



## Preserving Pennsylvania's Nuclear Benefits

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## FirstEnergy Nuclear Power Plants Safe, Clean, Reliable and Well-Protected

## Beaver Valley Power Station

- Birthplace of commercial nuclear power, where Shippingport Atomic Power Station began generating electricity in 1957
- Two Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactors, together generating 1,872 megawatts electric
- Unit 1 operations began in 1976 with renewed license expiring in 2036;
  Unit 2 operations began in 1987 with renewed license expiring in 2047
- One of the largest employers in Beaver County
- Able to supply electricity generated carbon free to more than 1.8 million homes
- Operations avoid the production of more than 9.5 million tons of greenhouse gases annually



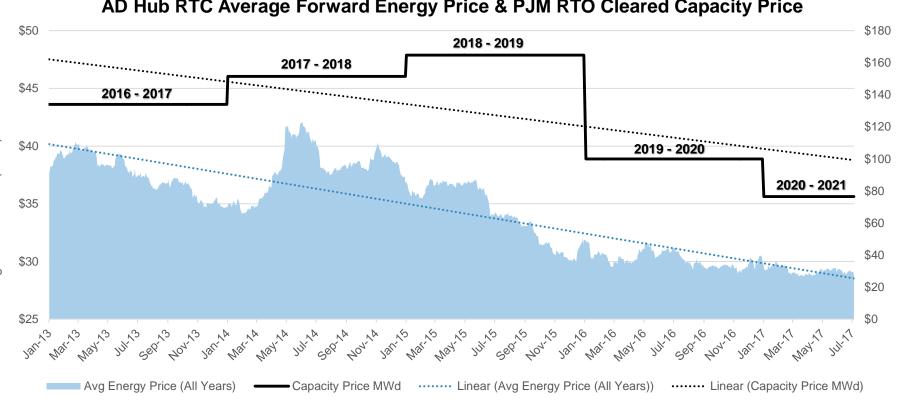


# **Community Impact of Beaver Valley**

- Approximately 1000 employees at the plant with \$120 million annual payroll expenditure
- \$70 \$120 million annual expenditure on contracted services, nearly all of which is local or business in the state
  - More than 500 companies in Pennsylvania support nuclear energy
  - Secondary state jobs created to support an operating nuclear plant are typically more than double the number of direct plant employees
- \$4 million paid in local and state taxes
- Significant support provided to local and state emergency management services – financial, personnel and practice drills



# **Market Conditions**



#### AD Hub RTC Average Forward Energy Price & PJM RTO Cleared Capacity Price

## Cleared capacity prices have declined from \$165/MWd in 2018/2019 to \$77/MWd in 2020/2021 planning years

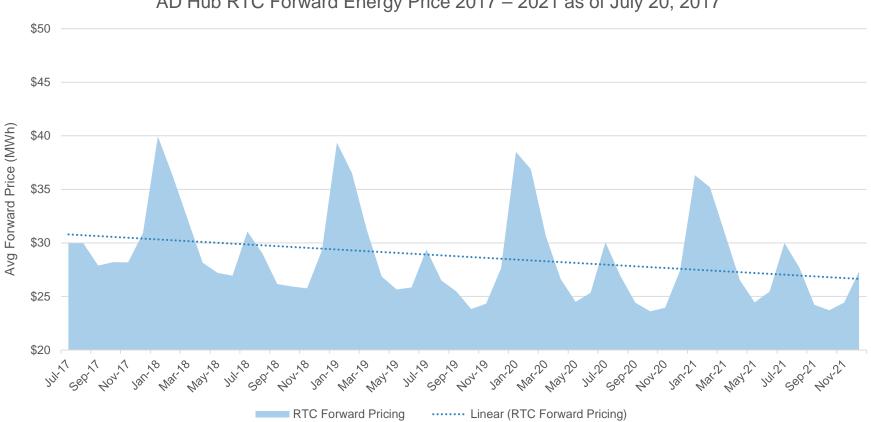
Data: Forward energy prices are the average, AD Hub around-the-clock price forwards as of each date in the periods above

Avg Forward Price (MWh)

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Capacity Price (MWd

# Market Conditions | Forward Energy Prices



AD Hub RTC Forward Energy Price 2017 – 2021 as of July 20, 2017

## The forward trendline suggests that energy prices will remain at currently depressed levels through 2021



## What have we done in response?

- FENOC Unit Capability Factor has increased steadily since 2014 to greater than 92%
  - Capability factor is the ratio of actual energy produced to maximum energy the unit is capable of generating.
- Capital expenditures have been trimmed to top quartile performance while maintaining excellence in safety and reliability.
- Both head count and labor costs have declined since 2015 to be as cost effective as possible.
- FENOC has reduced their costs since 2014 to top quartile overall fleet performance.



# **Domestic Nuclear's Greatest Challenge**

### Nuclear facing competition from renewables, low-priced natural gas

- Natural gas plants or renewables setting the market price for electricity
- Renewables can be profitable at negative market prices due to tax subsidies

## Flat demand growth for electricity & rising generating capacity

- Suppresses electricity market prices
- Reactors at risk of premature shutdown despite safe and efficient operations
  - Nuclear plants in competitive markets face the greatest near term risk exposure
  - Some nuclear plants facing challenges in regulated markets as well

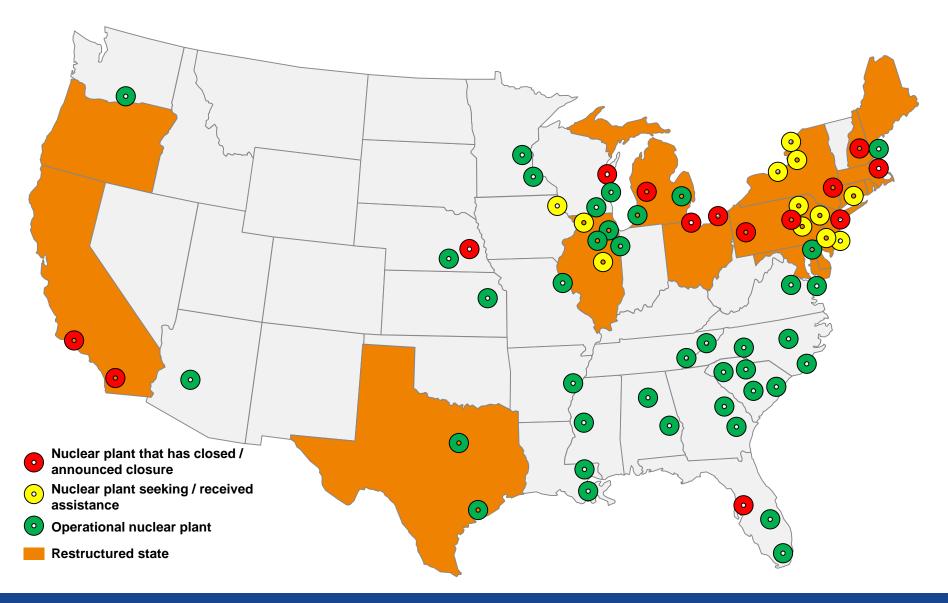
## Imperative to remain focused on improving performance

- In the past 5 years industry average performance has improved

 $O&M \downarrow >6\%$ , Capex  $\downarrow >38\%$ , Fuel  $\downarrow >10\%$ , Capacity Factor  $\uparrow >6\%$ 

 During same period competitive market prices have declined more than 30%

# Nuclear Plants Closing in Restructured States



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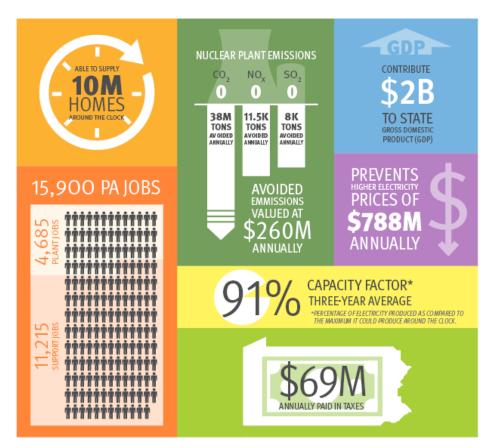
# A Nuclear Solution Is Critical to Pennsylvania

## A nuclear solution preserves:

- Thousands of jobs
- Economic benefits and growth
- Affordable and resilient electricity
- Regional fuel diversity
- Environmental advantages

#### Nearby states have taken action to protect nuclear power generation

- Four plants in New York and Illinois will continue to operate with state programs that preserve nuclear plants in place
- Legislation has been introduced in the Ohio House and Senate to create a similar program





# Thank You

