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## Gulf Coast CHP Doing the Deal – Waste Heat to Power

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#### **Doing the Deal**

- You want to do WHAT???
  - Bankers only lend on "the sure thing" the project has to work, with a guaranteed cash flow over the term of the project
  - Waste heat-to-power rates only slightly above perpetual motion in the creditworthiness continuum



#### Doing the Deal

- Risk Assessment
  - Bankers assign risk based on a combination of certainties and uncertainties – the greater number of uncertainties, the higher the interest rate
  - Think of your project having a "credit score"
    - Good projects have high scores
    - Projects with uncertainty have a low score
    - Low scores = high rates
- Example U.S. auto industry
  - Prior to 2004, cash was lent to projects at 8 percent
  - By late 2005, uncertainties pushed credit rates above 20 percent



#### Issues to Have "In Pocket" Answers For

- Utility interconnection standard terms and conditions
- Utility stand-by power tariffs
- Emissions reduction impact (TCEQ credit impact)
- Building permitting
- Public safety/local regulatory agency involvement
- Downtime
- Management/maintenance of specialized equipment

#### Best bet: Create a checklist and tick off the issues as they are addressed



## The Key to a Good Project?

- Minimize potential of cost/schedule overrun
- Obtain firm quotes for:
  - Engineering
  - Equipment
  - Construction management
  - Commissioning (often overlooked)
- Or:
  - Subcontract these activities to either a design-build contractor or energy service provider



#### **Project Structure**

- There are several ways to structure a deal
  - Do it yourself (plant executes)
  - Design/build/transfer
  - Design/build/own/operate (energy services provider)

Each has its own risks and rewards...



#### **Internal Project Execution**

# Do it yourself!

- Common method of project execution
- Perceived lowest cost
- Internally funded
- <u>ALL</u> project risk borne by YOU
- Difficult to push large capital projects through the organization
- Can take a LONG time to complete

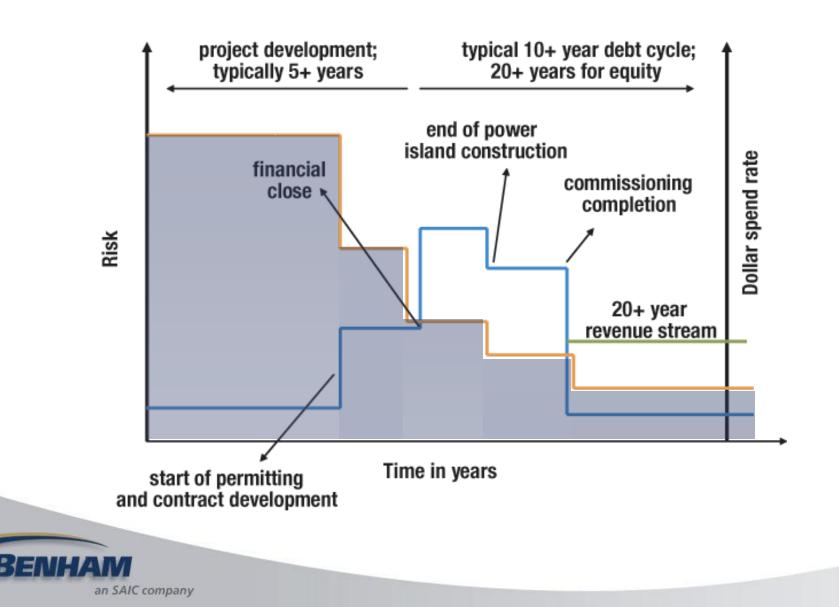


#### **Internal Project Execution**

- Advantages
  - You control the project soup to nuts
  - Properly managed, costs are low
- Disadvantages
  - Scarce resource allocation (everyone has full-time jobs)
  - Dilution of resources can lead to project delays and overruns
  - Total project risk is borne by a single entity



#### The Risk Chart – Internal Project Execution



#### **Design-Build Approach**

- Integrates engineering, construction management, construction interest, and commissioning into a single product.
- Internally funded
- Project becomes "yours" at material completion/beneficial use
- Design risk and construction risk is "owned" by the design-build contractor
- Cost/schedule overruns become the design-build contractor's responsibility (depending on contract structure)

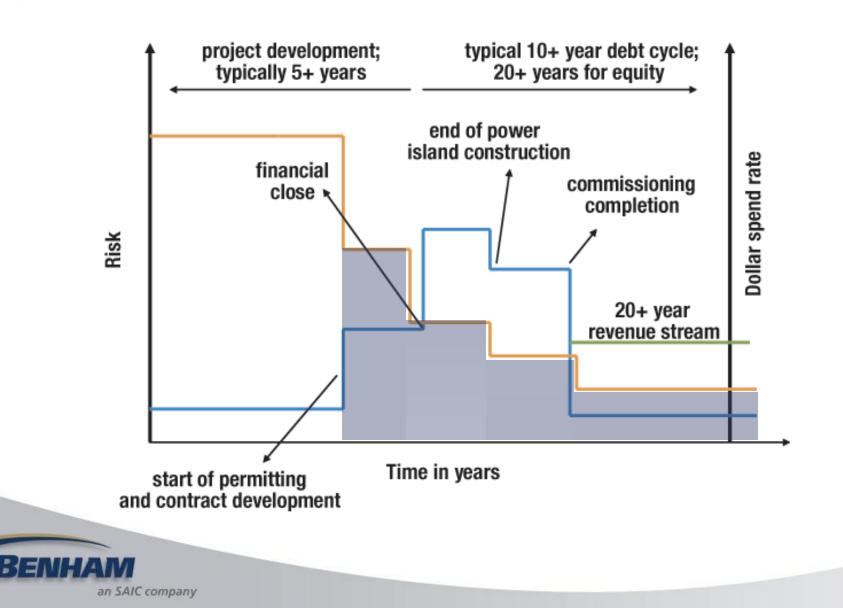


#### **Design-Build Approach**

- Advantages
  - Single-source responsibility for project design/project execution
  - Resource allocation issues limited to project liaison
  - Project risk is shared between owner and designbuild firm
- Disadvantages
  - Perceived first costs are higher (offset by value engineering)
  - Some project control is relinquished you have to trust the contractor or build in risk/reward offsets



The Risk Chart – Design-Build Approach



#### **Energy Service Provider Approach**

- Same delivery structure as design-build, but with:
  - Development and operation handled by energy service provider (ESP)
  - Permitting and financing handled by ESP
  - Majority share of project risk shifted to third party
  - System operated for duration of contract by ESP
- Think of the ESP as an independent power producer (IPP) located on or near your site
- You provide the IPP with an energy stream; they convert it to electricity and "sell" the power either to you or the grid

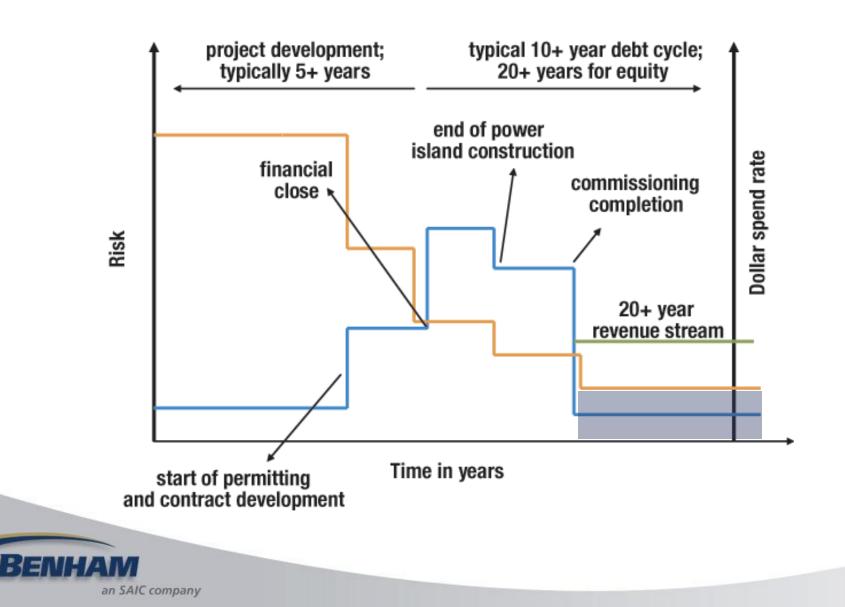


## **Energy Service Provider Approach**

- Advantages
  - Self-contained project; you cut them an energy services agreement (ESA), and they either buy energy from you or sell power back (inside fence deal), depending on utility terms and conditions
  - Minimal risk exposure
  - No capital outlay
- Disadvantages
  - Long-term contract (typically 15+ years)
  - Potential penalties for supply reductions and/or take or pay clauses



#### The Risk Chart – Energy Service Provider Approach



#### Conclusions

- There are multiple methods for waste heat-to-power project execution
- Preferred method for each firm is a function of appetite for risk and/or available project funding
- Each method has inherent advantages/disadvantages...but...

The greatest cost of any waste heat-to-power project is the opportunity cost of not executing a viable project in a timely fashion

Don't delay – Start today!





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