

Overview of Austin Energy's wholesale market utilization of power production resources

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# Fleet Overview & Capability

- South Texas Project (STP) 1 & 2 436 MW nuclear
- Fayette Power Project (FPP) 1 & 2 –
   602 MW coal
- Sand Hill 5 270 MW natural gas
- Sand Hill Gas Turbines 300 MW natural gas
- Decker 1 & 2 726 MW natural gas
- Decker Gas Turbines 200 MW natural gas

	<b>Prod Cost</b>	<b>Fixed Cost</b>	Capacity	Responsiveness
STP				~
FPP				
SH5				_
SHGT				_
D12				_
DGT				_

Wholesale business is in place for revenue (cost reduction) and risk management for customers

2,534 MW valuation range (\$76**K**-\$22.8**M**/hr)





# Commercial Availability/Start Reliability\*

- We measure the effectiveness of our thermal assets in 2 ways
- Commercial Availability is % of time a generator is available when the price of generation is < than market price
- Start Reliability for simple cycle units is defined as the percentage of starts that are successful within 10 minutes of request
- High commercial availability and successful starts result in earned revenue (lower PSA) and price protection for AE customers

#### **GT (Simple Cycle) Start Success**



<sup>\*</sup>Unaudited data through 9/2015

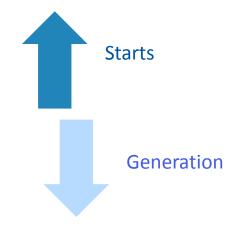




### **Generation Trends\***

Gas Unit S	Starts					
Unit	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	YTD 2015	5 Year Trend
CC	45	21	102	78	30	_/_
Steam	45	47	166	121	188	
GT	1830	1401	1550	1565	1330	\

Gas Unit Gross Generation (MWhrs)						
Unit	CY2011	CY2012	CY2013	CY2014	YTD 2015	Trend
CC	1,259,171	1,354,725	1,078,817	997,283	1,150,001	
GT	428,777	330,781	361,112	302,887	324,145	\
Steam	1,209,093	1,084,421	568,609	360,640	492,511	



- Goal is to provide energy to our customers at the lowest cost
- Dispatch of assets is based on market value (in-merit), <u>not</u> to follow load, or based on "displacement" by other assets
- Less-economic run time has been reduced by cycling/low load operations

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## **Key Power Production Initiatives**

- South Texas Project (STP)
  - site wide cost control
  - reliability performance improvements
  - long term asset management, plant investment planning
- Fayette Power Project (FPP)
  - implement environmental retrofits
  - cost control
- Sand Hill Energy Center (SHEC) & Decker
  - improve operating margin through cycling, turndown
- Gas Turbines (GTs)
  - improve start reliability to increase net revenues
- Marketing lower capacity factor units to increase value to customers





# Questions

