

1 selected set of units and fuels is one of the inputs to the Economic
2 Dispatch Problem. The solutions of the Unit Commitment Problem and
3 the Fuel Commitment Problem use sophisticated optimization algorithms.
4 The Unit Commitment Problem and the Fuel Commitment Problem are
5 usually solved over a horizon of several days to properly account for
6 constraints and costs associated with starting and stopping units.

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8 Q31. WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC DISPATCH PROBLEM?

9 A. The solution to the Economic Dispatch Problem is the determination of
10 which units will be used to serve customer load at each instant in time
11 while meeting constraints and minimizing cost of serving the customer
12 load. Available resources include generating units that are running (or
13 “on-line”) and purchased power opportunities that can be scheduled from
14 third parties within the upcoming hour.

15 The solution to the Economic Dispatch Problem is a specific
16 implementation of a classical optimization technique known as the
17 Lagrangian Method. The Lagrangian Method solves a set of equations
18 describing the elements that compose the overall cost function along with
19 a set of constraints. The Lagrangian Method guarantees a minimum cost
20 solution based upon the given assumptions. The Lagrangian Method
21 requires that each resource be described based on its incremental cost of
22 producing energy.

1 Q32. HOW IS A GENERATING UNIT'S INCREMENTAL PRODUCTION COST
2 DETERMINED?

3 A. In general terms, the incremental production cost of a generating unit is
4 the product of the incremental cost of fuel, the incremental heat rate, and
5 the incremental transmission loss factor plus any incremental operations
6 and maintenance costs.

7 The incremental cost of fuel is the cost of the fuel that has not yet
8 been procured for a generating unit. Sometimes this fuel is referred to as
9 "avoidable" fuel. Essentially, in order to be considered an incremental
10 fuel, the fuel supply must really be optional. In other words, if the fuel is
11 selected for use, it can be purchased; if the fuel is not selected for use, it
12 need not be purchased or used. In addition to direct fuel costs, it is also
13 appropriate to include other incremental costs associated with the fuel,
14 such as taxes, transportation, and the cost of emissions allowances.

15 The incremental heat rate of a unit is characterized by the quotient
16 of the incremental amount of heat input to the unit measured in British
17 thermal units ("Btu") and the incremental output of the unit measured in
18 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") and is expressed in Btu/kWh. The incremental heat
19 rate is represented by a polynomial equation over the load range of the
20 unit.

21 The incremental transmission loss factor represents the
22 incremental or avoidable transmission losses that would occur as a result
23 of increasing generation at a particular generating unit or energy source

1 compared to increasing generation at all the other generating units or
2 energy sources on the transmission system. For example, suppose a
3 system were composed of two generators and one load. One of the
4 generators is located adjacent to the load and suffers no loss in delivering
5 its output to the load. The other generator is located at a great distance
6 from the load and must transmit its output over a transmission line that
7 consumes 5 percent of the output of the unit in losses. In effect, the
8 remote unit is only delivering 95 percent of its output to the load. One way
9 to place the two units on an equal footing with respect to their
10 effectiveness at delivering their output to the load would be to increase the
11 cost of the remote unit in proportion to its transmission losses. In this
12 case, the incremental transmission loss factor would be 1 divided by 0.95
13 or 1.053. This is the essential principle of the incremental transmission
14 loss factor.

15 Incremental operations and maintenance costs are those non-fuel
16 operations and maintenance costs that can be tied directly to the
17 production level of the unit.

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19 Q33. BUT DOES ECONOMIC DISPATCH IMPLY THAT EACH GENERATOR
20 WILL OPERATE AT ITS MOST EFFICIENT LEVEL?

21 A. No. The objective of Economic Dispatch is to produce the lowest overall
22 System cost, not to make each generator operate at its most efficient
23 level. Cost depends not only on the efficiency of a unit, but its fuel costs

1 and how far on the transmission grid the power must flow before reaching
2 customers. It is the combination of these factors that determines cost, not
3 just the efficiency of a unit. Thus, in achieving the lowest reasonable
4 overall cost, it is reasonable to accept losses in efficiency if those losses
5 are more than offset by gains in other areas.

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7 Q34. IN GENERAL, WHAT TYPES OF DATA ARE NEEDED TO SOLVE THE
8 UNIT COMMITMENT, FUEL COMMITMENT, AND ECONOMIC
9 DISPATCH PROBLEMS?

10 A. A number of different types of data are needed, including:

11 (1) the load requirements that must be met with some combination of
12 units and purchased resources;

13 (2) the key parameters that describe the operating characteristics and
14 efficiencies of each generating unit, including:

- 15 • heat rate;
- 16 • startup and shutdown cost;
- 17 • startup and shutdown time limits;
- 18 • minimum and maximum output;
- 19 • rate of output change or "ramp rate";
- 20 • emissions rates and costs;
- 21 • variable operations and maintenance costs;
- 22 • fuel cost, type, and availability; and

- 1 • equipment availability and maintenance schedules;
- 2 (3) the transmission constraints;
- 3 (4) any purchased power or sale opportunities; and
- 4 (5) operating reserve requirements.

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6 Q35. WHY ARE THERE SEVERAL SEPARATE SHORT-RUN PLANNING AND
7 OPERATIONS PROCESSES INSTEAD OF JUST ONE
8 ALL-ENCOMPASSING PROCESS?

9 A. There are several important reasons for having separate short-run
10 planning and operations processes, the first being the lack of a single
11 comprehensive mathematical model. Another important reason is that the
12 markets for fuel and purchased power during the Reconciliation Period
13 were segmented in time along the same time horizons as the short-run
14 planning and operations processes. This is a major reason for the
15 selection of the specific time horizons for the short-run planning and
16 operations processes. A third important reason is the need for a team to
17 have a focus that is manageable. By separating the overall
18 decision-making into coordinated processes, it is possible to design each
19 team so that there is work for each team member and a span of
20 information that is manageable. An additional reason for the multiple
21 processes is the lack of computer hardware with enough computational
22 power and versatility to satisfy the demands of all the mathematical
23 models used in the separate short-run planning and operations processes.

1 Finally, the uncertainty associated with many of the key variables in the
2 decision-making process has a tendency to get resolved as time passes.
3 In other words, the closer the execution of the process is to the study
4 horizon, many of the planning assumptions become more certain or
5 predictable. I believe that successive application of the basic analytical
6 principles embedded in the short-run planning and operations processes
7 over the different time horizons produces a better overall solution to the
8 problem of providing reliable and economic service to the customers.

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10 B. Monthly Energy Planning Process

11 Q36. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MONTHLY ENERGY PLANNING PROCESS
12 DURING THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD.

13 A. A Monthly Energy Plan is established approximately two or three business
14 days before the start of each month. Its primary purpose is to provide
15 reasonable estimates of fuel and power needs over the upcoming month
16 so that the System can make the reasonable and necessary monthly
17 procurements of fuel and power to meet customer demands.

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19 Q37. WHO IS INVOLVED IN PREPARING THE MONTHLY ENERGY PLAN?

20 A. A team composed of representatives from Solid Fuels, Gas and Oil
21 Supply, Power Marketing, and Operations Planning departments prepares
22 the Monthly Energy Plan.

1 Q38. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MAJOR PROCESS STEPS IN THE MONTHLY
2 ENERGY PLANNING PROCESS.

3 A. The Monthly Energy Planning Process for the upcoming month starts at
4 the beginning of the current month.

5 The Monthly Energy Planning Process includes a Monthly Request
6 for Proposals as the first step. The Monthly Request for Proposals step
7 requires that the latest forecast information concerning the next month's
8 weather, load, power sales, fuel and purchased power price and
9 availability, transmission constraints, and unit status be gathered by the 1st
10 of the month. These data are then incorporated into the production cost
11 and load and capability models. Concurrently, market participants are
12 solicited for monthly proposals to sell power to the System. Offers are due
13 within the first three business days of the month. Analysis of the offers is
14 completed approximately three days later, and contracts are negotiated
15 with those suppliers who provided proposals that result in expected
16 savings in production cost over the month. Any proposals that result in a
17 contract are then included in the succeeding steps of the Monthly Energy
18 Planning Process.

19 Between the 10th and the 13th of the month, the production cost
20 model is used to make an initial estimate of the optimal unit commitment
21 and associated avoided costs for the upcoming month.

22 Between the 13th and 19th of the month, the Monthly Energy
23 Planning Team meets formally in what is referred to as the Preliminary

1 Monthly Energy Plan Meeting to review assumptions and results. At this
2 meeting, the Monthly Energy Planning Team decides upon any additional
3 changes in data or assumptions. After this meeting, the fuel and power
4 buyers continue to monitor the fuel and power markets for any changes.

5 Between the 19th and the 22nd of the month, another data update is
6 performed.

7 Between the 22nd and the 25th of the month, the Monthly Energy
8 Planning Team meets again formally in what is referred to as the Final
9 Monthly Energy Plan Meeting to review assumptions and results. At this
10 meeting, the Monthly Energy Planning Team decides upon the final plan
11 for the upcoming month.

12 While I have specified certain days of the month corresponding to
13 the various steps in the Monthly Energy Planning Process, this represents
14 typical timing of the steps. Depending upon circumstances, the actual
15 timing of the steps of a particular Monthly Energy Plan may differ from the
16 typical timing.

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18 Q39. WHAT MODELS ARE USED IN THE MONTHLY ENERGY PLANNING
19 PROCESS?

20 A. The principal models used in the Monthly Energy Planning Process are a
21 load and capability model and a production cost model. The load and
22 capability model is a spreadsheet summary of the expected weekly peak
23 loads and expected resource availability over the time horizon. The

1 PROSYM production cost model is used in the Monthly Energy Planning
2 Process.

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4 Q40. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE MONTHLY ENERGY PLANNING
5 PROCESS, AND HOW IS IT USED?

6 A. An example of a Final Monthly Energy Plan prepared during the
7 Reconciliation Period is included as Exhibit DSJ-2. One of the primary
8 results of the Monthly Energy Planning Process is a reasonable estimate
9 of the projected fuel consumption by each of the power plants and the
10 expected mix of purchased power. This forecast allows the Gas & Oil
11 Supply and Solid Fuels departments to formulate fuel procurement and
12 transportation strategies for the month for an appropriate portion of the
13 projected fuel consumption, consistent with the power purchasing and
14 sales strategy, and consistent with the anticipated usage of the nuclear
15 units. Likewise, the Monthly Energy Plan allows the Power Marketing
16 department to formulate its strategy while maintaining consistency with
17 what is being purchased in the fuels markets.

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19 C. Weekly Procurement Process

20 Q41. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE WEEKLY PROCUREMENT PROCESS
21 DURING THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD.

22 A. The Weekly Procurement Process focuses on evaluating purchased
23 power opportunities for the next week. Extensions of the seven-day

1 horizon of the Next-Day Planning Process are developed for key inputs
2 such as load, long-term power purchases and sales, planned outages,
3 transmission constraints, and fuel costs to provide a baseline of hourly
4 production costs for the next week. In the baseline case, the load is met
5 by hypothetically committing additional System units. Then potential
6 purchase opportunities are evaluated to see if costs to the System are
7 less than the hypothetical units committed in the baseline case.

8

9 Q42. WHO IS INVOLVED IN PREPARING THE WEEKLY PROCUREMENT
10 PROCESS?

11 A. The Entergy Transmission Weekly Operations staff and the Independent
12 Coordinator of Transmission's ("ICT") Weekly Procurement Process staff
13 perform the Weekly Procurement Process, based in part on inputs
14 provided by the EMO.

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16 Q43. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MAJOR PROCESS STEPS IN THE WEEKLY
17 PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

18 A. The Weekly Procurement Process follows steps as specified in
19 Attachment V of the Entergy Open Access Transmission Tariff. EMO staff
20 prepares and submits data to Weekly Operations which includes the most
21 up to date ten-day load forecast, cost and operating characteristics of the
22 System's network resources. In addition, EMO staff solicits offers from
23 suppliers and forwards those offers to Weekly Operations. Weekly

1 Operations staff, with oversight of the ICT, performs a combined
2 optimization of production cost and transmission service to establish a
3 baseline case relying only on the System's network resources. Following
4 this step, Weekly Operations staff performs a combined optimization of
5 production cost and transmission service using both the System's network
6 resources and the offers from suppliers. If there are offers from suppliers
7 in the second optimization that displace some of the System's network
8 resources and result in a lower overall cost, the ICT Weekly Procurement
9 Process staff will certify the results of the optimization and communicate
10 the results to EMO staff. Finally, the power buyers will finalize commercial
11 arrangements for the offers selected by the Weekly Procurement Process.

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13 Q44. WHAT MODELS ARE USED IN THE WEEKLY PROCUREMENT
14 PROCESS?

15 A. The Weekly Procurement Process relies on the same load forecasting
16 model that is used in the Next-Day Planning Process and described in
17 more detail in the next section. The production cost model used is a
18 Security Constrained Unit Commitment ("SCUC") model and was
19 developed specifically for the Weekly Procurement Process. The new
20 production cost model performs a joint optimization of production cost and
21 transmission service.

1 Q45. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE WEEKLY PROCUREMENT PROCESS,
2 AND HOW IS IT USED?

3 A. After the ICT certifies the results of the Weekly Procurement Process, the
4 winning Third Party offers are communicated to EMO staff in the form of
5 an email. The power buyers use this information to make commercial
6 arrangements for the offers selected by the Weekly Procurement Process.
7

8 D. Next-Day Planning Process

9 Q46. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NEXT-DAY PLANNING PROCESS DURING
10 THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD.

11 A. The Next-Day Planning Process generally prepares a rolling seven-day
12 plan each business day for the current day, the next day, and five
13 additional days. The main purpose of the Next-Day Planning Process is to
14 make reasonable unit commitment, fuel commitment, and purchased
15 power decisions for the days in the immediate future.
16

17 Q47. WHO IS INVOLVED IN PREPARING THE NEXT-DAY PLAN?

18 A. A team composed of representatives from Gas and Oil Supply, Power
19 Marketing, and Operations Planning departments prepares the Next-Day
20 Plan.

1 Q48. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MAJOR PROCESS STEPS IN THE NEXT-DAY
2 PLANNING PROCESS.

3 A. The Next-Day Planning Process develops and uses the most up-to-date
4 information possible concerning unit status, fuel and power prices and
5 availability, transmission constraints, and forecasted load. The Next-Day
6 Planning Process begins with the load forecast. Inputs to the load
7 forecast include historical loads, historical temperatures, and forecasted
8 temperatures. Next, the load and capability model is used to determine if
9 projected reserves are adequate, given the load forecast and expected
10 resource availability. Because unit commitments often involve long lead
11 times and extended minimum run times, unit startups tend to be a major
12 focus of the Next-Day Planning Process. If scheduled resources are
13 inadequate to meet load plus reserves, an analysis is performed to
14 determine whether starting an available unit or purchasing from the
15 wholesale market is more economic. If resources available to commit are
16 inadequate, a reliability purchase from the wholesale market will be made.
17 Once scheduled resources are adequate, System economics and
18 projected fuel and purchased power needs are evaluated using the
19 production cost model. The fuel and power buyers will buy the fuel and
20 power determined by the results of the Next-Day Planning Process. When
21 the production cost simulations are complete, the Next-Day Planning
22 Process Team meets to review the input assumptions and results.

1 Q49. WHAT MODELS ARE USED IN THE NEXT-DAY PLANNING PROCESS?

2 A. The principal models used in the Next-Day Planning Process are a load
3 forecasting model, a load and capability model, an in-house spreadsheet
4 model, and a production cost model. EMO uses a short-term load
5 forecasting model called the Advanced Artificial Neural Network
6 Short-Term Load Forecaster ("AANNSTLF") to forecast loads for a seven-
7 day period. The load and capability model used in the Next-Day Planning
8 Process is called Load Capability Plan and is similar to the load and
9 capability model used in the Monthly Energy Planning Process, but is
10 more detailed. The spreadsheet model is called RO Grid and is used to
11 evaluate available units to commit versus purchase opportunities from the
12 wholesale market. The production cost model used in the Next-Day
13 Planning Process is Generation Operations.

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15 Q50. PLEASE DESCRIBE AANNSTLF.

16 A. AANNSTLF was developed several years ago under the direction of the
17 Electric Power Research Institute. Pattern Recognition Technologies was
18 the main contractor. AANNSTLF uses a neural network technique that
19 has found wide acceptance within the electric utility industry for short-term
20 load forecasting. The neural network technique uses historical load and
21 temperature data to forecast load, but gives more weight to the
22 information from the previous two or three days.

1 Q51. FROM WHAT SOURCE DOES THE EMO OBTAIN THE TEMPERATURE
2 FORECASTS USED IN AANNSTLF?

3 A. The EMO has long running contracts with commercial vendors of weather
4 data. In addition to these sources, the EMO also accesses information
5 from public sources, such as the Weather Channel and CNN. The
6 temperature forecast used on any particular day is the result of combining
7 judgment and experience with the information from all available sources.

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9 Q52. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE NEXT-DAY PLANNING PROCESS,
10 AND HOW IS IT USED?

11 A. An example of the types of information prepared as part of the Next-Day
12 Planning Process for one day during the Reconciliation Period is included
13 as Exhibit DSJ-3. The information includes the load forecast, the
14 temperature forecast, unit status information, a load and capability report
15 and some key outputs from the production cost simulations. The
16 information is used to plan unit startups and shutdowns, to purchase and
17 sell power in the next-day wholesale market, and to purchase gas in the
18 next-day market.

1 E. Current Day Process

2 Q53. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CURRENT DAY PROCESS DURING THE
3 RECONCILIATION PERIOD.

4 A. The Current Day Process includes planning for a twenty-four hour period
5 and the actual operation of the System generation including the purchase
6 and sale of wholesale power. The planning aspect of the Current Day
7 Process is a batch process that is designed to be executed multiple times
8 throughout each business day as circumstances change. The operation
9 aspect of the Current Day Process is a continuous twenty-four hours a
10 day, 365 days a year process. It includes responsibility for balancing the
11 load and generation and maintaining Entergy's Area Control Error ("ACE")
12 within standards set by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation
13 ("NERC"). Maintaining reliability and minimizing cost are the objectives of
14 both the planning and operation aspects of the Current Day Process.

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16 Q54. WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT DAY PROCESS?

17 A. A team composed of representatives from Gas and Oil Supply, Power
18 Marketing, Energy Management Operations, and Operations Planning
19 departments is involved in the Current Day Process. The members of the
20 Current Day Team are referred to as the Fuels Analyst, the Hourly
21 Marketer, the Generation Dispatcher, and the Planning Analyst,
22 respectively.

1 Q55. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MAJOR PROCESS STEPS IN THE CURRENT
2 DAY PROCESS.

3 A. The planning aspect of the Current Day Process begins with the Next-Day
4 Plan prepared on the prior day by the Next-Day Planning Process Team.
5 The Planning Analyst then updates the load and capability application with
6 the latest load forecast and the latest resource availability from the
7 Generation Dispatcher and the Hourly Marketer. At about the same time,
8 the Planning Analyst updates the production cost model with the same
9 load and resource data and, in addition, obtains the latest fuel price and
10 availability information from the Fuels Analyst. Based on the results of the
11 load and capability analysis and the production cost simulations, the
12 Planning Analyst makes recommendations to the Current Day Team
13 regarding the current and projected reliability of the System and the
14 current and projected economics of the System. The entire Current Day
15 Team then decides on the best course of action and the Generation
16 Dispatcher, the Hourly Marketer, and the Fuels Analyst implement the
17 chosen course of action in real-time.

18 If any material changes occur on the System since the
19 development of the last load and capability forecast or production cost
20 simulation, the Current Day Team will update the appropriate data and the
21 Planning Analyst will rerun the models. Material changes include events
22 such as changes in the load forecast, changes in the availability or
23 capacity of the generating units caused by outages or limitations to

1 generator output, changes in transmission capability, changes in fuel
2 delivery, and changes in wholesale purchases or sales.

3 Resources that can be brought on-line within the Current Day
4 Process time horizon, both owned generation and purchased power
5 agreements, have expanded the alternatives available to the Current Day
6 Team to reliably and economically serve the customers of the EOCs,
7 including ETI customers.

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9 Q56. WHAT MODELS ARE USED IN THE CURRENT DAY PROCESS?

10 A. The principal models used in the Current Day Process for planning are
11 two load forecasting models, a load and capability model, and a
12 production cost model. The load forecasting models include AANNSTLF
13 and an in-house model that is designed to update the AANNSTLF forecast
14 for the Current Day time horizon as actual hourly loads are received. The
15 load and capability model is the same model used in the Next-Day
16 Process, but it focuses on the twenty-four hour planning horizon used by
17 the Current Day Process. The production cost model used in the Current
18 Day Process is Generation Operations.

19 The principal models used in the Current Day Process for operation
20 reside on the Generation Management System ("GMS"), a computer
21 hardware and software system. In addition to its other uses, the GMS is
22 used to gather real-time data, including load data and unit generation
23 data. The principal models used in the Current Day Process that reside

1 on GMS include an Automatic Generation Control ("AGC") program and
2 an Economic Dispatch ("ED") program. AGC is used to control a group of
3 specially equipped generating units to meet the ACE standards, and ED is
4 used to minimize the cost of power from the on-line units by performing a
5 classical equal incremental cost (equal lambda) dispatch.

6 In addition to these models on the GMS, several other models and
7 computerized systems are used to aid the Current Day Team in operating
8 the System. First, an in-house system known as the Operations
9 Transaction System ("OTS") is used by the Current Day Team to
10 electronically receive information (declarations) from the major fossil
11 power plants and to electronically deliver information (instructions) to the
12 major fossil power plants. In addition, the Current Day Team uses a Gas
13 Telemetry System to gather real-time data on gas consumption at the
14 major gas-fired power plants. The Current Day Team also uses OASIS to
15 schedule transmission service. Finally, the Current Day Team uses
16 weather data, such as current Doppler radar images and temperature
17 forecasts, to anticipate changes in load.

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19 Q57. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE CURRENT DAY PROCESS, AND HOW
20 IS IT USED?

21 A. An example of the types of information prepared as a part of the Current
22 Day Process is contained in Exhibit DSJ-4. This information includes the
23 results of the hourly load forecast program, the load and capability model,

1 and the production cost simulations. The production cost simulations
2 provide information on the expected avoided cost that is used in making
3 decisions regarding purchased power and information on expected gas
4 consumption that is used in making decisions regarding purchases of gas.

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6 F. Overall Goals of the Short-Run Planning and
7 Operations Processes

8 Q58. WHAT ARE THE OVERALL GOALS OF THE SHORT-RUN PLANNING
9 AND OPERATIONS PROCESSES?

10 A. The ultimate overall goal of the short-run planning and operations
11 processes is to provide reliable and economic power to the EOCs'
12 customers. While all aspects of the future can never be known with
13 complete certainty, each of the short-run planning and operations
14 processes described above function very effectively to enable the EMO to
15 reliably forecast the needs of all of the customers of the EOCs, and to
16 acquire a reasonable mix of fuel and purchased power at a reasonable
17 cost, which benefits ETI's customers. During the Reconciliation Period,
18 the short-run planning and operations processes were the mechanisms
19 used for ensuring that the power provided was obtained at the lowest
20 reasonable cost consistent with reliability standards.

1 Q59. DID THE FOUR SHORT-RUN PLANNING AND OPERATIONS
2 PROCESSES ADDRESS THE CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE
3 ENTERGY SYSTEM DUE TO LOAD GROWTH?

4 A. No. The capacity requirements of the Entergy System due to load growth
5 are addressed in the longer-term processes depicted in Company witness
6 Thiry's Figure MHT-2 and discussed by Company witness Cooper in his
7 Direct Testimony. The four short-run planning and operations processes
8 that I discuss treat any resource or capacity additions that came from the
9 longer-term processes as part of the set of options that are available to
10 help meet the short-term energy requirements of the EOCs.

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12 VI. CONSTRAINTS AFFECTING SYSTEM OPERATIONS DURING
13 THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD

14 Q60. IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF PLANNING AND OPERATING THE
15 ENTERGY SYSTEM DURING THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD, WHAT
16 TYPICAL CONSTRAINTS HAD TO BE CONSIDERED?

17 A. The following typical constraints were encountered in the normal course of
18 planning and operating the Entergy System during the Reconciliation
19 Period:

- 20 (1) load constraints;
21 (2) unit constraints;
22 (3) fuel constraints;
23 (4) transmission constraints;

- 1 (5) operating reserve constraints; and
2 (6) purchased power constraints.

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4 Q61. PLEASE DESCRIBE TYPICAL LOAD CONSTRAINTS IN MORE DETAIL.

5 A. Load constraints impact the planning and operation of the System in three
6 different ways. First, the main focus of planning and operating the System
7 centers on ensuring that sufficient resources will be available at the
8 anticipated peak load hour. Insufficient resources could lead to the
9 shedding of firm load. Second, typical load constraints involve planning
10 and operating the System through the minimum load of the day. Here,
11 while still remembering that there will be a peak hour later in the day, units
12 have to be backed down or taken off-line to ensure that no excess
13 generation occurs. If too many units are on-line, there may be a problem
14 with aggregate minimum generation levels. One consequence is that
15 economic purchased power opportunities may have to be foregone. At
16 the extreme, excess power must be sold at a loss. While the
17 phenomenon must be watched carefully on any day, it becomes more
18 difficult in the winter when the minimum load might occur in the early
19 morning hours and the peak load may occur only a few hours later. The
20 third typical way in which load constraints impact the short-run planning
21 and operations processes involves the normal increases and decreases of
22 load as load moves from minimum to maximum and back. Here,

1 adequate resources must be available to meet these ever-changing
2 variations in load.

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4 Q62. PLEASE DESCRIBE TYPICAL GENERATING UNIT CONSTRAINTS IN
5 MORE DETAIL.

6 A. Some generating unit constraints are the result of the physical design
7 characteristics of the power generating equipment. These constraints
8 include: startup time, shutdown time, ramp rate (the rate at which units
9 can change output expressed in megawatts ("MW") per minute), and high
10 and low operating limits. High and low operating limits can vary
11 depending upon circumstances. For example, certain equipment on some
12 units can be bypassed (such as feedwater heaters) and some boilers can
13 be operated at above normal pressure to produce additional capability
14 during extreme peak load conditions. On the other hand, if the load is
15 extremely low, special operating modes can temporarily be invoked (such
16 as removing a steam-driven boiler feed pump from service) to achieve
17 lower minimum capability. By operating in this fashion, a unit shutdown
18 can be avoided on a unit that might be needed to meet peak load
19 requirements the next day.

20 Generating units also require scheduled maintenance and
21 equipment testing. Tests include unit efficiency testing, capability testing
22 and emissions testing. All of these tests are performed periodically on the
23 generating units. While being tested, a unit's availability and output level

1 can be affected. EMO endeavors to the maximum extent possible to
2 schedule these tests to minimize any adverse impact of the testing on the
3 reliability and economics of the Entergy System.

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5 Q63. PLEASE DESCRIBE TYPICAL FUEL CONSTRAINTS IN MORE DETAIL.

6 A. Fuel supply and transportation contract terms generally include limits on
7 the delivery rates of fuel. These limits can consist of hourly, daily, weekly,
8 monthly, and annual minimum and maximum delivery constraints. Units
9 consuming fuels with constraints must be operated to meet the constraints
10 or a contract penalty may be incurred. In addition, inventoried fuels are
11 subject to the physical limits of the storage and transfer facilities.

12
13 Q64. PLEASE DESCRIBE TYPICAL TRANSMISSION CONSTRAINTS IN
14 MORE DETAIL.

15 A. The Entergy transmission system is designed to continue providing power
16 without interruption and without constraint to the generation system under
17 most expected single contingency situations (where a single transmission
18 component or generation unit is out of service) and under typical weather
19 conditions. In the event of multiple equipment outages or extreme
20 weather conditions, constraints imposed by Entergy's transmission system
21 become a factor that must be considered in unit commitment decisions to
22 maintain both System and local area reliability. Another limitation imposed
23 by the transmission system that might affect unit commitment is the ability

1 to import power from or export power to neighboring systems. Some
2 generating units are required to be on-line to prevent a single contingency
3 event from causing a violation of a voltage limit, a transient stability limit,
4 or transmission element rating. These units are referred to as "must run"
5 units.

6
7 Q65. WERE THERE ANY REGIONAL TRANSMISSION CONSTRAINTS THAT
8 AFFECTED THE ETI SERVICE AREA DURING THE RECONCILIATION
9 PERIOD?

10 A. Yes. Within the Entergy System there are several regional transmission
11 constraints that can have an effect on operations and two of these
12 regional constraints affect the ETI service area. These two ETI regional
13 constraints are West of the Atchafalaya Basin ("WOTAB") – comprising
14 essentially the western half of Louisiana and all of the ETI service area –
15 and Western WOTAB – a subset of WOTAB comprising approximately the
16 region within the ETI service area west of the Trinity River. In both cases,
17 limited transmission capability into these regions requires that generation
18 within each region be on-line to provide reliable service to the region.
19 During the Reconciliation Period, both regional transmission constraints
20 were tracked and operational plans, such as unit commitment plans or
21 purchased power plans were sometimes adjusted to ensure that the
22 regional transmission constraints were met. All of the planning processes
23 within the Entergy System, from long-term to short-term planning, must

1 plan for these regional transmission constraints. Because the short-run
2 processes must take into account both planned transmission outages and
3 actual unplanned transmission outages, there is a large focus on these
4 regional constraints within the Next-Day and Current Day processes.
5

6 Q66. WHAT WERE THE TYPICAL TRANSMISSION CONSTRAINTS ON THE
7 ENTERGY SYSTEM DURING THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD?

8 A. Exhibit DSJ-5 provides a summary of the typical transmission constraints
9 on the Entergy System during the Reconciliation Period.
10

11 Q67. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPICAL OPERATING RESERVE
12 CONSTRAINTS IN MORE DETAIL.

13 A. NERC establishes the general requirement that every system maintain
14 adequate operating reserve. Each Regional Reliability Council that is a
15 member of NERC may establish its own more specific requirements for its
16 members. Operating reserve is provided by sources of power that can be
17 called upon within a short period of time in the event of a contingency,
18 such as a unit trip, a transmission line trip, or a sudden increase in load.
19

20 Q68. HOW DID THE SYSTEM MEET ITS OPERATING RESERVE
21 REQUIREMENTS DURING THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD?

22 A. Throughout the Reconciliation Period, the System met its operating
23 reserve requirements by participation in the SPP Reserve Sharing Group.

1 Through participation in the SPP Reserve Sharing Group, the Entergy
2 System saved on fuel expenses associated with meeting its operating
3 reserve requirements compared to the fuel expenses the Entergy System
4 would have incurred had it met its operating reserve requirements as a
5 stand-alone system. In particular, NERC requires operating reserves
6 equal to the worst single contingency on the electrical system – usually
7 defined as the loss of the electrical system’s largest single generator –
8 plus regulating margin. If the Entergy System had operated as a stand-
9 alone system during the Reconciliation Period, its operating reserve
10 requirements would have been up to 1,400 MW. The SPP Reserve
11 Sharing Group represents an electrical system that is over twice the peak
12 load of the Entergy System, but has a worst single contingency that is
13 approximately the same as the Entergy System’s stand-alone worst single
14 contingency. Operating reserves are shared proportionately based on
15 peak load by the members of the SPP Reserve Sharing Group, so the
16 Entergy System, by participating in the SPP Reserve Sharing Group,
17 reduced its operating reserve obligation to less than half of the operating
18 reserves it would have otherwise needed on a stand-alone basis.

1 Q69. WAS THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING RESERVE REQUIREMENT
2 GENERALLY A FIXED AMOUNT DURING THE RECONCILIATION
3 PERIOD?

4 A. No. During the Reconciliation Period, the Entergy System's operating
5 reserve requirement as a member of the SPP Reserve Sharing Group
6 varied daily based on parameters described in Section 6 of the SPP
7 Criteria. As a member of the SPP, the Company's compliance with the
8 Criteria is mandatory. Section 6 of the Criteria establishes the method for
9 determining the minimum requirements governing the amount of reserves
10 to be maintained among members of the SPP Reserve Sharing Group on
11 a daily basis.

12

13 Q70. HOW IS THE OPERATING RESERVE REQUIREMENT INCLUDED IN
14 THE ENTERGY SYSTEM'S SHORT-RUN PLANNING AND
15 OPERATIONS PROCESSES?

16 A. The operating reserve requirement is added to the load forecast to
17 determine the total generation requirement.

18

19 Q71. PLEASE DESCRIBE TYPICAL PURCHASED POWER CONSTRAINTS
20 IN MORE DETAIL.

21 A. With the separation of transmission from the power merchant function
22 under FERC Order Nos. 888 and 889, it is not only necessary to find a
23 seller of power at the appropriate price but also to secure transmission for

1 power purchased. Transmission limitations on other systems can impact
2 the ability to flow some or all of the power into one's own system.

3 Further, the purchased power market is composed of several
4 distinct markets, each with its own constraints, which roughly parallel the
5 time horizons used by the short-run planning and operations processes.
6 Some sellers are unwilling to sell power in the size (MW) and shape
7 (hours during the day) needed to completely optimize a buyer's overall
8 cost. Consequently, purchased power can have hourly, daily, weekly,
9 monthly, and annual minimum and maximum delivery constraints much
10 like those discussed for fuels.

11 Finally, some of the power purchased during the Reconciliation
12 Period was purchased as "non-firm" power. Non-firm power is supplied on
13 an "if, as and when available" basis. These non-firm purchases include all
14 purchases from Qualifying Facilities ("QFs") under the Public Utilities
15 Regulatory Policy Act ("PURPA") and some purchases from merchant
16 power plants or neighboring utilities. Purchases from merchant power
17 plants or neighboring utilities may be non-firm due to the lack of firm
18 transmission service or the type of product being offered. When the EMO
19 purchased such non-firm power, the EMO ran some gas-fired units owned
20 by the EOCs, including some owned by ETI, at least at minimum load to
21 back-up the non-firm power to continue reliably serving customers.

1 Q72. WERE THESE NON-FIRM PURCHASES STILL BENEFICIAL FOR ETI
2 AND IT'S CUSTOMERS?

3 A. Yes. The combination of non-firm purchased power and operation of
4 generation owned by the EOCs at low levels resulted in lower total fuel
5 and purchased power costs than would have otherwise occurred.
6

7 Q73. DID THE PURCHASED POWER MARKET CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY
8 DURING THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD?

9 A. No. The capacity of merchant power plants and QFs changed little during
10 the Reconciliation Period.
11

12 VI. CONCLUSION

13 Q74. DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
14 THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS OF THE ETI SYSTEM DURING
15 THE RECONCILIATION PERIOD?

16 A. In my opinion, the ETI system, as part of the Entergy System, effectively
17 meets the goal of providing economical, reliable power to its customers
18 during the Reconciliation Period. I have described four short-run planning
19 and operations processes used by the EMO to make decisions regarding
20 the acquisition and use of resources to serve all customers of the EOCs,
21 including those of ETI. The four short-run planning and operations
22 processes ensured that, once reliability requirements were met, the least
23 cost solution was sought and implemented. I therefore conclude that the

1 Company's mix of fuel and purchased power was reasonable and
2 necessary during the Reconciliation Period.

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4 Q75. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

5 A. Yes.

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Models Used in Short-Run Planning and Operations Processes

PROCESS	PRODUCTION COSTING	FORECASTING	OTHER MODELS
Monthly Energy Planning	PROSYM	Note 1	Load Capability Plan
Weekly Planning	Note 2	AANNSTLF	Load Capability Plan
Next-Day Planning	Generation Management/ Resource Optimizer	AANNSTLF	Load Capability Plan
Current Day	GMS (ED) Generation Management/ Resource Optimizer	AANNSTLF Hourly Load Forecaster	EMS (AGC), Load Capability Plan, OTS

Note 1: Hourly month-ahead load forecasts are taken from long-term load forecast.

Note 2: The Weekly Procurement Process uses a specially developed Security Constrained Unit Commitment model by Ventyx. The SPO uses Generation Management/Resource Optimizer to produce some of the Flexibility inputs required by the Weekly Process.

Description of Models

MODEL	DESCRIPTION	USE
Advanced Artificial Neural Network Short Term Load Forecaster (AANNSTLF) by Pattern Recognition Technologies	A load forecasting model using neural network techniques that is adaptive to recent changes in temperature and load.	In use at Entergy since 1994.
Generation Management System (GMS) including Automatic Generation Control (AGC) and Economic Dispatch (ED) by AREVA	A special purpose system of hardware and software used to control the generating system, perform real-time economic dispatch.	Over 60 control systems worldwide. In use at Entergy since 1994.
Hourly Load Forecaster Entergy in-house model	A model designed to reforecast future loads based on how close previous hour actual was to original AANNSTLF projection.	In use at Entergy since 1998.
Load and Capability Entergy in-house model	A model used to track supply and demand	In use at Entergy for over 20 years.
Operations Transactions System (OTS) by Entergy and Andersen Consulting	A system that allows power plants and the Current Day Team to communicate electronically rather than by telephone.	In use at Entergy since 1998.
PROSYM, OPSYM and Generation Management/Resource Optimizer by Ventyx	Production cost models that facilitate Operations Planning.	PROSYM in use at Entergy since 2001; OPSYM in use since early 2003; Generation Management/Resource Optimizer in use since 2008.

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

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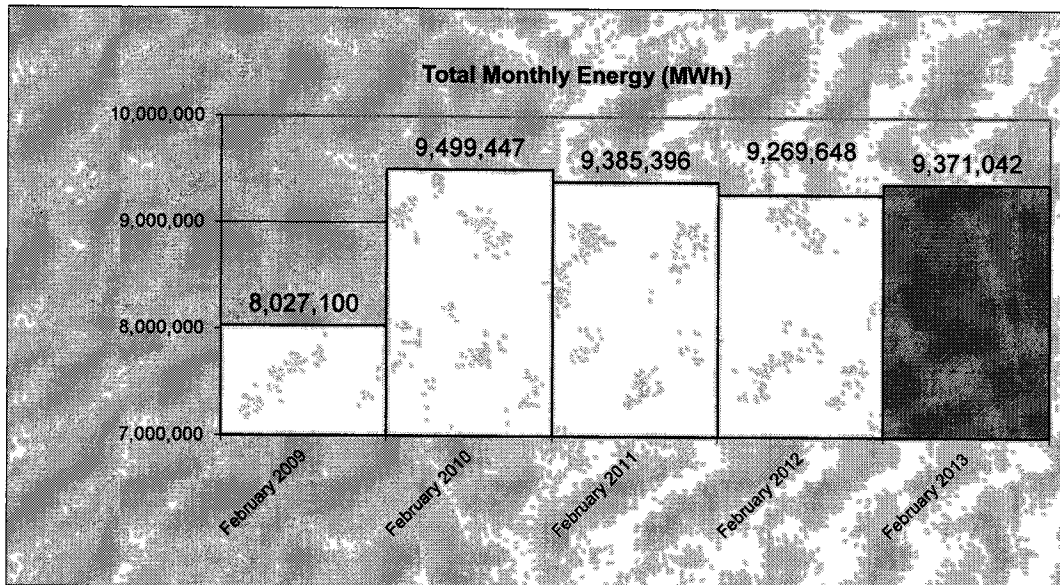
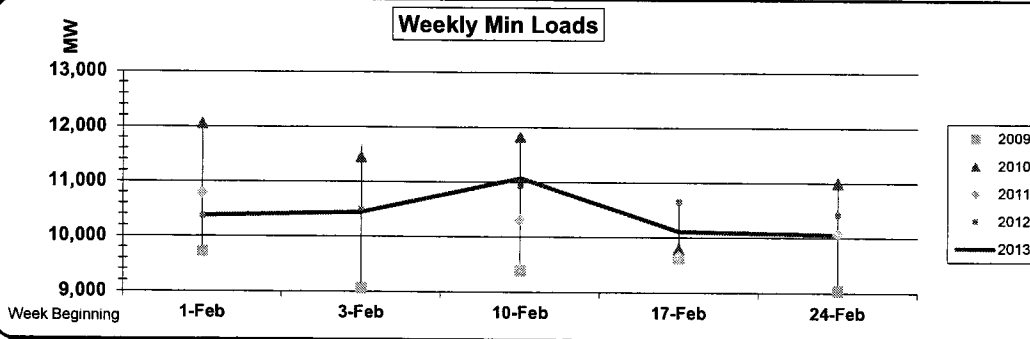
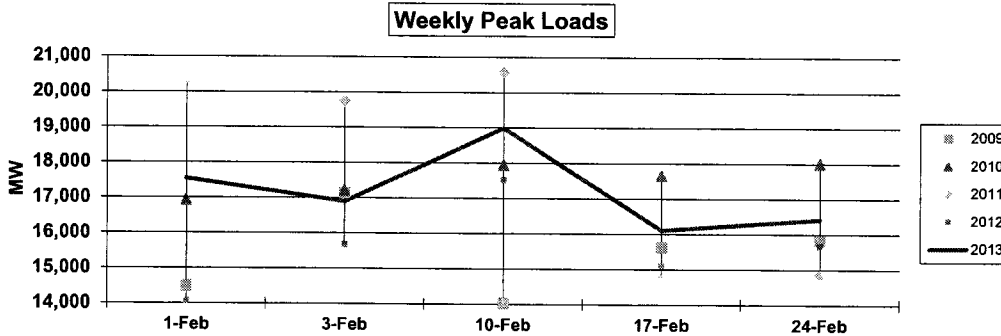
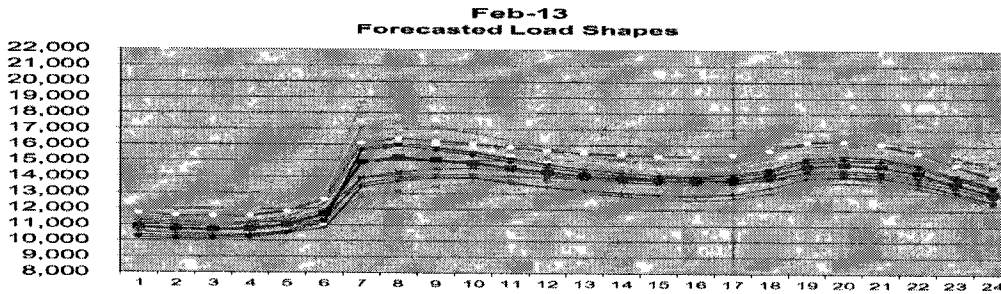
Natural Gas Price Forecast

						\$3.52
		Basis To				Delivered
Company	Plant	Fuel	Transport	Henry Hub	Tax	Price
EAI	Ouachita	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.06	0.0%	\$3.58
	Hot Spring	1.60%	\$0.036	(\$0.04)	4.25%	\$3.72
	Couch	-0.09%	\$0.25	\$0.00	6.0%	\$4.00
	Lynch	-0.09%	\$0.25	\$0.00	6.0%	\$4.00
	Moses	0.46%	\$0.25	\$0.00	5.2%	\$3.99
	Mabelvale	-0.09%	\$0.25	\$0.00	6.0%	\$4.00
	Lake Catherine	-0.09%	\$0.25	\$0.00	6.0%	\$4.00
ETI	Nelson	0.00%	\$0.03	\$0.00	0.0%	\$3.55
	Willow Glen	0.00%	\$0.18	\$0.11	0.0%	\$3.81
	SanJac	0.00%	\$0.14	\$0.21	0.0%	\$3.87
	Sabine	0.00%	\$0.04	\$0.01	0.0%	\$3.57
	Lewis Creek	0.00%	\$0.01	\$0.04	0.0%	\$3.57
ELI	Acadia	0.00%	\$0.10	\$0.02	0.0%	\$3.64
	Little Gypsy	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.10	0.0%	\$3.62
	Ninemile	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.10	0.0%	\$3.62
	Waterford	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.10	0.0%	\$3.62
	Buras	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.50	0.0%	\$4.02
	Sterlington	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.05	0.0%	\$3.57
	Perryville	1.46%	\$0.027	(\$0.050)	0.0%	\$3.55
EMI	Baxter Wilson	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.06	0.0%	\$3.58
	Hinds	1.77%	\$0.01	(\$0.06)	0.0%	\$3.53
	Attala	1.77%	\$0.01	(\$0.06)	0.0%	\$3.53
	Rex Brown	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.11	0.0%	\$3.63
	Gerald Andrus	0.00%	\$0.13	\$0.07	0.0%	\$3.72
	Delta	0.01%	\$0.12	\$0.07	0.0%	\$3.71
ENOI	Michoud	1.60%	\$0.00	\$0.10	0.0%	\$3.68
AECC	Bailey	2.52%	\$0.00	\$0.10	6.0%	\$3.93
	McClellan	2.52%	\$0.00	\$0.10	5.2%	\$3.90

Oil Status/Price

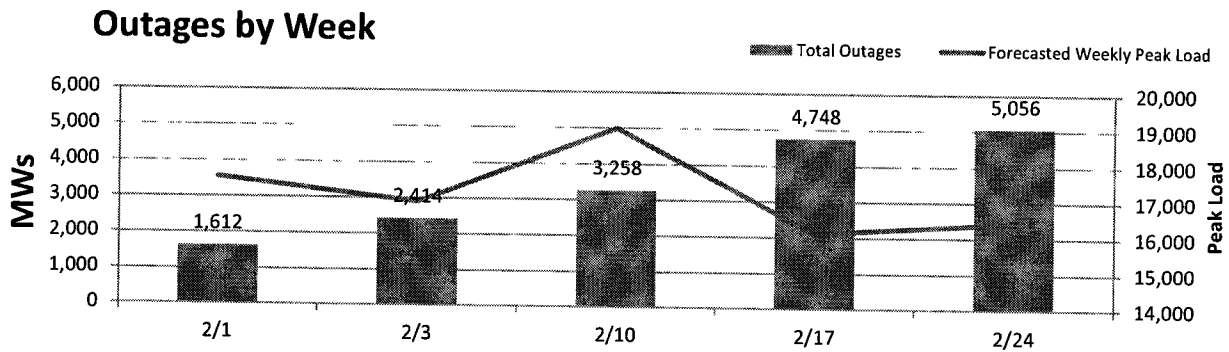
				\$/BBL	\$/MMBtu	Raw Spread
1% Estimated Price @ Lower River:				\$102.89	\$15.83	\$12.31
Unit	Oil Type	% or MW On Oil	Oil Price	Blend Price	Gas Price	Spread
BW1	# 6	0%	16.14	-	3.58	
BW2	# 6	0%	16.14	-	3.58	
Andrus	# 6	0%	16.28	-	3.72	
WF1	# 6	0%	16.23	-	3.62	
WF2	# 6	0%	16.23	-	3.62	
WF4	# 2	0%	14.02	-	3.62	
NM4	# 2	0%	22.57	-	3.62	
NM5	# 2	0%	22.57	-	3.62	
MI3	# 6	0%	16.23	-	3.68	
LG2	# 2	0%	14.02	-	3.64	
WG2	# 2	0%	22.20	-	3.81	
WG4	# 6	0%	16.29	-	3.81	
WG5	# 6	0%	16.29	-	3.81	
DE1	# 6	0%	17.39	-	3.71	
DE2	# 6	0%	17.39	-	3.71	
ST7	# 2	0%	14.60	-	3.57	
BA1	# 6	0%	5.70	-	3.93	
MC1	# 6	0%	5.70	-	3.93	

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5 Yrs History

February 2013 Final MEP -- Outages



Total MW in Outage:

1,612 2,414 3,258 4,748 5,056

Unit	Rating	Duration	Outage Start	End	2/1	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
L CATH 4	528	23	27-Oct-12	6-Apr-13	528	528	528	528	528
B WLSN 1	515	14	19-Jan-13	27-Apr-13	515	515	515	515	515
L CATH 3	96	4	19-Jan-13	16-Feb-13	96	96	96		
MICHOD 3	470	11	19-Jan-13	6-Apr-13	470	470	470	470	470
RE 3	3	19	19-Jan-13	1-Jun-13	3	3	3	3	3
DG 1	46	2	2-Feb-13	16-Feb-13		46	46		
DG 2	32	2	2-Feb-13	16-Feb-13		32	32		
L GPSY 1	244	9	2-Feb-13	6-Apr-13		244	244	244	244
PV 2 CC 1	480	10	2-Feb-13	13-Apr-13		480	480	480	480
WH BLF 2	844	6	9-Feb-13	23-Mar-13			844	844	844
NEL6 6	550	6	16-Feb-13	30-Mar-13				550	550
Oxy B	135	1	16-Feb-13	17-Feb-13				135	
RVB 1	979	4	16-Feb-13	16-Mar-13				979	979
LC 1	230	3	23-Feb-13	16-Mar-13					230
REXBRN 4	213	2	23-Feb-13	9-Mar-13					213
ANDRUS 1	741	5	2-Mar-13	6-Apr-13					
L CATH 1	47	4	2-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
L CATH 2	47	4	2-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
SAB 4	531	8	2-Mar-13	27-Apr-13					
WATERF 1	411	4	2-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
Oxy B	135	3	4-Mar-13	22-Mar-13					
SAM 3 4	26	3	9-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
MCCLEL 1	134	2	16-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
SAB 3	400	2	16-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
FRONTIER ND CD	150	2	21-Mar-13	29-Mar-13					
FRONTIER ND CD2	150	2	21-Mar-13	29-Mar-13					
Carville B	240	2	22-Mar-13	30-Mar-13					
ARK NU 1	851	6	23-Mar-13	4-May-13					
L GPSY 2	415	2	23-Mar-13	6-Apr-13					
Acadia 2 2x1	509	6	30-Mar-13	11-May-13					
INDEPN 1	836	8	30-Mar-13	25-May-13					
L GPSY 3	528	3	30-Mar-13	20-Apr-13					
LC 2	230	3	30-Mar-13	20-Apr-13					
SAM 1 2	25	3	30-Mar-13	20-Apr-13					
SANJAC 1	75	2	31-Mar-13	9-Apr-13					
ATA 21	492	6	6-Apr-13	18-May-13					
CAJUN2 3	247	3	6-Apr-13	27-Apr-13					
LYNCH 3	110	3	6-Apr-13	27-Apr-13					

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Regional Reliability		2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13	
Line		Western					
1	Weekly Peak Load	1,271	1,225	1,372	1,170	1,192	Assume 70% of System Load
2	Transmission Import Capacity	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	
3	Reserve Area Generation (G0)	71	25	172	-30	-8	
4	Committed Generation	760	760	760	760	530	
	Frontier Next Day #1	150	150	150	150	150	
	Frontier Next Day #2	150	150	150	150	150	
	LC 1	230	230	230	230	PO	
	LC 2	230	230	230	230	230	
	SANJAC 1	0	0	0	0	0	
	SANJAC 2	0	0	0	0	0	
5	LEVEL 1 (G minus 0)	760	760	760	760	530	
6	LEVEL 2 (G minus 1)	459	505	358	560	308	
		2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13	
Line		WOTAB					
7	Weekly Peak Load	4,575	4,410	4,938	4,211	4,292	Assume 25 2% of System Load
8	Transmission Import Capacity	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	
9	Reserve Area Generation (G0)	3,135	2,970	3,498	2,771	2,852	
10	Committed Generation	3,342	3,342	3,417	3,342	3,354	
	Frontier Most Run	150	150	150	150	150	
	Frontier Next Day	150	150	150	150	150	
	LC 1	230	230	230	230	PO	
	LC 2	230	230	230	230	230	
	SANJAC 1	0	0	0	0	0	
	SANJAC 2	0	0	0	0	0	
	TBD 1	40	40	40	40	40	
	TBD 2	40	40	40	40	40	
	SAM 1,2	25	25	25	25	25	
	SAM 3,4	26	26	26	26	26	
	Carroll Street Call Option	0	0	75	0	75	
	SRW Call Option	0	0	0	0	0	
	SAB 1	0	0	0	0	0	
	SAB 2	0	0	0	0	0	
	SAB 3	400	400	400	400	400	
	SAB 4	0	0	0	0	0	
	SAB 5	480	480	480	480	480	
	NEL 1	110	110	110	110	110	
	NEL 2	110	110	110	110	110	
	NEL 3	0	0	0	0	0	
	NEL 4	410	410	410	410	410	
	NEL 6	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	
	Catahoula 1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Catahoula 2	0	0	0	0	167	
	Acadia 2 2x1	509	509	509	509	509	
	Acadia 2 2x1 Dux	52	52	52	52	52	
	Acadia 2 2x1 PA	0	0	0	0	0	
	1,16 (Expected Purchase)	600	600	600	600	600	
	1,12 (Expected Purchase)	0	0	0	0	0	
	1,8,1,6 (Expected Purchase)	0	0	0	0	0	
11	LEVEL 1 (G minus 0)	727	892	439	1,091	1,022	
12	LEVEL 2 (G minus 1)	317	482	29	681	612	Should be >= 0 Planning Requirement
Unit Specific RMR Rules							
System Load		17,555	16,900	18,996	16,111	16,432	
WOTAB 230 KV (Nai4, Nai6, SB4, SB5) commit: SysLoad<19000 = min2; >19,000 = min3		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
Sabine 138 KV unit commitment: 1 Unit Year Round		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
Lewis Creek unit commitment: System Load<19285 = min 0; Load>19285 but < 22785 = min 1; Load > 22785 = min 2. (Assume 300 Frontier, 150 MW Sabine).		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
Western % of System 7.0%		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	

Reliability -- Page #2

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Regional Reliability		2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13	
Line		DSG (Downstream of Gypsy)					
1	Ways Peak Load	3,050	2,940	3,292	2,807	2,861	Assume 14.7% of System Load
2	Transmission Import Capability	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	
3	Required Area Generation (G 0)	960	840	1,192	707	761	
4	Committed Generation	1,613	1,613	1,613	1,613	1,613	
	NINEMI 3	128	128	128	128	128	
	NINEMI 4	500	500	500	500	500	
	NINEMI 5	750	750	750	750	750	
	MICHOD 2	235	235	235	235	235	
	MICHOD 3	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	
	BURAS 8	0	0	0	0	0	
5	LEVEL 1 (G minus 0)	663	773	421	906	852	
6	LEVEL 2 (G minus 1)	(87)	23	(329)	156	102	
		2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13	
Line		Amite South					
1	Ways Peak Load	5,083	4,900	5,487	4,679	4,769	Assume 28.0% of System Load (incl Cajun/Cisco)
2	Transmission Import Capability	2,950	2,950	2,950	2,950	2,950	
3	Required Area Generation (G 0)	2,133	1,950	2,537	1,729	1,819	
4	Committed Generation	3,668	3,668	3,944	3,944	3,668	
	WATERF 1	0	0	0	0	0	
	WATERF 2	0	0	411	411	0	
	WATERF 3	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180	
	Oxy A	325	325	325	325	325	
	Oxy B	135	135	PO	PO	135	
	Oxy C	0	0	0	0	0	
	L GPSY 1	0	PO	PO	PO	PO	
	L GPSY 2	415	415	415	415	415	
	L GPSY 3	0	0	0	0	0	
	NINEMI 3	128	128	128	128	128	
	NINEMI 4	500	500	500	500	500	
	NINEMI 5	750	750	750	750	750	
	BURAS 8	0	0	0	0	0	
	MICHOD 2	235	235	235	235	235	
	MICHOD 3	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	
5	LEVEL 1 (G minus 0)	1,535	1,718	1,407	2,215	1,849	
6	LEVEL 2 (G minus 1)	355	538	227	1,035	669	Should be >= 0 Planning Requirement
Unit Specific RMR Rules							
System Load		18,155	17,500	19,596	16,711	17,032	
DSG 230 KV (NM4, NM5, MI3) commitment: System Load <22253 = min 2; Load >22253 = min 3							
DSG % of System 15.0%		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
DSG 115 KV (MI2, NM3, NM1, NM2) commitment: System Load <24845 = min 0; Load >24845 but <26333 = min 1; Load >26333 = min 2							
DSG % of System 15.0%		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
Run Rex Brown 3, 4 or Hinds Commitment: System Load > 21,333 = min 1							
MS % of System 15.0%		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
McClintock RMR commit: System Load <16,000 = min 0; Load >16,000 = min 1							
		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	

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EAI	2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13
ARK NU 1	851	851	851	851	851
ARK NU 2	1,005	1,005	1,005	1,005	1,005
COUCH 2	0	0	0	0	0
INDEPN 1	836	836	836	836	836
INDEPN 2	842	842	842	842	842
LCATH 4	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO
LYNCH 3	0	0	0	0	0
MABLEVALE 1 - 4	0	0	0	0	0
HOTSPRING	0	0	630	0	630
OUACHITA #1	238	268	268	268	268
OUACHITA #2	240	0	270	270	270
OUACHITA #3	0	0	262	0	262
WH BLF 1	815	815	815	815	815
WH BLF 2	844	844	PO	PO	PO

ETI	2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13
LC 1	230	230	230	230	PO
LC 2	230	230	230	230	230
FRONTIER ND CD	150	150	150	150	150
FRONTIER ND CD2	150	150	150	150	150
SANJAC 1	0	0	0	0	0
SANJAC 2	0	0	0	0	0
SAB 1	0	0	0	0	0
SAB 2	0	0	0	0	0
SAB 3	400	400	400	400	400
SAB 4	0	0	0	0	0
SAB 5	480	480	480	480	480
Carroll Str Park Call Option	0	0	75	0	75
SRW #3 Call Option	0	0	0	0	0

EGSL	2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13
NEL 1	110	110	110	110	110
NEL 2	110	110	110	110	110
NEL 3	0	0	0	0	0
NEL 4	410	410	410	410	410
NEL 6	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO
Calcasieu #1	0	0	0	0	0
Calcasieu #2	0	0	0	0	167
Acadia	561	561	561	561	561
CAJUN2 3	247	247	247	247	247
RVB 1	979	979	979	PO	PO
Dow Call Option	0	0	100	0	100
WG 1	0	0	0	0	0
WG 2	0	0	0	0	0
WG 4	0	0	0	0	0
Carville A	185	185	185	185	185
Carville B	240	240	240	240	240
Carville C	0	0	0	0	0

HYDRO:	2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13
HYDROS (ALL)	494	416	416	494	494
AEC:					
BAILEY 1	0	0	0	0	0
MCCLEL 1	134	134	134	134	134

Committed AGC Units	UNITS IN PORTFOLIO
	70

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ELI	2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13
BURAS 8	0	0	0	0	0
L GPSY 1	0	0	0	0	0
L GPSY 2	415	415	415	415	415
L GPSY 3	0	0	0	0	0
NINEMI 3	128	128	128	128	128
NINEMI 4	500	500	500	500	500
NINEMI 5	750	750	750	750	750
PERRYVILLE #1	543	PO	PO	PO	PO
STERLN 7	0	0	0	0	0
WATERF 1	0	0	0	0	0
WATERF 2	0	0	0	411	0
WATERF 4	0	0	0	0	0
WATERF 3	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180
Oxy A	325	325	325	325	325
Oxy B	135	135	PO	PO	135
Oxy C	0	0	0	0	0

EMI	2/1/13	2/3/13	2/10/13	2/17/13	2/24/13
ANDRUS 1	0	0	660	660	0
B WLSN 1	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO
B WLSN 2	0	0	545	545	0
G GULF 1	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463
ATTALA	492	492	492	492	492
HINDS	485	485	485	485	485
REXBRN 3	0	0	0	0	0
REXBRN 4	0	0	0	0	0
REXBRN 5	0	0	0	0	0
ENCI	0	0	0	0	0
MICHOD 2	235	235	235	235	235
MICHOD 3	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO

L&C Balance	
Enteray Gen (MW):	17,432
AECG + SPA Schedules	67
RELIABILITY Placeholder	0
Monthly Purchases	105
Weekly/ND Purchases	1,800
Hourly Purchases	150
Total Resources	19,354
Load:	18,723
SPR Resources (Nominal)	18,723
Total Sales (less SPA)	17,001
Total Demand	18,863
Excess / Deficient	491

Uncommitted MW	6,364	6,360	4,508	4,504	5,440
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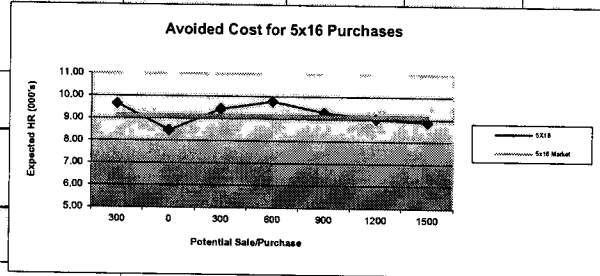
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Sales

Purchases

ON-PEAK
5X16

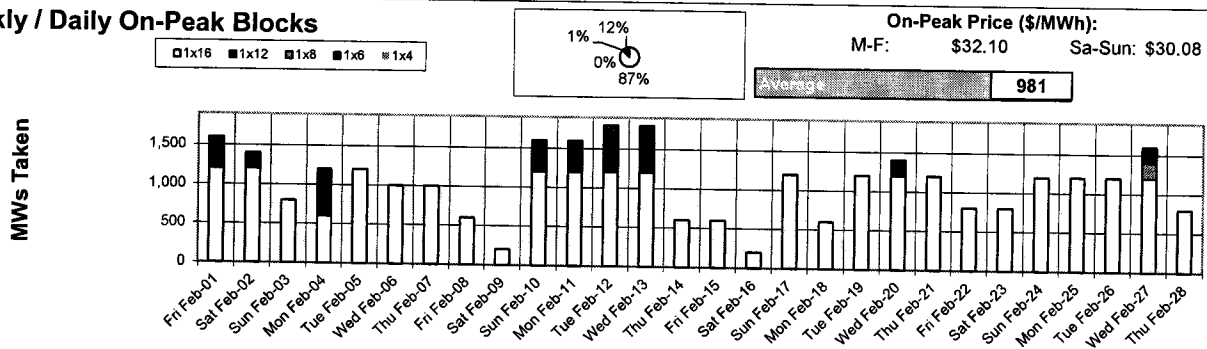
MW Blocks	300	0	300	600	900	1200	1500
North LD Market HR = 6.12							
Avg Avd Cost (\$/MWh)	34.00	29.81	33.21	34.42	32.72	31.72	31.30
HR =	9.66	8.47	9.43	9.78	9.29	9.01	8.89
	7 X 16	7 X 12					
NORTH / SOUTH							
Avg Cost (500 MW)	32.82	30.90					
	9.32	8.78					
WOTAB							
Avg Cost (300 MW)	32.44	30.59					
	9.22	8.69					
OFF-PEAK							
	5X8	7X8					
Avg Cost (500 MW)	17.97	20.02					
	5.10	5.69					
COMBO							
Wrap	500						
Avg Marg Cost	23.72	*					
	6.74						



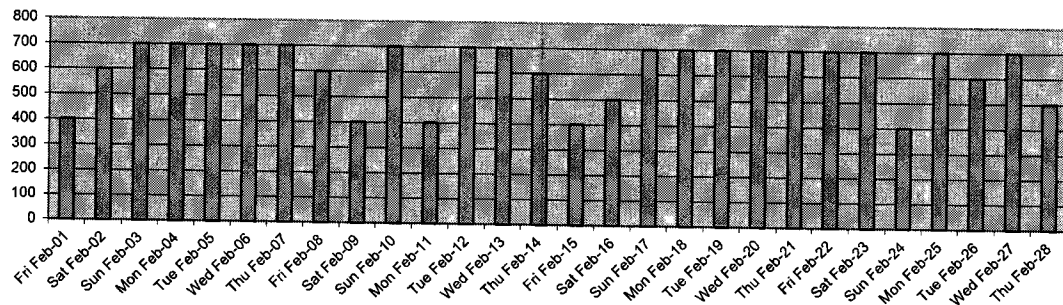
Average HRs and Costs for Units Running Part of the Month

Unit	Avg Cost	Avg HR	On-line Hrs	Average Cost	Avg HR	On-line Hrs
PV 2 CC Duct 1	\$ 29.09	8,200	41	\$33.45	9,268	
PV 2 CC 1	\$ 24.59	6,931	41			
Ouachita #3 Duct	\$ 30.98	8,655	115			
Ouachita #3	\$ 25.57	7,143	115			
HotSpring Duct	\$ 32.48	8,721	126			
HotSpring 21	\$ 26.41	7,091	126			
WATERF 2	\$ 44.00	12,154	168			
ANDRUS 1	\$ 36.97	9,938	168			
B WLSN 2	\$ 35.84	10,012	168			
Ouachita #2 Duct	\$ 30.98	8,655	251			
Ouachita #2	\$ 25.54	7,134	314			
Ouachita #1 Duct	\$ 30.98	8,655	333			
Ouachita #1	\$ 25.58	7,144	432			
LC 1	\$ 38.21	10,703	552			
HINDS 21	\$ 24.75	7,007	566			
ACADIA 2 2x1 Duct	\$ 30.70	8,434	605			
NINEMI 3	\$ 56.10	15,498	672			
L GPSY 2	\$ 53.37	14,742	672			

Weekly / Daily On-Peak Blocks

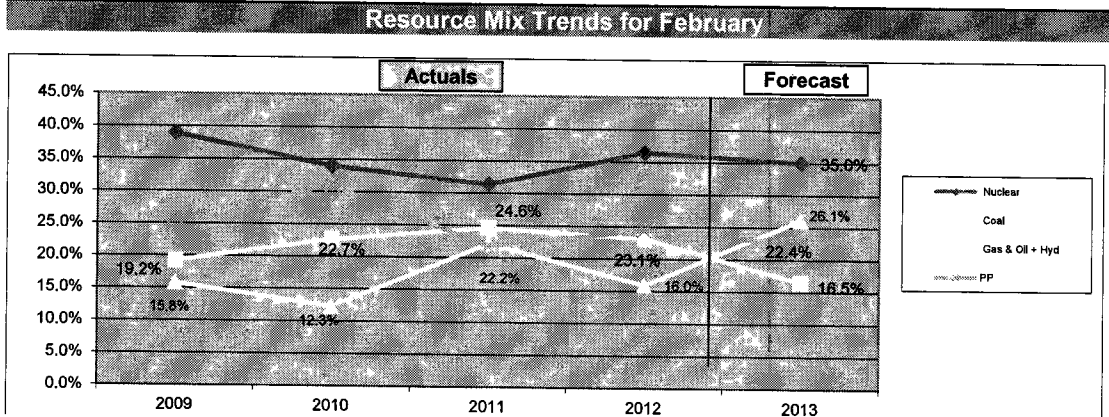
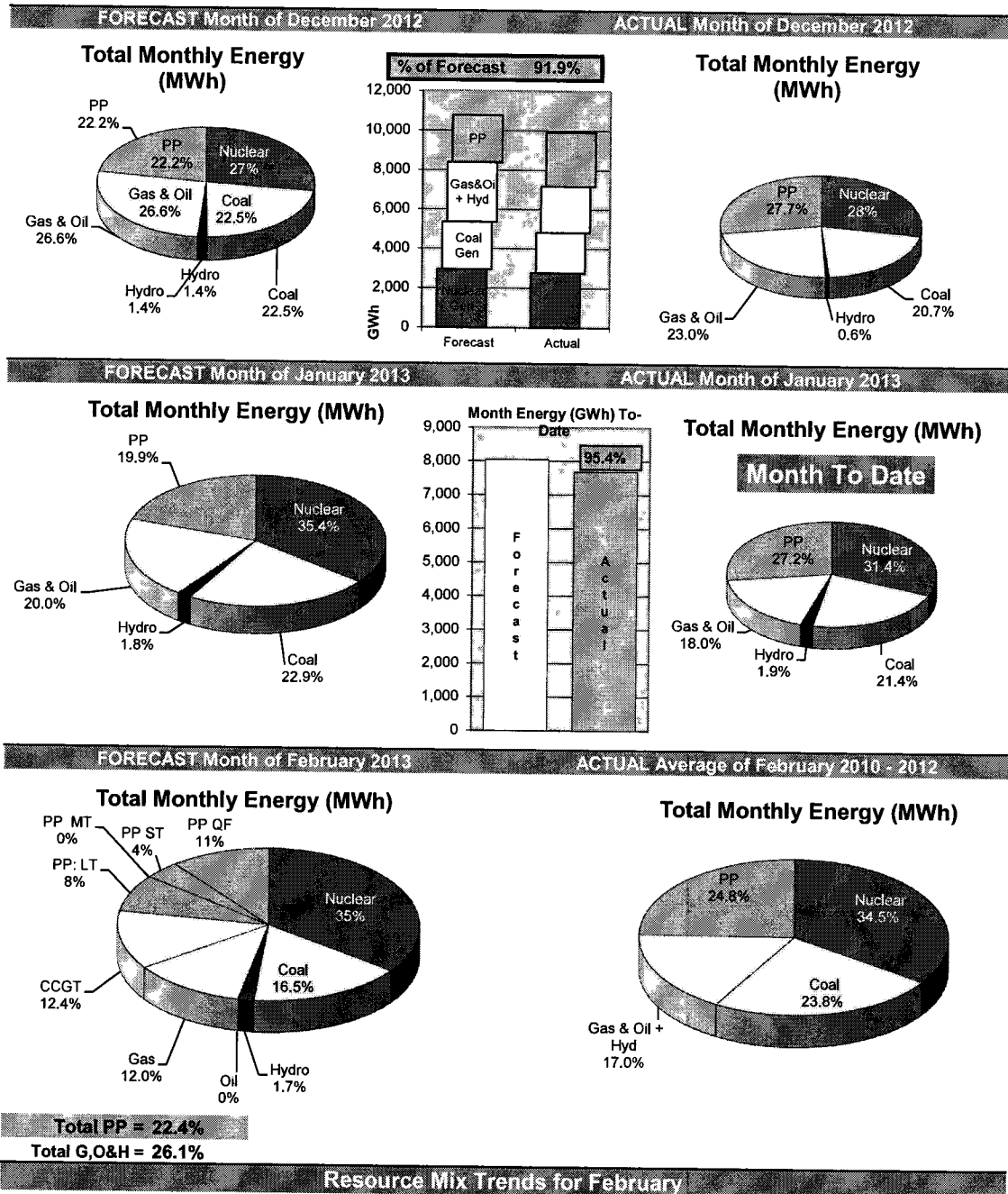


Daily / Hourly Off-Peak Purchases



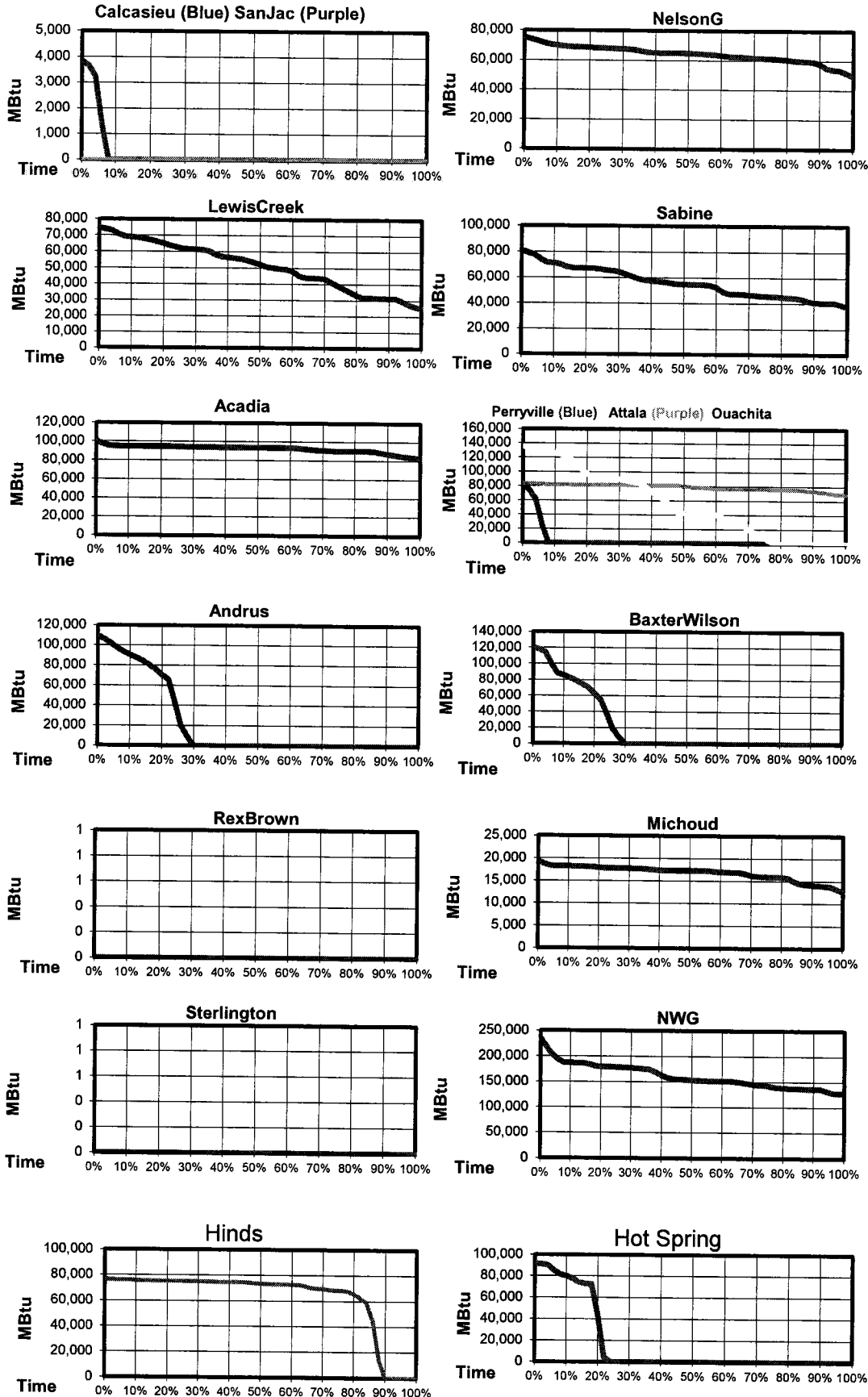
Resource Portfolio Analysis

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Daily Fuel Duration Curves

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Results: Fuel Volumes

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Plant Name	02/01/13	02/03/13	02/10/13	02/17/13	02/24/13	Daily Average (Tons of Coal/day)	Max Day	Min Day	Hourly Max (Day Recs)	Total Burn
Average (Tons of Coal/day) for days burned										
Coal										
Independence	Fuel	20,350	19,724	19,715	19,723	20,007				554,874
	L&C MW	836,842	836,842	836,842	836,842	836,842				
White Bluff	Fuel	19,906	12,885	9,069	9,074	9,842				306,217
	L&C MW	815,844	815,844	815,844	815,844	815,844				
Nelson 6	Fuel	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO				
	L&C MW	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO				
Cajun2 Unit3	Fuel	247	247	247	247	247				
	L&C MW	247	247	247	247	247				
Fuel: Avg (MMBtu/day) for days burned; Total (MMBtu)										
Gas										
Acadia	Avg	87,623	89,565	92,959	95,723	94,181				(MMBtu)
	Total	175,248	626,964	650,727	670,077	470,914				2,593,883
	L&C MW	561	561	561	561	561				Gas Only
Willow Glen	Avg	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	0	0	0	0	0				
	L&C MW	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 100; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 100; 0; 0				
SanJac	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	0	0	0	0	0				
	L&C MW	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0				
Nelson 3 & 4	Avg	56,902	64,646	61,314	69,123	63,509				
	Total	113,804	452,520	429,199	483,859	317,545				1,796,926
	L&C MW	0; 410	0; 410	0; 410	0; 410	0; 410				
Lewis Creek	Avg	39,494	57,363	49,106	64,972	29,359				
	Total	78,988	401,549	343,746	454,816	146,794				1,425,866
	L&C MW	230; 230	230; 230	230; 230	230; 230	230; 230				
Sabine	Avg	43,493	60,746	49,245	65,025	51,755				
	Total	86,986	425,223	344,717	455,175	258,775				1,570,876
	L&C MW	0; 0; 400; 0; 480	0; 0; 400; 0; 480	0; 0; 400; 0; 480	0; 0; 400; 0; 480	0; 0; 400; 0; 480				
LewisC & Sabine	Avg	82,987	118,109	98,351	129,997	81,114				
	Total	165,974	826,772	688,463	909,992	405,569				2,996,742
	L&C MW	0	0	83,686	0	77,567				489,877
Hot Spring	Avg	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	0	0	334,744	0	155,134				
	L&C MW	0	0	0	0	0				
Lake Cath 4	Avg	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	0	0	0	0	0				
	L&C MW	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO				
Hinds	Avg	68,518	73,858	70,452	72,988	74,936				
	Total									1,743,381
	L&C MW									

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FUEL SUMMARY

Plant Name	02/01/13	02/03/13	02/10/13	02/17/13	02/24/13	Daily Average	Max Day	Min Day	Hourly Max (Day Rate)	Total Burn
Brad	137,036 240	517,003 0	422,712 240	291,952 240	374,679 240					
Total L&C MW										

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Results: Fuel Volumes (continued)

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Plant Name	02/01/13	02/03/13	02/10/13	02/17/13	02/24/13	Daily Average	Max Day	Min Day	Hourly Max (Day Rate)	Total Burn	
Quachita	Avg 42,096	38,376	89,281	85,456	94,195	81,730	135,671	29,669	0	1,582,461	
	Total 42,095	191,875	535,667	341,815	470,961						
Garrett & Helen	L&C MW 238, 240, 0	238, 0; 0	238, 240, 232	238, 240; 0	238, 240; 232						
Michoud	Avg 14,001	16,866	15,912	18,306	17,006	16,808	19,462	12,664	0	470,627	
	Total 28,002	118,065	111,387	128,141	85,032						
Dave	L&C MW 0; 235; PO	0; 235; PO	0; 235; PO	0; 235; PO	0; 235; PO						
Attala	Fuel 71,680	76,778	78,056	82,165	80,698	78,780	83,590			2,205,845	
	Total 143,361	537,447	546,389	575,157	403,492						
Garrett	L&C MW 492	492	492	492	492						
Gerald Andrus	Avg Gas 0	0	79,424	80,645	0	88,559	109,861		354,710	640,277	
	Total 0	0	317,695	322,582	0						
Helen	L&C MW 0	0	660	660	0						
B. Wilson	Avg 0	0	72,872	85,089	0	87,475	120,304			631,846	
	Total 0	0	291,489	340,356	0						
Helen	L&C MW PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 545	PO; 545	PO; 0						
Rex Brown	Avg 0	0	0	0	0				204,694		
	Total 0	0	0	0	0						
Helen	L&C MW 0, 0; 0	0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0	0; 0; PO						
Sterlington	Avg 0	0	0	0	0						
	Total 0	0	0	0	0						
Pete	L&C MW 0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0						
Perryville	Avg 74,845	0	0	0	0	74,845	82,798			149,690	
	Total 149,690	0	0	0	0						
Brad	L&C MW 480	PO	PO	PO	PO						
Ninemile	Avg 120,680	145,937	126,430	152,458	132,940	138,566	175,731	113,554	31,526	3,879,841	
	Total 241,359	1,021,573	885,027	1,067,221	664,708						
Pete	L&C MW 0, 0, 128; 500; 750	0, 0, 128, 500, 750	0, 0, 128, 500, 750	0, 0, 128, 500, 750	0, 0, 128, 500, 750						
Waterford 1 & 2	Avg Gas 0	0	21,561	19,322	0	0	31,854	0	133,538	0	
	Total 0	0	107,804	57,966	0	0					
Pete	L&C MW 0; 0	0; 0	0; 411	0; 411	0; 0						

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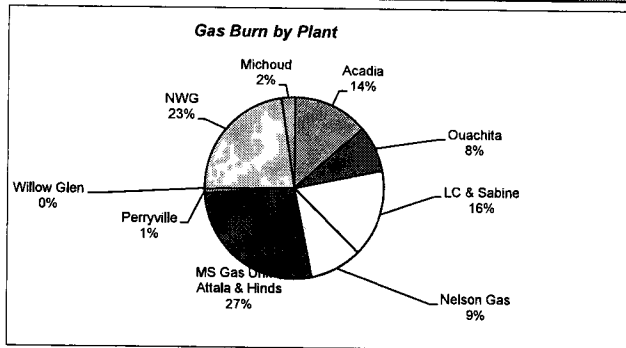
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FUEL SUMMARY

Plant Name	02/01/13	02/03/13	02/10/13	02/17/13	02/24/13	Daily Average	Max Day	Min Day	Hourly Max (Day Rate)	Total Burn
Pete Little Gypsy	Avg	12,669	20,329	14,461	20,579	14,203	27,807	11,878	111,125	483,923
	Total L&C MW	25,337 0; 415; 0	142,300 PO; 415; 0	101,224 PO; 415; 0	144,050 PO; 415; 0	71,013 PO; 415; 0				
NMWFLG	Avg Gas	133,348	166,266	162,452	192,359	147,143	235,392	125,431	276,190	4,363,764
	Total	266,696	1,163,873	1,094,055	1,269,237	735,721				Gas Only

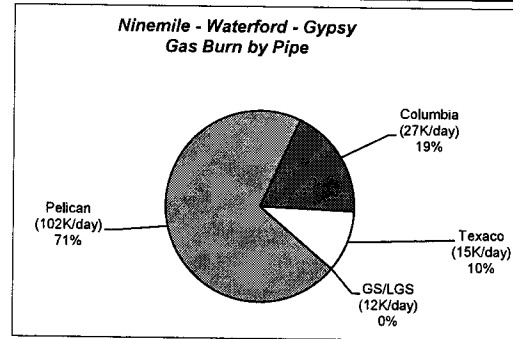
Results: Fuel Volumes (continued)

Oil	Average (MMBtu/day) for days burned										Tot MMBtu	Tot Barrels of Oil	
	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel	Fuel			
Dave Gerald Andrus	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. Wilson	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	PO; 0	0	0	0
Michoud 3	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO	0	0	0
Ninemile 2, 4, & 5	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0; 500; 750	0	0	0
#REF1 Little Gypsy 2	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	0	0	0
Delta 1 & 2	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0	0	0
Sterlington 7	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willow Glen 2,4,5	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0; 0; 0; 0	0	0	0
Waterford 1 & 2	Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L&C MW	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0; 0	0	0	0
TOTALS:											0	0	0

February 2013 Final MEP Key Fuel Burn Breakdowns



Plant	Gas Total MBtu	%
Acadia	2,593,883	14%
Ouachita	1,582,461	8%
LC & Sabine	2,996,742	16%
Nelson Gas	1,796,926	9%
MS Gas Units, Attala & Hinds	5,221,349	27%
Perryville	149,690	1%
Willow Glen	-	-
NWG	4,363,764	23%
Michoud	470,627	2%
Total Gas Burn MEP	19,175,442	100%

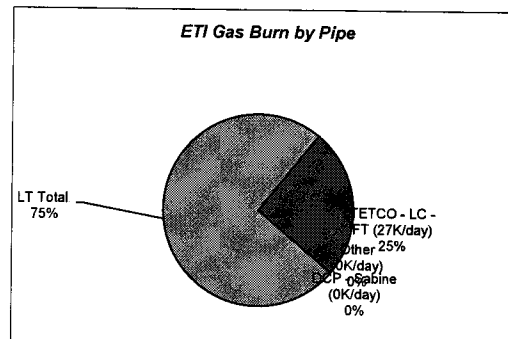


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NWG Gas		Total MBtu	
LT: Pelican (102K/day)		2,856,000	70.8%
LT: Columbia (27K/day)		756,000	18.7%
Subtotal:		3,612,000	89.6%
Spot: Texaco (15K/day)		420,000	10.4%
Other: GS/LGS (12K/day)		12	0.0%
Total:		4,032,012	100.0%

Long Term Gas (flow vs yearly min)

ETI		Evangeline			
Yearly Min		36,750,000			
2013	Total MMBtu	MMBtu/day	% of Min		
1st Qtr	8,580,078	95,334	23.35%	estimate	
2nd Qtr	10,000,000	111,111	27.21%	estimate	
3rd Qtr	12,265,000	136,278	33.37%	estimate	
4th Qtr	5,904,922	64,184	16.07%	plug	
Total	36,750,000		100.00%		

ETI		Embridge			
Yearly Min		27,375,000			
2013	Total MMBtu	MMBtu/day	% of Min		
Dec 2011 - Feb 2012	6,344,431	70,494	23.18%	estimate	
Mar 2012 - May 2012	6,505,583	71,490	23.76%	estimate	
Jun 2012 - Aug 2012	6,440,000	70,000	23.53%	estimate	
Sep 2012 - Nov 2012	8,084,986	87,880	29.53%	plug	
Total	27,375,000		100.00%		



February			
Entergy Texas Gas		Total MBtu	
LT: Enbridge-Sabine (70K/day)		1,960,000	65%
LT: Enbridge-LC (10K/day)		280,000	9%
LT Total:		2,240,000	75%
Spot: TETCO - LC - FT (27K/day)		756,000	25%
DCP - Sabine (0K/day)		-	0%
Other (0K/day)		-	0%
Total:		756,000	25%
Total Burn		2,996,000	100%