

#### Challenges and Opportunities for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Sequestration

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#### **Headwaters Clean Carbon Services LLC**

- JV between University of Utah and Headwaters
  - U of U has expertise in CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and has strong relationship with U.S. DOE.
  - Headwaters has proven record of successful project execution and has strong relationships with U.S. coal-fired power plants.
- Providing full range of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration services
- Long-term goal is to develop, build and operate regional CO<sub>2</sub> storage centers –first one in Utah



#### **CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Tests**





#### Utah Regional CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Center

- Strong local and state political support.
- Potential new 500-600MW power plant
- Deep saline aquifer can store 1 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> (emissions from 5x600MW power plants for 50 years)
- Three existing coal-fired power plants located nearby could tie into the regional CO<sub>2</sub> storage center.
- Sparsely populated area. No private land to deal with. State (SITLA) and Federal (BLM) land ownership.
- Sufficient coal and water available
- Close proximity to the California market (A.B. 32)



### Challenges

- Legislation Needed
  - Sufficient incentive for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage
  - Reasonable access to surface and pore space rights
  - Reasonable permitting and monitoring regulations
  - Federal sinking fund for long-term liability
- Public Acceptance Needed
  - Willing to accept CO<sub>2</sub> causes global warming and ocean acidification
  - Willing to pay higher prices for electricity and fuel
  - Willing to allow local CO<sub>2</sub> geologic sequestration

## Challenges (continued)

- Large-Scale Demonstration of CCS
  - Scale-up of CO<sub>2</sub> capture (performance and cost)
  - Scale-up of CO<sub>2</sub> geologic storage (safety, liability and sustainability)
- Integrating CCS into New Coal-Fired Power Plants
  - Long Lead Time
  - Permitting
  - Funding
- Retrofitting CCS into Existing Coal-Fired Power Plants
  - High capital cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - Limited remaining life of existing facility
  - Limited space for CO<sub>2</sub> capture equipment
  - De-rating of power plant capacity
  - Downtime for retrofitting (generation opportunity loss)
  - Limited access to feasible geologic sinks

## **Opportunities**

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
  - \$1 billion Fossil Energy R&D Program
  - \$0.8 billion Clean Coal Power Initiative Round III
  - \$1.52 billion Industrial CCS
  - \$50 million CO<sub>2</sub> Site Characterization
  - \$20 million CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Training
  - \$10 million Program Direction Funding

# **Opportunities (continued)**

#### **Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Credit**

Carbon dioxide captured after October 3, 2008, from an industrial source may be eligible for a credit. A credit of \$20 per metric ton is allowed for qualified carbon dioxide that is captured at a qualified facility and disposed of in secure geological storage or \$10 per metric ton to qualified carbon dioxide that is captured at a qualified facility and used as a tertiary injectant in a qualified enhanced oil or natural gas recovery project. Only carbon dioxide captured and disposed of or used within the United States or a U.S. possession is taken into account when figuring the credit. For more information, see Form 8933, Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Credit.

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# **Opportunities (continued)**

- H.R. 2454 Waxman-Markey Climate Bill (American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009)
  - 2% of emission permits given to electric utilities between 2014-17, and 5% thereafter, to cover cost of CCS
  - \$60 billion investment allocated for CCS 2012-25.
  - Early electric utility CCS movers rewarded with bonus emission permits for 10 years

