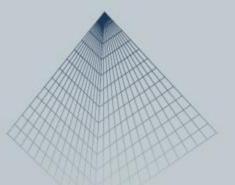


Selling Excess Energy in ERCOT

A Presentation for Waste Heat to Power Workshop
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- ERCOT Market Overview
- Marketing Excess Power
- Working with a QSE



About Fulcrum



Energy Management Services



Power Generators

Retail Electricity Providers

Large Consumers

Financial Entities



About Fulcrum

- 3,057 MW of power generation under management
 - Fossil Fueled 2,702 MW
 - Renewable 355 MW
- Managed more than 1,650 MW of natural gas fired cogeneration facilities at 4 locations in ERCOT
- FERC licensed power marketer, ERCOT Level 4 QSE, California Scheduling Coordinator, member of PJM, ISO-NE and NYISO
- Experienced team offering relationship free of conflicts of interest



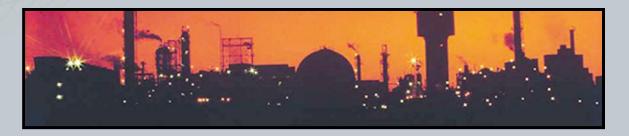
Large Consumer Management Services



- 24 hour scheduling and dispatch of gas and power
- Marketing and origination of excess generation capacity
- Development and assistance in executing a procurement, hedging and risk management plan
- Evaluation of alternative plant operating parameters to minimize overall cost of power



Large Consumer Management Services



- Valuation analyses for development of onsite cogeneration projects
- Assistance in establishing a "Self Serve" REP
- Assistance in valuation, qualification, and marketing of electrical load shedding capacity ("LAAR")
- Assistance in mitigating ERCOT TDSP charges



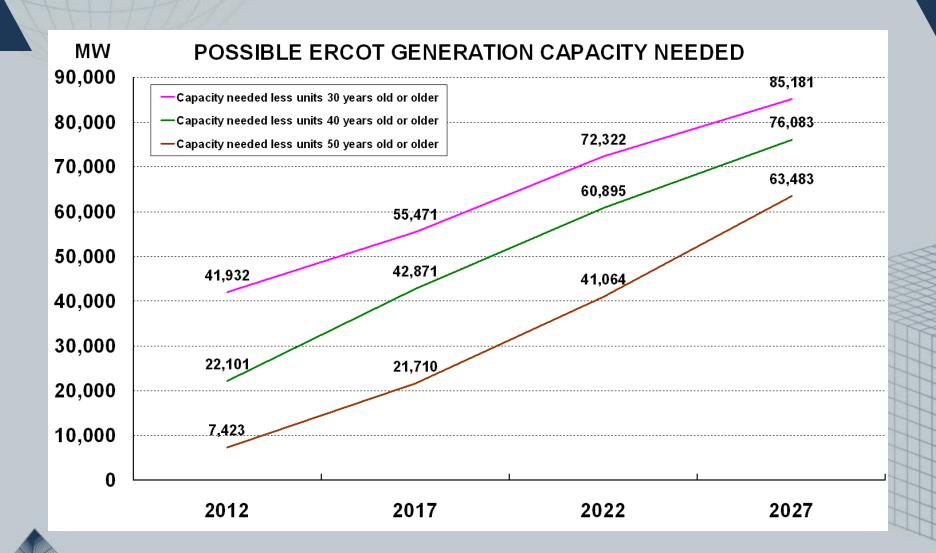
ERCOT Market Overview



2007 Report on the Capacity, Demand, and Reserves in the ERCOT Region

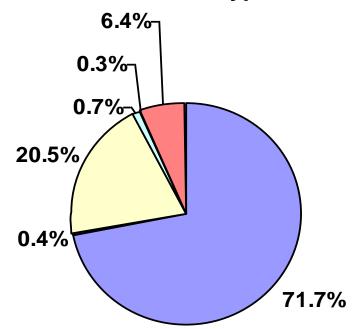
Summer Summary

Load Fored	east:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Tot	tal Summer Peak Demand, MW	63,794	65,135	66,508	67,955	69,456	70,733
les	ss LAARs Serving as Responsive Reserve, MW	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125
les	ss LAARs Serving as Non-Spinning Reserve, MW	0	0	0	0	0	0
les	ss BULs, MW	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fir	m Load Forecast, MW	62,669	64,010	65,383	66,830	68,331	69,608
Resources		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	talled Capacity, MW	61,424	61,424	61,424	61,424	61,424	61,424
	pacity from Private Networks, MW	6,513	6,217	6,217	6,217	6,217	6,217
Eff	ective Load-Carrying Capability (ELCC) of Wind Generation, MW	298	298	298	298	298	298
RM	IR Units under Contract, MW	169	169	169	169	0	0
Ор	erational Generation, MW	68,404	68,108	68,108	68,108	67,939	67,939
509	% of Non-Synchronous Ties, MW	553	553	553	553	553	553
	ritchable Units, MW	2,848	2,848	2,848	2,848	2,848	2,848
	ailable Mothballed Generation , MW	165	510	419	594	558	522
	unned Units (not wind) with Signed IA and Air Permit, MW	0	550	550	550	1,300	2,100
	CC of Planned Wind Units with Signed IA, MW	0	171	174	174	174	174
	tal Resources, MW	71,970	72,740	72,652	72,827	73,372	74,136
10	tai resources, intr	71,570	12,140	72,002	72,027	70,072	74,100
les	s Switchable Units Unavailable to ERCOT, MW	158	317	317	0	0	0
	s Retiring Units, MW	0	375	375	433	433	433
	sources, MW	71,812	72,048	71,960	72,394	72,939	73,703
SINKIIII VALLE	serve Margin	14.6%	12.6%	10.1%	8.3%	6.7%	5.9%
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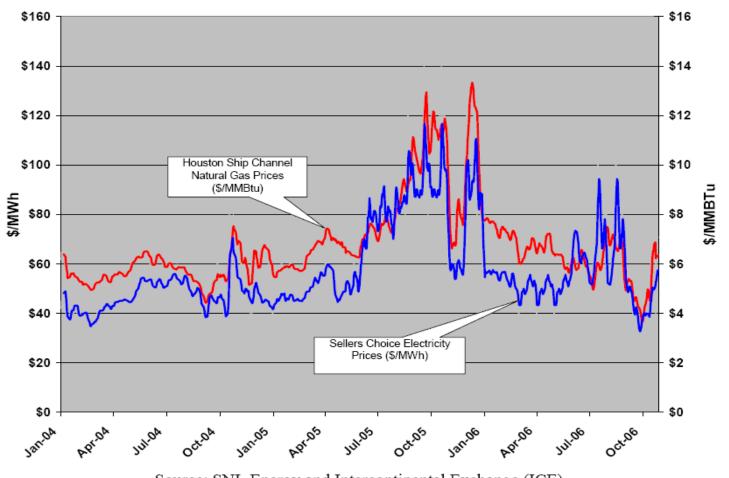
Summer 2007 Fuel Types - ERCOT



■ Natural Gas
■ Wind
□ Coal
□ Water
■ Other
■ Nuclear



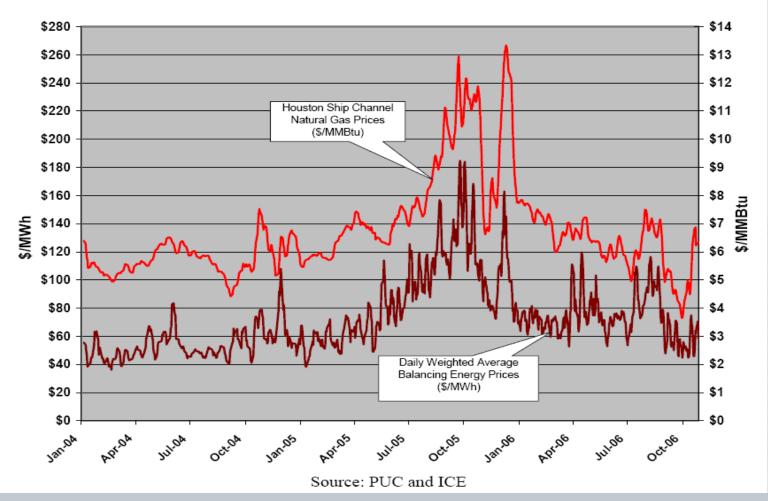
Figure 1: Market Price for Wholesale Electricity vs. Natural Gas Price 5-Day Moving Average



Source: SNL Energy and Intercontinental Exchange (ICE)



Figure 2: ERCOT Balancing Energy Price vs. Natural Gas Price 5-Day Moving Average





ERCOT Operations

- ERCOT ISO acts as single control area operator to ensure reliability
- All schedules flow and ERCOT manages congestion through the balancing energy market
- Zonal market today
 - Inter-zonal congestion is directly assigned
 - Intra-zonal congestion is uplifted to Load
 Serving Entities on the basis of Load Ratio Share
- Transmission Congestion Rights can be purchased to manage congestion risk



ERCOT Operations

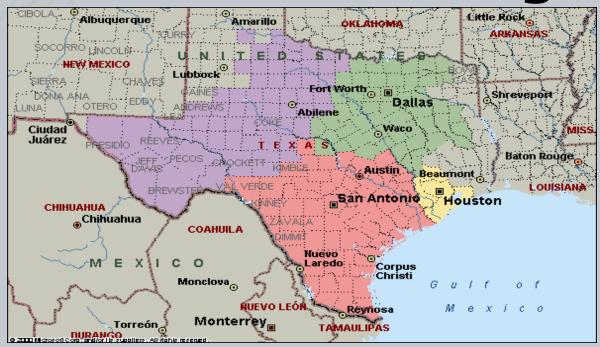
- ERCOT also manages load and generator imbalances with the balancing energy market and ancillary services
- The Balancing Energy market accounts for less than 5% of the overall market
- ERCOT runs a daily auction for Ancillary Services (Regulation Up/Down, Responsive Reserves, Non Spinning Reserves, Replacement Reserves)



Marketing Excess Power



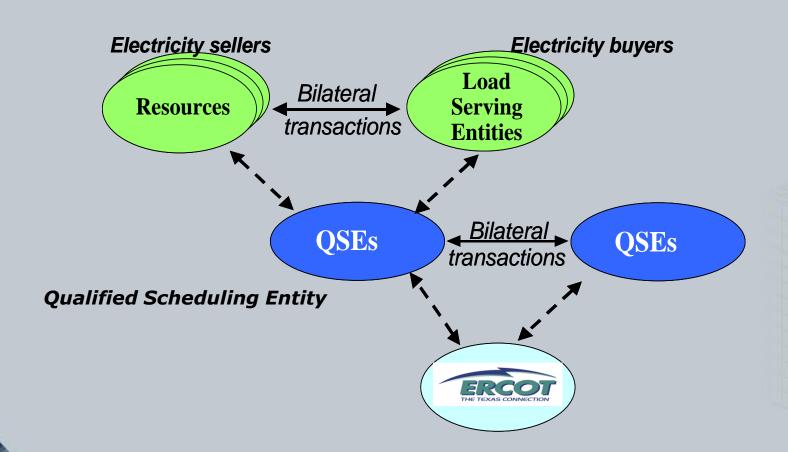
Bilateral Trading



- EEI Master Purchase and Sales Agreements
- Market trades by Zone or ERCOT Seller's Choice
- On peak 5 x 16 HE 0700 thru HE 22
- Off peak 7 x 8 HE 23 and HE 24 plus HE 0100 thru 0600



How the Bilateral Market Works





Marketing Excess Power in ERCOT

- Post deregulation in ERCOT, QF has a viable market in which to market its power and there are no special PURPA put rights
- Excess power can be marketed in:
 - Bilateral market to any Power Marketer or Load Serving Entity (majority of trading occurs in bilateral market)
 - ERCOT real time Balancing Energy market
 - Ancillary services market
- In the bilateral market, power is typically sold on a firm basis with liquidated damages for non-performance ("Firm LD")
- Long term structured contracts typically include a capacity and energy component

Forward Market Prices

9/24/2007	ERCOT Houston										
	Henry Hub	5x16	5x16 Heat Rate	2x16	2x16 Heat Rate	7x8	7x8 Heat Rate	Wrap	Wrap Heat Rate	7x24	7x24 Heat Rate
Jan-08	8.18	62.98	7.69	58.12	7.10	50.72	6.20	53.15	6.49	58.01	7.09
Feb-08	8.20	62.73	7.65	57.89	7.06	50.78	6.20	53.22	6.49	57.81	7.05
Mar-08	8.01	67.48	8.42	62.30	7.78	48.59	6.07	53.67	6.70	59.91	7.48
Apr-08	7.61	66.88	8.79	61.77	8.12	48.95	6.44	53.32	7.01	59.95	7.88
May-08	7.63	69.98	9.18	62.56	8.20	46.82	6.14	52.69	6.91	60.87	7.98
Jun-08	7.70	78.55	10.21	68.69	8.93	47.24	6.14	54.95	7.14	65.96	8.57
Jul-08	7.78	92.04	11.84	76.97	9.90	56.56	7.28	63.03	8.11	77.38	9.95
Aug-08	7.84	92.78	11.83	82.94	10.58	52.68	6.72	64.29	8.20	77.16	9.84
Sep-08	7.86	78.53	9.99	72.57	9.23	49.24	6.26	56.92	7.24	67.49	8.58
Oct-08	7.95	70.34	8.85	65.03	8.19	45.93	5.78	52.01	6.55	61.08	7.69
Nov-08	8.37	65.61	7.84	60.60	7.24	48.05	5.74	52.97	6.33	58.59	7.00
Dec-08	8.79	62.57	7.12	57.97	6.59	51.21	5.83	52.91	6.02	57.69	6.56
AVG 2008	7.99	72.54	9.08	65.62	8.21	49.73	6.22	55.26	6.92	63.49	7.94
AVG 2009	8.32	72.61	8.73	65.70	7.90	47.82	5.75	54.18	6.51	62.96	7.57
AVG 2010	8.13	74.62	9.25	67.52	8.36	43.69	5.38	52.20	6.44	62.89	7.78
AVG 2011	7.88	71.98	9.21	65.15	8.33	52.50	6.68	56.93	7.25	64.09	8.18
AVG 2012	7.63	70.23	9.27	63.57	8.38	50.76	6.66	55.26	7.27	62.38	8.22



ERCOT BALANCING MARKET

- The marginal clearing price of balancing energy ("MCPE) is set every 15 minutes
- Last offer cleared establishes MCPE for an interval
- MCPE is capped at \$1,500 today and transitioning to \$3,000 with nodal

Year	Zone	,	5x16		2x16	7x8		7x24	
2004	North	\$	47.63	\$	43.95	\$	33.59	\$ 42.25	
2004	South	\$	46.62	\$	42.84	\$	32.86	\$ 41.32	
2004	West	\$	46.87	\$	43.88	\$	33.33	\$ 41.79	
2004	Houston	\$	47.91	\$	43.72	\$	33.31	\$ 42.25	
2004	Northeast	\$	46.75	\$	43.93	\$	33.16	\$ 41.68	
2005	North	\$	74.49	\$	63.84	\$	48.19	\$ 63.67	
2005	South	\$	69.65	\$	60.29	\$	48.05	\$ 60.63	
2005	West	\$	74.38	44	63.35	\$	48.73	\$ 63.69	
2005	Houston	\$	75.99	\$	64.04	\$	48.45	\$ 64.49	
2005	Northeast	\$	73.41	\$	63.14	\$	48.19	\$ 63.02	
2006	North	\$	57.46	\$	54.10	\$	41.33	\$ 51.44	
2006	South	\$	55.75	\$	52.88	\$	40.51	\$ 50.12	
2006	West	\$	57.40	\$	53.94	\$	41.27	\$ 51.36	
2006	Houston	\$	58.20	44	54.87	\$	41.63	\$ 52.04	
2006	Northeast	\$	56.79	\$	52.94	\$	41.00	\$ 50.79	
2007 YTD	Houston	\$	62.71	\$	56.55	\$	42.74	\$ 54.82	
2007 YTD	North	\$	61.01	\$	55.55	\$	42.33	\$ 53.69	
2007 YTD	South	\$	61.57	\$	55.45	\$	42.57	\$ 54.01	
2007 YTD	West	\$	60.67	\$	55.71	\$	43.34	\$ 53.90	



Factors to Consider in Short Term Sales

- Ability to commit to a Day Ahead schedule
- Impact of steam requirements on ability to control to a specific output level
- Natural gas cost, including imbalance costs/constraints
- True costs of any waste fuels that are burned in lieu of gas
- Marginal cost to produce power, including O&M, taking into account any steam revenues or cost of alternate steam supply from a boiler

Factors to Consider in Short Term Sales

- Opportunity to reduce production of product(s) to sell more power or interrupt load to provide Responsive Reserves
- Day Ahead prices vs. Balancing Energy prices
- Ability to offer intra-day flexibility through Ancillary Services or short schedules
- Emissions limits



Factors to Consider in Long Term Sales

- Term
- Price Structure
- Forward Price Curve for Natural Gas and Power
- Hedging Strategies
- Delivery Point
- Firm LD vs. Unit Contingent
- Steam Requirements
- Dispatch ability / flexibility to ramp up/down
- Ancillary Services Capacity



Factors to Consider in Long Term Sales

- Fuel Supply Costs
- Operating Costs
- Forced Outage Rates
- Planned Maintenance
- Credit Requirements
- Counterparty Default Risk
- Financing Requirements
- Emissions limits



Working with a QSE



Beginning Steps in ERCOT

- For projects >10 MW
 - Request interconnection study from ERCOT
 - ERCOT Study Fees \$15 to \$30K, depending upon size of the capacity
 - Interconnection agreement with TDSP
 - Process typically takes 90 to 270 days
- Registration as Power Generating Company with ERCOT
- Registration with PUC on or before the date power is first generated
 - See Section 25.109 of PUC Regulations
- Negotiation of QSE agreement, submit QSE paperwork to ERCOT
- Installation of telemetry, AGC and ERCOT meter



QSE Operations

- 24 hour operations, 365 days, similar to control area system operations
- All load and resources must be represented by a QSE
- Only entity allowed to financially transact with ERCOT
- Submits energy schedules by zone, balanced between obligations (retail load or bilateral trades) and supply resources
- SCADA & telemetry required to continuously monitor generation and to respond to dispatch instructions



QSE Operations

- Submits offers to sell balancing energy and ancillary services to ERCOT
- Submits mandatory Balancing Down bids to ERCOT
- Schedules awarded Ancillary Services, including LAAR
- Submits power generation Resource Plans to ERCOT
- Responds to dispatch instructions from ERCOT
- QSE performance is monitored through measurement of Schedule Control Error calculation



Additional Services to Consider

- Assistance in optimizing cogen plant operations and market opportunities
- Valuation analysis for cogen development
- Assistance in hedging gas and power
- Assistance in structuring flexible fuel and long term power sales contracts
- Assistance in negotiation of REP contract
- Assistance in establishing Self Serve REP
- Assistance in qualifying and monetizing LAAR capacity



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