# Utah Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP)

Clean Coal Research Projects

<u>CarbonSAFE, Biomass Co-Firing & Cryogenic Carbon Capture</u>











Let's turn the answers on.

#### STEP Clean Coal Technology Research Plan

- Mission
  - SB115-54-20-104: "...a program to investigate, analyze, and research clean coal technology"
- 54-2-1 Definitions: "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 uses coal as a fuel source.
- Budget
  - An average of \$1 million per year over a five year period for the clean coal technology program (\$5 million total)

#### **STEP Process to Engage Stakeholders**

- Compiled Clean Coal Research team consisting of: Huntington & Hunter plant personnel, Technical Services, Utah university academia: Chem. Eng./Mech. Eng. (BYU, USU, UofU), Utah Office of Energy Development, USTAR, UofU, Energy & Geoscience Institute, Reaction Engineering International and Sustainable Energy Solutions
- Multiple workshops/locations
- Identified key Areas of Research in the areas of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and sequestration (projects presented today)

## Preferences, Objectives and Requirements – Message to Clean Coal Team

- Preferences:
  - Technology demonstrations (hardware)
  - Advance existing technology
  - Utah centric
  - Leverage other funding sources (US DOE, state, local)
- Objectives:
  - Benefits customers, technology/commercialization advancement and emissions improvements
- Commission review to determine if the expenditures were prudently incurred in accordance with the purposes of the program

# Utah STEP Clean Coal Research Technical Conference #2 Areas of Interest

1. CarbonSAFE

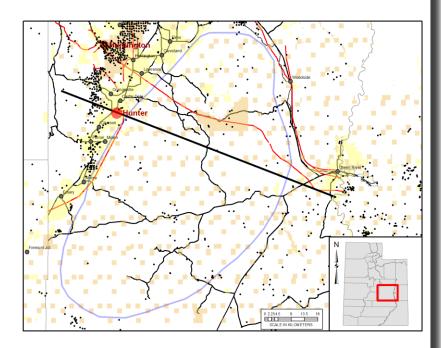
2. Biomass Co-Firing – Hunter Unit 3

3. Cryogenic Carbon Capture (Sustainable Energy Solutions)

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

#### 1. Sequestration: CarbonSAFE - Co-Funding towards Pre-Feasibility Assessment of a commercial scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture site (study)

- Co-funding towards USTAR's pre-feasibility assessment in response to US Department of Energy's Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0001584) – Phase 1
- Purpose of FOA:
  - To conduct a pre-feasibility for a commercial scale CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage complex (>50 m metric tons). The proposed Utah storage site: San Rafael Swell
  - Identify reliable large-scale anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>
     sources: Hunter Plant
- Leverages up to \$1.2 m in US DOE funding
- University of Utah submitted a proposal to the US DOE on August 30, 2016. Lead: Dr. BJ McPherson



## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture 2. Utah Woody Waste Co-Firing

- Apply Utah-based technology that processes woody waste
  - Amaron Energy (torrefaction)
  - AEG Coal Switch (steam expansion)
- Perform single ~18 hour 10% woody waste co-firing test at Hunter 3 using both processed materials. Additional testing based on economic assessment of woody-waste firing.
- Objective: no adverse plugging/fouling; handles like coal with existing handling facilities.
- Benefit: assess feasibility of potential periodic removal of Utah's woody waste
- Coal milling study with University of Utah includes testing material from Amaron Energy and Coal Switch process.
- Team: UofU, Amaron Energy, AEG Coalswitch, USU, PacifiCorp, BYU
- Proposal received from UofU; lead: Dr. Eric Eddings



#### CO, Capture

#### 3. Cryogenic Carbon Capture (CCC) Demonstration

- Leverage existing equipment and \$4.7 million in outside funding to prepare and demonstrate promising Utah technology for scale-up
  - Research and modification of some key aspects of process
  - Long term test of CCC technology at Hunter or Huntington
  - Techno-economic & EH&S Assessments
  - Team SES, RMP, Tri-State, EPRI, NRECA
- Sustainable Energy Solutions has submitted a draft proposal; lead: Dr. Larry Baxter

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

# 1. Sequestration: CarbonSAFE - Co-fund Utah's proposal to US Dept of Energy to perform Integrated CCS Pre-feasibility studies - Phase 1 (study)

- USDOE issued two Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)
  - Phase I: Integrated CCS Pre-Feasibility Studies
    - Up to 12 funding awards (~\$1.2 million each)
  - Phase II: Storage Complex Feasibility (more detailed evaluation)
    - Up to 6 funding awards (~\$9 million each)
  - Phase III and IV: Site Characterization and Construction
- Purpose: Identify commercial CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration sites (capacity >50 million metric tons)
- Conceptual CO<sub>2</sub> site: San Rafael Swell; CO<sub>2</sub> source: Hunter plant
- Proposal lead: University of Utah

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

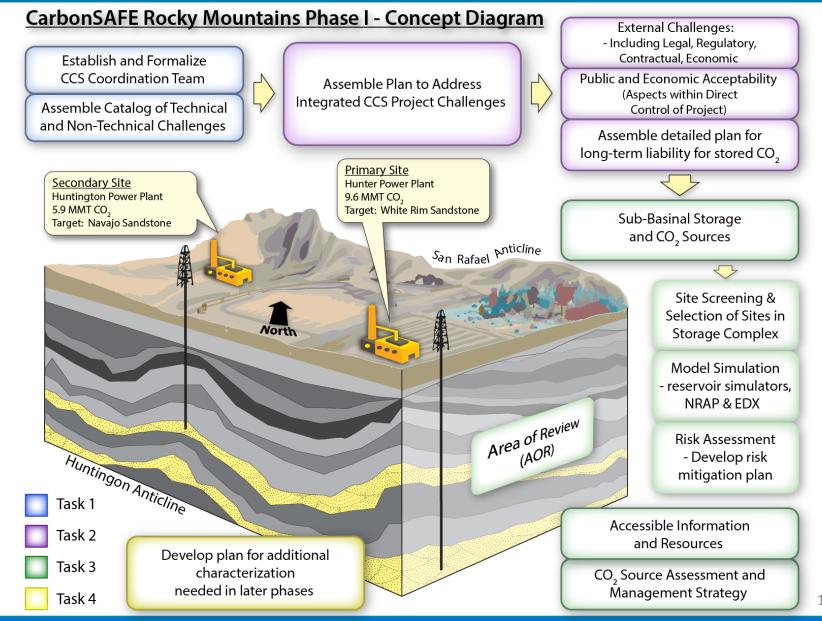
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#### Objectives:

- Team formation to address technical / non-technical challenges (regulatory, legislative, technical, policy, commercial, financial)
- Plan development –economic feasibility & public acceptance
- High level technical evaluation of sub-basin (geology)

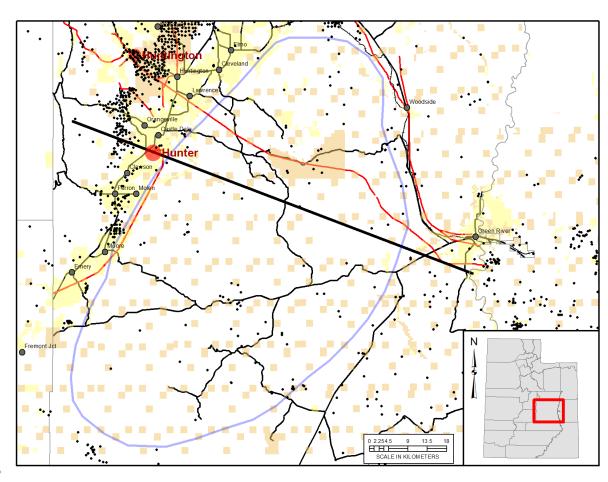
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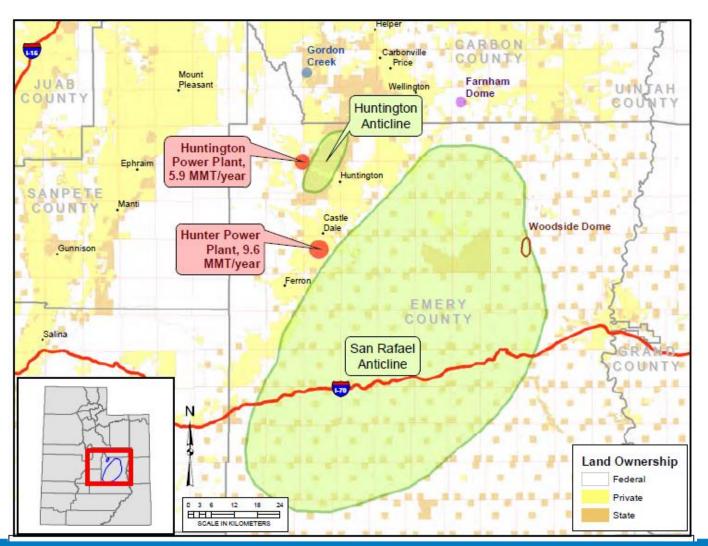
- Economic viability
- Subsequent phases requiring additional co-funding

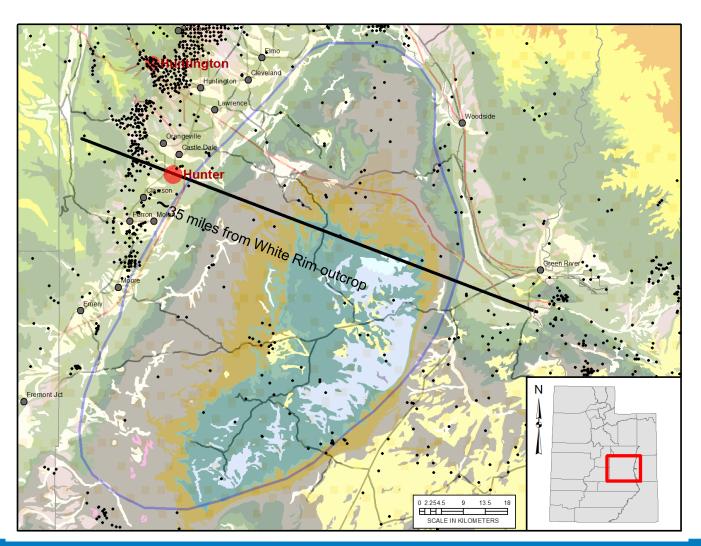


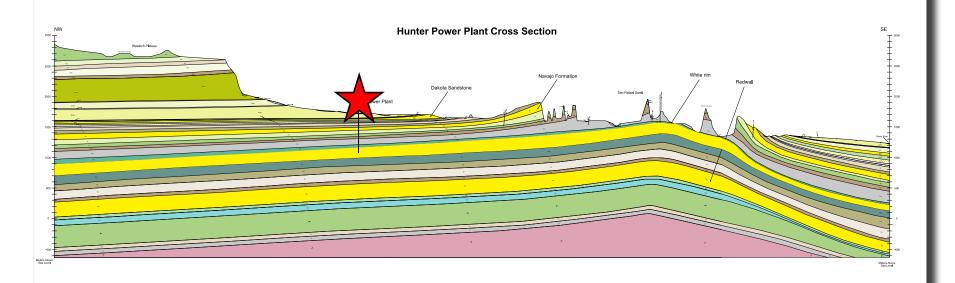
#### San Rafael Swell

- Proximity to Hunter
- Federal and SITLA (orange squares) land ownership
- Geologic structural anticline
- Forms hydrostratigraphic trap with multiple sealing layers above injection horizon(s)
- White Rim Sandstone is excellent reservoir
  - Sufficiently deep
  - Thick overlying seal
  - High porosity
  - High permeability
  - >160 million metric tons
     CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity









#### Colorado Plateau Geology

- Multiple basins characterized by "layer cake" of alternating reservoirs and seals
- Abundant saline aquifers
  - Often sandstones
  - High porosity
  - High permeability
  - Large cumulative CO<sub>2</sub>
     storage capacity (>250
     billion metric tons within
     SWP region)

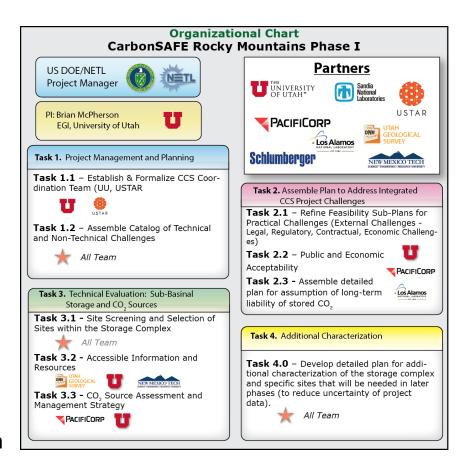
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#### CarbonSAFE

- Application to Phase I submitted to US DOE on August 30, 2016.
- Objective is to secure \$1.3 million in US DOE funds which is leveraged from \$333k in non-federal funds (including STEP contribution from Rocky Mountain Power)

#### **CarbonSAFE Partners**

- University of Utah/Energy & Geoscience Institute
- USTAR
- Utah Geological Survey
- Sandia National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Schlumberger Carbon Services
- Utah Division of Environmental Quality
- New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology
- University of Utah Law School
- Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp)
- Advisory Board (OED, Tri-State, SES, Utah DOGM)



#### CarbonSAFE - Rocky Mountain Power

- Rocky Mountain Power participation:
  - Co-funding source
  - Providing input on technical, commercial, regulatory and public issues
  - Economics of carbon dioxide capture (future phases)
  - Input on above-ground facilities, access for well siting
- More detail on proposed roles of each partner can be found in the application <u>CarbonSAFE Rocky</u> <u>Mountains Phase I: Ensuring Safe Subsurface Storage</u> of CO<sub>2</sub> in the Intermountain West, DE-FOA-0001584

#### CarbonSAFE- Budget

- \$150,000 to University of Utah
- University of Utah will be monitoring and reporting expenditures to the United States DOE

Recipient Organization	DOE Funds	Non- Federal Cost Share	Total		
University of Utah/EGI	\$557,495	\$121,706	\$679,201		
UGS	\$187,401	\$43,642	\$231,042		
New Mexico Tech	\$147,835	\$67,501	\$215,335		
Schlumberger Carbon Services	\$112,834	\$100,000	\$212,834		
Sandia National Lab	\$112,834	<b>\$</b> -	\$112,834		
Los Alamos	\$212,833	\$-	\$212,833		
Total (\$)	\$1,331,229	\$332,849	\$1,664,078		

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#### CarbonSAFE- Budget

- US DOE rigorous reporting
  - Tasks and subtasks thoroughly planned
  - Project milestones mapped
  - Project deliverables well defined
  - Regular updates, briefings/reports, review sessions, technical presentations
  - Detailed budgeting and justification
    - By task
    - By fiscal quarter
    - By funded organization

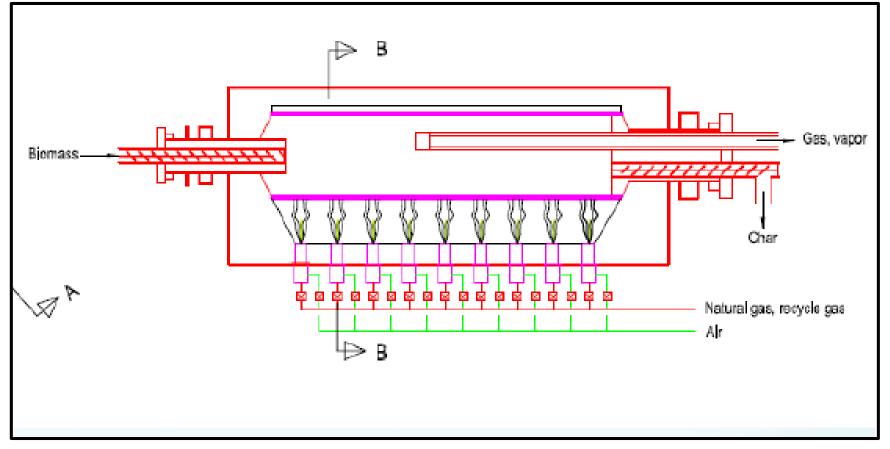
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- Apply Utah-based technology that processes "homegrown" woody waste: a) Amaron Energy (torrefaction process) & b)
   AEG Coal Switch (rapid steam expansion process)
- Perform two single 18-hour 10% woody waste co-firing tests at Hunter 3 using both processes. Additional testing based on economic assessment of woody-waste firing.
- Objective: no adverse plugging/fouling; handle like coal with existing handling facilities. Benefit: assess feasibility of potential periodic removal of Utah's woody waste
- Coal milling study (2016) with UofU currently in process;
   includes material from both Amaron and Coal Switch
- Proposal received from University of Utah

#### Hunter Plant, Castle Dale UT



#### **Overview of Amaron Energy Technology**

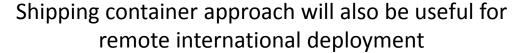


US Patent 8,298,498,B2
US Patent Application US2012/0063965 A1

#### Conversion of Prototype to Mobile Platform

Retrofitted to a shipping container, which was then mounted on a trailer for remote deployment









#### Demonstration of Amaron RK240 Unit



Eureka, Nevada July-August 2014



Sunnyside, Utah August 2015

#### Demonstration of Amaron RK240 Unit



**Feed Stock** 



**Char Product** 

#### PROCESS OVERVIEW

- 5-Stage Process, utilizes no chemicals and leaves no harmful residues
- Cleanses and optimizes raw Biomass feedstock to:
  - Increase energy density by 50%-300%
  - Increase bulk density to levels comparable to coal
  - Reduce moisture content to less than 15%
  - Reduce salt content (which fouls power plant boilers) by more than 90%
  - Reduce volatility and improve friability of Biomass feedstock to enable co-firing
  - Increase bioavailability to facilitate biological/chemical digestion
- Creates CO2 offsets and Carbon Tax savings

#### PRE-PROCESSING







#### POST-PROCESSING







#### **Woody Waste Processing**



#### CoalSwitch - Processed Fuel



#### CoalSwitch Demonstration Unit Reactor





As Rec'd **Beneficiate Hog Fuel** Δ (%) LHV (BTU/lb.) 4200 9018 115% M/C 50% 12% (76%) Sodium (ppm) 4552 426 (91%)Chloride (ppm) 5053 406 (92%) 2928 fate (ppm) 421 122%1

0.45 Tons @ 12% Moisture content

0.38 Tons of Clean Water

0.17 Tons of Volatiles, Ash, and Salts

**OAEG** Coal Switch

1 Ton @ 50% Moisture content



**Energy Content of Beneficiated Biomass:** 

9018 BTU/lb. x 2000 lb./Ton x 0.45 Tons = 8.12 MMBTU (HHV 10248 BTU/lb.)

Energy Content of Volatiles Removed 8.40 MMBTU – 8.12 MMBTU = 0.28 MMBTU

Energy Required to Beneficiate Biomass:

391 BTU/lb. x 2000 lb./Ton x 1 Ton = 0.78 MMBTU (from boiler)

Energy Stored in As Rec'd Biomass: 4200 BTU/lb. x 2000 lb./Ton x 1 Ton = 8.40 MMBTU (HHV = 8400 BTU/lb.)

22% Increase in HHV

# Biomass Co-Firing Study Project Team

- PacifiCorp (Hunter Plant, Corporate Technical Services, Resource Development)
  - Project management & fuel procurement
  - Fuel handling
  - Test management and data gathering
  - Permitting approval
  - Monitoring
- University of Utah & Brigham Young University
  - Test design
  - Specialized instrumentation installation and data gathering
  - Assessment, monitoring and reporting
  - Air quality assessment
- Amaron and AEG CoalSwitch
  - Fuel processing and delivery

#### **Biomass Co-Firing - Budget**

		2017	2018	2019	2020	)	2021	Total
Univesity of Utah								\$ -
Task 1 - Biomass Fuel Handling & Stability	\$	19,243						\$ 19,243
Task 2 - On-site Measurements	\$	79,585						\$ 79,585
Task 3 - Analysis	\$	25,100	\$ 25,100					\$ 50,200
Task 4 - Combustion Performance Evaluation	\$	36,932	\$ 36,932					\$ 73,864
Task 5 - Air Quality Assessment			\$ 25,000					\$ 25,000
Biomass Fuel & Processing		396,981						\$ 396,981
Test Design	\$	20,000						\$ 20,000
Instrumentation	\$	10,000						\$ 10,000
Travel	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000					\$ 10,000
Biomass Market Study			\$ 35,000					\$ 35,000
External Consulting	\$	20,000	\$ 50,000					\$ 70,000
Total	\$	612,841	\$ 177,032	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 789,873

## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture 3. Cryogenic Carbon Capture (CCC) Demo

 Leverage existing equipment and \$4.7 million in outside funding to prepare and demonstrate promising Utah technology for scale-up

- Research and modify some key aspects of process
- Long term test of CCC technology at Hunter or Huntington
- Techno-economic & Environmental, health & safety assessments
- Team SES, RMP, Tri-State, EPRI, NRECA



# Cryogenic Carbon Capture Research Objectives

#### Research and modify key aspects of technology

- Process reliability for long-term demonstrations
- Multi-pollutant capture (SOx, NOx, Mercury in addition to CO<sub>2</sub>)

#### Long-term testing (6-9 months) at Hunter or Huntington

Key to securing \$20+ million from outside funders for scale-up

#### Independently validated techno-economic analysis

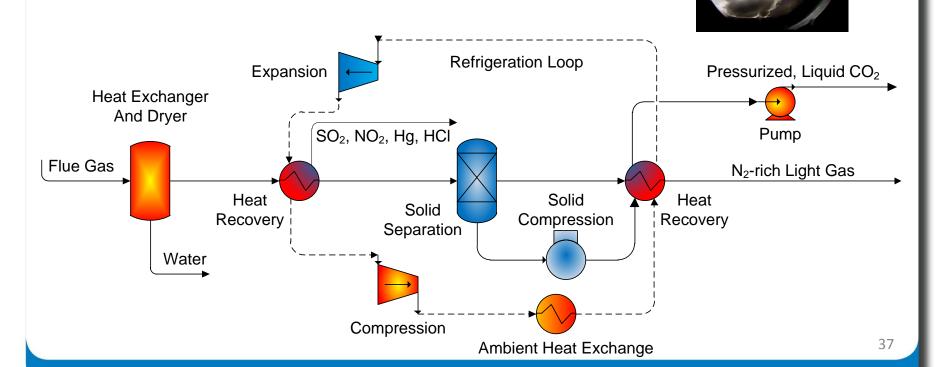
• Independent work done by EPRI, input from RMP and Tri-State

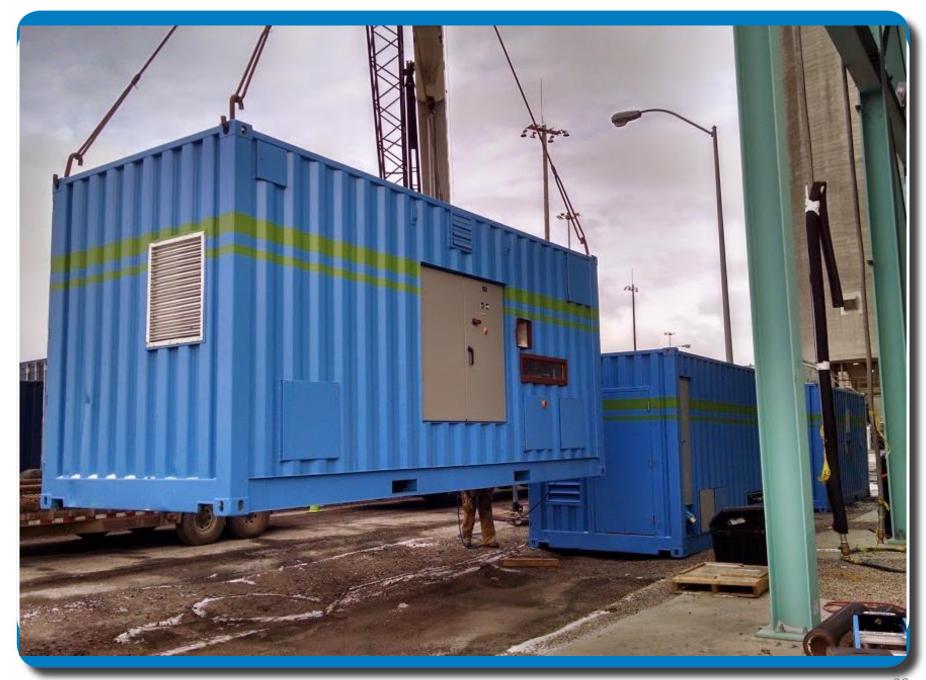
#### Specific case studies for RMP and Tri-State plants

- Site specific evaluation of cost and energy requirements
- Environmental, Health, and Safety evaluation

### Sustainable Energy Solutions (SES) – Cryogenic Carbon Capture

Process removes CO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutants using heat recovery to cool the flue gas stream and separate components in solid or liquid form.





#### **CCC Process Potential Benefits**

Half the cost and energy of existing alternatives

Retrofit technology to existing plants

Robustly handles criteria pollutants such as SOx, NOx, mercury and particulates

## Cryogenic Carbon Capture – Project Team

- PacifiCorp (Huntington / Hunter plants, Corporate Technical Services, Resource Development)
  - Funding
  - Project management & procurement
  - Installation of tie-in facilities
  - Operations data collection
  - Permitting assistance
  - Summary reporting
  - Scale-up cost estimate
- NRECA
  - Advising

- Sustainable Energy Solutions
  - R&D work
  - Equipment installation, operation and testing
  - Permitting approval
  - Monitoring and reporting
- Tri-State
  - Environmental, health, and safety assessment
  - Advising
- EPRI
  - Independent techno-economic analysis

#### **Cryogenic Carbon Capture - Budget**

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		Total
Pre-Run Budget		356,557	\$ 159,144				\$	515,701
Field Test Run								
Lodging, M&I Expenses			\$ 76,190				\$	76,190
Transportation			\$ 17,100				\$	17,100
Salaries			\$ 255,487				\$	255,487
Loading & Transportation			\$ 7,000				\$	7,000
Liability Insurance			\$ 45,000				\$	45,000
Supplies & Consumables			\$ -				\$	-
Temporary on-site work space			\$ 20,000				\$	20,000
Water Treatment & Disposal			\$ 10,000				\$	10,000
Overhead for Supplies and Travel			\$ 53,380				\$	53,380
Consulting		25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			\$	75,000
Capital Cost Assessment (Scale Up)				\$ 100,000			\$	100,000
	\$	381,557	\$ 668,301	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ :	1,174,858

#### **Utah DPU Questions**

Regarding the co-funding of University of Utah Phase 1 Pre-feasibility Study of Commercial CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration sites in Utah:

- Please explain in detail Rocky Mountains participation in the study.
- How will the \$150,000 be spent? If it is added to other co-participants funding, how will Rocky Mountains contribution be monitored or verified?

#### **Utah DPU Questions – Carbon Capture**

Regarding the co-funding of Sustainable Energy Solutions' Cryogenic Capture Technology -

- What is the total anticipated cost of the project?
  - The total project cost is estimated to be \$6,059,206; RMP's portion, if awarded, is \$1.174 million.

#### **Utah DPU Questions – Carbon Capture**

- Who has committed funds and how much has been committed by each entity (also timeline)?
  - US DOE has conditionally approved funds of \$3,743,249.
     Other entities including SES, EPRI and Tri-State have committed in-kind and cash cost share of \$1,141,100.
     RMP's participation would be \$1,174,857.

Org.	Contribution	Start Date	End Date
DOE/NETL	\$3,743,249	10/1/16	3/31/19
Rocky Mountain Power	\$1,174,857	1/1/17	3/31/19
SES	996,100	10/1/16	3/31/19
Tri-State	\$70,000	10/1/16	3/31/19
EPRI	\$75,000	10/1/16	3/31/19 44

#### **Utah DPU Questions – Carbon Capture**

- How much will PacifiCorp pay in total?
  - **-** \$1,174,858
- What portion of PacifiCorp's fund commitment is allocated to STEP?
  - PacifiCorp's commitment is contingent on STEP funding
- When was the company first approached by Sustainable Energy Solutions regarding the project?
  - RMP approached SES; RMP has been following the technology since 2008. RMP hosted a short duration demonstration at the Dave Johnston Plant (2014)

### Questions?