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## **Presentation Outline**

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- · SCR Design Philosophy
- Project Examples

#### **Non Regulated Business**

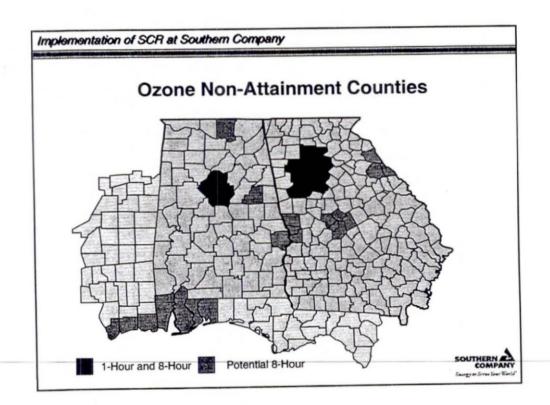
- Business Issues and Drivers
- SCR Design Philosophy
- Project Examples

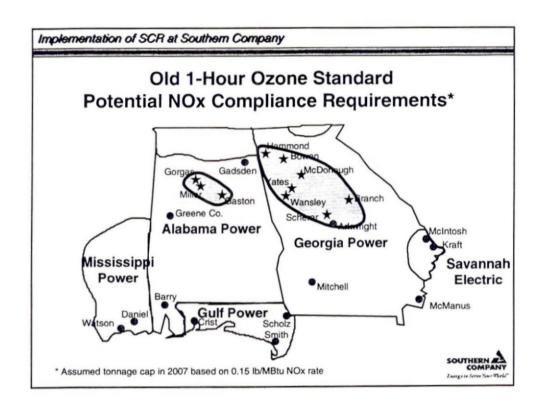


# **Regulatory Drivers**

- •Title IV of 1990 Clean Air Act
  - Acid Rain Program
- •Title I of 1990 Clean Air Act
  - Old, 1-hour Ozone Standard
  - Regional NOx SIP Call
  - New, 8-hour Ozone Standard
- •EPA NSR Lawsuit







# Developing a NO<sub>x</sub> Compliance Strategy

- Develop unit specific conceptual capital / O&M cost estimates and performance expectations.
- Use projected future years' generation/fuel burn to project future NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
- Develop a menu of NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies and combinations of technologies for each unit
- Rank the controls for each unit on a \$/ton of NO<sub>x</sub> removed basis
- Select units and controls based on least \$/ton basis to achieve required NO<sub>x</sub> reduction



# SCR Design Philosophy - New Generation

- Natural Gas (only) Combined Cycle Plants
- GE Frame 7 Combustion Turbine
- Year Round SCR Operation (No HRSG Bypass)
- SCR Designed for Power Augmentation
- SCR Procured as part of HRSG Suppliers Scope
- SCR Emission Performance
  - 3.5 ppm NOx
  - 10 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> Slip
  - 5 year catalyst life



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# SCR Design Philosophy - Retrofit

- Large Pulverized Coal-fired Boilers
- Non Attainment Area Emission Averaging Between Plants
- Ozone Season Operation (full flow bypass)
- Anhydrous Ammonia Reagent
- SCR Emission Performance
  - 85% NOx Reduction
  - 2 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> Slip with NOx and Slip Distribution
  - 16,000 Hour Catalyst Life
  - 1% SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> Oxidation (maximum)
  - Pressure Drop Determined on Plant by Plant



# SCR Design Philosophy - Retrofit (continued)

- Use Combination of Cold Flow and CFD Modeling
- Maximum Leverage Engineering
- Volume Procurement of SCR Components
  - Catalyst
  - Dampers
  - Sootblowers
  - Ammonia Storage and Vaporization
- Maximize Use of Modularized Design & Construction
- Utilize Combination of Implementation Contracts
- Maximize Current Planned Outage Schedule



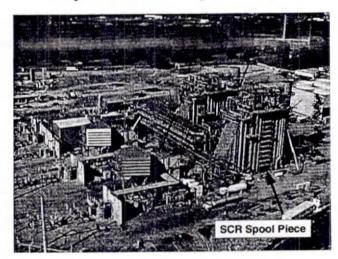
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# Regulated Project Example - New Generation Barry / Daniel Combined Cycle Project

- 2 x 500 MW Combined Cycle Blocks at Each Site
- GE Frame 7FA Combustion Turbine
- NOx Reduction: 14 ppmvd to 3.5 ppmvd (@15% O2)
- Ammonia Slip: 10ppmvd (@ 15% O<sub>2</sub>)
- Natural Gas (only) Fuel
- Vogt / Hitachi SCR Furnished with HRSG
- · Hitachi Plate Catalyst
- Anhydrous Ammonia
- Commercial Operation Ozone Season 2000



# **Barry Combined Cycle Project**





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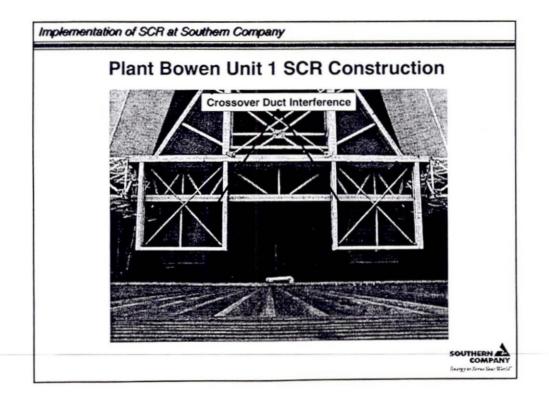
# Regulated Project Example - Coal Retrofit Georgia Power Plant Bowen

- Units 1&2: 756 MW Supercritical T-Fired Boilers
- Units 3&4: 950 MW Supercritical T-Fired Boilers
- Central Appalachian Coal (~1% Sulfur, 12% Ash)
- 85% NOx Removal: 0.45 #/MBTU / 0.07 #/MBTU
- 2 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> Ammonia Slip
- Southern Company Generation Design
- Cormetech Catalyst
- Anhydrous Ammonia
- Two Construction Outages
- Commercial Operation U1/2 Ozone Season 2001

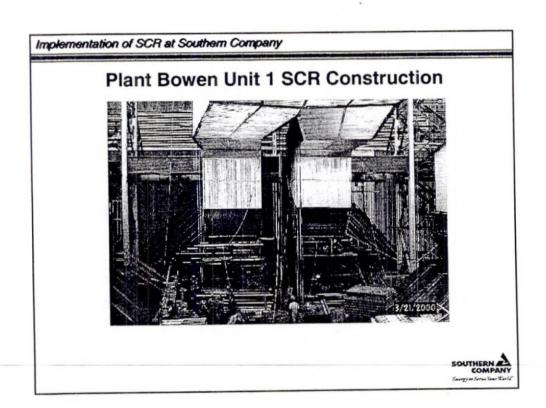
- U3/4 Ozone Season 2003

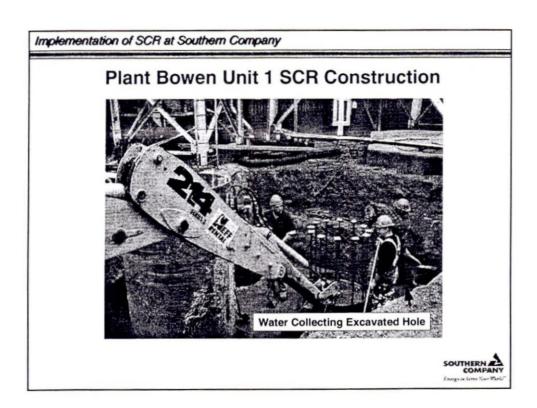


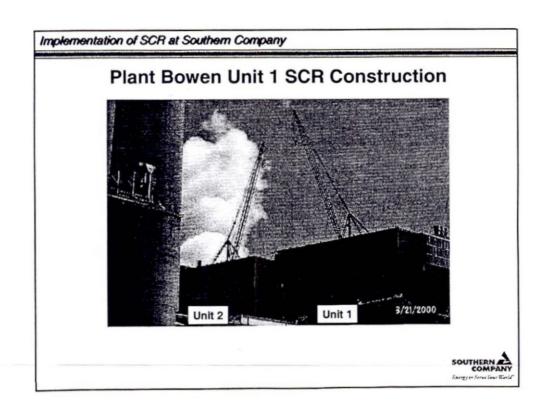












# Regulated Project Example - Coal Retrofit

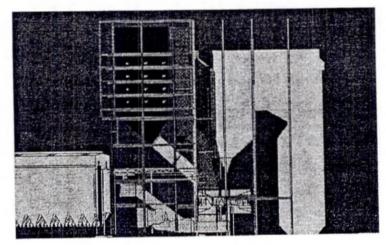
# Alabama Power Power Plant Gorgas Unit 10

- 780 MW Supercritical T-Fired Boilers
- Alabama Coal (~1.5% Sulfur, 12% Ash)
- 85% NOx Removal: 0.55 #/MBTU / 0.08 #/MBTU
- 2 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> Ammonia Slip
- Southern Company Generation Design
- Cormetech Catalyst
- Anhydrous Ammonia
- One Construction Outage Required
- Commercial Operation Ozone Season 2002

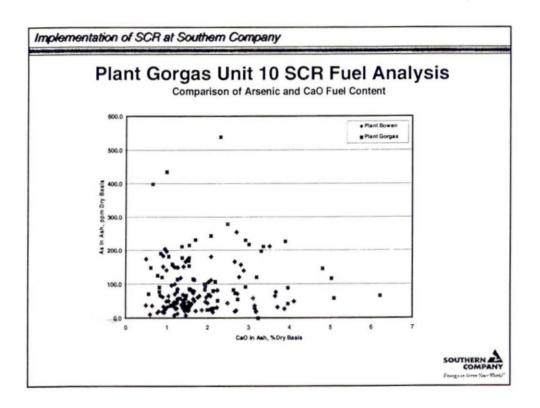


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# Plant Gorgas Unit 10 SCR Concept







# **Non-Regulated Business Drivers**

- Permitting of New Projects and Additional Generating Capacity
- Local Non-attainment Requirements
- Local State SIP Requirements
- NOx Allowance Trading Revenue
- Offsets for Various Industrial Sources
- Deregulation and Merchant Plant Dispatch Considerations
- Wide Range and Variety of Spot Market Fuels
- Satisfy Local Regulatory Requirements



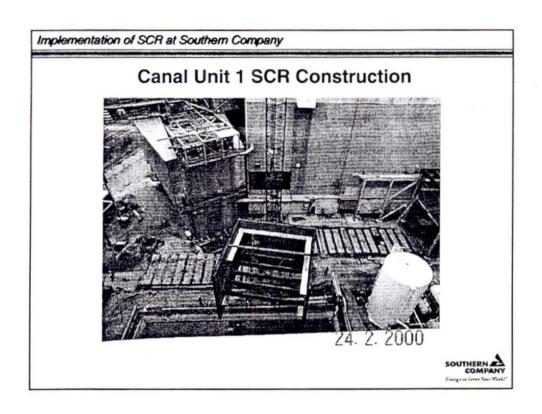
# Non-Regulated Project Example

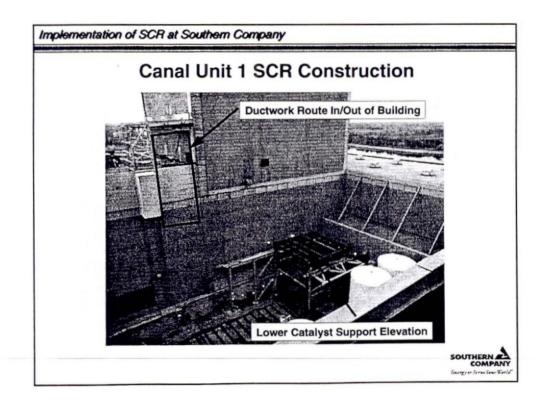
## Southern Energy Canal

- 2 x 600 MW No. 6 Oil-fired Boilers
- 80% NOx Removal: 0.28 #/MBTU / 0.06 #/MBTU
- 2 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> Ammonia Slip
- ABB Alstom Power Turnkey Contract
- Cormetech Catalyst (special formulation for oil)
- First Demonstration of Ammonia on Demand (AOD)™ Urea Based Reagent System
- Commercial Operation Ozone Season 2000



# Canal Unit 1 SCR Construction SCR Modular Construction SOUTHERN ACCOMPANY





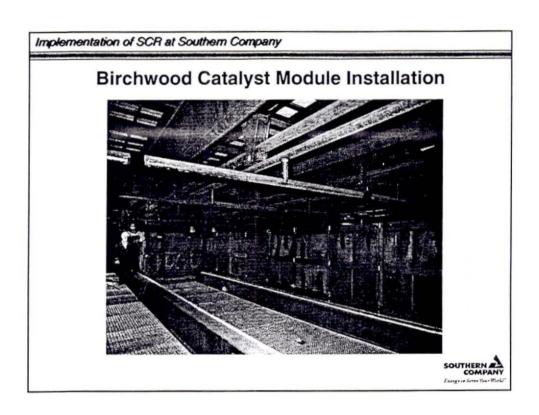
# Non-Regulated Project Example

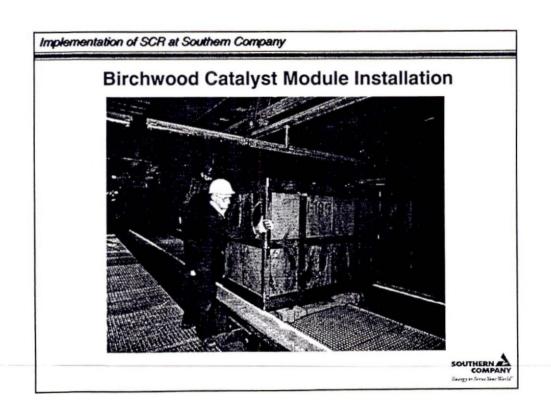
# Southern Energy Birchwood

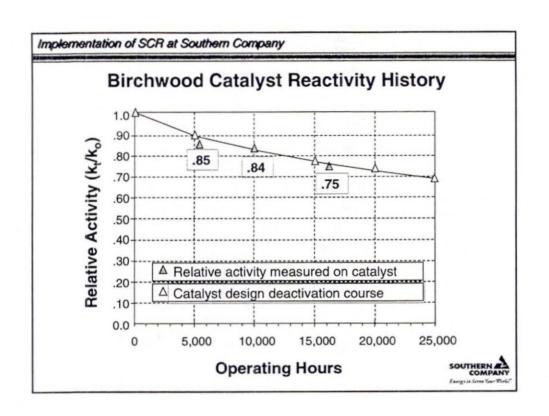
- 250 MW Pulverized Coal Boiler
- Combination NOx Reduction Technologies
  - -TFS 2000 Low NOx Firing System
  - -Selective Catalytic Reduction
- Stack NOx Emission = 0.1 #/MBTU
- 5 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> Ammonia Slip
- ABB-CE Turnkey Contract for Plant
- Siemens Plate Catalyst
- Anhydrous Ammonia
- Year-Round Operation (Operation Since Nov 1996)



# SEI Birchwood Plant Southern Southern Company







Summary of SCR Projects (Regulated Business)										
						Commercial				
Plant	Size	New/Retrofit	Fuel	SCR System Supplier	Catalyst Supplier	Operation Date				
Вапу 6	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hitachi	Hitachi	Jun 2000				
Barry 7	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hitachi	Hitachi	May 2001				
Daniel 3	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hitachi	Hitachi	May 2001				
Daniel 4	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hitachi	Hitachi	May 2001				
Bowen 1	750 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Southern Company	Cometech	May 2001				
Bowen 2	750 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Southern Company	Cometech	May 2001				
Bowen 3	950 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Southern Company	Cornetech	May 2003				
Bowen 4	950 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Southern Company	Cometech	May 2003				
Hammond 4	530 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Tumkey (TBD)	TBD	May 2002				
Gorgas 10	780 MW	Retrofit	Alabama Coal	Southern Company	Cormetech	May 2002				
Wansley 1	935 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Southern Company	Siemens	May 2003				
Wansley 2	935 MW	Retrofit	Central App Coal	Southern Company	Siemens	May 2003				
Wansley 6	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hamon RC	Ceram/Frauenthal	Jun 2002				
Wansley 7	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hamon RC	Ceram/Frauenthal	Jun 2002				
PRB Test	Pilot	Test	PRB Coal	Southern Company	Cometech	July 2000				
					Siemens					
	-				Haldor Topsoe					

# Summary of SCR Projects

(Non-Regulated Business)

Plant	Size	New/Retrofit	Fuel	SCR System Supplier	Catalyst Supplier	Commercial Operation Date
Birchwood	240 MW	New	Central App Coal	ABB/CE	Siemens	Nov 1996
Canal 1	600 MW	Retrofit	No. 6 Fuel Oil	ABBES	Cometech	May 2000
Canal 2	600 MW	Retrofit	No. 6 Fuel Oil	ABBES	Cometech	TBD
Contra Costa 6	340 MW	Retrofit	Natural Gas	TBD	TBD	Spring 2003
Contra Costa 7	340 MW	Retrofit	Natural Gas	B&W	TBD	Spring 2001
Contra Costa 8	600 MW	New	Natural Gas	TBD	TBD	Feb 2003
Pittsburgh 5	325 MW	Retrofit	Natural Gas	B&W	TBD	Spring 2002
Pittsburgh 6	325 MW	Retrofit	Natural Gas	B&W	TBD	Spring 2002
Pittsburgh 7	720 MW	Retrofit	Natural Gas	TBD	TBD	Spring 2003
Potrero 3	207 MW	Retrofit	Natural Gas	TBD	TBD	Spring 2004
Potrero 4	600 MW	New	Natural Gas	TBD	TBD	Feb 2003
Goat Rock 1	500 MW	New	Natural Gas	Vogt / Hamon RC	Ceram/Frauenthal	Jun 2002



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# Summary

- Approximately 15,000 MW of SCR Projects
  - 26 Active Projects, 15 Regulated, 11 Non-regulated
  - 9600 MW Regulated and 5,400 MW Non-regulated
  - 5000 MW New, 10,000 MW retrofit
  - 6800 MW coal, 1200 MW oil, 7000 MW gas
- Diverse Catalyst Supply
  - 4100 MW Plate, 7400 MW Honeycomb, 3500 MW TBD
  - Honeycomb Suppliers: Cormetech, Ceram/Frauenthal
  - Plate Suppliers: Siemens, Hitachi, Haldor-Topsoe



# Summary

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- Multiple Contract Methods for Implementation
  - Turnkey EPC
  - Subcontract to Major Equipment Supplier
  - Self Perform EP
  - Alliance (future)
- No Regrets Strategy
  - Variety of NOx Control Technologies Used
  - SCR Deployed on Large, High Capacity Units
  - Least Cost Compliance Utilizing Averaging Plans
  - Targeted Research to Lower Cost / Increase Performance



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# Summary

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- SCR Implementation Must Consider Regulated and Non-Regulated Project Requirements
- Current NOx Research Work
  - PRB Catalyst Testing
  - Advanced Catalyst Formulations
  - Alternate Reagents
  - Balance of Plant Assessment Studies
  - Next Generation Power Generation Technologies
  - Catalyst Regeneration
  - Horizon NOx Control Technologies
  - Combined Pollutant Technologies

