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**CORPORATE PARTICIPANTS**

**Thomas O Flynn**

*PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

**PRESENTATION**

**Unidentified Corporate Representative**

With us for our next presentation are the folks from Public Service Enterprise Group. I'm going to introduce Thomas O Flynn whose Executive Vice President and CFO and Sue Carson who's Director of Investor Relations. I'll go to turn it over to Tom.

**Thomas O Flynn**

*PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Just a couple of brief things. Safe Harbor language all the details. We did file our 10-K late last night so that's on Edgar and as we've done in the past we'll wrap our annual around that and send it out to people over the next couple of weeks.

Just additional Safe Harbor information. Obviously we're in the middle of a merger preceding. A deal that we announced a few days before Christmas. I'll get into that toward the end. We did file our joint proxy about a month ago. That's under review and we'll get that out to folks. Obviously a lot of the comments we make here have overlapped with issues discussed within the proxy.

I think all this is very important just from a business standpoint. It's the right way to do things and as we go into critical proceedings like the merger proceedings this is the kind of starting place that makes us feel good about having a reasonable outcome there.

Nuclear updates. Obviously a large part of the merger, but we did in mid January on the schedule date implement the operating services agreement with Exelon. That's using the proven Exelon nuclear management model. A couple of dozen people now of personnel really managing each of the facilities and throughout the organization so I think with what we've seen is obviously the Exelon folks can bring the skills and depth of their organization people, process knowledge of facilities - it's all been very constructive ask them to come in with a whole process has been very impressive.

From our standpoint more regions is better. We have capacity in constrained areas so the extent we talk about MAAC the eastern part of MAAC that would help us because our plants would have greater locational value than the average plants in PJM. There's also talk about at some point going up and looking at a region we call PS North - which is Public Service North that would have even more potential locational value. So it's generally quite good for us because of the material improvement to our and our friends Exelon's margins.

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The merger. The timeline is consistent with what we talked about when this was announced on December 20th. February 4th, we made all our filings in three states and down at the FERC filed a joint proxy a few days later.

The nuclear operating agreement was implemented according to plan on the 17th of January and that's now well underway. In terms of the overall proceedings. Obviously a lot of work to do. I'd say we're reasonably encouraged. Don't see any major issues that we can't work our way through but nevertheless it is a very large volume of things we need to work our way through. We're still targeting potentially first quarter of next year for closing.

Just in terms of generation assets and I'll just give you this as a precursor to the market mitigation we're talking about at FERC. Here's the map - you can see our assets, the old PECO assets and the ComEd which stretch out nicely across PJM. We also have a good mix of base loads, loads following and peaking. You can see that our peaking facilities has been on a proportional basis higher than the Exelon units so it balances out and I think has stated this profile of plants given better range, greater breath across the dispatch curve to be able to serve load which is where the most attractive means to have your generation booked forward.

We also have some meaningful investment in ERCOT between the two companies so I think at least from our standpoint we said that our Texas stuff was unclear that it was core. I think at this point as we look at the two businesses together Texas may well be core.

Market mitigation. When we filed with the FERC we talked about a divestiture of 5500 megawatts. A proposed divestiture of assets at the base mid-merit and peaking levels. I'll start with the bottom piece first the 2900 megawatts of fossil which is 1,000 megawatts of peaking and 1900 of mid-merit. At least 550 of those are coal fired and these are all in PJM East so we each have two plants in that zone.

And then there's the - what we're calling a virtual divestiture of improvement of 2600 megawatts of nuclear facilities. This would give us the ability to continue to own - operate the nuclear facilities but commit to have the capacity sold forward. It could be as long as a 15-year contract or it may be in shorter rolling contracts that would dovetail with the BGS. So we'd be selling from the nuclear plants 2400 megawatts firm at a designated nuclear node in PJM East. We believe that this takes the ultimate output out of our hands and also frankly by - we'll make these virtual divestiture pieces available in small blocks that would allow smaller marketers - people who plan to participate in BGS, would allow them to participate and we believe that spread of that 2600 megawatts equivalent capacity into - spread into a broader market.

So far I think we've had good reception from FERC. We'll see how that process goes but I think in terms of the size both our experts thought was reasonable market mitigation. We think this

mitigation package is quite strong. In fact we put it together with a view that it would be a compelling argument and we could have a good chance of moving forward without going into full hearings.

Synergy's the same as what we talked about when we announced a couple of months ago you could see by business the breakout and by category. I think the key here is that 70% of the synergies are non-regulated and they're really all cost based. The only thing that would be a revenue improvement here would be improved capacity factor expectation of our nuclear plant which is very reasonable if you look at our plants focus - the Exelon plants but in terms of other softer revenue enhancements we've have not got those baked in so they're fairly easy to get your arms around. And by having 70% in the non-regulated business in terms of the state processes we have to go through at least it's a modest part of the synergies that we think are reasonable to discuss there.

Post merger environment - then we're pricing the BGS contracts in our shop in New Jersey. We think that's all going well. It's going well for the customer of PSE&G and from Power, allowing Power to balance their portfolio on a reasonable basis. Improved nuclear capacity factors and operations and so on. There's issues in Illinois with their procurement and rate cases. Things that we think - we can be helpful with in terms of our T&D scale and capabilities in terms of our BGS experiences could be helpful in their rate case and procurement auction. Balance sheet flexibility and then post merger - thinking about other regions.

Some of the things we've been saying I think are fairly clear at this point but a combination of - two strong companies, increased scale - complimentary operations and business models are quite similar and we think that the strength that each of us can bring and can help the others are sales from the T&D side the Exelon folks obviously quite strongly from the operations that starts in nuclear. Low cost supply portfolios. Together we'll have 60% of our megawatt hours in nuclear. I guess more financial policy and - the reason we come in regulatory framework was - and the things that we've done through in New Jersey obviously PECO's gone through, some of the transition issues that will be dealt with from Illinois are things that we went through a couple of years ago so we're really quite similar regulatory transitions.

With that I think I'll turn it over to any questions.



## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Unidentified Audience Member

In regards to the reliability pricing model could you talk about the actual number of megawatts that you think could be effective which would have upside to your- or is it something - I don't think it's something that I would be able to just take a number of megawatts and apply a certain number-is there a certain percentage of it or certain assets that I think about or apply that kind of upfront?

### **Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Well, truly the bulk of our megawatts in PJM - all of our megawatts in PJM will be subject to this. Clearly when we talk about locational in value our megawatts in PJM East would be in a more constrained area and should take the benefit over time of premium capacity prices. But in traditional PJM our megawatts are 11.5 in that sort of zone so I mean there's some very large numbers.

### Unidentified Audience Member

Thank you. Do you say that Exelon would benefit as well from this?

### **Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Yes certainly. Certainly Exelon would. They're in PJM. The PECO assets are rivals in PJM East. In fact the reason that we're proposing market mitigation is our assets share some constrained regions and that's why we're proposing some of the market mitigation but Chicago obviously would be part of that process too. It would be a material upside for both companies.

### Unidentified Audience Member

Thank you.

### Unidentified Audience Member

I don't know if this determinations been made and or made public but once the companies are combined, as Exelon has never really done overseas has any decision been made as far as just sort of pulling everything back to the U.S. or haven't you made that decision yet?

### **Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

The decision hasn't been made. We've said that we will selectively look to monetize those assets overtime. If you look through the proxy I think you'd see that the Exelon folks are taking a close look at that and it's in discussion there but then having some expectations of doing that over time.

### Unidentified Audience Member

When you look at the whole approval process where might the FERC or the New Jersey BPU come after the two companies? Where do we have to look for to be worried about something throwing a wrench in the whole thing?

### **Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

I think the two places perhaps one might be FERC and if you look through the proxy that is something that we thought about early on was a meeting we had in August down in Washington to talk about those issues. We've thought very hard with internal counsel and experts - external counsel, external market experts and actually has a very similar view at the end of the day and also has a very strong confidence in our proposal and also I think I've gotten very positive feedback from FERC so that's an issue that we feel good about it but obviously there's a lot of wood to chop between here and the goal line.

The other thing in New Jersey is a process, obviously, as we move the headquarters out in New Jersey. The commission will take a close look at it but if you think about the scope of things in terms of to look at in terms of reliability - in terms of some synergies, in terms of stronger balance sheet, the collective strength of the operating business is not within PSEG is a very larger supplier to PSE&G customers so that's good. This is the strength of excellence and the community presence from an overall management perspective. I think there's a lot of things that are very positive.

Within New Jersey, I think we expect the process to be fairly full and long and that's consistent with how we run our rate cases. You know, the last rate case probably stretched out a year with a lot of discussion a lot of documentation, interaction - at the end of the day we find a middle ground so there's not - we're not aware of any large material issues that could present a block in New Jersey but nevertheless there's a lot of things we need to spend time with people on this - that the process we initiated is the process we're in the middle of and it's a collective process. Obviously we're doing it but the Chicago folks including John Rowe in there - so spending some of my time in New Jersey to make sure that people know we're there.

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**Unidentified Audience Member**

Has anyone ever attempted this virtual divestiture before?

**Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

I'm not aware Kirk. We think it's fairly - it's been smaller - it's been done on a smaller scale. We think it makes sense though, for nuclear plants. As you think about it you want to get the two things from the market monitor point of view you'd be worried about is how much power you can control and we committed to sell that power either on a long term basis or to sell it on a rolling BGS type three year intervals to other people so we will not control the power. Then one could ask well could there be a chance that you change the operations of the plant to influence the market but clearly as you run nuclear plants you're not going to cycle - you're not going to reduce the output of a nuclear plant because the nuclear plant is its data base especially with a nuclear fleet of 20 plants. Your nuclear reputation and credibility, your operating skills are paramount and so you're going to run that nuclear plant as well as you can to seek your reliability cost effectiveness et cetera. So I think with that as a backbone it makes a lot of sense. It was something that was a plant that could be cycled more than it may be tough argument.

**Unidentified Audience Member**

Could you share with us the company's thought process in deciding to divest the 2600 megawatts of nuclear capacity? I'm just curious is because the geographical locations of those plants or is it the fuel type and related to that could those nuclear assets be substituted with more coal so base load for base load a different type of fuel?

**Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

We saw as you looked at it that you really needed to have the 2600 of megawatt of, a number close there to of base load and then the 1900 of mid-merit and the 1000 of peaking as we looked at it because there's market concentration - it gets measured by region. It gets measured by points on the dispatch curve - some fairly technical analysis that you can read testimony results it's all public from the FERC on February 4th. So given that we need a base and the way we run - our coal plants are really mid-merit, Keystone and Conemaugh that we both own, we own 23 and Exelon owns I believe 20%. Those are base loads. They're very low cost - they run 80-90% of the time. If you look at our Mercer and Hudson they're more cycling. Their capacity factor has been more in the 50,55% range overtime. So it's a - that probably needs to be a

specific. The real base load plants we have in PJM East are the nuclear plants. That's why we focused on them.

**Unidentified Audience Member**

A question related to the company's - has a company navigates the regulatory process in New Jersey to get the approval. Are the T&D rates something that's on the table for discussion?

**Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Well T&D rates the 30% of the synergies those are allocated to the three T&D companies; ComEd, PECO and PSE&G. The PSE&G shares around 40% I think as filed in the testimony. To the extent those synergies go to ratepayers then that would impact the T&D rates yes.

**Unidentified Audience Member**

Where are we at the utility - the regulated ROE?

**Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Wouldn't effect the ROE it would effect more the costs to the extent that our incurred costs and our costs of service goes down the question is are there - how much of those synergies can we retain for shareholders versus sharing some of that clearly with rate-payers

**Unidentified Audience Member**

Okay, thanks.

**Thomas O Flynn PSEG - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Okay thank you.



**PSEG/Exelon Merger**

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**Dec 2004**

**Q1 2005**

**Q2 2005**

**Q1 2006**

**Q4 2005**

**Q3 2005**

**Announce  
Transaction  
12/20/04**

**FERC, NJBPU,  
ICC Regulatory  
Filings 2/4/05**

**File Joint Proxy  
Statement  
2/10/05**

**Exelon & PSEG  
Shareholder  
Meetings**

**Receive Regulatory  
Approvals**

**Work to Secure Regulatory Approvals  
(FERC, SEC, NRC, DOJ or FTC, NJBPU, NJDEP\*, PAPUC, ICC\*, NYSPSC)**

**1/17/05**

**Close Transaction**

**Implement Nuclear Operating Services Agreement**

**Develop Transition Implementation Plans**

**\* Notice filing only**

**Anticipated Timeline - Update**



**6,075**

**12,305**

**23,993**

**TOTAL**

**1,544**

**2,950**

**0**

**ERCOT**

**0**

**500**

**514**

**NYISO**

**163**

**837**

**503**

**NEPOOL**

**4,368**

**8,018**

**22,976**

**PJM**

**Peaking**

**Load Following**

**Baseload**

**(MW)\***

**PEG:**

**EXC:**

\* Excludes 8,701MW of long  
term contracts and 411MW in  
other regions

Combined Generation Assets

**28**

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**2/4/05 - Filed the merger  
application with FERC**

**Proposed Divestiture**

**Virtual Divestiture**

Transfer control of 2,600MW of  
baseload nuclear energy

2,400MW in PJM East

**Divest a total of 2,900MW fossil  
fuel facilities**

Peaking                    1,000MW

Mid-Merit                1,900MW

at least 550MW coal-fired

**Exelon**

Baseload

Load Following

Peaking

Market Power Mitigation

**PSEG**

Baseload

Load Following

Peaking



**By Business**

**Nuclear <sup>(1)</sup>**

**Trading**

**Genco Corp/  
Fossil**

**T&D**

**Corporate,  
Business  
Services**

**By Category**

**Supply**

**Corporate  
Programs**

**Nuclear  
Outage  
Costs**

**Nuclear  
Production  
Improvements**

**Staffing**

**Info  
Technology**

**16%**

**9%**

**7%**

**11%**

**39%**

**15%**

**9%**

**3%**

**14%**

**43%**

**34%**

(1) Includes cost and production improvement

\$500 Million of Synergies in Year 2

**30**

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