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## **Overview**

- NuScale is commercializing a 40 MWe system that can be scaled to meet customer requirements of virtually any size.
- NuScale's standard design is for a power plant with up to 12 modules generating 480 MWe.
- NuScale technology developed and tested by Oregon State University, Idaho National Lab and Nexant-Bechtel under DOE funded research. Company formed in 2007 with tech-transfer agreement from OSU.
- Design innovations simplify construction, strengthen safety, reduce costs and financial risks, and improve reliability.
- Reliance on existing commercial nuclear technology reduces regulatory risk and increases speed to market.



## **Management Team**

Executive	Position	Experience / Accolades		
Paul G. Lorenzini, PhD	Chief Executive Officer	President, Pacific Power & Light CEO, PowerCorp Australia VP/General Manager, Rockwell Hanford Operations		
Jose N. Reyes, PhD	Chief Technical Officer	Internationally recognized for leadership in developing scalable test facilities for nuclear plants United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) technical expert on passive safety systems Department Chair, Nuclear Engineering, Oregon State University		
Tom Marcille	Chief Operating Officer	hief Engineer, Advanced Reactors, Los Alamos National Laboratory wenty years as a contributing, managing and chief engineer in GE's dvanced and terrestrial BWR business units		
John "Jay" Surina	Chief Financial Officer	<ul> <li>V.P. Financial Planning and Analysis, Boart Longyear</li> <li>Executive positions, Texas Genco, Centrica North America, Sithe Energies</li> <li>Co-founder and a managing partner of Cornerstone Energy Advisors</li> <li>MBA , Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania</li> </ul>		





#### Strategic Partner - Kiewit Construction: NuScale / Kiewit MOU signed April 2008

- Employee-owned company; \$6 billion annual revenue with 120 year history and 16,600 Employees
- FORTUNE's most admired company in the engineering and construction industry in 2007
- Major power plant constructor
- Major commitment to new nuclear projects based on past nuclear construction experience



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Kiewit Corporate Headquarters Omaha, NE







## NuScale Power: Prefabricated, simple, safe ...



- Construction Simplicity:
  - Major components prefabricated and shipped by rail, truck or barge - Entire nuclear system is 60' x 15' / 300 tons.
- Natural Circulation Cooling:
  - Inherently safe Eliminates major accident secenarios
  - Improves economics -Eliminates pumps, pipes, auxiliary equipment
- Below Ground:
  - Enhances security and safety Critical components - reactor, control room, fuel pool - located below ground

## **Prototype Confirms Design**



- One-third scale, electricallyheated prototype of NuScale plant confirms performance and safety.
- Plant design based on known commercial nuclear technology and operating experience offers confidence to regulators, owners and operators.

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## **Engineered Safety Features**

- High Pressure Containment Vessel
- Shutdown Accumulator System (SAS)
- Passive Safety Systems
  - Decay Heat Removal System (DHRS)
  - Containment Heat Removal System (CHRS)
- Severe Accident Mitigation and Prevention Design Features



## **High Pressure Containment**

Enhanced Safety





• Equilibrium pressure between reactor and containment following any LOCA is always below containment design pressure.

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#### Insulating Vacuum

- Significantly reduces convection heat transfer during normal operation.
- No insulation on reactor vessel. ELIMINATES SUMP SCREEN BLOCKAGE ISSUE (GSI-191).
- Improves steam condensation rates during a LOCA by eliminating air.
- Prevents combustible hydrogen mixture in the unlikely event of a severe accident (i.e., no oxygen).
- Eliminates corrosion and humidity problems inside containment.

#### Decay Heat Removal System (DHRS)

- Two independent trains of emergency feedwater to the steam generator tube bundles.
- Water is drawn from the containment cooling pool through a sump screen.
- Steam is vented through spargers and condensed in the pool.
- Feedwater Accumulators provide initial feed flow while DHRS transitions to natural circulation flow.
- Pool provides a 3 day cooling supply for decay heat removal.



#### **Containment Heat Removal System (CHRS)**

- Provides a means of removing core decay heat and limits containment pressure by:
  - Steam Condensation
  - Convective Heat Transfer
  - Heat Conduction
  - Sump Recirculation
- Reactor Vessel steam is vented through the reactor vent valves (flow limiter).
- Steam condenses on containment.
- Condensate collects in lower containment region (sump).
- Sump valves open to provide recirculation path through the core.



## **NuScale modules are scalable**



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Each module has a dedicated Steam Turbine-Generator

Modules can be "numbered-up" to achieve large generation capacities





#### Multiple-Module Complex – Flexible Capacity (12 modules – 480 MWe)



#### **Multi-Module Control Room**





# Advantages of modular scalable nuclear plants

- Operational
  - Eliminates single shaft risk
  - On-line refueling
- Financial
  - Can sequentially add modules to match load growth
  - Smaller plant size minimize financial risks, complexity and uncertainty
  - Off-site manufacturing improves productivity and mitigates construction risks

## NuScale's modular plant offers significant safety enhancements

- June 2-3, 2008, a panel of experts convened to develop a Thermal-Hydraulics/Neutronics Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) for the NuScale module:
- February 24-26, 2009 Severe Accidents Analysis PIRT Panel
  - Large-break Loss of Cooling Accident (LOCA) <u>eliminated</u> by design
  - DBA Small break LOCA's will not uncover the core, thus do not challenge plant safety
  - Indicated that the PRA is overly conservative with regard to events that lead to core damage.
- Preliminary PRA already indicates that the overall Core Damage Frequency is extremely low





## **SBLOCA Transient Phases**

- Phase 1: Blowdown Phase
  - Begins with the opening of the break and ends with the reactor vent valve (RVV) initiation
- Phase 2: RVV Operation
  - Begins with the opening of the reactor vent valve and ends when the containment and reactor system pressures are equalized
- Phase 3 Long Term Cooling
  - Begins with the equalization of the containment and reactor system pressures and ends when stable cooling is established via opening of the sump recirculation valves









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### **Core Damage Frequency by Plant Type**



Source: NRC White Paper, D. Dube; Basis for discussion at 2/18/09 public meeting on implementation of risk matrices for new nuclear reactors

## **Additional Fission Product Barriers**



- Fuel Pellet and Cladding
- Reactor Vessel
- Containment
- Containment Cooling Pool Water

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- Containment Pool Structure
- Biological Shield
- Reactor Building

## **Reduced Emergency Planning Zone**



"Generally, the plume exposure pathway EPZ for nuclear power plants shall consist of an area about 10 miles in radius ... The size of EPZs may also be determined on a case-by-case basis for ... reactors with an authorized power level less than 250 MWt."

## 10 CFR 50.47 (c) (2)



### **NuScale's Security Advantages**

- Safety maintained without external power
- Below-ground
  - Power Module (NSSS and Containment)
  - Control Room
  - Spent Fuel Pool
- Low profile Buildings

### **Summary of NuScale Advantages**

- Reduces financial risks
- Reduces operational risks
- Capacity added to match load growth
- Able to meet demand for smaller sized plants
- Robust supply chain strengthens manufacturing base
- Enhanced safety and security

## **Pre-Application Reviews Underway with NRC**



		FY2008	FY2009		
		4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q
•	<b>1</b> <sup>st</sup> <b>Meeting</b> NuScale and Design Introduction				
	Submit Design Description Report		▼		
•	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting</b> Codes and Methods Topical Report		▼		
•	<b>3</b> <sup>rd</sup> <b>Meeting</b> Online Refueling Topical Report Multi-Module I&C and Operations Staffing Topical Report				
•	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b> Multi-Module PRA Topical Report Severe Accidents Topical Report Dose Calculations and Emergency Planning Topical Report				





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