Using Coal Effectively

Tom Metcalfe, Executive Vice President
A family of companies

Electric Generation and Distribution

Natural Gas Distribution

Electric Transmission

60% ownership
WEC Energy Group

Serving the region’s energy needs

- 4.4 million customers
- More than 70,000 miles of electric lines
- More than 44,000 miles of natural gas lines
- Power plant capacity – 9,400 MW
Agenda

- Fuel flexibility
- Air Quality Control Systems (AQCS)
  - Pleasant Prairie Power Plant
  - Oak Creek Power Plant
- ReACT technology
- The Future
Elm Road Generating Station – Fuel Flexibility

- 2 x 634 MW
- Designed to burn 100% bit coal
- Modified during construction
- Additional in-service modifications
- Now able to burn PRB blends from 0% to 100%
- ‘Go-slow’ approach
  - Increase blend, identify limitation, fix limitation, repeat
  - 20%  40%  60%  80%  100%
Elm Road Generating Station – Fuel Flexibility

- Project rationale
  - Cost competitive
  - Security of supply
  - Lower emissions
  - Mill pulverizers redundancy/ability to run at full capacity
  - Flexibility to move from 100 percent bituminous to 100 percent PRB

- Net result
  - Significant fuel savings: $25-50 million per year
Pleasant Prairie Power Plant – Air Quality Control System

- 2 x 594MW
- SCR and scrubber
- First wet scrubber on a PRB unit in U.S.
- Emissions
  - SO2 down 95 percent
  - NOx down 85 percent
  - Hg down 85+ percent
- 100 percent saleable by-products
  - Gypsum, fly ash and bottom ash
Oak Creek Power Plant – Air Quality Control System

- 2 x 230MW & 2 x 300MW
- Largest “tale end” SCR in the U.S.
- Largest gas to gas heat exchanger of its type in the world
- Geographic challenge
- Replicated Pleasant Prairie’s FGD
- Emissions
  - SO₂ down 95+ percent
  - NOₓ down 75+ percent
  - Hg down 70+ percent
Weston 3 –
Regenerative Activated Coke Technology (ReACT)

- 1 x 322 MW
- Multi-pollutant technology
- First U.S. application/first coal plant with this technology
- Early emissions testing proving very encouraging
ReACT Process

<Adsorption Stage>
- Existing Fabric Filter
- Flue Gas
- ID Fan
- Adsorber
- Clean Gas
- AC Hopper
- Stack
- AC
- Separator
- Particulates
- AC Fines
- Polishing Fabric Filter

<Regeneration Stage>
- Hot Air
- Air
- Lock Hopper
- Regenerator
- AC
- Scrubber
- Fuel
- Furnace
- Hot Gas
- SO₂ Rich Gas
- Dry Gas
- SO₃ + H₂O
- Neutralized Effluent
- H₂SO₄
- Off-Gas

<By-Product Recovery Stage>
- Catalyst Bed
- SO₂
- SO₃
- H₂SO₄
Supporting a Clean Energy Future

WEC Energy Group has implemented a multi-emission strategy to achieve greater environmental benefit for lower cost

- Retired older, less-efficient coal-fired generation
- Added combined cycle natural gas units
- Added state-of-the-art, coal-fired generation with performance that ranks among the most thermally efficient coal-fired units in the nation
- Invested more than $1 billion in renewable energy – including the state’s two largest wind energy sites
- Invested more than $1.5 billion in air quality systems
Environmental Performance

SO2 (88% reduction)
NOx (81% reduction)
Mercury (84% reduction)
Planning for Carbon Regulations

23% Reduction in Carbon Intensity

- CO2 rate - lbs/mwh

Percentage Compared to 2000 Levels

2015 Fuel Sources

- Other
- Renewables
- Natural Gas
- Nuclear
- Coal
The Future

- Retirements
- Co-firing
- Conversions e.g. Valley Power Plant
- Renewables
- Combined cycle gas turbines, existing and new
- Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE)
- Energy efficiency
- Trading
Questions