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Net Present Value (NPV) Analysis

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Project Economics are Robust

- NPV for Key Stakeholders Indicates Positive NPV for 4.0 Bcf/d project that does not rely on Pt Thomson
- NPV Results are Sensitive to Many Factors with Commodity Prices being the Most Significant
 - Producer NPV Remains Positive with Low Market Price Assumptions
- 4.0 Bcf/d project has acceptable netback risks, lower reserve risk than
 4.5 Bcf/d project with Pt Thomson gas
- NPV positive across wide range of project cost outcomes, cost escalation scenarios
- Tariffs for Smaller Pipeline Configurations (4.0 & 3.5 Bcf/d) Increase by 13% to 21% Relative to the 4.5 Bcf/d Proposal Base Case



Production Assumptions: 4.0 Bcf/d Case





Production Assumptions: 3.5 Bcf/d Case





Production Assumptions used in the NPV Analysis for the 4.0 Bcf/d Conservative Base Case

- Prudhoe Bay:
 - 24.5 Tcf
 - Initial production rate 3.5 Bcf/d
- State existing:
 - 3.7 Tcf:
 - Colville River 0.4 Tcf
 - Duck Island 0.8 Tcf
 - Kuparuk 1.2 Tcf
 - Northstar 0.5 Tcf
 - GPMA 0.9 Tcf
 - Initial production rate 0.5 Bcf/d
- Note this case assumes <u>NO</u> Point Thomson production



Expected Tariffs from the North Slope to the AECO Market



AECO Tariff



4.0 Bcf/d Conservative Base Case Cash Flows





The State's NPV₅ is Lower with Smaller Project Capacity but Remains Significant

State NPV₅





Producer NPV Shows a Similar Trend When Compared to the State





Project NPV is Affected by Many Factors

- Prices
- Project cost
- Project cost escalation
- Interest rates
- Cost of finding and developing "new gas"
- Etc.

Bottom line: Understanding how project economics are affected by uncertainty in inputs that affect cash flows.



Price is a Key Driver to Variations in the NPV₅ to the State of Alaska





Various Price Forecasts were Considered in Analysis





The impact from price uncertainty swamps estimated capital cost and schedule uncertainty.





Lower Project Volumes yield similar State NPV results



Results shown are with both Price Uncertainty (B&V Price Scenarios) and TC Schedule / Cost Uncertainty



Producer Sensitivity to Key Variables is Similar to that seen in State Results





The producers have a very low likelihood for a negative NPV₁₀, even with lower project volume of 3.5 or 4.0 Bcf/d.



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Analysis of Impact of Price Levels - Flat Real Prices



- Analysis investigated the impact of price levels on project economics
- Flat real prices
 levels from
 \$5/MMBtu to
 \$10/MMBtu were
 considered for
 natural gas price at
 AECO
- 2.5% inflation assumed to estimate dollars of the day prices



Price levels have a significant impact on Producer NPV. NPV_{10} remains positive with real prices in \$5-\$10/MMBtu range for the 4.5 Bcf/d case.

\$20.0 \$18.0 \$16.5 \$16.0 \$14.6 \$14.0 \$12.5 \$Billion 2008 \$Billion 2008 \$12.0 \$10.2 \$10.0 \$7.7 \$8.0 \$6.0 \$4.7 \$4.0 \$2.0 \$0.0 4.5 AECO 4.5 AECO **4.5 AECO** 4.5 AECO 4.5 AECO **4.5 AECO** \$5 Real \$6 Real \$7 Real \$8 Real \$9 Real \$10 Real

Aggregate Producer NPV₁₀



Aggregate Producer NPV₁₅

Even at very low future prices, Producer NPV remains positive.



Producer NPV (for 4.0 Bcf/d) is Expected to Remain Positive if No YTF Gas is Produced





Appendix



Impact of the Gasline: Cash flows and NPV calculated are the <u>difference</u> between oil+gas and oil only operations.



Oil Only \$

Cash Flows from Gas \$



Overview of Natural Gas Price Assumptions Utilized in the NPV Analysis

- Gas delivered to different locations has different prices: Henry Hub vs. AECO
- Prices dependent on the supply/demand balance and pipeline infrastructure
- Forecasts are required to evaluate the project from 2020 to 2045+
- Relied on range of forecasts
 - EIA
 - Wood Mackenzie
 - B&V
 - Others
- Wood Mackenzie is the base case for analysis
 - Independent market assessment
 - Projects an AECO price



Understanding the Factors that Lead to Future Prices

- Forecasted prices are "point" estimates, all dependent on a specific set of assumptions
- None are expected to be on the dot "correct"
- Price uncertainty and associated risks could be better illustrated using a forecasted price distribution:



Range of Price

- Black & Veatch assumes that the majority of price risks comes from uncertainty in fundamental factors:
- Finding & development costs
- Technological improvement
- LNG imports
- Power generation demand
- US industrial demand
- CDN industrial demand



Positive Netbacks Are Expected Under All Price Forecasts





Cash flows to from 4.5 Bcf/d Proposal Base Case





3.5 Bcf/d Low Volume Sensitivity Case





Project Cash Flows are Favorable if Built Today





Expected State of Alaska NPV₅ is \$66.1 billion





Production Assumptions: 4.5 Bcf/d Proposal Base Case





YTF Gas Required to Keep Pipeline Full under Different Contract Periods and for Different Pipeline Capacities

50% 45% 4.5 Bcf/d 4.0 Bcf/d 13.5 Bcf/d 40% 35% -26%^{-28%} 30% ≈ 25% 21% 20% 15% 15% 15% 10% 10% <u>.3% 3% 1%</u> 5% 0% 25/25 20/20 15/15

Contract Period/Depreciation Life (years)

% of Contract Volume Requiring YTF Gas



Why does a delay increase State NPV₅?

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 - Prices increase
 - Progressivity for production taxes increases as prices rise
 - Production Tax in 2020 = -25%
 - Production Tax in 2045 = -50%
- Could a delay cause a decrease in the State NPV₅?
 - Yes, if prices increase at a lower rate than the baseline Wood Mackenzie prices, then a project delay would cause a decrease in the State NPV₅