

CO₂ Capture at LG&E Cane Run NGCC Power Plant DE-FE0032223



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Project Overview

- FEED study for retrofitting the LG&E (a PPL Corporation Facility) Cane Run Unit 7, a 640 MW NGCC located in Louisville KY, with the University of Kentucky's solvent-based carbon capture system
- Funding = \$7,3303,164. DOE \$5,842,517 + Cost-share \$1,460,647
- Project performance dates 12/22/2022 8/31/2025



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Project Team

- **EPRI**: Non-profit, electric sector R&D; prime
- Louisville Gas and Electric & Kentucky Utilities, a PPL Company (PPL): owners of Cane Run Unit 7 NGCC plant located just SW of Louisville, KY along the Ohio River
- University of Kentucky (UK) Carbon capture technology developers
 - Vogt Power International: HRSG OEM, subcontractor to UK
 - ALL4: Performing EH&S, subcontractor to UK
- Bechtel: Performing Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED)
- University of Michigan: Global CO₂ Initiative for LCA



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UK CCS Process

- Aqueous amine solvent
- Split lean solvent feed to absorber
 - 95% capture rate
- Split rich solvent feed to stripper
 - Reboiler duty 1040 BTU/lb (2.42 MJ/kg)
- In-duct water spray flue gas cooling
 - Reduced capital cost



Source UK

UK CCS Experience

- Active research since 2006
- Technology validated and scaled up from lab to pilot scales
- >10,000 operational hours on coal and simulated-NGCC flue gas
- Solvent with \$6.5kg/chemical cost, 0.6 kg/tonne CO₂ makeup rate, and Aspen Plus[®] model experimentally verified at pilot scale



Bench CCS

H3-1

CCSL

Solvent

Campaign

CAER

Process

H3-1 Solvent Performance: $\sim 27\%$ reduction in solvent regeneration energy, 35-45% Solvent reduction in circulation rate, Campaign low degradation compared to 30 wt% MEA

> CCSL Solvent Performance: ~30% reduction in solvent regeneration energy, 40% reduction in circulation rate, low degradation compared to 30 wt% MEA

• CAER Solvent Performance: ~20% reduction in solvent regeneration energy, 30% reduction in circulation rate. Solvent low degradation compared Campaign to 30 wt% MEA • Solvent Cost <\$5/kg chemical

• Absorber Temperature Control via discretized packing Modificatio • În-situ liquid redistributor

- Solvent spray with <50 μm droplets leads to 2.6-4.1X?increased CO2 absorption per unit volume
- Staged feed to Absorber and Stripper Heat Integration with steam
- cvcle feedwater • Solids circulation solvent
- recovery system reduces amine emissions by 50%

Lab CCS

Nitrosamine Removal

Cane Run 7 – Host Site

- Location: Louisville, KY
- Capacity: 640 MW
- Fuel: Natural Gas
- **Opened:** 2015
 - Cane Run 7 is Kentucky's first natural gas combinedcycle (NGCC) generating unit
- Retirements:
 - Coal units 1 through 6 were demolished in 2019
- Capacity Factor:
 - ~ ~85% from 2016-2021



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Pre-FEED Completed



- >95% equipment/process service factor
- Baseload condition based on historic & forecasted generation data
- Solvent-independent design
- Design for reliability and operability
- Full-plant integration and CT operation impact analysis

- Vogt Power on team to analyze:
 - Impact on HRSG operations
 - In-duct cooling, without DCC
 - Elimination of flue gas boost fan, with HRSG accommodating additional pressure
 - Best steam extraction location and impact on steam cycle

Completed

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Design Heat and Mass Balance



Energy Consumption

Without CCS Gross Power Output		Cane Run Study	Rev 4 Case 31B
	kW	699,026	740,000
Estimated other Balance of Plant	kW	16,040	14,000
Cane Run without CCS Net Power	kW	682,986	727,000
With CCS Gross Power Output			
	kW	659,545	690,000
CO ₂ compression	kW	18,200	17,090
Flue gas boost fan for CCS island	kW	0	10,600
Estimated CO_2 Capture Auxiliary (pumps etc) excluding boost fan	kW	7,400	
Estimated other Balance of Plant	kW	16,040	16,372
Estimated Net Power Output	kW	617,905	646,000
Total derate	kW	65,081	81,000
	%	9.3%	10.9%
CO2 Capture Rate		95%	90%
CO2 Captured @ 95% efficiecny	t/hr	227	224
Energy Penalty	KWh/t CO2	286.8	361.6

Process and integration improvements result in expected >20% reduction in energy penalty per kg CO_2 captured compared to NETL Bituminous Baseline rev. 4 Case 31b

Initial LCA Results

95% of CO₂ captured reduces **CO**₂ emissions by ~90%





Initial LCA Results



 GWP reduction from CCS, but all other impact categories increased as additional built environment / fuel use required.





Next Steps: Feed Study

- FEED submission
- Reviews and revisions
- Class 3 cost estimate
- Transportation and logistics
- Quantity takeoffs
- Schedule
- Construction plan/Story boards
- Engineering, procurement and construction implementation plan
- Vendor quotes
- Material requisitions/RFQ'S

- Model Development (CAD)
- Layout
- Equipment lists
- Equipment designs/Selection
- Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&ID's)
- HazOp
- Revised P&ID's
- Uncertainties Log
- Risk register
- Management control and reports



Community Benefits and Societal Impacts

- Planned evaluation of community impacts:
 - Environmental co-benefits of CO₂ capture
 - Workforce development and jobs creation
 - Economic impact
 - Development of community engagement strategy
- Societal Impacts
 - Accelerating decarbonization through de-risking CCS
 - All information to be made public except confidential vendor information
 - Potential for lowering energy and capital costs of CO₂ capture

Lessons Learned

- Design philosophy of reliability and operability has increasing importance for real-world deployment
- Increasing backpressure on gas turbine possible mechanism to eliminate FD fan
 - Requires collaboration between GT supplier, HRSG, and carbon capture
- Optimization of steam extraction point from NGCC requires full HRSG and steam turbine models
 - Modification possible, but important to bring in OEMs to understand repercussions from performance and service agreements



The FEED study will guide CCS scale up

- Evaluate the impact of the carbon capture process on:
 - Power delivery and cost for full scale deployment
 - The operation and possible modifications to the HRSG and steam turbine.
- Land and Permit Requirements
 - This includes the CCS system layout and long-term planning for possible future NGCC units at the site.
- Evaluation of Local Storage and Pipeline Options
- The FEED learnings combined with planned 20 MW demonstration capture unit will inform CCS at Cane Run Unit 7



Summary

- FEED study for retrofitting the LG&E (a PPL Corporation Facility) Cane Run Unit 7, a 640 MW NGCC located in Louisville KY, with the University of Kentucky's solvent-based carbon capture system for 95% CO₂ capture
- Pre-FEED nearly complete with promising performance estimates
- All results to be made public other than confidential vendor information



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