



# Coal to Gas Conversion Advantages

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# MHPS Product Lineup



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Gas Turbines



Steam Turbines



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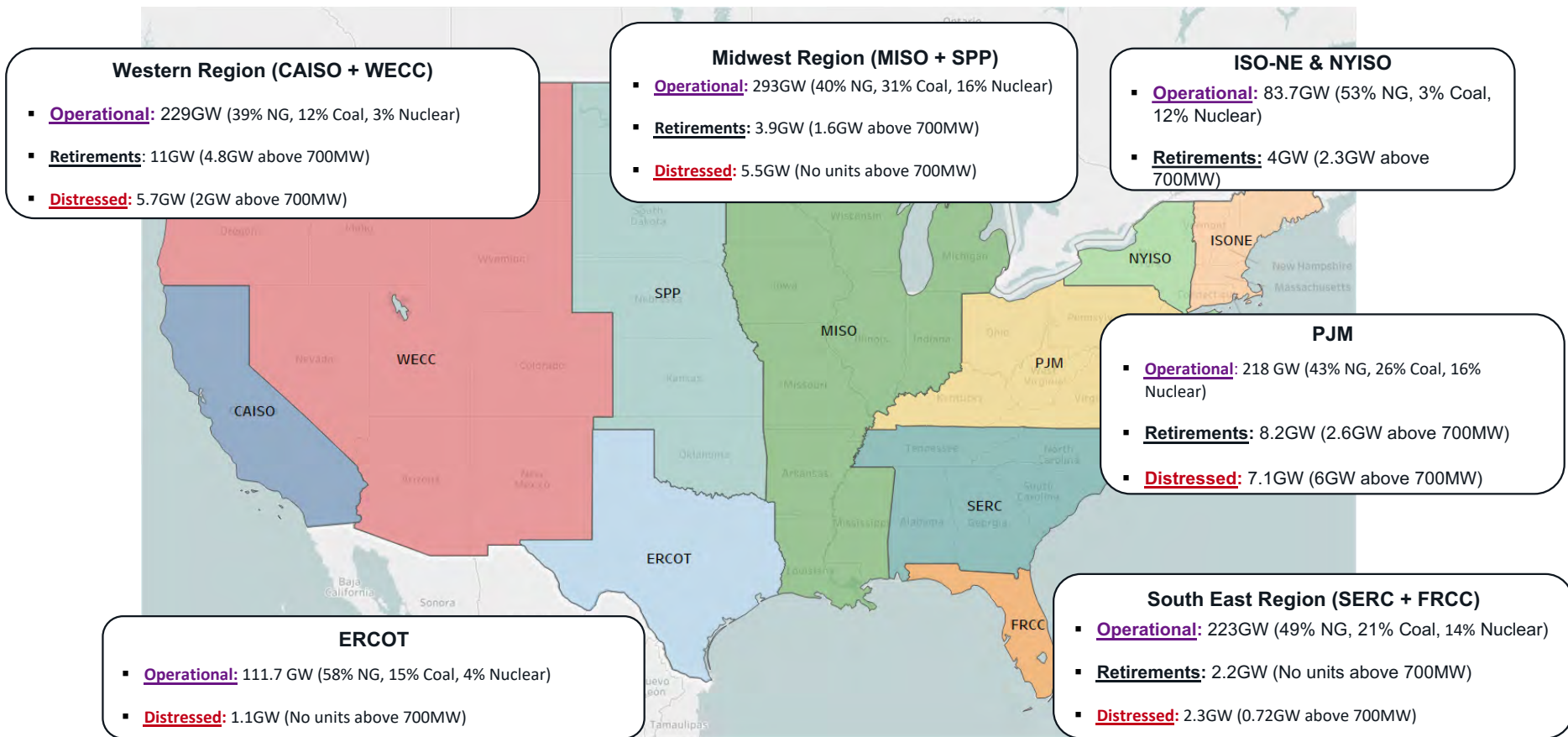


AQCS



Fuel Conversions

# Operating, Retirement, and Distressed Assets (2019-2023)



# Units faced with environmental challenges

- **Shut Down the Unit**
  - **Lowest Capital Cost Option**
  - **Eliminate all potential source of generation and potential capacity revenues and must incur de-commissioning cost (Replacement generation cost a possibility)**
- **Install New Combined Cycle**
  - **Minimize emissions with an efficient generation source burning cheap natural gas**
  - **Very high capital cost ~ \$1,250/kw++**
- **Re-power to Combined Cycle**
  - **Same benefits as Combined Cycle but re-using the Steam Turbine if possible**
  - **High Capital cost ~ \$1,000/kw++**
- **Install Capital Air Quality Control Systems**
  - **Installing the latest AQCS allows unit to remain operational with most fuel flexibility**
  - **High Capital Costs: FF ~ \$40/kw, DryFGD ~ \$125/kw, SCR ~ \$160/kw, with increased equipment to maintain and manpower**
- **Convert to Natural Gas**
  - **A Low cost option (\$26 ~ \$65/kw) that eliminates most all Hg, Particulate and Sulfur emissions**
  - **Gas Supply line has to be available to be cost effective and efficiency goes down slightly**

# Natural Gas Conversion – Emissions Benefits

## Emissions Improvements

- SO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>3</sub> – none
- Mercury – none
- Particulate – none
- Effluent Wastewater – none
- NO<sub>x</sub> – reduced
- CO – reduced
- CO<sub>2</sub> ~ 45% reduced

## Air Quality Controls Avoided

- Flue Gas Desulphurization
- Dry Sorbent Injection
- Activated Carbon Injection
- Calcium Bromide
- Electrostatic Precipitator
- Pulse Jet Fabric Filter
- Selective Catalytic Reducer
- Selective Non-Catalytic Reducer

**Due to Emissions reductions, Capital expenditures on AQCS are eliminated**

# Natural Gas Conversions – Equipment Savings

## Reduced O&M Costs

- Air Quality Controls (FGD, SCR, etc.)
- Coal Unloading, Storage & Conveying
- Pulverizer motors
- Primary Air Fans
- Ash Conveying, Sluicing & Disposal
- Sootblowing Equipment, Piping & Controls
- Dust Collection & Suppression
- Boiler Erosion/Corrosion

**Cost Savings for Parasitic load, Maintenance and Personnel associated**



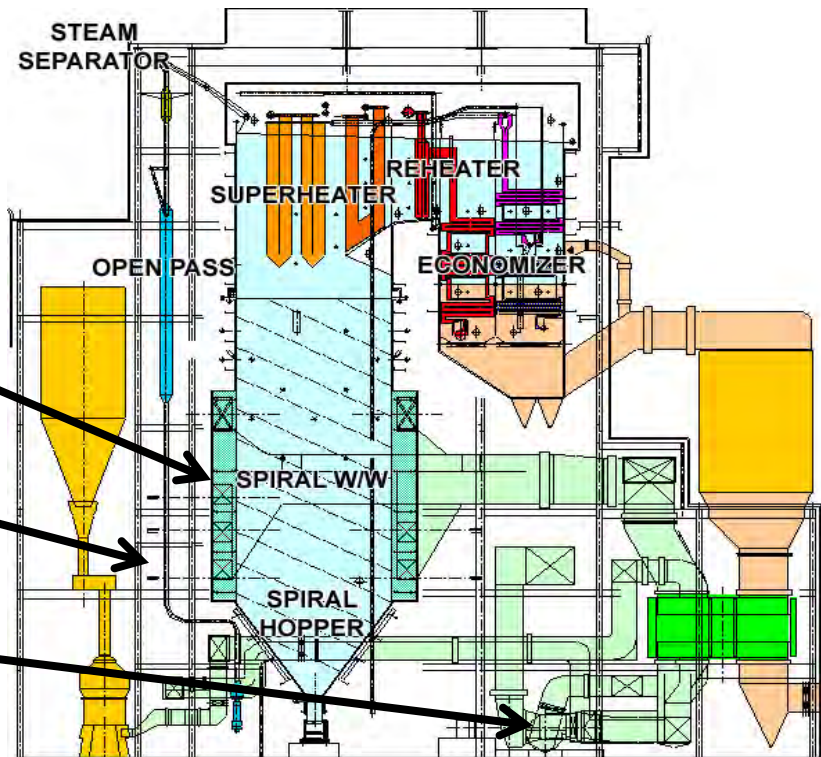
# Gas Conversion Technologies – Design Features

## 3 Main Components of Gas Conversion:

Natural Gas Low NO<sub>x</sub> Burner  
modification of existing coal  
burner

Natural Gas Piping and Control  
Valve Skids

Flue Gas Recirculation  
(If Needed) to raise steam  
temperature and lower  
NO<sub>x</sub> emissions



**Cost effectively maintain capacity with minimal modification**  
**EPC Cost Range \$30-65/kw**

# Boiler Capacity and Main Steam Temperature

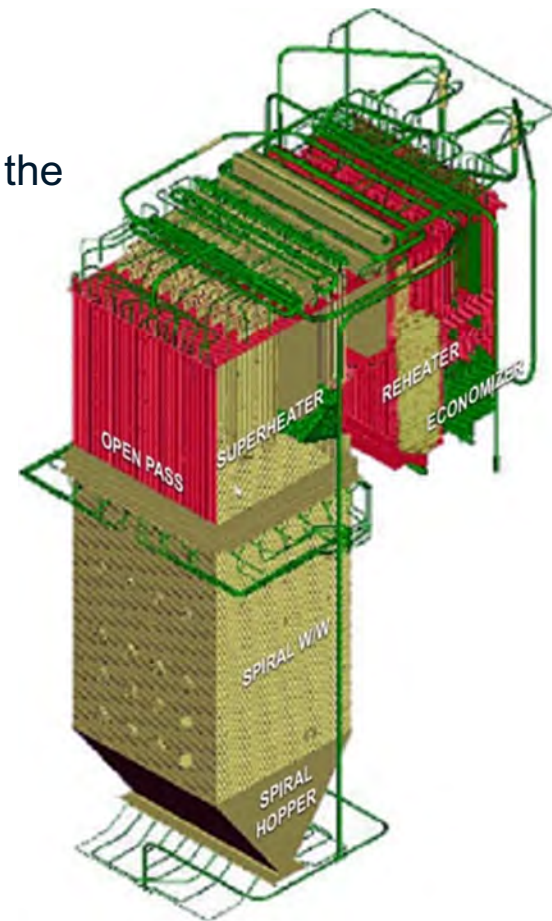
Boilers are sized for specific fuels:

- ❑ A Coal Boiler is much larger in size than a Gas Boiler of the same MW Capacity.
- ❑ When a Coal Boiler is converted to Gas, challenges are presented with reduced efficiency and elevated steam temperatures. (due to lower emissivity (radiant) flame characteristic of gas vs. coal.)
- ❑ As a result, heat transfer is reduced in the furnace and increased in the conversion pass.

To maintain Boiler Capacity, Firing Rate must be increased

Offsetting Steam Temperature effects can include:

- ❑ Decreasing Excess Air
- ❑ Adding Gas Recirculation
- ❑ Modifying SH/RH Surface





# Low NOx Strategies

## Reduce NOx/CO Emissions by:

- Utilizing the Latest Generation of Low NOx Burners
  - Multi-Lance Gas Canes (wall-fired)
  - Increase burners quantity to spread flame out (T-fired)
- Adding Over-Fire Air
- Utilize BOOS (Burner out of service)
- Air Heater By-pass
- Adding Gas Recirculation (FGR and IFGR) for NOx Control
- SNCR or SCR

# NRG: New Castle Project Objectives

New Castle Units 3 and 4 are both 100 MW units with 12 burners. Unit 5 is a 142 Net MW unit with 16 burners. 1950's vintage.

The objectives of the project was as follows:

- Achieve a NOx emission level of 0.15 lb/mmBtu firing on Natural Gas
- Supply and install Flue Gas Recirculation System (FGR)
- Maintain Full Capacity
- No Metals Upgrades
- Thermal Guarantees:
  - Main Steam Flow
  - Main Steam Temperature
  - Hot Re-Heat Temperature
  - Main Steam Pressure
  - Boiler Efficiency



# MHPSA Gas Conversions - Schedule

New Castle Project	LNTP & Engineering Release	Dec.16, 2014		Pre-outage included installation of valve skids, gas piping, GR fans and ductwork.
	Mobilization & Pre-Outage	Nov.1, 2015		
	Gas Piping Delivery	Nov.27, 2015 – Dec.24, 2015		
	PRV/FCV Valve Skid Delivery	Dec. 2015 – Feb. 2016		
	GR Fan Delivery	Dec.15, 2016		
NC 3	Outage Tie-in	Mar.1 - 31, 2016	31 days	
	Commissioning	Apr.1 – 20, 2016	20 days	10 days ahead of schedule
NC 4	Outage Tie-in	Mar.15 – Apr.15, 2016	32 days	
	Commissioning	April 16 – May 5, 2016	20 days	10 days ahead of schedule
NC 5	Outage Tie-in	April 1 – 30, 2016	30 days	
	Commissioning	May 1 – 12, 2016	12 days	18 days ahead of schedule

**15 Months from LNTP to start of the first outage**

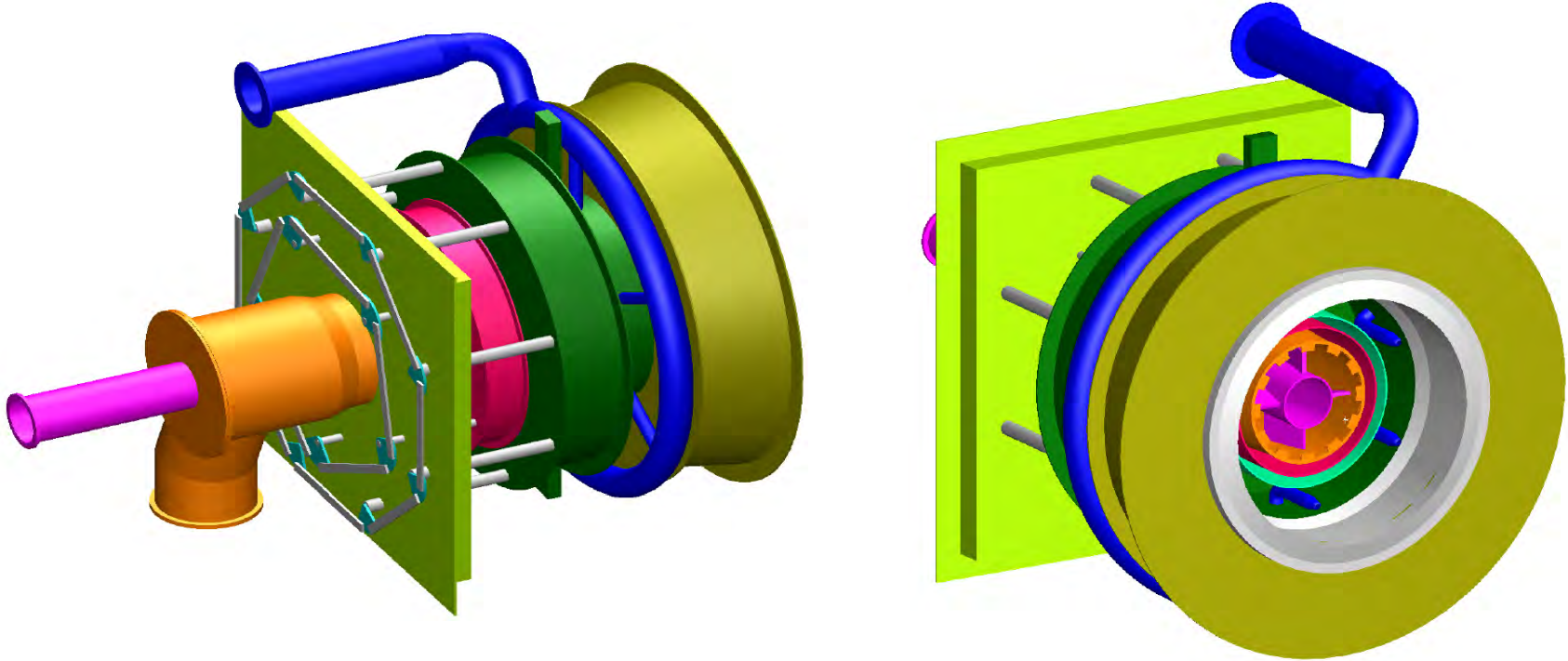
# New Castle Burner Front



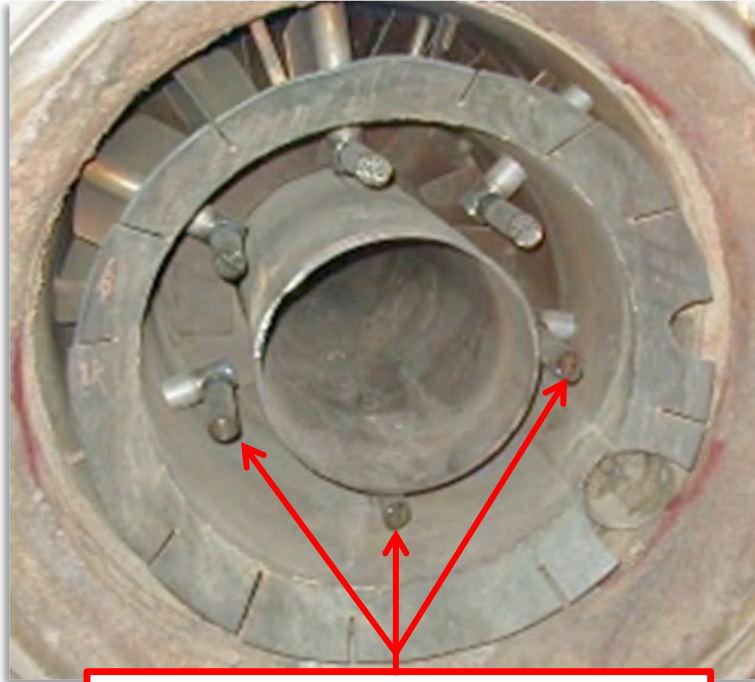
**Existing Coal Burner**

# Coal Burner Retrofit with Full Load Gas Canes

## Ring Header inside Windbox



# Coal Burner Retrofit with Full Load Gas Canes



**Gas Spuds Inserted into Burner**

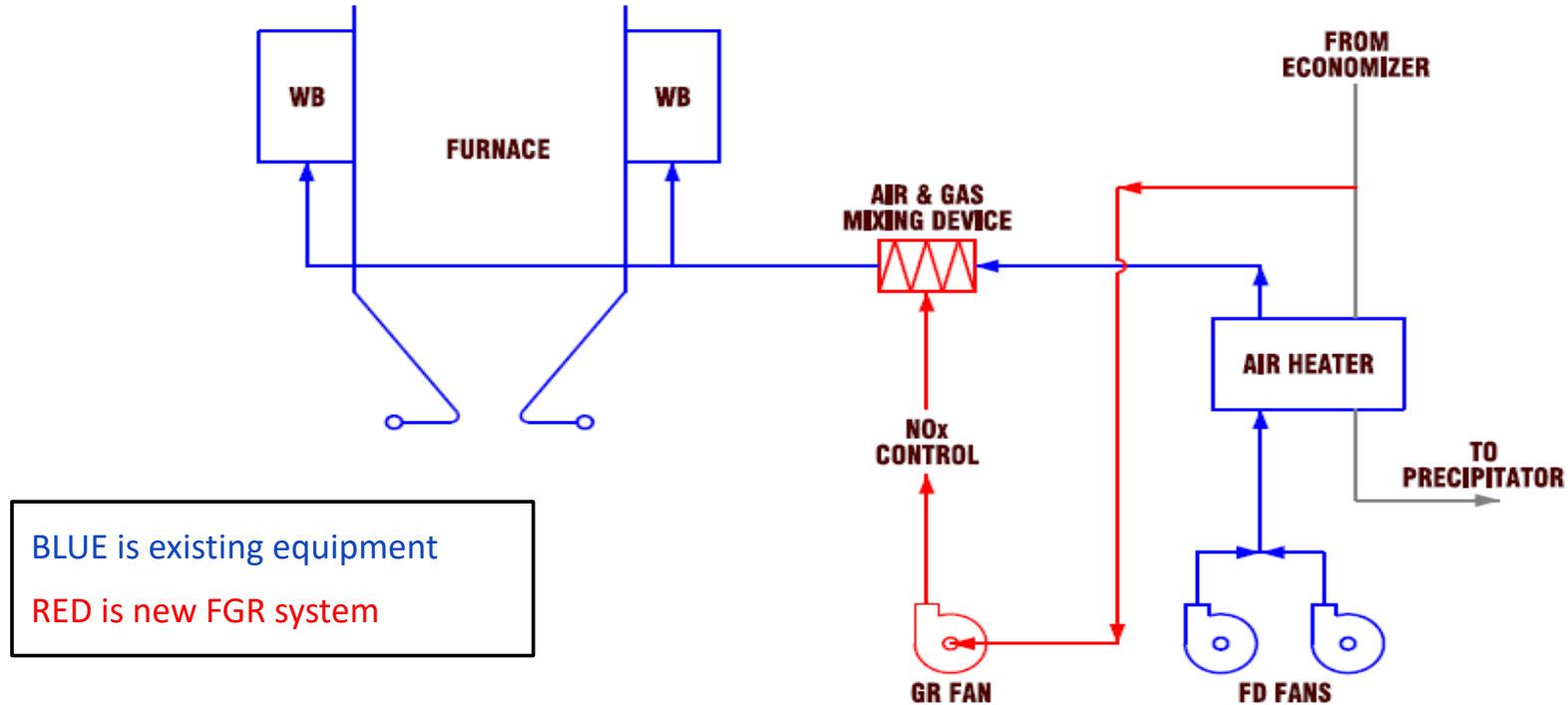


**New Gas Spud**

**Minimal modification, dual-fired capability**

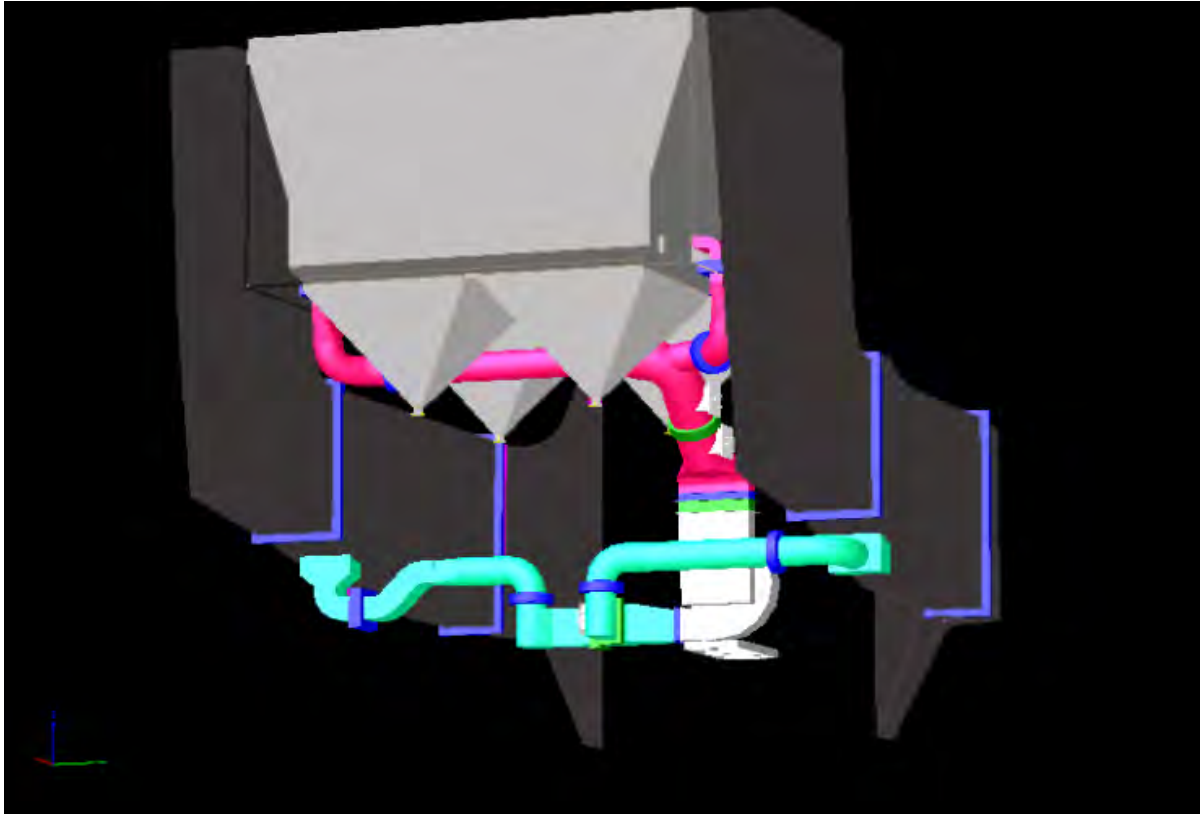


# Flue Gas Recirculation (FGR) – New Castle

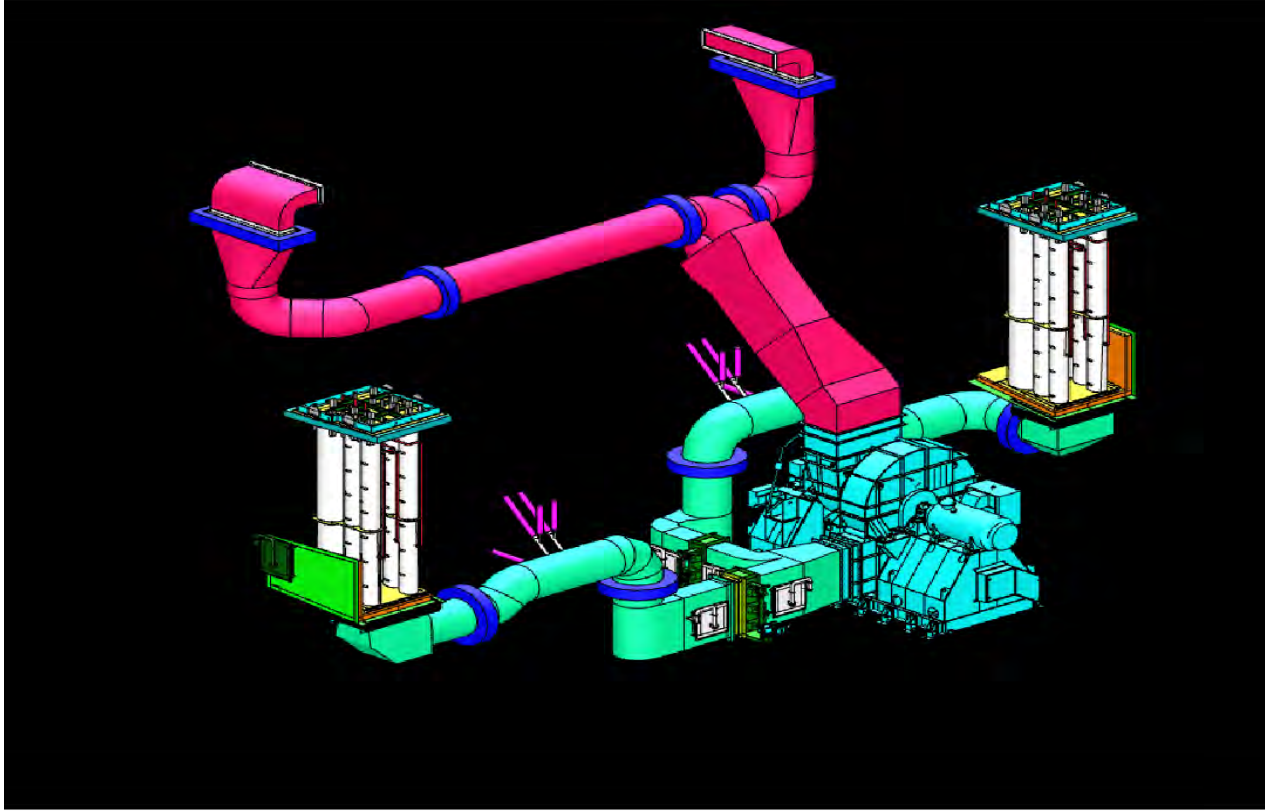


**FGR can meet stringent NO<sub>x</sub> limitations and maximize boiler output**

# FGR Fan, Ductwork & Mixers for Customer New Castle 3&4



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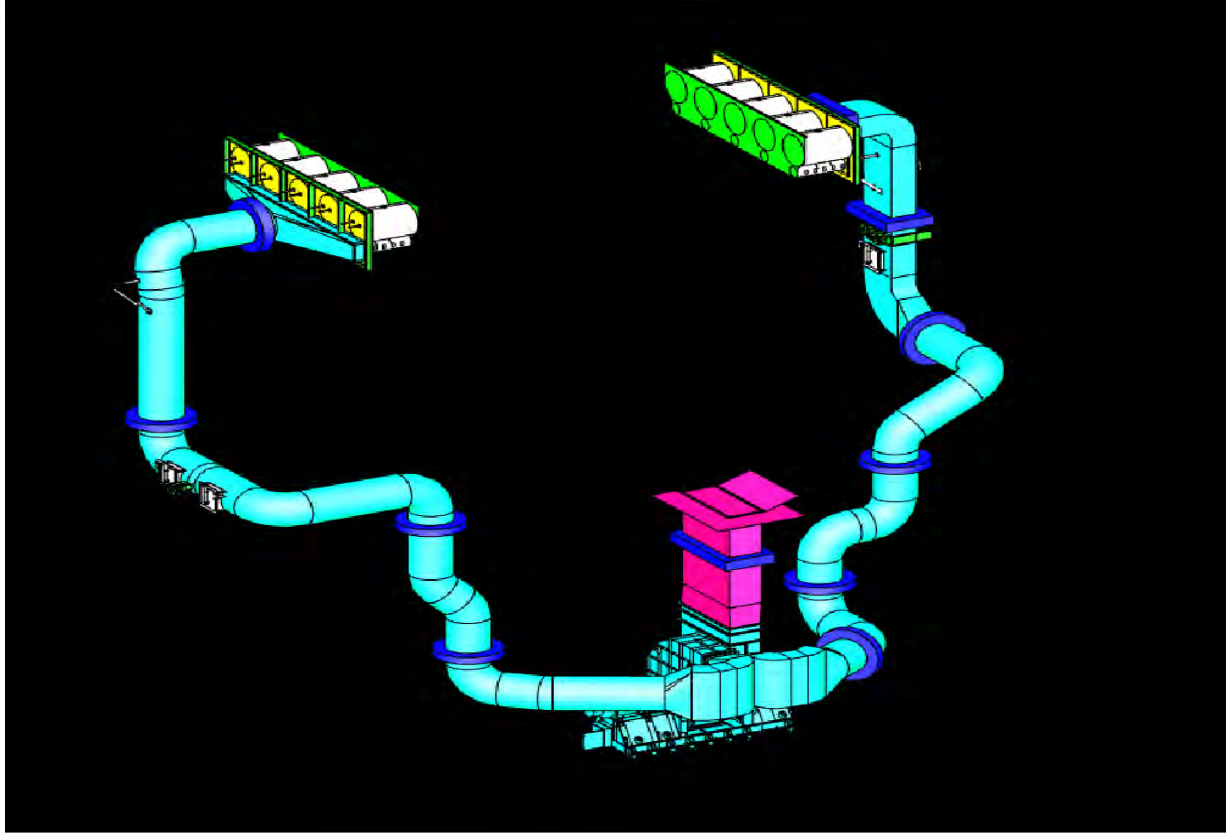
# Flue Gas Recirculation Fan Installation for New Castle



# Flue Gas Recirculation Ductwork Installation for New Castle



# FGR Fan, Ductwork & Mixers for Customer New Castle 5





# Gas Conversion Results

NRG	New Castle 3			New Castle 4			New Castle 5		
	Coal	Gas	Change	Coal	Gas	Change	Coal	Gas	Change
MW	92	95	↑3	91	94	↑3	142	149	↑7
Boiler Efficiency (%)*	86.70	83.78	↓2.92	86.20	84.22	↓1.98	87.14	84.69	↓2.43
SO <sub>2</sub> (lbs/mmBtu)	2.31	0	↓100%	2.23	0	↓100%	2.34	0	↓100%
Mercury (ppm)	0.12	0	↓100%	0.12	0	↓100%	0.12	0	↓100%
NOx (lbs/mmBtu)	0.35	0.09	↓74%	0.28	0.09	↓68%	0.47	0.10	↓78%
CO (ppm)	634	55	↓91%	2533	54	↓98%	430	48	↓89%
CO <sub>2</sub> (lbs/mmBtu)	205	127	↓38%	205	127	↓38%	205	127	↓38%

\*Parasitic load savings (approximately 1-1.5%) not taken into account



18k Boilermaker hours  
16k Pipefitter hours

**Drastic emissions reductions with only minor efficiency loss**

# NRG: Joliet Station – Project Objectives

Joliet Units 7 & 8: 580 MW units with 32 Burners each. 1960's Vintage.

The objectives of the project was as follows:

- Emissions guarantees
  - Achieve NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and VOC emissions at 5% Excess Oxygen across load conditions of 25% to 100%.
- Boiler Heat Input
- Maintain Full Capacity
- No Metals Upgrade

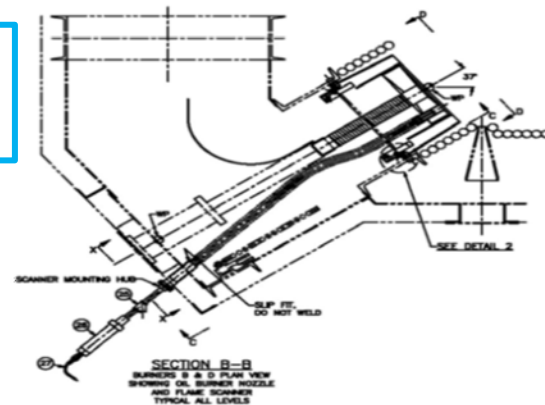
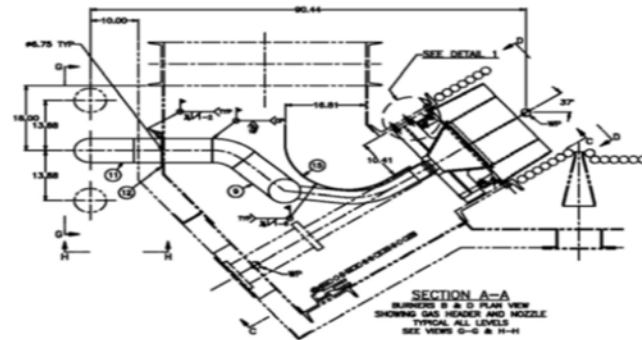
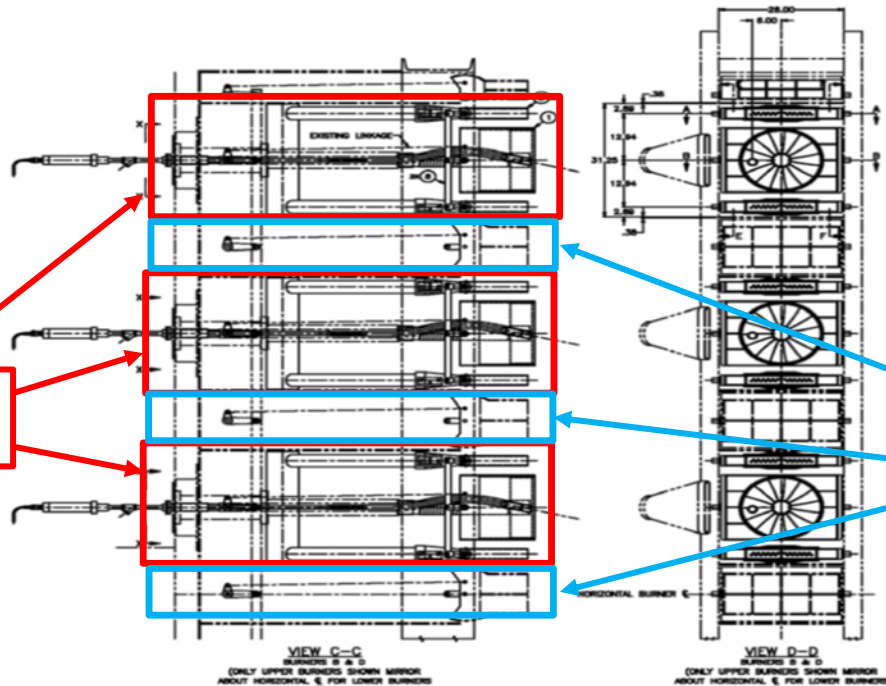


# MHPSA Gas Conversions - Schedule

	Milestone/Activity	Schedule	Duration	Remarks
Joliet	Contract & Engineering Release	Mar.31, 2015		Pre-outage included scaffolding and installation of valve skids.
	Mobilization & Pre-Outage	Oct.1, 2015		
	Gas Piping Delivery	Dec.9, 2015 – Feb.2, 2016		
	PRV/FCV Valve Skid Delivery	Dec.16, 2015 – Feb.6, 2016		
J 7	Outage Tie-in	Mar.19 – Apr.30, 2016	43 days	Commissioning period for both units was extended due to Gas Supply difficulties.
	Commissioning	May 1 – 20, 2016	20 days	
J 8	Outage Tie-in	Mar.8 – May 6, 2016	60 days	Unit 8 outage was longer due to the Turbine Overhaul by others.
	Commissioning	May 7 – Jun.20, 2016	45 days	

**Less than 12 months from LNTP to start of first outage**

## Burner Retrofit for T-fired Boilers



# Coal Burner Retrofit for T-fired Boilers



**Minimal modification, dual-fired capability**



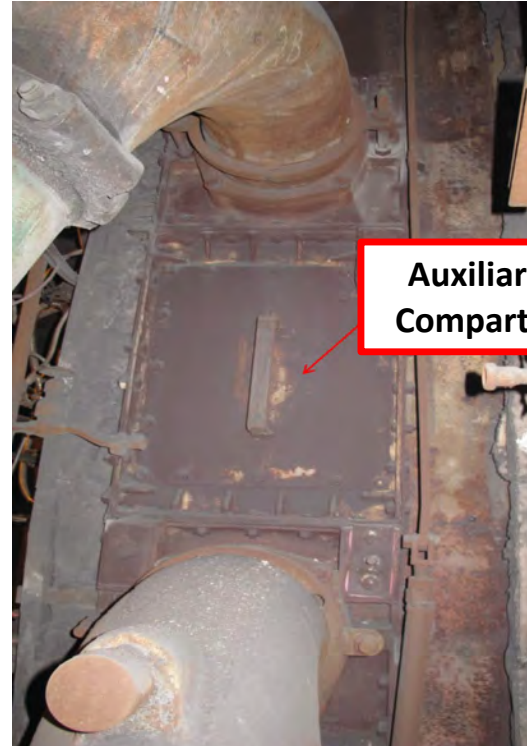
# Coal Burner Retrofit for T-fired Boilers

Coal Compartment



T-Fired Burner Components (Rear)

Auxiliary Air Compartment



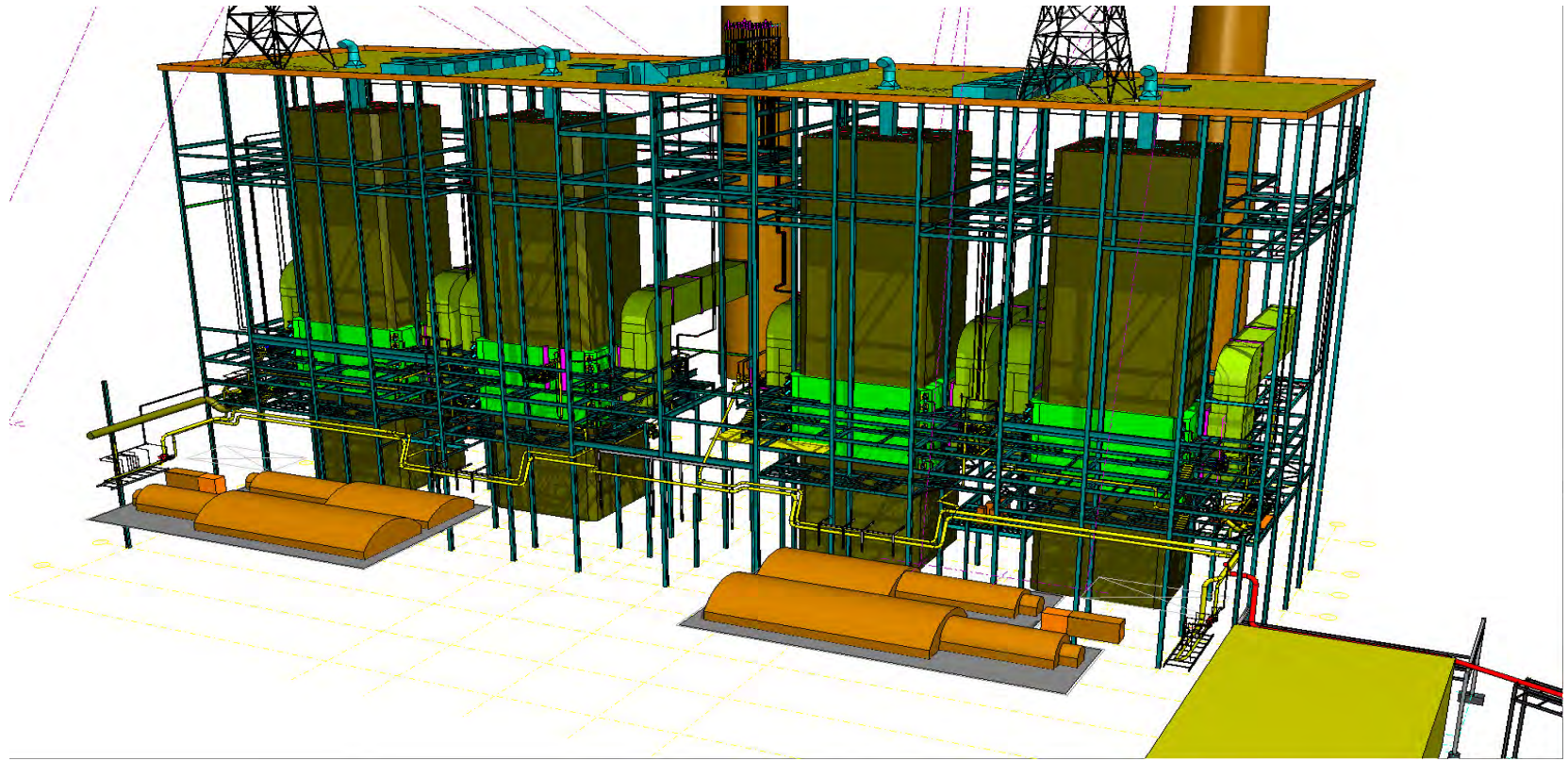
Windbox Cover Plate



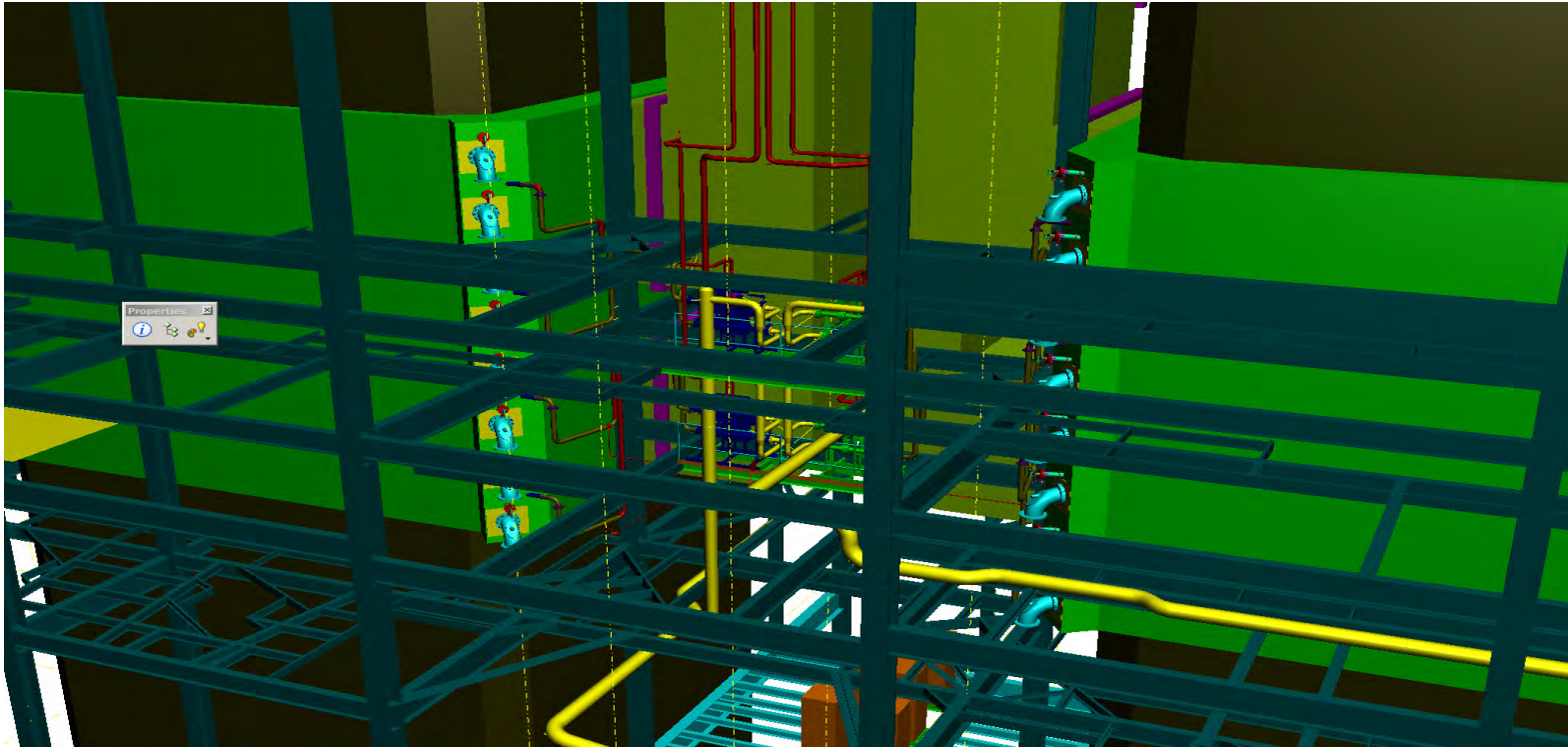
# Burner Retrofit for T-fired Boilers



# Boiler Overview with Gas Piping



# Supply Piping between Furnaces





# FCV/PRV Skid Installation for Joliet



# Natural Gas Piping Installation for Joliet



# Scope of Supply - Natural Gas System

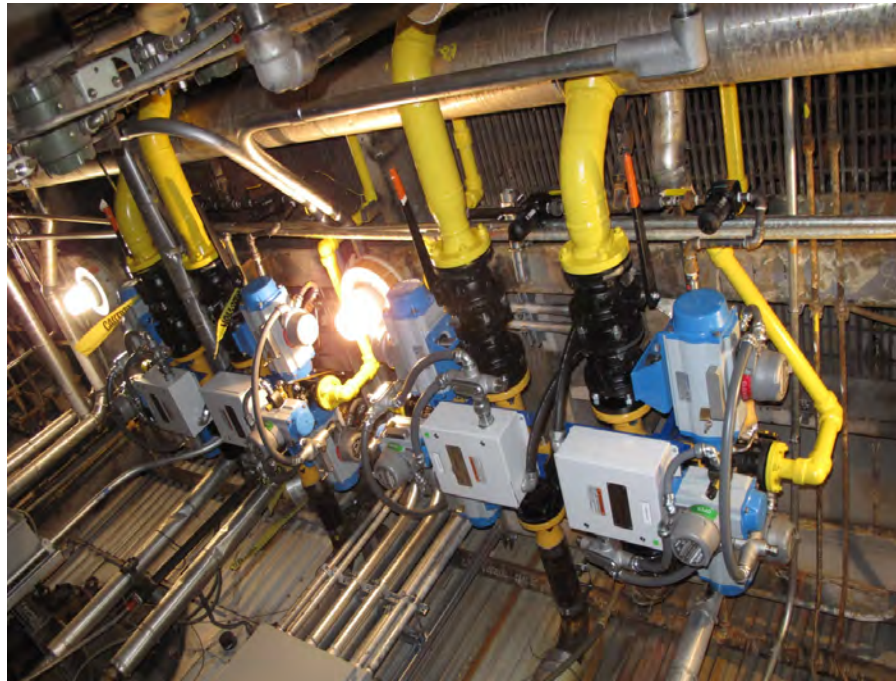
## PRV/FCV Skid Example





# Scope of Supply - Natural Gas System

## Double Block & Bleed Valve Rack Examples



# Gas Vent Piping





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# Gas Conversion Results

NRG	Joliet 7			Joliet 8		
	Coal	Gas	Change	Coal	Gas	Change
MW	525	561	↑36	525	566	↑41
Boiler Efficiency (%)*	85.14	83.80	↓1.24	85.19	83.95	↓1.24
SO <sub>2</sub> (lbs/mmBtu)	0.39	0	↓100%	0.40	0	↓100%
Mercury (ppm)	0.07	0	↓100%	0.07	0	↓100%
NO <sub>x</sub> (lbs/mmBtu)	0.10	0.07	↓30%	0.12	0.08	↓33%
CO (ppm)	1226	30	↓98%	1092	21	↓98%
CO <sub>2</sub> (lbs/MW)	1959	1122	↓43%	1959	1122	↓43%

\*Parasitic load savings (approximately 1-1.5%) not taken into account



40k Boilermaker hours  
64k Pipefitter hours

**Drastic emissions reductions with virtually no net efficiency loss**

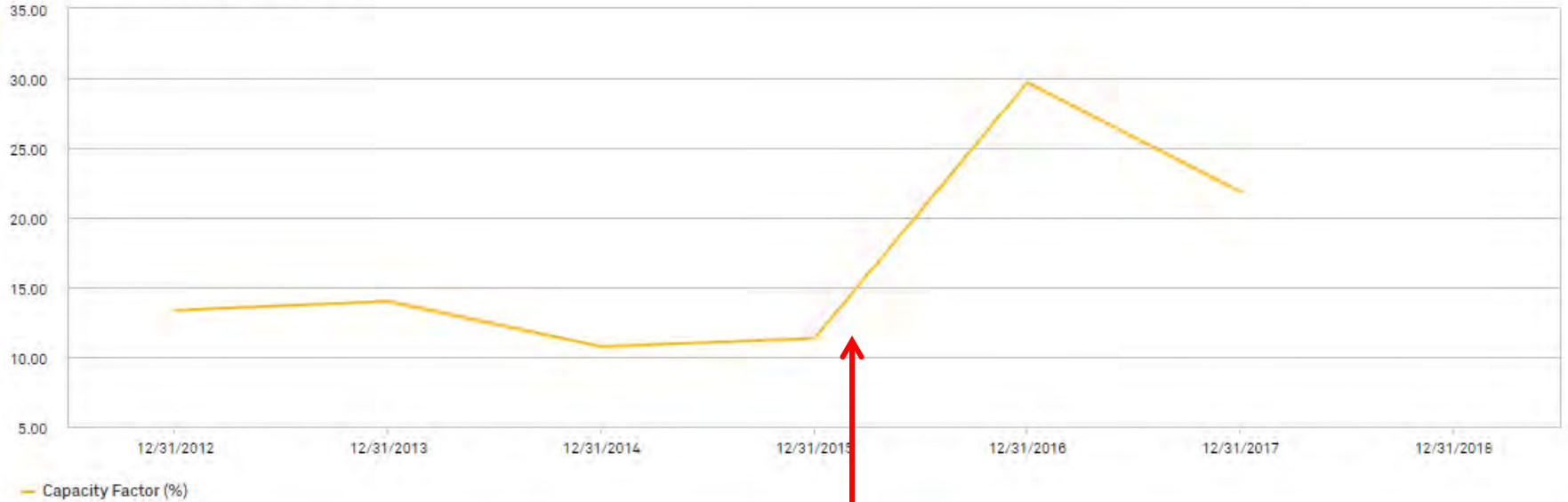
# Gas Conversion Market Summary

Utility	Station	Boiler Firing Type	Unit	Total MWs
NRG	Joliet	Wall & Tangential	6 – 8	1680
PPL	Brunner Island	Tangential	1 – 3	1559
Southern Company	Gaston	Wall	1 – 4	1061
OG&E	Muskogee	Tangential	4 & 5	960
Southern Company	Yates	Tangential	6 & 7	807
IPL	Harding Street	Tangential	5 – 7	698
NRG	Big Cajun	Wall	2	626
NRG	Shawville	Wall & Tangential	1 – 4	626
Southern Company	Greene County	Wall	1 & 2	568
Nextera	Crist	Wall	6 & 7	550
AEP	Clinch River	Wall	1 & 2	475
NRG	New Castle	Wall	3 – 5	348
AEP	Big Sandy	Wall	1	281
DTE	Trenton Channel	Tangential	7 & 8	240
Duke	Lee	Tangential	3	175
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>~10,500</b>



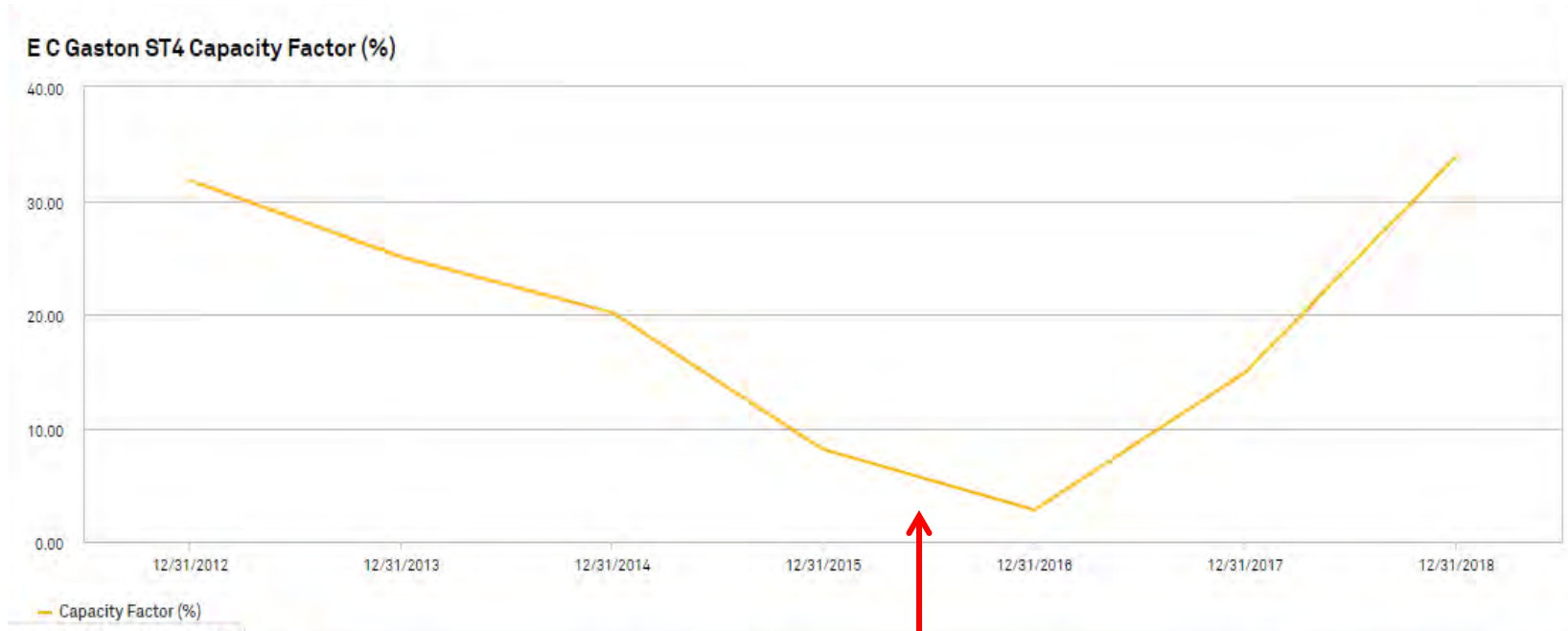
# NRG - New Castle 3-5 (342MW)

Entire Plant Capacity Factor (%)



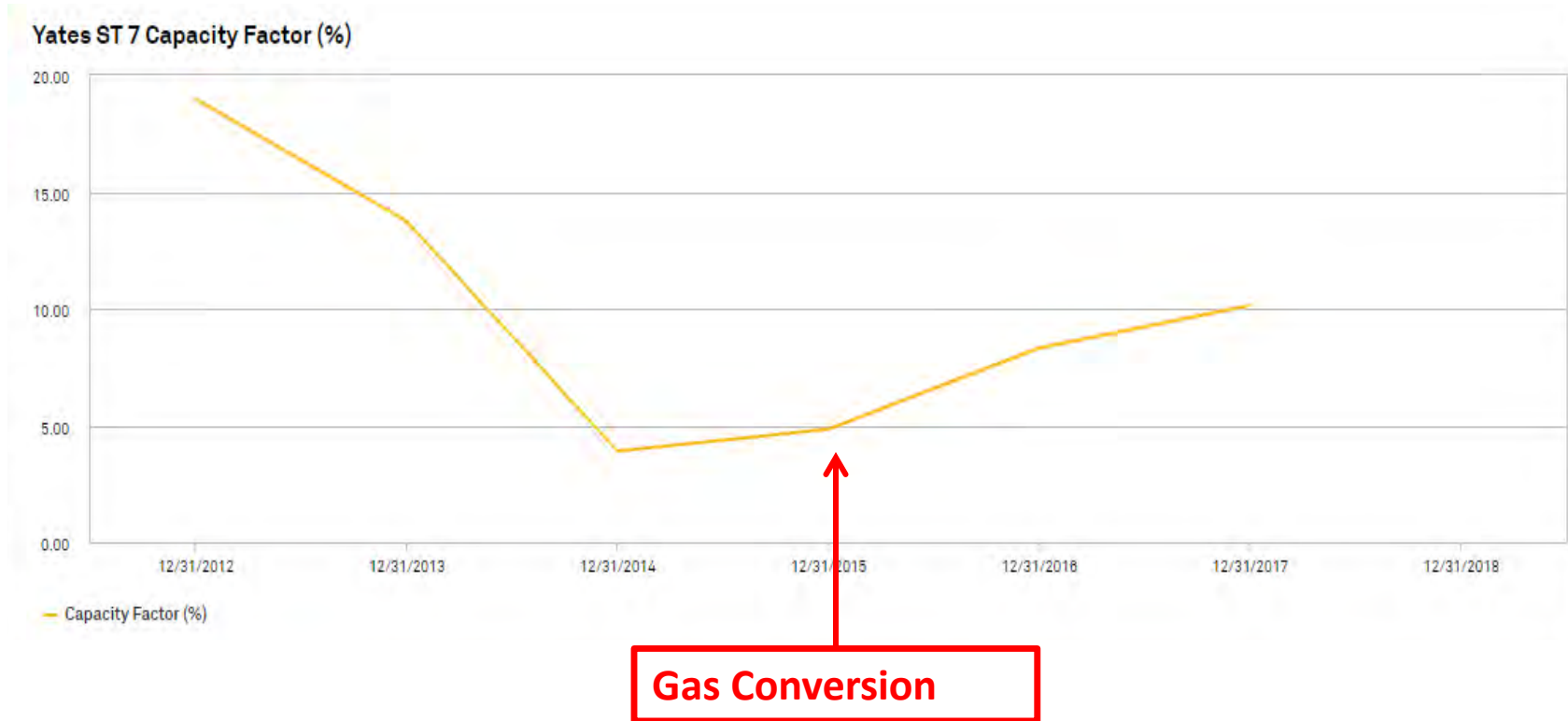
**Gas Conversion**

# Southern Company - Gaston Plant # 4 (245 MW)



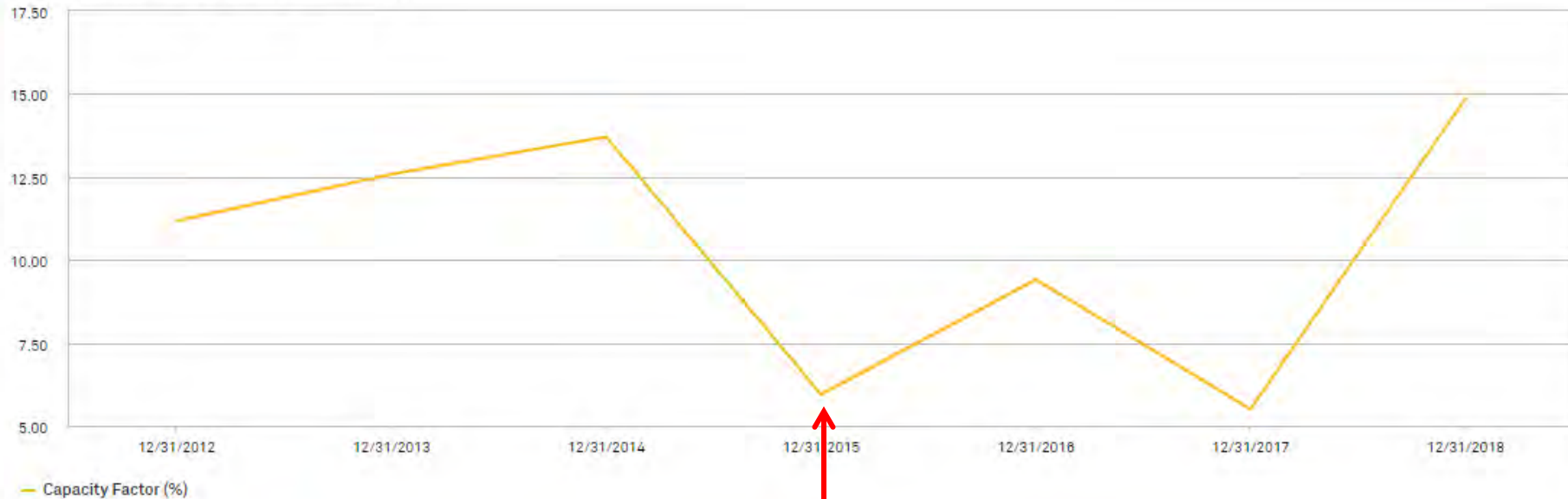
**Gas Conversion**

# Southern Company – Yates #7 (404 MW)



# AEP – Clinch River #2 (238MW)

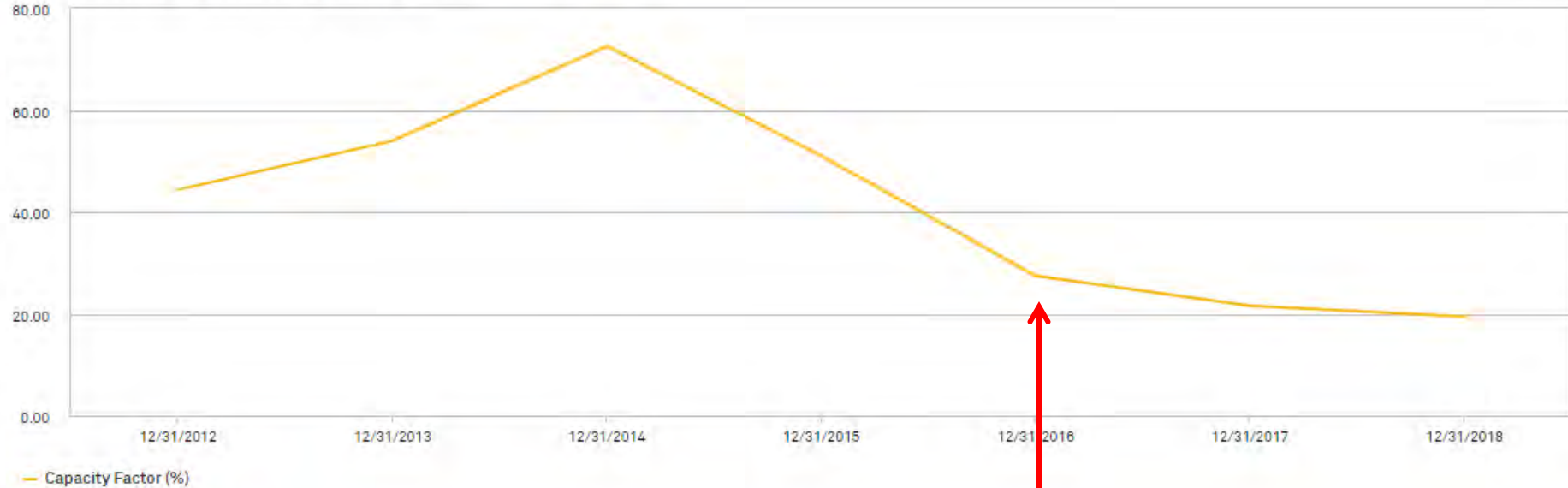
Clinch River ST 2 Capacity Factor (%)



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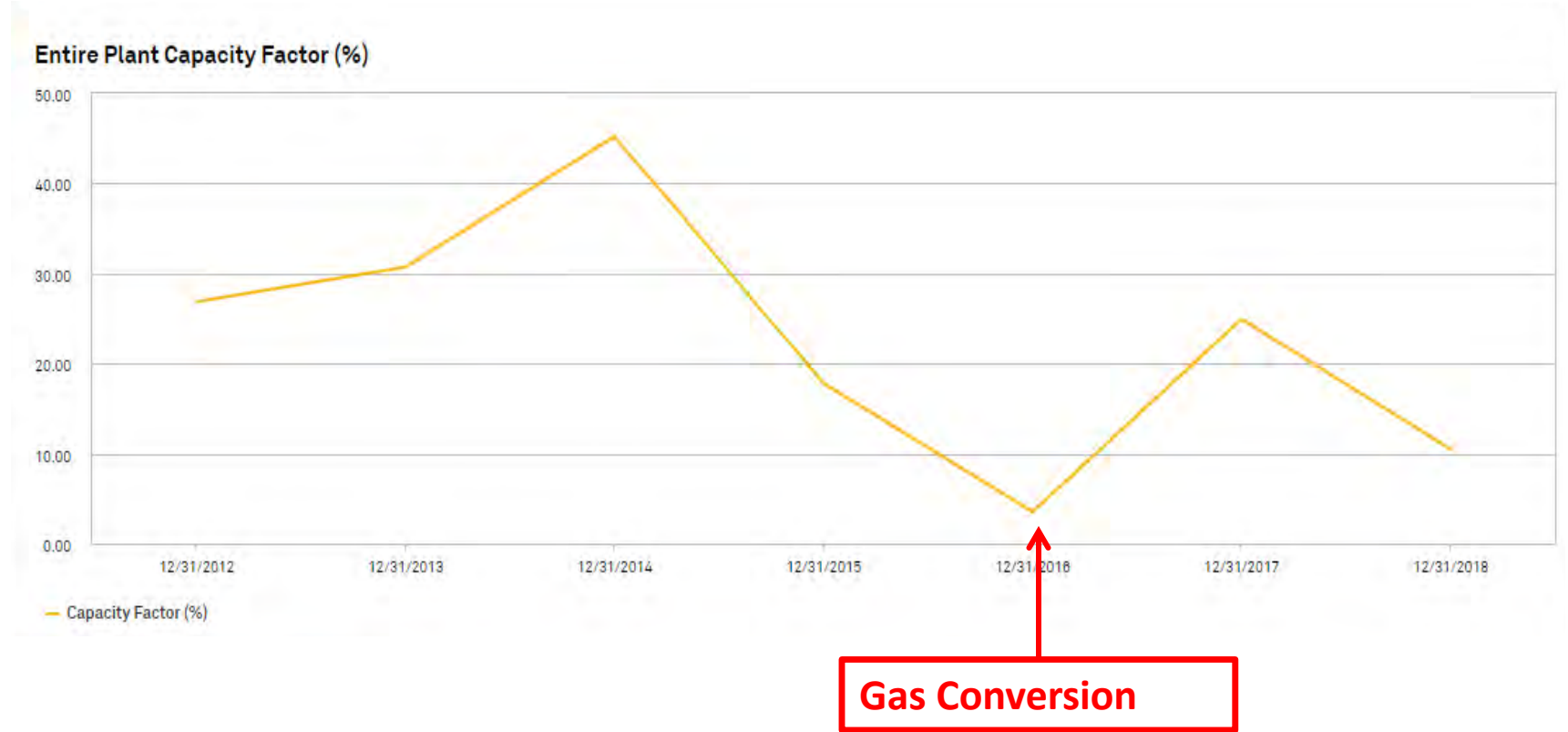
# Southern Company – Greene #2 (299MW)

Greene County ST 2 Capacity Factor (%)



**Gas Conversion**

# NRG – Shawville 1-4 (590MW)





# Summary

- Drastically minimize or eliminate all air emissions
- Can maintain dual firing capability (oil and gas) at no additional cost
- Low capital investment cost of \$30-65/kW USD
- Can maintain full capacity with minimal efficiency impact
- Can take advantage of lowest ever natural gas prices for fuel source (Up to 20% lower)
- Lower O&M costs, reduce manpower, and increase boiler reliability (55% less workers)

**Burning clean natural gas is a low cost option for your existing coal unit**

# PSEG – Hudson Station (1020 MW).....retired 2017



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