

# **Carbon Capture Research**

PPL Corporation Research & Development

### About PPL Corporation

PPL Corporation's family of companies has \$37B+ in assets and 3.6M customers.

- **Mission**: To provide safe, affordable, reliable, <u>sustainable</u> energy to our customers and competitive, long-term returns to our shareowners.
- PPL Electric Utilities (formerly Pennsylvania Power & Light)
- Provides electricity distribution and transmission services to ~1.4 million customers in Pennsylvania
- Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) and Kentucky Utilities (KU)
- Electric and gas utilities that serve ~1.3 million customers in Kentucky and Virginia.
  LG&E is home to the Cane Run Generating Station.
- Rhode Island Energy (RIE)
- Provides electricity and natural gas distribution services to ~770,000 customers in Rhode Island.







## Capturing Carbon Dioxide With UK Since 2006

#### PPL is committed to net-zero carbon emission by 2050.

- 2006: Founded Carbon Capture Program at University of Kentucky (UK)
- 2007: Member of EPRI Carbon Capture Program (P222)
- 2007: Built Carbon Capture Unit (0.1 MW) at University of Kentucky
- 2008: Founding Member of Carbon Management Resource Group (CMRG)
- 2009: Kentucky drilled two test sequestration wells at 3,500 and 8,100 ft.
- 2014: Built Operational CCS Pilot (0.7 MW or 15 ton/day) at E.W. Brown
  - One of few operational carbon capture systems at a power plant.
  - Costs of capture reduced from \$75 to \$45 per metric ton.
  - Reduced capital costs by 20% relative to DOE reference case.
  - Tested various capture processes and amine-based solvents.
- 2020: Founding Member for EPRI Low Carbon Resource Initiative (LCRI)
- 2021: Net-Negative Natural Gas Carbon Capture (DE-FE0032134)
- 2022: Full Scale 640 MWe DOE FEED study at Cane Run (DE-FE0032223)
- **2023**: Direct Air Capture with Hydrogen Production (DE-FE0032255)
- 2023: Member of Appalachia Direct Air Capture Hub (DE-FE0032387)
- 2024: Carbon Capture Large Pilot at Cane Run (Award Announced Feb. 2)





### Cane Run 7 NGCC – CCS Host Site



Cane Run 7 is our newest unit and host site for current carbon capture research.

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

Capacity: 640 MW

Fuel: Natural Gas

### **Opened:** 2015

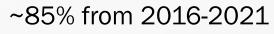
Cane Run 7 is Kentucky's first natural gas combined-cycle (NGCC) generating unit.

2 Gas Turbines x 1 Steam Turbine

#### **Retirements:**

Coal units 1 through 6 were demolished in 2019.

### **Capacity Factor:**





### 20 MW Large Carbon Capture Pilot at NGCC



#### The award negotiations are underway, and some project details could change.

- Scale: A 20 MWe Equivalent Slipstream of Flue Gas at ~350 klb/hr.
  - Could Reduce Cane Run  $CO_2$  Emissions by 3-4%, ~237 US Tons Per Day
  - We have a buyer for 100% of the captured carbon dioxide.
- Technology: Advanced amine-based post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture system with 95% capture and 99.9% CO<sub>2</sub> purity developed with the University of Kentucky.
  - Solvent Independent, Process Intensified Technology
- Low Cost, Reductions in Capital Cost, CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Cost & LCOE
- Strategies for Enhanced Operational Flexibility
- **Research**, leading to commercialization, on the scale-up volumetric gas/liquid distribution effectiveness; gas pressure drop variation; solvent robustness; secondary emissions; operational flexibility; integration with GT and HRSG
  - Complimentary commercial scale FEED currently ongoing to lower risk.

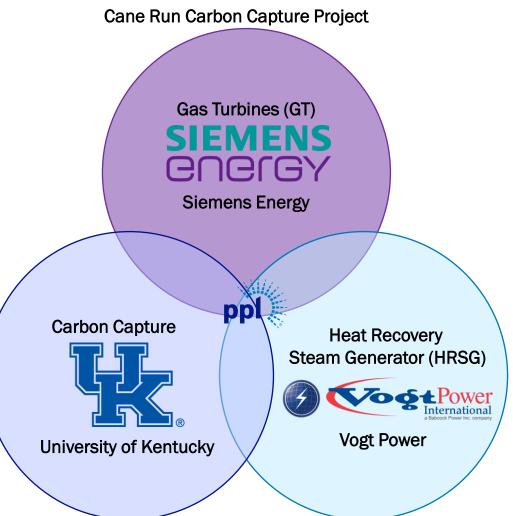


### Collaboration can address R&D challenges.



### Include the OEMs while integrating carbon capture equipment to improve the design.

- Learnings from the 20 MW large pilot could enable:
  - Improved Capture Performance
  - Derisk Technology from Retrofit Integration with HRSG & GT
  - Volumetric Effectiveness of the Liquid/Gas Distribution
  - Solvent Degradation and Quality Management
  - Reduced Cost and Increased Reliability
- Example learnings from the full-scale FEED with EPRI and UK:
  - Increasing backpressure on the gas turbine is a possible mechanism to eliminate flue gas booster fan.
    - Collaboration with GT, HRSG, and Carbon Capture
  - Optimizing the steam extraction point location on an NGCC requires full HRSG and steam turbine models.
    - Collaborate with OEMs to understand repercussions from equipment performance and service agreements.



# Thank you!

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