

# Reevaluation Report Project 201415\_9A (AP-South)

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PJM is required by Schedule 6 of the Operating Agreement (OA) to "annually review the cost and benefits" of Board-approved market efficiency projects that meet certain criteria to assure that a project continues to be cost beneficial.

- The annual reevaluation is not required for projects that have commenced construction or have received state siting approval.
- Analysis utilized the most recent Market Efficiency case available.

# **Project 9A Timeline**

## Maryland and Pennsylvania CPCN Proceedings

#### August 2016

Project 9A approved by PJM Board B/C = 2.48

#### September 2017

Project 9A Re-Evaluation 1 B/C = 1.3

#### October 2018

Project 9A Re-Evaluation 3 B/C = 1.40

## May 2019

Alternate Project 9A B/C = 1.52

#### November 2019

Alternate Project 9A Re-Evaluation 1 B/C = 1.60

#### June 2020

Alternate Project 9A MD CPCN granted PA record closed

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

#### February 2018

Project 9A Re-Evaluation 2 B/C = 1.32

## **April 2018**

Project 5E approved by PJM Board

#### October 2019

Settlement Agreement Project 9A

- Re-evaluation 4
- B/C = 2.1

#### December 2019\*

Re-evaluations

- Project 9A= 2.87
- Alternate 9A= 2.33

PJM Board approves
Alternate 9A (Pending CPCN)
and Huntertown-Lincoln

#### December 2020

Updated Re-evaluations

Re-evaluation

Q1 2021

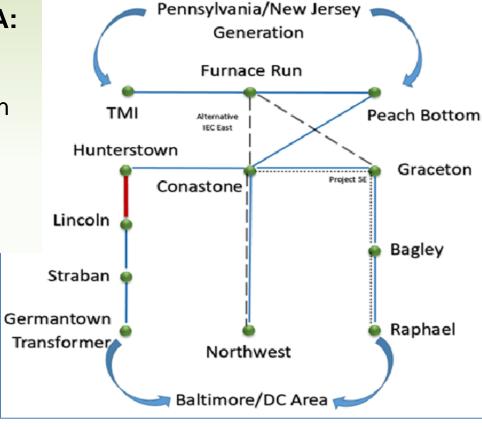
Pending PA CPCN



**Key Takeaway:** Multiple RTEP projects impacted by previous approval of Project 9A

## **Alternate Project 9A:**

Dec. 2019: PJM Board expressed approval of alternative configuration (product of settlement) subject to MD & PA approval



# Combination of Projects Addresses Interrelated Congestion Drivers

# Project 5E (Bagley-Graceton upgrades):

- April 2018: Approved by PJM Board
- Planned based on assumption that original Project 9A is in RTEP
- Currently under construction: reevaluation <u>not</u> required

## **Project Hunterstown-Lincoln (H-L):**

- Dec. 2019: Approved by PJM Board
- Planned based on assumption that original Project 9A and Project 5E are in RTEP
- Less than \$20M cost and no CPCN or reevaluation required
- Construction <u>not</u> started



# December 2020 Re-evaluation Analysis

Re-evaluation	Benefit / Cost Ratio December 2020 (Sunk Costs Excluded)	Notes
Project 9A (5E + H-L in Base Case)	1.71	B/C Ratio (In-service Costs) = 1.22 In-service Cost: \$423.66 Sunk Cost: \$121.03
Project 9A + H-L (5E in Base Case)	3.87	B/C Ratio (In-service Costs) = 2.78 In-service Cost: \$430.87 Sunk Cost: \$121.03
Alt. Project 9A (5E + H-L in Base Case)	1.29	B/C Ratio (In-service Costs) = 1.00 In-service Cost: \$534.87 Sunk cost: \$121.03
Alt. Project 9A + H-L (5E in Base Case)	2.87	B/C Ratio (In-service Costs) = 2.23 In-service Cost: \$542.08 Sunk cost: \$121.03

<sup>\*</sup>Sunk costs represent unavoidable costs



# **Additional Sensitivities**

Talen Energy Corporation announced they will cease operations of its Montour, Brandon Shores and Wagner coal plants\*

- Total >3,500 MW
- Official retirement notice not submitted to PJM
- Updated B/C ratios
  - Alternate Project 9A (Sunk costs excluded) = 2.17
  - Alternate Project 9A (In-service) = 1.71

## Maryland Legislation to phase out coal

- Retire all MD coal plants (~ 3000 MW)
- Updated B/C Ratios
  - Alternate Project 9A (Sunk costs excluded) = 3.04
  - Alternate Project 9A (In-service) = 2.39



Key Takeaway: Project value would increase based on anticipated future coal retirements

\*https://talenenergy.investorroom.com/2020-11-10-Talen-Energy-Announces-Transformational-Move-Toward-a-Sustainable-ESG-Focused-Future



# Key Takeaway: Project provides value beyond what is measured in Benefit/Cost ratio

- Supports States coal retirement legislation
- Enables additional access to Pennsylvania Marcellus shale
- May provide support to States renewable policy (Increased access to offshore wind)
- Enhances States access to external generation to support RGGI participation
- Capacity benefits expected in historically constrained SWMAAC area
- Enhances reliability



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