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CONN. PEAKING RFP SPURS FINANCING PITCHES

Lenders have begun approaching bidders submitting projects into an RFP for peaking capacity in Connecticut in the hopes of scoring financing mandates. In response to legislation, the state's **Department of Public Utility Control** asked for proposals on up to 500 MW of new peakers by last Monday and it will decide on the winners within 120 days. Incentivizing the bidders is a 30-year contract with either **Connecticut Light & Power** or **United Illuminating**, with a mechanism allowing costs to be recovered from ratepayers if project revenues come up short.

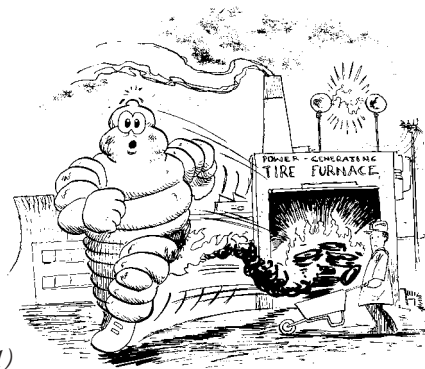
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Burning Rubber

TIRES-TO-ENERGY DEVELOPER HUNTS FUNDING

Caletta Renewable Energy is looking to arrange financing for three projects expected to cost around \$560 million. Loans will cover roughly 75-80% of the cost of each, says **Victor Gatto**, principal and coo of the Canton, Mass.-based developer, which is the majority partner in project entity **Erie Renewable Energy**.

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KGEN ICES PLANS FOR GOING PUBLIC

KGen Power Corporation's board has suspended plans for registering its shares on the **NASDAQ**. The IPP filed a shelf registration in November as a precursor to that listing and since then made two amendments (PFR, 1/18). **Daniel East**, v.p. of strategic planning and development in Houston, says, "The board weighed the advantages and disadvantages of being a publicly reporting company and decided now is not the best time." Asked why, he said it was a "combination of factors...driven by the current equity market conditions."

Registering the shares was not aimed at raising new capital, but at creating liquidity in the

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A Balm For Gilead

ONTARIO DEVELOPER PLOTS MULTIPLE FINANCINGS

Canadian developer **Gilead Power Corp.** is looking to line up financing for the first of several wind and biomass projects in various stages of development, expected to cost more than C\$2.5 billion (\$2.54 billion) in all. "We have a tremendous amount in the pipeline that we will be looking to go to the market with," says **Paul Pede**, president in Peterborough, Ontario. By the end of this month, the company will have finalized its plans for approaching lenders for the first project: 20 MW **Ostrander Point** wind in Prince Edward County, Ontario.

Pede says Gilead wants financing in place for 70-75% of the C\$45 million cost of this first

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At Press Time

Riverstone Targets \$10B For New Energy Funds

Carlyle/Riverstone is aiming to raise \$6 billion for its fourth Global Energy & Power Fund and \$4 billion for its second Renewable Energy Infrastructure Fund. The buyout shop is reportedly close to closing the conventional power fund, which it began marketing last year (PFR, 5/4), but is still marketing the renewable one.

As first reported in *PFR Daily* last Thursday, it is set to hold an investor call this morning to update potential participants.

Carlyle/Riverstone closed its third fund with \$3.8 billion last year, having previously raised \$1.1 billion in 2004 for fund II and \$222 million for its debut in 2001. It also raked in \$685 million for its first Renewable Energy Infrastructure Fund in 2006. Riverstone's traditional focus is midstream, exploration and production, power generation and oilfield services. In renewables it invests globally in wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and biofuels. Elizabeth Weymouth, managing director in New York, declined to comment.

Noble Dishes Out \$1B In Project Financing Mandates

Citibank is set to lead a roughly \$800 million construction financing for three wind projects Noble Environmental Power is proposing in upstate New York, supported by BNP Paribas, Royal Bank of Scotland and HSH Nordbank. Separately the Essex, Conn., developer is expected to mandate Union Bank of California, BayernLB and AIG Financial Products on a roughly \$265 million club financing for phase one of its planned 240 MW Great Plains farm in the Texas Panhandle. The mandates were first reported by *PFR* last Tuesday.

The New York portfolio is 351 MW and will be backed by \$757 million in loans as well as ancillary facilities for debt service reserve and hedging, according to one market watcher. Credit Suisse is expected to structure the hedge. The projects are the 126 MW Weathersfield farm in Wyoming County, a 97.5 MW expansion of the existing 102 MW Altona wind farm under construction in Clinton County and the combined 127.5 MW Chateaugay and Bellmont farms in Franklin County (PFR, 1/18). GE Energy Financial Services will provide an undetermined amount of tax equity upon closing in April, just as it did for the last portfolio, totaling 318 MW.

The project in Texas will initially be 114 MW but it is unclear if it will be merchant or contracted. AIG and UBoC will provide the tax equity upon closing in the April/May timeframe, which for AIG will be a first after it picked up tax equity in the secondary market late last year. Boston boutique CP Energy is thought to be advising Noble on the financing and tax equity for Great Plains and the tax equity for the three New York projects. An official at the boutique declined to comment and calls to Noble CEO Chuck Hinckley, CFO Chris Lowe and the banks were not returned.

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Lone Star Acquirer Eyes Partner For AEP Fleet



Marc Walraven

Eagle Construction and Environmental Services is looking for a partner with which to build new plants on sites it bought from American Electric Power last month. Marc Walraven, v.p. in Eastland, Texas, says the company typically salvages components such as transformers from run-down generation and sells them to owners of plants that need upgrading. But it is considering repowering the Texas sites, he says, because the plants already have rights to water, which is hard to come by and holds value.

It will take AEP at least a year to take the plants off the grid. "It's so early on. There is a lot to be done," says Walraven. Other options under consideration include developing industrial and residential property on the sites, or disassembling the plants and reassembling them in Third World countries where they will be cheaper to build. Eagle recently took down a copper smelter in Hidalgo, N.M., and reassembled it in South America, along with an inside-the-fence generator. Compared to new build "it's pennies on the dollar," he explains.

The 656 MW portfolio acquired from AEP for an undisclosed sum consists of 362 MW Fort Phantom in Abilene, 35 MW Lake Pauline near Quanah, a 123 MW unit in San Angelo and 136 MW Rio Pecos near Girvin. They were bought with cash. Eagle elected to not purchase 18 MW Abilene Power Station because of its estimated negative value, says Walraven. Separately, 75 MW Oak Creek in Bronte was transferred to the City of Sweetwater in a settlement, and 218 MW Paint Creek in Stamford is being marketed to other parties because of a buyback clause in the deeds on the property (PFR, 8/15, 9/7).

Japanese Developer Preps Funding For 180 MW Texas Farm

Eurus Energy Americas Corp. is soliciting prospective tax equity investors and hedging providers for a 180 MW wind farm under development in Borden County, Texas, known as Bull Creek. Specifications on the asset were recently dispatched, according to one deal tracker, who notes that commitments are due in May. Commercial operation is expected by the year-end.

Construction debt has reportedly also been arranged for the farm, but the terms of that and the lenders could not be learned. Calls to the subsidiary of Japanese-owned Eurus Energy Holdings in San Diego were not returned. Nor was a call to its financial advisor CP Energy.

Eurus, a joint venture between Tokyo Electric Power Co. (60%) and Toyota Tsusho (40%) (PFR, 10/19), has 1,385 MW of wind in operation across Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and Europe. At its Americas unit it has the combined 248.51 MW Mojave,

Viking Oasis farms in California, which came online between 1987 and 1990, 54.45 MW Crescent Ridge in Illinois, and 41 MW Combine Hills in Umatilla County, Ore. (PFR, 12/8/03).

NTR Taps Airtricity Financier



Teresa Brennan

Teresa Brennan, a corporate finance official at Airtricity North America in Chicago, has left and is understood to be joining Irish toll roads operator NTR. NTR had a majority interest in Dublin-based Airtricity Holdings until it sold the company (PFR, 10/5), and is reportedly still looking at wind, solar and biomass opportunities in the U.S.

Nigel Heneghan, a spokesman for NTR, confirmed the company "maintains an interest in the [renewables] space," but declined to elaborate or comment on Brennan.

Final Bids On Chevron B.C. Storage Due

Chevron Corp. will take final, binding offers today for its Aitken Creek Gas Storage facility, located about 120 km northwest of Fort St. John in British Columbia. The facility has expansion potential to 118 billion cubic feet from 71 billion Bcf. Among those expected to be bidding are Carlyle/Riverstone, TransCanada and ArcLight Capital Partners (PFR, 1/11).

CIBC World Markets, financial advisor to the seller, dispatched marketing material on the asset in mid-November and took indicative offers Jan. 4. Chevron acquired Aitken Creek through its merger with Unocal Corp. two years ago. It is selling because it deems it non-core, having sold its exploration and production assets in Western Canada in 2004. A call to Chevron was not returned.

Lehman Readies \$200M Bond For So-Cal Power Acquisition

Lehman Brothers is reportedly structuring a circa \$200 million bond supporting Paul Prager-backed Beowulf Energy and Natural Gas Partners' \$342 million acquisition of a 167 MW generating portfolio. The seller is the City of Vernon, in the SP-15 region of southern California (PFR, 10/19). The proceeds are expected to close into escrow in April, pending regulatory approval of the transaction.

Lehman ran the auction, featuring the prized 134 MW combined-cycle, gas-fired Malburg Generating Station, a 22 MW interest in the Western Area Power Administration's Hoover Upgrading hydro project on the Arizona/Nevada border and an 11 MW interest in South California Public Power Authority's 3.8 GW Palo Verde facility in Wintersburg, Ariz.—the largest nuclear plant in the U.S.—valid through 2030. Also being acquired are the City's interests in the Mead-Adelanto

Transmission Project and the Mead-Phoenix Transmission Project. A related transmission system will be sold to **Starwood Energy Group Global** affiliate **Startrans IO** (PFR, 2/8).

Prager declined to comment via a spokesman and calls to **Rob Stowe**, an official handling the deal at Lehman in New York, were not returned.

TXU Loans Hold Up In Secondary Market After B1 Breaks

Energy Future Holdings Corp.—formerly TXU—buyout loans were quoted at steady levels after the arrangers began trading the \$3.45 billion term loan B1 Feb. 29. The arrangers had agreed not to bring the tranche to market amid the tough syndication market last year and reportedly agreed to a memorandum of understanding that barred them from selling down the loan below a certain price.

The B1 first-lien secured tranche, which is pre-payable at any time at par, was at 90.9-91.5 last Wednesday morning, slightly up from its first day of trading last Monday, closing at 90.6-91.1. “Everyone knew it was coming, so we were prepared for it,” one trader said.

The \$7 billion B2, which broke in October (PFR, 10/19), was trading at 91.1-91.7 early Wednesday, having been at 91.2-91.9 Feb. 28 before the B1 started trading. The \$6 billion B3 (PFR, 11/2) moved from 91.3-92.0 Feb. 28 to 90.8-91.6 last Wednesday.

Citigroup is left lead, supported by **JPMorgan**, **Goldman Sachs**, **Morgan Stanley**, **Credit Suisse** and **Lehman Brothers**. The latter four are believed to be the primary sellers and another trader said he expects to see more supply coming in. “They are still planning on marketing some of the overhang,” he said. “But the majority of it has already been sold.”

The financing backed the leveraged buyout of TXU by **Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.**, **TPG** and **Goldman Sachs Capital Partners**. Officials at the banks either declined to comment or did not return calls.

Aussie Co. Closes Chilean Hydro Refi

PacificHydro has refinanced around \$75 million in debt tied to its 2004 purchase of 76.3 MW of inside-the-fence hydro capacity in Chile. The facility was bought from Chilean copper producer **Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile**. **BNP Paribas** and **Dexia Crédit Local** led the refinancing for Coya and Pangal, which wrapped Feb. 29.

Kevin Sze, executive manager of corporate finance for the Melbourne-based company, says the leads split the new debt equally. BNP refinanced half, having held 50% of the original debt, and Dexia took out the other lenders, **Australia and New Zealand Banking Group** and Chile’s **Banco de Crédito e Inversiones**, which each had 25%. He declined to discuss pricing and terms other than to say the new debt provided the Aussie

developer with substantially better terms.

PacificHydro bought the plants from **CODELCO** along with related transmission infrastructure and upstream water rights in the Cachapoal River Basin. All power is sold under a long-term PPA to **CODELCO**, which uses it to power the El Teniente copper mine. **PacificHydro** has five hydro projects under development (PFR, 2/29) and expects to mandate a bank for financing the first, 106 MW Chacayes, this fall. Calls to BNP and Dexia were not returned.

Fortis Anoints Commodities MDs



Michiel van der Voort

Fortis has named **Michiel van der Voort**, former head of the bank’s Americas acquisition finance team, and **Danny Ip**, who headed up its agricultural commodities desk in Hong Kong, as managing directors of the U.S. and Hong Kong commodities teams, respectively.

Van der Voort will manage commodities teams in the U.S., reporting to **Cristina Roberts**, global head of energy commodities and head of commodities Americas, as well as **Eric Chilton**, head of U.S. corporate and investment banking. Van der Voort had been in his previous position since he joined **Fortis** in 2005 and has experience in banking, dealing with commodities, energy and foreign exchange trading.

Ip in Hong Kong replaces **Kenney Wei**, who left for undisclosed reason. Before heading the agri-commodities sector, Ip served as executive director in commodities after joining **Fortis** in Hong Kong in 2005. Before that he was general manager of the bank’s Shanghai branch. Calls to **Fortis** officials were not returned.

Morris Energy Refi Wraps Via GE

Morgan Stanley has syndicated to **GE Energy Financial Services** the \$100 million refinancing of project debt tied to a 638 MW generating portfolio owned by **Morris Energy Group** subsidiary **MEG Generating** (PFR, 10/23).

The deal closed Feb. 27 and **GE** sold down an undisclosed portion of its exposure to **Prudential Insurance Co. of America**, according to a **GE** spokesman. **Dennis Clarke**, a principal at the Morristown, N.J., IPP declined to comment.

Morgan was bookrunner and lead arranger on the seven-year loan and **GE** was collateral and administrative agent. **Trust Company of the West** led the original financing, of which roughly \$50 million was taken out in the refinancing. **TCW** did not return calls.

The debt was tied to five plants—150 MW Camden, which is contracted to **Constellation Energy**, 126 MW Pedricktown, contracted to **Conectiv**, 123 MW Newark and 171 MW Bayonne in New Jersey and 68 MW Dartmouth in Dartmouth, Mass. Debt relating to new developments was not included.

Leads Grease Puget Syndication With Promises Of Scaling Back

Barclays Capital and Dresdner Kleinwort have been privately telling banks interested in committing to tickets on \$3.575 billion in loans backing the privatization of **Puget Energy** that they will be assured of being scaled back. A maximum hold of \$200 million will be guaranteed for committing to \$300 million, while banks signing up for \$200 million will be guaranteed a final allocation of no more than \$150 million, according to deal trackers, who note the strategy is aimed at smoothing syndication.

The leads have commitments from nine lenders so far totaling around \$1.5 billion in wholesale syndication and are in talks with around five more who may join this round. Three to four undisclosed firms joined the deal at the end of last month. Retail syndication is set to launch within the next two weeks with tickets on offer in the \$50-125 million range (PFR, 2/22).

Being syndicated is a \$1.425 billion senior term loan and a \$1 billion line for capital expenditures at the holdco. Pricing was flexed to 225 basis points over LIBOR from an original 200. At the opco level is a \$400 million senior facility for capex, a \$400 million revolver and a \$350 million tranche for hedging, all priced at 100.

Puget Energy is being taken private by a consortium of infrastructure players led by **Macquarie Infrastructure Partners**. A call to Macquarie was not returned and officials at the banks declined to comment.

LatAm LNG Project Lands Financing



Jared Brenner

Irradia, sponsor of a 300,000 gallon per day micro natural gas liquefaction plant under development near Lima, Peru, has closed on an \$81.6 million construction and term loan.

"We've made an initial funding, but they have not yet met all the conditions for the full release of funds," says **Jared Brenner**, executive director of capital markets for Latin

America at lead **WestLB** in New York. The sponsor now needs to secure an offtake contract in order to receive full funding for the first phase of development.

The project will be developed in two 150,000 gallon phases, with proceeds generated from phase one helping to finance a portion of phase two. The first phase is expected to cost roughly \$50 million and the second around \$30 million, according to Brenner. Gas will come from the Camisea pipeline in Peru and be liquefied before distribution to areas Peru's pipeline network is unable to reach.

Irradia, formed in 2006, is a venture between U.S.-based **Kelley International** (40%), **Ichor LNG** (25%) and Peruvian entrepreneur **Inversiones Wineca** (35%). Kelley is a subsidiary of the Amarillo, Texas-based **Kelley Family of Companies**, and

Ichor LNG is a special purpose subsidiary of independent oil and gas developer **HEYCO Energy**. Calls to **Willy Neustadt Garcés**, president of Irradia in Lima, were not returned.

U.K. IPP Financing Launches Via New Lineup

Lead **Royal Bank of Scotland** and co-arrangers **Calyon** and **ING Bank** launched syndication last Tuesday of a GBP550 million (\$1.09 billion) debt package supporting construction of **Welsh Power Group's** 850 MW combined-cycle gas turbine Severn Power plant in Newport, south Wales. A bank meeting will be held Wednesday in London and syndication is slated to close later this month.

Welsh Power originally mandated RBS along with **Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ**, **Calyon** and **KBC Bank** (PFR, 10/12, 10/26), but KBC and BoTM opted to drop out because they became uncomfortable with the merchant exposure. "When we first started to structure the deal the financial climate was much different. The combination of the merchant status and the credit crunch was what I think caused the trouble as both banks tightened their lending criteria," explained **Alex Lambie**, ceo of Welsh Power.

Being syndicated is a GBP400 million project-level term loan with a tenor of construction plus 10 years and a GBP125-150 million facility for trading collateral, with the remainder in letters of credit. There is a long list of participant banks being targeted, most of which are European, says Lambie. Officials at U.K. boutique **Lexicon Partners**, which is advising on the financing, and the banks either declined to comment or did not return calls.

Abengoa JV Readies Spanish Solar Lead

Abengoa Solar and Portuguese developer **Hiperion** are this week expected to select lead arrangers on a EUR350-400 million (\$533-609 million) financing of an unidentified solar photovoltaic plant in southern Spain. Financial close is expected in the next few months.

Caixa Banco de Investimento is financial advisor to the sponsors and **Daniel Amaral**, head of project finance at the bank in Lisbon, says three to five Spanish and/or Portuguese banks are being auditioned for a role. He declined to identify which ones. Officials at Hiperion—started by former **Energias de Portugal** employees—and **Antonio de la Torre Iglesias**, in charge of the projects at Abengoa, could not be reached.

Abengoa mandated **WestLB** as sole lead arranger on a EUR250 financing for 30 MW of photovoltaic projects to be built this year (PFR, 2/1) and **Caja Madrid** and **Natixis** underwrote EUR148.7 million in loans for its earlier PS10 and PS20 MW projects in Sanlucar la Mayor, Seville (PFR, 3/2/06).

Wind Developer Eyes AMEX Listing

Boreal Energy, a Minneapolis-based wind developer, intends to register on the **American Stock Exchange** to give more investors access to its units. In the past the company had placed common stock privately. "We want to list on the AMEX market as soon as possible," says **Greg Jaunich**, co-founder and strategic consultant. The listing comes hot on the heels of its tax-free acquisition of 28.5 million unregistered common shares in **Wind Energy America**, which were exchanged for wind farms. Wind Energy America is now a majority shareholder in Boreal.

Boreal had planned to list on the U.K.'s **Alternative Investment Market** last summer. "The European market tended to understand wind a little bit more," says Jaunich, former ceo of fellow Minneapolis developer **Navitas Energy**. But that plan was shelved when the credit markets began to slide. It is now looking to the AMEX because the exchange has a renewable energy index that will allow it to target both institutional and individual investors

interested in a "pure play in wind" in North America, he says.

Boreal is separately talking to an unidentified oil and gas company about partnering on U.S. wind projects. Alongside **Wind Energy America** it plans to finance construction of their co-owned 10 MW **Averill Wind farm** near Averill, Minn., 10 MW **Great Plains Winds** near Sibley, Iowa, and a 20 MW farm near **Gascoyne, N.D.** **Piper Jaffray & Co.** is advising on the \$65 million financing for these projects, and Jaunich says they will be funded 50% with tax equity and 50% with debt. **GE Corporate Finance** provided \$37 million in debt and tax equity for 30 MW of projects in southwest Minnesota.

So far, Boreal has 55 MW operating and 1.2 GW in the pipeline across Wisconsin, Illinois, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, North Dakota, and southern Canada. Jaunich says these projects will take up to three years to develop. To support this build out, Jaunich is looking hire a new ceo after **Charles Knight** left to join real estate company **Abaco Investment Group** in Denver at the end of last year.

Corporate Strategies

PG&E Refinances For Capex Funds

Pacific Gas & Electric reopened a December offering of 10-year notes to sell \$200 million more of the paper and at the same time has issued \$400 million in new 30-year notes to repay commercial paper ahead of its \$3.6 billion capital expenditure program this year. "Our strategy was not to repay short-term with long-term, but to fund capex long term," says **Nick Bijur**, assistant treasurer in San Francisco, of the refinancing.

In the reopening, PG&E sold the 10-year notes with a coupon of 5.42% instead of the 5.625% it landed on the original \$500 million issue in December. "Because of that difference, we basically issued these bonds at a premium, so we received proceeds of \$203 million," Bijur explains. Separately, the new \$400 million issue due Feb. 15, 2038, has a 6.35% coupon.

From the total proceeds, \$500 million will be used to pay down almost all of PG&E's outstanding commercial paper, which has an average interest of about 3.52%. The balance will be used for working capital.

"It's everything from new generation to transmission to distribution projects," says Bijur of the capex goals. Priority projects across California include its construction of 530 MW **Gateway Generating Station** in Antioch, set to come online next year, as well as its 657 MW **Colusa project** in Colusa County and the repowering of the 163 **Humboldt Bay project**, both scheduled to be completed in 2010.

Goldman Sachs, **Lehman Brothers** and **UBS Investment Bank** were joint-bookrunners on the sale, which closed last Monday. **Mizuho Securities**, **Blaylock Robert Van** and **CastleOak Securities** were co-managers. "They were selected based on their expertise and capabilities and our long-term

relationship with them," he says. **Blaylock** and **CastleOak** were selected in part due to PG&E placing an importance on working with firms that are minority-owned, he adds.

PECO Issues \$500M To Repay CP

PECO, an **Exelon** subsidiary providing electricity and gas to southeastern Pennsylvania, issued \$500 million in 5.35% first and refunding mortgage bonds to repay commercial paper and fund a portion of this year's capital expenditures program. "For them it's all infrastructure, distribution and transmission projects," says **Robert Hornick**, senior director in New York at **Fitch Ratings**, which gave an A rating to the bonds, maturing March 1, 2018.

PECO's \$394 million capital program will be funded with this and a later bond offering, as well as internal revenue, **Matthew Giesecke**, director of finance, told *PFR* (PFR, 2/15). The program includes upgrading and building transmission substations to support growth in Philadelphia's central business district, repairing five 230 kV transmission lines in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, and extending a line across the Delaware River with **PJM Interconnection**. Calls to PECO officials were not returned.

At year-end, the company had \$246 million in outstanding short-term debt, while the weighted average on its commercial paper as of Feb. 22 was 4.26%, according to **Securities and Exchange Commission** filings.

Goldman Sachs, **Lehman Brothers** and **BNY Capital Markets** were joint book-runners for the offering. **Mizuho Securities**, **Greenwich Capital Markets**, **Williams Capital Group** and **Toussaint Capital Partners** were co-managers. As of Dec. 31, PECO had \$2.8 billion in long-term debt and a debt-to-equity ratio of around 50:50.



Generation Auction & Sale Calendar

Following is a directory of ongoing generation asset sales. The accuracy of the information, which is derived from many sources, is deemed reliable but cannot be guaranteed. To report new auctions or changes in the status of a sale, please call Katy Burne, Managing Editor, at (212) 224-3165 or e-mail kburne@iinews.com.

Seller	Plants	Location	MW	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments
American Electric Power	Paint Creek Abilene Power Station	Stamford, Texas Abilene, Texas	218 18	Gas	N/A	Bids were taken on Texas portfolio Nov. 14, with five other plants being sold in Feb. to Eagle Construction and Environmental Services.
Arroyo Energy Investors	Thermo Cogeneration	Fort Lupton, Colo.	272	Gas	N/A	Starwood Energy Group Global said to be closing a purchase and sale agreement shortly (PFR, 2/6).
Astoria Energy	Astoria plant	Queens, N.Y.	500	Gas	N/A	Owners fielding offers. Suez Energy acquiring 30% (PFR 9/29).
Barry Bates and Michael Underwood	Thompson River Cogen	Montana	16	Coal, Waste Wood	Energy Advisory	Wayzata Investment Partners reportedly acquired.
Bicent Power	Mountain View	Palm Springs, Calif.	67	Wind	Goldman Sachs	AES to acquire (PFR, 1/7).
Black Hills Corp.	Arapahoe Valmont Fountain Valley Las Vegas I Las Vegas II Harbor Valencia	Denver, Colo. Valmont, Colo. Colorado Springs, Colo. Las Vegas, Nev. Las Vegas, Nev. Long Beach, Calif. Albuquerque, N.M.	130 80 240 53 224 98 149	Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas	Credit Suisse	Seller looking for an all-cash transaction. Preliminary bids taken Nov. 20. Bids said to be close to \$800 million (PFR, 12/10). Hastings Funds Management, AllCapital, Beowulf Energy in partnership with Natural Gas Partners, Tenaska Energy, Energy Investors Funds, and EnergyCo. on shortlist to acquire (PFR, 1/28).
Bluff Power Partners E/S Solutions Calpine	McCommas Bluff Acadia Energy Center Fremont Energy Center Hillabee Energy Center Texas City Clear Lake	Dallas, Texas Eunice, La. Sandusky County, Ohio Alexander City, Ala. Texas City, Texas Clear Lake, Texas	 1,016 (50%) 512 774 425 375	 Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas	 Miller Buckfire	 Sold to Cajun Gas Energy for \$189 million (PFR, 8/6). FirstEnergy won with \$253.6M bid (PFR, 2/7). CER Generation won with \$155M (PFR, 2/6). Teasers went out w/c Nov. 26 (PFR, 11/26). First-round bids deadline pushed back to 1/24.
Catamount Energy	Sweetwater Ryegate Power Rumford	Nolan County, Texas Vermont Rumford, Me.	505 (50%) 20 85	Wind Wood waste Cogen	Goldman Sachs	Unsolicited approaches have been made to backer Diamond Castle Holdings (PFR, 8/31).
CIT Group	RockGen Energy Center	Cambridge, Wis.	460	Gas	Bear Stearns	Lessee Calpine to acquire for an undisclosed sum.
Central Vermont Public Service	Various	Vermont	70 in summer, 86 in winter	Hydro	Morgan Stanley	Believed to be in advanced stages, (PFR, 5/18).
City of Vernon	Malburg Generating Station Palo Verde Power Hoover Upgrading	Southern Calif. Southern Calif. Southern Calif.	134 11 22	Gas Nuclear Hydro	Lehman Brothers	Beowulf Energy and Natural Gas Partners agreed to buy for \$342 million. Lehman Brothers to lead debt financing (PFR, 10/22).
Conectiv Energy (Pepco Holdings)	Various	PJM Interconnection	3,700	Various (merchant)	Credit Suisse	Company reviewing strategic alternatives, including whole or partial sale and merger (PFR, 12/10).
Con Ed Development	CEEMI Newington Energy Ada Cogeneration Lakewood Ocean Peaking Power Rock Springs Genor EverPower Wind	Springfield, Mass. Newington, N.H. Ada, Mich. Lakewood, N.J. Lakewood, N.J. Rising Sun, Md. Puerto Barrios, Guatemala NEPOOL, NY, PJM	185 525 (99.5%) 29 (48%) 246 (80%) 339 670 (50%) 42 (49.5%) 500 planned	Gas, Oil, Hydro Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Oil Wind	Morgan Stanley	Industry Funds Management to take Allico's equity stake for \$63 million in its \$1.447 billion acquisition. Barclay's to lead the debt, expected to launch into syndication next month (PFR, 2/11). RBS may co-lead (PFR, 2/19). Ada not sold. Partner is Olympus Power.
ConocoPhillips	Immingham	Lincolnshire, U.K.	730	Gas	Citigroup	Reportedly looking at strategic options on the plant (PFR, 1/18).
Competitive Power Ventures	N/A	Front Royal, Va.	600 (development)	Gas	N/A	Dominion bought for an undisclosed sum.
Complete Energy Holdings	La Paloma Batesville	McKittrick, Calif. Batesville, Miss.	1,022 837	Gas Gas	JPMorgan	In second round. Shortlist unclear. Final bids due Feb. 28. Kelson Holdings believed to be bidding (PFR, 2/8).
Corona Power	Sunbury Generating	Shamokin Dam, PA	432	Coal, oil, diesel	Merrill Lynch	Soliciting equity to complete \$250M of upgrades (PFR, 12/24).
DONG Energy	Evia, Karistos and Tourla	Greece	18.6 MW	Wind	HSBC	Teasers expected later this quarter after IPO (PFR, 1/18).
DTE Energy	East China River Rouge	East China, Mich. Detroit, Mich.	320 240	Gas Gas	N/A N/A	Seller exploring options, including outright sale. On books at scrap value, decommissioned.
EISSL	Various	Catalonia, Spain	630	Wind, Hydro	JPMorgan	Company weighing sale (PFR, 12/24).
Energy Future Holdings (Luminant)	Sandow 4 Sandow 5	Milam Co., Texas	545 (50%) 581 (50%)	Coal Coal	Credit Suisse	Plans to sell stakes to Perennial Power Holdings (PFR, 2/18).
Entegra	Gila Union	Phoenix, Ariz. El Dorado, Ark.	2,300 3,000	Gas Gas	N/A	Reportedly in talks to merge with KGen (PFR, 1/17).
Entergy Corp.	50% stake in Top Deer Wind Ventures RS Cogen Roy S. Nelson Warren Power Harrison Independence Robert Ritchie	Worth County, Iowa Carsen County, Texas Lake Charles, La. Westlake, La. Vicksburg, Miss. Marshall, Texas Newark, Ark. Helena, Ark.	40 40 212 60 225 335 121 544	Wind Gas Gas/Oil Gas Gas Coal Gas/Oil	New Harbor	Seller wants about \$520 million for the assets. Bidders shortlisted to four players: two financial; two infrastructure (PFR, 6/18).
ESB International	Marina Great Island Tarbert	Cork City, Ireland Wexford Co., Ireland County Kerry, Ireland	115 240 640	Gas Oil Oil	Merrill Lynch	Bids are being reviewed for the portfolio (PFR, 2/22).
Exergy Development Group	Various	Upper Midwest, Northwest U.S.	3600 (176 ready to construct)	Wind	Marathon Capital	Weighing partnership, joint venture, recap or sale (PFR, 12/17).
Fluor	Greater Gabbard	Thames Estuary, U.K.	500	Wind	RBC Capital Markets	Specs went out in late Aug. for Fluor's 40% stake (PFR, 8/17).
Foresight Wind Energy	Various	Arizona, New Mexico	2 GW pipeline	Wind	CP Energy	Transaction delayed (PFR, 10/8).
FPL Energy	Posdef Tesla	Stockton, Calif. Tracy, Calif.	44 1,120	Coal/Petcoke Gas/Steam	New Harbor Credit Suisse	Teasers sent (PFR, 12/17). Development site. Status unclear.

Generation Auction & Sale Calendar (cont'd)

Seller	Plants	Location	MW	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments
General Electric	Baglan Bay N/A	Port Talbot, Wales PJM	510 80	Gas Waste Coal	Lexicon Partners N/A	GE deferred sale. Carron Energy interested. Looking for buyers (PFR, 2/26).
Goldman Sachs, Cargill	Teesside Power	Teesside, U.K.	1,875 MW	Gas	Rothschild	Gaz de France and Suez jointly agreed to acquire Feb. 25 for an undisclosed sum.
Goldman Sachs (Cogentrix Energy)	Southaven Power	Southaven, Miss.	810	Gas	Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin	Kelson Energy named stalking horse with \$305 million bid (PFR, 1/9).
InterGen (AIG Highstar Capital II, 50%)	Rocksavage Coryton Spalding Rijnmond Rijnmond II Bajio La Rosita Quezon Millmerran Callide	Runcorn, U.K. Essex, U.K. Lincolnshire, U.K. Rotterdam, the Netherlands 400 development San Luis de la Paz, Mexico Mexicali, Mexico Philippines near Brisbane, Australia Queensland, Australia	748 732 860 820 600 (306 stake) 1,100 460 (211 stake) 880 (228 stake) 920 (230 stake)	Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Coal Coal Coal	Lehman Brothers	Two-part auction kicked off late Jan. (PFR, 2/7).
Kelson Holdings	Dogwood Redbud Cottonwood Magnolia	Pleasant Hill, Mo. Luther, Okla. Deweyville, Texas Benton County, Miss.	620 1,230 1,230 922	Gas Gas Gas Gas	Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch	Weighing strategic options, including sale/merger (PFR, 10/9). Signed agreement to sell Redbud for \$852 million to consortium of load-servicing entities (PFR, 1/21).
KGen Power	Murray I Murray II Hot Spring Hinds Sandersville	Murray Co., Ga. Murray Co., Ga. Hot Spring Co., Ark Jackson, Miss. Washington Co., Ga.	630 620 620 520 640	Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas	Credit Suisse	Reportedly in talks to merge with Entegra (PFR, 1/17).
LS Power	Sugar Creek	Sugar Creek, Ind.	561	Gas	N/A	Northern Indiana Public Service to acquire (PFR, 11/2).
MACH Gen	Millennium Athens Covert Harquahala	Carlton, Mass. Athens, N.Y. South Haven, Miss. Tonopah, Ariz.	360 1,080 1,100 1,092	Gas/Oil Gas/Oil Gas Gas	Credit Suisse	Considering sale or a merger (PFR, 12/17).
Mirant	Lovett Generating Station	Tompkins Cove, N.Y.	183	Coal/Gas	N/A	Alliance Energy offered to buy for undisclosed sum but withdrew offer when Mirant did not respond (PFR, 2/14).
National Grid	Ravenswood Station	Queens, N.Y.	2,450	Gas	Merrill Lynch	Bids due March 20 (PFR, 2/21). About \$1.5 billion of the \$1.9 billion staple is funded debt (PFR, 2/1).
Navasota Energy (Navasota Holding Texas) (Montgomery Energy Partners)	Colorado Bend Quail Run L'Energia Billerica Energy Center	Wharton, Texas Odessa, Texas Lowell, Mass. Billerica, Mass.	1,650 825 84 240-360	Gas (development) Gas (development) Gas (repowering) Gas (development)	JPMorgan	Teasers not yet dispatched (PFR, 2/11).
Noble Environmental Power	Various	N.Y., Mich.	385	Wind	Goldman Sachs	Company reportedly looking to IPO.
North American Power Group	Rio Bravo Fresno Rio Bravo Rocklin Chinese Station	Fresno, Calif. Roseville, Calif. Jamestown, Calif.	25 25 22	Biomass Biomass Biomass	N/A	In discussion with potential buyers (PFR, 8/31).
NorthWestern Energy	Colstrip Unit 4 (30%)	Mont.	740 MW	Coal	Credit Suisse	Sold to Covanta Holding in Oct. for undisclosed sum.
NRG Energy	Indian River	Millsboro, Del.	784	Coal	N/A	Exploring strategic options (PFR, 2/8).
PSEG Global	Electroandes	Andean region, Peru	180	Hydro	JPMorgan	Seller soliciting offers on plant (PFR, 11/8).
Primary Power International	Hillman Grayling Genesse Dapp Generating Valley Power	Hillman, Mich. Grayling, Mich. Flint, Mich. Westlock, Alberta Drayton Valley, Alberta	19 36 35 17 12	Biomass		Statkraft Power Invest acquired in Oct. for \$390 million.
Reliant Energy	Channelview	Lyondell, Texas	830	Gas	Houlihan Lokey	Fortistar agreed to purchase an interest in the portfolio. Deal set to close in 30 days (PFR, 2/19).
RES Americas	Various	U.S.	1,000 under construction; 10,000 in pipeline	Wind	Credit Suisse	Kelson Holdings agreed to acquire for \$468 million. Credit Suisse, UBoC to finance purchase (PFR, 2/25).
Ridgeline Energy	Various	Idaho, Ore., Wash.	3,700 in development	Wind	Marathon Capital	Company looking to sell up to 100% to a financial investor to finance growth (PFR, 1/7).
Rockland Capital Energy Investments	B.L. England	Cape May County, N.J.	447	Coal, Oil	JPMorgan	Back in play after talks were nixed with a southern U.S. utility (PFR, 10/8).
Sempra Generation	Catoctin	Frederick Co, Md.	600 in development	Gas	N/A	Owner seeking strategic equity partner with which to finance \$400-600M repowering (PFR, 12/10).
Signal Hill Power	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls, Texas	77	Gas	Miller Buckfire	Bids due March 4.
Sumas	Sumas Cogeneration	Sumas, Wash.	125	Gas	N/A	Development project reportedly for sale.
Temasek Holdings	PowerSeraya Senoko Power Tuas Power	Singapore	3,100 3,300 2,670	Gas Oil Steam	Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley	Teasers dispatched. Bids due March 17 (PFR, 2/20).
Tenaska Power Fund	Commonwealth Chesapeake	New Church, Va.	315	Oil	JP Morgan	Puget Sound Energy agreed to buy for undisclosed sum. Deal set to close by year end.
Third Planet Windpower	Various, U.S.	Various, U.S.	3 GW late-stage 5-7 GW early-stage	Wind	Marathon Capital	Teasers dispatched 10/15. Tuas to be sold first (PFR, 10/22).
TransAlta	Campeche Chihuahua	Mexico Mexico	252 259	Gas/Diesel Gas	N/A	Tyr won the auction and Fieldstone Private Capital Group is advising on the purchase and debt financing (PFR, 2/19).
Tyche Power Partners	Brooklyn Navy Yard	Brooklyn, N.Y.	286	Gas Cogen	Credit Suisse	Developer looking for joint venture partner.
UPC Wind	Various	North America	3GW in development	Wind	JPMorgan	InterGen to buy for \$303.5M, funded with equity and non-recourse debt. Lead bank on financing unknown.
U.S. Renewables Group	Bottle Rock power project	Geyers area,	55	Geothermal	Goldman Sachs	Temporarily iced due to credit crunch.
Waterbury Generation	Waterbury Generation	Waterbury, Conn.	96	Gas	N/A	Market test did not lead to a sale, so company is reportedly weighing an IPO (PFR, 6/8).
Wheelabrator Technologies	Shasta	Anderson, Calif.	49	Biomass	ABN Amro	Preliminary bids due Dec. 17 (PFR, 12/3).
						Energy Capital Partners in negotiations to buy development rights (PFR, 8/29).
						Seller evaluating a sale. Review close to completion.

Project Finance Deal Book

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Live Deals: North America

Sponsor	Project	Location	Lead(s)	Loan	Loan Amount	Tenor	Notes
Abengoa AES	Solana (280 MW Solar) Termoeléctrico de Penoles (230 MW Petcoke)	Gila Bend, Ariz. Tamuin, Mexico	TBA Calyon	TBA Refinancing	TBA \$227M	TBA	Selecting lenders. Four of six commitments in.
Babcock & Brown Power, Pittsburg Power	Trans Bay Cable (400 MW, two 200 kV cables)	San Francisco, Calif.	BayernLB	Construction Loan	\$299M	33-yr	Syndication of subordinate tranche launched.
Babcock & Brown	2009 Turbine Supply	Various	TBA	Turbine supply	\$188M	7-yr	Selecting lenders.
Biomass Group	South Point (200 MW Biomass)	South Point, Ohio	WestLB	Construction Loan	\$265-300M	TBA	Syndication expected in April.
Borealis Infrastructure	Bruce Power (4.6 GW)	Tiverton, Ontario	Scotia, Dexia HoldCo Loan	TBA \$100M	C\$750M (\$710M)	TBA	Leads considering relaunch in U.S.
Brick Power Holdings	Tiverton (265 MW Gas) Rumford (265 MW Gas)	Tiverton, R.I. Rumford, Maine	Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch	Recapitalization	TBA TBA	TBA	Timeline unclear.
Carlyle/Riverstone	Portfolio (1.5 GW Gas)	Various, Texas	Morgan Stanley	TBA	\$900M	TBA	Morgan tapped at end of Jan.
EarthFirst Canada	Dokie I (144 MW Wind)	Peace River, British Columbia	WestLB	TBA	\$212M	17-yr	Syndication to launch in two weeks.
Econergy International	La Gloria (50 MW Wind)	Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica	NordLB	Term Loan, Letter of Credit	\$125M TBA	TBA	Lead weighing strategy (PFR, 2/22).
Empresas ICA	La Yesca (750 MW Hydro)	Nayarit, Mexico	WestLB, Citibank/Banamex, HSBC, BBVA Bancomer, Santander, NordLB	Construction Loan Revolver	\$910M \$80M	4-yr, 9m	Syndication ongoing.
Energy Investors Fund ENMAX Energy	Hot Springs (48MW Geo) Calgary (1.2 GW Gas)	Elko, Nev. Calgary, Alberta	DZ Bank, Fortis Capital TBA	TBA TBA	\$120M TBA	TBA	32 MW phase to come online in 2009. Timeline unclear.
EverPower Renewables Excelsior Energy	2009 Turbine Supply Mesaba Energy (603 MW IGCC)	Various Minn.	KeyBanc Capital Markets TBA	Turbine supply	\$130M TBA	TBA	Syndication ongoing. Barclays advising.
Falcon Gas Storage FPL Energy	MoBay (50Bcf Gas Storage) Northern Frontier (600 MW Wind)	Mobile County, Ala. Various	TBA UniCredit, Mizuho	TBA Back-Leveraged Loan	\$300-350M \$250M	TBA	Selecting lenders. Syndication wrapped end of last month (PFR, 3/3).
GNL Quintero Green Rock Energy	LNG Receiving/Regasification Green Rock (Gasification)	Quintero Bay, Chile St. James Parish, La.	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA \$1B	TBA	Lenders shortlisted. Selecting lenders.
CarVal Investments et al. Invenergy	Granite Ridge (720 MW Gas) Forward Energy (99 MW Wind)	Londonderry, N.H. Dodge and Fond du Lac counties, Wis.	Lehman Brothers, Merrill Dexia Credit Local, NordLB	Construction Loan Equity Bridge Loan	\$300-350M \$249M TBA	17-yr	Timeline TBA. Commitments due 3/14 (PFR, 2/22).
Irradia J-Power USA	Grand Ridge (99 MW Wind) McAdoo (150MW Wind) Irradia (300,000 Gal./day LNG) Orange Grove (95 MN Gas)	Ottawa, Ill. Dickens County, Texas Lima, Peru Orange Grove, Calif.	UniCredit HVB UniCredit HVB WestLB Royal Bank of Scotland	TBA TBA Construction Loan Construction Loan LC Facility Equity Bridge Loan	TBA TBA \$81.6M \$70M \$25M \$30M TBA	TBA TBA 25-yr	Syndication expected end of this month. Syndication expected end of this month. Deal wrapped last month (PFR, 3/4). Syndication ongoing.
Kleen Energy Systems LVE Energy Partners	Middletown (520 MW) LVE Energy Center (16 MW Thermal backup power)	Middletown, Conn. Las Vegas, Nev.	Goldman Sachs Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.	Term Loan Letter of Credit Letter of Credit	\$145M \$20M \$100M	TBA	Timeline unclear. Syndication ongoing.
Mesa Power	Mesa Power (4 GW Wind)	Roberts, Gray, Hemphill, Wheeler Counties, Texas	TBA	Turbine Supply Loan	TBA	TBA	Will look for lenders soon (PFR, 2/22).
Morris Energy Group Nacogdoches Power	Portfolio (638 MW) Nacogdoches (100 MW Biomass, 300 MW Gas)	Various Sacul, Texas	Morgan Stanley TBA	Refinancing TBA	\$130M TBA	TBA	Syndication wrapped 2/27 (PFR, 3/3). Looking for debt/equity for \$600M project.
NGS Energy Fund	Tres Palacios (36.4 bcf Gas Storage)	Matagorda County, Texas	ING Capital	Construction Loan Term Loan Revolver	\$285M \$100M \$50M		Retail commitments due 2/26.
Noble Environmental Power	Turbine Supply Loan New York 2008 Portfolio (351 MW)	Various Upstate New York	HSH, KeyBanc Citibank, BNP, RBS, HSH	Turbine Supply Loan TBA	\$460M \$757M	3-yr TBA	Syndication ongoing. Leads mandated early this month (PFR, 3/4).
NuCoastal PacificHydro	Great Plains (114 MW Wind) Lon C. Hill (530 MW Gas) Chacayes (106 Hydro)	Texas Panhandle Corpus Christi, Texas Cachapoal River, Chile	UBoC, Bayern, AIG TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA	\$265M TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA	Leads tipped early this month (PFR, 3/4). Seeking lenders. Lenders to be shortlisted in May (PFR, 3/3).
Padoma Wind Power Perennial Power	Coya, Pangal (76.3 MW Hydro) Sherbino I (150 MW Wind) Hermiston (474 MW Gas) and Bliss (339 MW Wind)	Cachapoal River, Chile Pecos County, Texas Hermiston, Ore. Clinton and Bliss, N.Y.	BNP, Dexia Fortis TBA	Refinancing Construction/Term Loan TBA	\$75M \$280M \$130M	15-yr 10-yr	Deal wrapped 2/29 (PFR, 3/3). Syndication ongoing. Status unclear.
Rollcast Energy Shear Wind	Greenway (50MW Biomass) Various (300 MW Wind)	Heard County, Ga. Alberta and Nova Scotia	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	Selecting lenders. Selecting lenders.
Siemens Building Tech. StormFisher Biogas	Various (4-10 MW each) Various (30 2-5 MW, Biogas)	Various Ontario	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	Selecting lenders. Recently landed private equity funds (PFR, 2/22).
Starwood Energy Solar Utilities	Midway (120 MW Gas) Various (Solar)	Fresno County, Calif. Various	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	\$100M \$1.3B	TBA TBA	Selecting lenders. Selecting lenders (PFR, 2/22).
SUEZ Energy International Third Planet Windpower	Central Termoeléctrica Various (Wind)	Northern Chile Neb., Wyo., Texas	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	Looking for banks for \$500M. Will look for lenders in 2Q-3Q.
Transfield Services Unigas	Central Kelar (+340 MW Coal) Okfuskee Gas Storage (30 Bcf)	Antofagasta Region, Chile Okfuskee County, Oklahoma	WestLB, Calyon, HSBC TBA	TBA TBA	TBA \$150M	TBA TBA	Syndication expected in April. Barclays advising.

News In Brief

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Americas

- **Dominion** has purchased a 600 MW project under development in northwest Virginia from **Competitive Power Ventures** (*EarthTimes.org*, 3/4).
- **PPL** has agreed to sell its subsidiaries **PPL Gas Utilities** and **Penn Fuel Propane** to **UGI Corp.**, a distributor and marketer of energy products based in Valley Forge, Pa., for about \$268 million in cash and working capital (*Associated Press*, 3/6).
- **Great Plains Energy** has reached an agreement with Kansas opponents of its pending \$1.7 billion acquisition of **Aquila** (*bizjournals.com*, 2/28).
- **Calpine** reported a profit of \$895 million for 2007 and has formed a search committee to find a replacement for CEO **Robert May**, a turnaround specialist who joined in Dec. 2005 (*Reuters*, 2/29).
- **LS Power Development** has become the strategic partner for a pilot initiative under a University of Texas carbon capture research program to advance scientific knowledge about carbon dioxide emissions from coal plants (*The Earth Times*, 2/29).
- **Constellation Energy Group** has named **Michael Wallace** vice chairman of the company's new nuclear strategy. He will also oversee **UniStar Nuclear Energy**, a joint venture between Constellation and France's **EDF Group** (*CNNMoney.com*, 3/3).
- **PSEG Renewable Generation** and **Winergy Power Holdings** have submitted a proposal to the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy to build a 350 MW wind farm 16 miles off the shore of South New Jersey (*Yahoo! Finance*, 3/4).
- Consumer electronics giant **Toshiba** has launched **Toshiba America Nuclear Energy**, a new company in the U.S. that aims to enhance its nuclear power businesses (*Reuters*, 3/6).
- **Iberdrola Renovables** has commissioned a new wind farm in Casselman, Pa., capable of generating up to 34.5 MW (*North American Windpower*, 3/6).
- **Raser Technologies** has started development on two additional geothermal projects, bringing the total capacity of its geothermal projects to 70-75 MW. The company is also in

negotiations to purchase a total of 140 MW of projects (*TradingMarkets.com*, 3/6).

Europe

- **BP** is looking for ways to realize the value of its alternative energy investments, which the oil and gas group believes are worth up to \$7 billion with the potential for rapid growth (*Financial Times*, 2/27).
- **Babcock & Brown Infrastructure** is considering divesting non-core assets, including some of the wind assets owned by **Babcock & Brown Wind Partners** (*Sky News Online*, 3/5).
- **Enel**, Italy's largest utility, is offering **Gazprom** a minority stake in an Italian power plant in return for gas supplies to **OGK-5**, after paying EUR972 million (\$1.5 billion) to take control of the Russian power generator (*Bloomberg*, 3/6).

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HSBC PF Banker Resurfaces In Joburg

Paul Eardley-Taylor, former director of power and utility project finance at HSBC in London, has been appointed senior v.p. of debt and infrastructure for Africa. He reports to **Sean Bennett**, recently appointed head of HSBC's investment banking in Johannesburg and also former head of corporate banking at **UBS Investment Bank** in London. In the role, Eardley-Taylor will focus on project finance, property finance and infrastructure for 12 countries, including South Africa, Botswana, Nigeria, Angola, Namibia and Ghana.

HSBC sent him to South Africa mainly to help advise state-owned utility **Eskom** on financing for a host of planned developments set to come online between 2012 and 2014. Among them are the 4.8 GW coal-fired Project Bravo near the Witbank area in the province of Mpumalanga, the 1.5 GW pumped storage Project Lima between the Nebo Plateau and Steelpoort River Valley also in Mpumalanga, and the 4.8 GW coal-fired Medupi plant west of Lephalale in Limpopo. Eskom

also has a tender for international developers to build, own and operate the \$10 billion, 3 GW Nuclear 1 plant, on which he is advising. No preferred bidder for that project has been named.

Boutique M&A Firm Hires For D.C.

Concentric Energy Advisors has hired **Kenneth Yagelski** as an assistant v.p. to run its new Washington, D.C., office. He started Feb. 25, reporting to **John Reed**, chairman and ceo, and **Robert Hevert**, president in Marlborough, Mass. "The energy business has a strong stake in the District and if we want to be seen as someone who is serious about this business, we need a presence here," says Yagelski, who most recently served as director of energy acquisitions at **Washington Gas**, a natural gas utility in D.C.

Concentric's staff has almost doubled in size in the last year. Yagelski's hire follows two other recent appointments at the energy management consulting and economic advisory firm—**John Trogonoski**, a senior consultant who joined Feb. 11 and **Michael Lucy**, who joined Jan. 1.

TIRES-TO-ENERGY

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First up is its \$235 million, 90 MW tires-to-energy Port Erie plant in Erie, Pa. "We've had productive conversations with at least three banks," he says, declining to identify the firms.

Caletta, formed in 2005, is a partnership between **Palmer Paving Corp.** and **Barletta Engineering**, also based in Canton. A mandate is expected to be awarded in the next several weeks for Erie and Caletta has been in talks with around six funds in New York and Pennsylvania to provide equity. Also in the works is its \$210 million, 60 MW solid waste-to-energy plant in Alliance, Ohio, as well as Caletta's \$115-118 million, 35 MW wood-burning **Palmer Renewable Energy** plant in Springfield, Mass. The same bank would not necessarily handle financing for all three, says Gatto, noting that Caletta wants debt financing in place by early next year for each. Downstream, a 90 MW solid waste-to-energy plant in Johnston, R.I., and early-stage projects in Las Vegas, Little Rock, Ark., Wierton, W.Va. and in the Caribbean will also need financing.

Permits are yet to be secured for Erie—the furthest along. "Nobody's going to be willing to fund us until the air permit is in hand, and we don't have control over that process," explains Gatto. The company is facing opposition from local grape farmers concerned about emissions, and expects to hear by late fall from the **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**, at which point the financing can be rolled out.

Construction would begin soon after on a former **International Paper** site and the facility would come online late next year. Boston-based energy advisory firm **SourceOne** has

been retained to negotiate offtake agreements with utilities for the baseload plant, but Gatto and SourceOne President **Brian Casey** would not talk specifics.

Erie will generate power by burning 800 tons per day of tire-derived-fuel, created by cutting old tires into two-inch squares. The company is in discussions now with waste companies such as **Waste Management** that would deliver tires that would otherwise go into landfills. There are at least two other tires-to-energy plants in the U.S.

—*Thomas Rains*

ONTARIO DEVELOPER

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project by the fourth quarter, with the balance on balance sheet. "As the end of the month nears, we will tighten that up," he says of the remainder to be done on balance sheet. The company will look to European, U.S. and Canadian lenders, and Pede names Toronto-based **MGI Securities** as a relationship bank. It expects to nail down a PPA with the **Ontario Power Authority** for Ostrander.

Gilead, established in 2004, also has 200 MW of wind projects in development in Eastern Ontario and about 300 MW across five projects in the north central part of the province. Each will be no smaller than 20 MW and will cost around C\$2.5 million per megawatt, says Pede, noting the company could arrange financing as soon as next year for them.

In northeastern Ontario, Gilead has a 10-25 MW biomass facility in development expected to cost roughly \$3 million per megawatt when construction begins in 2010. "All these drill down to somewhere between a two- to four-year timeframe, depending on where we are on the different stages of the process

and how they map out to any available RFP at the time,” he says, referring to the regulatory processes required by such bodies as Ontario’s Ministry of Energy and Ministry of the Environment. Additionally, the company is evaluating wind resources for some 500 MW offshore in Lake Ontario, which is four to five years away from construction. —*T.R.*

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stock, he adds. “It wouldn’t be an IPO. We raised capital in the 144A market (PFR, 2/6/06). We have the ability to do a secondary offering, but nothing is contemplated at this time.” Earlier this year, KGen was rumored to be in talks to merge with **Entegra Power Group** (PFR, 1/21). Such a deal would prompt a further revision in its filings. **Friedman Billings Ramsey** and **Credit Suisse** are advising on strategic options to enhance shareholder value.

Separately, as first reported by *PFR* last Monday, two independent directors will be joining its board: **Dan Hudson**, cfo of fellow Houston IPP **Navasota Energy Partners**, and **Bill Rockford**, founder of Oak Brook, Ill., IPP **Primary Energy Ventures** and former head of global power and project finance at **Chase Securities**. Primary Energy was bought by **EPCOR Power** in November 2006.

KGen owns 3,030 MW across the Southeastern U.S., where it anticipates the continuing recovery of power prices as overbuild is worked off in the 2010-2014 timeframe. Its investors include affiliates **JANA Partners**, **JPMorgan Chase**, **King Street Capital**, **Luminus Group**, **Stark Master Fund** and **Trust Company of the West**. —*K.B.*

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Bankers are scouring detailed proposals posted in a complex trail of correspondence on the DPUC Website. The qualifying bidders are:

- **Energy Capital Partners**-owned **FirstLight Power**, with a \$136 million, 94 MW gas-fired unit on its Shepaug Hydro Station site in Southbury;
- **LS Power** and **Dynegy**-backed **Bridgeport Energy II**, with a 350 MW unit in Bridgeport;
- A 50/50 joint venture between **UI** and **NRG Energy** known as **GenConn**, proposing 200-500 MW of gas-fired capacity in four configurations involving their 194 MW Devon, 194 MW Middletown and 97 MW Montville units;
- **Maxim Power**, with a \$120 million greenfield gas-fired 96 MW unit in Bridgeport;
- **PSEG Power**, with a 134 MW gas-fired unit in New Haven Harbor;
- **Bridgeport Peaking Power**, with a 200 MW gas-fired

greenfield unit; and

- **CL&P**, with its \$180 million, 200 MW diesel-fired unit in Lebanon, also known as Card Street, and an \$80 million, 65 MW unit in Waterbury, also known as Eagle Street.

Several have already considered non-recourse financing should they win and have letters from banks expressing confidence in their projects. **Joseph Ballantine**, business development manager at **UI** in New Haven, says the response from banks was strong because of the guaranteed revenue stream. While **UI** normally finances on balance sheet, **GenConn** will use non-recourse financing. “We’ve spoken to a number of institutions and I believe we’ve settled on one for the moment.”

Tony Mauro, director of corporate development at **Maxim Power**, says the **Alberta IPP** “hasn’t made any firm commitments but would work closely with its existing bankers,” among them **BMO Capital Markets**. **ECP** is proposing a bridge financing for **FirstLight’s** project until financial close is met in Dec. 2009, says **Jim Ginnetti**, v.p. of external affairs. And **Blake Wheatley**, general manager at **LS Power** in St Louis, Mo., says discussions are under way with banks, but it “hasn’t decided how [it] would finance [the project].”

John MacDonald, v.p. of energy delivery and generation for **CL&P** parent **Northeast Utilities**, says as the only regulated bidder **CL&P** “would issue [first mortgage bond] debt, which would be folded into [its] current capitalization.” **Neil Brown**, a spokesman at **PSEG Power**, says if his company is selected the financing would be done on balance sheet. **Ted Verrill**, president of **Bridgeport Peaking Power** parent **NED Power**, could not be reached.

Winning projects will be selected based on their cost competitiveness, but other factors such as their earliest date of reaching commercial operation and dual fuel capability via gas and ultra low sulfur fuel distillate oil will likely be a factor in the decision-making. —*Katy Burne*

Quote Of The Week

“The board weighed the advantages and disadvantages of being a publicly reporting company and decided now is not the best time.” — **Daniel East**, v.p. of strategic planning and development at **KGen Power** in Houston, on the company’s decision to suspend plans for registering its shares on the **NASDAQ** (see story, page 1).

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Consolidated Edison was exploring strategic options via **Morgan Stanley** on 1.7 GW of generation across the PJM Interconnection and New England. [**AllCapital**, a unit of Australia’s **Allco Financial**, and fellow Aussie infrastructure player **Industry Funds Management** won the auction (PFR, 11/30). **Allco** subsequently sold its 37.6% stake in the deal to **IFM** for \$63 million. **Barclays Capital** is set to launch the \$1 billion financing this month (PFR, 2/8).]