

Greenidge Multi-Pollutant Control Project

Benefits Presentation



Power Plant Improvement Initiative

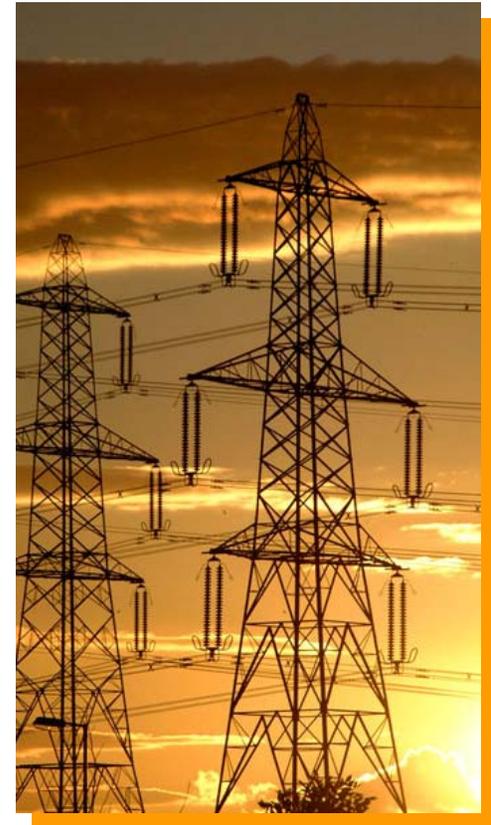
Cost-Effective Multi-Pollutant Control for Smaller Coal-Fired Power Plants

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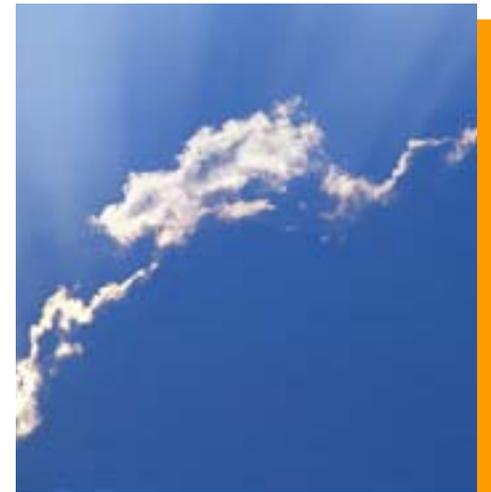
Executive Summary

- **CONSOL Energy Inc. and AES Greenidge will design, construct and operate a cost-effective multi-pollutant control technology applicable to approximately 440 of Nation's smaller coal fired power plants, ranging in size from 50 to 300 MWe**
 - Hybrid control system includes selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR)/in-duct selective catalytic reduction (SCR) for NO_x control
 - CFBDS system with activated carbon injection and recycled baghouse ash controls SO₂, mercury (Hg), and acid gas (SO₃, HCl, HF) emissions
- **Goal is to demonstrate significant improvements in control of NO_x, SO₂, Hg, acid gases, and fine particulate emissions**



Executive Summary (continued)

- **107 MWe demonstration at AES Greenidge Unit 4, near Dresden, NY**
- **Successful commercial application of multi-pollutant control technology in U.S. would significantly reduce emissions**
 - 29,200 tons/year of NO_x
 - 683,000 tons/year of SO₂
 - 1.5 tons/year of Hg
 - 18,800 tons/year of acid gases
- **Up to \$7.2 billion would be saved by deferring 6 GWe plant replacement**



Project Information

Plant, Fuel, Location, Cost, and Schedule

- **107 MWe coal-fired power plant demonstration of a cost-effective multi-pollutant control technology for smaller coal-fired power plants, ranging in size from 50 to 300 MWe**
- **Fuel: Eastern U. S. bituminous coal (>2% sulfur) with biomass co-firing**
- **Location: Dresden, NY**
- **Project cost: \$32.7 million;
DOE share \$14.3 million
AES Greenidge share \$18.4 million**
- **Schedule**
 - 2004 Start
 - 2006 Construction
 - 2007 to 2008 Operation
 - 2008 Completion



Project Information (continued)

Team Members

- **CONSOL Energy Inc. (Pittsburgh, PA)**
 - Prime contractor
 - Project administration, performance testing, and reporting
- **AES Greenidge, LLC (Dresden, NY)**
 - Host, operating multi-pollutant control facility
 - Subcontractor to CONSOL
- **Babcock Power Environmental Inc. (Worcester, MA)**
 - Engineering, procurement and construction contractor
 - Subcontractor to AES Greenidge



Project Information (continued)

Technology Summary

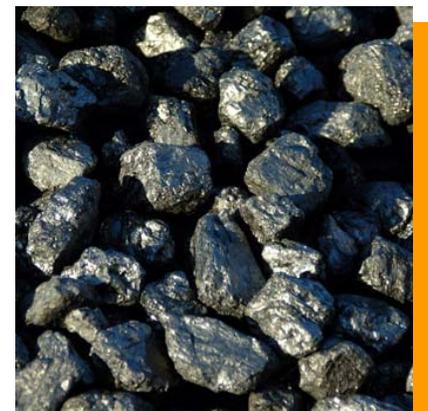
- Project will demonstrate a cost-effective SNCR/single bed, in-duct SCR system in combination with a circulating fluidized bed dry scrubber system to reduce
 - NO_x
 - SO₂
 - Hg
 - Acid gases
 - Particulate matter (PM)



Project Information (continued)

NO_x Control - SNCR/SCR Process

- **Complementing low-NO_x burners, urea-based SNCR is strategically located upstream of a single-bed in-duct SCR**
 - Stand-alone SNCR's normally operate at higher temperatures
 - Protects against ammonia slip
 - Does not utilize urea reagent as effectively
 - Single-bed SCR allows SNCR to operate at lower temperatures
 - Enhances urea utilization
 - Improves NO_x reduction performance
 - SNCR supplies all ammonia required by SCR



Project Information (continued)

NO_x Control - SNCR/SCR Process

- **Proprietary Delta Wing™ static mixing technology provides advantages to in-duct SCR operation**
 - Resulting homogeneous flue-gas at SCR inlet ensures performance of single layer catalyst
 - Optimal flue-gas and NH₃ mixing
 - Minimizes NH₃ slip
 - Maximizes NO_x removal efficiency
 - Reduced load operation does not affect homogeneous mixing capability
 - Technology maintains ash entrainment and distribution, which reduces potential for SCR catalyst fouling and erosion



Project Information (continued)

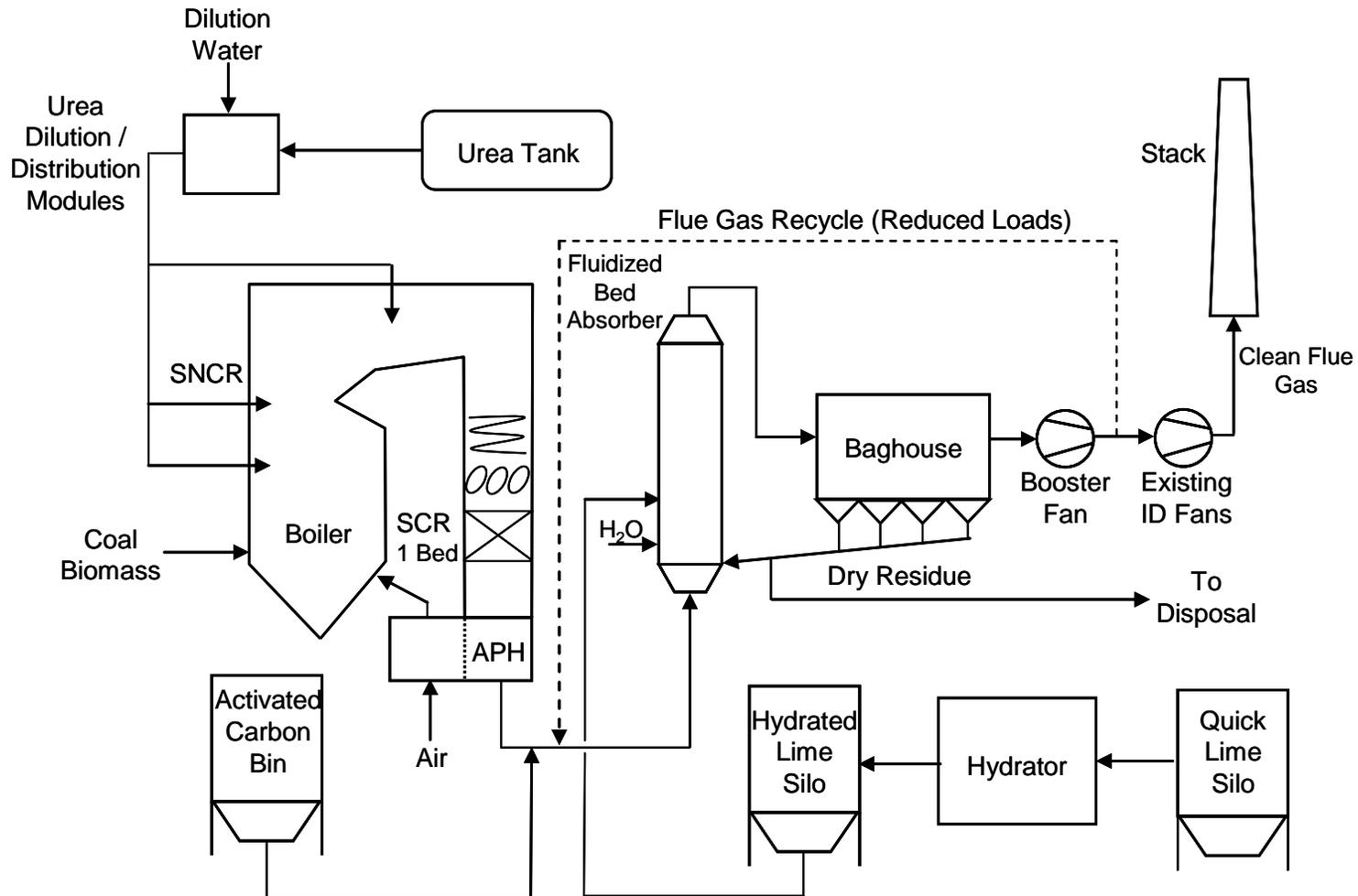
Circulating Fluidized Bed Dry Scrubber (CFBDS)

- **The CFBDS system uses a fluidized bed absorber to facilitate flue-gas contact with injected hydrated lime and activated carbon**
 - More contact time between flue gas and activated carbon and hydrated lime
 - Activated carbon adsorbs Hg
 - Lime reacts with SO₂ and SO₃, HCl, and HF gases to form benign solids, which are captured in baghouse
 - Lime and activated carbon sorbents captured in the baghouse are recycled to the CFBDS to enhance utilization
 - Separate injection of water and hydrated lime enables desired emission reduction without limitations of flue gas moisture and temperature



Project Information (continued)

Greenidge Multi-Pollutant Control Schematic



Project Information (continued)

Unique Contribution

- **Designed to retrofit smaller coal-fired plants (50 to 300 MWe) representing 19% of total U.S. coal-fired generating capacity (60 GWe)**
 - Extends life of smaller plants, avoiding early retirement due to more stringent environmental regulations
 - Retrofits are less expensive than new plant construction
- **Project demonstrates low-cost multi-pollutant controls once thought cost-effective for only larger generating facilities**
- **Greenidge NO_x control technology is estimated to require about 65% capital cost and 75% levelized annual cost of a conventional SCR when installed on a 100 MWe unit**



Project Information (continued)

Unique Contribution

- **Circulating fluidized bed dry scrubber capital cost is estimated to be 40% less than that of a conventional wet scrubber when installed on a 100 MWe unit**
- **In addition to removing SO₂, scrubber removes other acid gases that can form secondary PM_{2.5} if emitted to atmosphere**
- **Biomass co-firing may improve overall emissions performance through**
 - Reduced fuel-bound nitrogen and sulfur levels
 - Increased volatile matter content
 - General combustion characteristics



Estimated Benefits

Approach

- Estimate available market
- Estimate market penetration
- Quantify differences between conventional power plants with and without the hybrid SNCR/SCR and CFBDS technologies being demonstrated (pollutant emissions, tons/year)



Estimated Benefits

Emissions Reduction Estimation Methodology

- **Quantify AES Greenidge Unit 4 2003 emissions**
 - SO₂ emissions data from NETL Coal Power Database
 - NO_x emissions data from plant monitoring results
 - Emissions rate varies with station electrical load
 - Representative station electrical load profile used for emissions determination
 - Acid gas emissions from EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)
 - Overall plant data parsed by unit based on SO₂ emissions
 - Hg emissions estimated with heat input data and design basis fuel



Estimated Benefits

Emissions Reduction Estimation Methodology

- **Estimate Unit 4 emissions with multi-pollutant control technology, assuming Greenidge multi-pollutant control removes**
 - 95% of SO₂
 - 95% of acid gases
 - NO_x to 0.10 lb/10⁶ Btu at high load
 - Estimated NO_x emissions reduction based only on project scope modifications
 - Representative station electrical load profile used for emissions determination
 - 90% of Hg
- **Emissions reduction estimation based on difference between Unit 4 2003 quantified emissions and Unit 4 emissions with multi-pollutant control**



Estimated Benefits (continued)

Market Penetration Assumptions

- **Economics for this technology are based on number of smaller coal-fired generators requiring multi-pollutant controls**
 - Assume same (on average) baseline emissions, capacity factor; etc., as AES Greenidge unit 4
- **Assume that Greenidge penetrates 10% of small generator market and reconfigures plants in lieu of retirement**



Estimated Benefits (continued)

Market Penetration

- Estimated market for multi-pollutant control technology constitutes 60 GWe* of available U.S. generating capacity in 50 to 300 MWe range
- National benefits estimates are based on capturing 6 GWe of this market (10%)

* Source: NETL Coal Power Data Base



Estimated Benefits (continued)

Greenidge Plant: Emissions Removed¹

Pollutant	Tons ² /year
NO _x	500
SO ₂	12,000
Hg	50 lbs
Acid Gases	300

¹ Unless otherwise noted

² Based on emissions reduction estimation methodology (pages 16,17)



Estimated Benefits (continued)

Regional

- **Reduced local air emissions**
- **AES Greenidge Unit 4 generating plant will remain operational by complying with emissions requirements, avoiding earlier retirement**



Estimated Benefits (continued)

National

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- **Greenidge multi-pollutant control removes**
 - 95% of SO₂
 - 95% of acid gases
 - NO_x to 0.10 lb/10⁶ Btu at high load
 - 90% of Hg
 - **Technology supports biomass co-firing (up to 10% thermal input)**
 - **Technology can be retrofitted to existing coal-fired power plants or integrated into future plant designs**
 - Relatively low capital cost (\$330-340/kW), including combustion modifications (for a 110 MWe unit)
 - Small space requirement of < 0.5 acre (110 MWe unit)



Estimated Benefits (continued)

National

- **Uses Nation's abundant coal resources thereby increasing energy independence and security**
- **Furthers environmental objectives for America by providing effective, lower-cost environmental compliance capability for existing generation fleet in 50 to 300 MWe range**



Estimated Benefits (continued)

Pollutant Reductions from Commercialization

Pollutant	Emission Reduction ^{1,2} tons/year	Current emissions from all coal-fired boilers in the United States ³ , tons/year
NO _x	29,200	3,856,988
SO ₂	683,000	10,149,019
Hg	1.5	49.2
Acid Gases	18,800	283,797

¹ Based on emissions reduction estimation methodology (pages 16,17)

² Basis: 6 GWe market penetration

³ Source: NETL Coal Power Data Base



Conclusions

- **Greenidge's innovative multi-pollutant control technology for coal-fired power plants in the 50 to 300 MWe range will**
 - Enable these plants to operate in compliance with environmental regulations
 - Provide a cost-effective option for multi-pollutant control technology



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