CO₂ Capture & Storage Just Do It!



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CCS: Deployment Must Begin Now

- Further delay will increase climate protection costs.
- Further delay will not reduce technology costs.
- Impacts of CCS on electricity prices are modest.



Investments Today Drive Climate Impacts Tomorrow

- Investments drive emissions
- Emissions drive concentrations
- Concentrations drive temperature forcing
- Forcing drives climate impacts



Global New Coal Build by Decade





Incremental new coal capacity by decade

Source: IEA, WEO 2004

New Coal Plant Emissions Equal All Historic Coal CO₂



Source: ORNL, CDIAC; IEA, WEO 2004

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2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 2025 2027 2029



year

New Coal--BAU 🗖 CCS Coal--BAU

EPRI--Comparative Costs 2020



Source: EPRI, Aug. 2005

EPRI--Comparative Costs Now (2010)



Source: EPRI, Aug. 2005

Low CO2 Generation Obligation

- Starting 5-7 years from now, require a growing fraction of U.S. electricity sales to come from generation with a CO₂ intensity about 250 lbs/MWh.
- Set the required fraction to equal U.S. ref. case coal build to 2020.



Possible U.S. CCS Deployment Schedule



Costs of CCS Deployment

- Based on AEP cost estimates for Ohio PUC IGCC application: CCS increases unit generation costs by 2.4 cents/kwh. (ref. unit=PC BIT)
- Assuming NO learning and 50% SUB-BIT use, levelized discounted costs of CCS program to 2020 are \$2 billion annually.
- Retail price of electricity increase in 2020 = 1.35 mills/kwh (1.9%).



Impact of CCS Proposal on Retail Rates

(assumes 50% use of sub-bituminous and no learning)



BAU rates from EIA AEO 2005

US Real Electricity Prices (2000 \$) (EIA, AER 2003)



Multiple Benefits of New Energy Path



Warming Won't Wait. Will We?



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CCS Capacity and CO2 stored (megatonnes CO2)

capacity w/ CCS			CO2 stored (megatonnes)				
Year	annual	cumulative	new annual	total annual	cumulative		
2010		0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
2011	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
2012	0.9	0.9	5.9	5.9	5.9		
2013	1.2	2.1	7.8	13.7	19.5		
2014	2	4.1	13.0	26.7	46.2		
2015	2.4	6.5	15.6	42.3	88.4		
2016	3.2	9.7	20.8	63.1	151.5		
2017	3.8	13.5	24.7	87.8	239.2		
2018	4.5	18	29.3	117.0	356.2		
2019	5.1	23.1	33.2	150.2	506.4		
2020	7.5	30.6	48.8	198.9	705.3		



CCS COSTS										
	AEP,	Braine 8	IEA, Foster- Wheeler, 2003							
Total gen	SCS, Current		IGCC, Current		IGCC, Current					
CUSL	VENT	CCS	VENT	CCS	VENT	CCS				
Actual values c/kwh	4.154	7.123	4.573	6.534	4.082	5.584				
Relative to SCS/VENT	1	1.71	1.14	1.57	1?	1.37				



Electricity Costs for Supercritical Steam (SCS) and IGCC Power Plants [based on AEP IGCC White Paper (Braine and Mudd, 2005) for Current Technologies but with EPRI TAG IOU Financing]							
Technology and status	SCS, Current		IGCC, Current				
Fate of CO ₂	VENT	CCS	VENT	CCS			
Capacity factor, %	85	85	85	85			
Efficiency, %, HHV	39.3	30.2	39.2	31.9			
OCC (overnight construction cost), 10 ⁶ \$	774	989	930	1033.5			
Total plant cost, \$/kW _e	1290	2150	1550	1950			
Total plant investment, \$/kW _e	1404	2340	1687	2122			
Annual levelized capital charge rate (ALCCR)	0.1204	0.1204	0.1204	0.1204			
Capital charge	2.270	3.783	2.727	3.431			
Coal @ \$1.3/GJ, HHV	1.192	1.550	1.193	1.467			
O&M (assumed to be 4%/y of OCC)	0.693	1.155	0.833	1.048			
Total generation cost	4.154	6.487	4.753	5.946			
CO_2 transport and storage cost ^b , t_{CO2}	-	6.89	-	6.74			
CO_2 transport and storage cost, ¢/kWh	-	0.635	-	0.588			
Total generation cost with $_{CO2}$ capture + storage, ¢/kWh	-	7.123	-	6.534			
Relative to IGCC/VENT	-	-	-	1.781			
Relative to SCS/VENT	-	2.968	-	2.380			

