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Providing Solutions for Energy Generation and Use

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E.ON UK Integrated UK energy business

Wholesale

Social

responsibility

•Corporate

governance

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Corporate

- 10,900 MW of generating capacity
- Combined Heat and Power 14 sites



Retail

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Renewables – over 20 operational wind farms, hydro and biomass

Scheduling

•Carbon

trading

•Power trading

Trading

• Trading (Power, Gas and Carbon)

•Risk

managementReliability

Availability

Generation

ransmission

•Flexibility

- Distribution Central Networks
- Retail 9m customers



Energy

Services

Distribution

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CO2 – A Powerful New



Global Warming is a Fact....

....and atmospheric levels of CO2 are increasing



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Schematic of range of actions required globally



One "wedge is equivalent to any one of the following:

- A global shift from coal to gas
- Wide scale carbon capture and storage.
- Major investment in nuclear
- Increased use of renewables
- Wide scale adoption of small scale combined heat & power or fuel cells
- Energy efficiency measures.
- Transport doubling fuel economy or halving the number of miles driven.



Schematic of range of actions required globally



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Carbon mitigation potential and cost of future



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Low Carbon Solutions



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Distributed generation & demand si

Demand-side reviews

Demand-side issues, measures and technologies

DG & active load management

 Intelligent active energy management for small energy zones

Demand-side buildings

- Low carbon solutions for existing commercial buildings
- Catalogue of low carbon domestic and commercial technologies



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Distributed generation & demand side

Micro generation

- Home wind turbine trials and demonstration – Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire
- Major technical review of WhisperGen technology and other mCHP options
- Ongoing technical support to Retail and Energy Services in delivering low carbon product incubation process for novel technologies – eg ground-source heat pumps







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Enabling Technologies

Electricity transmission and distribution

Connection challenges for renewables

Low carbon market modelling

- New market modelling techniques
- Construct low carbon technology market model

Energy storage

- DTI Innovation Project Develop 1MW x 4MWh battery (2006-2008), install on CN 11kV network and operate (2008-2010)
- Flow battery storage technology development - Pilot-scale (5kW) evaluation and analysis of potential benefits





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Renewables

Wind

- Valuing wind capacity and its affect on the Wholesale Market
- Steering Group of SUPERGEN Wind Consortium
 - setting UK University agenda and priorities
- Develop tools to understanding wind turbine blade stress profiles to inform NDT strategy

Climatology

 Scoping study to refine Met Office climate forecasting model for long term renewable resource prediction







Renewables

Marine

- Review of Tidal technology & opportunities
- Develop strategy for estimating energy yield
- Build capability in energy yield assessment

Other

 Technology tracking: e.g. low-head hydro, solar thermal & geothermal



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Cleaner Fossil – Carbon Abatement Technologies (CATs)

Carbon Capture

- Collaboration with University of Regina on amine scrubbing for postcombustion capture
- EU FP6 CASTOR project assessing technologies for CO2 capture, follow on collaboration on whole plant engineering and integration

CO2 transportation & storage

- UK site study British Geographical Survey
- Collaborate with major oil companies and other stakeholders via membership of CCSA & IEA GHG Association

IGCC

• EU collaborations: CACHET (CO2 capture by pre-combustion) & DYNAMIS (benchmarking competing IGCC processes)

Oxyfuel

Modification of the 1MW CTF for oxyfuel firing - RFCS EU collaboration



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E.ON UK has a potentially viable CCS project at Killingholme

Overview

- Killingholme will nominally be a 450MW IGCC+CCS fuelled on coal
- Built on or close to the existing Killingholme site
- Multiple CO₂ storage options identified in the Southern North Sea
- Full FEED Study due for completion May 2008





Price Estimates - EPRI Analysis for 2020

Levelized Cost of Electricity, £/MWh



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Overview of CATs Research Agenda

Efficiency improvement for power plant

- ➢boilers, turbines, IGCC
- **Co-use of biomass**
- cofiring, co-gasification, ...
- **Carbon dioxide capture**
- >post-combustion, pre-combustion, oxyfuel

Carbon dioxide transport and storage

Pipelines, Ships, EOR, depleted gas fields, saline aquifers, unmineable coal seams

Improved performance, economics, safety, environment and public awareness



Efficiency Improvement for Power Plant





Co-use of Biomass

Advanced cofiring or co-gasification (up to 20% or more by heat input), including corrosion, slagging and fouling issues

 Efficient preparation and processing of biomass energy crops (e.g. pelletisation, torrefaction)

Other cycles using biomass (e.g. biomass feedwater heating)





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Carbon Dioxide Capture Technologies

Post-combustion (scrubbing)

•Process optimisation

•New and less energy intensive solvents (e.g. amines, chilled ammonia)

•Avoidance of solvent degradation

Pre-combustion Capture

- •Gasification : process integration/optimisation, improved availability
- •Gas cleaning : improved reliability
- •Gas conditioning : CO₂ capture : integration and optimisation of shift conversion and CO₂ capture processes, conditioning of H₂ fuel gas stream for GT
- •Gas turbine : Premix burners for hydrogen requiring
- •Air separation unit : Process optimisation, improved absorbents for contamination removal, high efficiency packings for distilling fluids close to supercritical conditions

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Carbon Dioxide Capture Technologies

Oxyfuel combustion

- Process optimisation including start-up/shut-down
- Combustion chemistry and kinetics
- Heat transfer prediction
- Materials for oxyfuel environment, corrosion issues
- Ash properties
- •Flue gas cleaning to meet CO₂ specifications
- ASUs
- Flue gas cleaning and conditioning





Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage

Transport

 Corrosion behaviour of pipelines as a function of material, temperature, etc

Alternative materials, joining technologies, sealing technologies

- Crack formation and growth
- Technologies for CO2 ships





Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage

Storage

•Gather experimental data and develop proper modelling and measuring, monitoring and verification techniques, together with knowledge and methods on trapping, rock and fluid properties, stability/integrity and CO₂ mobility

•Assess / develop cost-effective methods for managing impact of subsurface uncertainty on performance prediction and risk.

•Develop database of equilibrium and kinetic data for use in coupled geochemical modelling of storage systems.

•Develop remote sensing techniques that give improved characterisation of stability of storage sites e.g. geomechanical properties for fault stability

•Assess potential for storage in saline aquifers e.g. develop atlas of seal and saline formation properties for North Sea

•ECBM /UCG – real absorption capacity of coal as function of depth and permeability



Conclusions

•The technology options for a low carbon future are extensive and cover the entire electricity supply chain

•Many are still some way from the marketplace and need significant R&D

•There are a range of materials issues associated with the candidate technologies from the development and characterisation of exotic nickel based alloys to withstand steam temperatures of greater than 700°C to porous materials capable of storing hydrogen in large quantities