLC Senior Notes | 2024 | - | | 500 | |
| | 2024 Total | 848 | - | 500 | |
| 9.125% GenOn Americas Generation Senior Notes | 2031 | - | 329 | - | |
| 6.0% Tax Exempt Bonds | 2040 | 57 | - | - | |
| 4.750% Tax Exempt Bonds | 2042 | 22 | - | - | |
| 4.750% Tax Exempt Bonds | 2042 | 73 | - | - | |
| 5.875% Tax Exempt Bonds | 2042 | 59 | - | - | |
| | 2042 Total | 154 | - | - | |
| 5.375% Tax Exempt Bonds | 2045 | 190 | - | - | |
| Yield Operating LLC Revolver | Various | - | - | 316 | |
| | Subtotal | 8,378 | 2,525 | 1,449 | |
| Non-Recourse Project Debt and Capital Leases ¹ | Various | | 58 | 3,405 | |
| | Total Debt | | \$ 2,583 \$ | 4,854 | |

Note: Debt balances exclude discounts and premiums

¹ Includes project-level debt and capital leases that are non-recourse to NRG, GenOn and Yield



Recourse / Non-Recourse Debt

| (\$ millions) | 03/ | 03/31/2016 | | 12/31/2015 | | 09/30/2015 | | 06/30/2015 | |
|---|-----|------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|------------|--|
| Recourse Debt | | | | | | | | | |
| Term Loan Facility | \$ | 1,961 | \$ | 1,966 | \$ | 1,971 | \$ | 1,976 | |
| Senior Notes | | 5,962 | | 6,165 | | 6,411 | | 6,411 | |
| Tax Exempt Bonds | | 455 | | 455 | | 451 | | 434 | |
| Recourse Debt Subtotal | \$ | 8,378 | \$ | 8,586 | \$ | 8,833 | \$ | 8,821 | |
| Non-Recourse Debt | | | | | | | | | |
| Total NRG Yield ¹ | \$ | 4,854 | \$ | 4,898 | \$ | 4,547 | \$ | 4,784 | |
| GenOn Senior Notes | | 1,830 | | 1,830 | | 1,949 | | 1,949 | |
| GenOn Americas Generation Notes | | 695 | | 695 | | 850 | | 850 | |
| GenOn Other (including Capital Leases) | | 58 | | 59 | | 60 | | 63 | |
| Renewables ² | | 3,275 | | 3,343 | | 3,525 | | 3,527 | |
| Conventional | | 85 | | 85 | | 116 | | 116 | |
| Non-Recourse Debt and Capital Lease Subtotal | \$ | 10,797 | \$ | 10,910 | \$ | 11,047 | \$ | 11,289 | |

| Total Debt | \$ 19,175 | \$ 19,496 | \$ 19,880 | \$ 20,110 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Note: Debt balances exclude discounts and premiums

¹ Includes convertible notes and project financings, including \$189 MM related to Viento - NRG owns 25% of the project; excludes proportionate CVSR debt

² Includes 100% of CVSR project debt in Solar (Non-NRG Yield); NRG Yield owns 48.95% of the project



Cost Savings Map for Slide 8

| \$ Billions | 2015A | Source: NRG 2015 10K |
|---|--------|----------------------|
| Operations and Maintenance | \$2.31 | Page 66 |
| Other Cost of Operations | .47 | Page 66 |
| Total Operations & Maintenance | 2.78 | |
| Less: Plant sales | (0.02) | |
| Adjusted Operations & Maintenance | \$2.76 | |
| | | |
| Selling, general and administrative expense | \$1.22 | Page 66 |
| Development costs | 0.15 | Page 66 |
| Total SG&A and Development | \$1.37 | |



Appendix: Reg. G Schedules

Reg. G: 1Q 2016 Free Cash Flow before Growth

| (\$ millions) | 3/3 | 1/2016 |
|---|-----|--------|
| Adjusted EBITDAR | \$ | 845 |
| Less: GenOn & EME operating lease expense | | (33) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ | 812 |
| Interest payments | | (243) |
| Income tax | | - |
| Collateral / working capital / other | | (15) |
| Cash Flow from Operations | \$ | 554 |
| Reclassifying of net receipts (payments) for settlement of acquired derivatives that include financing elements | | 39 |
| Merger, integration and cost-to-achieve expenses 1 | | 19 |
| Return of capital from equity investments ² | | 5 |
| Collateral | | (156) |
| Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations | \$ | 461 |
| Maintenance capital expenditures, net | | (91) |
| Environmental capital expenditures, net | | (77) |
| Preferred dividends | | (2) |
| Distributions to non-controlling interests | | (42) |
| Consolidated Free Cash Flow before Growth | \$ | 249 |
| Less: FCFbG at Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries ³ | | (233) |
| NRG-Level Free Cash Flow before Growth | \$ | 16 |

¹ Cost-to-achieve expenses associated with the \$150MM savings announced on September 2015 call

² Represents cash distributions to NRG from equity investments

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³ Reflects impact from GenOn, NRG Yield, and other excluded project subsidiaries



Appendix Table A-1: 2016 Guidance

The following table summarizes the calculation of Free Cash Flow before Growth and provides a reconciliation to Adjusted EBITDA

| (\$ millions) | 2016 |
|---|-------------------|
| | Guidance |
| Generation and Renewables | \$1,545 - 1,670 |
| Retail Mass | 650 – 725 |
| NRG Yield | 805 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$3,000 - \$3,200 |
| Interest payments | (1,090) |
| Income tax | (40) |
| Working capital / other ¹ | 75 |
| Cash Flow from Operations | \$1,945 - \$2,145 |
| Maintenance capital expenditures, net | (435) - (465) |
| Environmental capital expenditures, net | (285) - (315) |
| Preferred dividends | (10) |
| Distributions to non-controlling interests ² | (195) – (205) |
| Consolidated Free Cash Flow before Growth | \$1,000 - \$1,200 |
| Less: FCFbG at Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries ³ | (250) |
| NRG-Level Free Cash Flow before Growth | \$750 - \$950 |

¹ Primary drivers include tax receipts associated with Capistrano of \$45 MM and reduction in fuel inventory of \$30 MM

² Includes estimated Yield distributions to public shareholders of \$93 MM, Capistrano and Solar distributions to non-controlling interests of \$70 MM and \$35 MM, respectively, and preferred dividends of \$10 MM

³ Reflects impact from GenOn, NRG Yield, and other excluded project subsidiaries



Appendix Table A-2: First Quarter 2016 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation by Operating Segment

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income/(loss)

| (\$ millions) | Retail Mass | Generation/ Business | Renewables | NRG Yield | Corporate | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Net income /(loss) | 146 | 159 | (45) | 2 | (215) | 47 |
| Plus: | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | - | 10 | 33 | 68 | 170 | 281 |
| Income tax | - | 1 | (6) | - | 26 | 21 |
| Gain on debt extinguishment | - | - | - | - | (11) | (11) |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 28 | 155 | 57 | 67 | 16 | 323 |
| Amortization of contracts | 1 | (15) | - | 23 | (1) | 8 |
| EBITDA | 175 | 310 | 39 | 160 | (15) | 669 |
| Adjustment to reflect NRG share of adjusted EBITDA in unconsolidated affiliates | - | 7 | (3) | 28 | 1 | 33 |
| Integration & transaction costs | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Reorganization costs | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 10 |
| Deactivation costs | - | 7 | - | - | - | 7 |
| Gain on sale of business | - | (29) | - | - | - | (29) |
| Impairments | - | 138 | 5 | - | 12 | 155 |
| Mark to Market (MtM) gains on economic hedges | (29) | (5) | (1) | - | - | (35) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 151 | 429 | 42 | 188 | 2 | 812 |



Appendix Table A-3: First Quarter 2015 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation by Operating Segment

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income/(loss)

| (\$ millions) | Retail Mass | Generation / Business | Renewables | NRG Yield | Corporate | Total |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Net income/(loss) | 104 | 29 | (51) | (20) | (198) | (136) |
| Plus: | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | - | 18 | 28 | 73 | 179 | 298 |
| Income tax | - | - | (6) | (4) | (63) | (73) |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 30 | 240 | 52 | 67 | 12 | 401 |
| Amortization of contracts | - | (12) | (1) | 11 | 2 | - |
| EBITDA | 134 | 275 | 22 | 127 | (68) | 490 |
| Adjustment to reflect NRG share of adjusted EBITDA in unconsolidated affiliates | - | 4 | - | 12 | 3 | 19 |
| Integration & transaction costs, gain on sale | - | - | - | - | 10 | 10 |
| Deactivation costs | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Residential Solar EBITDA | - | - | - | - | 40 | 40 |
| Mark to Market (MtM) losses/(gains) on economic hedges | 32 | 253 | - | (7) | - | 278 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 166 | 535 | 22 | 132 | (15) | 840 |



Appendix Table A-4: First Quarter 2016 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for Generation / Business

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income/(loss)

| (\$ millions) | East | Gulf Coast | West | B2B | Carbon 360 | Total |
|---|------|------------|------|-----|------------|-------|
| Net income/(loss) | 246 | 18 | 32 | 5 | (142) | 159 |
| Plus: | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | 10 | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Income tax | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 57 | 78 | 16 | 4 | - | 155 |
| Amortization of contracts | (17) | - | 1 | 1 | - | (15) |
| EBITDA | 296 | 96 | 49 | 11 | (142) | 310 |
| Adjustment to reflect NRG share of adjusted EBITDA in unconsolidated affiliates | - | - | 3 | - | 4 | 7 |
| Reorganization costs | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Deactivation costs | 7 | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Gain on sale of assets | (29) | - | - | - | - | (29) |
| Impairments | 1 | - | - | - | 137 | 138 |
| Mark to Market (MtM) (gains)/losses on economic hedges | (30) | 26 | 3 | (4) | - | (5) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 245 | 123 | 55 | 7 | (1) | 429 |



Appendix Table A-5: First Quarter 2015 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for Generation / Business The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income/(loss)

| (\$ millions) | East | Gulf Coast | West | B2B | Carbon 360 | Total |
|--|------|------------|------|------|------------|-------|
| Net income /(loss) | 88 | 35 | (24) | (64) | (6) | 29 |
| Plus: | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | 18 | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 77 | 145 | 16 | 2 | - | 240 |
| Amortization of contracts | (14) | 2 | (1) | 1 | - | (12) |
| EBITDA | 169 | 182 | (9) | (61) | (6) | 275 |
| Adjustment to reflect NRG share of adjusted EBITDA in unconsolidated affiliates | - | (1) | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Deactivation Costs | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Mark to Market (MtM) losses/(gains) on economic hedges | 253 | (65) | (1) | 66 | - | 253 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 424 | 116 | (8) | 6 | (3) | 535 |



Appendix Table A-6: Expected Full Year 2016 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for GenOn Energy, Inc.

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net loss

| (\$ millions) | 2016 |
|--|-------|
| Net loss | (117) |
| Plus: | |
| Interest expense, net | 178 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 219 |
| Amortization of contracts | (39) |
| EBITDA | 241 |
| Deactivation costs | 5 |
| Mark to market (MtM) losses on economic hedges | 89 |
| Plus: Operating lease expense | 111 |
| Adjusted EBITDAR | 446 |
| Less: Operating lease expense | (111) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 335 |



Appendix Table A-7: Expected Full Year 2016 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for ROFO / Other¹

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net loss

| (\$ millions) | 2016 |
|--|------|
| Net loss | (17) |
| Plus: | |
| Interest expense, net | 109 |
| Income tax | 13 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 236 |
| Amortization of contracts | (8) |
| EBITDA | 333 |
| Adjustment to reflect NRG share of adjusted EBITDA in unconsolidated affiliates | (23) |
| Mark to market (MtM) losses on economic hedges | (5) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 305 |



Appendix Table A-8: Full Year 2012 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

| (\$ millions) | 2012 |
|--|-------|
| Net Income | 315 |
| Plus: | |
| Interest expense, net | 652 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | 51 |
| Income tax | (327) |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 960 |
| Amortization of contracts | 136 |
| EBITDA | 1,787 |
| Adjustment to reflect NRG share of adjusted EBITDA in unconsolidated affiliates | 55 |
| Merger and transaction costs | 112 |
| Deactivation costs | 3 |
| Bargain purchase gain | (296) |
| Asset write off and impairment | 22 |
| Legal settlement | 34 |
| Mark to market (MtM) losses on economic hedges | 268 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 1,985 |



Appendix Table A-9: Full Year 2015 and Expected 2016 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for residential solar

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net loss

| (\$ millions) | 2015 | 2016E |
|---|-------|-------|
| Net Loss | (324) | (119) |
| Plus: | | |
| Interest expense, net | 3 | 3 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and ARO expense | 24 | 36 |
| Cost-to-achieve | - | 20 |
| EBITDA | (297) | (60) |
| Integration & transaction costs, gain on sale | (8) | - |
| Asset write off and impairment | 132 | - |
| Adjusted EBITDA | (173) | (60) |



Appendix Table A-10: Expected Full Year 2016 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for NRG Yield

The following table summarizes the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to Income Before Income Taxes

| (\$ millions) | 2016 |
|---|------|
| Income Before Income Taxes | 275 |
| Plus: | |
| Interest expense, net | 270 |
| Depreciation, amortization, Contract Amortization and ARO expense | 260 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 805 |

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- EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP 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 (including loss on debt extinguishment), 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 or cash income tax payments;
 - 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. See the statements of cash flow included in the financial statements that are a part of this news release.
- Adjusted EBITDA is presented as a further supplemental measure of operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA adjusted for mark-to-market gains or losses, asset write offs and impairments; and 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 cash flow from operating activities is a non-GAAP measure NRG provides to show cash from operations with the reclassification of net payments of derivative contracts acquired in business combinations from financing to operating cash flow, as well as the add back of merger and integration related costs. 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. The Company adds back merger and integration related costs as they are one time and unique in nature and do not reflect ongoing cash from operations and they are fully disclosed to investors.
- Free cash flow (before growth investments) is adjusted cash flow from operations less maintenance and environmental capital expenditures, net of funding, and preferred stock dividends 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 free cash flow before growth investments as a measure of cash available for discretionary expenditures.
- Cash available for distribution is adjusted EBITDA plus cash dividends from unconsolidated affiliates, less maintenance capital expenditures, pro-rata
 adjusted EBITDA from unconsolidated affiliates, cash interest paid, income taxes paid, principal amortization of indebtedness and changes in others assets.
 Management believes cash available for distribution is a relevant supplemental measure of the Company's ability to earn and distribute cash returns to
 investors.