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ALLCO PUTS 4 GW OF WIND, CABLE PROJECT ON THE BLOCK



Steen Stavnsbo

Aussie infrastructure player **Allco Finance Group** has opted to unload a roughly 4 GW global wind portfolio across the U.S., Europe and Australasia. It is also reportedly seeking a buyer for its investment in the proposed Cross Hudson underground cable project between New Jersey and Manhattan.

Steen Stavnsbo, head of Allco Wind Energy in Sydney, says, "Wind is a fairly recent addition to Allco's portfolio and is not considered core."

Margin calls and investor concerns have forced Allco to divest certain assets in a bid to refocus on aviation, shipping, rail and real estate, but Stavnsbo says these

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CIT APPOINTS BIG APPLE ENERGY CHIEF

CIT Energy has appointed **Scott Medla** as managing director and head of its New York office, a new position. As first reported on *PFR's* Web site last Tuesday, he is responsible for power, renewables and energy technology, reporting to **Peter Gaw**, president of CIT Energy in Houston. Medla most recently served as managing director in the natural resources group at **Banc of America**.

"Middle markets are our focus," Gaw told *PFR*, adding, "Scott has had significant experience at **Fieldstone** and **New Harbor** with a very strong middle markets focus."

Medla spent the bulk of 2007 at BofA and departed in November amid cuts the bank made to its power team (*PFR*, 2/22). Before that he held an advisory role at New Harbor between 2003 and early 2007; was managing director at Fieldstone from 1998 to 2003; and previously was head of **Deutsche Bank's** power and utility group between 1991 and 1998.

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CANADIAN DEVELOPER TARGETS C\$2B PORTFOLIO FINANCING



Dan Balaban

Greengate Power Corp. plans to begin lining up debt and equity for 1 GW of wind generation in Alberta and Ontario, set to come online by 2011 and cost over C\$2 billion (\$2.03 billion). "We're currently in the process of evaluating various financing options," says **Dan Balaban**, president and ceo in Calgary.

The developer has not yet decided whether it will go for individual project financings or a portfolio financing. "Alberta is a merchant market, so the province doesn't offer power purchase agreements like in other markets. In a merchant market you can't leverage as much," Balaban says of the market conditions.

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CPV Preps 800 MW Calif. Project Financing

Competitive Power Ventures is preparing to seek project financing proposals supporting construction of its 800 MW Sentinel Energy Project in Desert Hot Springs, Calif. "We've had preliminary discussions with the banks, but we have not formally gone out to the banks for financing," says **Mark Turner**, director at CPV in San Francisco and project manager of Sentinel. The formal process will begin early next quarter, Turner says, in order to have funds in place by the time construction begins later this year or early next year.

The developer has not yet determined the financing structure for the gas-fired plant, expected to cost about \$1,000 per kW, or roughly \$800 million in all. "It has two, 10-year power purchase agreements, so it has a solid revenue stream and it will have a debt-to-equity ratio that reflects that," he explains.

CPV signed a PPA with **Southern California Edison** March 7 for 273 MW of output to be generated from three of the eight units as of Aug. 2012. Some 455 MW generated from the other five units was signed up to SCE last year (PFR, 11/21) and will be available from Aug. 2010. "We may decide to bring the three units on earlier [because of that PPA]," says Turner.

Maxim To Land Northeast Plant From GE

Maxim Power is reportedly set to acquire **Pittsfield Generating Co.**, owner of a 163 MW combined-cycle gas-fired cogeneration facility in Pittsfield, Mass., from **General Electric**. GE draws steam from the plant, and power is sold to **Commonwealth Edison**, **Cambridge Electric Co.** and spot into **NEPOOL**.

Details of the transaction, including the purchase price, could not be learned. **Tony Mauro**, director of corporate development at Maxim, did not immediately respond to a request for comment and a GE spokesman declined to comment.

Geothermal Co. Plots \$300M Financing

Davenport Power and equity partners **US Renewables** and **Riverstone Holdings** will look for as much as \$300 million in debt financing for their planned 120 MW Newberry Geothermal Project near Bend, Ore., after exploratory wells determine the available resource and permits are in place.

Douglas Perry, president of Davenport in Baltimore, says, "Collectively, we will go out and find debt for the project," adding that the entire 120 MW, if developed, would cost more than \$400 million and come online by early to mid-2012. "Hopefully we'll be able to get some development financing on the debt side and of course we will look for construction financing at the appropriate time."

Ultimately, the financing will likely consist of at least \$100 million in equity, explains Perry. US Renewables and Riverstone have agreed to provide an undisclosed amount of development capital for the exploratory wells, and they will have a right to equity in the project, he says. "The big focus now is what we get from the exploratory wells. That will tell a lot about our future plans," he notes. The first 30-40 MW phase is scheduled to come online in late 2010. The project is under a 20-year PPA with **Pacific Gas & Electric** (PFR, 6/15), and **Ewing Bemiss** is financial adviser for the project (PFR, 10/5).

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UPC Wind Seeks Turbine Funding

UPC Wind is looking for around \$177 million in turbine supply and construction financing for two wind farms totaling 200 MW. The projects reportedly break down into a 160 MW farm and a 40 MW farm, both using **Clipper Windpower** turbines, according to deal watchers.

John Lamontagne, a spokesman at UPC in Newington, Mass., confirmed the developer is looking for financing for wind projects, but declined to talk specifics. It has reportedly been in discussions with **BayernLB**, **HSB Nordbank**, **Mizuho Corporate Bank** and **NordLB** over the last several weeks. The banks either declined to comment or did not return calls.

UPC landed tax equity financing early last month from **Lehman Brothers** for a 199 MW portfolio under construction in New York, including the 54 MW Prattsburgh project slated to use **General Electric** 1.5 MW SLE turbines. The financing also includes 58 **Clipper** 2.5 MW Liberty turbines, eight of which have been installed at its 20 MW Steel Winds project in Lackawanna, N.Y., and 50 of which will be used at its 125 MW Cohocton and Dutch Hill projects in Cohocton, N.Y. At the time, **Tim Rosenzweig**, cfo, told *PFR* the developer would come to market again soon for turbine supply loans, construction loans and various funds for a portion of its 5 GW pipeline.

Big Apple Fund Seen Buying TransAlta Peaker



Nick Singer

New York hedge fund/private equity hybrid **Standard General** is close to acquiring a 50 MW simple-cycle peaker in Binghamton, N.Y., from **TransAlta** for an undisclosed sum. The transaction is the firm's first power deal after being founded last year by **Nick Singer** and **Soo Kim**—formerly founding partners at **Cyrus Capital Partners**, which was spun out

of **Och-Ziff Capital Management** in 2005.

The transaction will be funded solely with equity prior to close, and the capital structure will be revisited later to lever up at the project level. Approval from the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission** is expected within the next 45 days.

Special purpose affiliate **Standard Power** focuses on sub-100 MW acquisitions across North America and Canada. It is looking at all generating types—including gas, coal, geothermal, wind, hydro, biomass and solar—and has executed a few other private deals in the space. Details of these could not be learned and Singer declined to comment.

Standard has significant investments across the power, utility, energy and infrastructure. Singer sits on the board of Kansas City, Mo., utility **Aquila** and the master fund controls 20% in

both the common stock of **Penn Octane Corp.** and its master limited partnership **Rio Vista Energy Partners**. The fund's strategy is an MLP rollup, whereby a series of related upstream and midstream assets can be dropped into the structure, which benefits from tax-efficient distributions.

Babcock Seen Buying Noble Farm

Babcock & Brown is understood to have purchased a 69 MW wind farm under development in Michigan known as Thumb from Essex, Conn.-based developer **Noble Environmental Power**. The farm, set to go into construction this year, is phase one of a two-part development in Huron and Sanilac Counties, with construction of a 90 MW second phase beginning next year.

Further details, including the purchase price, could not be immediately gleaned. The deal, first reported by *PFR* last Monday, is expected to be granted **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission** approval by April 21. Calls to **Hunter Armistead**, head of the North American energy development group at Babcock in San Francisco, and to **Chris Lowe**, cfo of Noble, were not returned.

Abu Dhabi Tender Sees Delays To Include New Bidder

Requests for proposals for Shuweihat S2, a greenfield 1.6 GW/100 million gallons per day independent water and power project near Abu Dhabi, have been pushed back to April from the original deadline at the end of this month to allow for a new bidder. The identity of the new entrant could not be determined.

Four consortia are known to be bidding to build, own and operate the plant. They include:

- **Marubeni Corp.**, backed by **ING**, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, **Standard Chartered Bank**, **National Bank of Abu Dhabi** and **Mizuho Corporate Bank**
- **SUEZ Energy International**, thought to be teaming up with either **AES**, **Malakoff** or **SembCorp Industries**, and financed by **Calyon** and **Natixis**
- **International Power** and **Sumitomo Corp.**, with financing via **BNP Paribas** and **Sumitomo Mutsui Banking Corp.** and
- **Hongkong Electric International**, which is still arranging its financing via newly formed U.K. advisory boutique **Consilium** (*PFR*, 2/29).

Adwea, the state-owned water and electricity authority being advised by **HSBC**, will own 60% of the project, with international sponsors controlling the balance. Commercial agreements are anticipated to be signed in July, with financial close on the deal targeted for the third or fourth quarter. Officials

at the banks and bidders either declined to comment or did not return calls.

Pa. Merchant Plant Draws Six Bids

Sunbury Generation, a 432 MW merchant facility in Shamokin Dam, Pa. up for sale via **Merrill Lynch**, has seen interest from six contenders. **Neil Hedrick**, v.p. at Armagh, Pa.-based waste coal supplier **Robindale Energy Services**, also the money behind **Dalk Land LP**, one of five entities that controls Sunbury owner **Corona Power**, says either a stake sale or outright divestiture will be considered (PFR, 12/20). The plant produces 390 MW of baseload coal capacity, 37 MW of oil-fired capacity and 5 MW of diesel-fired capacity.

The list of potential acquirers could not be learned, but Hedrick says the group involves a mix of utilities, strategic players and financial sponsors. No deadline has been given for offers, but the owners expect to decide on their preferred route within a couple of weeks. Some \$220 million in financing is needed for new scrubbers on all four units and new bag houses to collect ash. A Merrill official did not return a request for comment.

The other owners of Sunbury alongside Corona Power are **AMCI Capital** (25%), **First Reserve Corp.** (8%), **JAZ Ventures**, whose limited partner interest is owned by **Scott Kroh**, president at Robindale (47%), and **Canoe Valley Limestone** (9%). Corona bought Sunbury from **WPS Energy Services** for \$34.6 million.

NorthWestern Plots Financing For \$900M Of Projects

NorthWestern Energy will look to project finance roughly 50% of the cost of its more than \$100 million, 120-220 Mill Creek gas-fired plant near Anaconda, Mont., as well as a portion of its \$800 million transmission line from Montana into Idaho.

"The bulk of the capital expenditure on this process will be in the 2009-2010 timeframe," says **Dan Rausch**, director of investor relations in Sioux Falls, S.D. The company will submit its plans for Mill Creek to the **Montana Public Service Commission** next quarter to get approval within nine months and get the project online in 2010.

"We're still working with parties to determine the demand for the [transmission] project," Rausch adds. The driver for both projects is new generation, primarily from wind in Montana. The 500 kV line would stretch 400 miles from southwestern Montana into southeastern Idaho when complete in 2013. In particular, the first 210 MW of **Naturener USA's** 300 MW **McCormick Ranch Wind Park** in Toole and Glacier Counties (PFR, 6/22), set to come online by year-end, will tie into existing NorthWestern lines.

In January, the firm hired **Credit Suisse** to explore the sale of

its 30% interest in the 740 MW Colstrip Unit 4 in Billings, Mt., proceeds from which could also be put towards the cost of Mill Creek (PFR, 2/8).

Oil Troika Zeros In On Pipeline Suitor

ExxonMobil Canada, **Shell Canada Energy** and **Imperial Oil** have landed a buyer for their co-owned **Rainbow Pipeline Co.**, a non-regulated, tariff-based oil pipeline extending from Zama Lake to Edmonton in Alberta. The deal is expected to be complete by month-end. "We are in negotiations with a party, but beyond that it would be inappropriate for me to comment," **Pius Rolheiser**, a spokesman for Imperial, told PFR.

CIBC World Markets is advising on the sale of the business (PFR, 11/16), whose net income has historically been in the low to mid C\$30 million range (\$30.2 million) but is projected to grow to C\$46 million this year. Rainbow's throughput is about 200,000 barrels per day, of which 58% is heavy crude.

Bank Roster Set For \$1B Chilean LNG Financing

GNL Quintero has mandated nine banks to arrange more than \$1 billion in financing for what will be Chile's first liquefied natural gas receiving and regasification terminal in Quintero Bay.

As reported in *PFR Daily* last Wednesday, **Banesto**, **BBVA Bancomer**, **Calyon**, **Fortis**, **ING**, **Intesa SanPaolo**, **Mizuho Corporate Bank**, **Grupo Santander** and **West LB** are the arrangers and financing is expected to close during the second quarter. Syndication will follow soon after.

HSBC is advising on the project, backed by **BG Group** with 40% and **ENAP**, **Metrogas** and **Endesa Chile** each with 20% (PFR, 2/15). It will have an annual capacity of 2.5 million tons—1.7 million of which will be contracted to BG for 21 years when construction is complete next year.

Complete Receives Final Offers

Final bids were received last Tuesday for the 1.8 GW portfolio **JPMorgan** is shopping on behalf of **Complete Energy Holdings**. There was a small delay to allow bidders more time, after the original deadline was set for the end of February (PFR, 2/8).

On the block is a 60% stake in 1,022 MW **La Paloma** in **McKittrick**, Calif., and a 96.3% stake in an 837 MW gas-fired combined-cycle plant in **Batesville**, Miss. The full list of contenders could not be learned, but **Kelson Energy** is pursuing **Batesville**. **Rhonda Hollier**, a spokeswoman for CEH, and officials at JPMorgan declined to comment.

TCW Looks To Fill MD Slot

Trust Company of the West is looking to replace **Brian Daly**, managing director and head of power, who left his New York post Feb. 14. The firm has two to three candidates shortlisted and hopes to make a decision soon, according to **Blair Thomas**, group managing director and chief executive for power in Los Angeles.

Daly resigned to pursue unspecified entrepreneurial endeavors, says Thomas. Daly declined to comment on his plans. "We have an almost \$7 billion portfolio—it precludes small entrepreneurial investments," Thomas told *PFR*. While at TCW, Daly worked on the \$525 million acquisition financing allowing **Complete Energy Holdings** to buy 1,022 MW La Paloma in Kern County, Calif. (*PFR*, 5/13/05).

FPL Names Bid Deadline For Calif. Project

FPL Energy has set April 11 as the deadline by which indicative bids are due on its 44 MW coal and petcoke-fired plant in the Port of Stockton, Calif., 75 miles outside San Francisco. The Juno Beach, Fla., company began selling the asset late last year, along with a development project known as Tesla near the City of Tracy in eastern Alameda County (*PFR*, 12/14).

The plant—known as the Port of Stockton District Energy Facility (Posdef)—has lost money for the last two years. But after unspecific capital improvements it is projected to generate \$5 million of EBITDA this year, according to marketing books dispatched by New York boutique advisor **New Harbor**. The value of the asset could not be determined but one possible attraction is the site's ability to cater to a biomass facility.

Posdef came online in Dec. 1987 and is under a PPA with **Pacific Gas & Electric**, which expires in Oct. 2013. FPL anticipates closing on the sale by mid-year. A spokesman for the Juno Beach, Fla., company declined to comment.

Geothermal Developer Weighs Funding For New Projects

Raser Technologies will decide how to finance two recently announced \$30-35 million, 10 MW geothermal projects in Utah and Oregon over the next six to 15 months. One option under consideration is securing prepayment for power from an offtaker. Another is financing the projects under the umbrella of circa \$500 million construction loan package arranged earlier this year via **Merrill Lynch** for 100-155 MW of developments. "That funds our first year and half of development," says **Marty Petersen**, cfo.

Merrill has the lock on financing for the first 100 MW and first right of refusal to finance the subsequent 55 MW, says

Richard Putnam, director of investor relations in Provo, Utah. It also committed to providing an undisclosed amount of tax equity on a quarterly basis. But if the firm has no tax appetite downstream, Raser will bring in a new partner.

Raser, a publicly traded technology licensing company, began moving into geothermal in 2006. It plans to initiate development of 100 MW worth of 10 MW units per year over the next three years, before ramping up to around 155 MW a year after that. "We have enough resources right now that will keep us busy for about 10 years at that goal-stated rate," Putnam says. Raser was recently shortlisted by an undisclosed Southern California utility for a 10 MW PPA.

HSH Joins U.K. Offshore Wind Financing

Project financing for the 300 MW Thanet offshore wind project off the coast of Margate in Kent, England, will be led by **HSH Nordbank** and **Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ**. **Deutsche Bank** had been mandated earlier alongside BoTM, but was dropped as an arranger for reasons that could not be determined. "[The new leads] were most appropriate considering their experience in offshore wind," says **Mark Petterson** at **Warwick Energy**, the project manager.

Warwick sold its shares in the project to hedge fund **Christofferson Robb & Co.** last September, but is continuing to manage the construction and operation. Delays were seen in the project due to the securitization of turbines (*PFR*, 817). A principal at Christofferson in London declined to comment on the deal and calls to banks were not returned.

The financing is set to close in a few months and the project is expected to come online next year.

Spanish Solar Financing Launches Into General Syndication

A EUR274.6 million (\$421 million) financing supporting construction of the 50 MW Solnova I and 50 MW Solnova 3 solar projects in Sanlúcar la Mayor, Spain, has launched into general syndication, after a senior round of syndication wrapped last Tuesday. **Solúcar Energía**, the solar unit of Spain's **Abengoa**, is the sponsor. The debt consists of a EUR25 million VAT facility and a EUR227.5 term loan split across both projects.

Banco Santander, **Caja Madrid**, **Calyon**, **Natixis** and **Société Générale** are the lead arrangers (*PFR*, 6/1). The banks that signed up in the senior phase are **Caixa Banco de Investimento**, **CM-CIC Securities**, **Dexia Crédit Local**, **IKB Deutsche Industriebank**, **KSW** and **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.**, but their ticket sizes could not be determined. The **European**

Investment Bank may also be targeted for a role, according to one deal watcher. A call to **Ana Cabañas**, Abengoa spokeswoman in Madrid, was not returned.

New Spanish Solar JV Launches, Weighs Project Financing

Torresol Energy, a joint venture unveiled last Wednesday between **SENER Grupo de Ingeniería** and **Masdar**, is in talks with a handful of undisclosed banks to finance three solar projects near Almería in Andalucía, Spain.

Ziad Tassabehji, director of innovation and investments at **Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company**, parent of **Masdar**, declined to disclose specifics of the financings but says **Torresol** is targeting a 80:20 debt-to-equity ratio on the estimated EUR800 million (\$1.241 billion) rollout. **SENER** and **Masdar** will provide the equity.

Bilbao-based **SENER** has been working for three years on developing 17 MW **Gemasolar**, a first-of-a-kind concentrating solar tower able to store heat for 17 hours. **Torresol** will now develop that project as well as a pair of parabolic trough projects, 50 MW **Termasol** and 50 MW **Arcsol**. "We've been looking at the concentrating solar power sector for a number of years," says **Tassabehji**. "[SENER] was most aligned with our vision."

Construction is expected to begin in September for **Gemasolar**, with groundbreaking on **Termasol** six months after. **SENER** officials were not available for comment.

Corporate Strategies

PPL To Use Sale Proceeds For New Nuclear Generation

PPL Corp. plans to use \$268 million in proceeds from the pending sale of its natural gas distribution and propane businesses to add generating capacity at existing plants and to fund new build. **George Biechler**, spokesman in Allentown, Pa., says **PPL** is aiming to focus on its core power supply and delivery businesses. "The generation, marketing and trading of energy—that's where the majority of earnings come from and that's where growth is." The sale to **UGI Utilities** was agreed March 6 and is expected to be finalized by September.

The utility is negotiating with undisclosed partners to build a nuclear facility next to its existing 2,360 MW **Susquehanna** nuclear plant in Salem Township and is planning on financing the project with proceeds from the sale and with the issuance of new bonds, says **Biechler**, declining to elaborate. **PPL** is planning on applying for its combined operating and construction license in the fourth quarter, but

will wait to construct with a partner. **Duke Energy** is one possible partner, after **PPL** subsidiary **PPL Southwest Generation Holdings** teamed up with **Duke** on 600 MW **Griffith** in Kingman, Ariz., and **Allegheny Electric Cooperative**, which owns 10% of **Susquehanna**, is another.

PPL's strategy has been "selling and exiting non-core businesses," explains **Robert Hornick**, senior director at **Fitch Ratings** in New York, citing the company's sale of its Latin American power delivery operations last year. "It won't affect their rating," **Hornick** says of the more recent divestiture, due to the businesses representing only 1% of **PPL's** overall earnings from ongoing operations last year. **Fitch** rates **PPL Corp.** **BBB**. Its debt-to-equity ratio was 46:54 at the end of last year.

SCANA Sells Notes To Pay Down Medium-Term Debt

Energy holding company **SCANA** plans to use proceeds from its \$250 million sale of 6.25%, 12-year senior unsecured notes to pay down \$215 million in older medium-term notes coming due, with the balance going toward short-term debt repayment and general corporate purposes. "This was a scheduled time that we had preset," says **Bryan Hatchell**, director of investor relations in Columbia, S.C. "Conditions were acceptable and we went forward."

Some \$100 million of the proceeds will repay short-term debt used to repay medium-term notes that matured March 1 with an equivalent 5.25% interest rate, according to **Mark Cannon**, risk management officer and treasurer. A further \$115 million will repay 5.81% medium-term bonds maturing Oct. 23, and the majority of the balance will be used to repay a portion of the \$627 million in outstanding short-term debt costing between 3.5% and 4.5%, **Cannon** says.

UBS Securities, **Banc of America Securities** and **BB&T Capital Markets** were joint bookrunners and **Wells Fargo Securities** was co-manager. "These are institutions that we have done work with in the past and we selected them on the basis of this deal and our confidence in their ability to execute," says **Hatchell**.

SCANA—the holding company for **South Carolina Electric & Gas** and the **Public Service Company of North Carolina**—has a debt-to-equity ratio of around 55:45 and \$3.3 billion in total debt outstanding. It is looking to make a decision by the middle of this year regarding the development of new nuclear generation, according to **Hatchell**. "It depends on several factors including commodity costs as well as being able to negotiate a contract with our [construction] vendors," he says, adding that potential financing options have not yet been determined.

TVA Shops \$1B To Refinance Upcoming Maturities



John Hoskins

Tennessee Valley Authority will use the proceeds from its sale of \$1 billion in 4.5% 10-year, global power bonds to help refinance the November maturity of \$2 billion in 5.38%, 10-year global power bonds. "From an issuer's perspective, it made the transaction more attractive. There was a 35 [basis] point decline in U.S. treasury rates," says **John Hoskins** senior v.p. and treasurer in Knoxville, Tenn., of the market timing. "By issuing multiple bonds of different maturities, we are able to take advantage of opportunities across the yield curve and reach a wider spectrum of investors."

The bonds priced at a spread of 85 basis points to 10-year Treasuries. **Lehman Brothers** and **Morgan Stanley** were joint book-running managers, with **Banc of America Securities** and **Merrill Lynch** as co-managers. "With all the turbulence in the equity markets carrying over to the bond markets, we had the most confidence in them for the transaction," says Hoskins. **Fitch Ratings** assigned the government-owned utility's issue an AAA rating.

The bonds were listed on the **New York Stock Exchange** and the **Luxembourg Stock Exchange** to support secondary trading. "There is a strong demand from international investors. Wider participation helps lower TVA's pricing," says Hoskins, citing central banks as a place money managers look to when investing.

Proceeds from the \$500 million in 4.875%, 40-year global bullet-bonds TVA issued in January will also help refinance the upcoming maturity (PFR, 1/25).

Cleco Securitizes Storm Costs To Fund Future Reserves



Kathleen Nolen

A **Cleco Power** affiliate has issued \$180.6 million in securitized storm recovery bonds to help it claw back about \$125 million lost due to 2005 hurricane damage and to establish a \$50 million storm reserve fund. The deal was a first for the company and the state of Louisiana. "There needed to be legislation, and there needed to be a structure for the financing order and we also needed to get the rating agencies on board and understanding the structure," says **Kathleen Nolen**, cfo in Pineville, noting the **Louisiana Public Service Commission** issued an order last September allowing the financing.

Cleco mandated **Credit Suisse** as sole bookrunner and **DEPEA First Albany Securities** and **Wachovia Securities** as co-managers last fall (PFR, 11/9), but the deal was delayed. "Once we were

ready to go, the asset-backed securities market really went home early for the holidays and we postponed the issuance until early 2008," Nolen says. "We were looking for a structure that would kind of optimize the surcharge to customers," she adds, referring to the extra on the customer bills that will service the debt.

The two-tranche deal breaks down into a \$113 million, 4.41% slug with a five-year weighted average tenor, and a \$67.6 million, 5.61% tranche with a 10.5-year average tenor all issued by special purpose subsidiary **Cleco Katrina/Rita Hurricane Recovery Funding**. This subsidiary then used the proceeds to purchase the rights to the surcharge from **Cleco Power**. Cash flow from the surcharge will service the debt, rated AAA by both **Fitch Ratings** and **Moody's Investors Service**. "It took two years to put the structure in place," says Nolen, explaining that the securitization allows the surcharge on the average bill to drop to around \$2.40 from \$4.60, where it has been since it was first added in May 2006.

The storm reserve fund, previously only executed by **FPL Group**, prepares the utility for any future storm damage. "This is a dedicated pool of cash that will be restricted and invested and available for us to pay for future storm costs. So we don't have to worry about liquidity or capital markets," she says.

PFR ANNUAL AWARDS



Power Finance & Risk will announce nominees for its fifth annual power

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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
Allico Finance Group	Various	Kern County, Calif. Germany, France Astralia, New Zealand	3.1 GW 96.5 MW 1.6 GW	Wind	Marathon Capital N/A N/A	Company plans to sell either as global portfolio or in regional chunks (PFR, 3/11).
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 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).
Calpine	Acadia Energy Center Fremont Energy Center Hillabee Energy Center Texas City Clear Lake	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). First round bids taken 1/24 with second round bids expected in April.
Catamount Energy	Sweetwater Ryegate Power Rumford	Nolan County, Teaxs Vermont Rumford, Me.	505 (50%) 20 85	Wind Wood waste Cogen	Goldman Sachs	Unsolicited approaches have been made to financial 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 Uprating	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 Lakewood Ocean Peaking Power Rock Springs Genor Ada Cogeneration EverPower Wind	Springfield, Mass. Newington, N.H. Lakewood, N.J. Lakewood, N.J. Rising Sun, Md. Puerto Barrios, Guatemala Ada, Mich. NEPOOL, NY, PJM	185 525 (99.5%) 246 (80%) 339 670 (50%) 42 (49.5%) 29 (48%) 500 planned	Gas, Oil, Hydro Gas Gas Gas Gas Oil 29 (48%) Wind	Morgan Stanley	Industry Funds Management to take Allico's equity stake for \$63 million in the \$1.447 billion acquisition. Barclays to lead the debt, expected to launch into syndication this month (PFR, 2/11). RBS may co-lead (PFR, 2/19). Not sold. Ada not sold. Partner is Olympus Power. CED sold its 50% stake in Oct. (PFR, 12/9).
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.	34 (in development)	Gas	N/A	Dominion purchased March 4.
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	Indicative bids due April 11 (PFR, 3/11). Development site. Status unclear.
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).

Generation Auction & Sale Calendar (cont'd)

Seller	Plants	Location	MW	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments
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	Runcorn, U.K.	748	Gas	Lehman Brothers	Two-part auction kicked off late Jan. (PFR, 2/7).
	Coryton	Essex., U.K.	732	Gas		
	Spalding	Lincolnshire, U.K.	860	Gas		
	Rijnmond	Rotterdam, the Netherlands	820	Gas		
	Rijnmond II		400 development	Gas		
	Bajio	San Luis de la Paz, Mexico	600 (306 stake)	Gas		
	La Rosita	Mexicali, Mexico	1,100	Gas		
	Quezon	Philippines	460 (211 stake)	Coal		
	Millmerran	near Brisbane, Australia	880 (228 stake)	Coal		
	Callide	Queensland, Australia	920 (230 stake)	Coal		
Kelson Holdings	Dogwood	Pleasant Hill, Mo.	620	Gas	Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch	Weighing strategic options, including sale/merger (PFR, 10/9).
	Redbud	Luther, Okla.	1,230	Gas		Signed agreement to sell Redbud for \$852 million to consortium of load-servicing entities (PFR, 1/21).
	Cottonwood	Deweyville, Texas	1,230	Gas		
	Magnolia	Benton County, Miss.	922	Gas		
KGen Power	Murray I	Murray Co., Ga.	630	Gas	Credit Suisse	Reportedly in talks to merge with Entegra (PFR, 1/17).
	Murray II	Murray Co., Ga.	620	Gas		
	Hot Spring	Hot Spring Co., Ark.	620	Gas		
	Hinds	Jackson, Miss.	520	Gas		
	Sandersville	Washington Co., Ga.	640	Gas		
LS Power	Sugar Creek	Sugar Creek, Ind.	561	Gas	N/A	Northern Indiana Public Service to acquire (PFR, 11/2).
MACH Gen	Millennium	Carlton, Mass.	360	Gas/Oil	Credit Suisse	Considering sale or a merger (PFR, 12/17).
	Athens	Athens, N.Y.	1,080	Gas/Oil		In second round.
	Covert	South Haven, Miss.	1,100	Gas		
	Harquahala	Tonopah, Ariz.	1,092	Gas		
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, 2/21).
Navasota Energy (Navasota Holding Texas)	Colorado Bend	Wharton, Texas	1,650	Gas (development)	JPMorgan	Teasers not yet dispatched (PFR, 2/11).
(Montgomery Energy Partners)	Quail Run	Odessa, Texas	825	Gas (development)		
	L'Energia	Lowell, Mass.	84	Gas (repowering)		
	Billerica Energy Center	Billerica, Mass.	240-360	Gas (development)		
Noble Environmental Power	Various	N.Y., Mich.	385	Wind	Goldman Sachs	Company reportedly looking to IPO.
	Thumb	Huron County, Mich.	68	Wind (development)		Babcock & Brown purchased for undisclosed sum (PFR, 3/10).
North American Power Group	Rio Bravo Fresno	Fresno, Calif.	25	Biomass	N/A	In discussion with potential buyers (PFR, 8/31).
	Rio Bravo Rocklin	Roseville, Calif.	25	Biomass		
	Chinese Station	Jamestown, Calif.	22	Biomass		Sold to Covanta Holding in Oct. for undisclosed sum.
NorthWestern Energy	Colstrip Unit 4 (30%)	Mont.	740 MW	Coal	Credit Suisse	Exploring strategic options (PFR, 2/8).
NRG Energy	Indian River	Millsboro, Del.	784	Coal	N/A	Seller soliciting offers on plant (PFR, 11/8).
PSEG Global	Electroandes	Andean region, Peru	180	Hydro	JPMorgan	Statkraft Power Invest acquired in Oct. for \$390 million.
Primary Power International	Hillman	Hillman, Mich.	19	Biomass		Fortistar agreed to purchase an interest in the portfolio. Deal set to close in 30 days (PFR, 2/19).
	Grayling	Grayling, Mich.	36			
	Genesee	Flint, Mich.	35			
	Dapp Generating	Westlock, Alberta	17			
	Valley Power	Drayton Valley, Alberta	12			
Reliant Energy	Channelview	Lyondell, Texas	830	Gas	Houlihan Lokey	Kelson Holdings agreed to acquire for \$468 million. Credit Suisse, UBoC to finance purchase (PFR, 2/25).
RES Americas	Various	U.S.	1,000 under construction; 10,000 in pipeline	Wind	Credit Suisse	Company looking to sell up to 100% to a financial investor to finance growth (PFR, 1/7).
Ridgeline Energy	Various	Idaho, Ore., Wash.	3,700 in development	Wind	Marathon Capital	Back in play after talks were nixed with a southern U.S. utility (PFR, 10/8).
Rockland Capital Energy Investments	B.L. England	Cape May County, N.J.	447	Coal, Oil	JPMorgan	Owner seeking strategic equity partner with which to finance \$400-600M repowering (PFR, 12/10). Bids taken March 4.
Sempra Generation	Catoctin	Frederick Co, Md.	600 in development	Gas	N/A	Development project reportedly for sale.
Signal Hill Power	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls, Texas	77	Gas	Miller Buckfire	Teasers dispatched. Bids due March 17 (PFR, 2/20).
Sumas	Sumas Cogeneration	Sumas, Wash.	125	Gas	N/A	Puget Sound Energy agreed to buy for undisclosed sum. Deal set to close by year end.
Sithe Global Power	River Hill	Karthaush Township, Pa.	290	Coal	Credit Suisse	Status unclear (PFR 2/16/07).
Temasek Holdings	PowerSeraya	Singapore	3,100	Gas	Credit Suisse,	Teasers dispatched 10/15. Tuas to be sold first (PFR, 10/22).
	Senoko Power		3,300	Oil	Morgan Stanley	
	Tuas Power		2,670	Steam		
Tenaska Power Fund	Commonwealth Chesapeake	New Church, Va.	315	Oil	JP Morgan	Tyr won the auction and Fieldstone Private Capital Group is advising on the purchase and debt financing (PFR, 2/19).
Third Planet Windpower	Various, U.S.	Various, U.S.	3 GW late-stage 5-7 GW early-stage	Wind	Marathon Capital	Developer looking for joint venture partner.
TransAlta	Campeche	Mexico	252	Gas/Diesel	N/A	InterGen to buy for \$303.5M, funded with equity and non-recourse debt. Lead bank on financing unknown.
	Chihuahua	Mexico	259	Gas		Standard Power, a unit of Standard General Management, set to acquire (PFR, 3/12).
	Binghamton	Binghamton, N.Y.	50	Gas	N/A	
Tyche Power Partners	Brooklyn Navy Yard	Brooklyn, N.Y.	286	Gas Cogen	Credit Suisse	Temporarily iced due to credit crunch.
UPC Wind	Various	North America	3GW	Wind	JPMorgan	Market test did not lead to a sale, so company is reportedly weighing an IPO (PFR, 6/8).
U.S. Renewables Group	Bottle Rock power project	Geysers area,	55	Geothermal	Goldman Sachs	Preliminary bids due Dec. 17 (PFR, 12/3).
Waterbury Generation	Waterbury Generation	Waterbury, Conn.	96	Gas	N/A	Energy Capital Partners in negotiations to buy

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 Babcock & Brown Biomass Group	Trans Bay Cable (400 MW, two 200 kV cables) 2009 Turbine Supply South Point (200 MW Biomass)	San Francisco, Calif. Various South Point, Ohio	BayernLB TBA WestLB	Construction Loan Construction Loan Turbine supply Construction Loan	\$299M \$188M TBA \$265-300M	33-yr 7-yr TBA TBA	Syndication of subordinate tranche launched. Selecting lenders. Syndication expected in the summer. Leads considering relaunch in U.S.
Borealis Infrastructure	Bruce Power (4.6 GW)	Tiverton, Ontario	Scotia, Dexia HoldCo Loan	TBA \$100M	C\$750M (\$710M) TBA	TBA	Timeline unclear.
Brick Power Holdings	Tiverton (265 MW Gas) Rumford (265 MW Gas)	Tiverton, R.I. Rumford, Maine	Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch	Recapitalization	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	Selecting lenders (PFR, 3/7). Morgan tapped at end of Jan.
Caletta Renewable Energy Carlyle/Riverstone EarthFirst Canada	Port Erie (90 MW Tires) Portfolio (1.5 GW Gas) Dokie I (144 MW Wind)	Erie, Pa. Various, Texas Peace River, British Columbia	TBA Morgan Stanley WestLB	TBA TBA TBA	TBA \$900M \$212M	TBA TBA 17-yr	Syndication to launch in two weeks. Lead weighing strategy (PFR, 2/22). Syndication ongoing.
Econergy International	La Gloria (50 MW Wind)	Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica	NordLB	Term Loan, Letter of Credit	\$125M TBA	TBA	Syndication ongoing.
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	32 MW phase to come online in 2009.
Energy Investors Fund	Hot Springs (48MW Geo)	Elko, Nev.	DZ Bank, Fortis Capital	TBA	\$120M	TBA	Timeline unclear.
ENMAX Energy Eurus Energy Americas EverPower Renewables Excelsior Energy Falcon Gas Storage Gilead Power Corp. GNL Quintero	Calgary (1.2 GW Gas) Bull Creek (180 MW Wind) 2009 Turbine Supply Mesaba Energy (603 MW IGCC) MoBay (50Bcf Gas Storage) Ostrander (20 MW Wind) LNG Receiving/Regasification	Calgary, Alberta Borden County, Texas Various Minn. Mobile County, Ala. Prince Edward County, Ontario Quintero Bay, Chile	TBA TBA KeyBanc Capital Markets TBA TBA TBA TBA Banesto, BBVA, Cylon, Fortis, ING, Intesa SanPaolo, Mizuho Santander, WestLB	TBA TBA Turbine supply TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA \$130M TBA TBA \$300-350M TBA TBA \$1B	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	Seeking tax equity investors. Syndication ongoing. Barclays advising. Selecting lenders. Selecting lenders. Leads mandated (PFR, 3/12).
Green Rock Energy CarVal Investments et al. Invenergy	Green Rock (Gasification) Granite Ridge (720 MW Gas) Forward Energy (99 MW Wind)	St. James Parish, La. Londonderry, N.H. Dodge and Fond du Lac counties, Wis.	TBA Lehman Brothers, Merrill Dexia Credit Local, NordLB	TBA TBA Construction Loan Equity Bridge Loan	\$1B \$300-350M \$249M	TBA TBA 17-yr	Selecting lenders. Timeline TBA. Commitments due 3/14 (PFR, 2/22).
J-Power USA	Grand Ridge (99 MW Wind) McAdoo (150MW Wind) Orange Grove (95 MN Gas)	Ottawa, Ill. Dickens County, Texas Orange Grove, Calif.	UniCredit HVB UniCredit HVB Royal Bank of Scotland	TBA TBA Construction Loan LC Facility Equity Bridge Loan	TBA TBA \$70M \$25M \$30M	TBA TBA 25-yr	Syndication expected end of this month. Syndication expected end of this month. 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.	TBA Term Loan Letter of Credit Letter of Credit	TBA \$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).
Nacogdoches Power	Nacogdoches (100 MW Biomass, 300 MW Gas)	Sacul, Texas	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Looking for debt/equity for \$600M project. Retail commitments due 2/26.
NGS Energy Fund	Tres Palacios (36.4 bcf Gas Storage)	Matagorda County, Texas	ING Capital	Construction Loan Term Loan Revolver	\$285M \$100M \$50M	3-yr	Syndication ongoing.
Noble Environmental Power	Turbine Supply Loan New York 2008 Portfolio (351 MW) Great Plains (114 MW Wind)	Various Upstate New York Texas Panhandle	HSH, KeyBanc Citibank, BNP, RBS, HSH	Turbine Supply Loan TBA	\$460M \$757M	3-yr TBA	Leads mandated early this month (PFR, 3/4).
NuCoastal PacificHydro	Lon C. Hill (530 MW Gas) Chacayes (106 Hydro)	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	Sherbino I (150 MW Wind) Hermiston (474 MW Gas) and Bliss (339 MW Wind)	Pecos County, Texas Hermiston, Ore. Clinton and Bliss, N.Y.	Fortis TBA	Construction/Term Loan TBA	\$280M \$130M	15-yr 10-yr	Syndication ongoing. Status unclear.
Rollcast Energy Shear Wind Siemens Building Tech. StormFisher Biogas	Greenway (50MW Biomass) Various (300 MW Wind) Various (4-10 MW each) Various (30 2-5 MW, Biogas)	Alberta and Nova Scotia Various Ontario	TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA	Selecting lenders. Selecting lenders. Selecting lenders. Recently landed private equity funds (PFR, 2/22).
Starwood Energy Solar Utilities SUEZ Energy International Third Planet Windpower Transfield Services Unigas	Midway (120 MW Gas) Various (Solar) Central Termoeléctrica Various (Wind) Central Kelar (+340 MW Coal) Okfuskee Gas Storage (30 Bcf)	Fresno County, Calif. Various Northern Chile Neb., Wyo., Texas Antofagasta Region, Chile Okfuskee County, Oklahoma	TBA TBA TBA TBA WestLB, Calyon, HSBC TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	\$100M \$1.3B TBA TBA TBA \$150M	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	Selecting lenders. Selecting lenders (PFR, 2/22). Looking for banks for \$500M. Will look for lenders in 2Q-3Q. Syndication expected in April. Barclays advising.

News In Brief

News In Brief is a summary of publicly reported power news stories. The information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but PFR does not guarantee its completeness or accuracy.

North America

- **Southern California Edison** has signed four long-term offtake agreements with **Competitive Power Ventures**, **Edison Mission Group**, **NRG Energy**, and **Wellhead** for new power generation, representing potential capacity of 1,351 MW (*Yahoo! Finance*, 3/7).
- Construction on the Tehachapi Renewal Transmission Project, the biggest U.S. transmission project largely for wind energy, has begun and is scheduled to be finished by 2013 (*Reuters*, 3/7).
- **American Electric Power** unit **Appalachian Power** has been given approval to build a \$2.23 billion, 629 MW integrated gasification combined cycle plant beside its Mountaineer Plant near New Haven, W.Va. (*Power Engineering International*, 3/7).
- The **Kansas Corporation Commission** has approved a proposal by **Black Hills Corp.** to acquire natural gas assets owned by **Aquila**, and also approved **Great Plains Energy's** proposed acquisition of **Aquila** at the holding company level (*Associated Press*, 3/11).
- **Gregory Abel** will become the ceo of **MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co.** as of the company's April 16 board meeting (*Business Wire*, 3/11).
- **Progress Energy Florida** has asked the **Florida Public Service Commission** to approve two new nuclear plants costing around \$14 billion in Levy County (*Reuters*, 3/11).

- **Panda Energy**, a Dallas developer and owner of merchant plants, will build, own and operate a 500 MW combined-cycle plant in the Progress Park 3 industrial park in South Sherman, Texas with **Sherman Economic Development Corp.** (*Sherman Denison Herald Democrat*, 3/12).

- **GreenHunter Wind Energy**, a subsidiary of **GreenHunter Energy**, has hired **Don Dison** as v.p. of engineering and construction. He previously served at **Gamesa Energy USA** and was responsible for wind energy project construction for the company's Southwest division (*CNNMoney.com*, 3/12).

Europe

- **Iberdrola** has increased its stake in **Gamesa**, a wind turbine manufacturer, by 4.63% to 23.95%, as a result of the Spanish energy giant and **Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria** dissolving a vehicle created to hold 9.25% of the company (*Reuters*, 3/7). Meanwhile, **Iberdrola Renovables** has purchased from **Gamesa** the 44.2 MW La Torrecilla wind farm in the Teruel province of Spain (*IJ Online*, 3/10).

Asia/Pacific

- **Tata Power**, India's oldest private power producer, is spending more than \$6 billion to quadruple domestic capacity to 10,000 MW by 2013 from 2,300 MW (*Reuters*, 3/7).
- **Chevron Corp.**, plans to develop a liquefied natural gas export venture based on its Wheatstone field off northwestern Australia (*Associated Press*, 3/10).

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On the equity side, it may look to developers in Alberta's oil sands region or large international wind developers as partners. Balaban declined to name specific companies but says talks already are under way with financial institutions. The plan is to bring online all of its projects in the next four years. "It's an ambitious goal, but given our position with a way to connect these projects, it's a realistic possibility."

Last month Greengate received an interconnection proposal from the **Alberta Electric System Operator** for its 300 MW Blacksring Ridge farm, allowing energy from it to be sold spot in the Alberta Power Pool. "It doesn't matter how good the wind

is, if you can't connect to the transmission system, you can't build," says Balaban, noting that Blacksring is the first farm to get a proposal from AESO since it capped wind power in the province in May 2006 at a maximum of 900 MW to study its variability on the transmission system. "Having the ability to connect a project in Alberta is the equivalent of winning an RFP in another market," he says.

Blacksring, north of Lethbridge, will cost around C\$600 million and is slated to come online in the fourth quarter of 2010 after construction begins early that year or late next year. Agreements for six more farms are in the works, with 100 MW Radar Hill farm and Chigwell, Halkirk and Panoka farms, all 150 MW, in central Alberta expected next month. Following that, agreements are expected in the summer for the 150 MW

Wintering Hills project in east central Alberta and the 100 MW Stirling project in southeastern Alberta. Also on deck are four 10 MW projects the developer calls its Standard Offer Program projects, referencing Ontario's offer of 20-year PPAs for projects under 10 MW.

—*Thomas Rains*

CIT APPOINTS

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Gaw joined earlier this year (PFR, 1/9), and is seeking to fill additional posts. CIT is also seeking to advise on more energy and power deals, with the recent acquisition of Charlotte, N.C., energy advisory outfit **Edgeview Partners**.

—*Katie Hale*

ALLCO PUTS

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factors won't prevent it from running an orderly process on the wind assets. A transaction is expected to be announced at the end of next quarter. Both he and a spokeswoman declined to comment on the status of Cross Hudson. **Phillip Gennarelli**, president of **Cavallo Energy**, Allco's strategic partner in the project, declined to comment via a spokeswoman.

Up for grabs in the U.S. is Allco's 3.1 GW Tehachapi wind assets in Kern County, Calif. Included is 1,550 MW under development, backed by a 20-year PPA with **Southern California Edison**—the largest ever offtake agreement in wind (PFR, 10/26).

These assets are expected to fetch a premium due to their location and the \$1.9 billion of related transmission nearby owned by SCE.

The farms are targeted to reach commercial operation in phases through 2012. An initial 24 MW project in partnership with **Marubeni-backed Oak Creek Energy Systems**—and under a separate long-term PPA with **California Portland Cement Co.**—is set to come online at the end of this month (PFR, 10/25). A 50% stake in development services provider **Alta Innovative Power Co.**, a joint venture with Oak Creek, is included in the sale.

Separately, Allco is discussions with strategic partners for a further 700-800 MW of development projects outside California, and is offering to introduce the buyers of its U.S. assets to those parties. "It was in very advanced stages, and the partners will wait to see who the new owner is," says Stavnsbo.

Marathon Capital will run the U.S. wind auction, as reported by *PFR* last Tuesday. "We have been tracking the various acquisitions and there are few advisors at the forefront of development assets. We felt they were able to put their A-team on this and we wanted a specialist advisor rather than one of the big names," said Stavnsbo. Officials at Bannockburn, Ill.-based

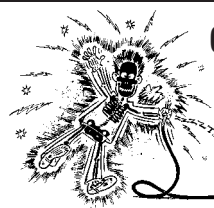
Marathon declined to comment.

Allco is handling the sale of the non-U.S. assets itself, but Stavnsbo says an advisory role may be up for grabs depending on how the process goes. That portfolio consists of roughly 100 MW across Germany and France, the bulk of which is operational, and 1.6 GW in Australasia, about 250 MW is set to come online next year. "It's a potential global sale, but we are inviting interest on a regional level," says Stavnsbo. (For the full list of assets, head to www.iipower.com.)

—*Katy Burne*

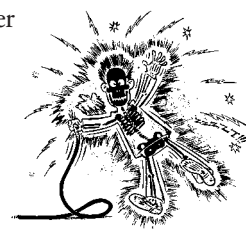
Alternating Current

One Banker's Achilles Heel



Cackles filled the corridors of Credit Suisse at 11 Madison Avenue, New York, last Monday after the wife of **Jonathan**

Baliff, managing director in energy, sent a gushing e-mail to several of her husband's colleagues—and clients—asking for their hopes and prayers for his speedy recovery from Achilles tendon surgery. Keep those care packages coming, folks—not just the fees!



Then in an apparent display of one-upmanship—perhaps befitting in a week of women standing by their men—Baliff's secretary hit 'reply all' and reassured everyone he'd be back in fighting form this Wednesday. So it'll be back to business as usual, then. Reached on his mobile phone, Baliff laughed it off, insisting the e-mail went to only one client and mostly friends outside the Street. Keep that foot elevated, Jonathan. Our inboxes can't handle you being away much longer.

Quote Of The Week

"We felt they were able to put their A-team on this and we wanted a specialist advisor rather than one of the big names."—**Steen Stavnsbo**, head of **Allco Wind Energy** in Sydney, on picking **Marathon Capital** to run the sale of its U.S. wind portfolio (see story, page 1).

One Year Ago In Power Finance & Risk

Strategic Value Partners, owner of the 568 MW Liberty generating facility in Eddystone, Pa., decided to recapitalize the plant instead of sell it, believing bids from **PPL Corp.** and **GE Capital**, among others, insufficient. [**Credit Suisse** launched syndication of a \$410 million debt package, scaled back from a targeted \$600 million (PFR, 10/05). The bank later upsized the deal on demand (PFR, 10/23)].