

Ameren Missouri Environmental Compliance Strategies

Environmental Regulation Drivers – Air Quality

- ▶ Cross State Air Pollution Rule (Power plant SO₂ / NO_x control program)
 - Supreme Court accepted EPA petition; Oral argument December 2013; Decision June 2014
 - EPA will need to take action in response to Supreme Court decision
 - CAIR remains in place until a replacement is finalized
- ▶ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
 - Ozone: Attainment with 2006 standard (75 ppb) by 2020; St. Louis area is marginal
EPA plans to lower the standard (60 – 70 ppb) attainment by 2022
 - Fine Particulate: In attainment with standard based on current information
 - Sulfur Dioxide: Herculaneum area nonattainment area effective October 4, 2013
- ▶ Mercury and Air Toxics Standards
 - Compliance starts April 2015 with possible 1-year extensions
 - Ameren granted 1-year extension for Meramec and Labadie units

Environmental Regulation Drivers – Greenhouse Gases

- ▶ Obama Climate Action Plan June 2013
 - Regulation of Greenhouse Gases by the EPA
 - Sets schedule for regulations for new and existing sources
- ▶ New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)
 - Re-proposed NSPS for new sources released September 20, 2013; Final rule 2014
 - EPA developing guidance to states for existing sources; Proposal June 2014; Final June 2015; State plan June 2016
 - EPA “listening sessions” in progress

Environmental Regulation Drivers – Water Quality

- ▶ Clean Water Act 316(b) – Cooling Water Intake Structure Biological Impacts
 - Proposed rule in 2011
 - Issuance of final rule postponed to November 2013
 - Studies required to determine impacts on aquatic life
 - Structure modifications to mitigate adverse impacts
- ▶ Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines
 - Proposed rule May 2013; comment period ended September 20
 - Final rule May 2014
 - Compliance 2017 to 2022
 - Dry ash handling; water cannot be used for ash transport
 - EPA linking rule to Coal Combustion Residuals

Environmental Regulation Drivers – Coal Combustion Residuals

- ▶ Proposal June 2010; Final rule still not released; expect sometime in 2014
- ▶ Will likely require closure of existing ash ponds
- ▶ Link to proposed Effluent Limitation Guidelines
- ▶ Dry ash handling and landfills are preferred approach
- ▶ Groundwater monitoring of existing ash ponds will be required
- ▶ EPA hinting at nonhazardous determination

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Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR)

Compliance plans for SO₂

- Burn ultra-low sulfur coal starting in 2012
- Bank SO₂ credits
- Evaluate additional ultra low sulfur fuel purchases vs. emissions control equipment for compliance in 2018 and beyond

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Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR)

Compliance options for NOx

- Aggressive tuning of existing units
- Additional SOFA modifications on Labadie Units 1 & 3 @ \$4-6M per unit (Units 2 & 4 complete)
- NOx credit purchases and/or swap of SO2 for NOx credits
- Unit de-rates or reductions in generation
- Operate Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR) equipment with Over Fired Air (OFA) staging at Sioux plant \$2.5-7.5M annually
- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) installation on both Sioux units \$200-300M
- Meramec 3 SNCR installation \$7-9M
- Meramec 4 SNCR with new Low-NOx burners \$9-11M

Mercury and Air Toxics (MATS)

Compliance options for MATS

- Electrostatic precipitator (ESP) upgrades for PM control at Labadie and Meramec by 4/16/2016 (\$225-300M)
- Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) for Hg control at Rush Island by 4/16/15, Labadie and Meramec by 4/16/16 (\$40-50M with yearly expenses of \$20-30M)
- Fuel additive at Sioux for Hg control by 4/16/15 (\$2-3M with yearly expenses of \$2-3M)
- PM, HCL, and Hg Continuous Emission Monitors (CEM) on all plants by 1/1/15 (\$10-20M)

Note: At this time it is anticipated that no HCl control equipment will be required.

Ameren Missouri Summary

- ▶ **316(a)** Thermal studies likely required for Labadie during term of next NPDES permit estimated at \$350K to \$600K. If cooling towers required estimate \$185M - \$400M.
- ▶ **316(b)** requires biological studies at all energy centers estimated at \$500K per plant. Cost to comply could range for \$10M - \$20M per plant for fish friendly traveling screens with fish return systems. Cooling towers retrofits are not beyond the realm of possibility, but not likely.
- ▶ **CSAPR SO₂** requirements can be achieved through 2017 by the purchase of ultra-low sulfur coal.
- ▶ **CSAPR NO_x** requirements can be achieved through a combination of LNB/OFA installations, aggressive NO_x tuning and operation of RRI/SNCR systems at Sioux. Credits may also be bought or traded.
- ▶ **MATS** will require additional equipment installation by 4/16/2015 at Rush Island and Sioux and 4/16/2016 at Labadie and Meramec with conceptual capital cost estimates of \$275-375M and yearly expense estimate of \$22-33M.