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## BACT FOR CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION

FPC TX addresses the potential to capture GHG emissions that are emitted from Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) candidate sources associated with the 2012 Expansion Project listed below (plant names in parenthesis):

- 14 cracking furnaces (Olefins Expansion)
- 4 PDH Reactors (Olefins Expansion)
- 4 steam boilers (Olefins Expansion)
- 2 combined cycle gas-fired turbines (Gas Turbines)
- 2 regenerative thermal oxidizers (LDPE)

The EPA five step top down BACT evaluation for this potential control technology options is provided in this Appendix. As shown in that analysis, CCS is not only not commercially available, not technically feasible but also economically unreasonable. Therefore, it is not included as a BACT option for any of the emissions sources associated with the 2012 Expansion Project.

### 6.1.1 STEP 1: IDENTIFY ALL AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

The emerging carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies generally consist of processes that separate CO<sub>2</sub> from combustion or process flue gas (capture component), the compression and transport component, and then injection into geologic formations such as oil and gas reservoirs, unmineable coal seams, and underground saline formations (sequestration component). These three components of CCS are addressed separately below:

#### ***Carbon Capture:***

Of the emerging CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies that have been identified, only amine absorption is currently commercially used for state-of-the-art CO<sub>2</sub> separation processes. The U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (DOE-NETL) provides the following brief description of state-of-the-art post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology and related implementation challenges. Although the DOE-NETL discussions focus on CCS application at combustion units in electrical generation service, elements of this discussion are applicable when discussing the application of CCS to sources in the chemical manufacturing

industry. The following excerpts from DOE-NETL Information Portal illustrate some of the many challenges, but not all, that are present in applying available CO<sub>2</sub> Capture technologies at combustion and process sources located at chemical manufacturing plants.

*...In the future, emerging R&D will provide numerous cost-effective technologies for capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants. At present, however, state-of-the-art technologies for existing power plants are essentially limited to amine absorbents. Such amines are used extensively in the petroleum refining and natural gas processing industries... Amine solvents are effective at absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from power plant exhaust streams—about 90 percent removal—but the highly energy-intensive process of regenerating the solvents decreases plant electricity output...<sup>1</sup>*

In its CCS information portal, the DOE-NETL adds:

*...Separating CO<sub>2</sub> from flue gas streams is challenging for several reasons:*

- CO<sub>2</sub> is present at dilute concentrations (13-15 volume percent in coal-fired systems and 3-4 volume percent in gas-fired turbines) and at low pressure (15-25 pounds per square inch absolute [psia]), which dictates that a high volume of gas be treated.*
- Trace impurities (particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides) in the flue gas can degrade sorbents and reduce the effectiveness of certain CO<sub>2</sub> capture processes.*

It should be noted that the majority of the candidate CCS source vent streams (previously listed in this section) are dilute in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and contain impurities such as PM, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>, thus increasing the challenge of CO<sub>2</sub> separation for the Point Comfort expansion project.

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<sup>1</sup> DOE-NETL, *Carbon Sequestration: FAQ Information Portal*, [http://extsearch1.netl.doe.gov/search?q=cache:e0yvzjAh22cJ:www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon\\_seq/FAQs/tech-status.html+emerging+R%26D&access=p&output=xml\\_no\\_dtd&ie=UTF-8&client=default\\_frontend&site=default\\_collection&proxystylesheet=default\\_frontend&oe=ISO-8859-1](http://extsearch1.netl.doe.gov/search?q=cache:e0yvzjAh22cJ:www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon_seq/FAQs/tech-status.html+emerging+R%26D&access=p&output=xml_no_dtd&ie=UTF-8&client=default_frontend&site=default_collection&proxystylesheet=default_frontend&oe=ISO-8859-1) (last visited July 26, 2012).

**Compression and Transport:**

The compression aspect of this component of CCS will represent a significant cost and additional environmental impact because of the energy required to provide the amount of compression needed. This is supported by DOE-NETL who states that:

*Compressing captured or separated CO<sub>2</sub> from atmospheric pressure to pipeline pressure (about 2,000 psia) represents a large auxiliary power load on the overall plant system...<sup>2</sup>*

If CO<sub>2</sub> capture and compression can be achieved at a process or combustion source, it would need to be routed to a geologic formation capable of long-term storage (sequestration). The long-term storage potential for a formation is a function of the volumetric capacity of a geologic formation and CO<sub>2</sub> trapping mechanisms within the formation, including dissolution in brine, reactions with minerals to form solid carbonates, and/or adsorption in porous rock. The DOE-NETL describes the geologic formations that could potentially serve as CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites and their associated technical challenges as follows:

*Geologic carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) storage involves the injection of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> into deep geologic formations (injection zones) overlain by competent sealing formations and geologic traps that will prevent the CO<sub>2</sub> from escaping. Current research and field studies are focused on developing better understanding of 11 major types of geologic storage reservoir classes, each having their own unique opportunities and challenges. Understanding these different storage classes provides insight into how the systems influence fluids flow within these systems today, and how CO<sub>2</sub> in geologic storage would be anticipated to flow in the future. The different storage formation classes include: deltaic, coal/shale, fluvial, alluvial, strandplain, turbidite, eolian, lacustrine, clastic shelf, carbonate shallow shelf, and reef. Basaltic interflow zones are also being considered as potential reservoirs. These storage reservoirs contain fluids that may include natural gas, oil, or saline water; any of which may impact CO<sub>2</sub> storage differently...<sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> DOE-NETL, *Carbon Sequestration: Geologic Storage Focus Area*, [http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon\\_seq/corerd/storage.html](http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon_seq/corerd/storage.html) (last visited July 26, 2012)

Therefore, as can be seen from the DOE-NETL Information Portal, CCS as a whole cannot be considered a commercial available, technically feasible option for the combustion and process vent emissions sources under review in the FPC TX proposed expansion. FPC TX's expansion project generates flue gas streams that contain CO<sub>2</sub> in dilute concentrations and the project is not located in an acceptable geological storage location. Even so, FPC TX provides even further and more detailed evaluation to address all 5 steps of the EPA BACT analysis.

### **6.1.2 STEP 2: ELIMINATE TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE OPTIONS**

Although, as described above, CCS should not be considered an available control technology, in this section, FPC-TX addresses, in more detail, the potential feasibility of implementing CCS technology as BACT for GHG emissions from the proposed expansion project GHG emission sources. The feasibility issues are different for each component of CCS technology (i.e., capture; compression and transport; and storage). Therefore, technical feasibility of each component is addressed separately below.

#### **6.1.2.1 CO<sub>2</sub> Capture**

Though amine absorption technology for CO<sub>2</sub> capture has routinely been applied to processes in the petroleum refining and natural gas processing industries it has not been applied to process vents at chemical manufacturing plants.

The Obama Administration's Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage, in its recently completed report on the current status of development of CCS systems for power plants, states that carbon capture could be used on combustion units. However, the following discussion on carbon capture technology availability for high volume vent streams and large combustion unit shows that carbon capture is not commercially available for application.

Large commercial applications, such as the expansion project sources, present even more difficult application of carbon capture, in part, due to the additional variability in flow volumes as typically experienced in chemical plants. Therefore, the discussion related to power plants also shows that of CO<sub>2</sub> capture for chemical process combustion and process vent stream are not commercially available.

*Current technologies could be used to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from new and existing fossil energy power plants; however, they are not ready for widespread implementation primarily because they have not been demonstrated at the scale necessary to establish confidence for power plant application. Since the CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacities used in current industrial processes are generally much smaller than the capacity required for the purposes of GHG emissions mitigation at a typical power plant, there is considerable uncertainty associated with capacities at volumes necessary for commercial deployment.<sup>4</sup>*

In its current CCS research program plans (which focus on power plant application), the DOE-NETL confirms that commercial CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology for large-scale combustion units (e.g., power plants) is not yet available and suggests that it may not be available until at least 2020:

*The overall objective of the Carbon Sequestration Program is to develop and advance CCS technologies that will be ready for widespread commercial deployment by 2020. To accomplish widespread deployment, four program goals have been established:*

- (1) Develop technologies that can separate, capture, transport, and store CO<sub>2</sub> using either direct or indirect systems that result in a less than 10 percent increase in the cost of energy by 2015;*
- (2) Develop technologies that will support industries' ability to predict CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity in geologic formations to within  $\pm 30$  percent by 2015;*
- (3) Develop technologies to demonstrate that 99 percent of injected CO<sub>2</sub> remains in the injection zones by 2015;*
- (4) Complete Best Practices Manuals (BPMs) for site selection, characterization, site operations, and closure practices by 2020. Only by accomplishing these goals will CCS technologies be ready for safe, effective commercial deployment both domestically and abroad beginning in 2020 and through the next several decades.<sup>5A</sup>*

To corroborate that commercial availability of CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology for large-scale combustion (power plant) projects will not occur for several more years, Alstom, one of the major developers of commercial CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology using post-combustion amine absorption, post-combustion chilled ammonia absorption, and oxy-combustion, states on its web

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<sup>4</sup> Report of the Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage at 50 (Aug. 2010).

<sup>5</sup> DOE-NETL, Carbon Sequestration Program: Technical Program Plan, at 10 (Feb. 2011).

site that its CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology will become commercially available in 2015.<sup>6</sup> However, it should be noted that in committing to this timeframe, the company does not indicate whether such technology will be available for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated from chemical plant sources, like those included in the Point Comfort expansion project.

#### 6.1.2.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Compression and Transport

Notwithstanding the fact that the above discussion demonstrates that the carbon capture component of CCS is not commercially available for chemical plant combustion and process vents, FPC TX provides the following discussion concerning technical feasibility. This discussion further supports that the compression and transport component of CCS may be technically feasible but, as explained later, the cost evaluation shows that it is not economically reasonable. Therefore, CCS is not BACT for the 2012 Expansion Project.

Even if it is assumed that CO<sub>2</sub> capture could feasibly be achieved for the proposed project, the high-volume CO<sub>2</sub> stream generated would need to be compressed and transported to a facility capable of storing it. There are potential geologic storage sites in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi to which CO<sub>2</sub> could be transported if a pipeline was available or constructed to transport to the sequestration sites. The map found at the end of this Appendix identifies potential CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines. Please note that some of these CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are for the purpose of delivering CO<sub>2</sub> to Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) sites.<sup>7</sup>

A pipeline for EOR is not a feasible option for providing CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration because, for the EOR process, the injected CO<sub>2</sub> is purposefully injected into a formation which will allow CO<sub>2</sub> migration through the formation to the surface in order to, at the same time, force oil to the surface. As oil is forced to the surface, CO<sub>2</sub> is also forced to the surface. So in the EOR process, CO<sub>2</sub> is not isolated or sequestered or retained below the surface. In addition, while there may be a market for CO<sub>2</sub> for EOR projects, current demand for EOR pipelines cannot be guaranteed to remain steady for the life of the proposed project. EOR projects are driven by the

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<sup>6</sup> Alstom, *Alstom's Carbon Capture Technology Commercially "Ready to Go" by 2015*, Nov.30, 2010, <http://www.alstom.com/australia/news-and-events/pr/ccs2015/> (last visited July.26, 2012).

<sup>7</sup> Susan Hovorka, University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology, Gulf Coast Carbon Center, *New Developments: Solved and Unsolved Questions Regarding Geologic Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> as a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Method* (GCCC Digital Publication #08-13) at slide 4 (Apr. 2008), available at: <http://www.beg.utexas.edu/gcccc/forum/codexdownloadpdf.php?ID=100> (last visited July 26, 2012).



recovery of oil and will end when the cost of oil recovery is no longer financially viable. Therefore, in addition to not actually sequestering the CO<sub>2</sub>, the long term viability of EOR as a use of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> is not assured. Therefore, EOR pipelines are eliminated as technically feasible sequestration option.

The closest site that is currently being field-tested to demonstrate its capacity for potential large-scale geological storage/sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> is the Southwest Regional Partnership (SWP) on Carbon Sequestration's Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators (SACROC) test site, which is located in Scurry County, Texas approximately 439 miles away (distance estimated using shortest feasible pipeline pathway from Point Comfort to SACROC site). See the map at the end of this Appendix for the test site location. There is no pipeline available to deliver the CO<sub>2</sub> associated with this project to the SACROC test site. Therefore, assuming that this site is eventually demonstrated to be capable of indefinitely storing/sequestering a substantial portion of the large volume of CO<sub>2</sub> generated by the proposed project, a 439 mile-long, 20-inch diameter pipeline would need to be constructed to transport the large volume of high-pressure CO<sub>2</sub> from the plant to the storage facility which is infeasible.

#### 6.1.2.3 CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

Even if it is assumed that CO<sub>2</sub> capture and compression could feasibly be achieved for the proposed project and that the CO<sub>2</sub> could be transported economically, the feasibility of CCS technology would still depend on the availability of a suitable pipeline or sequestration site as addressed in Step 4 of the BACT analysis. The suitability of potential storage sites is a function of volumetric capacity of their geologic formations, CO<sub>2</sub> trapping mechanisms within formations (including dissolution in brine, reactions with minerals to form solid carbonates, and/or adsorption in porous rock), and potential environmental impacts resulting from injection of CO<sub>2</sub> into the formations. Potential environmental impacts resulting from CO<sub>2</sub> injection that still require assessment before CCS technology can be considered feasible include:

- Uncertainty concerning the significance of dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub> into brine,
- Risks of brine displacement resulting from large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> injection, including a pressure leakage risk for brine into underground drinking water sources and/or surface water,



- Risks to fresh water as a result of leakage of CO<sub>2</sub>, including the possibility for damage to the biosphere, underground drinking water sources, and/or surface water,<sup>8</sup> and
- Potential effects on wildlife.

Potentially suitable storage sites, including EOR sites and saline formations, exist in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In fact, sites with such recognized potential for some geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> are located within 15 miles of the proposed project, but such nearby sites have not yet been technically demonstrated with respect to all of the suitability factors described above. In comparison, the closest site that is currently being field-tested to demonstrate its capacity for geological storage of the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> that would be generated by the proposed power unit, i.e., SWP's SACROC test site, is located in Scurry County, Texas approximately 439 miles away (via pipeline routing). It should be noted that, based on the suitability factors described above, currently the suitability of the SACROC site or any other test site to store a substantial portion of the large volume of CO<sub>2</sub> generated by the proposed project has yet to be fully demonstrated.

### **6.1.3 STEP 3: RANK REMAINING CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES**

As documented above, implementation of CCS technology for the FPC TX expansion emission sources is not currently commercially available or feasible for both technical and economic reasons. Even so, FPC TX will provide detailed economic and impacts analyses in Step 4 which provides further documentation for eliminating this option as a control Technology to be evaluated for the GHG emission sources associated with the FPC TX expansion.

### **6.1.4 STEP 4: EVALUATE MOST EFFECTIVE CONTROLS AND DOCUMENT RESULTS**

#### **6.1.4.1 *Additional Environmental Impacts and Considerations***

There are a number of other environmental and operational issues related to the installation and operation of CCS that must also be considered in this evaluation. First, operation of CCS capture and compression equipment would require substantial additional electric power. For example, operation of carbon capture equipment at a typical natural gas fired combined cycle plant is estimated to reduce the net energy efficiency of the plant from approximately 50%

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<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

(based on the fuel higher heating value (HHV)) to approximately 42.7% (based on fuel HHV).<sup>9</sup> To provide the amount of reliable electricity needed to power a capture system, FPC TX would need to significantly expand the scope of the utility plant expansion proposed with this project to install one or more additional electric generating units, which are sources of conventional (non-GHG) and GHG air pollutants themselves. To put these additional power requirements in perspective, gas-fired electric generating units typically emit more than 100,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr and would themselves, require a PSD permit for GHGs in addition to non-GHG pollutants.

FPC TX would need to construct a pipeline that is estimated to be at least 439 miles in length to transport captured GHGs to the nearest potential sequestration site (SACROC site). Constructing a pipeline of this magnitude would require procurement of right-of-ways which can be a lengthy and potentially difficult undertaking. Pipeline construction would also require extensive planning, environmental studies and possible mitigation of environmental impacts from pipeline construction. Therefore, in addition to being costly, the transportation of GHGs for this project would potentially result in negative impacts and disturbance to the environment in the pipeline right-of-way.

Finally, implementation of CCS for the 2012 Expansion Project poses several operational and business concerns. Notwithstanding that EOR is not a feasible sequestration option, any sale of CO<sub>2</sub> material to either a pipeline entity or to a storage facility (EOR) would be made under contractual terms. FPC TX is in the primary business of selling commodity and specialty chemicals; the sale of CO<sub>2</sub> would be a secondary product. The GHG sources that would be tied into a CCS system must be periodically taken out of service for maintenance or other reasons to ensure maximum yield of primary product from the production unit, thereby temporarily eliminating or reducing the supply of CO<sub>2</sub> to the buyer. FPC TX has identified contractual issues relating to the sale of CO<sub>2</sub> that conflict directly with existing contracts relating to the sale of primary products. For this reason, FPC TX believes that the sale of CO<sub>2</sub> from the Point Comfort expansion sources poses an unacceptable business conflict.

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<sup>9</sup> US Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, "Costs and Performance Baseline For Fossil Energy Plants, Volume 1 - Bituminous Coal and Natural Gas to Energy", Revision 2, November 2010

#### 6.1.4.2 CCS Cost Evaluation

Based on the reasons provided above, FPC TX believes that CCS technology should be eliminated from further consideration as a potential feasible control technology for purposes of this BACT analysis. Furthermore, the Congressional Budget Office's June 2012 document entitled *Federal Efforts to Reduce the Cost of Capturing and Storing Carbon Dioxide* states that "average capital costs for a CCS-equipped plant would be 76 percent higher than those for a conventional plant."<sup>10</sup> Even so, to address possible questions that the public or the EPA may have concerning the relative costs of implementing hypothetical CCS systems, FPC TX has estimated such costs on a site-specific basis.

For the cost evaluation, FPC TX considered all plants project (Olefins Expansion, LDPE plant and gas turbines) associated the expansion GHG emission sources for which CCS is considered technically feasible, for purposes of this analysis, even though separate permits are requested for each plant. These GHG emissions sources include the following emission units (respective plant names/permit applications shown in parenthesis):

- 14 cracking furnaces (Olefins Expansion)
- 4 PDH Reactors (Olefins Expansion)
- 4 steam boilers (Olefins Expansion)
- 2 combined cycle gas-fired turbines (Gas Turbines)
- 2 regenerative thermal oxidizers (LDPE Plant)

FPC TX's site-specific cost estimate assumed that an amine based scrubbing system and associated compressors would be used. While not fully proven on gas-fired turbine flue gas or process heater exhaust, amine based scrubbing systems are the most mature technology potentially available for CCS. To determine the capital cost of the amine scrubbing system and associated compressors for the FPC TX project, FPC TX used cost information from a DOE-NETL study from 2010 as a benchmark and scaled the cost based on the actual FPC TX capacity and stream characteristics, as described below.

- FPC TX stream will require additional gas conditioning and equipment capacity to meet specifications for final sale because

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<sup>10</sup> *Federal Efforts to Reduce the Cost of Capturing and Storing Carbon Dioxide*, Page 7 (June 2012).

- FPC TX's combined exhaust streams from CCS candidate sources has an annual average CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 4.19% by volume versus the DOE-NETL IGCC gas turbine example with a CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 6.3% by volume
  - FPC TX's proposed annual CO<sub>2</sub> to be recovered from CCS candidate sources is 3,167,981 tons/yr, versus the DOE-NETL example with less than half of this much CO<sub>2</sub>
- FPC TX will require thousands of feet of gas in plant gathering system piping to collect vent gas from the variety of CO<sub>2</sub> emission points located in different operating units across the Point Comfort site.

FPC TX estimated that over 8,500 linear feet of ductwork would be necessary to route the exhaust streams together to a common capture and compression system
- Additional electricity is required to power the capture and compression system
  - FPC TX's site-specific cost estimate included the cost for extra power assuming that power would be purchased from electric utility providers at a market rate

The following costs were not included in the cost estimated so the actual cost is expected to be much higher than the cost reported here. Costs of obtaining rights of way for construction of a pipeline were not included in the site-specific cost estimate. Also it should be noted also that the liability and property issues related to underground CO<sub>2</sub> storage have not been fully resolved. CCS cost estimates provided by DOE-NETL did not include an escalation factor to account for increasing costs as available sequestration sites begin to fill up or the ongoing monitoring costs associated with a sequestration project.

The CCS system site-specific cost estimate is presented on Tables 6-1 through 6-5 at the end of this Appendix. The total CCS system capital cost is estimated at over 1.5 billion dollars, which is more than 75% of the total Point Comfort expansion project capital cost (total estimated capital cost is 2 billion dollars). Increasing the capital cost of the expansion project by this margin and including all the ongoing operating and maintenance costs would render this project economically unviable.

As discussed above, CCS was determined to be not commercially available and not technically feasible; therefore, a detailed examination of the energy, environmental, and economic impacts of CCS is not required for this application. However, at the request of EPA Region 6, FPC-TX

included the estimated costs for implementation of CCS which are presented in Tables 6-1 through 6-5. As discussed above these costs show that CCS is not commercially available, not technically feasible but also economically unreasonable. Therefore, it is not included as BACT for the FPC TX expansion.

### 6.1.5 STEP 5: SELECT BACT

As demonstrated in Steps 2 and 4 of the BACT review, CCS is not only not commercially available, not technically feasible but also economically unreasonable. Therefore, it is not included as BACT for the FPC TX expansion.

#### 6.1.5.1 CCS in Other GHG Permits

FPC TX searched GHG permits issued by EPA Region 6 and other states. Only one permit included the use of CCS, the Indiana Gasification, LLC (IG) project, permit no. 147-30464-00060 issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The IG project proposes the construction of a coal gasification power plant that will produce liquefied carbon dioxide which will be compressed and piped several hundred miles to EOR facilities in the Gulf Coast region.

This project differs significantly from the Point Comfort expansion in most technical aspects, but it should also be noted that IG has secured federal loan guarantees and potentially state tax credits to make the project, including application of CCS, economically viable. Furthermore, on page 154 of 181 of the PSD/TV Permit, Step 4 of the GHG BACT evaluation for the acid gas removal units (the primary GHG emission vents) state that:

*IG will not begin construction of this facility without a fully financed project agreement for the pipeline that provides for the pipeline to be in place and ready to receive liquefied CO<sub>2</sub> at the point when pipeline quality CO<sub>2</sub> is available.*

This statement provides evidence that the project, including application of CCS, hinges on the approval and contracts for a new CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. It is clear from the following quote from the Indiana permit application that installation of CCS was not justified for this project as BACT. The GHG BACT evaluation for the proposed IG plant concludes that “Based on the technical feasibility analysis in Step 2, there are no viable control technologies for the control of GHG

emissions from the acid gas recovery unit vent.” This is consistent with the results of FPC TX’s BACT analysis of CCS for the Point Comfort Expansion project.

**Table 6-1: Reference Capture and Compression Cost Data  
from DOE-NETL Combined-Cycle Gas Turbine Cost Example  
Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas  
2012 Expansion Project  
Point Comfort, Texas**

| Cost Category   | Item Name                                      | Value         | Units                                | Reference in DOE-NETL Report [1]   | Notes   |
|---|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Capital Expenses  | CO <sub>2</sub> Removal System                 | 216.00        | Cost (millions \$)                   | Exhibit 5-25, page 495 (with CCS)  |   |
|   | CO <sub>2</sub> Compression System             | 24.63         |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 495 (with CCS)  |   |
|   | Cooling Water System                           | 8.45          |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 495 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 472, (w/o CCS)  |   |
|   | Accessory Electric Plant                       | 10.02         |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 496 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 473, (w/o CCS)  |   |
|   | Instrumentation and Control                    | 1.28          |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 496 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 473, (w/o CCS)  |   |
|   | <b>Total Direct Capital Costs</b>              | <b>260.38</b> |                                      |  |   |
|   | Owner's Costs                                  | 7.61          |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 497 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 474, (w/o CCS)  | Includes the following costs: prepaid royalties, preproduction (start-up) costs, working capital, inventory capital, land, financing cost,  |
|   | Inventory Capital                              | 1.65          |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 497 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 474, (w/o CCS)  |   |
|   | Initial Cost for Chemicals                     | 0.95          |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 497 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 474, (w/o CCS)  |   |
|   | Other Owner's Costs                            | 38.30         |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 497 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 474, (w/o CCS)  | Includes preliminary feasibility studies, including a front-end engineering design (FEED) study, economic development, construction and/or improvement of roads and/or railroad spurs outside of site boundary, legal fees, permitting costs, owner's engineering, and owner's contingency. |
|   | Financing Costs                                | 6.75          |                                      | Exhibit 5-25, page 497 (with CCS) and Exhibit 5-14, page 474, (w/o CCS)  | Covers the cost of securing financing, including fees and closing costs but not including interest during construction  |
|   | <b>Total Direct and Indirect Capital Costs</b> | <b>315.64</b> |                                      |  |   |
| Operating Expenses  | Annual Power Requirements                      | 606,849       | MWh/yr                               | Reference [1], Exhibit 5-27, page 499  |   |
|   | Cost of Power                                  | 58.90         | \$/MWh                               | <a href="http://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.cfm?t=epmt_5_6_a">www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.cfm?t=epmt_5_6_a</a> |   |
|   | Annual Power Costs                             | 35.74         | \$ (million/yr)                      |  |   |
|   | Annual Fixed Operating Costs                   | 7.69          |                                      | Exhibit 5-26, page 498 (with CCS) - Exhibit 5-15, page 475 (w/o CCS)   | Includes annual operating labor cost, maintenance labor cost, administrative & support labor and property taxes and insurance   |
|   | Annual Variable Operating Costs                | 3.57          |                                      | Exhibit 5-26, page 498 (with CCS) - Exhibit 5-15, page 475 (w/o CCS)   | Includes maintenance material cost and consumables (water, chemicals, supplemental fuel, gases, waste disposal, byproducts, etc.)   |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                | <b>47.00</b>  |                                      |  |   |
| Capital and Operating Expense Estimation, \$/ton CO <sub>2</sub>        | Annual Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Sequestered     | 1,477,986     | Short Tons/yr                        | Exhibit 5-8, page 458 (w/o CCS) -Exhibit 5-19, page 480 (with CCS)   |   |
|   | Annual Capital Cost [2]                        | 10.52         | \$ (million)/yr                      |  | Calculated by assuming the total direct and indirect costs are distributed equally over the life of the equipment and does not account for interest rate  |
|   | Annual Operating Cost                          | 47.00         | \$ (million)/yr                      |  |   |
|   | Annual Capital Cost Per Ton CO <sub>2</sub>    | 7.12          | \$/Ton CO <sub>2</sub> Avoided       |  |   |
|   | Annual Operating Cost Per Ton CO <sub>2</sub>  | 31.80         | \$/Ton CO <sub>2</sub> Avoided       |  |   |
| <b>Total Annual Capture and Compression Cost per Ton CO<sub>2</sub></b> |  | <b>38.92</b>  | <b>\$/Ton CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided</b> |  |   |

Notes:

[1] DOE-NETL Report: Cost and Performance Baseline for Fossil Energy Plants, Volume 1: Bituminous Coal and Natural Gas to Electricity  
Revision 2a, September 2013: Natural Gas Combined Cycle Plants

[2] Based on the following years of operation (project life):

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**Table 6-2: Site-Specific Capture and Compression Costs**  
**Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas**  
**2012 Expansion Project**  
**Point Comfort, Texas**

| Cost Category   | Item Name  | Value          | Units                          |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Capital Expenses [1]  | CO <sub>2</sub> Removal System [2]                   | 778.22         | Cost (millions \$)             |
|   | CO <sub>2</sub> Collection Duct Work [3]             | 20.6           |                                |
|   | CO <sub>2</sub> Compression System                   | 59.02          |                                |
|   | Cooling Water System                                 | 20.25          |                                |
|   | Accessory Electric Plant                             | 24.01          |                                |
|   | Instrumentation and Control                          | 3.07           |                                |
|   | <b>Total Direct Capital Costs</b>                    | <b>905.13</b>  |                                |
|   | Owner's Costs  | 18.24          |                                |
|   | Inventory Capital                                    | 3.95           |                                |
|   | Initial Cost for Chemicals                           | 2.28           |                                |
|   | Other Owner's Costs                                  | 91.78          |                                |
|   | Financing Costs                                      | 16.18          |                                |
|   | <b>Total Direct and Indirect Capital Costs</b>       | <b>1037.55</b> |                                |
| Operating Expenses  | Annual Power Requirements [1][2]                     | 2,186,410      | MWh/yr                         |
|   | Cost of Power  | 58.90          | \$/MWh                         |
|   | Annual Power Costs                                   | 128.78         | \$ (million/yr)                |
|   | Annual Fixed Operating Costs [1]                     | 18.43          |                                |
|   | Annual Variable Operating Costs [1]                  | 8.56           |                                |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                      | <b>155.76</b>  |                                |
| Capital and Operating Expense Estimation, \$/ton CO <sub>2</sub>        | Annual Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Sequestered           | 3,541,796      | Short Tons/yr                  |
|   | Capital Recovery Factor (CRF) [4]                    | 0.07455        |                                |
|   | Annual Capital Cost (CRF x Total Capital Investment) | 77.35          | \$ (million)/yr                |
|   | Annual Operating Cost                                | 155.76         | \$ (million)/yr                |
|   | Annual Capital Cost Per Ton CO <sub>2</sub>          | 21.84          | \$/Ton CO <sub>2</sub> Avoided |
|   | Annual Operating Cost Per Ton CO <sub>2</sub>        | 43.98          | \$/Ton CO <sub>2</sub> Avoided |
| <b>Total Annual Capture and Compression Cost per Ton CO<sub>2</sub></b> |  | <b>65.82</b>   |                                |

Notes:

[1] These capital and operating costs were estimated to be more expensive for a unit that is processing a larger stream, as compared to the DOE-NETL costing example (for a combined cycle exhaust). FPC TX CO<sub>2</sub> removal system costs were estimated by adjusting equipment the removal system cost estimated from DOE-NETL CO<sub>2</sub> CCS equipment cost analysis using the ratio of the annual mass of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered, as follows:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| DOE-NETL CCGT Annual CO <sub>2</sub> Tons Sequestered (short tons/yr): | 1,477,986   |
| FPC TX Annual CO <sub>2</sub> Tons Sequestered (short tons/yr):        | 3,541,796   |
| <b>Proportional Scalar (FPC TX Tons/CCGT Tons) =</b>                   | <b>2.40</b> |

[2] Cost for this system is estimated to be more expensive than for a unit receiving purely combined cycle exhaust because the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the FPC TX stream is less. FPC TX CO<sub>2</sub> removal system costs were estimated by adjusting equipment the removal system cost estimated from DOE-NETL CO<sub>2</sub> CCS equipment cost analysis using the ratio of the two CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations as follows:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| CO <sub>2</sub> Concentration of CCGT used in DOE-NETL CCS cost analysis: | 6.30 (% volume) |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Concentration of the Combined FPC TX exhaust stream:      | 4.19 (% volume) |

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Adjustment Factor based on concentration ratio of FPC TX/DOE-NETL:</b> | <b>1.50</b> |
|---|-------------|

[3] Estimated cost of ductwork and support systems to route the exhausts from the candidate CCS source to a common location. Does not include the costs for control systems and bypass stacks that would be needed in the event of a recovery system shutdown.

[4] Capital recovery factor (CRF) is from Appendix A, Table A.2 of EPA Air Pollution Control Cost Manual. Factor selected from lowest interest rate (5.5%) in Table A.2 and for longest time period (25 years). Using the lowest interest rate and longest time period conservatively yields the lowest CRF value.

**Table 6-3: CO<sub>2</sub> Transport Costs**  
**Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas**  
**2012 Expansion Project**  
**Point Comfort, Texas**

**Pipeline Capital Costs**

| <b>Terrain</b>             | <b>Capital Cost (\$/inch-Diameter/mile) [1]</b> | <b>No. Miles of Each Terrain</b> | <b>Adjusted Capital Costs</b> |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Flat, dry                  | \$50,000  | 238                              | \$238,000,000                 |
| Mountainous                | \$85,000  | 147                              | \$249,900,000                 |
| Marsh, Wetland             | \$100,000                                       | 52                               | \$104,000,000                 |
| River                      | \$300,000                                       | 2                                | \$12,000,000                  |
| High Population            | \$100,000                                       | 0                                | \$0                           |
| Offshore (150'-200' depth) | \$700,000                                       | 0                                | \$0                           |
| <b>Totals:</b>             |   |                                  | <b>439</b>                    |
|                            |   |                                  | <b>\$603,900,000</b>          |

**Pipeline Fixed O&M Costs**

| <b>Item Name</b>                     | <b>Value</b> | <b>Units</b>           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Fixed O&M [2]                        | 8,454        | \$/mile/year           |
| Distance of Pipeline                 | 439          | Miles                  |
| <b>Site's Pipeline Fixed O&amp;M</b> | <b>3.71</b>  | <b>Million \$/year</b> |

**Transport Costs from Point Comfort Plant to Scurry County, TX (SACROC)**

| <b>Item Name</b>                                  | <b>Value</b>  | <b>Units</b>                             |
|---|---------------|--|
| Pipeline Distance                                 | 439           | miles                                    |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Daily Flow Rate                   | 9,704         | short tons/day                           |
| Pipeline Diameter                                 | 20            | inches                                   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Surge Tank [3]                    | 1.25          | Million \$                               |
| Pipeline Control System [3]                       | 0.11          | Million \$                               |
| Pipeline Capital Cost                             | 603.90        | Million \$                               |
| <b>Total Pipeline Capital Costs</b>               | <b>605.26</b> | <b>Million \$</b>                        |
| Total Years of Usage                              | 30            | Years                                    |
| Annual Pipeline Capital Costs                     | 20.18         | Million \$/yr                            |
| Annual Pipeline O&M Costs                         | 3.71          | Million \$/yr                            |
| <b>Annual Pipeline Combined Costs</b>             | <b>23.89</b>  | <b>Million \$/yr</b>                     |
| <b>Total \$/ton of CO<sub>2</sub> Transported</b> | <b>6.74</b>   | <b>\$/Ton CO<sub>2</sub> Transported</b> |

Notes:

[1] From page 8 of DOE-NETL Report 2010/1447, Estimating Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Costs, March 2010

[2] From page 5, Table 2 of DOE-NETL Report 2010/1447, Estimating Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Costs, March 2010

[3] Costs from DOE-NETL Report 2010/1447, Estimating Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Costs, March 2010

**Table 6-4: CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Costs**  
**Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas**  
**2012 Expansion Project**  
**Point Comfort, Texas**

**Geologic Storage Capital Costs**

| <b>Item Name</b>  | <b>Value [1]</b> | <b>Units</b>                        |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Site Screening and Evaluation   | \$4,738,488      | \$                                  |
| No. of Injection Wells (approx. 1 per 10K daily CO <sub>2</sub> tons) | 1                | No. of Wells                        |
| Injection Well Cost   | \$647,041        | \$                                  |
| Injection Equipment   | \$483,032        | \$                                  |
| Liability Bond  | \$5,000,000      | \$                                  |
| <b>Total Capital Cost:</b>  | <b>\$10.87</b>   | <b>Million \$</b>                   |
| <b>Annual Capital Cost of Storage:</b>                                | <b>\$0.36</b>    | <b>Million \$</b>                   |
| <b>Capital Cost \$/ton of CO<sub>2</sub> stored:</b>                  | <b>\$0.10</b>    | <b>\$/Ton CO<sub>2</sub> Stored</b> |

**Declining Capital Funds**

| <b>Item Name</b>                            | <b>Value [1]</b> | <b>Units</b>                 |
|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| Pore Space Acquisition                      | \$0.334          | \$/short ton CO <sub>2</sub> |
| Annual Cost of Pore Space Acquisition       | \$1.18           | Million \$/yr                |
| <b>Total Cost of Pore Space Acquisition</b> | <b>\$35.49</b>   | <b>Million \$</b>            |

**Storage Operations and Maintenance Costs**

| <b>Item Name</b>                          | <b>Value [1]</b> | <b>Units</b>  |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| Normal Annual Expenses (Fixed O&M)        | \$4.22           | Million \$/yr |
| Annual Consumables (Variable O&M)         | \$29.06          |               |
| Annual Surface Maintenance (Fixed O&M)    | \$0.12           |               |
| Annual Subsurface Maintenance (Fixed O&M) | \$3.19           |               |
| <b>Annual Storage O&amp;M:</b>            | <b>\$36.60</b>   |               |

**Storage Cost Summary**

|   |                |                                     |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Annual Capital and Operational Costs</b> | <b>\$38.14</b> | <b>Million \$/yr</b>                |
| <b>\$/ton of CO<sub>2</sub> stored:</b>     | <b>\$10.77</b> | <b>\$/Ton CO<sub>2</sub> Stored</b> |

Note:

[1] Costs were determined based on sequestration metrics stated in DOE-NETL report "Estimating Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Costs", no. 2010/1447, page 6.

**Table 6-5: Cost Summary for Carbon Capture,  
Compression, Transportation and Sequestration in  
Scurry County, Texas**

**Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas  
2012 Expansion Project  
Point Comfort, Texas**

| <b>Cost Type</b>                                 | <b>\$/Ton of CO<sub>2</sub><br/>Sequestered</b> |
|--|---|
| Carbon Dioxide Capture and Compression<br>System | 65.82   |
| Transport  | 6.74  |
| Storage  | 10.77   |
| <b>Total \$/Ton CO<sub>2</sub>:</b>              | <b>83.33</b>                                    |