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OFFTAKERS LOOK TO CAPTURE CARBON IN PPAS

Utilities are beginning to ask for long-term power purchase agreements stipulating that they get the extra carbon credits from fossil fuel generators that don't use them all to sell in the event that a national carbon market is established.

The request is a recent switch from a couple of years ago when generators began passing through the cost of carbon emissions to utilities via PPAs, project financiers and lawyers say. Utilities were willing to accept those costs, but now that they have the upper hand, they are asking for more.

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BORROWERS FACE REVOLVER REFINANCING TSUNAMI

Utilities, generation and midstream companies are looking to refinance more than \$50 billion dollars of revolving credit facilities coming due in the next three years, facing steeper pricing, shorter tenors and less market capacity. "These companies got into these very cheap credit agreements years ago and now they're looking at half the commitment for twice the price," says Sharon Bonelli, managing director of utilities, power



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ALPINE ENERGY SEEKS CARIBBEAN CLUB

Alpine Energy Group is in discussions with banks to form a club of five to seven banks to finance the construction of two waste-to-energy projects in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Englewood, Colo.-based company estimates that \$440 million will be needed to finance construction of a 33 MW plant on St. Thomas and a 16 MW plant on St. Croix and is looking to borrow \$350 million. **Energy Investors Funds** is providing the equity.

James Beach, ceo, says the deal will have wide appeal to lenders. "It won't be that far out of the box for commercial banks to take an interest in these projects and put a team

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CANADIAN DEVELOPER TO SELL SHARES PRIVATELY

Trillium Wind Power is readying a private placement of common stock to seed initial work on its planned C\$8 billion (\$7.4 billion) offshore wind development plans.

Royal Bank of Canada is leading the placement and is targeting long-term return investors such as pension funds and insurance companies, says John Kourtoff, president and ceo in Toronto. A timeline for raising the capital has yet to be determined, he says, declining to identify specific investors. Rob Nicholson, director of global energy at RBC in Toronto,

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At Press Time

WAPA Scouts Transmission Partnerships

The Western Area Power Administration is talking with transmission and renewable developers for partnerships as it aims to disperse \$3.25 billion in loans to transmission and power infrastructure projects. The transmission funds are specifically allocated to WAPA through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Proceeds from the projects will be used to repay the loans, which will be made by the U.S. Department of Treasury through WAPA.

The administration is part of the U.S. **Department of Energy** and markets and delivers power from 57 plants with a 10,395 MW combined capacity to 15 states in the Western U.S. WAPA is working with developer **Flying Foresight M** to interconnect its proposed 200-500 MW wind farm in Flagstaff, Ariz. The particulars of that project and WAPA's history of partnerships could not be immediately learned.

The administration received more than 200 responses for a request for expressions of interest for the funds this spring, says a spokesman in Denver. It is nearing its first partnership with **Tonbridge Power** for its proposed Montana Alberta Tie Line. The administration is set to take a one-twelfth stake and 50 MWs of northbound capacity in the 214-mile project, according to documents filed with the U.S. **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**. **Bob Williams**, v.p. of regulatory at MATL in Calgary, Canada, did not return a call and **Robert McFarlane**, managing director at Tonbridge in Toronto, declined to comment.

NaturEner Files With FERC On Grid Concerns

NaturEner USA filed a complaint with the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Tuesday asking the commission to ensure it would be linked into the Montana Alberta Tie Ltd.'s transmission line in the event that the project could not get financing and ownership changed hands.

In the filing NaturEner states "MATL's proforma financial statements and debt service coverage calculations contained in its application are not sufficiently complete or supported to permit an evaluation of MATL's financial viability and its debt service coverage."

NaturEner is looking to borrow \$500-550 million for its 309 MW Rim Rock wind farm in Montana and the project is reliant on being connected to these transmission lines, which will run from Lethbridge County in Alberta to outside Great Falls, Mont. (PFR, 6/12).

The filing stems from the company's lack of understanding of how MATL would fund the line, says Robert McFarlane, managing director with Tonbridge Power, which owns MATL, in Toronto. The project is taking federal money, and certain financing details, per the U.S. government, are not allowed to be disclosed, McFarlane says, adding that it is in discussions with NaturEner to quell its concerns.

MATL will take some of the \$3.25 billion funding allocated to the Western Area Power Administration for distribution for transmission and power infrastructure projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see story, above).

"This filing is an effort to understand the scope and risk to them of undertaking a WAPA financing," McFarlane told PFR.

NaturEner did not return calls for comment, and the company's lawyer declined comment.

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FirstEnergy Bond Lands First-In-A-Year Boost

FirstEnergy Solutions' \$1.5 billion bond was the first issue from a generation subsidiary of a utility holding company for a year and as such landed a large oversubscription. "The overall market has improved substantially," says **Anthony Ianno**, managing director at **Morgan Stanley** in New York, which was left lead. "There's been pent-up demand for high quality generation companies. There was significant demand for this transaction."

The last deal was in July 2008 and it was for PPL Energy Supply, subsidiary of Pennsylvania-based power generator PPL Corporation.

The deal was oversubscribed by \$6.5 billion, Ianno says. He declined to name the buyers, but said they were all "high quality, long-term investors." The notes were issued in three tranches: \$400 million five and a half year notes at 212.5 bps over Treasurys, \$600 million 12-year notes and \$500 million 30-year notes, each at 237.5 basis points over Treasurys.

The joint bookrunners were Credit Suisse, Barclays Capital and Royal Bank of Scotland. Moody's Investors Service rated the deal in line with the subsidiary's corporate credit rating Baa2. The resolution of some regulatory issues in Ohio and the parent company's low-cost nuclear assets were a couple of reasons for the stable outlook, says Scott Solomon, senior analyst in global infrastructure finance for Moody's in New York.

FES is the unregulated retail generation arm of Ohio-based utility FirstEnergy. It will use the notes to pay down an outstanding \$1 billion on its parent company's \$2.5 billion revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes (PFR, 8/7).

Calif. Munis Set To Buy enXco Wind Farm

The Southern California Public Power Authority is set to purchase enXco's \$139 million, 50 MW Linden wind farm in Klickitat County, Wash. enXco subsidiary Northwest Wind Partners filed with the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the sale Aug. 19.

SCPPA will make milestone payments based on the progress of construction and operation of the project starting in September, according to notes from a SCPPA board of directors meeting last month. The authority has the ability to finance the purchase by issuing short-term bond anticipation notes, ahead of a larger, long-term bond issue along with other long-term financing. Dave Walden, energy systems manager in Pasadena, Calif. was not immediately available for comment. SCPPA's other long-term financing options for the purchase and the timeline for payment for the purchase could not be immediately learned.

The farm, which utilizes 25 REpower turbines, includes a 150

MW second phase. The first phase of the project is set for operation by year-end. **Jim Peters**, director of project finance for enXco in Burlington, Vt., and a spokeswoman in Escondido, Calif., did not return calls.

New York State To Seek Clean Energy Bids

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority is planning to kick off a fourth solicitation for its Renewable Portfolio Standard in the coming weeks. The program is part of the initiative to derive 25% of the state's power from renewable sources by 2013. The winning applicants will compete for a pool of \$95 million in grants and selected proposals could qualify for federal grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Developers will seek private financing for the remainder.

The grant money comes from a ratepayer surcharge paid to the New York State Public Service Commission, who in turn funds this program through NYSERDA.

Wind projects for the western part of the state near the Great Lakes are expected to form a large percentage of the proposals, says **Kevin Hale**, a senior project manager for NYSERDA, but the challenge is getting the energy to areas like New York City where it's needed.

Developers are not required to be in-state and if the power facilities are located outside state borders then operators need to ensure the contracted MW hours are delivered to New York.

The last solicitation garnered 21 contracts out of 34 proposals for a total of 880 MW. Projects included upgrades to existing hydroelectric facilities, nine wind projects and two biomass facilities, 19 of which will be in operation by the end of 2009.

Corporate Strategies

PSEG Offloads Debt With Exchange Offer

Public Service Enterprise Group is holding a \$495 million exchange offer to get rid of debt associated with international assets that subsidiary PSEG Energy Holdings has been selling off since 2004. The Newark, N.J.-based company has exchanged roughly \$333 million in notes since the offer's inception earlier this month and the offer will close on Sept. 4.

Each \$1,000, 8.5% note issued in 2001 and due in 2011 can be exchanged for \$825 in 5.32% notes due 2016, along with a cash payment of \$275. The company will fund the exchange of the notes, which yield a \$100 bonus to the bondholder, with cash on hand from the asset sales, says **Morton Plawner**, treasurer. The company is satisfied with the pricing and the results of the offering thus far, Plawner says, adding it chose a

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seven-year tenor on the new notes to fit with the company's debt maturity schedule.

Barclays Capital and Citigroup are the agents on the deal, which includes the exchange and the new notes. PSEG chose Barclays because Lehman Brothers, which was acquired by Barclays last year, was the original issuer of the 2001 notes, Plawner explains. The former Lehman bankers, including James Penrose, managing director at Barclays are the most familiar with the investors of the issue. Citi was chosen because of its expertise and experience in the field, he says.

The international assets of PSEG Energy Holdings were comprised of generation, transmission and distribution facilities largely in South America, India and Poland. The company decided to sell because they did not generate the expected returns, Plawner says. The number of assets sold and the amount of proceeds generated from the sales could not be immediately learned.

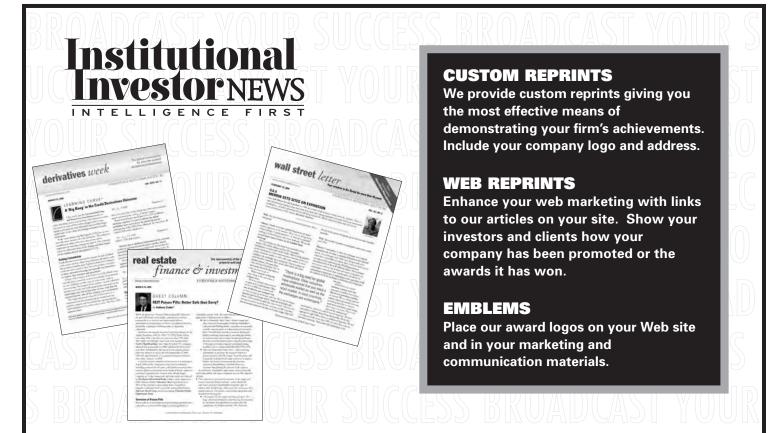
Sierra Pacific Reopens Bond Issue

Sierra Pacific Power Co. reopened an existing bond issue last week adding \$150 million to refinance short-term debt and cover transmission and distribution costs, says Bill Rogers, cfo of parent company NV Energy in Las Vegas.

Reno, Nev.- based Sierra decided against issuing a new note because \$150 million was such a small amount that investors would find the existing bonds more attractive, says Rogers. "It was a matter of when, not if, with refinancing – 3 weeks or a few months – so we decided to do this now," Rogers says. Barclays Capital and Bank of New York Mellon led the deal.

The new debt, bought by institutional investors, will be tacked onto the existing \$300 million line of 10 year notes issued in 2006. The bonds have a 6% coupon.

The bonds were rated Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service and BBB by Standard & Poor's.



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News In Brief

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Americas

- The Sierra Club and the National Audubon Society have asked Arkansas state regulators to deny a permit for Southwestern Electric Power's proposed \$1.6 billion coal-fired plant in Hempstead County (*Houston Chronicle*, 8/26).
- Entergy's proposed spin-off of its non-utility nuclear business into Enexus has been moved to next year after the recent New York Public Service Commission ruling stated its apprehension regarding the new company's financial viability (Zack's Equity Research, 8/26).
- The federal government and the state of Illinois are suing Edison International unit Midwest Generation for alleged Clean Air Act Violations at six Illinois plants (*Dow Jones*, 8/27).
- The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved safety-related construction at the site of Southern Co.'s proposed 2.2 GW facility in Burke County, Ga. (*Forbes*, 8/26).
- Xcel Energy has named current cfo Benjamin Fowke as president and coo; David Sparby, former ceo of subsidiary Northern State Power, will replace Fowke (*Forbes*, 8/26).
- Terra Firma, a London-based private equity firm, bought a minority stake in EverPower Wind Holdings from Good Energies for about \$350 million (*Reuters*, 8/26).

Europe

- The German environment ministry says merging the country's four grids into an entity in which the government has a significant stake would make an efficient, nationally standardized structure (*Wall Street Journal*, 8/27).
- Creditors of the 2 GW coal-fired Eggborough plant in Yorkshire in the U.K. have exercised an option to take control of the facility owned by EDF, which acquired the plant in its purchase of British Energy for GBP12.5 billion (\$20.3 billion) in January (*Financial Times*, 8/26).
- GDF-Suez was forced to report results one day early after unions leaked net profit amounts in their fight for pay raises; the group reported a 6.3% decline in net profits to EUR3.3 billion (\$4.7 billion) (*Financial Times*, 8/26).
- A tidal energy project between Scottish Power and Diageo will produce 10 MW off the coast of the island Islay in Scotland, enough power for 3,500 residents and eight distilleries on the island (*Bloomberg*, 8/26).

Middle East

- Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water announced that General Electric Co. will build a 2 GW power plant in Subbiya, a city in the north (*Bloomberg*, 8/26).
- Sweltering summer weather is forcing many Syrians to go without power for several hours a day as the country's power grid falls 1 GW short each day; shortages are expected until at least 2012 (*France24*, 8/25).

Asia/Pacific

- The Australian federal government has granted environmental approval of the \$42 billion Gorgon liquefied natural gas project that is owned by Chevron, ExxonMobil and Royal Dutch Shell (*Financial Times*, 8/26).
- A new bill passed by the Australian upper house requires that 20% of the nation's electricity be produced by renewables by 2020, which will require at least \$10.5 billion dollars in investments (*Renewable Energy World*, 8/25).
- Meridian Energy, New Zealand's state-owned generator, purchased San Francisco-based solar company Cleantech America for \$5.4 million to get a foothold in the solar world (*CleanTechBrief*, 8/24).
- China Resources Power Holdings says its first-half net profit has more than doubled to \$291 million due to increased power prices and decreased coal costs (*Dow Jones*, 8/24).
- India is considering building a \$10 billion, 6 GW gas-fired plant and supporting transmission lines (*Reuters*, 8/24).

Africa

- Kenya Power and Lighting Co. is planning to scale back the scheduled power cuts that have been in place since early August once the seasonal rains arrive at the end of September (*Bloomberg*, 8/26).
- The \$774 billion Desertec solar project in the Sahara is gaining support despite high risks associated with deploying relatively new technology into countries with weak rules of law (*Reuters*, 8/23).
- South African state-backed utility **Eskom** has been unable to raise funds for new generation, threatening the economic recovery of the country. Meanwhile, Eskom has also delayed \$895 million of planned spending on projects this year (*Bloomberg*, 8/24).

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Seller	Plants	Location	MW	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments	
AES	Warrior Run	Cumberland, Md.	205	Coal	Goldman Sachs	Shopping PJM assets (PFR, 5/21).	
	Red Oak	Sayreville, N.J.	832	Gas			
	Ironwood	South Lebanon Township, Pa.	720	Gas			
	Amman East	Jordan	370	Gas	Citi, HSBC	Quietly marketing Middle East portfolio along with a few one-of	
	Barka	Muscat, Oman	456 (35%)	Gas		assets (PFR, 2/23).	
	Ras Laffan	Qatar	756 (55%)	Gas		Bids submitted by around 10 parties for portfolio (PFR, 6/15).	
	Lal Pir	Punjab, Pakistan	362 (55%)	Oil			
	Pak-Gen	Punjab, Pakistan	365 (55%)	Oil			
	Cartagena	Cartagena, Spain	1,200	Gas			
	Kilroot	near Carrickfergus, Northern II		Coal and Oil	N1 /A		
	Various	U.S.	1,174	Wind	N/A	Looking for joint venture partner for wind business (PFR, 3/16).	
	Hulunbeier InnoVent	Inner Mongolia, China France	50 (49%)	Wind Wind			
	Hargicourt	Hargicourt, France	30 (40%) 12 (40%)	Wind			
	Hescamps	Hescamps, France	5 (40%)	Wind			
	Pléchâtel	Pléchâtel, France	4 (40%)	Wind			
	Various	Bulgaria, China, France and	410 developmen				
	Various	Scotland Latin America	TBA	Various	TBA	Tipped that assets are for sale (PFR, 5/18).	
AIC Financial Bundunts							
AIG Financial Products	Bruce Mansfield	Shippingport, Pa.	830 (80%)	Coal	Commonwealth Capital Advisors	Shopping interest in Unit 1 with sale likely to close before year-end (PFR, 12/1).	
Allco Finance Group	Various	New Zealand	538	Wind	N/A	Prepped to sell by end of third quarter (PFR, 6/23).	
Allied Waste Industries	Trinity Oaks	Trinity Oaks, Texas	3.2	Landfill	N/A	Fortistar to acquire with financing to be provided by Catepillar Financial Services (PFR, 11/24).	
American Shoreline	N/A	Texas, Mexico	3,000 developme	nt Wind	N/A	Spinnaker Energy planning to purchase (PFR, 2/9).	
ArcLight Capital Partners	Hobbs Generating	near Hobbs, N.M.	600	Gas	Credit Suisse	Selling newly commerical asset (PFR, 10/3).	
· · · · g · · · · · · · · · · ·	Juniper Generating	near Bakersfield, Calif.	298	Gas	Barclays Capital	Indicative bids taken mid-Sept. for portfolio of nine assets (PFR, 10/3).	
	Various	Maine	24	Hydro	N/A	Filed with FERC approval (PFR, 8/10).	
Astoria Project Partners	Astoria Astoria II	Astoria, N.Y. Astoria, N.Y.	575 500 developmen	Gas t Gas	Merrill Lynch	Buyers looking to sell undetermined amount of equity in plants (PFR, 7/20).	
Babcock & Brown	South Trent	Nolan and Taylor Counties, Te	xas 101	Wind	Marathon Capital	First round bids taken March 6 (PFR, 3/2).	
	Majestic I	near Panhandle, Texas	80	Wind	Marathon Supritar	Diamond Castle Holdings in running to purchase (PFR, 4/20).	
	Majestic II	near Panhandle, Texas	unknown	Wind		Riverstone bought 4 GW of development assets.	
	Butler Ridge	Wisconsin	54	Wind		,	
	Wessington Springs	South Dakota	50	Wind			
	Gulf Winds	Kenedy County, Texas	238	Wind			
BARD Engineering	BARD Offshore 1	off coast of northwest German	ny400 developmen	t Wind	UniCredit HVB	Looking to sell offshore farm in development (PFR, 2/9).	
British Petroleum	N/A	Port Talbot, Wales	870 developmen	t Gas	N/A	Shopping 100% interest in development (PFR, 9/12).	
Caithness Energy (DCE)	Shepherd's Flat	Gilliam and Morrow	909 developmen		Citigroup	Teasers dispatched (PFR, 10/20).	
Centrica	Lynn and Inner Dowsing	Counties, Ore. off Lincolnshire coast, U.K.	194	Wind	N/A	Looking to sell once portfolio refinanced (PFR, 6/1).	
Chermac Energy	Various	Texas, N.M., Okla., Kan.	675 development		•	rs Looking for buyers (PFR, 5/4).	
City of Victorville	Victorville 2	Southern California Logistics Airport, Calif.	570 developmen	t Gas/Solar	Goldman Sachs	Teasers dispatched (PFR, 6/30). Close to finalizing bidders (PFR, 8/24).	
Cobisa Corp.	Cobisa-Greenville	Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	1,750	Gas	Pace Global Energy Services	Company facing financing troubles (PFR, 6/22).	
Colmac Energy	N/A	near Mecca, Calif.	47	Biomass	Bodington & Co.	Sale iced due to financial markets (PFR, 1/19).	
Conectiv Energy	Various	PJM Interconnection	3,700	Various	Credit Suisse	Status unclear.	
Con Ed Development	Genor Ada Cogeneration	Puerto Barrios, Guatemala Ada, Mich.	42 (49.5%) 29 (48%)	Oil Gas		Industry Funds Management did not acquire. Partner is Olympus Power.	
Constellation Energy	West Valley	West Valley, Utah	200	Gas	N/A	Planning to sell to MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co. (PFR, 12/8) even though merger has been canceled.	
Complete Energy Holdings	La Paloma Batesville	McKittrick, Calif. Batesville, Miss.	1,022 837	Gas Gas	JPMorgan	Has agreed to merge with GSC Acquisition Co. in \$1.3B deal (PFR, 5/16). Pending shareholder vote.	
	N/A	Tehachapi, Calif.	15 repowering	Wind	Marathon Capital	Seeking buyers for portfolio (PFR, 3/9).	
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Coram Energy	N/A						

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Seller	Plants	Location	MW I	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments
CP Power Investments (Starwood Energy	Panoche Vaca-Dixon	Firebaugh, Calif. Vacaville, Calif.	49 49	Gas Gas	N/A	Looking for new offtakers or buyers for facilities (PFR, 7/28).
Investors II and Tyr Capital)	Vada Bixon	vadaviilo, daiii.	10	Guo		
DKRW Wind	Various	U.S.	6 GW developmen	t Wind	Marathon Capital	Looking for strategic partner (PFR, 12/29).
DTE Energy	East China	East China, Mich.	320	Gas	N/A	Seller exploring options, including outright sale.
Dynegy	Sandy Creek Riverside Bluegrass Rocky Road N/A Renaissane Arlington Valley Griffith N/A	Riesel, Texas Lawrence County, Ky. Oldham County, Ky. Chicago Tilton, III Carson City, Mich. Arlington, Ariz. Golden Valley, Ariz. Bridgeport, Conn.	900 (32%) 500 500 364 176 680 585 558 527	Coal Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas	Goldman Sachs	LS Power talking to relationship banks to fund purchase (PFR, 8/17).
EarthFirst Canada	Dokie Ridge	Chetwynd, B.C.	300 constuction	Wind	N/A	GE EFS and Plutonic Power are considering purchasing project (PFR, 6/15).
Electrabel	Langerlo Vilvoorde	Langerlo, Belgium Vilvoorde, Belgium	556 385	Coal Gas	N/A	E.ON agreed to acquire plants in asset swap deal (PFR, 12/22).
Energy Future Holdings (Luminant)	Sandow 4 Sandow 5	Milam Co., Texas	545 (50%) 581 (50%)	Coal Coal	Credit Suisse	Reportedly planning to sell stakes to Perennial Power Holdings (PFR, 2/18).
Energy Investors Funds	Crockett Cogeneration Hamakua Glen Park Mustang Station Black Hawk	Crockett, Calif. Hawaii near Watertown, Conn. Denver City, Texas Borger, Texas	240 60 32 490 230	Gas Biomass Hyrdo Gas Gas	N/A	First round bids due (PFR, 8/10).
Energy Investors Funds and Power Development Corp.	Waterside Power	Stamford, Conn.	72	Oil	Barclays Capital	ArcLight Capital Partners planning to buy (PFR, 2/23).
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 \$520M for the assets. Bidders shortlisted to four players: two financial, two infrastructure (PFR, 6/18/07).
E.ON	Lippendorf Bexback Farge Zolling Unknown Trausnitz Tanzmühle Various	Nukieritzsch, Germany Bexback, Germany Bremen, Germany Zolling, Germany Zolling, Germany Trausnitz, Germany Tanzmühle, Germany Bavaria, Germany	446 79 350 449 20 (50%) 2 3 300	Coal Coal Coal Coal Biomass Hydro Hyrdo Hydro	N/A N/A	Signed MOU with EnBW to purchase to increase competition in sector (PFR, 12/22). Electrabel will acquire through asset swap (PFR, 12/22). Agreed to sell 300 MW of hydro to Verbund.
Exergy Development Group First Wind	Various Stetson Sheffield Various	Upper Midwest, Northwest Danforth, Maine Vermont North America	3,600 57 40 development 3,000 pipeline	Wind Wind Wind Wind	Marathon Capital Credit Suisse JPMorgan, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs	Sale process has been reignited. Newly operational asset on the block (PFR, 3/2). Hunting buyers (PFR, 3/9). Company filed S-1 to IPO as UPC Wind.
Fishermen's Energy	N/A	off coast of Atlantic City, N.J.	350 development	Wind	N/A	Consortium planning to add institutional partner to project (PFR, 7/20).
FPC Development	Shady Oaks Green River Boone County	Lee County, III. Lee County, III. Boone County, III.	120 development 467 development 200 development	Wind	N/A	Mainstream Renewable Power purchased (PFR, 6/22).
FPL Energy	Posdef Tesla	Stockton, Calif. Tracy, Calif.	44 1,120	Coal/Petcoke Gas/Steam	New Harbor Credit Suisse	DTE is buying through a subsidiary (PFR, 2/2). Development site. Status unclear.
Gas Natural	Hermosillo Naco Nogales Tuxpan III and IV Unknown Central Saltillo Central Anáhuac/Rio Bravo II Central Lomas de Real/Rio Bravo IV		250 MW 300 MW 1 GW 450 MW 248 MW 495 MW 495 MW 500 MW	Gas/Steam Gas/Steam Gas/Steam Gas/Steam Gas/Steam Gas/Steam Gas/Steam	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	InterGen scoping assets (PFR, 8/17).

Generation Auction & Sale Calendar (cont'd)

Seller	Plants	Location	MW	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments
Gas Natural, Mitsubishi Corp.	Electricidad Aguila	Altamira, Mexico	495 MW	Gas/Steam	TBA	Gas Natural looking to sell its 51% stake in the JV project (PFR, 5/25).
General Electric	Baglan Bay Panther Creek Colton Power	Port Talbot, Wales Nesquehoning, Pa. Colton, Calif.	510 94 80	Gas Waste Coal Gas	Lexicon Partners N/A N/A	Process to be re-ignited in October. Looking for buyers (PFR, 2/26). Sale shelved.
Gregory Power Partners Iberdrola	Gregory Russell Station Allegany Station Unknown Unknown	Gregory, Texas Greece, N.Y. Hume, N.Y. New York New York	400 275 62 18 18	Gas Coal Gas Gas Gas	N/A N/A	Sale iced due to credit crisis (PFR, 1/26). Will mandate advisor once auction schedule finalized by NYPSC (PFR, 12/29).
Irving Oil	Bayside Power	St. John, New Brunswick	260	Gas	N/A	Emera agreed to purchase.
Kelson Cananda (Harbinger Capital Partners)	Island Generation King City Cogeneration Whitby Congeneration	Duncan Bay, B.C. King City, Calif. Whitby, Ontario	230 120 50	Gas Gas Gas	UBS taken in Aug.	First round bids taken 4/30 (PFR, 4/30) and second round bids. Asset taken off the block for unknown reasons.
Kelson Holdings	Dogwood Cottonwood Magnolia	Pleasant Hill, Mo. Deweyville, Texas Benton County, Miss.	620 1,200 922	Gas Gas Gas	Goldman Sachs	Weighing strategic options, including sale/merger (PFR, 10/9/07).
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	Sale put on hold until credit markets thaw (PFR, 10/24).
International Power	Opatovice PraÏská teplárenská ET	Czech Republic Czech Republic Czech Republic	360 64 (49%) 160 (49%)	Coal Coal/Gas Coal	Citi, ING	Reportedly looking to sell Czech facilities (PFR, 5/18). CEZ, J&T, Czech Coal, E.ON, EnBW and RWE chasing assets (PFR, 6/15).
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	N/A	Calif., Ariz., Utah	up to 5,600	Coal, Gas	Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan	Exploring options for divestment of fossil fuel portfolio (PFR, 8/8).
MACH Gen	Millennium Athens Harquahala	Carlton, Mass. Athens, N.Y. Tonopah, Ariz.	360 1,000 1,090	Gas/Oil Gas/Oil Gas	Credit Suisse	Pair of Northeast assets set to fetch \$1B (PFR, 5/21). Strategic Venture Partners seeking to buy 40% stake in company (PFR, 2/9).
Macquarie Cook Power	Avenal Power Center	Avenal, Calif.	600	Gas	N/A	Owner considering partners (PFR, 4/20).
Macquarie Power and Infrastructure Income Fund	N/A Erie Shores N/A N/A	Cardinal, Ontario Port Burwell, Ontario Ontario and British Columbia Quebec and Alberta	156 99 27.5 59	Gas Wind Hydro Biomass	N/A	Assets possibly on the block to bolster fund share price (PFR, 5/25).
MMC Energy	Chula Vista Escondido MidSun	Chula Vista, Calif. Escondido, Calif. Bakersfield, Calif.	44 44 23	Gas Gas Gas	Bodington & Co.	Agreed to sell assets to Wellhead Electric Co. for \$4.865M (PFR, 6/1). Sold equipment at MidSun facility.
National Wind (30-40%)	High Country Energy	Olmsted and Mower Counties, Minn.	300 (14%)	Wind	Delphi Financial Corp.	Marketing to state-based residents and businesses (PFR, 6/23).
Navasota Energy Partners, Montgomery Energy Partners	Various Colorado Bend Quail Run Madison Bell L'Energia Billerica Great Falls Hartland	Midwest U.S. Wharton, Texas Odessa, Texas Madisonville, Texas Lowell, Mass. Billerica, Mass. Great Falls, Mass. North Dakota	825 825 550 80 240 400 1GW	Wind Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Wind	Marathon Capital JPMorgan	Looking for partner for development pipeline (PFR, 3/30). Auction expanded to include Montgomery Energy assets outside Texas (PFR, 10/27).
New Green Technologies	N/A	N/A	12—16	Waste-to-energy	N/A	Seeking buyers and/or partners for four-plant packages (PFR, 7/14).
Noble Environmental Power	Various	N.Y., Mich.	385	Wind	Goldman Sachs	Company filed S-1 to IPO (PFR, 5/16).
North American Power Group	Rio Bravo Fresno Rio Bravo Rocklin	Fresno, Calif. Roseville, Calif.	25 25	Biomass Biomass	N/A	In discussion with potential buyers (PFR, 8/31/07). Holds interests alongside Constellation Energy Group.
NRG Energy	Indian River	Millsboro, Del.	784	Coal	N/A	Seller soliciting offers on plant (PFR, 11/8/07).
Perrenial Power Holdings	Unknown	Kathleen, Ga.	308	Gas	N/A	Co-owner Atlantic Power Corp, to receive \$29M in the sale (PFR, 8/24.)
PPL Corp.	PPL Edgewood Energy PPL Shoreham Energy	Brentwood, N.Y. Brookhaven, N.Y.	80 80	Gas Oil	RBS Securities	Has agreed to sell Long Island generation business to J-Power USA Development for about \$135M.
PSEG Global	Turboven Cagua Turboven Maracay Pillaiperumalnallur	Venezuela Venezuela India	60 (60%) 60 (60%) 330 (20%)	Gas Gas Gas	N/A N/A N/A	Assets remaining to be sold as part of an international divestiture program outlined in 2002.
RPL Holdings	Massena Elmwood Park	Massena, N.Y. Elmwood Park, N.J.	85 65	Gas Gas	Fieldstone	Morris Energy Group agreed to purchase plants (PFR, 7/8). Deal set to wrap by end of July (PFR, 7/20).
Reykjavik Holdings	HS Orka	Iceland	N/A	N/A	N/A	Magma Energy submit's highest bid for the geo co. (PFR, 8/24).

Generation Auction & Sale Calendar (cont'd)

Seller	Plants	Location	MW	Plant Type	Advisor	Status/Comments		
RES Americas	Lower Snake River	Garfield and Columbia Counties, Wash.	1,250 development (5	50%) Wind	N/A	Looking to sell after sale of entire company scratched last year (PFR, 3/2).		
	Talbot Greenwich	Chatham Kent, Ontario Dorion, Ontario	99 99	Wind Wind				
Ridgewood Renewable Power	Various Brea Project Providence	Maine, Va., N.Y., Calif. Brea, Calif. Providence, R.I.	26 5 20	Hydro Landfill Landfill	Ewing Bemiss	Set to sell to undisclosed buyer in one month (PFR, 8/24). On the block (PFR, 1/19).		
Sempra Generation	Catoctin	Frederick Co, Md.	600 development	t Gas	N/A	Development project reportedly for sale.		
SkyPower Corp.	N/A	Canada	11,000 developmer	nt Wind, Solar	Marathon Capital	Undergoing strategic review of company (PFR, 11/17).		
Sierra Geothermal Power	Reese River Silver Peak	Lander Co., Nev. Esmeralda Co., Nev.	26-58 (50%) 15-40 (50%)	Geothermal	Jacob & Co.	Looking to sell 50% of first five projects (PFR, 7/14).		
Sierra Pacific Industries	Loyalton	Loyalton, Calif.	20	Biomass	N/A	Renegy agreed to purchase 4/11 for \$13M (PFR, 4/16).		
Signal Hill Power	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls, Texas	77	Gas	Miller Buckfire	Sale cancelled, but may be restarted at later date (PFR, 1/26).		
Sithe Global Power	River Hill	Karthaus Township, Pa.	290	Coal	Credit Suisse	Status unclear (PFR 2/16/07).		
Summit Power Group	Texas Clean Energy Project	Odessa, Texas	345 development	t IGCC	N/A	Looking for partner (PFR, 4/27).		
Temasek Holdings	PowerSeraya	Singapore	3,100	Gas	Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley	YTL Power International to buy for SGD\$3.6 billion (\$2.4 billion).		
T G Power	Hot Sulphur Springs	Elko County, Nev.	12-14 developmer	nt Geothermal	N/A	Owner seeking buyer for debt investment or entire project (PFR, 9./30).		
Third Planet Windpower	Various, U.S.	Various, U.S.	3,000 pipeline	Wind	Marathon Capital	Developer looking for joint venture partner.		
Town of Scotia Co.	Scotia Biomass Power	Scotia, Calif.	32.5 MW	Biomass	Bodington & Co.	In final stages of choosing a buyer (PFR, 8/24).		
TransAlta	Binghamton	Binghamton, N.Y.	50	Gas	N/A	Standard General set to acquire (PFR, 3/12/08).		
TransAlta Cogeneration	Mississauga Ottawa Sarnia Windsor-Essex	Mississauga, Ontario Ottawa, Ontario Sarnia, Ontario Windsor, Ontario	108 (50%) 68 (50%) 575 68	Gas Gas Gas Gas	N/A	Quietly shopping portfolio (PFR, 4/2).		
Tyche Power Partners	Brooklyn Navy Yard	Brooklyn, N.Y.	286	Gas Cogen	Credit Suisse	Temporarily iced due to credit crunch.		
WindRiver Power	N/A Various	Alberta British Columbia	120 development 13 development	t Wind Hydro	FirstEnergy Capital	Seeking joint venture partner for pipeline (PFR, 3/9).		
WindRosePower	Childress County I	Childress County, Texas	250 development	t Wind	N/A	Company looking for JV partner or buyer (PFR, 9/19).		
Wind Revolutions	Chalk Mountain Beaver Divide Cowboy Mesa	Casper, Wyo. Riverton, Wyo. near Corona, N.M.	500 300 600	Wind Wind Wind	N/A	Looking to sell entire or portion of projects (PFR, 7/25).		

Project Finance Deal Book

Deal Book is a matrix of energy project finance deals that PFR is tracking in the energy sector. The entries below are of new deals or deals where there has been change in their parameters or status. To report updates or provide additional information on the status of financings, please call **Jeanine Prezioso** at (212) 224-3226 or e-mail jprezioso@iinews.com.

Live Deals: North America

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Sponsor	Project	Location	Lead(s)	Loan	Amount	Tenor	Notes
American Renewables	Nacogdoches (100 MW Biomass)	Sacul, Texas	BoTM/Union Bank, WestLB	TBA	TBA	TBA	Talking to private equity funds for equity (PFR, 8/24).
BP, Dominion	Fowler Ridge (750 MW Wind)	Indiana	Banco Sabadell, Banco Santander, Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, BBVA, Société Générale	TBA	\$287M	TBA	Tipped to wrap over subscribed (PFR, 8/24).
Edison Mission Energy	Taloga (130 MW Wind)	Dewey County, Okla.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Taking bids to lead financing (PFR, 8/24).
Everpower Renewables	Highland I (62.5 MW Wind)	Cambria County, Pa.	TBA	TBA	\$65M	TBA	Looking to take out turbine loan (PFR, 8/24).
Renewable Ventures	Unidentified (26 MW Solar)	Apex, Nev.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Looking to secure some p.f. next year (PFR, 8/24)
Trillium Power Wind	Trillium Power I (700 MW Wind)	Lake Ontario, Canada	RBC	TBA	TBA	TBA	RBC to launch private equity placement (see story, page 1).

For a complete listing of the Project Finance Deal Book, please go to iipower.com.

Outstanding Revolvers

Borrower

Great Plains Energy

Nevada Power

Duke Power

Kansas City Power & Light

KCP&L Greater Missouri

Edison Mission Energy

Midwest Generation

Arizona Public Service

Arizona Public Service

Sierra Pacific Power

Duke Energy Indiana

Pinnacle West Capital

PPL Energy Supply

Entergy Louisiana

Entergy Gulf States

Connecticut Light & Power

Northeast Utilities

Progress Energy

Southern Co

Southern California Edison

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BORROWERS FACING

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and gas at Fitch Ratings in New York.

Pricing on new revolvers is starting at 300-350 basis points

Borrower

Duke Energy

FPL Group

NiSource

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Pepco Holdings

Georgia Power

National Rural

Alahama Powei

Sempra Generation

Edison International

Enbridge Energy Partners

Utilities Cooperative

San Diego Gas & Electric

PPL Energy Supply

Southern California Edison

Energy Transfer Partners

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners

Oncor Electric Delivery

FirstEnergy Corp

Entergy

over LIBOR, up from 50-100 bps, notes a banker familiar with the transactions, adding that lenders are only going out to two years on these deals instead of three to five years. Many companies will likely look to refinance the revolvers 18 months to two years before they expire.

The recent merger of several banks and the demise of others means fewer available

lenders and roughly half the lending capacity at merged entities, pushing companies to look for new relationships to take up capacity on the revolvers. "There is concern that there's not enough market capacity...We're out there trying to expand our rolodex with banks, it would be foolish not too," says Nick Bijur, treasurer of Pacific Gas & Electric in San Francisco, which has a

\$2 billion revolver expiring in 2012.

Amount

\$730M

\$600M

\$600M

\$600M

\$589M

\$564M

\$500M

\$500M

\$500M

\$489M

\$482M

\$450M

\$400M

\$377M

\$361M

\$332M

\$330M

\$300M

\$283M

\$200M

\$100M

The higher pricing and the investment-grade quality of most utilities makes the facilities attractive to lenders, the banker notes, adding there is incentive for new players to enter the market to

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Sources: PFR and Bloomberg

take up the capacity. US Bank is reportedly looking to bulk up on the facilities. Jim Stuart, head of capital markets in New York, and a spokesman did not return calls.

Alternatives for Fitch, pointing to NRG

reducing the revolver size include offloading businesses such as retail arms, which require large amounts of shortterm collateral, adds Ellen Lapson, another managing director at

Energy's purchase of Reliant Energy's retail business for \$287.5 million (PFR, 6/5). Companies could also bulk up on commercial paper programs and look to issue more long-term debt, though that could alter their debt profiles and affect their credit.

—Sara Rosner

CANADIAN DEVELOPER

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did not return a call. Trillium was created in 2002 by Kourtoff and other principals who worked on the initial development of Canadian Hydro's 197.8 MW Wolfe Island wind farm in Lake Ontario.

The majority of the funds will go toward initial permitting and regulatory work for the development of the C\$2 billion, 700 MW Trillium Power I wind farm, 11 miles off the coast of Kingston in Lake Ontario. The company will look to raise C\$400-500 million in equity from the same pool of investors and C\$1-1.5 billion in project finance debt for the project late next year, pending permitting. Construction on Trillium I, which would be the company's first wind project, will begin in 2011 and full operation is slated for 2013.

The projects qualify for the C\$0.19 per KWh feed-in tariff approved by the Ontario government this year in its Green Energy Act and are guaranteed 20-year offtake with the Ontario Power Authority. Lenders say that OPA power purchase agreements are attractive to banks, given the investment-grade security of the offtaker.

RBC is also advising on the financing and has a Chinese wall between its advisory and lending teams that would allow it to lead financing for the deal. However, the developer is open to choosing a different firm to lead the financing, Kourtoff says. Details of the debt portion of the project funding, such as timing and structure, will be determined late next year. Kourtoff declined to comment on qualities the company is looking for in potential project finance lenders.

The remaining funds from the stock placement will go toward initial development costs of the 740 MW Trillium Power II project, which is next to Trillium I in Lake Ontario. The development pipeline also includes the 1.6 GW Great Lakes Array in Lake Erie, the largest proposed offshore wind farm in the world, and the 650 MW Superior Array wind farm in Lake Superior. The timeline for the development and financing of these projects is unclear. -S.R.

OFFTAKERS LOOK

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"It's no longer just about capacity and energy anymore. It's utilities saying, 'I want to buy all the attributes of the plants if I'm making you a capacity payment,'" says Bill Bice, a partner in Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy's project finance group in New York. "It is tough for independent fossil fuel generators to get long-term contracts these days. It's all about leverage—more plants are willing to sell [power] than there are utilities willing to buy."

Bice says he is drawing up a contract with that language in it now for a utility he wouldn't name.

One project financier in New York says that from a financing perspective, he is more concerned about a generator passing through the cost of carbon in a PPA to a utility than the utility asking for the excess credits. "What if the carbon tax is so big that it cuts into my ability to repay my debt?" says the banker of why the cost of carbon has been passed through.

As for the utility taking excess credits, "That's less important to us," the banker adds. "It's kind of gravy [for utilities]. It makes perfect sense that they're looking to offset that cost."

—Jeanine Prezioso

ALPINE ENERGY

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together." Although some may equate Caribbean projects with increased risk of damage from hurricanes, the plants will be similar to mainland U.S. projects, and the offtaker, the U.S. Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, follows U.S. guidelines for energy transmission.

The company is talking with DZ Bank, Société Générale, Calyon, WestLB, and Natixis and wants to ramp up its search for lead arrangers in the next three to four weeks, says Beach, who is looking for a financial close by the end of the first quarter.

Alpine is in discussions with a handful of unnamed engineering, procurement and construction contractors, says Beach, declining to name any firms. Construction on both plants is expected to begin in May with completion slated by the end of 2012.

The V.I. power authority awarded Alpine the contract to build two power plants and signed two 20-year PPAs. The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority signed two 20-year agreements to provide solid waste for the plants.

—Holly Fletcher

Conference Calendar

The Latin American Wind Energy Association will host the Latin American Wind Power Conference and Exhibition Sept. 2-4 at the ATLAPA Convention Center in Panama City, Panama. To register, visit www.lawea.org.

Alternating Current



<u>Juicing It Up</u> Watermelon Pegged For Biofuel Industry

U.S. Department of Agriculture

researchers have found that watermelon, a

signature summertime fruit, is more than just a delicious treat. Every year, 800 million pounds of the fruit is left in fields due to weird shapes, bad spots and other flaws. Scientists have found that the waste crop is an excellent source of biofuel.

"It's not a replacement for corn or sugar cane. It's the utilization of a niche of something that's being wasted," says Wayne Fish, a research chemist at the USDA's South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory in Lane, Okla. Every ten tons of watermelon yield 85 gallons of ethanol through a fermentation process. Each gallon of ethanol can produce 24.8 KWh of generation. If the entire wasted crop was utilized, it could provide 84,320 MWh of generation.

The department is in talks with several companies to create a portable device that could ferment and distill the ethanol from the watermelons in the field, Fish notes, and possibly sell it back to farmers. Mid-size farmers are also

interested in the process as they could use ethanol to power equipment and cut back on fuel costs.

Quote Of The Week

"These companies got into these very cheap credit agreements years ago and now they're looking at half the commitment for twice the price."—**Sharon Bonelli,** managing director of utilities, power and gas at **Fitch Ratings** in New York, on companies looking to refinance more than \$50 billion of revolving credit facilities in the next three years as they face fewer lenders at half the lending capacity (see story, page 1).

One Year Ago In Power Finance & Risk

Enel North America was looking for \$300-400 million in tax equity for a portfolio of renewables, including its 148.5 MW Smoky Hills wind farm in Ellsworth and Lincoln Counties, Kan. [JPM Capital Corp., New York Life Insurance and Union Bank of California unit Bankers Commercial Corp. took tax equity stakes in the project and the company is partnering with a solar developer as it looks for a foothold in the U.S. solar market (PFR, 8/7).]