Nuclear Energy 2002: Solid Value... Significant Upside

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Today's Themes

Nuclear industry status

- 2001 plant performance
- Industry initiatives to increase asset value

Safety-related issues

- Current safety performance
- Nuclear plant security

Policy and politics



Nuclear Industry Status

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2001 plant
 performance

 Industry initiatives to increase asset value



Record Nuclear Electricity Production Is Sustainable



* Nuclear Energy Institute estimate



Source: NEI



(3-year rolling average production costs in cents per kilowatt-hour)





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Source: Utility Data Institute and company reports to Electric Utility Cost Group (EUCG)



Beyond Competitive Electricity: Value Added From Nuclear Energy

Forward

Price

Stability

Clean Air Compliance Value

Competitive Electricity

NEI



U.S. Nuclear Plant Performance: Unlocking Additional Value

(Industry average capacity factor 3-year 1998-2000 rolling average)





U.S. Nuclear Plant Uprates: Unlocking Additional Value





Unlocking Additional Value: Improved Management Techniques

- Major change management initiative underway in U.S. nuclear industry
- Moving from functional-based business organizations to process-centered organizations
- Industry organizations have developed Standard Nuclear Performance Model:
 - Improve productivity
 - Lower O&M costs
 - Better performance measures





Unlocking Additional Value: Strategic Sourcing Example

	Before: Functional Approach	After: Process Approach
Suppliers	2,763	39
Invoices	136,011	26,352
Purchase orders	9,733	196
Inventory	\$ 39 million	\$ 24 million





Unlocking Additional Value: Supply Chain Management Example

Functional Business Organization	Process-Centered Business Organization			
3 managers,	1 process owner,			
12 supervisors,	5 process teams,			
many "leads"	1 coach			
100 people	44 people (doing more work)			





Increasing Asset Value

Electricity sales price

– Cost to produce

x Kilowatt hours produced

Margin

Cost down 5% & Output up 5% = Margin up 36% Cost down 10% & Output up 10% = Margin up 76%





License Renewal: Unlocking Additional Value

Already filed Turkey Point 3,4 North Anna 1,2 Surry 1,2 Catawba 1,2 McGuire 1,2 Peach Bottom 2,3 St. Lucie 1,2

Approved Calvert Cliffs 1,2 Oconee 1,2,3 Arkansas Nuclear One Unit 1 Hatch 1,2

Announced

2002 Summer Fort Calhoun Robinson 2 Ginna

2003

Arkansas Nuclear One Unit 2 Browns Ferry 2,3 Farley 1,2 Dresden 2,3 Quad Cities 1,2 Cook 1,2

2004 Brunswick 1, 2 Beaver Valley 1,2 Pilgrim Davis-Besse

2005 Cooper Susquehanna 1,2



Safety-Related Issues

- Current safety
 performance
- Nuclear plant security

Measuring Safety Performance

NRC's reactor oversight process includes:

- 18 quantitative performance indicators
- Inspection program and enforcement program geared to safety-significance of findings
- Performance indicators dictate level of regulatory oversight, beyond "baseline" inspection program





U.S. Nuclear Plant Performance: Sustained High Levels of Safety

Reactor Oversight Process: Key Results

1st Quarter 2001	2nd Quarter 2001	3 rd Quarter 2001
92 units all "green"	93 units all "green"	95 units all "green"
9 units with one "white"	10 units with one "white"	8 units one "white"
1 unit with two "whites"		
1 unit with three "whites"		

Source: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Exceptional Levels of Safety at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants



Nuclear Plant Security: The Basics

 NRC requirements, industry programs protect public from possible exposure to radioactive release caused by sabotage

 All plants have comprehensive measures for security and safety

- Robust containment
- Redundant, diverse plant safety systems
- Trained plant staff, skilled in accident and event response
- Comprehensive emergency plans
- Rigorous security plans and security forces

Regulated in all phases of operation



Multiple Layers of Protection in a Robust Physical Structure

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Containment
 Vessel
 <u>1.5-inch thick steel</u>
 Shield Building Wall
 3 foot thick reinforced concrete

Dry Well Wall 5 foot thick reinforced concrete

Bio Shield

4 foot thick leaded concrete with 1.5-inch thick steel lining inside and out

Reactor Vessel
 4 to 8 inches thick steel

Reactor Fuel

Weir Wall 1.5 foot thick concrete



F4 Crash Test







Plant Security: Three Control Areas, Progressively Tighter Security

Owner Controlled Area

Protected Area

Vital Area



Protected Area Barriers

- Double fence
- Intrusion detection system
- Closed circuit TV and pan/tilt zoom cameras
- Isolation zone
- Yard lighting
- System monitoring performed by redundant alarm station monitoring







Access to Protected Area: Vehicle Barriers

- Steel cables
 Jersey and concrete barriers
- Natural terrain







Access to Protected Area: Personnel Barriers

- Access control systems
- Personnel and material searches







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Protective Strategy







Nuclear Plant Security Forces

Nationally – 5,000 trained officers

- On average 80 per plant site
- 65% have previous security experience
- 93% retention
- Highly trained paramilitary force
 - 270 hours of initial training
 - 90 hours/year of re-qualification
 - 30 hours/year of "anti-terrorist" tactical exercises





Nuclear Plant Security: An Untold Story



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Industry Response to 9/11: Immediate Actions

All nuclear plants to highest alert level

- Increased patrols
- Augmented security forces and capabilities
- Heightened coordination with law enforcement and military authorities
- Limitations on access to plant sites
- NRC top-to-bottom review of safeguards and security requirements and policies
 - Regulations governing commercial nuclear facilities
 - NRC coordination with other agencies, communications capabilities, etc.



Industry Response to 9/11: Strategic Recommendations

- Perform comprehensive review of all credible threats to security of critical energy infrastructure, including nuclear power plants
- Determine which possible threats should be the responsibility of
 federal government (terrorist acts of war)
 private industry



Appropriate Strategic Response: A Seamless Defensive Shield

Private sector resources and capability Federal law enforcement, homeland security resources

Military resources

State, local law enforcement



Policy and Politics

 Strong support from Bush administration, solid bipartisan support in Congress

 Unequivocal support in Bush administration energy policy

 Nuclear provisions in all major pieces of energy policy legislation introduced





Used Fuel Management: Critical Decisions in 2002

- The first step: On January 10, Energy Secretary notified Nevada Governor of intent to recommend Yucca Mountain site to President
- Decision based on rigorous scientific assessment

Next Steps:
 President's decision
 Congressional action
 License application





New Nuclear Power Plants: Status of Industry Initiatives

Industry conducting multi-year program to:

- Validate new licensing process (early site permits, single license to build and operate, etc.)
- Reduce capital costs
- Develop innovative designs (e.g., smaller, modular gas-cooled reactors)

 Industry goal: Ensure nuclear generating technology options are available when needed





The Prospects for Nuclear Energy

Future business climate

- significant price/supply volatility
- upward cost pressure on fossil generation due to clean air requirements



- hedge against fossil fuel price/supply fluctuations
- responsive to escalating environmental requirements

 Business conditions justify planning for new nuclear plant construction



Clean Air Compliance Value

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