

# Preferred Strategies and Approaches to Emissions Reductions

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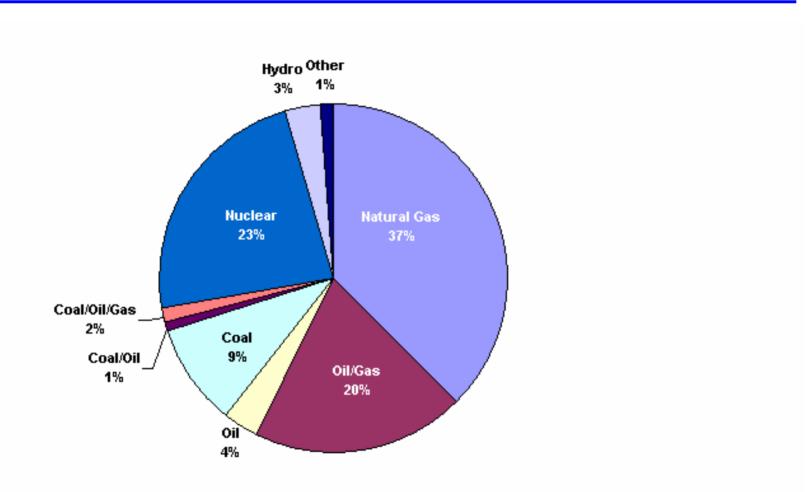
## Clean Energy Group Percentage Capacity Mix for Each Company

|              |         |          |       |         |        |         | Northeast |       |       |        |
|--------------|---------|----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
|              | Calpine | Conectiv | ConEd | Entergy | Exelon | Keyspan | Utilities | NEGT  | PSEG  | Sempra |
| coal         |         | 16.6%    |       | 8.9%    | 2.8%   |         | 26.1%     | 34.6% | 23.6% | 4.6%   |
| gas          | 96.1%   | 59.7%    | 61.3% | 1.2%    | 16.2%  | 55.9%   |           | 51.0% | 15.7% | 88.5%  |
| oil          |         | 23.7%    | 17.3% | 0.1%    | 6.2%   | 14.9%   | 0.6%      |       | 0.9%  |        |
| oil/gas      |         |          | 21.4% | 56.4%   | 3.7%   | 29.3%   | 13.4%     |       | 30.3% |        |
| coal/oil     |         |          |       |         |        |         |           |       | 3.9%  |        |
| coal/oil/gas |         |          |       |         | 7.5%   |         |           |       |       |        |
| nuclear      |         |          |       | 32.2%   | 57.2%  |         | 16.1%     |       | 23.6% | 6.8%   |
| hydro        |         |          |       | 0.5%    | 5.0%   |         | 43.8%     | 13.5% | 1.5%  |        |
| other        | 3.9%    |          |       | 0.7%    | 0.2%   |         |           | 0.9%  | 0.5%  |        |
| dual         |         |          |       |         | 1.2%   |         |           |       |       |        |
|              | 100%    | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    | 100%      | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   |

Data from 2003.

Note that these numbers change regularly.

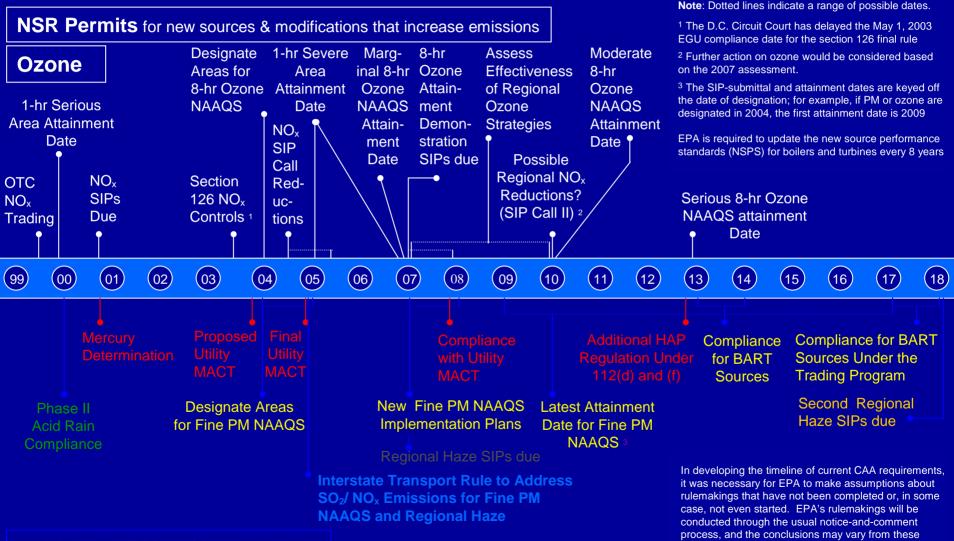
## **Clean Energy Group Generating Capacity Mix**



## Background on the Current Legislative Debate

- The 1970 Clean Air Act and 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments establish a framework for reducing harmful emissions from power plants.
- Significant progress has been achieved, but a maze of federal regulations, a patchwork of inconsistent state rules, and escalating litigation, increasingly dominate the scene.
- The resulting complexity and uncertainty have created a difficult investment climate for the electric power sector.
- Various stakeholders are seeking to overhaul current law.
- Debate is focused on the major pollutants emitted by power plants sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), a major contributor to acid rain; nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), a major contributor to smog; mercury, linked to neurological issues; and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the leading contributor to global climate change.
- Major legislative proposals to address these issues include the Clean Air Planning Act (CAPA), the Clear Skies Act (CSA), and the Clean Power Act (CPA).
- CAPA will limit emissions from the electric generating industry, address the uncertainty surrounding future action on CO<sub>2</sub>, and simplify NSR, thereby creating a more favorable climate for the expansion of U.S. coal markets, stimulating the development of clean coal technologies, and avoiding the potential for stranded investment.
- Under CAPA, both coal and natural gas will continue to play an essential role in the fuel supply.

## Timeline: Electric Power Sector Faces Numerous CAA Regulations



assumptions.

Acid Rain, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Haze, Toxics

## **Methodology/Assumptions Used in Analysis of Costs**

- ICF Consulting's Integrated Planning Model (IPM)
  - Model is widely used by EPA, industry, and NGOs for economic assessments of this nature.
- EPA modeling input assumptions
  - Modeling input assumptions replicated the inputs EPA used in its analyses (2000 IPM) of CAPA and CSA.

### **Emission Cap Levels and Timetables Associated with Multi-Pollutant Legislative Proposals**

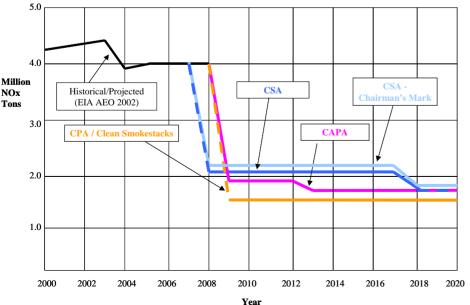
| Proposal  | NO <sub>x</sub>  | SO <sub>2</sub>   | Hg  | CO <sub>2</sub>  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Clean Air Planning Act:<br>Senate – S 843 - Carper,<br>Chafee, Gregg, Alexander.<br>House HR 3093 - Bass,<br>Davis, Cooper. | <ul> <li>1.87 million tons – 2009 (63% reduction 2000 levels)</li> <li>1.7 million tons - 2013 (67% reduction from 2000 levels)</li> </ul>                               | <ul> <li>4.5 million tons - 2009</li> <li>(50% reduction from Phase II Acid Rain cap)</li> <li>3.5 million tons - 2013</li> <li>(61% reduction from Phase II Acid Rain cap)</li> <li>2.25 million tons - 2016</li> <li>(75% reduction from Phase II Acid Rain cap)</li> </ul> | 24 tons – 2009 (50% reduction<br>from 1999 levels)<br>10 tons - 2013 (79% reduction<br>from 1999 levels)<br>Trading allowed, but unit-<br>specific limits of 50% of Hg in<br>delivered coal in 2009 and 30%<br>in 2013. | 2005 levels (2.6<br>billion tons plus<br>flexibility/ offsets)<br>- 2009<br>2001 levels (2.4<br>billion tons plus<br>flexibility/ offsets)<br>- 2013 |
| Clear Skies Act:<br>Senate – S 485 - Inhofe,<br>Voinovich.<br>House – HR 999 - Barton,<br>Tauzin.                           | <ul> <li>2.1 million tons - 2008</li> <li>(59% reduction from 2000<br/>levels)</li> <li>1.7 million tons - 2018</li> <li>(67% reduction from 2000<br/>levels)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>4.5 million tons – 2010</li> <li>(50% reduction from Phase II Acid<br/>Rain cap)</li> <li>3.0 million tons – 2018</li> <li>(67% reduction from Phase II Acid<br/>Rain cap)</li> </ul>  | 26 tons - 2010 (46% reduction<br>from 1999 levels)<br>15 tons – 2018 (69% reduction<br>from 1999 levels)<br>Unconstrained Hg trading.   | No mandatory<br>CO <sub>2</sub> provisions   |
| Clear Skies Act<br>Chairman's Mark:<br>Senate – S 1844 – Inhofe   | 2.19 million tons – 2008 (57%<br>reduction from 2000 levels)<br>1.79 million tons – 2018 (65%<br>reduction from 2000 levels)   | <ul> <li>4.5 million tons – 2010</li> <li>(50% reduction from Phase II Acid<br/>Rain cap)</li> <li>3.0 million tons – 2018</li> <li>(67% reduction from Phase II Acid<br/>Rain cap)</li> </ul>  | 34 tons – 2010 (29% reduction<br>from 1999 levels)<br>15 tons – 2018 (69% reduction<br>from 1999 levels)<br>Unconstrained Hg trading.   | No mandatory<br>CO <sub>2</sub> provisions   |

## Emissions Reductions Under Multi-Pollutant Legislative Proposals

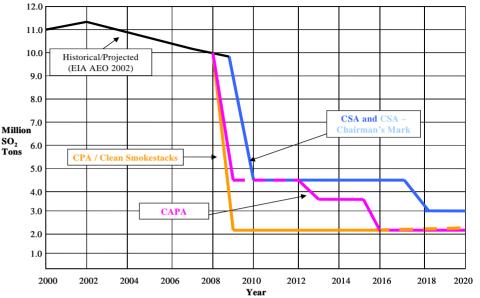
#### 60 50 CSA CSA – Chairman's САРА 40 Mercury EIA Multi-Pollutant Tons Analysis Base SO<sub>2</sub> 30 CPA / Clean Smokestacks\* 20 10 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 Year 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 Clean Smokestacks Act mercury target is in 2009, not 2008 as in CPA.

**Comparison of Multi-Pollutant Proposal Hg Emissions Caps** 

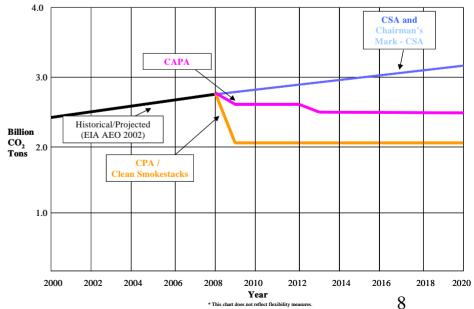
#### **Comparison of Multi-Pollutant Proposal NOx Emissions Caps**



#### **Comparison of Multi-Pollutant Proposal SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Caps\***



#### Comparison of Multi-Pollutant Proposal CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Caps\*



## CAPA Provides Substantially More Emissions Reductions and Public Health Benefits than CSA over 20 Years

- an additional 25 million tons of SO<sub>2</sub> reductions;
- an additional 3.3 million tons of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions;
- an additional 150 tons of mercury reductions; and
- an additional 6 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> reductions via offsets;
- resulting in roughly \$30 billion in incremental public health benefits <u>per year</u> by 2020.

Studies have demonstrated an association between increases in fine particle concentrations and increases in morbidity and mortality

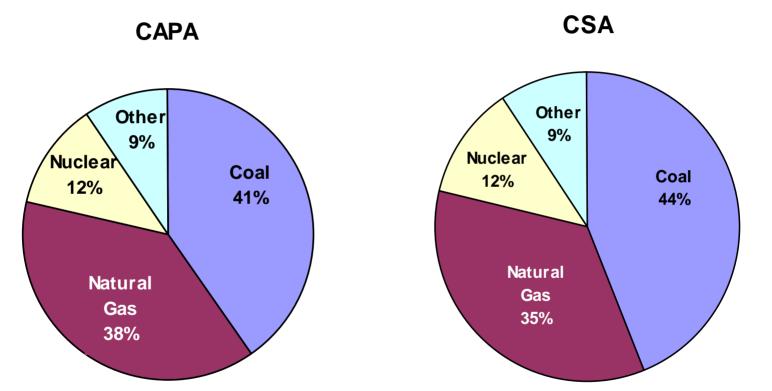
- In 2010, the Clean Air Planning Act is projected to avoid 9,000 premature deaths\*
- In 2020, as further emission reductions are implemented, the Clean Air Planning Act is projected to avoid 17,000 premature deaths\*

By comparison:

- In 2010, the Clear Skies Act is projected to avoid 7,800 premature deaths\*
- In 2020, the Clear Skies Act is projected to avoid 14,100 premature deaths\*

\*Source: U.S. EPA, memo responding to requests from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for costs and benefits analysis of multi-pollutant strategies. Clear Skies data are from the Clear Skies web site.

## **Electric Generation Mix Projected in 2020 Under CAPA and CSA**



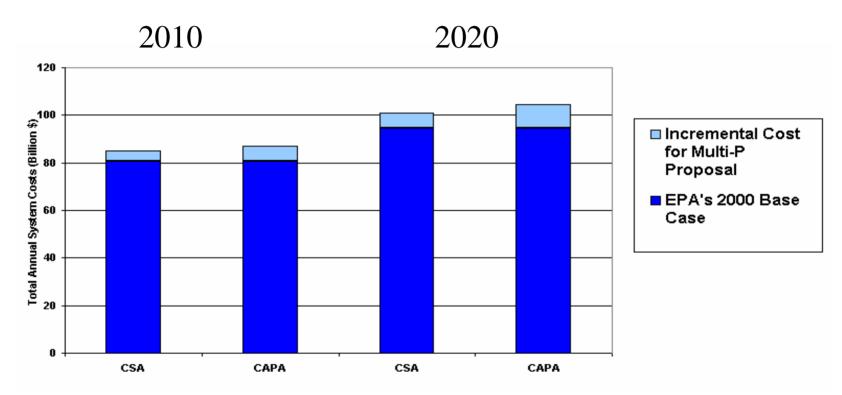
- CAPA maintains a diverse generation mix, similar to today's.
- Under CAPA, coal remains the dominant fuel for electric generation and the market for coal in 2020 will be at least as large as it was in 1990.

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## The Cost and Energy Impacts Are only Marginally Greater under CAPA than under CSA

- *Total* system costs of CAPA over 20 years (2005-2025) are 2% greater than CSA.
- Average wholesale energy prices in 2020 under CAPA are less than 4% greater than under CSA.
- Average retail energy prices in 2020 under CAPA are less than 2% greater than under CSA.
- Coal use in generating mix in 2020 under CAPA is 3% less than under CSA.
- Gas use in generating mix in 2020 under CAPA is 3% greater than under CSA.

# **Comparison Between Future Estimated Costs of CSA and CAPA**



- 1. Total annual system costs represent capital, operating and maintenance and fuel costs associated with operating the electric generating system for each scenario.
- EPA's 2000 Base Case scenario reflects existing federal emission reduction requirements in 2000 including Phase II acid rain requirements and the NOx SIP call along with state specific regulations for SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx in Connecticut, NOx in Missouri and NOx in Texas. EPA's Base Case <u>does not</u> include mercury MACT, NSR settlements, 8-Hour Ozone and Fine PM attainment, regional haze rules, and other 13 state programs, which will raise the price tag of the compliance scenario significantly.

## **Comparative Cost and Benefit Data: CSA vs. CAPA- EPA Data**

|   | CSA    | CAPA   |   | CSA     | CAPA    |
|---|--------|--------|---|---------|---------|
| 2010 Incremental<br>Benefits<br>(Billion\$) | \$55   | \$70   | 2020 Incremental<br>Benefits<br>(Billion\$) | \$110   | \$140   |
| 2010 Incremental<br>Costs (Billion\$)       | \$4.3  | \$6.6  | 2020 Incremental<br>Costs (Billion\$)       | \$6.3   | \$9.9   |
| 2010 Net Benefits<br>(Billion\$)            | \$50.7 | \$63.4 | 2020 Net Benefits<br>(Billion\$)            | \$103.7 | \$130.1 |

- 1. Incremental costs and benefits represent the change resulting in the Multi-P proposals beyond EPA's 2000 Base Case, which does not include all existing regulatory programs currently contemplated under the current Clean Air Act.
- 2. The difference in incremental costs between CAPA and CSA is primarily attributable to the deeper and earlier reductions in SO2 and mercury emissions associated with CAPA.
- CAPA cost and benefits and CSA cost data are from EPA's document responding to requests from the EPW Committee for costs and benefits analysis of multi-pollutant strategies. CSA benefits data are from the Clear Skies web site.

## **GHG Offsets Keep the Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Control Low**

- CAPA establishes a  $CO_2$  offset program that results in the electric generating sector achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) stabilization in 2013 at 2001 levels.
- Information on the availability and cost of CO<sub>2</sub> offsets used in CEG's modeling analysis is based on EPA's latest greenhouse gas mitigation curves; the model relies on conservative offset assumptions, with only half of the offsets available to the electric generating sector.
- Offsets are from domestic sources, including agricultural and forest sequestration, along with a limited number of international offsets.
- As a result, low CO<sub>2</sub> allowance prices bring the system into compliance. CO<sub>2</sub> allowance prices range from \$2.30 to \$5.30 per ton.

# **CAPA Creates an Innovative, Effective, and Efficient** CO<sub>2</sub> Program

- CAPA addresses CO<sub>2</sub> in the context of multi-pollutant legislation to provide investment certainty:
  - Controlling GHGs is inevitable; many states are establishing GHG initiatives.
  - A pollutant-by-pollutant approach is costly and inefficient, while the cost of • adding CO<sub>2</sub> to multi-pollutant legislation under CAPA's approach is minimal over the next 20 years.
  - CAPA establishes a flexible, market-based approach that stabilizes  $CO_2$ ٠ emissions at today's levels and creates the framework for more robust  $CO_2$ control efforts.
- Off-system CO<sub>2</sub> credits will create a real incentive for  $\bullet$ achieving low-cost CO<sub>2</sub> reductions and establish revenue for other sectors, particularly agriculture and forestry:
  - Climate change is not a local issue. •
  - Efforts to reduce the overall amount of  $CO_2$  in the atmosphere, including off-٠ system credits, are effective – as effective as achieving reductions at the source of generation.

## **CAPA Will Foster Investment and Innovation in New Electric Generating Facilities by:**

- Creating added value for new electric generating technologies that are more efficient and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- Providing a clear market price signal for CO<sub>2</sub>;
- Providing a 20-year period of certainty and stability regarding future air pollutant requirements, including CO<sub>2</sub>;
- Creating a national level playing field in terms of regulatory requirements;
- Providing new fossil fuel-fired electric generating units with an allocation of emission allowances, thereby eliminating an important barrier to new sources of generation; and
- Creating a market-based approach that allows companies to optimize their emissions reductions strategies.

## Conclusions

- CAPA's 4-pollutant approach provides regulatory and business certainty not afforded by CSA.
- CAPA delivers important public health and environmental benefits while minimizing the economic impact on industry and the consumer.
- CAPA promotes reliability and energy security and results in the continued use of indigenous coal as the primary source of electric power generation.
- By addressing  $CO_2$ , simplifying NSR, and creating a more certain investment environment for the next 20 years, CAPA will stimulate innovations in technology, provide a climate for the continued use of coal, and avoid stranded investments.
- CAPA stimulates the development of new generation by setting aside allowances and eliminating the need for offsets, while maintaining effective air quality safeguards, including the rights of states to take actions to meet local air-quality needs.