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*Clean Coal Research Team*

# **Sustainable Transportation Energy Plan (STEP) Clean Coal Research Technology**

## **1 Executive Summary**

The Sustainable Transportation Energy Plan (STEP), a result of SB 115 codified in Utah statute in 2016, authorizes Rocky Mountain Power (the Company) to spend up an annual average of \$1.0 million over a five year period “to investigate, analyze, and research clean coal technology” (Senate Bill 115, Section 54-20-104). “Clean Coal technology’ means a technology that may be researched, developed, or used for reducing emissions or the rate of emissions from a thermal electric generation plant that used coal as a fuel source” (Senate Bill 115, Section 54-2-1). To meet that objective, the Company proposes to allocate these funds across a number of projects that focus on the capture, reduction and sequestration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and the reduction of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). Funding will go towards specific projects that will be performed or assisted by Utah universities, Utah companies developing woody-waste biomass-based fuels, and a Utah company with a promising CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology that may result in lower capture costs in comparison to traditional methods.

The currently proposed program of Clean Coal Research projects are as follows:

- 1) a co-firing test of woody-waste (biomass) materials at the Company’s Hunter Unit 3,
- 2) co-funding of a long term availability test of Sustainable Energy Solutions’ cryogenic capture technology at either the Hunter or Huntington Plant,
- 3) co-funding of USTAR’s Phase 1 effort to perform pre-feasibility study for commercial sequestration sites with co-funding by the United States Department of Energy,
- 4) a study to evaluate the potential for CO<sub>2</sub> to be used for regional enhanced coal bed methane recovery with sequestration,
- 5) a study to evaluate the performance and cost effectiveness of integrating solar thermal capture technologies at Hunter 3,
- 6) the application of an advanced neural network control system at Huntington Unit 2 for the reduction of NO<sub>x</sub>, and
- 7) implementation of a utility scale demonstration of alternative technologies that result in material decreases in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions without the use of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR).

## **2 Purpose and Necessity**

The proposed projects and studies, which are further described in this document, were selected to meet the statutory requirements of the STEP legislation. These projects and studies were selected to address further reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from the Hunter and Huntington plants, reduce emissions from other sources and to further develop and evaluate technologies and processes for

capturing and storing CO<sub>2</sub> which may be an element in an overall strategy to meet the state's goals under the federal Clean Power Plan.

The proposed projects and studies were identified through an exhaustive process that solicited and incorporated input from the Clean Coal Research team (see Appendix G for a list of participants). This team consisted of engineering faculty from the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Utah State University, the Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR), Utah Governor's Office for Energy Development, Utah technology companies and the Company's plant, technical services and resource development groups. Selected areas of demonstration or study focused specifically on the following:

- 1) CO<sub>2</sub> capture,
- 2) CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration (i.e. long term geologic storage), and
- 3) CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions from targeted facilities.

Overall criteria in the selection process of projects were multi-faceted and are intended to include the following key objectives:

- 1) need for physical demonstrations, if applicable and practicable,
- 2) advance existing/emerging technologies, 3) actively involve Utah universities and companies to perform the work,
- 3) leveraging other funding, if available and applicable.

The proposed Clean Coal Research projects/studies, type of project and project category are identified in Table 1.

Table 1  
Clean Coal Research Proposed Projects & Studies and Classifications

<b>Project/Study</b>	<b>Type of Project</b>	<b>Category</b>
Co-firing test of woody-waste (biomass) materials-Hunter 3	Demonstration	CO <sub>2</sub> reduction & particulate matter (PM) reduction associated with wildfires and avoided coal burn
Co-funding of a long term availability test of Sustainable Energy Solutions' Cryogenic Carbon Capture™ technology	Demonstration, co-funding	CO <sub>2</sub> capture
Co-funding of University of Utah's Phase 1 pre-feasibility study of commercial CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration sites in Utah	Study, co-funding	CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration
Evaluate the potential for CO <sub>2</sub> to be used for regional enhanced	Study	CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration

coal bed methane recovery		
Evaluate the feasibility of solar thermal integration on Hunter 3	Study	CO <sub>2</sub> reduction
Advanced neural network control system at Huntington 2	Demonstration	NO <sub>x</sub> reduction (and partial CO <sub>2</sub> reduction)
Utility scale demonstration of alternative NO <sub>x</sub> emissions controls	Demonstration/ Study	NO <sub>x</sub> reduction

The Key Research Objectives are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2

Clean Coal Research - Proposed Projects & Key Research Objectives

<b>Project/Study</b>	<b>Key Research Objectives</b>
Co-firing test of woody-waste (biomass) materials-Hunter 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical, economic and environmental assessment of biomass co-firing</li> <li>2. Demonstration of co-firing capability with major changes to material handling equipment and processes</li> <li>3. Identify processes that minimize cost of fuel processing without negative impacts on operations</li> </ol>
Co-funding of a long term availability test of Sustainable Energy Solutions' CO <sub>2</sub> Cryogenic Capture™ technology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate ability to achieve long term capture capability and operation</li> <li>2. Economic assessment of utility-scale implementation of technology</li> <li>3. Capture capabilities of other emissions</li> </ol>
Co-funding of University of Utah's Phase 1 pre-feasibility study of commercial CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration sites in Utah	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team formation to address technical/non-technical (regulatory, legislative, technical, policy, commercial &amp; financial) challenges</li> <li>2. Plan development to address economic feasibility and public acceptance</li> <li>3. High level technical evaluation of the geology of the sequestration sites</li> </ol>
Evaluate the potential for CO <sub>2</sub> to be used for regional enhanced coal bed methane recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine if local coal beds are conducive to enhanced CH<sub>4</sub> recovery using CO<sub>2</sub></li> <li>2. Evaluate the feasibility of permanent CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration used in enhanced coal bed methane recovery</li> <li>3. Evaluate potential for reduced seismicity compared to deep saline well injection</li> </ol>
Evaluate the feasibility of solar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine performance and economic feasibility of</li> </ol>

thermal integration - Hunter Plant	<p>solar thermal assisted steam generation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Identify land requirements</li> </ol>
Advanced neural network control system at Huntington 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deploy an open system artificial neural network software program targeting NOx emissions and net heat rate reductions</li> <li>2. Document emissions reductions &amp; heat rate improvements</li> <li>3. Modify the neural network to accommodate changes in ramp rates and reduced load operating conditions.</li> </ol>
Utility scale demonstration of alternative NOx emissions control technologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess alternative options for implementation of one or more NOx reduction technologies that in combination achieve similar emissions rates expected from a Selective Catalytic Reduction system</li> <li>2. Select one or more NOx emissions technologies that appear to be capable of meeting the primary objective and, where indicated and further testing is required, install a slip stream or full stream demonstration of the technology.</li> <li>3. Assess the economic feasibility of full scale implementation of the technolog(ies) compared to other available options for these units.</li> </ol>

The individual projects are summarized in the next section, Project Descriptions.

### **3 Project Descriptions**

#### **Co-firing Tests of Woody-waste (biomass) Materials in Hunter Unit 3**

This proposed project consists of two 18-hour co-firing tests of processed woody waste (biomass) to be fired in the Hunter Unit 3 boiler. The target heat input from woody waste material is 10% of the required total fuel input of the Unit 3 boiler. The processed woody waste will come from Utah forests and will consist of pinion-juniper, fir, aspen and other woods that have been cut down or removed to reduce fire danger, improve or maintain avian habitats and watersheds, or to remove dead trees. Additional wood resources include scrap and waste material from logging operations. Two types of processed woody waste will be tested. The primary objective of these tests will be to determine whether these processed biomass fuels can effectively be used as “drop-in” replacements in lieu of burning coal. In addition to displacing coal and its attendant CO<sub>2</sub> and NOx emissions, using these processed woody waste materials will have the benefit of minimizing particulate matter emissions associated with either controlled or uncontrolled burns of collected forest materials. Performing these tests will also be used as a mechanism to further evaluate and demonstrate these Utah-based technologies.

Amaron Energy ([www.amaronenergy.com](http://www.amaronenergy.com)) and AEG Coalswitch ([www.active-energy.com/aeg-coalswitch](http://www.active-energy.com/aeg-coalswitch)) are two Utah companies that have developed technologies to process/upgrade woody waste materials into biomass products that have properties that are similar to coal. The two companies use processes that are fundamentally different to create their biomass products. Independent 18-hour co-firing tests will be performed on each of the two biomass products at the Hunter Plant to determine how they perform as replacement fuels for coal.

The Amaron process consists of a torrefaction process in which the material is ground, sorted and heated in a low-oxygen environment to approximately 400-600 degrees Fahrenheit in a “torrefier” (fundamentally an indirect-fired rotating kiln). This produces a “coal like” material with a heating value of approximately 8,500-10,000 British thermal units per pound; this material can be pelletized which will enhance transportation and handling characteristics. Further testing will be required to determine if pelletization, which also adds cost, is needed.

The AEG Coalswitch process consists of a “steam explosion” process in which the woody waste material is ground, sorted, washed and heated by being exposed to high pressure steam (400-550 pounds per square inch) for approximately 15 minutes. The steam pressure is then released in a very short period of time (milliseconds); as a consequence, the woody material is deconstructed with high lignin content. This material is then rinsed, compressed and dried. This process also produces a “coal like” material with a heating value of approximately 8,500-10,000 British thermal units per pound. This material, too, can be pelletized. Further testing will be required to determine if the additional pelletization step is needed.

The testing process will include a complete analysis of the biomass fuel. Testing will be performed to assess the material’s handling characteristics to ensure that it can be reliably handled by the existing boiler’s coal handling, milling and conveying systems. Testing will be performed to ensure that co-combustion of the material does not have a deleterious effect on the boiler operation (undue slagging, fouling or coating of fabric filter bags).

To facilitate the proposed woody waste co-firing project, the University of Utah has been commissioned by Rocky Mountain Power to evaluate milling characteristics of these two processed fuels; this work is ongoing and is being performed at the University of Utah’s combustion facility. This milling study is not being funded by STEP. For the performance of the co-firing test itself, Rocky Mountain Power will enter into separate contracts with Amaron and AEG Coalswitch for the supply and delivery of the processed material.

The University of Utah, together with Rocky Mountain Power will develop the test protocol, monitor and record the test, evaluate emissions, and perform specific fuel and ash analyses. The University of Utah will prepare summary final reports on these potential fuels to both reduce coal consumption and to provide a mechanism within the State of Utah where woody waste material can be periodically put to beneficial use without the particulate emissions associated with open burning.

For more information on the planned scope of work, refer to Appendix A, “Biomass Co-firing Proposal – University of Utah”, which is a copy of the proposal submitted by the University of Utah with participation by Brigham Young University.

### **Co-funding of a Long Term Availability Test of Sustainable Energy Solutions’ CO<sub>2</sub> Cryogenic Carbon Capture™ Technology**

The proposed joint project uses the existing skid-scale version of Sustainable Energy Solutions’ (SES) Cryogenic Carbon Capture™ (CCC) technology and supporting facilities to improve operational issues based on experience in a recent series of field tests, including preliminary short term field tests that were performed at Rocky Mountain Power’s Dave Johnston plant in 2014. Rocky Mountain Power did not materially contribute to these short term tests at the Dave Johnston Plant other than to provide space and small amounts of electric energy and cooling water and making the field connections. The proposed STEP project (Phase I) will consist of modifying the test skid and performing a series of long term operational tests. This will be followed by the design, construction, and operation of a pilot facility based on the same scaled up technology (Phase II). The Phase I field tests will occur at either the Hunter or Huntington plants. Phase II will be a separate funding effort outside of the STEP program and is anticipated to be materially supported by the United States Department of Energy.

SES is a Utah company dedicated to the development of a low-cost CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology with an emphasis on retrofit potential ([www.sesinnovation.com](http://www.sesinnovation.com)). The United States Department of Energy and State of Wyoming sponsored projects have shown the potential for the CCC process to cost half of current post-combustion technologies. The technology has demonstrated very high CO<sub>2</sub> removal efficiencies as well as the capability of removing criteria pollutants such as mercury and oxides of nitrogen and sulfur during recent field tests. These tests indicated several aspects of CCC that could be modified and optimized to improve longer-term reliability and efficiency. These modifications will be tested at the SES facility, after which the test skid will be deployed at the Hunter or Huntington plants to perform multiple long term tests (at least one greater than 500 continuous hours of run time with many more cumulative hours of run time) over a period of up to nine-months. Reliability is a critical requirement for Phase II of the technology development, which scales up this promising technology to 5-10 megawatts-electric equivalent. Phase I will be also co-funded by the US Department of Energy, Tri-State Generation and Transmission and the Electric Power Research Institute. The total project value of Phase I will be up to six million dollars of which Rocky Mountain Power will provide funding of approximately one million dollars. The US DOE indicates that demonstrated reliability and availability testing during Phase I will be a key factor in their consideration to fund a scale up of the technology (Phase II).

Expenditures made towards Phase I would be applied towards modifying the existing test skid,



SES salaries and expenses during the testing phase, on-site consumables and insurances at Rocky Mountain Power's plant. Rocky Mountain Power would engage the services of a third party engineering firm to provide an assessment of the costs for implementing the technology on a retrofit basis on a utility scale (i.e. a nominal 450 megawatt-electric coal-fired facility).

SES is negotiating with the US DOE for Phase I of this project. As part of that proposal to the US DOE, SES has indicated cost sharing and participation by the following entities:

- 1) Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association - Tri-state is a rural electric power producer in the Midwest that has demonstrated keen interest in SES's. Tri-State provides advisory roles, financial support and dedicates a portion of their staff to SES Phase 2 program.
- 2) National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) - NRECA represents the rural cooperatives and is highly supportive of this work in an effort to evaluate and mature this technology.
- 3) Rocky Mountain Power –Rocky Mountain Power, as part of the STEP program, has committed to host a pilot-scale facility and financially support the development of this technology.
- 4) Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) - EPRI is involved in a technical and economic evaluation of cryogenic capture and is providing cost share to SES's Phase 2 program.
- 5) Brigham Young University (BYU) - BYU provides fundamental science and engineering support, including Aspen modeling and laboratory experiments, to this project. BYU also provides cost share to SES's Phase 2 program.

For more detailed information, please refer to Appendix B, "Cryogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Testing Proposal – Sustainable Energy Solutions" which has a copy of the proposal and budget submitted by Sustainable Energy Solutions.

### **Co-funding of University of Utah Phase 1 Pre-feasibility Study of Commercial CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Sites in Utah**

For this project, Rocky Mountain Power proposes to co-fund and participate in the University of Utah's pre-feasibility study to evaluate the development of commercial scale carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) storage in Utah. This pre-feasibility study is being pursued in response to a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA Number DE-FOA-00001584) issued on June 23, 2016 also known as the Carbon Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise (CarbonSAFE). If selected by the US DOE, the University of Utah, and its co-participants, would receive up to \$1.2 million to perform the pre-feasibility study. The ability to identify locations that are suitable for commercial scale CO<sub>2</sub> geologic sequestration is a critical issue that must be addressed to reduce

the carbon footprint of coal-fired generating stations. The University of Utah and the other participating entities would contribute at least another \$150,000 in direct funding or cost share, thereby meeting the 20% minimum participation required by the USDOE to receive funding. This project's objectives, significant leveraged co-funding, and relatively small cost are consistent with the objectives of STEP. This Phase I effort is the first of a series of FOAs the US DOE intends to issue. The US DOE has planned for four phases which are as follows: a) Phase I-Integrated CCS Prefeasibility (this STEP project with an expected duration of 18 months), b) Phase II-Storage Complex Feasibility (expected duration of two years), c) Phase III-Site Characterization (expected duration of two years) and d) Phase IV-Permitting and Construction (with an expected duration of 3.5 years).

For Phase I of this overall program, the US DOE intends to fund up to 12 pre-feasibility studies across the US, with up to \$1.2 million per study. In the event the University of Utah proposal is not selected, the \$150,000 earmarked for this study would be re-allocated to the NOx feasibility/demonstration project.

Other participants in the study effort with the University of Utah and Rocky Mountain Power include: University of Utah Law School, Utah Geological Survey, Sandia National Labs, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Schlumberger Carbon Services, Los Alamos National Lab and New Mexico Tech.

The following are excerpts from the US DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001584 that more fully describes the objectives and requirements of the prefeasibility study effort:

“One of the key gaps in the critical path toward Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) deployment is the development of commercial-scale (50+ million metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>) geologic storage sites for CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial sources. There has been relatively little effort by the private sector to identify and certify (i.e., regulatory permit) geologic storage sites that are capable of storing commercial-scale volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>, primarily because of the lack of immediate economic incentives. As a result, commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> sources that want to develop CCS projects face the risk of not finding a suitable saline storage site for their captured CO<sub>2</sub>.

CarbonSAFE is an effort to develop an integrated CCS storage complex constructed and permitted for operation in the 2025 timeframe over a series of sequential phases of development: Integrated CCS Pre-Feasibility, Storage Complex Feasibility, Site Characterization, and Permitting and Construction. Subject to availability of funds, a series of FOAs are planned to accomplish this mission. This FOA, DE-FOA-0001584 - Integrated CCS Pre-Feasibility, is the first in a series of planned FOAs and focuses on the initial phase

of development of the commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage site.

The overall purpose of this FOA is to conduct pre-feasibility for a commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage complex and demonstrate that the storage sites within the complex have the potential to store CO<sub>2</sub> emissions safely, permanently and economically. Successful applicants to this FOA will identify and perform a pre-feasibility study on a storage complex capable of storing 50+ million metric tons of industrially-sourced CO<sub>2</sub>. This FOA will provide funding for the initial stages of development of the commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage, which will include the following activities:

- Formation of a CCS coordination team capable of addressing any regulatory, legislative, technical, public policy, commercial, financial, etc. challenges specific to commercial-scale deployment of the CO<sub>2</sub> storage project.
- Develop a plan for the storage complex and storage site(s) that address the challenges including but not limited to a strategy that would enable an integrated capture and storage project to be economically feasible and publicly acceptable.
- Perform a high-level technical sub-basinal evaluation to identify a potential storage complex with storage site(s), including a description of the geology and risks associated with the potential storage site. Identify and evaluate potential CO<sub>2</sub> sources.”

This particular research project was not part of the original list of projects under consideration by the Clean Coal Research group. This item was added after reviewing the Funding Opportunity Announcement from the United States Department of Energy that was issued on June 23, 2016.

For more information on the University of Utah’s plan, refer to Appendix C, “CarbonSAFE Proposal – University of Utah.”

### **Evaluate the Potential for CO<sub>2</sub> for Regional Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Recovery**

This project would perform a feasibility study to evaluate opportunities to use CO<sub>2</sub> for beneficial use for enhanced natural gas recovery from coal seams, specifically coal seams in the Emery County area. As part of this study, an assessment will be made of the capability of local coal seams to concurrently sequester CO<sub>2</sub>.

CO<sub>2</sub> has the potential to be used for enhancing natural gas recovery from coal beds (“coal bed methane”) in much the same way it is currently used for enhanced oil recovery. Significant research effort has been undertaken across the United States to identify cost effective CO<sub>2</sub>

capture technologies. SaskPower's Boundary Dam project and Petra Nova's WA Parrish project are large utility scale projects that have been constructed or are under construction to use CO<sub>2</sub> injections for enhanced oil recovery.

This proposed project will focus on the potential for recovering coal bed methane in the areas surrounding the Hunter and Huntington power plants which have abundant coal bed methane resources. The project will study options to use CO<sub>2</sub> for enhanced recovery of coal bed methane and the geologic sequestration capacity of the coal seams in the region. The proposed study objectives are:

- 1) Provide a technical, economic and environmental study on the costs and benefits of this technology, including transportation of CO<sub>2</sub> from a specific source to a specific coal bed methane sequestration area.
- 2) Determine whether local coal beds are conducive to enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> methane recovery.
- 3) Propose new technologies for improving CO<sub>2</sub> injection efficiency.

This study concept was developed and defined by the Clean Coal Research team during the development and research area identification phase.

The proposed study would be performed by the University of Utah and the University's Energy & Geoscience Institute. For more detailed information, please refer to Appendix D, "Application/Feasibility for Regional/Commercial Use of CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Recovery," which is a copy of the proposal submitted by the University of Utah - Energy & Geoscience Institute.

### **Feasibility Assessment of Solar Thermal Integration - Hunter Plant**

This proposed project would investigate the potential of integrating solar thermal collection to provide steam and/or feedwater heating into the Hunter 3 boiler/feedwater cycle. Integration of a solar thermal collection system would have the benefit of minimizing coal consumption and the attendant emissions associated with reduced coal use. The study would focus on the application of parabolic solar troughs and would also consider power tower collection systems.

Factors that will be evaluated in the study are:

- Site specific costs and benefits of solar thermal integration at the Hunter Plant
- Steam/feedwater injection points in the boiler feedwater cycle and those impacts on performance,
- Impact on coal consumption and associated emissions,
- Land requirements

The study would be specific to the Hunter Plant, taking into account the solar insolation at that location.

For more information, refer to the proposal in Appendix E, “Solar Thermal Integration, Hunter Plant - Brigham Young University.”

### **Advanced Neural Network Control System at Huntington 2**

For this Clean Coal research project it is proposed to install and evaluate a neural network software system on Huntington Unit 2. The project would consist of installing and enhancing third party neural optimization software. The initial objective would be to target combustions with a primary objective of reducing NOx emissions followed by a reduction in the other emissions associated with combustion and then balancing those reductions with unit efficiency improvement. Along with combustion optimization there are other plant processes that may benefit from neural network optimization. This study will explore neural network optimization of those processes as well. Initial combustion study results are anticipated within the first year of the project and additional process objectives will be added during the long-term study of the neural network over the course of the five year STEP program.

For this project, the University of Utah will partner with Rocky Mountain Power and the software provider to install, demonstrate and fundamentally research artificial intelligence technology to improve emissions of coal-fired power systems. The computer software is based on artificial neural networks. Artificial neural networks are data-driven modeling techniques used to mathematically describe complex processes, such as coal combustion for power generation. Artificial neural networks are used to “learn” a specific process, particularly the relationships between inputs (e.g., flow rates, damper positions, etc.) and critical outputs (e.g., NOx emissions, boiler efficiency, etc.), through a mathematical model-fitting routine. Using this model of a process, optimization routines can be used to determine the optimal combination of inputs to give a desired output (e.g., finding the conditions that minimize NOx emissions, maximize efficiency, or a combination of both). Because the process is continually changing as conditions change, the software is used to continuously update the model and re-solve for optimum conditions.

The proposed project has a number of advantages that increase its likelihood of success: 1) the technology has been successfully demonstrated elsewhere, 2) there are a number of research opportunities to improve the technology, specifically as they may apply dynamic optimization due to fast ramping of the plant, 3) the project is relatively low cost, 4) the technology is scalable to other similar units, and 5) the proposed primary research team members are experienced in neural networks and process optimization and are local to Emery County.

Rocky Mountain Power would contract with the University of Utah for setup and implementation of the model, periodic upkeep of the model and assistance in periodic training of plant operators. Rocky Mountain Power would acquire the initial license from the software

vendor and will likely renew the annual license fees over the duration of the five-year STEP program provided satisfactory and repeatable improvement is demonstrated.

This project was initiated by Rocky Mountain Power's technical services team and endorsed by the Clean Coal Research team during the development and research area identification phase.

For more information, refer to Appendix F, "Advanced Neural Net Controls - University of Utah," which is a copy of the proposal submitted by the University of Utah with participation by Brigham Young University.

### **Utility Scale Demonstration of Alternative NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Control Technologies**

This particular Clean Coal research project is proposed to perform one or more slip stream or full scale demonstration tests of one or more NO<sub>x</sub> emissions control technologies at the Huntington Plant. The objective of this test program will be to determine if there are one or more emerging NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies either on a standalone or combined basis that could be installed at the plant that could achieve NO<sub>x</sub> emissions rates similar to those expected with selective catalytic reduction system (SCR) and at significantly lower cost than an SCR system. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has mandated that PacifiCorp install SCR systems on Hunter Units 1&2 and Huntington Units 1&2 within five years. These four units are fundamentally similar; it is expected that this process would help inform a NO<sub>x</sub> reduction implementation strategy for these affected units. The targeted NO<sub>x</sub> emissions rate with an SCR system is 0.07 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per million British thermal units.

STEP Clean Coal research monies will be used to fund all or a portion of these NO<sub>x</sub> emission control tests. In order to identify which technologies will be tested, a Request for Proposal (RFP) process will be conducted in 2017. Criteria that will be used to select technologies include: 1) an assessment of whether the technology can be installed at full scale, 2) previous operational experience, which includes scale, duration and performance, 3) permitting impacts, 4) expected capital and operating and maintenance costs, 5) an assessment of the long term reliability of the technology and ability to achieve the target emissions rate and 6) the ability of the underlying technology company to provide commercially viable performance warranties/guarantees. Prior to distribution of the RFP, a Request for Information (RFI) would be issued to determine interest, identify any technology consolidation or partnering opportunities and prepare a short list of potential technology providers for the RFP.

Prior to issuing the RFP for NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies, it will be necessary to prepare a thorough inventory of one of the four boilers and the backend environmental control equipment. This inventory will need to include all major boiler process conditions including flows, pressures, typical operating states, temperatures, concentrations, materials of construction and fuel composition. A complete and accurate set of detailed drawings of the boiler and environmental

control equipment would need to be compiled. As part of that inventory effort, a computation fluid dynamic model may need to be prepared, especially for applications of SNCR technologies.

A number of prospective technologies are currently under consideration; others will be reviewed through the end of 2016. Individual technologies that are currently being considered include: advanced combustion controls, SNCR systems (both with and without chemical enhancers such as hydrogen peroxide), ozone injection and catalytically treated fabric filter bags.

#### **4 Benefits, Public Interest Justification and Compliance with SB115**

Seven Clean Coal Research studies and projects have been identified and budgets proposed. These projects and studies were reviewed and prioritized by the Clean Coal Research team during the development and research identification phase. These selected projects meet SB115's definition of Clean Coal technology and its objective "to investigate, analyze, and research clean coal technology" (Senate Bill 115, Section 54-20-104). The benefits of each project are identified in the individual project descriptions found in the previous section.

The selected projects are intended to meet multiple objectives, and include:

- 1) demonstration projects that will result in measurable reduced emissions,
- 2) investment in promising technologies and applications that may advance technologies that when fully developed and applied in utility scale that will allow for coal-fired generation resources to operate with reduced carbon emissions,
- 3) funding and providing opportunities for industry-targeted areas of research that can be performed by Utah's universities, and
- 4) promotion of Utah's clean energy technology companies.

#### **5 Alternatives Considered**

Alternative technologies/studies/projects that were also considered as being potential areas of research under the Clean Coal Research program (but were eliminated from consideration due to their speculative nature or lack of direct tie to the clean coal research legislative intent) are as follows:

- Plant demand side management (VFDs, high efficiency motor retrofits, lighting upgrades, partial turbine upgrades)
- Site specific CO<sub>2</sub> capture studies with conventional amine-based technologiesCO<sub>2</sub> injection characterization studies
- Reduced load operation and enhanced ramping studies
- Solid-supported amines
- Development of catalysts for converting CO<sub>2</sub> into products (beneficial use)

## 6 Major Project Milestones

The major project milestones for each project can be found in Appendix H.

## 7 Program Closure, Retirement and Removal Information

In 2021, at the end of the 5-year period, the Company will report back to the Utah Public Service Commission regarding the actual expenditures made for each project, provide a report summarizing the overall study objectives, work performed, findings and results, lessons learned and recommendations for future action. In cases where a project is completed earlier than 2021 (i.e. the Woody Waste Co-firing demonstration at Hunter 3), a report will be prepared and submitted within 120 days of the completion of the project. If the Commission determines that additional reporting would be beneficial, the Company will comply with those requirements.

## 8 Planned Budgeted Costs

Table 3 identifies the proposed annual expenditures for each of the Clean Coal Research projects. Some minor adjustments in year-to-year spending for each project may occur. Any available excess funds that become available because actual costs are lower than currently forecast will be allocated to the Advanced NOx Controls Technology project.

Table 3

Clean Coal Research – Proposed Project – Estimated Annual Expenditures

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Woody Waste Co-firing</b>	\$612,841	\$177,032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$789,873
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>-Capture (CCC)</b>	\$381,557	\$668,301	\$125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,174,857
<b>US DOE Sequestration Site Characterization - Phase 1</b>	\$150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$150,000
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>-Enhanced Coal Bed Methane</b>	\$ -	\$62,500	\$75,000	\$62,500	\$75,000	\$275,000
<b>Solar Thermal Assessment</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$65,083	\$83,083	\$38,833	\$187,000
<b>Neural Net Implementation</b>	\$547,806	\$178,924	\$216,719	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$1,007,449
<b>Advanced NOx Controls</b>	\$100,000	\$320,411	\$775,000	\$220,411	\$ -	\$1,415,821
	<b>\$1,792,204</b>	<b>\$1,407,167</b>	<b>\$1,256,802</b>	<b>\$397,994</b>	<b>\$145,833</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>



## **9 Accounting**

Costs for each individual project will be monitored and tracked separately. The individual projects will roll up to the Clean Coal Research project created by the company's accounting group under the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan. Only costs spent on outside contracted goods and services will be covered by the Clean Coal Research funding. Internal Rocky Mountain Power labor costs will be funded through normal operations.

## **10 Procurement and Project Delivery Strategy**

The Clean Coal STEP initiative is fundamentally a series of research projects in which the proposed plan is to work directly with universities and technology developers and suppliers that provide unique products and services. As such, this directed research program is not conducive to using typical competitive bidding practices. It is expected that the work for each project will be clearly defined and costs for that work negotiated with the entity that will perform the work. With the exception of the Advanced NO<sub>x</sub> Controls Technologies project, where the potential technologies and/or providers have not yet been identified, it is proposed to award the work to the entity (or entities) stated in the individual project definitions (See Appendices A-F). Typical Rocky Mountain Power contractual commercial terms and conditions will be applied to the extent possible. Applicable engineering specification and design standards will be applied as well as the Company's plant specific health, safety and environmental requirements.

Each project will have its own Rocky Mountain Power project manager.

## **APPENDICES**

- Appendix A - Biomass Co-firing Proposal - University of Utah
- Appendix B - Cryogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Testing Proposal - Sustainable Energy Solutions
- Appendix C - CarbonSAFE Proposal - University of Utah
- Appendix D - Application/Feasibility for Regional/Commercial Use of CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Recovery – University of Utah Earth Geosciences Institute
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# **APPENDICES**

# **Appendix A**

Biomass Co-firing Proposal

University of Utah

# **Technical Assistance in Support of Biomass Co-firing Demonstration**

## *A Proposal to PacifiCorp*

### **Introduction**

PacifiCorp is considering the demonstration of biomass co-firing with pulverized coal at their Hunter plant as one of multiple CO<sub>2</sub> reduction strategies to be evaluated using legislative funding from SB115-54-20-104. This funding is specifically targeted for “a program to investigate, analyze and research clean coal technology.”

Faculty members from the University of Utah have considerable experience with coal and biomass/coal co-firing, and are interested in providing technical assistance in support of the proposed biomass co-firing demonstration. Specifically, we are interested in assisting with the planning of the co-firing demonstration, as well as making measurements during the execution of the demonstration, and assisting in the analysis of data obtained during the testing. In addition, we envision several research tasks in support of the demonstration that can be carried out at our Industrial Combustion and Gasification Research Facility.

It is our understanding that the production of the required biomass fuel will be contracted directly with the two proposed suppliers, Amaron Energy and AEG/CoalSwitch. Therefore, our proposed efforts will focus only the technical support tasks. Brigham Young University will also participate in some of the proposed tasks, as well as potentially proposing an additional task, and these efforts will be incorporated into this proposal once they have been identified.

### **Project Objectives**

The primary objectives for the University of Utah participation in the biomass co-firing demonstration are as follows:

- 1) Assess the mechanical stability and hydrophobicity or water resistance of the two candidate biomass fuels.
- 2) Perform on-site sampling of particulate matter (PM) in various size ranges during the Hunter plant demonstration. Other measurements may also be taken (e.g., deposition probes, Hg, etc.) if deemed feasible during the campaign.
- 3) Assist in the analysis of plant data relating to pollutant emissions, boiler performance
- 4) Perform laboratory studies of the combustion performance of the biomass/coal blends
- 5) Assessment of PM, CO<sub>2</sub> and other emissions avoided when burning forest biomass in the Hunter plant vs. a forest fire. What are the relative environmental impacts?

### **Detailed Work Plan**

Tasks to be performed by University of Utah personnel, in collaboration with PacifiCorp personnel, are discussed in detail below. Since this proposal is a draft and the overall scope of work has yet to be finalized, limited detail is provided at this stage.

### Task 1. Biomass Fuel Handling and Stability (UofU)

This task will explore the potential hazards of the handling of the two different types of biomass fuels. Will the pellets be hydrophobic or at least water resistant? To what degree? Will dry storage facilities be required? How much dust is generated from each during handling (conveying/transfer points, movement around yard, off-loading from transport, etc.). What is the mechanical strength of the respective fuels (how much attrition/dust formation during handling)?

Some quantitative assessment of these attributes can be made prior to the full-scale demonstration using the material provided to the UofU for the milling trials, and this information could prove very helpful in preparing for the Hunter plant demonstration.

### Task 2. On-site (Hunter Plant) Measurements During Co-firing Demonstration (UofU and BYU)

In this task, the University of Utah and Brigham Young University will develop and adapt existing hardware for the measurement of particle size distribution and deposition rate during baseline operation and the biomass co-firing demonstration. U of U will build an isokinetic dilution sampling probe that will be long enough to extract particle samples from Hunter, Unit 3 boiler at a location near the primary superheat pendants. BYU will build two temperature controlled deposit sample probes to be installed at the same location in the furnace. Personnel from the U of U and BYU will travel to the plant and take particle size distribution and deposition rate data for several days before and during the biomass co-firing tests. The U of U will also take size segregated particle samples and will later analyze them for chemical composition. These data will be digested and a report will be written for PacifiCorp detailing the difference in mineral matter behavior between the baseline and demonstration periods. These data will also be available for comparison with pilot-scale data for similar operating conditions.

### Task 3. Analysis of Boiler Operating, Emissions and Performance Data (BYU)

BYU will visit Hunter, Unit 3 and collect operational data from PacifiCorp engineers and from the DCS system for the periods before and during the biomass co-firing demonstration. These data will be used to build a process model within Aspen of Hunter, Unit 3 for baseline operation and for the biomass co-firing test. This model will be used to evaluate differences in operation between the two period of operation and a report will be written for PacifiCorp detailing these results.

### Task 4. Combustion Performance Evaluations (UofU)

Laboratory-scale studies would be carried out to specifically target investigations of pollutant emission levels and ash/deposit properties for the two biomass co-fire blends, as compared to the baseline coal operation. We would use small-scale (100 KW) combustion tests to explore differences in the deposition behavior, flyash characteristics and NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO and CO<sub>2</sub> performance for the two different biomass fuels (after pulverizing). Operating conditions representative of Hunter plant operation would be used.

We would use a specially-designed deposition probe and our existing, state-of-the-art aerosol sampling and measurement equipment. We would follow up with similar measurements during the field trials, as described in Task 2.

A recent publication of a biomass co-firing study showed some reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> beyond that which can be attributed simply to fuel N reduction, or introduction of volatiles (they used biomass char). Thus, there may be an additional NO<sub>x</sub> benefit due to use of biomass, that could be assessed simultaneously with the ash/deposition study.

These two issues (deposition and NO<sub>x</sub> behavior) are the subjects of two new NSF grants on biomass co-firing awarded to the University of Utah, so we would be able to leverage those funds to make these studies relatively inexpensive. We could potentially measure other pollutant levels of interest to PacifiCorp at the same time, such as Hg, to quantify any differences between baseline coal firing and co-firing with the two different biomass fuels. We would also quantify LOI levels in flyash, as well as particle size distributions and elemental composition.

All of this information could be obtained in advance of the co-firing demonstration, and could provide guidance for test plans with the full-scale demonstration.

**Task 5. Air Quality Assessment of Biomass Co-firing (UofU)**

One motivating factor for use of biomass from forest thinning operations is the perceived reduction in particulate matter pollution due to large-scale forest fires in overgrown areas, or from open burning of slash piles of cleared forest materials. This task will assess the environmental impact of displacing coal by burning this biomass in a controlled manner at the Hunter plant, as opposed to open burn or uncontrolled forest fires. Assessment will be made of the relative impact on particulate matter emissions, regional haze, CO<sub>2</sub>, VOC, and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, air toxics, or other environmental considerations.

The assessment will also consider the following life-cycle stages: extraction, transport, and combustion of the coal; harvesting, transporting, processing, and combustion of the biomass; and combustion of biomass by controlled burns. An overall evaluation of the differences in greenhouse gas emissions and net energy return will also be included.

**Project Schedule:**

Estimated timelines for each task are shown in the table below. The schedule assumes that the co-firing demonstration at the Hunter Plant would occur sometime in Q5 or Q6 of the program. The schedule can be flexible, to accommodate the needs and objectives of the program.

	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q5</b>	<b>Q6</b>	<b>Q7</b>	<b>Q8</b>
<b>Task 1</b>	Biomass Fuel Handling and Stability								
<b>Task 2</b>	On-site Measurements During Hunter Demonstration								

<b>Task 3</b>	Analysis of Boiler Operating, Emissions and Performance Data								
<b>Task 4</b>	Combustion Performance Evaluations								
<b>Task 5</b>	Air Quality Assessment of Biomass Co-firing								

**Budget Estimates:**

Estimated budget totals are provided for each task are provided below.

	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>UofU</b>	<b>BYU</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Task 1</b>	Biomass Fuel Handling and Stability	\$19,243		\$19,243
<b>Task 2</b>	On-site Measurements During Hunter Demonstration	\$41,785	\$37,800	\$79,585
<b>Task 3</b>	Analysis of Boiler Operating, Emissions and Performance Data		\$25,100	\$25,100
<b>Task 4</b>	Combustion Performance Evaluations	\$73,864		\$73,864
<b>Task 5</b>	Air Quality Assessment of Biomass Co-firing	\$25,200		\$25,200
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$160,092</b>	<b>\$62,900</b>	<b>\$222,992</b>

# **Appendix B**

## **Cryogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Testing Proposal Sustainable Energy Solutions**



# Draft Cryogenic Carbon Capture Demonstration Budget

## Overview

This document outlines a draft budget for Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) involvement in the development of Cryogenic Carbon Capture. There are two phases to the proposed involvement, the first phase involves leveraging an existing test system to mature the technology for scale up to a larger pilot scale. This phase will involve some modifications to the existing system and extended testing at a RMP facility. The second phase will involve designing, engineering, building and testing a larger pilot system at a RMP facility. SES anticipates requesting about \$1,174,857 from RMP of the total nearly \$6 million project in 2017-2018 for the first phase project and up to \$3 million in cost share from RMP of the total \$20 million project in 2018-2021. The remaining funding for these projects will come from DOE, and other project partners including Tri-State Generation the Electric Power Research Institute and the National Rural Electric Coop Association.

## Objective

This document outlines a rough draft of the budget we anticipate requesting from RMP for support in developing the promising Cryogenic Carbon Capture technology. This technology has many promising features including the potential to reduce the cost and energy requirements of carbon capture vs. existing technologies by more than 50%, easily retrofitting to existing plants, robustly handling contaminants like SOX, NOX, and Mercury, adding no additional water demand to the plant, and providing integrated energy storage for load leveling or improved intermittent renewable management. The purpose of this document is not to provide a detailed technology description, more information can be found at <http://sesinnovation.com/>.

The proposed budget is divided into two phases. The first phase leverages an existing field demonstration system as part of a proposed DOE project to mature the technology and gather critical information in preparation for a scale-up. This first phase will involve several project partners including SES, EPRI, Tri-State, and DOE. The second phase will be a collaborative project between SES, DOE, RMP and others to scale up the technology and demonstrate it at (5-10 MWe). Both of these phases represent significant steps in maturing the Cryogenic Carbon Capture Technology and preparing it for full-scale deployment by 2025.

## Field Demonstration Phase

This phase involves improving and development of some key aspects of the technology to increase reliability, efficiency, and scalability of the process. This step also involves extending experimental continuous run times of the current 1 tonne/day demonstration system from about 50 hours to 500 hours in preparation for scale up and bringing cumulative run time up even higher. This step will also involve real-world case studies and refining the techno-economic analysis of the process. We are in agreement with DOE and other stakeholders that this is a critical step for advancing the technology and establishing the scalability and large-scale potential of the technology. Some pictures and diagrams related to this testing are found in the appendix.

The development work will take place during the end of 2016 and 2017 with the field testing being performed in 2018. The appendix contains a summary of the development tasks that will be performed as part of the larger project that will be funded mostly by the US DOE.

The total period of performance for this phase will be about 2.5 years. SES is proposing nine-months of on-site testing at a RMP Plant in Utah starting in 2018. The exact testing dates will be determined later as part of a collaborative pre-run phase and in conjunction with the larger project.

#### Field Demonstration Phase Budget

A separate proposal has been sent to DOE for the majority of the work required in this phase. While DOE will fund the majority of the development work, some RMP funds are being requested to help with development. Similarly, RMP will pay for the majority of the field testing, but DOE will also contribute a significant portion. The budget below outlines direct costs associated with that development and testing that we will request from RMP this budget of about \$1,174,857 will be part of a larger roughly \$6 million project funded mostly by DOE and will allow RMP to leverage its money to get a significant return on these research dollars. SES may adjust the scope of the RMP portion of the budget within the larger project if this is deemed beneficial to the overall project. This budget does not include the cost of utilities at the plant, or any modifications required at the plant. We anticipate the cost of connecting to electricity and flue gas will be minimal and don't anticipate needing any additional structural support in place for this small test system. There is a possibility for RMP to get involved to a greater extent in this phase if that is determined to be of benefit.

This budget is divided into a pre-run and development and a field test phase. The pre-run and development phase will begin in the first quarter of 2017 and will involve minor funding of the development work outlined in the appendix, planning with RMP, site visits to potential host sites, hazard and environmental identification and reviews with RMP, sharing of detailed information regarding flue-gas composition, permitting, etc. This phase will also involve pre-run preparations of the skid including any necessary modifications for pre-treatment of the flue-gas, preparing electrical, water, and flue-gas lines of appropriate lengths, and purchase of spare parts and equipment for the anticipated extended runs.

<b>Cryogenic Carbon Capture Demonstration</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Pre-Run and Development Budget</b>	<b>\$515,700</b>	\$356,557	\$159,144	
<b>Field Test Run</b>				
<b>Lodging, M&amp;I Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,190</b>		\$ 76,190	
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>		\$ 17,100	
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$255,487</b>		\$255,487	
<b>Loading &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>		\$ 7,000	
<b>Liability Insurance</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>		\$ 45,000	
<b>Supplies &amp; Consumables</b>	<b>\$0</b>		\$ 0	
<b>Temporary on-site work space</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>		\$ 20,000	
<b>Water Treatment &amp; Disposal</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>		\$ 10,000	
<b>Overhead for Supplies and Travel</b>	<b>\$53,380</b>		\$ 53,380	
<b>Consulting</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Capital Cost Assessment (Scale Up)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>			\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,174,857</b>	\$381,557	\$668,301	\$125,000

### Scaled-Up Pilot Phase

Following the Field Demonstration Phase, SES will be prepared to scale up the technology to a 5-10 MWe pilot demonstration. While the objective of the smaller-scale field demonstration phase will be to demonstrate the scalability of the technology, the scaled-up pilot phase will have the objective of showing better energy performance than currently available technology even at a full scale. This phase will involve designing, engineering, and building a new system at a scale that will be a slip stream from an existing plant, but will be commercial scale for many small industrial applications. This project will cost about \$20-25 million total and will begin in 2018-2019. The majority of this funding will come from other sources, but SES will be looking for up to \$3 million in funding from RMP as a partner in this project.

## Appendix

### Development Tasks

#### **Task 2.0 – Drying**

##### Objective

The objective of this task is to decrease the energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> absorption in the final flue gas drying stages of CCC.

##### Planned Approach

The Recipient will investigate state-of-the-art adsorption and phase change drying processes as well as alternative drying techniques. The Recipient will explore several approaches theoretically using its in-house software and process analysis system - Thermodynamic Analysis and Design Software (TAD) and Sustainable Thermodynamic Energy Process Software (STEPS), literature available from similar processes, and industrial experience. The Recipient will explore the most promising approach experimentally using the Cryogenic unit-operations bench (CUB) and compare the performance with the theoretical expectation. If necessary, the Recipient will explore some of the other approaches experimentally. The Recipient will strive to achieve agreement between theoretical and experimental analyses in determining the optimal solution.

#### **Task 3.0 – Dissolved Carbon Dioxide**

##### Objective

The objective of this task is to eliminate the accumulation of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub>, solid CO<sub>2</sub>, and other possible impurities in the CCC process.

##### Planned Approach

The Recipient will investigate options to mitigate potential heat exchanger fouling. The Recipient will explore each option theoretically using publicly available experimental data sets, its in-house software and process analysis system - TAD and STEPS, literature available from similar processes, and industrial experience. The Recipient will explore the most promising approach experimentally using the CUB, thermodynamic test cell (TTC), and small-scale flow reactor (SSFR) and existing heat exchanger systems and compare the performance with the theoretical expectation. If necessary, The Recipient will explore multiple approaches experimentally. The Recipient will strive to achieve agreement between theoretical and experimental analyses in determining the optimal solution.

#### **Task 4.0 – Solid–Liquid Separation**

##### Objective

The objective of this task is to improve the reliability and performance and to decrease the energy consumption of the solid–liquid separation process.

### Planned Approach

The Recipient will investigate several alternative solid–liquid separation operations that could improve this unit operation. The Recipient will explore each alternative theoretically using its in-house software and process analysis system – TADS and STEPS, literature available from similar processes, and especially information from industrial applications of this equipment. The Recipient will explore the most promising approach experimentally using the CUB and the CCC-ECL™ skid and compare the performance with the theoretical expectation. If necessary, The Recipient will explore additional approaches experimentally. The Recipient will strive to achieve agreement between theoretical and experimental analyses in determining the optimal solution.

### **Task 5.0 – Heat Exchanger Testing**

#### Objective

The objective of this task is to explore the relative merits of the three desublimating heat exchanger designs in a commercial-scale implementation of CCC.

#### Planned Approach

The Recipient will analyze the previously tested spray tower and fluid bed heat exchanger designs theoretically using its in-house software and process analysis system – TADS and STEPS. The existing versions of these heat exchangers will then be modified or replaced as needed. This also includes theoretical and experimental analyses of the patent-pending dynamic heat exchangers. All heat exchangers that show significant theoretical performance improvements will be tested using the CUB with CO<sub>2</sub>-laden light gases. The CCC-ECL™ will provide the test bed if effective testing requires more integrated unit operations than are available in the CUB. All systems will be compared based on efficiency, reliability, and scalability and overall process techno-economics. Additional figures of merit for this task:

1. Footprint
2. Pressure drop
3. Complications to the balance of process

The Recipient will compare the performance with the theoretical expectation. The Recipient will strive to achieve agreement between theoretical and experimental analyses in determining the optimal solution.

### **Task 6.0 – Instrumentation and Controls**

#### Objective

The objective of this task is to extend the skid testing time through improved controls, instrumentation, and unit operations.

### Planned Approach

The Recipient will modify the CCC-ECL™ skid to implement measurements and controls that can be used to improve several aspects of the process, including:

1. solids loading in the slurry,
2. CO<sub>2</sub> content in the melter, and
3. pressure drop across the solids separator into the melter.

The Recipient will implement additional controls and measurement points as necessary to provide as complete automation as possible and to provide the data needed for detailed comparisons and forensic analysis with process simulation software. Additional figures of merit specific to this task include:

1. amount of operator attention/intervention required
2. ability to follow flow transients and upsets

### **Task 7.0 – Light-Gas Dispersal**

#### Objective

The objective of this task is to explore issues with light-gas dispersal when the gas temperature is near room temperature.

#### Planned Approach

The Recipient will investigate several options for managing the light gas stream produced by the CCC process. The Recipient will explore each option theoretically using its in-house software and process analysis system – TADS and STEPS, and literature available from similar processes. The Recipient will explore the most promising approach experimentally using the CUB and compare the performance with the theoretical expectation. If necessary, the Recipient will explore some of the other approaches experimentally. The Recipient will strive to achieve agreement between theoretical and experimental analyses in determining the optimal solution.

### **Task 8.0 – Multi-Pollutant Capture**

#### Objective

The objective of this task is to develop models that describe CCC capture of pollutants other than CO<sub>2</sub> and to validate these models with experimental data.

#### Planned Approach

The Recipient will develop predictive capability for the fate of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), mercury (Hg), particulate matter particles that are 2.5 to 10 micrometers in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>), particulate matter particles that are 2.5 micrometers in diameter or smaller (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), and hydrogen chloride (HCl) that is verified by experimental measurements using the equipment discussed below and existing analyzers. The Recipient does not possess analyzers, nor does the Recipient believe analyzers exist anywhere, that can make on-line Hg measurements at the levels Hg should occur in the anticipated outlet stream. Even accumulation measurements have fallen short of detecting Hg. Therefore, the Hg data will be largely theoretical or extrapolations of higher concentration data.

The Recipient's analyses will be based on modifications to the existing in-house process modeling software. Additionally, the Recipient will use a sub-Recipient to develop Aspen models to facilitate communication of results. Experimental data, which will include data from the Recipient's unit operations bench CUB and possibly the small-scale flow reactor at the sub-Recipient's facilities, will validate the analyses. Analyzers will include gas chromatograph (GC), mass spectrometer (MS), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectrometer, nondispersive infrared sensor (NDIR) systems for composition and a Coriolis meter for determining solids loading in the slurry. These systems will provide species composition of the liquid and vapor phases, including possibly two liquid phases, at conditions of interest to the process. The solid phase is assumed to be pure CO<sub>2</sub> and has not yet been reliably sampled under pressurized, cryogenic conditions. It is not clear that solid sampling is necessary, but a measure of the amount of solids would be beneficial. The Recipient anticipates developing thermodynamic expressions for the multi-phase, multi-component analyses and chemical kinetic expressions for some of the gas species. The Recipient has already established miscibility gaps under some conditions in the solid-liquid-liquid-vapor hydrocarbon-CO<sub>2</sub> liquid system near the CO<sub>2</sub> melting point and pressure-sensitive kinetic constraints in the NO (but not NO<sub>2</sub>) and possibly the SO<sub>2</sub> capture rates. These behaviors illustrate the potential complexity of both the thermodynamic and kinetic behavior of these systems.

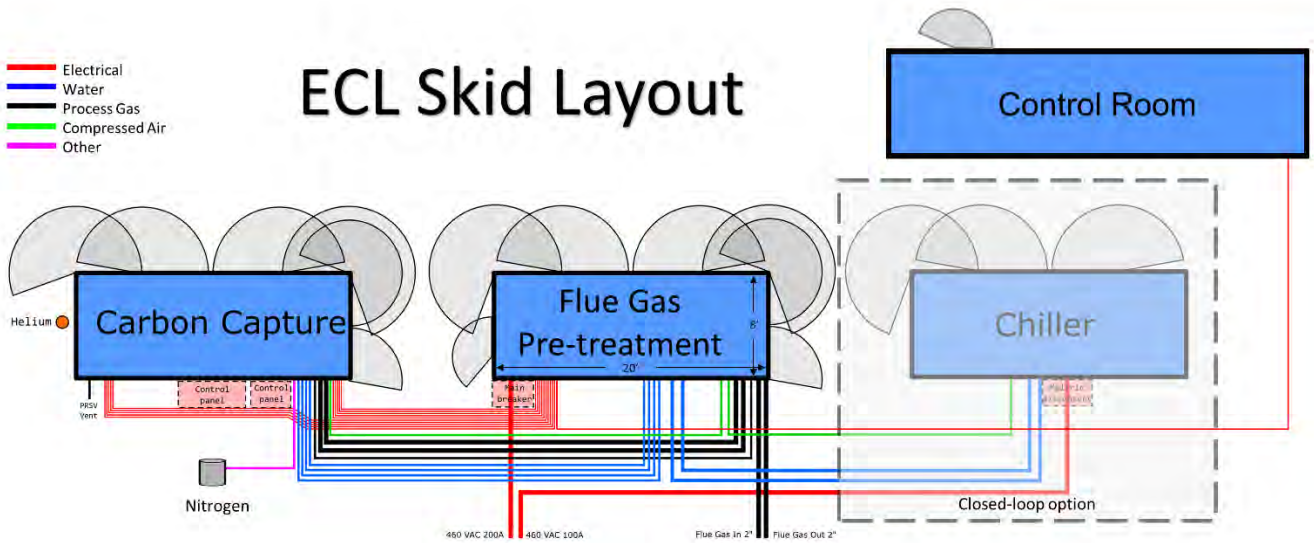
### [Pictures and Diagrams](#)

Pictures of Field Demonstration Unit and Diagram of 3-skids that house the field demonstration unit in addition to a mobile, temporary on-site work space.



- Electrical
- Water
- Process Gas
- Compressed Air
- Other

## ECL Skid Layout



### Q&A from Previous Email

1. A brief description of what SES next development/pilot test steps would be to advance the technology?
  - a. There are two development steps that we would like Pacificorp to consider:
    - i. The near term step involves improving some key aspects of the technology to increase reliability, efficiency, and scalability of the process. This step also



involves extending experimental continuous run times of the current 1 tonne/day demonstration system from about 50 hours to 500 hours in preparation for scale up and bringing cumulative run time up even higher. This step will also involve real-world case studies and refining the techno-economic analysis of the process. We are in agreement with DOE and other stakeholders that this is a critical step for advancing the technology and establishing the scalability and large-scale potential of the technology.

- ii. The following development step will be a 5-10 MWe pilot system that will demonstrate better energy performance than projections for full-scale amine systems and long-term performance and reliability.
2. Time required to perform additional pilot testing
    - a. We are currently performing some design modifications and operational optimizations along with some short-term test runs for the current 1 tonne/day system, this will take about 12-months. Following these modifications we would like to perform field tests resulting in a minimum continuous demonstration of 500 hours, and many more cumulative hours of demonstration time. This will involve 6-9 months of testing on-site at a host power plant. All together phase will take about two years to complete.
    - b. The 5-10 MWe pilot demonstration system will then take approximately 3 years with about 12-months of engineering and design work, 12-months of construction and fabrication, and 12-months for demonstration. The demonstration time could continue beyond this, but would not be necessary to evaluate the technology.
  3. A summary of the costs to perform additional pilot testing to advance the technology?
    - a. The modifications and additional testing for the 1-tonne/day system described above will cost about \$3.5 million with some of this funding potentially coming from DOE or other sources.
  4. The 5-10 MWe pilot project as described above will cost \$15-25 million depending on the scope of the demonstration and size of the unit selected. We anticipate that a significant portion of this funding could also come from DOE, but will not be available until late 2018.

5. Physical requirements for the next stage of pilot testing:

- a. The table below outlines physical requirements for both systems:

	<b>Skid-Scale 1-tonne/day system</b>	<b>5 MWe Pilot Scale System</b>
<b>Power Requirement</b>	250 kVA peak @ 480 VAC	1.4 MW at 4700 VAC

	200A for the main system 100A for the water chiller	
<b>Water requirements</b>	None (closed loop)	700 GPM at 59 degF  (Additional cooling water if temperature is higher)
<b>Facility</b>	None (operated from control room in skid)	TBD
<b>Concrete Pad</b>	Space for 3x 8'x20' conex shipping containers weighing approximately 17,000 lbs each.	55'x55' footprint  <150 lb/ft <sup>2</sup>

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Professional experience	2000-present	Brigham Young University	Provo, UT
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. J. Christensen Professor for Thermochemical Sciences (2000-2005).</li><li>• Research focus: sustainable energy systems – includes substantial experimental and theoretical activities.</li><li>• \$37M (PI) in research funding awarded including SES awards, 27 grad students, 330 UG students, &gt; 100 journal papers, book chapters, encyclopedia articles, etc., 12 patents/patent applications</li></ul>		
	2007-present	Sustainable Energy Solutions, LLC	Orem, UT
	Cofounder, Technical Director		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing carbon capture technology for CO<sub>2</sub>-containing effluents that is approximately 50% cheaper and more energy efficiency than leading alternatives, as independently confirmed large international engineering firms and national labs.</li><li>• Demonstrated process at power plants at scales up to 1 ton CO<sub>2</sub> per day.</li></ul>		
	1987-2000	Sandia National Laboratories	Livermore, CA
	Member/Sr. Member/Principal Member of Technical Staff		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PI for Multifuel Combustor Laboratory – by far most frequently visited laboratory at Sandia's Combustion Research Facility</li><li>• Developed world-wide expertise in low-grade fuel experimental and theoretical combustion</li><li>• Hosted over 60 long-term visitors</li></ul>		
Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ASME National Nominating Committee (2005-2008)</li><li>• Member AIChE (lifetime), ASME (lifetime), and ASTM</li></ul>		
Volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 meetings/wk + 1 weekend a month with various youth groups (for 22 years)</li><li>• Helped organize 2-year "Introduction to Engineering" course in local high school</li><li>• Founding member of Computer Academy, Oakland Technical High School</li><li>• Precinct chairman for political party</li><li>• Member of lay ecclesiastical leadership</li></ul>		

## Courses Taught

Undergraduate: Fluid Mechanics, Separations, Career Skills, Freshman Seminar, Unit Operations Lab, Energy Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Statistics for Engineers

Graduate: Combustion, Directed Studies (review of graduate thermodynamics, kinetics, and transport), Writing, Statistics for Engineers, Seminars

## Recent Awards

<i>Year</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Citation</i>
2005	Western States Catalysis Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Best Paper Award	Guo, X. C. Bartholomew, W. Hecker, and L. Baxter, Field and laboratory results of SCR deactivation during low-rank coal and biomass-coal cofiring combustion, Feb, 2004
2005	Combustion Institute	Bernard Lewis Fellowship	Sustainable Energy and Biomass Combustion Visiting Lecturer Fellowship
2005	BYU College of Engineering and Technology	Outreach Award	UG Student-selected Education Award – College Level
2006	BYU College of Engineering and Technology	Outstanding Faculty Award	College/department-selected award – one per department
2008	BYU	Wesley P. Lloyd Outstanding Graduate Educator	University-wide award given annually to one faculty member for outstanding graduate education (course work, research, and thesis advising)
2008	Electric Power Conference	Invited US Keynote Speaker – Biomass Cofiring	Invited US speaker to international colloquium on biomass utilization
2008	American Association for the Advancement of Science	Invited Keynote Speaker – Gasification	Invited US speaker to international conference
2009	Brigham Young University College of Engineering and Technology	Outstanding Researcher	College-wide award for research accomplishments – one in the college
2009	Utah Technology Council	Innovation Award	1 <sup>st</sup> place state-wide competition for innovative small businesses in energy
2009	Stoel-Rives	Concept to Company	2 <sup>nd</sup> place state-wide competition for innovative small businesses
2009	Canadian Research Council	Keynote Speaker	Renewable Energy Options for Biomass
2010	Brigham Young University	Karl G. Maeser	Extraordinary research and creative work (campus wide)
2010	Korean Government	Keynote Speaker	Green Energy Conference (only US keynote speaker)
2013	Province of Alberta, Canada	DB Robinson Lecturer	Provincial award given to one person each year for contributions to engineering
2016	Utah Valley Magazine	Fab 40 Recipient	
2016	Edison Award (Edison Universe)	Gold (highest award, 1 given per category per year)	Cryogenic Carbon Capture™ nearly eliminates all emissions from fossil-fueled power plants at half the cost of alternatives while enabling greater adoption of solar and wind through built in, grid-scale energy storage.

**Appendix C**  
CarbonSAFE Proposal  
University of Utah

## CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase I: Ensuring Safe Subsurface Storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in the Intermountain West

The Rocky Mountains of the western U.S. (Figure 1) contain and produce over 50% of all coal in the country (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2014). Coal-fired power plants dominate the Rocky Mountain region (Figure 2), and that coal-power provides over XX GW of electricity for the intermountain west. Natural gas prices are low in 2016, but extensive pipeline networks will be required for switching fuels from coal to natural gas; and, prices for natural gas may not remain low. For the time being, perhaps decades to come, coal will be the least expensive option due to existing plants and coal transport systems, and extensive coal resources in the Rocky Mountain states.



Figure 1. Outline (red shade) of the Rocky Mountains in the western U.S. The focus of this proposal are power plants depicted in Figure 2, with the Hunter Plant as the prime example and case study site.

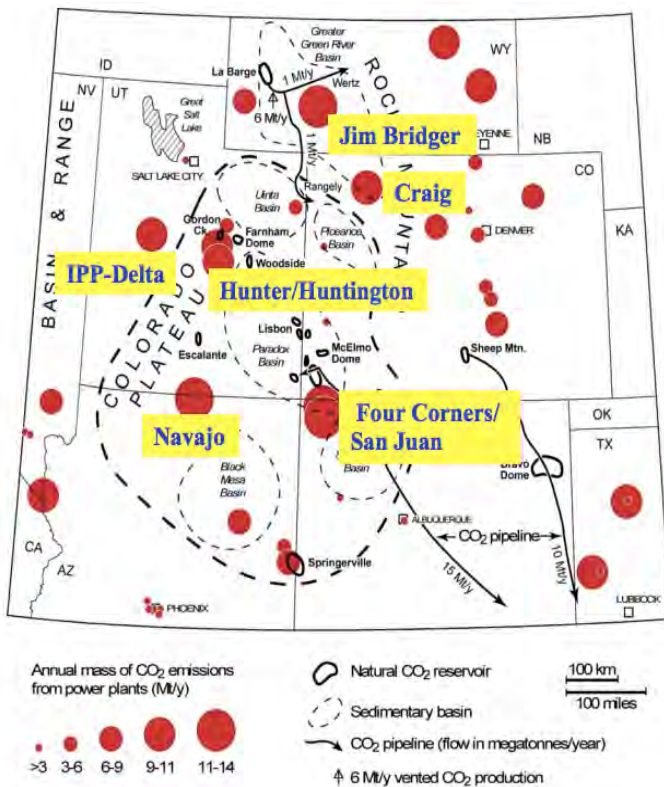


Figure 2. Location of major sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel power plants in the Southern Rocky Mountains-Colorado Plateau, with size of the red dots proportional to emissions (in millions tons/year, after Hovorka, 1999). The six largest power plant sites are labeled, including the Hunter Power Plant (near the Huntington Plant, also owned and operated by PacifiCorp and Rocky Mountain Power). Source of graphic: PacifiCorp, 2003.

CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase I will form of a CCS coordination team capable of addressing regulatory, legislative, technical, public policy, commercial, financial, and other challenges specific to commercial-scale deployment of CO<sub>2</sub> storage for both existing coal-fired power plants in the Rocky Mountain states as well as new plants powered either by coal or natural gas. CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase I will review and assert the best storage targets for power plants in the region. The project team will develop an optimized plan based on an operating power plant in central Utah, the Hunter Plant near Castle Dale, Utah, a 1.3 GW power plant owned and operated by PacifiCorp and Rocky Mountain Power. The plan will compare and contrast the

range of possible injection sites and storage reservoirs, and identify those permutations with minimum risk, maximum storage efficiency, and minimum cost. The plan will include but not be limited to a strategy that would enable an integrated capture and storage project that is economically feasible and publicly acceptable. The CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase I CCS coordination team will conduct a high-level technical sub-basinal evaluation for potential storage sites near the Hunter plant. A major hypothesis of this proposal is that the optimum storage site for the Hunter plant is the power plant site itself, which would minimize CO<sub>2</sub> transport costs and optimize regulatory planning. However, all practical storage (injection) sites will be identified and compared using a state-of-the-art systems analysis of competing costs as well as regulatory and technical requirements including permitting, capture, compression, transport, injection and monitoring.

The primary outcome of the CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase I project will be a template protocol for existing and future coal-fired and natural-gas-fired plants in the Rocky Mountain states, with PacifiCorp’s Hunter Plant as the representative example of a typical generating station in the Rocky Mountain west.

**CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase I Team and Roles**

PacifiCorp	Plant Operator and Power Sector Requirements
Utah Geological Survey	Geologic Characterization
New Mexico Tech	Seismic and Geologic Characterization
Los Alamos National Lab	Systems Analysis (Economic-Technical)
Sandia National Lab	Caprock Characterization
Schlumberger Carbon Services	Injection/Monitoring Well Design and Risk Assessment
University of Utah	Project Management, Simulation and Risk Assessment
University of Utah Law School	Legislative and Other Policy Requirements
Utah Department of Env. Quality	UIC and Other Permitting Requirements
Stakeholder Advisory Board (Under Assembly)	Advice on Non-technical CCS Requirements and Public Relations

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**Ph.D. in Geophysics**, 1996, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Dissertation: *Three-Dimensional Model of the Geologic and Hydrodynamic History of the Uinta Basin, Utah: Analysis of Overpressures and Oil Migration*.

Advisors: David S. Chapman (University of Utah) and John D. Bredehoeft (USGS)

**M.S. in Geophysics**, 1992, University of Utah, Salt Lake City,

Thesis: *Geothermal Analysis of the Powder River Basin, Wyoming*

Advisor: David S. Chapman

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Advisor: Kevin D. Crowley

### **RECENT APPOINTMENTS**

**USTAR Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering**, August, 2006 - Present, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Utah (faculty post endowed by USTAR, the Utah Science, Technology and Research initiative).

### **TEN RELATED PUBLICATIONS**

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## **SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES**

Dr. McPherson is Director of the Southwest Regional Partnership on Carbon Sequestration. Dr. McPherson formed the Southwest Partnership project in 2003, one of seven regional partnerships funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to evaluate the science and technology of storage of atmospheric carbon in underground geological formations and in surface soil and vegetation. More information about the project is accessible online.

# **Appendix D**

Application/Feasibility for  
Regional/Commercial Use of CO<sub>2</sub> for  
Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Recovery

University of Utah -

Earth Geosciences Institute

# **Application/Feasibility for Regional/Commercial Use of CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Recovery (Study)**

Department of Chemical Engineering and Energy & Geoscience Institute  
University of Utah

## **Synopsis:**

Long-term sequestration is a desirable complement to above ground technologies for improving plant efficiency and highgrading carbon dioxide streams. CO<sub>2</sub> has a preferential adsorptive affinity to methane that is present in coal below ground. If carbon dioxide is injected into unmineable coal seams in Utah, it preferentially displaces (and allows production) methane and replaces the methane within the coal. Methane is produced from - and carbon dioxide is sequestered in - deep, unmineable coals.

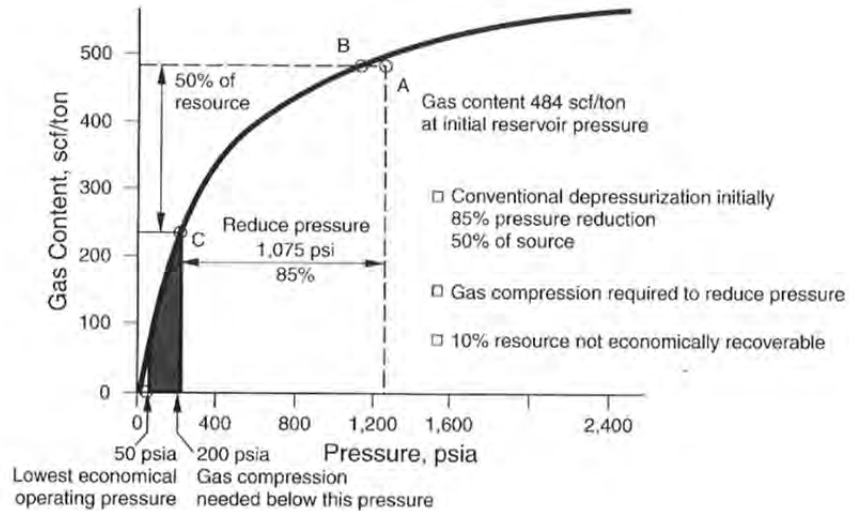
## **Objectives:**

Evaluate opportunities in Carbon and Emery Counties to:

1. Use CO<sub>2</sub> or flue gas beneficially to produce natural gas from coalbed seams.
2. Concurrently, permanently sequester the carbon dioxide or flue gas that has been locally generated.

## **Background:**

Coalbed methane has been a viable natural gas production string since the 1980s. Unlike conventional natural gas stored by compressibility in pore space, methane in coal is physically adsorbed to the surface of the coal. Following production of the water that is in the cleats in the coal, reduction in pressure will encourage the methane to desorb and be produced. Hydraulic fracturing is often required to provide conductive pathways for this desorbed gas to move to the wellbore. This is shown by the isotherm in Figure 1. That figure shows a reduced adsorptive capacity for methane as the pressure in the reservoir is reduced. This means that as the reservoir pressure depletes during production, methane will be produced.



**Figure 1.** This is an example of an isotherm for methane stored by adsorption in a typical coal. As can be seen by the name the temperature is constant. In fact, the adsorptive potential reduces as temperature increases. At constant temperature 1) the amount of methane adsorbed increases as the pressure (representing the reservoir pressure) increases, and 2) reciprocally, as the pressure decreases methane will be produced because the reservoir’s adsorptive capacity is reduced. Notice that a significant quantity of methane remains (and will not be produced) at lower pressures. (courtesy of Halliburton)

The bulk of the production requires significant drawdown (and ultimately depletion). In fact, the shaded area in Figure 1 schematically denotes the pressure in the wellbore below which artificial lift (pumping or compression) would need to be implemented to recover the substantial volumes of remaining gas – with attendant costs. Figure 2 shows an example of declining production in a prominent Utah coalbed methane play. Other examples throughout the state and the country are similar. One initial question to keep in mind is “How can this residual gas be recovered more economically?”

Insight into possible methods can be gained by comparing the adsorptive capacity of different gases. Figure 3 demonstrates that carbon dioxide has a greater affinity (more gas will be adsorbed at a particular temperature and pressure) than methane. In fact, carbon dioxide will displace methane from coal. This means that if you inject carbon dioxide into a methane-saturated coalbed, the carbon dioxide will be adsorbed and methane desorbed/produced.

## DRUNKARDS WASH

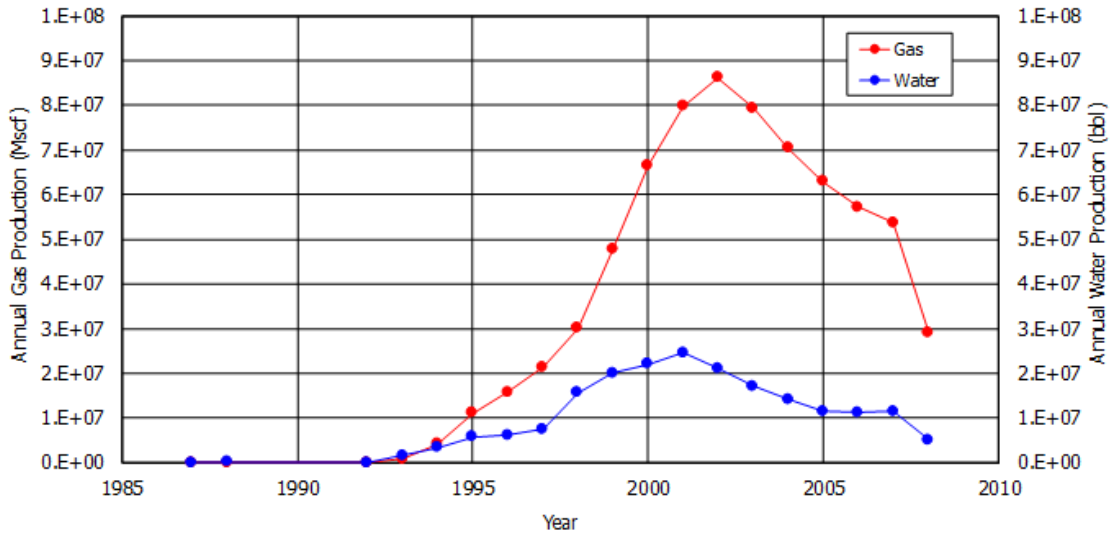


Figure 2. Quarterly production data from the Drunkard's Wash field in Carbon County Utah. There are various reasons for the decline some of them related to depletion, some related to gas pricing. Regardless, there is methane remaining in-situ.

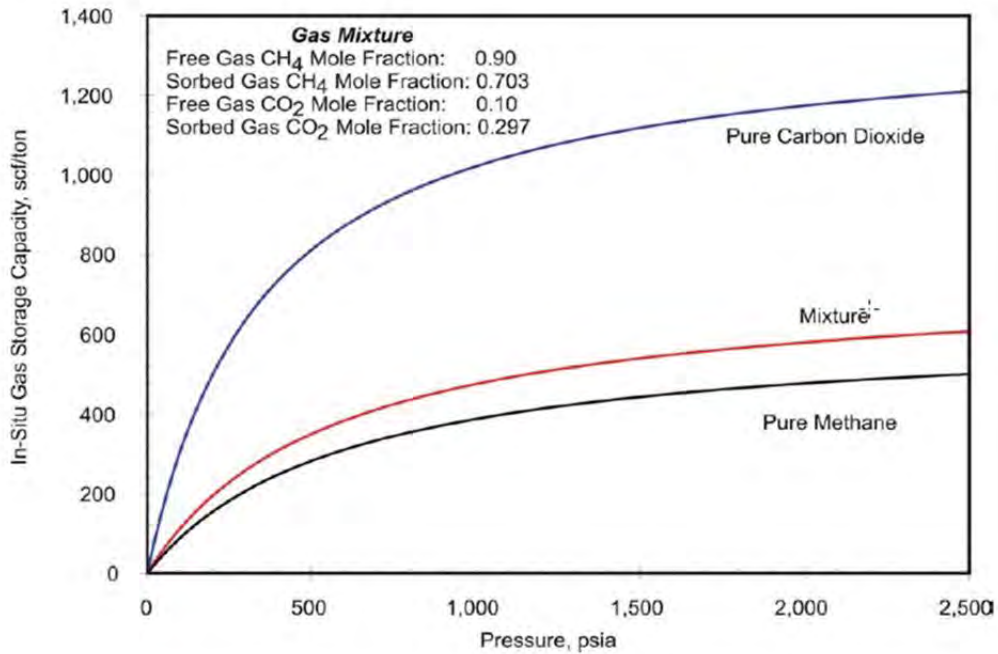


Figure 3. Isotherms on nominally equivalent samples where the sorbates varied from methane to carbon dioxide. A blend falls between the two extremes. Two features stand out. The first is that substantially more carbon dioxide is adsorbed in this coal than methane. The second aspect is that there is a tremendous affinity for carbon dioxide at low temperatures.

Recognizing the potential for carbon dioxide replacing methane in situ, pilot testing was undertaken several decades ago. For example:

- Burlington Resources (ConocoPhillips) carried out long-term CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> Injection into the Allison and Tiffany Units, San Juan Basin. Figure 4 shows data from the Allison pilot.
- Nitrogen functions somewhat differently than carbon dioxide. The process is methane stripping (partial pressure of methane reduced causing desorption to achieve partial pressure equilibration). Since nitrogen is not adsorbed, there is likely to be more rapid breakthrough of the injected gas from the injection well into the production well. This is undesirable because the pathway developed is a short circuit and less of the reservoir is exposed to the injectate (recovery of the methane is reduced). Data from the nitrogen pilot in the Tiffany unit are shown in Figure 5.
- Carbon Dioxide results in methane displacement by preferential adsorption.
- BP (Amoco) has strong patent positions (may have expired)
- ARC Alberta Innovates)– Fenn-Big Valley, Alberta; and China
- Southwest Partnership Fruitland Coal injection project
- Likely more recent pilots and testing programs.

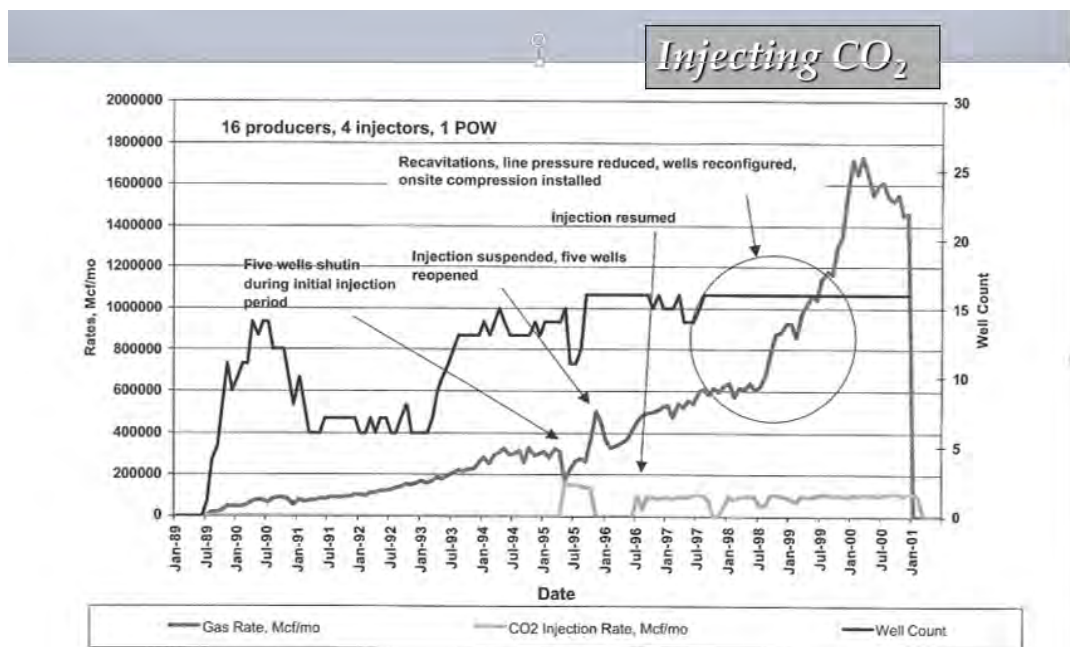


Figure 4. Over the course of 5 years, 4.7 Bcf of CO<sub>2</sub> were injected and there was an incremental recovery of 1.5 Bcf of natural gas. These data are from the Allison Unit and the CO<sub>2</sub>:CH<sub>4</sub> ratio was 3.1:1.0.

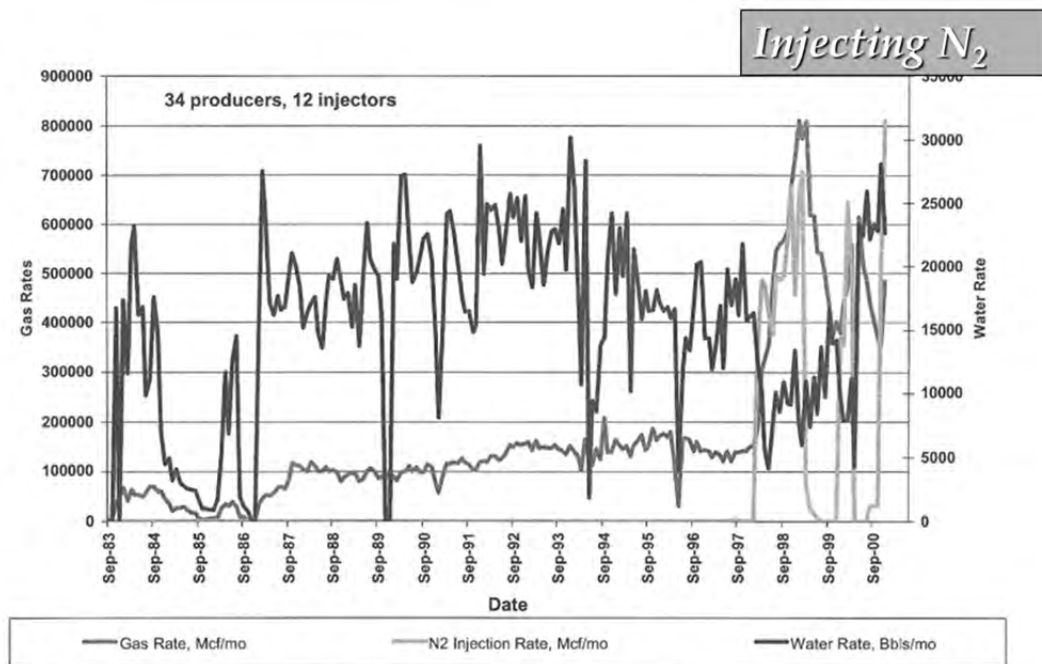


Figure 5. Nitrogen was injected into the Tiffany Unit. N<sub>2</sub> injected over 4 years. There was a fivefold increase in methane production but early breakthrough occurred in 11 or 12 wells.

### Challenges:

It seems that there is an elegant way – by injecting CO<sub>2</sub> – to displace residual methane and sequester the CO<sub>2</sub>. This is true but there are some hurdles. The major hurdles are:

1. **Volumetrics:** The available subsurface volume will need to be assessed.
2. **Swelling:** CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption causes the coal matrix to swell. Matrix swelling is accommodated by reduction in the cleat dimensions. The cleats provide permeability. The matrix swell therefore reduces the cleat permeability. Override may follow – the CO<sub>2</sub> going elsewhere in a vertical setting. There are numerous possible mitigations to this and it is certainly not an insurmountable problem.
3. **Sequestration:** The CO<sub>2</sub> in tertiary recovery programs like this is not permanently sequestered. If there is a wellbore penetration or a seal failure, it can be released. Hence, this activity needs to be hybridized with technology to permanently sequester the CO<sub>2</sub>. These include WAG stages (water after gas) where water is injected to inhibit or restrict desorption, injecting treated water

to encourage precipitation and cementation of cleat systems, and other methods.

4. **Induced Seismicity:** All injection zones will need to be certified to de-risk the occurrence of induced seismicity.
5. **Breakthrough:** The efficacy and sequestration potential of flue gas is uncertain.

## Opportunities

A multi-task study program would be relevant. They can be sequential (some could logically be concurrent) and there would be logical Go-NoGo milestones.

Task	Description	Duration (person-months)	Amount
1	<b>Resource Evaluation:</b> From public domain sources (UGS data in particular) summarize the possible injection locations, capacities, advantages and challenges	6	\$25,000
2	<b>Bench Scale Demonstrations:</b> Using CO <sub>2</sub> , flue gas (and N <sub>2</sub> alone) carry out bench scale demonstration measurements to assess sorptive capacities and permeability modification in representative Utah coals.	12	\$75,000
3	<b>Permanent Sequestration:</b> How can CO <sub>2</sub> be more permanently be sequestered in coal seams?	12	\$75,000
4	<b>Economic Viability:</b> First order estimate of economics of sequestration offset partially by methane production.	6	\$25,000
5	<b>Simulations:</b> Based on Tasks 1 through 3 to confirm storage capacity	12	\$50,000
6	<b>Pilot Program:</b> Five spot injection and monitoring program	TBD	TBD

## Assessment of Benefits

This study will

1. Provide a complete **technical, economic and environmental study** on the costs and benefits including a specific CO<sub>2</sub> source (power plant) with transportation to a specific coal bed methane source.



2. Determine whether **local coalbeds are conducive** to enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> methane recovery
3. Propose new technologies for **improving injection efficiency** and attempt to identify supplementary funding opportunities for field scale evaluation.
4. Confirm that the risk of **induced seismicity will be reduced** in comparison to carbon dioxide injection into deep saline aquifers (without “voidage/injectate” volume compensation).

### **Assessment of Costs**

This study will provide cost estimates to install enhanced recovery injection and production facilities.

### **Assessment of Technical Challenges**

This study will assess:

1. **Effectiveness of methane capture and purification** required of the gas stream prior to injection. If flue gas can be tolerated, there could be some advantages. The advantage being not necessarily that NO<sub>x</sub> can be sequestered but that the presence of nitrogen may enable moving CO<sub>2</sub> deeper into the coal (speculation at this point).
2. The true **capacity** for carbon dioxide storage in coals in-situ has not been established. Continuous injection below fracturing pressure may not be a realistic scenario. The potential for refined injection procedures including fracturing, water stages, and in particular horizontal wells, might alleviate the mismatch between a necessarily large and constant CO<sub>2</sub> supply and the sequestration volume in the coals.
3. **Seal integrity and permanence of sequestration** are always a concern for subsurface storage. Effective monitoring is required. Injection of water, particularly calcified water after periodic injection of carbon dioxide could afford mineralization and more permanent sequestration. Predicting, monitoring, and mitigating leakage is a common theme of all subsurface storage operations.
4. **Coal swelling** impacts on coal-bed methane production. The experience in the past has been that chemisorption and associated swelling have reduced cleat permeability. Tactical changes in the injection strategy – multiple horizontal wells, with water diversion stages and pressures above fracturing are envisioned to effectively provide conformal injection and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> through the bulk of the reservoir.
5. **Logistics and feasibility of piping CO<sub>2</sub>** to injection equipment from a plant environment to the injection facility.
6. **A reviewer proposed a very perceptive question.** “Is this within the general scope of the STEP funding? This is a very large and broad area for R&D. Will having a

study done with these funds make much difference in the long run to the advancement of adsorption or methane recovery?” The point is well taken and a focused study can only accomplish so much. However, the physics of adsorption are fairly well understood, as are the limitations that have been demonstrated by previous pilots. The goal is to assess storage capacity and opportunities. To put this in context, horizontal drilling changed the perspective of shale gas and oil production. Similar arguments might be made for carbon dioxide sequestration in coal. Additionally, non-traditional injection technologies (injection above fracturing pressure, sequential injection of water, mineralization encouragement and others) are likely to dramatically increase storage capacity.

**Milestones:**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date from Announcement of Award/Funding Available</b>
Contracts with PacifiCorp complete	1 month
Commence Task 1 (Resource Evaluation)	1 month
Draft Test Program Submitted	1 month
Revised Program Submitted Formalizing Experimental Matrix and Other Research Tasks	1.5 months
Annual Report I Presented/Submitted	13 months
Annual Report II Presented/Submitted	25 months
Annual Report III Presented/Submitted	37 months
Concept for Future In-Situ Pilot Testing	43 months
Final Report Presented/Submitted	49 months
Initiation of Proposal and Fund Raising for Future Five Spot Pilot Plant	49 months or sooner if appropriate

## SUMMARY

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Since October 2009, John McLennan has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Utah. He is the ad hoc director of the Masters of Science degree program in Petroleum Engineering; a degree awarded through the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Utah. He has been a Senior Research Scientist at the Energy & Geoscience Institute and a Research Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Utah, since January 2008. He has a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto, in 1980.

He has more than thirty-five years of experience in geomechanics with petroleum service and technology companies. He worked nine years for Dowell Schlumberger in their Denver, Tulsa and Houston facilities. Later, with TerraTek in Salt Lake City, Advantek International in Houston, and ASRC Energy Services in Anchorage, he worked on projects concerned with coalbed methane recovery, rock mechanical properties determinations, produced water and drill cuttings reinjection, as well as casing design issues related to compaction. Recent work has focused on optimized gas production from shales and unconsolidated formations, fluid-rock interactions, geothermal energy recovery, in-situ microbial generation of natural gas and high temperature rock testing.

## EXPERIENCE

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| October 2009 | <b>USTAR Associate Professor</b> , Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Utah and <b>Senior Research Scientist</b> , Energy & Geoscience Center, University of Utah   |
| January 2008 | <b>Research Professor</b> , Energy & Geoscience Institute, Departments of Civil and Chemical Engineering, University of Utah<br>Within the Energy & Geoscience Institute promote geomechanics and fundamental research in unconventional hydrocarbons, and engineered geothermal systems. Within the Department of Chemical Engineering, participate in two RPSEA programs (one on gas production from low permeability sands and one on flow assurance).   |
| 2003 - 2008  | <b>Technical Director</b> , ASRC Energy Services E & P Technology, Anchorage, AK  |
| 2001 - 2002  | <b>Executive Vice President</b> , Advantek International Corporation, Salt Lake City, UT<br>Involved with projects ranging from individual consulting efforts to participation in large consortium projects concerning produced water reinjection, compaction/subsidence and wellbore integrity. Central participant in corporate strategy to consolidate numerical and analytical tools, historical experience, correlations and risk analysis in overall knowledge-based packages for planning, drilling, completing, stimulating and managing reservoirs. Other projects encompass software development; evaluations, predictions, back-analyses and recommendations for exploitation strategies; and formulation of Best Practices. |
| 1989 - 2001  | <b>Executive Vice President</b> , TerraTek, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT<br>Vice President — 1992-1999, Management of field and laboratory routine and special core analysis, geology, computerized tomography and  |

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**Vice President, Engineering Testing and Simulations** — 1989-1992  
Management of field and laboratory rock mechanics investigations for oil/gas, coal, and civil construction projects.

1987 - 1989 **Program Leader, Rock and Fracture Mechanics**, Dowell Schlumberger Inc., Tulsa, OK

Manage rock and fracture mechanics development effort (4 scientists and 1 technician). Development of technology for production prediction from horizontal wellbores. Development of technology for fracturing and matrix acidizing deviated wellbores (theoretical, numerical and field validation). Supervise upgrade of laboratory testing and analysis capabilities for rock mechanics testing. Large-scale laboratory polyaxial testing for the assessment of deviated wellbore fracturing, acid fracturing and in-situ stress measurement. Interaction with development chemists for design of field-testing for product evaluation. Evaluation of the influence of perforations on hydraulic fracture initiation. Technical review of research efforts on wellbore stability, poroelasticity and fundamental fracture mechanics. Fracture design, back-analysis and trouble-shooting for high-profile field operations. Lecturer in Schlumberger Educational Services Advanced Reservoir Stimulation client schools.

1986 - 1987 **Technical Center Manager**, Dowell Schlumberger Inc., Denver, CO

Manage \$1,000,000 customer service laboratory. Provide field support, including laboratory testing, treatment fluid design and formation evaluation for all of Dowell Schlumberger's North American operations. Fracture and acidizing design, back-analysis, trouble-shooting and customer interface for high profile field operations.

1981 - 1985 **Senior Research Engineer, Rock Mechanics**, Dowell Schlumberger Inc., Tulsa OK

Fundamental fracturing research on fluid loss during hydraulic fracturing. Fundamental research on correlation between static and dynamic mechanical properties with application to stress prediction. Develop a pseudo-three-dimensional hydraulic fracturing code, modeling fracture growth and proppant placement. Formation evaluations, treatment designs and optimizations. Dowell Schlumberger internal reports, client confidential reports; and public-domain publications as listed subsequently.

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- Society of Professional Well Log Analysts, Member
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# **Appendix E**

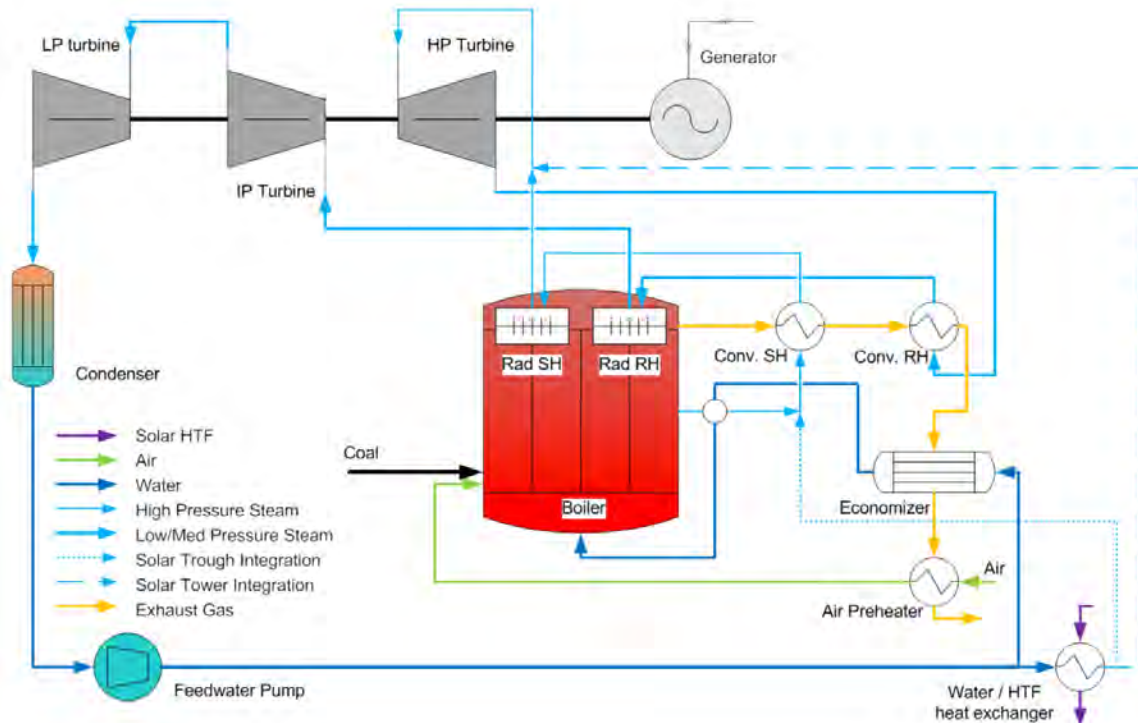
Solar Thermal Integration, Hunter Plant  
Brigham Young University

## Solar Augmentation of Coal-Fired Power Plant

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The Hunter power plant, located near Castledale, UT burns approximately 4.5 million tons of coal/year to operate as a 1.32 GW<sub>e</sub> power plant. PacifiCorp has expressed interest in considering the costs and benefits to offsetting some of the coal energy source with solar-thermal energy. This preliminary outline provides a possible framework for solar augmentation of PacificCorp's plant. Solar augmentation of existing coal-fired power plants is a topic that has been researched by U.S. national laboratories [1]. For existing coal or natural gas combined cycle power plants in UT, it has been shown that 1.4 GW<sub>e</sub> of energy could be created through solar-augmentation (neglecting sites that have only fair potential).

**We propose the study of solar-augmentation to the Hunter plant through the use of parabolic trough or power tower solar collection.** Figure 1 illustrates two potential locations where thermal energy from solar-augmentation may integrate with an existing steam power cycle for coal. The locations differ when considering the type of solar energy collection (trough, tower) due to different max temperatures achievable from the collection mechanism. Typically, a max collection temperature near 380 °C for parabolic trough and 540 °C for power towers is expected with increases achieved in the recent 5 years.



**Figure 1.** Schematic of solar steam integration into coal plant by solar trough or tower concentration platforms. SH = superheater, RH = reheater (from [1])

The proposed work will investigate the following aspects of solar integration at Hunter:

- **Solar resource:** Direct normal insolation (DNI) is the primary energy source for solar thermal energy collection and average DNI values at or above 7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day have the

highest possible potential for solar-augmentation. A plant with a DNI below 4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day may not be worth considering.

- Land resource: Previous work has shown that existing fossil plants can accept a design-point maximum of between 10% and 20% of their total plant output from solar steam before reaching equipment or other design limitations [1]. Based on the assumption that 1 MW<sub>e</sub> of solar requires 5 acres of land, a 100 MW plant could accept up to 10 to 20 MW<sub>e</sub> of solar generation, which would require 50 to 100 acres of land or 0.5 to 1 acres per fossil plant megawatt. Further, land with a less than 3-5% slope is preferred for solar-augmentation or extensive grading is required.
- Efficiency: Solar-use efficiency is the measure of how many megawatts of solar electricity are generated per solar thermal megawatt integrated into the fossil plant. Solar-use efficiency can decrease with increasing solar contribution. Conditions up to the maximum amount of solar integration will be considered. A power plant model will be generated or NREL's System Advisor Model (SAM) will be used for evaluating performance.
- Type of solar augmentation: Trough and tower methods of solar thermal energy collection will be considered to determine optimum solar-integration conditions.
- Costs: Costs associated with additional hardware or plant subsystems will be provided and analyzed in a cost/benefit study.

Additional aspects may also be considered with planning development. However, the above encompasses the major points of understanding required to advise on the usefulness of augmenting the Hunter plant with a solar resource.

Some initial questions to be answered:

- What is the age of the Hunter plant?
- What is the current capacity factor of the Hunter plant?

**Budget:**

Student (2 years): \$38k  
Summer internship at National Lab (student): \$7k  
Tuition (2 years): \$11k  
Faculty (summer month each year for 2 years): \$30k  
Supplies (databases, computer programs): \$3k  
Travel (lab site visit, conference attendance): \$6.5k  
Indirect costs: \$41.5k  
Optional national lab support (NREL, Sandia): \$15k  
Total: \$150k

**Bio:** Brian Iverson completed his PhD at Purdue University in 2008 and currently teaches at Brigham Young University. His area of specialty is heat transfer. Brian worked as a part of the concentrating solar power team at Sandia National Laboratories from 2009-2012 and has published extensively in several aspects of solar power generation from collection [2-4], to storage [5-11], to system performance [4, 12-14].

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## EDUCATION

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### **Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, 2008**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Thesis: "Traveling-Wave Electrohydrodynamic Micropumping in a Temperature Gradient"  
Advisor: Suresh V. Garimella

### **M.S. Mechanical Engineering, 2004**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Thesis: "Heat and Mass Transport in Heat Pipe Wick Structures"  
Advisor: Suresh V. Garimella

### **B.S. Mechanical Engineering – Magna Cum Laude, 2002**

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT  
Research: "Thermally Developing Electroosmotic Convection in Rectangular Microchannels"  
Advisors: Brent W. Webb and R. Daniel Maynes

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor**, Nov 2012 – present

### **Brigham Young University, Provo UT**

Exploit high aspect ratio structures for enhancement and control of heat and mass transport.  
Graduate committee member.  
Mentor student research.  
Conduct undergraduate and graduate courses in thermal science.

**Senior Member of Technical Staff**, 2009 – 2012

### **Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque NM**

Investigate alternative power cycles and compatible collection and storage of solar thermal energy.  
Characterize behavior of freeze event recovery for deployment of molten salt in trough CSP.  
Analyze molten salt feasibility in line-focus concentrated solar power systems.  
Examine the effects of trough receiver tube bending on solar intercept.  
Measure solid-phase, thermal and mechanical properties of thermal energy storage salts.  
Identify thermal ratcheting scenarios and bed properties for thermocline thermal storage tanks.  
Model flux sensor for solar tracking; implement design and characterize transient solar response.  
Administer seminar series for staff education, collaboration, awareness and preparedness.  
Provide technical monitoring and support for DOE's Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA).  
Examine thermal energy storage for power tower and dish-based concentrated solar energy systems.  
Model optical error sources and relative impact on flux distributions

**Post-Doctoral Researcher**, January 2009 – August 2009

### **NSF Cooling Technologies Research Center, Purdue University**

Investigate thin-film thermal transport for organic/Si interfacial contact resistance.

Perform local thermal measurements with a modified scanning thermal microscopy technique.  
Characterize composites, thin-films and embedded structures with thermal imaging.  
Explore separation mechanisms and membrane technology for biological and energy applications.

**Research Assistant, 2002 - 2008**

**NSF Cooling Technologies Research Center, Purdue University**

Conduct electronics cooling research with industry leaders at pre-competitive level.  
Perform finite element modeling of micropump with moving boundaries and ion generation.  
Present at NSF Industry/University Cooperative Research Center (I/UCRC) conferences.  
Design and fabricate integrated electrohydrodynamic micropumps.  
Test wicking capabilities of flat heat pipes wick structures.  
Analyze/characterize benefits of wick design from testing results.  
Perform literature searches and publish research findings.

**Teaching Assistant, Heat and Mass Transfer, January – May 2008**

**Purdue University**

Prepare lectures and teach course material in the absence of the professor.  
Hold regular office hours for student consultation and one-on-one instruction.  
Prepare exam material and grade exams.

**Visiting Researcher, May 2007 – August 2007**

**Research Triangle Institute International, NC**

Fabricate solution-based organic photovoltaic cells and identify improvement mechanisms.  
Develop processing steps and construct PbS quantum dot solution photovoltaic cells.  
Establish Streptavidin/Biotin binding force measurement methodology for microcantilevers.  
Measure piezoelectric response signals in vibrating microcantilever devices.

**Research Assistant, Thermal Science, 2001 - 2002**

**Brigham Young University**

Obtain analytical solution for thermally developing flow in electroosmotic pumping.  
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Collect research results and publish findings.

**Teaching Assistant, Applied Thermodynamics, Summer 2001**

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Conduct student laboratory sessions for diesel and refrigeration cycles.  
Assist students in analyzing experimental data.  
Compile existing lab knowledge and write TA training manual.

**Engineering Intern, 2000 - 2001**

**Geneva Steel, Vineyard UT**

Plan preliminary stages of new projects including walking beam furnace.  
Design and revise parts/machinery using CAD tools, manage project prints.

**Tutor, 1996 - 1997**

**Utah Valley State College Partnership, UT**

Tutor “at-risk” high school students in English, Math, History, and supporting coursework.  
Monitor student academic progress.  
Coordinate communication with parents, education leaders and student.

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9. Marr, K. M.\*, Claussen, J. C., and Iverson, B. D., “Enhanced Monopropellant Fuel Decomposition by High Aspect Ratio, Catalytic CNT Structures for Propulsion of Small Scale Underwater Vehicles,” American Physical Society, 67<sup>th</sup> Annual DFD Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 23-25, 2014, DFD14-2014-002818.
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#### INVITED TALKS

1. Iverson, B. D., “Education for Life: Faith in Scholarship,” Brigham Young University, ME Graduate Seminar, April 4, 2016.
2. Iverson, B. D., “Transport Enhancement of Rate-Limited Chemical Reactions *via* Pt-Decorated, Carbon Nanotube Microarray Membranes,” Utah State University, December 3, 2015.
3. Iverson, B. D., “Context is Everything - Literature Reviews and Writing,” ME Graduate Student Seminar, Brigham Young University, October 26, 2015.
4. Iverson, B. D., “Transport Enhancement of Rate-Limited Chemical Reactions *via* Pt-Decorated, Carbon Nanotube Microarray Membranes,” Purdue University, October 5, 2015.
5. Iverson, B. D., “Context is Everything - Literature Reviews and Writing,” ME Graduate Student Seminar, Brigham Young University, March 30, 2015.
6. Iverson, B. D., “Introduction to Microfluidics,” Mechanical Engineering 550 Guest Lecture, Brigham Young University, December 5, 2014.
7. Iverson, B. D., “Solving Proximity Challenges of Sensor Miniaturization through High Aspect Ratio, Carbon Nanotube Scaffolds,” NASA Goddard, Greenbelt MD, October 8, 2014.
8. Iverson, B. D., “Solving Proximity Challenges of Sensor Miniaturization through High Aspect Ratio, Carbon Nanotube Scaffolds,” Army Research Lab, Adelphi MD, October 8, 2014.
9. Iverson, B. D. and Zuber, P., “Literature Reviews,” Brigham Young University, ME Graduate Student Seminar, joint presentation, March 10, 2014.
10. Brigham Young University, Energy Portfolio Panel Discussion, December 12, 2013. Panel member.
11. Iverson, B. D., “Thermal Energy Storage in Concentrating Solar Power Systems,” Brigham Young University, Department of Mechanical Engineering, February 27, 2012, Provo UT.
12. Iverson, B. D., Garimella, S. G., and Blendell, J. “Thermal Contact Resistance at Silicon-Organic Material Interfaces,” Intel Thermal Work Group, July 28, 2009, Chandler, AZ.
13. Iverson, B. D., “Integrated Micropumping for Thermal Management and Microfluidic Biodevices,” Texas A&M University, June 25, 2009, College Station, TX.
14. Iverson, B. D., “Integrated Micropumping for Thermal Management and Microfluidic Biodevices,” Sandia National Laboratories, Solar Thermal Test Facility, February 17, 2009, Albuquerque, NM.
15. Iverson, B. D., “Enhanced Electrohydrodynamic Micropumping,” Research Triangle Institute International, Group Seminar, August 8, 2007, Durham, NC.
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#### PATENT AND PROVISIONAL PATENT SUBMISSIONS

1. Vanfleet, R. R., Davis, R. C., Syme, D., and Iverson, B. D., Aligned and laterally oriented, carbon nanotube thin films, Provisional Patent, submitted March 2015.
2. Iverson, B. D., Marr, K. M., Convective Enhanced Sensing with High Surface Area Flow Structures, Convective enhanced sensing with high surface area flow structures, Provisional Patent, submitted November 2014.
3. Claussen, J. C., and Iverson, B. D., A micro-scale vehicle having a propulsion device, Provisional

- Patent, submitted October 2014. Patent Application No. 14/877,594.
- Howell, L. L., Iverson, B. D., and Jones, M. R., Dynamic Control of Spectral Radiative Properties through Compliant Surfaces, Provisional Patent, submitted November 2013.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### PROFESSIONAL

- Advances in Engineering featured our work as a key scientific article (September 2014), from: Iverson *et al.*, 2014, *Journal of Solar Energy Engineering*, Vol. 136, pp. 041002. <https://advanceseng.com/mechanical-engineering/thermocline-bed-properties-deformation-analysis/>
- Renewable Energy Global Innovation Series featured our work as a key scientific article (January 2014), from: Iverson, B. D., Conboy, T. M., Pasch, J. J., and Kruizenga, A. M., 2013, "Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycles for solar-thermal energy," *Applied Energy*, Vol. 111, pp. 957-970. <http://reginnovations.org/key-scientific-articles/supercritical-co2-brayton-cycles-solar-thermal-energy/>
- New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program outstanding innovation award supporting SAVSU Technologies (May 2012)
- One of the top 5 cited articles from Microfluidics and Nanofluidics from 2008-2009 (July 2011): Iverson, B. D. and Garimella, S.V., 2008 "Recent advances in microscale pumping technologies: a review and evaluation," *Microfluidics and Nanofluidics*, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 145-174.
- Spot Award, performance award for significant accomplishment, Sandia National Laboratories (December 2010)
- Best Paper/Presentation of Session Award, Indiana Chapter of International Microelectronics and Packaging Society Vendor's Day and Mini-Symposium (April 30, 2007)
- Best Poster, Cooling Technologies Research Center review meeting (2005, 2006, 2009)
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention (2003)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention (2003)
- Perfect score on GRE Quantitative (2002)
- Professional Nominations: Tau Beta Pi, Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi (2000-2001)

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- Winkelman Fellowship for PhD studies, Purdue University (2005-2007)
- Ingersoll Rand Fellowship for graduate studies, Purdue University (2002-2004)
- Magna Cum Laude distinction, Brigham Young University, Provo UT (2002)
- Karl G. Maeser Scholarship, Brigham Young University, Provo UT (2001-2002)
- Alvina S. Barrett Scholarship, Brigham Young University, Provo UT (2000-2001)
- University Scholarship, Brigham Young University, Provo UT (1996-1997, 1999-2000)

### REGIONAL/LOCAL

- Academic All-State Soccer Team, Division 5A, UT (1996)
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### VISIBILITY

- ACS Nano podcast, August 20, 2015, Topic: Micro Underwater Vehicle Propulsion
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- Guest on "Top of the Mind," with Julie Rose, BYU Radio, July 13, 2015. Topic: Micro Underwater Vehicle Propulsion.

- Link: <http://www.byuradio.org/episode/b980e1ac-e5d0-4619-b3e0-f4d2cee375f3?playhead=5189&autoplay=true>

## ADVISEMENT

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### GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISEMENT

- Ben Brownlee, PhD thesis in progress, Brigham Young University, 2015-
- Kimberly Stevens, PhD thesis in progress, Brigham Young University, 2014-
- Derric Syme, MS thesis in progress, Brigham Young University, 2014-
- Rydge Mulford, PhD thesis in progress, Brigham Young University, 2014-
- Kevin Marr, MS, Brigham Young University, 2013-2015

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISEMENT

- Taylor Davis, “Microfabrication and device construction,” Brigham Young University, March 2016 - present.
- Chad Gudmendsen, “Electrodeposition and biofunctionalization,” Brigham Young University, January 2016 – present.
- Courtney Nordgran, “Superhydrophobic two-phase flow measurements,” Brigham Young University, September 2015 – April 2016.
- Michael Farnsworth, “3D control of origami surfaces”, Brigham Young University, July 2015 – May 2016.
- Shane Rahrle, “3-omega measurement techniques for thin-films,” Brigham Young University, July 2015 – May 2016.
- Mitchell Blanc, “Origami-based, radiative surface property control,” Brigham Young University, May 2015 – April 2016.
- Jonathan Erickson, “Two-phase flow visualization,” Brigham Young University, September 2014 – June 2015.
- Ben Brownlee, “Detection of low H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentrations,” Brigham Young University, September 2014 – May 2015.
- Carson Storey, “Through flow experimental setup for chemical sensing,” Brigham Young University, July 2014 – June 2015.
- Bennett Myres, “Thermal conductivity detectors for gas chromatography,” Brigham Young University, January – April 2014.
- Derric Syme, “Aligned CNT composites,” Brigham Young University, November 2013 – May 2014
- Luke Christensen, “Dynamic radiation control with origami-based surfaces,” Brigham Young University, Sept 2013- May 2014.
- Rydge Mulford, “Dynamic radiation control with origami-based surfaces,” Brigham Young University, Sept 2013- May 2014.
- Isaac Delimont, “Dynamic radiation control with origami-based surfaces,” Brigham Young University, June-Aug 2013.
- Jared Park, “Dynamic radiation control with origami-based surfaces,” Brigham Young University, June-November 2013.
- Kevin Marr, “Porous anodic alumina templates,” Brigham Young University, Jan-April 2013.

### PROJECT-RELATED STUDENT ADVISEMENT

- Marc T. Dunham, “High-efficiency thermodynamic power cycles for concentrated solar power systems” Graduate Student Intern, Stanford University, 2012-2013.
- Scott M. Flueckiger, Freeze event recovery in parabolic trough, thermocline-bed property characterization and thermocline storage, Graduate Student Intern, Purdue University, 2011-2013.



- Brian D. Ehrhart, Critical Skills Master's Program, Sandia National Laboratories, 2011.

## STUDENT AWARDS

- Ben Brownlee, Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, \$6k, 2016-2017.
- Kim Stevens, Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, \$6k, 2016-2017.
- Ben Brownlee, NSF Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2016.
- Michael Farnsworth, ORCA Fellowship, BYU, \$1.5k, 2016.
- Kim Stevens, Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, \$7k, 2015-2016.
- Ben Brownlee, College of Engineering and Technology Fellow, BYU, \$10k, 2015-2016.
- Rydge Mulford, NASA Space Technology Research Fellowship, \$200k, 2015-2018.
- Ben Brownlee, ORCA Fellowship, BYU, \$1.5k, 2015.
- Carson Storey, ORCA Fellowship, BYU, \$1.5k, 2015.
- Rydge Mulford, 3-Minute Thesis Department and College Winner, BYU, \$1.5k, 2015.
- Rydge Mulford, Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, \$4k, 2014-2015.

## THESIS COMMITTEE ADVISEMENT

- David Miller (Julie Crockett), July 2015-
- Alden Yellowhorse (Larry Howell), April 2014-
- Adam Cowley (Dan Maynes), April 2013-
- Matthew Searle (Dan Maynes), April 2013-
- Cristian Clavijo (Dan Maynes), April 2013-
- Jason Lund (Brian Jensen), January 2013-
- David Clark (Matthew Jones), February 2013-
- John Sessions (Brian Jensen), PhD Defense, March 2016
- Tyler Macbeth (Matthew Jones), Masters Defense, August 2015
- Daniel Ellis (Dale Tree), Masters Defense, July 2015
- Kim Stevens (Scott Thomson), Masters Defense, June 2015
- Travis Moore (Matthew Jones), PhD Defense, September 2014
- Jeremy Osguthorpe (Matthew Jones), Masters Defense, August 2013
- Daniel Tovar (Dale Tree), Masters Defense, August 2013

## FUNDING ACTIVITIES

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### AWARDED

1. Co-PI for "Passive Inspection CubeSat (PIC)," NASA Undergraduate Student Instrument Project (USIP) Student Flight Research, \$200,000 over 2 years, submitted November 2015 (Long, D., Iverson, B. D., Warnick, K., Wilde, D., Wirthlin, M.).
2. Co-PI for "Carbon Nanotube Fabrication Approaches Enabling Portable Gas Chromatography Systems," Brigham Young University Mentoring Environment Grant (MEG), \$20k over 2 years, awarded December 2015 (Jensen, B., Iverson, B. D., Vanfleet, R. R.).
3. Co-PI for "Experimental Analysis of Fluid and Thermal Transport on Superhydrophobic Surfaces," Brigham Young University Mentoring Environment Grant (MEG), \$19,950 over 2 years, awarded December 2015 (Crockett, J., Iverson, B. D., Maynes R. D.).
4. PI for "High Aspect Ratio CNT Structures for Electrode Sensors," Iowa State University, \$7,000 over 6 months, awarded November 2015 (Iverson, B. D.)
5. Co-PI for "Droplet Formation and Removal Characteristics on Superhydrophobic Nano and Microstructured Surfaces," Moxtek, \$35,348 over 1 year, awarded June 2015, (Crockett, J., Iverson B. D., Maynes, D.).
6. PI for "Dynamic Control of Radiative Surface Properties with Origami-Inspired Design," NASA

- Space Technology Research Fellowship for Rydge Mulford, \$30,000 over 3 years (Faculty Advisor Allowance; total award worth \$222,000 over 3 years), awarded April 2015, (Mulford, R. B., Iverson, B. D.).
7. PI for “Dynamic Control of Surface Radiative Properties through Actuation of Origami-Inspired Surface Topographies,” NASA EPSCoR of Utah, \$24,851 over 1 year, awarded October 2014, (Iverson, B. D., Jones, M. R.).
  8. PI for “Increasing Sensor Signal Strength of Glucose Detection in Amperometric Sensors, Research Initiation Grant, Brigham Young University, \$10k over 1 years, awarded July 2014, (Iverson, B. D.)
  9. Co-PI for “Droplet Mobility in Superhydrophobic Channels,” Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium, Faculty Research Infrastructure Award Program, \$21,500 over 1 year, awarded May 2014, (Crockett, J., Iverson, B. D., Maynes, D.).
  10. PI for “Dynamic control of radiative absorption and emission through tunable, origami-based geometries,” New Faculty Research Proposal, College of Engineering and Technology, Brigham Young University, \$10,000 over 1 year, awarded August 2013 (Iverson, B. D.).

## PREVIOUS TO BYU

- Sunshot Lab Proposal Development Process (2012)  
PI for: “Heat exchangers for efficient thermal to electric conversion at high-temperature”
- Sunshot FOA, Department of Energy (2011)  
PI for: “High-temperature enabling receivers for advanced solar-thermal power cycles”
- High Energy Advanced Thermal Storage, ARPA-E (2011)  
Contributed as sub-PI for the following two submissions (both accepted for full-proposals):  
“High performance thermal storage solutions for dish-Stirling systems”  
“Thermal-wave energy storage system”
- Annual Operating Plan, Sandia National Laboratories (2010-2011)  
Prepared sections for submission to the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Indiana 21<sup>st</sup> Century Microscale Cooling Extension (2006-2007)  
Assisted in a successful \$2M grant proposal submitted to the state of Indiana for extension funding of a microscale cooling joint project with Delphi Electronics, Kokomo, IN.
- Cooling Technologies Research Center (2005-2007)  
Proposed new and continuing projects for this NSF funded Industry/University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) in the areas of heat pipe technology and micropumping.
- Air Force Research Lab (2006)  
Prepared supporting material for an AFRL Power Center grant.
- Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (2006)  
Submitted supporting documents and data for this collaborative grant proposal.
- Office of Naval Research Proposal Abstract (2006)  
Prepared a white paper for submission to ONR regarding an EHD micropump for integrated electronics cooling.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### COURSES TAUGHT

- Heat Transfer ME EN 340 (W13, F13, Sp14, F14, Sp15, F15, Sp16)
- Convective Heat Transfer ME EN 643 (W14, W16)
- Intermediate Heat Transfer ME EN 540 (W15)
- Mentored Projects ME EN 497R (W13, F13, W14, Su14, F14, W15, Sp15, F15, W16)
- Capstone Senior Design Coach 475/476
  - 2015-2016 Stryker Plasma Stability Fixture

- 2014-2015 Union Pacific Refrigerated Boxcar Airflow Distribution

## SKILLS

- Device Fabrication and Characterization: Atomic force microscopy, scanning electron microscopy, mask design, lithography, cleanroom safety and procedures, isotropic/anisotropic etching, RIE etching, solution processing, glove box organic processing, thin-film deposition, oxidation
- Software: SolTRACE, CIRCE, Fluent, Gambit, Comsol, AutoCAD, MATLAB, Engineering Equation Solver, Mathcad
- Other: Proficient Japanese, interpersonal skills

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (LIFE-LONG LEARNING)

- Speed Networking, August 25, 2015, Brigham Young University
- BYU Grant Writing Bootcamp, May 2015
- BYU Teaching and Learning Seminar
  - “Confessions of a converted lecturer,” Eric Mazur, Harvard, March 4, 2015
  - “Teaching the truth,” February 3, 2015
  - “Why motives matter,” “Increasing Autonomy,” December 12, 2014
  - “Homework sized projects, real-world practice,” November 4, 2014
  - “Rethinking Exams – Assessing our Assessment,” March 4, 2014
  - “Course Organization,” February 12, 2014
  - “Conditioning and Retention,” December 13, 2013
  - “Partial Credit,” November 5, 2013
  - “Communicating expectations and assessment,” March 5, 2013
  - “Immediacy,” February 5, 2013
- MATLAB for Data Processing and Visualization, April 14, 2010

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Society of Thermal and Fluid Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
  - Committee Member of Heat Transfer in Energy Systems (K-6)
  - Committee Member Elect of Nanoscale Transport Phenomena (K-9)
- Golden Key National Honor Society
- Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society

## CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

- Infinia Corporation, Ogden UT, May 2013. Reviewed thermal energy storage proposal and identified concerns using mineral oil as a heat transfer fluid and highly conductive materials in thermocline beds.

## SERVICE

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### PROFESSIONAL

- Sweet Talk seminar, mentoring freshman mechanical engineering students, March 25, 2016.
- Heat Transfer ME 340 Course Committee Chair, 2015-present
- BYU ORCA Grant Reviewer, 5 proposals, December 2015.
- Grad Expo 2015, graduate student recruiting fair, October 4-5, 2015.
- Session Chair (2 sessions), ASTFE Thermal and Fluids Engineering Summer Conference,

August 9-12, 2015.

- BYU Graduate Studies Fellowship Reviewer, 2 proposals, March 2015.
- Sweet Talk seminar, mentoring freshman mechanical engineering students, February 20, 2015.
- BYU Mechanical Engineering Department 3-Minute Thesis Competition, Organizer  
Held January 26, 2015.
- BYU writing group participant, 2013-present
- BYU ORCA Grant Reviewer, 10 proposals, November 2014.
- Heat Transfer Qualifying Exam Committee, Fall 2014.
- Sweet Talk seminar, mentoring freshman mechanical engineering students, September 5, 2014.
- BYU Graduate Studies Graduate Fellowship Reviewer, 2 proposals, March 2014
- Heat Transfer Qualifying Exam Committee, Winter 2014.
- BYU College of Engineering and Technology 3-Minute Thesis Competition, Judge  
Held January 30, 2014
- BYU Mechanical Engineering Department 3-Minute Thesis Competition, Organizer  
Held December 9, 2013
- BYU ORCA Grant Reviewer, 10 proposals, November 2013.
- Graduate committee, BYU Mechanical Engineering, 2013 – present
  - Organized Graduate Seminar Series
  - Instituted online community for reporting
  - Facilitated schedule and hosted speakers
  - Evaluated graduate student applicants twice yearly
  - Advised on department fellowship selection
- Curriculum Development Committee, 2013-present
  - Engineering practice, 1 credit junior course
- Heat Transfer Qualifying Exam Committee, Fall 2013.
- Sweet Talk seminar, mentoring freshman mechanical engineering students, September 27, 2013.
- Sweet Talk seminar, mentoring freshman mechanical engineering students, April 12, 2013.
- Session Chair, CSP Storage Technologies, ASME Energy Sustainability, July 14-19, 2013.
- Made from Concentrate, CSP seminar chair, Sandia National Laboratories, (2012)
- Session Chair, CSP Power Tower Technologies, ASME Energy Sustainability (2011)
- Equipment and Process User Program “Super User,” Birck Nanotechnology Center (2009)
  - Advise users and staff of equipment function for training and troubleshooting.
- Volunteer and lab tour guide for Purdue University graduate student recruiting weekends (2003-2008)
- Professional Development Committee Chair for the Nanotechnology Student Advisory Council, Birck Nanotechnology Center, Purdue University (2006-2007)
  - Organized resume and curriculum vitae workshop, February 15, 2007.
  - Organized industry and faculty career path seminar, April 12, 2007.
- Volunteer Birck Nanotechnology Center escort and lab tour guide, Purdue University (2006-2007)
- Tau Beta Pi, Membership Committee Chair for Utah, Beta Chapter (2001-2002)
- Paper/Funding Reviews:
  - Applied Physics Letters*, 1 paper, June 2016.
  - Journal of Heat Transfer*, 1 paper, May 2016.
  - International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*, 1 paper, May 2016.
  - Journal of Heat Transfer*, 1 paper, April 2016.
  - Energy*, 1 paper, February 2016.
  - ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*, 1 paper, February 2016.
  - Solar Energy*, 1 paper, November 2015.
  - Journal of Heat Transfer*, 16 photogallery submissions, September 2015.
  - Applied Thermal Engineering*, 1 paper, September 2015
  - Journal of Heat Transfer*, 1 paper, August 2015.
  - ASTFE Thermal Fluids Engineering Summer Conference, 2 papers, April 2015.

DOE SBIR/STTR Grant Applications, 2 papers, March 2015.  
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*ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*, 1 paper, March 2015.  
*Applied Energy*, 1 paper, January 2015.  
*Journal of Electronic Packaging*, 1 paper, August 2014.  
*ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*, 1 paper, August 2014.  
*International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*, 1 paper, August 2014.  
*Journal of Electronic Packaging*, 1 paper, July 2014.  
*Experimental Heat Transfer*, 1 paper, June 2014.  
*Journal of Fluids Engineering*, 1 paper, June 2014.  
*International Journal of Electrical Power and Energy Systems*, 1 paper, May 2014.  
 ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, 2 papers, May 2014.  
*Sensors and Actuators B: Physical*, 1 paper, March 2014.  
*International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*, 1 paper, March 2014.  
*Journal of Solar Energy Engineering*, 1 paper, January 2014.  
 ASME Turbo Expo 2014, 1 paper, November 2013.  
*Journal of Fluids Engineering*, 1 paper, November 2013.  
*Energy Conversion and Management*, 1 paper, September 2013.  
*Solar Energy*, 1 paper, August 2013.  
*Solar Energy*, 1 paper, June 2013.  
 ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, 1 paper, May 2013.  
*Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 1 paper, May 2013.  
 ASME Summer Heat Transfer Conference 2013, 1 paper, March 2013.  
 DOE SBIR/STTR Grant Applications, 1 paper, March 2013.  
 ASME Turbo Expo 2013, 1 paper, December 2012.  
 Energy Sustainability 2012, 1 paper, March 2012.  
*Materials Science and Engineering B*, 1 paper, September 2011.  
*Applied Energy*, 1 paper, September 2011.  
*International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*, 1 paper, August 2011.  
 Energy Sustainability 2011, 2 papers, April 2011.  
*Journal of Solar Energy Engineering*, 1 paper, January 2011.  
 SBIR/STTR Grant Applications, 3 papers, January 2011.  
*Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering*, 1 paper, May 2010.  
*Journal of Heat Transfer*, 1 paper, February 2010.  
*Solar Energy*, 1 paper, February 2010.  
*Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering*, 1 paper, June 2009.  
*International Journal of Refrigeration*, 1 paper, May 2009.  
*Journal of Fluids Engineering*, 1 paper, December 2008.  
 Electronics Packaging Technology Conference, 1 paper, October 2008.  
*Journal of Electronic Packaging*, 1 paper, July 2008.  
*Journal of Heat Transfer*, 1 paper, June 2008.  
*Microfluidics and Nanofluidics*, 1 paper, May 2008.  
 ITherm 2008 Conference, 1 paper, January 2008.  
*Microfluidics and Nanofluidics*, 1 paper, November 2007.  
 ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, 1 paper, 2005.

## OUTREACH

- Utah STEM Fest, hands on experiences with science and technology to encourage young interest, February 2-4, 2016.

- Wasatch Elementary Science Presentation, Provo School District, “Why is that bugs can stand on water? – surface tension and hydrophobicity,” November 17, 2014.

## COMMUNITY

- AYSO Soccer Coach, Albuquerque, NM (2011-2012)
- AYSO Referee, Albuquerque, NM (2010-2011)
- Webelos Den Leader, Boy Scouts of America (2010-2011)
- Premier Soccer Academy Coach, Albuquerque, NM (Spring 2010)
- English Conversation Facilitator, Daily Dose Program, NC (Summer 2007)
- Volunteer missionary, Okayama, Japan, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (1997-1999)
- BYU Honor Code Committee Volunteer (1996-1997)

**Appendix F**  
Advanced Neural Net Controls  
University of Utah

*Research Proposal***CLEAN COAL ENABLED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE***A research project for the Utah Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan***PacifiCorp Contact**

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Prof. Kody Powell	U. of Utah Dept. of Chemical Engineering	Principal Investigator
Jake Tuttle	U. of Utah Dept. of Chemical Engineering	Graduate Researcher
Brad Radl	Taber International / Griffin Open Systems	Vendor/Tech. Support
Prof. John Hedengren	BYU Dept. of Chemical Engineering	Technical Advisor

Proposed University of Utah Budget: **\$395,205**



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## PROJECT SUMMARY

The University of Utah will partner with PacifiCorp’s Huntington power station and Taber International/Griffin Open Systems to install, demonstrate, and fundamentally research artificial intelligence technologies to improve emissions of coal-fired power systems. The software-based technology provided by Griffin Open Systems™ is primarily based on artificial neural networks (ANNs), which are proven data-driven modeling techniques used to mathematically describe complex processes, such as coal combustion for power generation. ANNs are used to mathematically “learn” the process, particularly the relationships between inputs (e.g., valve positions, flow rates, damper positions, etc.) and important outputs (e.g., NO<sub>x</sub> generation rate, plant efficiency, power output, etc.), through a mathematical model-fitting routine. Using this empirical mathematic model of the process, rigorous optimization routines can be used to determine the optimal combination of inputs to give a desired change in an output (e.g., finding the conditions that minimize NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, maximize efficiency, or a combination of both). Because the process is continually changing as conditions change, the software is used to continuously update the model and re-solve for optimality.

The proposed project is ideal in a number of ways: 1) The project has an assurance of success as the base technology has been commercially demonstrated and will have the engineering support of a vendor with decades of experience in coal plant optimization. 2) There are many research opportunities to improve the technology on the topics of intelligent model fitting and dynamic optimization through transient operation due to fast ramping of the plant (caused by increased renewables on the grid). 3) The project is extremely low cost as it is completely software-based and does not require a large capital project to retrofit the plant. 4) The technology is immediately scalable to other units. 5) The technology will have an indefinite emissions benefit if the plant chooses to extend to a permanent software license. 6) The primary research team members are experienced in neural networks and process optimization and are local to Emery County (home of the plant site). They have a vested interest in the plant’s performance and will spend a significant amount of time on-site to ensure the project’s success.

## BACKGROUND

### Overview of Artificial Neural Networks in Coal Combustion Optimization

Optimizing a process entails selecting the best combination of input (decision) variables that give an optimal value of an output variable (i.e., maximizing efficiency, maximizing profit, or minimizing cost). Real-time optimization (RTO) is commonly used in many industries and is an ideal technology to implement because of its high benefit-to-cost ratio, as it only requires software while using existing plant instrumentation and control systems [1–3]. RTO requires the use of an accurate mathematical model of the process so that the model can be solved in real-time to determine the optimal operating conditions of the plant. The process of coal combustion for power generation is so complex that physics-based models are too computationally intensive to be solved in real-time. Because of this, data-driven, empirical models (such as ANNs) are typically used for RTO of coal plants [4–7]. ANNs have proven to be very effective at predicting plant performance, with studies indicating an **average error of 1.35% or less for prediction of output variables** [8].

An artificial neural network is a type of mathematical modeling structure. ANNs are designed to mimic the human brain’s mechanism for learning and retaining information by storing it in chemical and electrical signals, which increase in response to environmental stimuli. A simplified structure of an ANN is shown in Figure 1. In this figure,  $u$  represents the inputs (e.g.,

valve positions, temperature set points, excess O<sub>2</sub>, etc.) and  $y$  represents the output, of which there can be many (NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, heat rate, etc.). The greek letters ( $\phi$  and  $\Omega$ ) are mathematical “activation” functions, which produce a certain response to the inputs and the weighting parameters ( $w$  and  $W$ ). When given a set of real data from the plant, the weighting parameters can be adjusted using a rigorous mathematical model-fitting routine so that the model’s outputs ( $y$ ) closely match the plant data, which the model is trying to predict [9]. As the process changes, new weighting parameters can be found so that the model stays accurate, despite an ever-changing process. While the figure shows a very basic representation of a neural network model structure (known as a three layer perceptron), there are many different types and configurations of neural network models, depending on the application. The models can also be combined with other types of models or algorithms in a hybrid configuration.

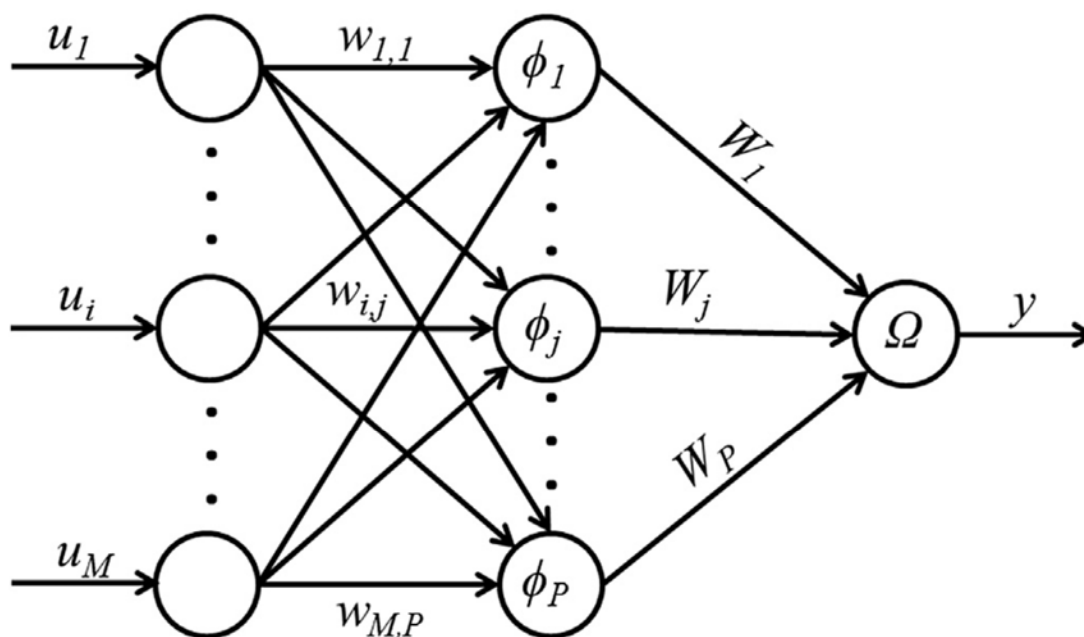


Figure 1: A visual representation of an artificial neural network (ANN). The ANN takes in inputs ( $u$ ) to predict a specified output ( $y$ ) using groups of mathematical functions ( $\phi$  and  $\Omega$ ). The weights ( $w$  and  $W$ ) are adjusted algorithmically so that the output matches plant data as closely as possible. Figure available from Powell et al. [9].

## ANNs for NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Minimization and Efficiency Improvements

Once an accurate model of the process is found, the model is solved using a mathematical optimization routine to determine the set of inputs ( $u$ ) that give the best output ( $y$ ). If the objective is to minimize NO<sub>x</sub> in a coal plant, for example, the ANN model can be solved to determine the optimal process inputs that give minimal NO<sub>x</sub>, given the current set of environmental conditions. This has been done with much success industrially. **Studies have shown NO<sub>x</sub> reductions of up to 48% and CO reductions of 75%** [10].

Similarly, neural network optimizers focused on **heat rate improvements save an estimated 0.5-1.5%**, which means a proportional amount of fuel and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings [11]. A preliminary estimate of the savings that could be achieved by a typical coal power plant using neural network optimization technology is summarized in Table 1. These projections for the Huntington Plant are for two units operating at full load, so it should be noted that the initial research project will only focus on a single unit. However, the results would be scalable by

deploying the software to multiple units in the future. The software application must also be tuned so that it achieves an ideal balance between NO<sub>x</sub> emissions minimization and efficiency maximization, whose optimal solutions may not perfectly coincide.

**Table 1: Preliminary estimates of anticipated annual savings for two units at full load at the Huntington plant using by neural network RTO with heat rate minimization as the primary objective.**

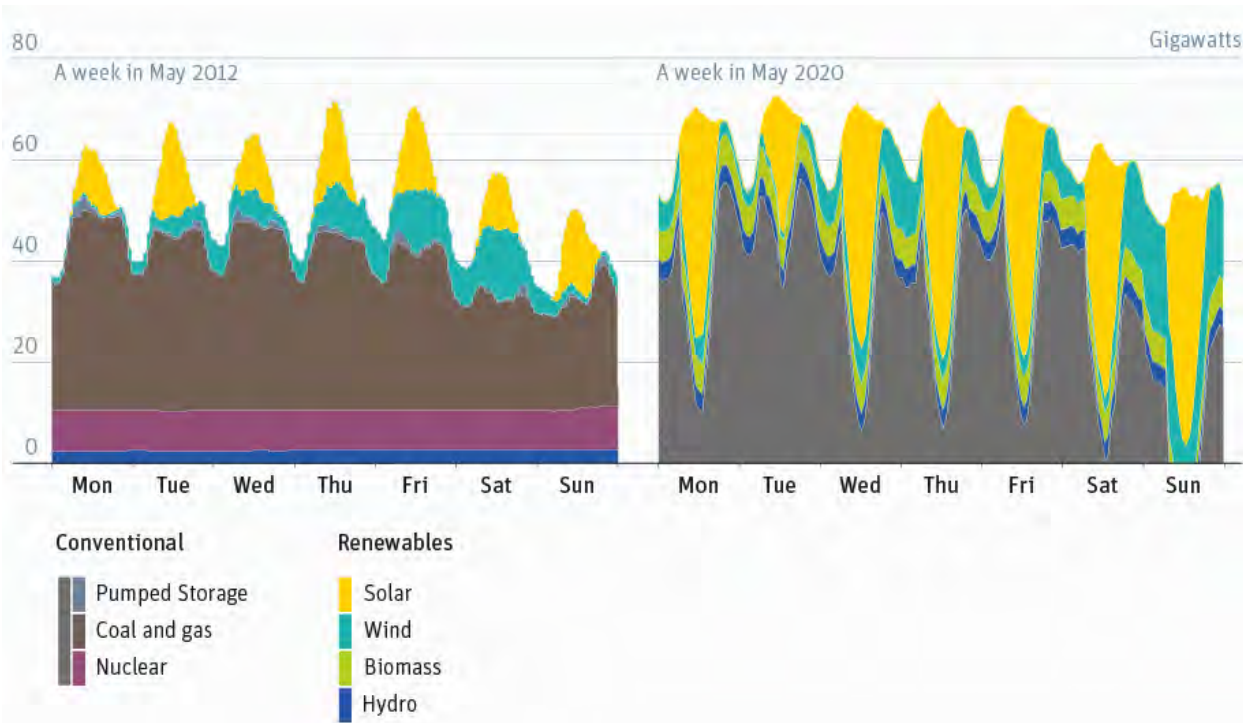
Description	Quantity
Plant Output	895 MWe
Heat Rate [12]	10080 Btu/kWh
Fuel cost per unit energy [13]	\$1.63 per MMBtu
Fuel cost per year	\$130,000,000 per year
Projected heat rate improvement [11]	0.5-1.5 %
Projected savings for full-load operation	\$650K-\$1.9M per year
Projected CO <sub>2</sub> savings [14]	40,000-122,000 tons/yr

## Overview of Research Challenges

Although neural network optimization technology has proven to be an effective and low cost clean coal technology, there are still many opportunities to improve the technology. One of the key issues is that the process can drift over time, which makes the model less accurate and the optimization results less relevant. Although the existing technology employs methods to continuously update the model, changes in the process, such as the loss of sensors or actuators or sudden shifts in operating conditions can cause adversely impact the model's accuracy. This in turn causes deactivation of the software application by plant operators, which eliminates any potential emissions benefit. To keep the model evergreen and ensure long-term operator adoption, intelligent model adaptation routines are needed. These routines would continuously monitor the process's health, statistically detect anomalies, and systematically make changes to the process inputs so that the model can "re-learn" the response. Currently, the technology requires a trained engineer to initialize the model, including finding the best model structure, given the current set of functioning sensors and actuators. Continuous re-fitting of the model can change the model parameters to keep the model accurate, but it generally does not change the model's structure. Methodologies for continuously monitoring the health of the process, the model, and any instrumentation are needed. By keeping the model up to date by re-fitting, intelligently updating the model structure, or alerting an engineer or operator when the process needs physical maintenance, the software can have long-term operator adoption and require minimal manpower to sustain.

Another critical research topic has arisen as a result of increased penetration of variable renewable power sources on the grid in recent years. Solar and wind energy are intermittent in nature and their fluctuations generally cause fuel-based power plants to ramp up and down to maintain the frequency on the grid. In California, major grid instabilities are projected as a result of unprecedented amounts of renewables on the grid, which will cause fuel-based plants to ramp up and down at somewhat extreme ramp rates [15,16]. Projections show that increased penetration of intermittent renewables causes (what once were considered) baseload power sources (coal and nuclear) to change loads with rapid ramping in order to enable renewables, as Figure 2 demonstrates [17]. From an optimization point of view, extreme ramping like that shown in the figure makes it much more difficult to optimize. Real-time optimization is generally based on the

idea of steady-state operation of a process, which is the assumption that the process is relatively constant for at least a short period of time. A dynamically-changing process is more difficult to optimize as the operating conditions of the plant are always shifting. By extending the neural network model to be dynamic, optimization can be performed over a time horizon, rather than at a single instance in time. The proposed researchers have expertise in dynamic optimization [18–21] and believe this is an area where a significant impact can be made in research and in efficient grid operation. Dynamic optimization of a ramping coal plant would become a renewable energy-enabling technology because it could be used to maintain grid stability even under extreme ramping conditions.



**Figure 2: Load profiles for 2012 and projected in 2020 with high renewable penetration. Optimization under rapid ramping conditions is a key research objective. Figure available from [17].**

Another major opportunity for improving plant operations is in optimizing the many auxiliary processes required for power generation. While neural network optimization technology is predominantly used for combustion optimization in the boiler, auxiliary units such as cooling towers, scrubbers, the generator, etc. can also be optimized to improve the efficiency of the entire operation, not only the boiler. At low load, auxiliary power consumption can increase heat rate by up to 21% compared to full-load operation [22]. Modeling and optimizing these auxiliary processes via neural network technology, therefore, will provide additional opportunities to improve the overall efficiency of the plant.

## OBJECTIVES AND DELIVERABLES

The proposed project represents an ideal combination of safe and potentially transformative. It will leverage existing, proven technology to ensure measurable emissions reductions, but will also explore cutting-edge research topics to improve the software in the face of new operational challenges. The objectives of the project are summarized in the following sections.

## **1. Install and Support Artificial Intelligence Software**

The primary objective of the project will be to successfully deploy the neural network software application as well as the Griffin Intelligent Sootblowing application and ensure their adoption and long-term use. This will be accomplished by working with Taber International, who will provide up-front engineering services to install the Griffin Open Systems neural network optimization software and work through any technical issues related to its deployment. The sub-contract to Taber/Griffin will include maintenance and licensing fees and ensure their ongoing support of the software application. The University of Utah researchers will work closely with Taber to master the software so that they can provide additional support to maintain and improve the application. The University of Utah researchers will spend a significant amount of time on-site at the Huntington Plant to become well-acquainted with the process and the personnel. A graduate student researcher will spend the summer months working full-time at the site and will also work full-time at the site once graduate coursework has been completed. University personnel will provide ongoing training to plant personnel on how to use the software. They will also continually monitor the application (on site or remotely) and implement modifications and improvements as they are developed. For the duration of the project, university personnel will be on call to ensure a high service factor and long-term adoption for the software.

## **2. Document Emissions Reductions and Heat Rate Improvements**

As a clean coal research and development project, a critical objective will be to measure and document the emissions and heat rate improvements that can be attributed to the use of the neural network software. Using previous years as a baseline, the plant's performance will be tracked and reported on each year. As the implementation of optimization software is a learning process (for the personnel as well as for the software), a gradual improvement in plant emissions are anticipated as recommendations and improvements are progressively implemented. Research personnel will formally report to PacifiCorp management from the plant and from the North Temple Office on a quarterly basis to present recent results and discuss ongoing improvement recommendations. The research team will also release a final report at the project's conclusion to report on the progress made during the three-year research project.

## **3. Address Fundamental Research Challenges**

At its core, the research project is an artificial intelligence project, which presents many fundamental research challenges. Specific to coal-fired power, some of the key research issues to be addressed are finding methods to keep the model evergreen using intelligent model adaptation as the plant's processes drift or change over time. While the Griffin software currently has a continuous "learning" feature where the model is re-fit periodically every few hours, long-term issues may arise as sensors or actuators degrade and become unreliable or new instrumentation is added. Fundamental process changes like these would typically require a new model structure to account for more or fewer inputs. During the project, intelligent methods for finding a new model structure and fitting the model will be explored on a simulation basis by the research team. These may be tested in the live plant application pending a thorough review process and approval from plant personnel.

A related key research objective will be intelligent process and application health monitoring. To address this objective, the researchers will explore statistical methods to detect when the process or the model have faults that may be caused by malfunctioning equipment or performance degradation over time. In these instances, action taken by plant engineering or maintenance personnel would be required and an automated response by the software would not

be sufficient. Upon development and inclusion of adequate fault detection methods, the research team will explore automated alerting of plant personnel and study the impact this might have on efficiency and equipment lifetime.

The research team will go beyond neural network optimization of the combustion process in the boiler and will explore opportunities to improve overall efficiency by applying the neural network optimization technology to the plant's auxiliary processes, including pumps, fans, and compressors. Where variable frequency drives (VFDs) are available, the team will explore optimization of these process components to determine the optimal speed that results in reduced overall power consumption. Major auxiliary process equipment that the team will explore optimizing includes cooling towers, the flue gas desulphurization unit (scrubber), electrostatic precipitators, and the generators. Working with the Griffin Intelligent Sootblowing application, the project team will also study optimal sootblowing so that the boiler process efficiency is maximized while minimizing the use of auxiliary steam to accomplish this periodic maintenance task.

Another major challenge facing the coal power plants worldwide is the rapid ramping that is required as intermittent renewable energy becomes more and more prevalent on the grid. Dynamic optimization so that a plant can still perform optimally even during changing load will be addressed by the research team. These potential enhancements to the software will be developed offline in a simulation environment and will be introduced to the plant only if success at the simulation level proves to be effective. This will also require approval from plant personnel before any modifications are implemented.

As in any process automation application, the more sensor data that is available, the better. As the team works to install and develop the optimization application, they will also explore the use of additional or upgraded sensors to improve plant operations. Where appropriate, recommendations including a detailed cost/benefit analysis will be made to plant personnel.

While challenging, the research that emerges as a result of approaching these problems could have an impact far beyond a single power plant. With fuel-fired power plants around the world facing similar issues with transient operation due to intermittent renewables on the grid, solutions to these problems have the potential to have a substantial impact on society.

## Project Deliverables by Organization

Table 2: Description of deliverables from each participating entity.

<i>PacifiCorp</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provide project oversight</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide training/guidance on utility-scale coal combustion optimization</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide guidance on performance metrics to be monitored and the direction of the optimizer implementation</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide feedback on report conclusions.</i></li> <li>• <i>Establish KPI's for success, e.g., NOx &lt;0.15 lbs/mmBtu, CO less than Permitted value, 0.75% Net Unit Heat Rate (NUHR) reduction, etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide office for U of U student/faculty</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide and prepare server for optimizer, communication link, DCS modifications</i></li> </ul>
<i>University of Utah</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Perform parametric study of the test unit throughout the entire process; prior to installation of the optimizer, during the installation, during the learning phase and after the optimizer is online to test the effectiveness of the various inputs. This study would at a minimum identify the most effective control loops to be available for the neural network combustion optimizer. It will also identify the need of additional instrumentation and controls.</i></li> <li>• <i>Assist PacifiCorp and Taber Int. personnel with the installation/implementation of the optimizer. Evaluate the neural network in operation and provide recommendations for improvement and process control expansion e.g., adding additional control loops, expand usage to include auxiliary plant processes like; cooling tower fan control, scrubber control, or any process that has remotely controlled parameters. In that vein also evaluate which process might benefit for the addition of remote control that could be optimized.</i></li> <li>• <i>Assist PacifiCorp (and possibly 3rd party tuners) personnel with unit optimization and evaluate the effects of that optimization and how the optimizer responds to that optimization.</i></li> <li>• <i>Evaluate factors that may discourage system usage e.g., poor human machine interface, excessive maintenance, lack understanding or distrust of “intelligent” control, insufficient instrumentation and or controls. Where possible identify mitigation opportunities for the identified problems and aid in their implementation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide additional ongoing training to plant operators and other plant personnel in the operation of neural network optimization</i></li> <li>• <i>Help to establish KPI’s for success, e.g., NO<sub>x</sub> &lt;0.15 lbs/mmBtu, CO less than Permitted value, 0.75% Net Unit Heat Rate (NUHR) reduction, etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Report on the performance of the neural network optimizer with regard to usage level, benefit received, benefits lost and improvement recommendations</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide year round onsite coverage (have personnel on site at least two days a week once application has been commissioned)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Taber International</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provide software</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide engineering support for installation</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide engineering product support</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide best practice guidance based on installed base experience</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide training for software implementation and modification</i></li> </ul>
<b>Brigham Young University</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provide additional technical guidance on research aspects of project</i></li> </ul>

## TIMELINE

The proposed project is for a duration of three years, which will be required to reach the above-specified objectives. While the software can be installed in a matter of weeks, optimizing its usage may take years. This includes a long run-time to ensure that plant operations personnel become comfortable with its use through training and troubleshooting, identifying opportunities to improve the software’s functionality through improved sensors and actuators in the process, and exploring techniques to better model and optimize the process. The fundamental research



objectives are also challenging problems that are long-term in nature and will require multiple years to develop and possibly implement.

For the duration of the project, the research team will prioritize spending as much time on site as possible. When project personnel are not living in proximity of the plant (primarily due to required university coursework in Salt Lake City), they will continue research including providing remote support, on call support, and will make regularly scheduled visits to the plant site. An approximate schedule is included in Table 3.

**Table 3: An approximate project schedule indicating the anticipated number of days on site per month in each period.**

<i>Period</i>	<i>Approximate Days On Site/Month</i>	<i>Objectives</i>
<b><i>Preparation Work</i></b>		
<i>Jan. 2017 – Apr. 2017</i>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student learns Griffin Open Systems Software and develops test applications for simulated processes</li> <li>• Plant repairs/installs instrumentation + server and prepares for software installation</li> <li>• Scheduling with Taber/Griffin for engineering services is complete</li> <li>• Multiple visits by student researcher and adviser to get acquainted with process, site personnel, and installation progress</li> <li>• Possible Ameren site visit by U of U and PacifiCorp</li> </ul>
<b><i>Installation and initial data collection</i></b>		
<i>May 2017- Aug. 2017</i>	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of Griffin Combustion Optimization and Intelligent Sootblowing applications completed in mid-May</li> <li>• Student researcher is on site 40 hrs/wk to oversee installation, work with operators to identify any adoption issues, begin data collection, and identify any potential issues with software application</li> </ul>
<b><i>Ongoing research project</i></b>		
<i>Sept. 2017- Apr. 2018</i>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote monitoring / on call application support</li> <li>• Continuous improvement of application through programming enhancements, instrumentation improvement recommendations, operator training, interface enhancements</li> </ul>
<i>May 2018- Aug. 2018</i>	20	
<i>Sept. 1 2018- Apr. 2019</i>	8-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of improvement for emissions, fuel savings, etc.</li> </ul>
<i>May 2019- Dec 2019</i>	10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research into dynamic optimization through plant power set-point transitions</li> <li>• Final report on project</li> </ul>

## BUDGET

The University of Utah portion of the budget for the project is \$395,205 and is summarized in Table 4. The budget includes salaries for university personnel including one-month of salary per year for the project PI and eighteen months per year for graduate researchers. Travel, living, and per diem costs are also included. The researcher support and travel funds will assure that university personnel can spend an adequate amount of time on site to develop and support the application for the duration of the project.

**Table 4: The University of Utah budget summary for the project, which includes university personnel salaries and benefits, travel costs, and all overhead charges.**

	2017	2018	2019	<b>Total</b>
<i>Salaries w/ overhead</i>	\$90,985	\$92,805	\$94,661	<b>\$278,451</b>
<i>Travel, living expenses, and per diem w/ overhead</i>	\$37,698	\$37,698	\$41,358	<b>\$116,754</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,683</b>	<b>\$130,503</b>	<b>\$136,019</b>	<b>\$395,205</b>

The comprehensive budget will be managed and distributed by PacifiCorp and also includes \$320,000 in up-front costs for Taber International for engineering services (\$160,000) and a single unit license (\$160,000) and a total of \$96,000 for three years of licensing fees for the software from Griffin Open Systems. Engineering services entail multiple trips to the site from Taber personnel to install the software and ensure that everything is running correctly. Return trips will be made to make adjustments as necessary and will include training for plant personnel. These upfront costs ensure turnkey use of the software. Annual maintenance fees of \$32,000 per year will be distributed to Griffin Open Systems for use of the Griffin neural network Combustion Optimization and Intelligent Sootblowing software applications. At the end of the project, the licensing fee may be applied toward a permanent corporate license, which has a cost total of \$1,000,000 (PacifiCorp would be required to supply the remaining \$840,000).

## PROJECT TEAM

PacifiCorp engineering personnel, led by Glenn Pinterich at the Huntington Plant, will provide project management and oversight. PacifiCorp's engineering team will provide technical expertise in the process and will have responsibility for all final decisions on the project.

In addition to PacifiCorp personnel, the proposed project team has both the expertise and vested interest in the project to ensure success. The Principal Investigator, Prof. Kody Powell, has worked previously for ExxonMobil Research and Engineering as an expert in advanced control and optimization of utility networks. His background includes developing model predictive control (MPC) and real-time optimization (RTO) applications for combined heat and power systems for ExxonMobil refineries and chemical plants across the country. Prof. Powell has developed neural network models used for predicting energy demands for a district energy system [9] and he also has expertise in dynamic optimization, with research focused on developing novel dynamic optimization algorithms to take advantage of energy storage [18,21,23]. Prof. Powell is a native of Huntington, Utah and has a strong desire to do research projects which can benefit the people of Emery County.

Jake Tuttle is a student researcher in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Utah and is committed to pursuing a Ph.D. Jake is also a native of Emery County and is excited about the prospect of living in Emery County while completing his graduate research work. Jake is currently near the top of his class in chemical engineering and holds a 3.92 GPA. He

has experience in Java Programming (which Griffin Open Systems is based on).

Brad Radl is the founder, President, and Chief Technology Officer of Taber International and Griffin Open Systems. His companies have decades of experience in coal power plant optimization. His companies, based in Chardon, Ohio, provide engineering services, installation, licensing, and maintenance of their software products. Griffin Open Systems Combustion Optimization is based on neural network technology, but provides an open platform that can be easily customized by plant personnel. His software products have proven to be very effective at reducing NO<sub>x</sub> and improving heat rate and plants for decades [24].

Prof. John Hedengren is a professor in Chemical Engineering at Brigham Young University. He has worked for ExxonMobil Chemical and PAS, Inc. as an advanced control and optimization expert. Prof. Hedengren's research is focused on advanced control and optimization of upstream oil operations, unmanned aerial vehicles, and energy systems. Prof. Hedengren has developed his own dynamic optimization software, which has been used in a number of industrial and research application areas [21]. Prof. Hedengren will serve on the project as an additional technical advisor.

## **CONCLUSION**

The proposed project is an ideal opportunity to deploy and demonstrate clean coal technology with a high probability of success and a very high benefit-to-cost. This software-based technology does not require major capital expenses, as most clean coal technologies would, and can be permanently adopted by the Huntington Plant and easily scaled across the entire PacifiCorp fleet. Although the technology is essentially turnkey, there are still many improvements to be made in a research project, including documenting the emissions benefits and improving the technology with intelligent model-fitting routines for long-term operator adoption and optimizing under ramping conditions to better enable renewable energy technologies on the grid. The technology has proven to be effective at reducing both NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and will make a positive impact on plant operations. Because the research project is focused on artificial intelligence in a power generation facility, the research has potential to extend beyond coal plants and be applied to combined cycle power generation processes and even technologies outside of the power industry.

Members of the project team have deep roots in Emery County and will be able to spend large portions of the project actually working in the plant. This will ensure that the software is effective and that plant operators are comfortable using the technology, so that high service factors can be achieved to reduce emissions to the fullest extent possible. The project team will have a vested interest in doing whatever they can to improve operations at the Huntington plant.

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# **Appendix G**

## **Clean Coal Research Team Members**

APPENDIX G  
Clean Coal Research Team

The following individuals and their respective organizations listed below participated in the Clean Coal Research development phase to identify candidate Areas of Research, research objectives and to prioritize candidate projects/studies:

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Eric Eddings, University of Utah  
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# **Appendix H**

## **Major Project Milestones**

## Appendix A - Biomass Co-Firing Test

Entity	Milestone Title/Description	Estimated Date
UofU	Contracts with PacifiCorp complete with UofU	Jan-17
PacifiCorp	Contracts with fuel suppliers complete	Feb-17
PacifiCorp	Owner's Engineer selected	Feb-17
UofU	Test Plan – Lab-scale Combustion Performance Evaluation	Mar-17
UofU	Draft Report on Biomass Fuel Handling and Stability	Apr-17
UofU	Complete Design & Construction of Isokinetic Particle Sampling Probe	Jun-17
BYU	Complete Design & Construction of Temperature-controlled Deposit Sample Probes	Jun-17
Fuel Suppliers	Delivery of processed Biomass Fuel	Jul-17
PacifiCorp	Testing acknowledgement from Utah DAQ	Jun-17
UofU	Lab-scale Combustion Performance Interim Report	Jul-17
PacifiCorp	Perform Biomass Testing at Hunter Unit 3	Aug-17
UofU/BYU	Draft Report – Analysis of Measurements from Hunter Plant Testing	Dec-17
UofU	Lab-scale Combustion Performance Draft Final Report	Nov-17
UofU	Air Quality Assessment Draft Report	Sep-17
Owner's Engineer	Draft Assessment Report Issued	Sep-17
Owner's Engineer	Final Assessment Report Issued	Nov-17
BYU	Draft Report on Analysis of Boiler Operating, Emissions and Performance Data	Jun-18

## Appendix B - Cryogenic Carbon Capture Testing

	Milestone Title/Description	Start Date	Planned Completion Date
	<b>Planning Phase</b>		
	Site selection	1/1/2017	3/15/2017
Major Milestone	Contract with PacifiCorp complete		<b>2/1/2017</b>
	Draft Test Program Development	2/2/2017	3/1/2017
Major Milestone	Final Test Program	3/1/2017	<b>3/15/2017</b>
	<b>Development Phase</b>		
	Development Work (in conjunction with NETL Phase I plan)	3/1/2017	10/1/2017
Major Milestone	Phase I development completed		<b>10/1/2017</b>
Major Milestone	Testing acknowledgement from Utah DAQ		<b>12/15/2017</b>
	Mobilization for demonstration (on-site electrical and flue gas access)	10/1/2017	2/15/2018
	<b>Field Demonstration Phase</b>		
Major Milestone	SES Demonstration Unit setup on site	3/15/2018	<b>4/15/2018</b>
	Site Testing	4/15/2018	12/1/2018
Major Milestone	Site Testing Completed		<b>12/1/2018</b>
	SES Demonstration Unit Demobilization	12/1/2018	12/15/2018
	<b>Reporting Phase</b>		
Major Milestone	Draft Report		<b>2/15/2019</b>
Major Milestone	Final Report Submitted		<b>2/28/2019</b>

## Appendix C - CarbonSAFE Pre-Feasibility Study

Milestone Title/Description	Planned Completion Date
CCS Team Commitments	3/1/2017
Catalog of Project Challenges	3/1/2017
Update Project Management Plan	4/1/2017
Update Data Management Plan	4/1/2017
Project Kickoff Meeting	2/1/2017
Project Review Meeting	Once Annually
Quarterly Progress Reports to DOE	Quarterly
Data Submission to NETL-EDX	Quarterly
Final Report	6/20/2018
Feasibility Sub-Plan for Practical Challenges	1/1/2018
Feasibility Sub-Plan for Public and Economic Acceptability	1/1/2018
Detailed Plan for Long-Term Liability for Stored CO <sub>2</sub>	5/1/2018
Finalize Ranked List of Site Options	5/1/2018
Compile Initial Area of Review	9/1/2017
Initial MVA Plan	5/1/2018
Compile Risk Registry	3/1/2018
Initial Risk Mitigation Plan	5/1/2018
Compile Catalog of Accessible Information (Data) and Resources	2/1/2017
CO <sub>2</sub> Source Assessment	5/1/2018
Initial CO <sub>2</sub> Management Strategy	5/1/2018
CarbonSAFE Rocky Mountains Phase II Proposal	12/1/2017

## Appendix D - CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Study

Milestone Title/Description	Date from Announcement of Award/Funding Available
Notice to Proceed Start Date (Assumed)	1/1/2018
Contracts with PacifiCorp complete	1/31/2018
Commence Resource Evaluation	1/31/2018
Draft Test Program Submitted	1/31/2018
Revised Program Submitted Formalizing Experimental Matrix and Other Research Tasks	2/15/2018
Annual Report I Presented/Submitted	1/31/2019
Annual Report II Presented/Submitted	1/31/2020
Annual Report III Presented/Submitted	1/30/2021
Develop Concept for Future In-Situ Pilot Testing	7/1/2021
Final Report Presented/Submitted	10/31/2021

## Appendix E - Solar Thermal Assessment (Hunter Plant)

Milestone Title/Description	Date from Announcement of Award/Funding Available
Contract between BYU and PacifiCorp complete (Assumed start date)	1/1/2019
Contract between Owner's Engineer and PacifiCorp complete	3/2/2019
Commencement of study	5/1/2019
Draft of proposed study objectives	5/31/2019
Final proposed study objectives	6/30/2019
Solar resource study draft complete	7/31/2019
Land resource study draft complete	12/30/2019
Select steam/feedwater injection points	4/30/2020
Cycle efficiency draft calculations complete	6/29/2020
Coal consumption offset and solar augmentation cost estimates draft complete	12/29/2020
Draft final report submitted	2/28/2021
Final report submitted	6/29/2021



## Appendix F - Neural Net Optimization Implementation

Milestone Title/Description	Estimated Completion Date
Contracts with PacifiCorp complete (U of U and Griffin/Taber)	1/15/2017
Project Kick off Meeting	1/20/2017
Instrumentation upgrades complete	4/30/2017
Unit base line optimization and parametric study begins	5/1/2017
Combustion optimization and intelligent soot-blowing software installation with Taber begins	6/1/2017
Base line data collection complete	7/31/2017
Initial installation period complete	8/31/2017
Annual progress report complete for Year 1	1/31/2018
Operator Training	5/31/2018
Parametric study on optimization of auxiliary systems complete	8/31/2018
Annual progress report complete for Year 2	1/31/2019
Exploratory study on dynamic optimization with set point ramping complete	8/31/2019
Final study on impact on emissions complete	12/31/2019
Final report complete and submitted to PacifiCorp	1/31/2020

## Appendix G - Low NOx Technology Testing

Milestone Title/Description	Estimated Completion Date
Assumed Start Date	1/15/2017
Contract for Owner's Engineer	3/1/2017
Preparation of Baseline Information Complete	2/14/2017
Prepare Assesment Criteria and Testing Criteria	3/16/2017
Boiler CFD model Complete	5/1/2017
Preparation of Request for Information	5/1/2017
Issue Request for Information	5/16/2017
RFIs received and Assessment Complete	7/16/2017
RFP Commercial documents Complete	7/1/2017
Issue Request for Proposal	7/24/2017
RFP Responses Received	9/22/2017
RFP Proposals Assessment	10/8/2017
Economic/Technical Feasibililty of Technologies	12/7/2017
Prepare List of Recommended Technologies and Test Program	12/23/2017
Execute Commerical Documents with selected technologies	2/6/2018
Testing acknowledgement from Utah DAQ	2/22/2018
Site Mobilization (as required)	3/9/2018
Site Testing	9/7/2018
Technology Assessment Complete	11/7/2018
Draft Report-Technology Recommendations issued	12/23/2018
Final Report Issued	2/22/2019