

#### Utility Perspective on Future of Water Cooled Reactors

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#### **Overview**

- ✓ Existing US Nuclear Fleet
- ✓ Existing Exelon Nuclear Fleet
- ✓ Nuclear Renaissance US
- ✓ Licensing Process US
- ✓ SMART Design/Construction



# **Existing US Nuclear Fleet**

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#### **Location of Existing US Nuclear Fleet**





#### **US Existing Nuclear Fleet**

- ✓ Nuclear energy provides almost 20 percent of the United States' electricity and is its No. 1 source of emission-free electricity.
- ✓ **Percent of worldwide electricity:** 14% or 2,601 billion kilowatt-hours (bkWh) in 2008.
- ✓ Number of operating reactors: 104
  - (35 boiling water reactors, 69 pressurized water reactors)
- 14 BWR plants have one reactor; nine have two reactors; one has three reactors
- ✓ 15 PWR plants have one reactor; 24 have two reactors; two have three reactors
- ✓ **Companies licensed to operate nuclear reactors:** 32
- ✓ Number of states with operating reactors : 31
- ✓ Longest Operating Period Between Refueling: LaSalle 1 (Illinois); 739 days; February 2006



## **Existing Fleet Performance Data Analysis**

- Performance benchmarking data parameters (Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) Index):
  - Industrial Safety Accident Rate (ISAR)
  - Collective Radiation Exposure (CRE)
  - Total Scrams
  - Composite Safety System Performance Unavailability Indicator (SSPI)
  - Capacity Factor
  - Forced Loss Rate (FLR)
  - Refueling Outage Duration
  - Refueling Outage Cost
  - Production Cost (\$/MWh)
  - Total Generating Cost (\$/MWh)
  - Total Staffing



## **Existing Fleet Performance Data Analysis**

## ✓ Industry Indicators:

- INPO Index trending upward for the past 10 years
- FLR dropped from 3.4% in 1998 to 1.3% through 1Q07
- Since 1998, BWR and PWR Collective Radiation Exposure (CRE) decreased by about 30%
- Industrial Safety Accident Rate (ISAR) has steadily improved
- Automatic scrams remained relative unchanged
- Fuel reliability trending negatively



## **Existing Exelon Nuclear Fleet**

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#### **Exelon - Background**

#### $\checkmark$ One of the largest electric utilities in the U.S.

- Distributes
  - Electricity to approximately 5.2 million customers primarily in Illinois and Pennsylvania
  - Gas to 480,000 customers primarily in the Philadelphia area
- ✓ Generation subsidiary
  - One of the largest electricity generation portfolios in the U.S., with a nationwide reach and strong positions in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic
    - Operates the largest nuclear fleet in the U.S.
      - o Third largest commercial nuclear fleet in the world
        - 17 nuclear generating units Industry performance leader



#### Who we are... Multi-Regional Generation Company



17 nuclear units at 10 sites in 3 states 16,856 MW capacity owned – the largest nuclear fleet in the US; 3<sup>rd</sup> largest nuclear fleet worldwide



#### **Exelon Nuclear Fleet Overview**

Plant, Location	Units	Туре	Vendor	Net Annual Mean Rating MW 2008	License Expiration / Status	Ownership
Braidwood, IL	2	PWR	W	1178, 1152	2026, 2027	100%
Byron, IL	2	PWR	W	1164, 1136	2024, 2026	100%
Clinton, IL	1	BWR	GE	1043	2026	100%
Dresden, IL	2	BWR	GE	867, 867	Renewed: 2029, 2031	100%
LaSalle, IL	2	BWR	GE	1118, 1120	2022, 2023	100%
Limerick, PA	2	BWR	GE	1134, 1134	2024, 2029	100%
Oyster Creek, NJ	1	BWR	GE	619	2009; renewal filed 2005	100%
Peach Bottom, PA	2	BWR	GE	1112, 1112	Renewed: 2033, 2034	50% Exelon, 50% PSEG
Quad Cities, IL	2	BWR	GE	867, 867	Renewed: 2032	75% Exelon, 25% Mid- American Holdings
TMI-1, PA	1	PWR	B&W	786	2014; renewal filed 2008	100%
Salem, NJ	2	PWR	W	1174, 1130	2016, 2020	42.6% Exelon, 56.4 % PSEG



#### World Class Nuclear Operations – General

- ✓ Premier U.S. nuclear fleet
  - Best fleet capacity factor ~ 94%
  - Lowest fleet production costs ~ \$15/MWh
  - Fleet average refueling outage durations (17-24 days)
  - Strong reputation for performance





#### World Class Nuclear Operations – Refueling Outage Duration (Cont'd)

#### 13 Day 17hr BWR Outage Template for Excellence

Reactor Moderator Temp <200 Start fuel shuffle #1 Finish Fuel shuffle #1 Finish IVVI inspections Start Fuel Shuffle #2 Finish Core Verification RPV Pipe Tight RPV Pressure < 50 psig Mode Switch to Startup Breaker Closed





### **World Class Nuclear Operations**

#### ✓ Summer 2008 Performance

•	Fleet capacity factor	98.6%
•	Clinton capacity factor	100%
•	Quad Cities capacity factor	99.7%
•	Byron capacity factor	99.5%
•	Dresden capacity factor	99.5%
•	Braidwood capacity factor	98.8%
•	TMI capacity factor	98.6%
•	LaSalle capacity factor	98.3%
•	Limerick capacity factor	98.1%
•	Oyster Creek capacity factor	96.1%
•	Peach Bottom capacity factor	95.5%



#### **Impact of Refueling Outages**



#### **Nuclear Refueling Cycle**

- 18 or 24 months
- Outage duration: ~17-24 days on an average

#### 2008 Refueling Outage Impact

- 2008 reflects Salem's extended steam generator replacement outage
- 2008 YTD average outage duration is 24 days without Salem

#### **2009 Refueling Outage Impact**

- Reflects extended steam generator replacement outage
  - Based on the refueling cycle, we will conduct 10 refueling outages in 2009, versus 12 in 2008



#### **Exelon Nuclear Management Model®**

✓ Comprehensive framework for consistent execution of all we do

- Clearly states our vision, beliefs, strategic focus areas, and key business elements all in one place
- Drives <u>real</u> performance improvement via an <u>actionable</u> business planning process
- Illustrates the interdependence of all aspects of our business
- Playbook for driving standardization
  - Gets everyone on the same page
  - Defines the "One way, best way" to run the business
  - Aligns the corporation and stations eliminating localized differences
  - Facilitates integration of future acquisitions
- ✓ Performance assessment and continuous improvement tool
  - Establishes processes for continuous assessment and improvement
  - Documents progress and change



## **Nuclear Renaissance- US**

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#### **Location of Projected New Nuclear Power**



\*Review Suspended

\*\*Review Partially Suspended



#### **Industry New Build Status**

Several US utilities are aggressively exploring new build opportunities:

- Exelon
- NuStart/Southern
- UniStar
- NRG
- Dominion
- Progress
- PSEG,
- Duke,
- Entergy
- Southern California Edison



#### **U.S. Electricity Production Costs**

(in 2005 cents/kWh)





# What's Driving the Nuclear Market?

#### The case for new nuclear is compelling

- ✓ Carbon constraints and climate change
- ✓ Security of fuel supply
- ✓ Stability of fuel price
- ✓ Reliability of generation
- Cost competitiveness of energy supply
- ✓ Proven performance of the current fleet

#### **Exelon criteria for new build:**

- ✓ viable design,
- ✓ sound economics,
- ✓ regulatory stability,
- ✓ state and local support
- ✓ path to spent fuel resolution



#### **Nuclear Renaissance**

#### Issues and uncertainties need to be addressed:

- Nuclear proliferation & plant security
- Spent fuel storage
- Workforce availability and qualifications
- Manufacturing infrastructure
- Public opinion
- Regulatory processes



#### **Nuclear Renaissance**

#### **Critical Performance Indicators:**

- ✓ Project Execution
  - Ability to finance the investment
  - Ability to design and construct the plan
  - Ability to equip the new plant with the right methods, qualified staff, operability and standards
  - Optimized design and standardization
- ✓ Confidence in performance
  - The confidence of the public, the investor, the regulator in sustainable safety and excellence
  - The ability to operate as promised and expected



#### **New Build Optimization**

- ✓ Enhanced design calculations
- Technical specification outlining the design requirements, margins, lessons learned, etc...
- ✓ State of the art refueling outage equipment and process
- ✓ Advanced tooling including robotics
- ✓ Advanced resource management
- ✓ Advanced best practice



#### 360° Work Platform





#### **Inspection Robotics**





## **Licensing Process- US**

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#### **New Nuclear Licensing Process-US**

### ✓ Licensing Approach (10 CFR 52)

- Early Site Permit (ESP)
  - Approval to secure one or more sites for future use
- Combined Construction and Operating License (COL)

- Approval to construct and operate a nuclear plant

✓ More information available to the public earlier

✓ Safety issues are resolved prior to construction



# New NRC Licensing Process (1992 Energy Policy Act)



\*Public Comment Opportunity



#### **Roadmap to Commercial Operation**

Building a new nuclear plant is a sequence of three successive decisions:





# **SMART/Design Construction** of New Build

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#### **Smart Construction**

- ✓ CAD Models
- ✓ GPS
- ✓ Video
- ✓ Radio
- ✓ Virtual Briefings
- ✓ Teams and Critical Path shifts
- ✓ State of the art equipment



## **Equipment Tracking**

- ✓ GPS tracking modules off-site✓ GPS tracking on-site
- ✓ Equipment tracking
- ✓ Site communications
- Tracking personnel on-site
- ✓ On-site material
- ✓ Schedule
- ✓ Contingencies



## **Modularization**

- ✓ Numbers, sizes, & weights
- ✓ Design of on-site modular construction yard
- ✓ Building for on-site modular construction
- ✓ Transportation of modules, barges/trucks
- ✓ Unloading modules at barge facility
- ✓ Schedule
- ✓ Contingencies



### **EPC Specification Technical Requirements Overview**

- Recommendation = Issue Commercial
  Technical Specification that delivers a State
  of the Art Plant
  - Emphasis on nuclear industry Lessons Learned and operational experience to date
  - Emphasis on performance
  - Augment the Certified Design (DCD)
  - Specify critical design including margins and procurement requirements



#### Inputs to EPC Technical Specification





- Construction schedule
  - Around the clock critical path/near critical path to optimize the schedule
    - Critical path
    - Near critical path
    - Preparatory path
  - Parallel activities and resource management
    - Parallel paths with manpower and equipment
    - Use the largest of the large equipment to optimize tasks
- Construction control overall site integration into smart construction
- ✓ Contingency planning
- ✓ Progress reporting plan
  - Multi level task plan feeding back to overall schedule



#### **Construction Optimization**





- ✓ Modularization integration
  - Integrate with the procurement process and construction phases
  - QC oversight throughout the modularization process
- ✓ Heavy lift crane plan collaboration
  - Optimization of crane logistics considering parallel activity and security attributes
  - Transition of crane plan from construction phase to operation phase
- Construction labor / manpower plan
  - Optimize resources
  - Housing plan
- Craft qualifications and certification tracking
  - Craft and qualifications matrix



- ✓ Constructability reviews plan
  - Project Team
  - 3-D modeling interference assessments
- ✓ Overall site safety, environmental, and health plan
  - NEI 0606 Fitness for Duty, 29 CFR 1910, and 29 CFR 1926
  - Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), various aspects of safety
- ✓ Site Crisis management plan
  - Emergencies, evacuation
- Existing industrial/environmental/archeological obstructions
- ✓ Waste disposal plan
  - Construction waste disposal plan landfill in area
- Construction work packages
  - Blocks of man-hours, electronic tracking



### ✓ DOR

- Construction Temp Power
- ✓ Warehousing Plan
  - Parts and materials stored onsite harsh environment

### ✓ Procurement Plan

- Tied directly with scheduling (feed and bleed, recommendation 6 months)
- ✓ 3-D Model
  - Pre job briefs with crews
  - Constructability and rigging
  - Safety





# **Conclusion:**

# Established Utilities

✓ New Programs



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