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#### ABSTRACT

This study consists of an economic evaluation of oxygen-blown, Texaco-based gasification of 11,000 tons/day of Illinois No. 6 coal for the production of clean, intermediate-Btu fuel gas.

As the high temperature gas coolers required in this type of plant represent the highest risk developmental equipment components, two base-case gas cooling configurations were investigated. The first, involving <u>saturated</u> high-pressure steam generation, is representative of designs currently operating at the 150 ton/day Ruhrchemie plant and being designed for the 1000 ton/day Cool Water Demonstration plant. The second base case configuration involved the higher risk and undemonstrated design which incorporates steam <u>superheating</u> capability in the gas cooling section. Results of the evaluation indicated no economic incentives to develop superheating capability in the Texaco high temperature gas coolers.

The plant design employing only <u>saturated</u> high-pressure steam generating capability in the hot gas coolers produced 6664 x 10<sup>6</sup> Btu/hr of clean fuel gas (94.6% sulfur removal) and 142.4 MW of export power. Assuming mature technology, a plant startup date of 1990, a 10 percent annual inflation, a minimum after-tax return on equity of 20 percent/year for nonregulated company ownership, and a 1980 dollar by-product power credit of 50 mills/kWh, the estimated first year fuel gas costs would be:

Fuel Gas Plant Ownership	Current Dollars (1990)		1980 Dollars
Investor Owned Utility	\$11.63/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu		\$4.27/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu
Nonregulated Company	\$14.48/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	٠	\$5.32/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu

These results indicate that clean fuel gas produced from coal in mature Texaco gasification plants has the potential to be competitive with petroleum derived fuels.

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Included in the evaluation were substudies which assessed the impacts of the use of a gas recycle, a change in the extent of sulfur removal, certain economies of scale, and changes in steam cycle conditions. The impacts of these changes on the estimated costs of fuel gas were minor.

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#### EPRI PERSPECTIVE

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This final report, <u>Economics of the Texaco Gasification Process for Fuel Gas</u> <u>Production</u>, presents a detailed engineering and economic evaluation of Texacobased gasification of Illinois No. 6 coal for the production of clean, intermediate-Btu fuel gas. Previous evaluations, conducted by Fluor Engineers and Constructors, Inc., under RP 239-2, have indicated that Texaco-based coal gasification-combined-cycle power plants employing currently available (2000°F) gas turbines have the potential to be cost competitive with conventional coal-fired steam plants designed to comply with the 1979 Federal New Source Performance Standards.

Texaco's coal gasification technology is currently in the final stages of commercial development. The 150 ton/day Ruhrchemie plant in Oberhausen, West Germany has been operating for over three years. Construction of a 1000 ton/day Texaco gasification facility at Tennessee Eastman's Kingsport plant for the production of methanol and other chemicals is well underway. Finally, construction of, the 1000 ton/day Texaco gasification-combined-cycle demonstration plant at Southern California Edison Company's Cool Water facility started at the end of 1981. EPRI is a major participant in this latter project scheduled for plant startup in mid-1984.

This study, therefore, was designed to investigate the potential economics of producing clean intermediate-Btu fuel gas from large, Texaco-based, coal gasification plants.

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of this engineering study were to:

 Determine the cost of producing clean, intermediate-Btu fuel gas from Texaco-based gasification systems, using the most current cost and performance information available. Evaluate the potential economic incentives for the development of steam superheating capability in the high temperature gas coolers of Texacobased fuel gas plants.

Determine the impacts of various process design modifications on the efficiency and cost of fuel gas production.

#### PROJECT RESULTS

It is important to realize at the outset that this study of Texaco gasification differs fundamentally from all previous EPRI studies of Texaco-based systems. <u>Cost estimates</u> for the gasification and gas cooling sections of the plant have been <u>updated</u> to reflect current information from Ruhrchemie's 150 ton/day plant as well as certain design information from the Cool Water plant. Prior Fluor evaluations for EPRI of Texaco-based systems (see EPRI Report Numbers AF-642, AF-753, AF-916, AF-1288, AP-1543, AP-1624, AP-1725 and AP-2212) presented gasification section costs based only on data from the 15 ton/day Montebello pilot plant and did not have the benefit of the more recent experience. <u>Therefore</u>, <u>cost estimates appearing in this report for the Texaco gasification section will</u> <u>differ from data published in previous EPRI reports</u>.

To satisfy the first objective of the study, a fuel gas plant processing 11,000 tons/day of Illinois No. 6 coal was designed. This plant raised high-pressure <u>saturated steam</u> in the hot gas coolers (radiant and convective) configured in a manner similar to those in the Ruhrchemie plant and the Cool Water design. This plant which removes 94.6 percent of the sulfur in the coal, produces 6664 x  $10^6$  Btu/hr of clean fuel gas and 142.4 MW of export power at an overall thermal efficiency of 77.1 percent. Capital and operating costs for this plant starting up in 1990 are presented below:

Ϋ́ Ο	Investo <u>Utility</u> Current <u>Dollars</u>	r Owned <u>Ownership</u> Mid-1980 <u>Dollars</u>	Nonreg <u>Company</u> Current Dollars	ulated <u>Ownership</u> Mid-1980 <u>Dollars</u>
Total Capital Requirement, \$10 <sup>6</sup>	2,233	903	2,229	902
First Year (1990) Fuel Gas Cost, \$/10 <sup>8</sup> Btu	11.63	4.27	14.46	5.32
Levelized Fuel Gas Cost, \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	19.11	3.27	24.51	5.32

(Financial criteria used to generate the above estimates can be found in the Summary, Table S-2.)

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The above results indicate that <u>fuel gas produced by a utility owned Taxacobased gasification plant has the potential to be lower in cost than equivalent</u> <u>crude oil derived products</u>. For nonregulated company ownership the current economic potential is not as clear. The \$5.32/10<sup>6</sup> Btu production cost estimate is based on an after-tax annual return on equity of 20 percent (assuming 10 percent/ year general inflation). This level of return is considered marginal for a high risk venture such as the production of a new product from an as yet unproven technology. If the after-tax return on equity requirement is increased to 30 percent, the nonregulated company fuel gas production cost would be \$8.80/10<sup>6</sup> Btu in constant 1980 dollars. Such a fuel gas price could only achieve parity with fuel oil in the mid-1990's if fuel oil were to experience an average annual real price growth (above general inflation) of 3 percent.

It is important to realize that the capital and operating cost estimates presented in this report are representative of those to be anticipated for <u>mature</u> <u>technology plants</u>. It is therefore to be expected that costs experienced for the first few Texaco-based fuel gas plants would be significantly higher than those presented here. It must also be realized that until the Texaco technology has been proven at full commercial scale in the Cool Water Demonstration Project, the process still poses <u>significant risk</u>.

In order to assess the potential economic incentives for developing superheating capability in the hot gas coolers, a second plant was designed with both <u>superheating and reheating</u> of steam in these coolers. This eliminated the requirement to burn product gas for superheating and reheating steam, thereby increasing the net fuel gas production by 15 percent. On the other hand, the export power generated decreased by 63 percent. For a utility owned plant, if the export power is credited at 41 mills/kWh or more, <u>no incentive was found to</u> <u>develop superheating capability in the hot gas coolers</u>. This finding is extremely useful as it can save substantial development costs for high risk equipment that offers no economic incentives for development.

Finally, many <u>sensitivity studies</u> to both design and financial parameters were conducted. Major conclusions from these sensitivity studies are:

 If the sulfur removal requirement is increased from 94.6 percent to essentially complete removal (i.e., 1 ppm sulfur in the product gas), the cost of fuel gas would increase by less than 4 percent.

At a by-product electricity credit of 50 mills/kWh, the cost of fuel gas is insensitive to steam cycle conditions. However, at a <u>by-product power credit of 100 mills/kWh</u>, an efficient reheat steam cycle could <u>reduce fuel gas costs by as much as 20 percent</u>.

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If the <u>capital investment</u> required for the fuel gas plant were to increase by 35 percent, the levelized <u>fuel gas production cost would</u> increase by 13 percent.

In conclusion, it must be pointed out that neither the new ACRS tax rules nor recently promulgated energy tax credits were applied in any of the financial analyses presented in this report. Application of these favorable tax rules would tend to somewhat reduce the fuel gas production cost estimates presented.

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#### SUMMARY

Previous EPRI studies have identified integrated coal gasification-combined-cycle power generation as an attractive option for new base load power plants. Coal gasification for power generation, however, is not limited to such new integrated facilities, but can be considered as a means of producing an ultraclean intermediate-Btu gas (IBG) from coal for replacing oil or natural gas in existing fired equipment. There is a need, therefore, to develop the economics of stand-alone clean fuel gas from coal plants.

EPRI has identified the Texaco coal gasification process as one of the more interesting second generation gasification schemes for future application to utility power production. Recently EPRI became a major participant in the Cool Water Demonstration Project through which the Texaco process will be demonstrated on a commercial scale in an integrated gasification-combined-cycle (GCC) power plant at Southern California Edison's Cool Water Station.

Prior Fluor evaluations performed for EPRI assessed the costs of Texaco-based gasification systems based on performance information from the 15 ton/day Montebello pilot plant. Consequently, an enormous scale-up was required in order to estimate the cost of mature technology, commercial-scale gasifiers. More recent data from Ruhrchemie's 150 ton/day Texaco gasification plant as well as detailed designs for the Cool Water plant allow better estimates of commercial-scale systems to be made. <u>Therefore, cost estimates appearing in this report for the</u> <u>Texaco gasification section will differ from data published in prior EPRI reports</u>.

The primary objectives of this study were to evaluate the following:

- Using the most current cost and performance information available, determine the cost of producing clean, intermediate-Btu fuel gas from Texaco-based gasification plants.
- Evaluate the potential economic incentives for the development of superheating capability in the high temperature gas coolers of Texaco-based fuel gas plants.

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#### DISCUSSION OF BASE CASE RESULTS

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The oxygen-blown Texaco coal gasification process has significant steam raising capability in the raw gas cooling section. Depending on the design choices made in this section of the plant, large quantities of by-product power can be exported by a Texaco-based fuel gas plant processing 11,000 ton/day of Illinois No. 6 coal. The magnitude and economics of by-product power generation rely in part upon the design choices adopted for the superheating and reheating of highpressure steam. Current practice in the 150 ton/day Ruhrchemie plant and the Cool Water design is to produce only saturated, high-pressure steam in the raw gas coolers because this mode of operation minimizes metal temperatures in these high temperature heat transfer devices. Such a design has very little impact on a GCC plant because saturated steam produced in the raw gas coolers can be superheated and reheated in the combined cycle heat recovery steam generator. In a fuel gas plant, however, this option does not exist. Therefore, superheating and reheating in this type of configuration would have to be effected by burning some fraction of the clean fuel gas product in an external fired heater. Such an internal consumption would reduce the net production of clean fuel gas.

However, superheating and reheating in the raw gas cooling section increases equipment costs and risks for this section of the system. Therefore, a need exists for the evaluation of the overall impact on fuel gas cost of superheating and reheating design options in Texaco-based plants. Two base case designs have been developed: one (Case EXT-SS) which generates high-pressure <u>saturated</u> steam in the raw gas coolers, and the other (Case EXT-SH) which generates and reheats high-pressure <u>superheated</u> steam in the raw gas cooling section. <u>This second case</u> <u>incorporates highly developmental heat transfer equipment for superheating and</u> <u>reheating steam</u> and represents a significant extension of the technology both currently being employed by Ruhrchemie and now being designed for Cool Water.

The Performance Summary, Table S-1, shows that both plants produce a gas with a higher heating value of 282.3 Btu/SCF (dry). However, the saturated steam case produces 6664 x  $10^{6}$  Btu/hr of clean fuel gas whereas the superheated steam case produces 7634 x  $10^{8}$  Btu/hr of clean fuel gas. The net by-product power generated in the saturated and superheated steam cases is 142.40 MW and 53.30 MW

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PERFORMANCE SUBRARY. - TEXACO GASIFICATION FUEL GAS PLANTS - BASE CASES (1)

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Steam Cycle, psig/"F/"F	1450/900/900	1450/1000/1000
Steam Generated in Gas Coolers	Saturated .	Superheated
Gas Temperature Entering Heat Recovery F	2400	2400
Culfur Damanal S	94.6	94.6
Sulling Report of Bringer	Notors	Notors
UNIGANT Plant Compressor Drivers	ADLOID	1245
Nominal Capacity of Ussifier, tons/day	1912	12/2
CASE DESIGNATION	EXT-SS	Ext-SH
GASIFICATION		
Coal Feed Rate, 1b/hr (dry)	806,666	806,666
Oxygen*/Coal Ratio, 1b/1b m.f.	); 0.8921	0.8921
Oxidant Temperature, or	300	300
Slurry Feed Solids Content, weight %	66.5	88.3
Gazification Section Avg Pressure, psig	600	600
Raw Gasifier Effluent Temperature, "F	2,400	2,400
Raw Gasifier Iffluent HHV (dry basis),		
Btu/SCF##	275.8	2/5.8
Cold Ges Efficiency (raw gas HHV/coal		74 F4
feed HRV x 10D), %	A 79.04	14.04
POWER SYSTEM		
Temperature of Fuel Gas to Gas		
Exmander, 9F	600	600
fan Fernander Frit Temperature OF	195	195
das Lapandet Bast Jesperature, r	3 5	25
Condenser Pressure, Inches ng ans	6.7 20120 - 100	
Fired Heater Stack Temperature, "F		
Gas Expander Power®, NN 🥂	£1.75	61.75
Steam Turbine Power#, MW /"	258.97	. 165.85
Orvoen Plant Fower##, MW	/1.81	1.81
Pouer Consumed, NV	163.14	177.11
Net System Pover. NW	142.40	53.30
OVERALL SYSTEM		2 2
General Facilities Water	150	Same and ten
Consumption, GPM	120	176
Land, acres	1000	1023
Ash Disposel Rate, Dry ST/D	1043	1965 ,
Sulfur By-Froduct, SI/D	334	450
Process and Deserator Maxing Water, un	407 5	910 919
Cooling Tower Maxeup Water, Gra	0,310	167
Cooling water Circulation Maters, IV- V		
Cooling Immer Heat Rejectionas,		14 36
" of coal HHV "	22.14	10.20
Air Cooler Heat Rejections, % of coal H	HA 5.70	3.04
Clean Fuel Gas Efficiency (exported	4	
clean das HNV x 100/coal feed HNV), \$	64.67	74.11
Energy Recovery Efficiency (emorted		
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power T caper well carell gen any //	77 11	78 77
COST 1600 HRA X TOR' & A		202.2
Clean Fuel Gas HHV (dry Dasis), Btu/SCF	282.3	202.3
Net Clean Fuel Gas Product, 10 <sup>6</sup> SCFD	566.63	699.25
10 <sup>3</sup> SCF/ton DAF coal	65.03	74.52
10 <sup>6</sup> Btu/hr	6564	7637
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This table is identical to Table 3-1, page 3-2 Dry basis, 100 percent oxygen Excluding the MHV of H<sub>2</sub>S, COS, and NH<sub>3</sub> At generator terminals From power recovery ampander 11-ME-1 Includes process and power plant portions Export power credited at 9000 Btu/MM

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respectively. More high-pressure saturated steam is produced in the raw gas cooling section of Case EXT-SS than high-pressure superheated steam is generated in Case EXT-SH. As a consequence, the saturated steam case generates more electric power. However, due to the internal consumption of the fuel gas for superheating and reheating the steam in Case EXT-SS, less fuel is available for export. The energy recovery efficiencies are 77.11 percent and 78.77 percent for the saturated and superheated steam cases respectively. These results indicate that there is very little performance incentive for developing superheating capability in the raw gas coolers.

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Based on the financial criteria in Table S-2, an economic analysis of the cost of fuel gas was performed. A summary of production costs and of selling price estimates for Texaco-based fuel gas is shown in Table S-3. This table presents fuel gas production cost and selling price estimates for both investor owned utility and nonregulated company ownership. It is important to realize that the fuel gas cost estimates presented in this report do not include consideration of the new ACRS tax rules. Nor do they include any additional tax credits beyond the 10 percent shown in Table S-2. Application of these latest tax incentives will tend to reduce the fuel gas costs shown in this report.

From Table S-3, it can be seen that the configuration generating saturated steam in the raw gas coolers (Case EXT-SS), if owned by an investor owned utility, could produce clean fuel gas at a first year cost of  $$4.27/10^6$  Btu in constant, mid-1980 dollars ( $$11.63/10^6$  Btu in 1990 dollars). The design producing superheated steam in the raw gas coolers (Case EXT-SH), also owned by a utility company, would produce clean fuel gas at approximately the same cost. The reason that fuel gas from the saturated steam design is cost competitive with that from the superheated steam case is that the saturated case generates substantially more steam. At a by-product electricity credit rate of 50 mills/kWh used in these economic evaluations, the results of Table S-3 indicate that there would be no advantage to employing the superheated steam option over using the reduced risk saturated steam design in the gas coolers. The electricity credit would have to drop below 41 mills/kWh before the superheating option would become marginally attractive.

This conclusion concerning the lack of any economic incentive to develop superheating capability in the raw gas coolers applies equally when the fuel gas plant is owned by a nonregulated company. For this case the fuel gas product could be

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#### Table S-2

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### FINANCIAL CRITERIA FOR REVENUE REQUIREMENT CALCULATIONS •

Plant Location Post-1980 General Inflation Rate Year of Plant Startup Design and Construction Period Project Book Life

Project Tax Life Tex Depreciation Method Net Plant Salvage Value Delivered Cosl Cost (Mid-1980\$) Real Coal Price Esculation (Above General Inflation)

Property Tax Rate

Insurance Rate

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Federal Income Tax Rate State Income Tax Rate Investment Tax Credit

- **Project Financing** 
  - Investor Owned Utility Common Equity

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- Preferred Stock
- Debt
- Nonregulated Company
- Common Equity
- Preferred Stock
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- Capacity Factor

By-Product Electricity Credit

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- 30 years for an Investor Owned Utility
- 20 years for a Nonregulated Company

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- 13 years for Synfuels Plants
- Sum-of-the-Year-Digits
- 10% of PFI
- \$1.30 /10<sup>6</sup> Btu
- 1%/year
- 2%/year of Escalated PFI
- 1%/year of Escalated PFI
- 46%
- 6%
- 10% of Escalated PFL. Hormalized over period of commercial operation for utility ownership. Credited during construction period for nonregulated company ownership.

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- 35% at 16%/year after tax return
- 15% at 12.75%/year dividend
- 50% at 12.25%/year interest
- 100% at 20%/year after tax return
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- 50 mills/how in mid-1980\$. The cost of electricity is allowed to escalate at the general inflation rate.

(\*) This table is identical to Table 5-1, page 5-2

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FUB	IL GAS PRODUC	TION COSTS	AND SELLI	NG PRICE E	STIMATES (	, (I		
	Inv Texac	estor Owne :o-Based Fu	d Utility el Gas Pla	at	No. Texa	nregulated co-Based F	Compray uel Gas Pl	ant
Case Designation Steem Constated in Cos	EXT-	SS	EXT-SH		-123	33	HS-LX3	
Coolers Coolers Mate Wirl Cal bardintia	Saturat	5	Superhei	ited	Satura	sted	Superhea	ted
Net ruet das rrounction, 10 <sup>6</sup> Btu/hr* Net By-Product Power, MW* By-Products Credited	6664 142 Blect	40 ricity	7637 53.3( Blectri	) icity =	6664 142.4 Electi	k 10 ricity	7637 53.3 Electr	0 Ícity
	Current Dollars	Hid-1980 Dollars	Current Dollars	Mid-1980 Dollars	Current Dollars	Mid-1980 Dollare	Current Dollars	Mid-1980 Dollars
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUIREMENT For Startup in 1990, \$/FOEB**/Day TOTAL CAPITAL BEOMIDEMENT	68,503	27,700	66,178	26,760	68,404	27,660	66,080	26,720
(\$1,000) (\$1	2,233,078	902,970	2,203,802	891,132	2,229,420	901,491	2,200,144	ES9,688
First Year (1990) Tenth Year (1999)	11.63 20.67	4.27	11.56 21.47	<b>4.2</b> 5	14.48 34.14	5.32	14.01 33.03	5.15 5.15
Twentieth Year (2009)	43.50	2.61	47.03	2.83	88.54	5.32	85.68	5.15
Levelized <sup>##</sup>	11.91	3.27	19.91	3.39	24.51	5.32	23.74	5.15
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 (<sup>1</sup>) This table is similar to Table 5-2, page 5-4.
 \* Production at 100 percent of design capacity.
 \*\* Barrels of distillate fuel vil (5.85 x 10<sup>6</sup> Btu/BBL) with higher heating value equivalent to fuel gas produced. Electricity credited at 9000 Btu/kWh. #

End-of-year cost. A levelized price is one which, if held constant, will yield the same return on common equity as the varying year-by-year values. 24

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sold at a first year price of \$5.32/10<sup>6</sup> Btu in constant, mid-1980 dollars (\$14.48/10<sup>6</sup> Btu in 1990 dollars).

The conclusion that there is no apparent incentive to develop superheating capability in the raw gas coolers is extremely important as this knowledge can save substantial development costs for high risk equipment that offers no economic incentives for further development.

It is most important to realize that the capital and operating cost estimates presented in this report are representative of those to be anticipated for <u>mature</u> <u>technology plants</u>, that is, the fourth or fifth commercial scale plant to be built. It is therefore to be expected that costs experienced for the first few Texaco-based fuel gas plants could be significantly higher than those presented here. It must also be realized that until the Texaco technology has been proven at full commercial scale in the Cool Water Demonstration Project, the process will still pose significant risk.

The estimated fuel gas costs presented require assumptions to be made concerning both design and financial factors. Therefore, the sensitivities of fuel gas costs to various changes in many of these parameters have been estimated and are presented in Table S-4. The major conclusion to be derived from the sensitivities presented in this table is that even if the capital cost estimates presented in this report increase by 35 percent, the first year, cost of fuel gas produced by a utility owned plant would remain attractive at \$5.12/10<sup>6</sup> Btu in constant, mid-1980 dollars (\$13.95/10<sup>6</sup> Btu in 1990 dollars).

#### COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS EPRI STUDIES

In 1975 and 1976, Fluor conducted evaluations of fuel gas production from a number of current and advanced coal gasification systems (reported in EPRI report numbers AF-244 and AF-782). These earlier results generally are not comparable with the results presented in this report for the following reasons:

 Most of the technologies evaluated were at an early stage of development. Subsequent evaluations have generally shown that less optimistic performance and capital cost estimates accompany greater definition of such technologies.

Different financial criteria were employed in the earlier studies.

Table S-4

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LEVELIZED AND FIRST YEAR (1990) FUEL GAS COST SENSITIVITY TO DESIGN AND FINANCIAL FACTORS CONSTANT MID-1980 DOLLARS INVESTOR GRNED UTILITY OWNERSHIP

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		CASE	EXT-55		•	10 E	į	
	Level Cost of	ized Fuel Gas	First Yea Cost of F	lr (1990) Mal Gac	Level	Ized	First Yea	(1990) 1
		Percentage		Percentare	LOSE OF	ruel Gas	Cost of P	uel Gas
	Levelized \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	Change From Base	First Year \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	Change From Base	Levelized \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	rercentage Change From Base	First Year \$/106 pt::	Percentag Change
<b>Base Case Results</b>	3.27	Base	4.27	Base	3.39	Ras	A 25	FLOID BABE
70% Capacity Factor Operation	3.80	+16.2	5.16	+20.8	3.84	413 3		
3% Escalation in Real Coal Price	4.55	+39.1	4.73	+10.8	4 50		20°C	+18.1
35% Increase in Plant Facilities Investmen	tt 3.70	+13.1	5.12	+19.9	3 76	1.267 110 0	4.65	<b>4.</b> 9.4
5% Annual Inflation Rate <sup>*</sup>	3.28	+0.3	3.20	-25.1		6°071	4.98 2.01	+17.2
Clean Fuel Gas Effi- ciency Decrease by 1	0% 3.74	+14.4	4.86	+13.8 		0.UT	3-3 <b>4</b>	-21.4
Clean Fuel Gas Effi- ciency Increase by 1(	0°s 2.88	-11.9	3.79	-11.2	3.05	-10.0	4.76 3.83	+12.0 9.9
* For this 5 percent an Annual ret Annual pred Annual inte Annual coal	unual inflat urn on comm ferred stock trest on dek price esca	tion rate con m equity t dividends t tation	sse, the foll 10.73% 7.15% 7.15% 6.05%	lowing financ.	la1. paramet	ers were use	ä	•

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The only <u>commercial</u> technology evaluated in these earlier studies was the dry ash Lurgi process. Therefore, to provide a bridge between the earlier studies and this work, EPRI updated the cost estimates for an oxygen-blown Lurgi fuel gas plant to 1980 dollars and evaluated the fuel gas production costs on the same financial basis as was used in this report. The results are shown in Table S-5.

Extreme care must be taken in making any comparisons between the estimates presented in Table S-5 for the following reasons:

- Preliminary data on the performance of caking bituminous coal (Illinois No. 6) in the Lurgi gasifier were used as the basis for the early Lurgi study.
- The Lurgi plant was designed in 1975 and therefore does not reflect the benefit of extensive data developed from the SASOL II experience.
- The design basis for the Lurgi plant was somewhat different than that specified for these later Texaco studies, and this has resulted in an inconsistent basis for comparison.

#### DISCUSSION OF DESIGN SENSITIVITY STUDIES

The gas cooling section of a Texaco fuel gas plant is developmental and costly. Decreases in the capital requirement and the cost of fuel gas could possibly be realized through design changes in the gas cooling configuration. Table S-6 summarizes the economic results from the base cases and substudy cases for investor owned utility production of fuel gas. The design changes considered include:

- The use of a cold gas recycle from the particulate scrubber to quench the hot gasifier effluent instead of the use of a radiant gas cooler.
- Variations in the degree of sulfur removal.
- The use of larger (2200 ton/day instead of 1375 ton/day) capacity gasifiers.
- Variations in steam cycle temperature and pressure.

The major conclusions to be derived from these system design substudies are summarized below:

• The use of a cold gas recycle producing a 1500°F feed gas to the convective heat exchangers would increase the cost of product fuel gas only marginally. This important result must be treated with caution. It is most encouraging to the extent that it indicates a possible alternative to the current design concept of radiant/convection gas cooling that will not significantly impact the cost of gas. However, it must be

#### Table S-5

#### FUEL GAS COST ESTIMATES FROM OXYGEN-BLOWN LURGI-BASED PLANTS EMPLOYING ILLINOIS NO. 6 COAL INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY OWNERSHIP

	lexaco-Bas	ed	Охуде	n-Blown L	urgi	
Pla Pla	nt (This	Study)	Fuel	<u>Gas Plant</u>		
Case Designation	EXT-SS		MX	·	MX	
Steam Generated in					1	
Gas Coolers	Saturat	ed	N/A		N/A	
Net Fuel Gas Production 10 <sup>8</sup> Btu/hr*	1, 6664		5495		5495	
Net By-Product Power,						
nw~ By-Products Credited**	142.40 Electric:	ity :	63.70 Electricity Ammonia Hydrocarbon	۱ ۲	63.70 Electricity Ammonia	?
			-	×		
	Current Dollars	Mid-1980 Dollars	Current Dollars	Mid-1980 Dollars	Current Dollars	Mid-1980 Dollars
Total Capital						*
Requirement For Startur in 1990, \$/FOEB"/Day	> 68,503	27,700	76,639	30,990	88,164	35,650
Total Capital						
Requirement (\$1,000) 2	233,078	902,970	2,194,887	887,527	2,194,887	887,527
Cost of Fuel Gas <sup>##</sup> , \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu						
First Year (1990)	11.63	4.27	14.36	5.28	15.66	5.76
Tenth Year (1999)	20.67	3.22	25.80	4.02	28.86	4.50
wentleth Year (2009)	43.50	2.61	54.88	3.30	62.81	3.78
Lovelized <sup>§</sup>	19.11	3.27	23.85	4.08	26.64	4.56

\* Production at 100 percent of design capacity.

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\*\* By-product ammonia credited at \$120.00/short ton. Liquid hydrocarbons,

when credited, were valued at \$3.00/10<sup>6</sup> Btu (1980 dollars).
# Barrels of distillate fuel oil (5.85 x 10<sup>6</sup> Btu/BBL) with higher heating value
equivalent to fuel gas produced. Electricity credited at 9000 Btu/kWh. Hydrocarbons credited where noted.

§ A levelized price is one which, if held constant, will yield the same return on common equity as the varying year-by-year values.

## End-of-year cost.

remembered that this recycle gas quench concept has not been demonstrated at any scale. If the assumption that 1500°F gas is acceptable in the convection gas coolers is not found to be technically feasible, this conclusion might not be valid.

Sulfur Removal

When the sulfur removal specification is increased from 83.6 percent to 94.6 percent, the cost of fuel gas increases insignificantly (1.2 percent for the high-pressure, superheated steam case).

When sulfur removal is increased from 94.6 percent to essentially complete sulfur removal (corresponding to one ppm total sulfur in the product gas on a mole basis), the cost of fuel gas produced by an investor owned utility increases less than 4 percent.

- Since only relatively moderate costs are associated with deep sulfur removal, Texaco-based fuel gas plants appear to be capable of producing ultraclean fuel economically even in nonattainment regions.
- The development and use of a larger capacity (2200 ton/day) Texaco gasifier has the potential of reducing the cost of fuel gas by 5 percent. Some of the savings associated with this economy of scale in Cases EXT-SS and EXT-SH will be offset by the impact on overall plant availability of the slightly reduced fraction of spare operating trains in these designs.
- The fuel gas cost is relatively insensitive to steam cycle conditions at a 1980 dollar electricity credit of 50 mills/kWh. However, at higher by-product electricity credits the more efficient steam cycles result in significant reductions in fuel gas costs (i.e., at an electricity credit of 100 mills/kWh, changing from a 900°F non-reheat cycle to a 1000°F/1000°F reheat steam cycle will reduce the cost of fuel gas by up to 20 percent).

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# PRODUCTION COST ESTIMATES (1) FOR TERACO-BASED FUEL CAS (1) (INVESTOR DANED UTILITY, HID-1979 DDLLANS)

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Steam Cycle, psig/or/or stern correct 1	Base Case 1450/900/900	1450/900/900	1450/900/900	736/900	1450/800/800	1450/1000/1000	1450/900/900
areau venerated in tas coolers Gas Temperature Entering fieat Recovery, <sup>o</sup> F		2400					5400
Sulfur Removal, 7 Ozidant Plant Compressor Drivers							<b>6</b> °6€ ↑
Nominal Capacity of Gasifiers, ST/day	1375	2200		- 1375			
Fuel Gas Production, 10° Btu/hr	6664	6999	6802	7163	6942	6658	E626
Met by-Product Power, MW <sup>-</sup>	142.40	142.40	105.96	29.28	88.92	125.32	136.61
Lase Vesignation Total Capital Reowirement for 1990	902.970	835.959	EXT-551	830.730	EAT-553	EXT-554	EXT-555
Startup (\$1000)		57 36					
(\$1000/FOER/day")	01.12	CD' C7	40° 17	10.00	6/*47	15.12	CQ.92
Fuel Gas Frice When Electricity is							
First Tear (1990) \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Bts	. 4.27	4.04	4.32	6E.A	16.0	17	2 <b>7</b> 43
Twentieth Year (2009) \$/10 <sup>8</sup> Btu	2.61	2.53	2.79	2.94	2.83	2.72	2.71
Levelized \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	3.27	3.12	3.39	3.49	3.41	3.36	3.39
steam Cycle, psig/°F/°F	Base Case 1450/1000/1040	1450/1000/1000	1450/900/900	136/900	736/900	1450/1000/1000	1450/1000/1000
suman voncrated in Gas Copiers Gas Temperature Entering Heat Recovery. <sup>O</sup> F	2400		1500	Superbeated	2400		
Sulfur Removal. %			94.6			81 K	
Oxidant Plant Compressor Drivers				Hotors	Steam Turbines	Hotore	
Hominal Capacity of Gasifiers, 57/day	2/61	2200	1375			210001	
Fuel Gas Production, 10 <sup>ª</sup> atu/hr <sup>#</sup>	1637	1637	7402	7637	7637	7668	7621
Net By-Product Power, KW <sup>T</sup>	53.30	05-53	46.82	15.84	36,57	54.73	47.20
<u>Case Designation</u> Total Canital Remitrement for 1990	EXT-5H	EKT-SH¢	EXT-SHI BDD 543	EKT-5H2 B11 730	EXT-SH3	EXT-5H4	ERT-5H5 847 - 510
Startup (\$1000]				0011110		A41'100	170'216
Total Capital Requirement	26.76	24.62	24.94	25.43	25.47	26.34	27.34
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Credited at 50 Mills/MMb <sup>C</sup>				1	•		-
Tuentieth Year (2009) \$/10 <sup>6</sup> Atu/hr	1.5	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	4.1/ 3 60	9 8 7 7	4.1 <del>9</del> 99 c	9.20	8. <del>1</del>
Levelized 5/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu	3.39	3.25	95.6	3.49	3.40	3.35	3.47
(1) This table is identical to Table 5-1, *Case EXT-SS or EWT-SH with 2200 tan/day g form ppm total sulfur in the product gas on #Production at design canacity	page 6-3. Jasifiers. m a mole basis.		-				*
MIThis value uss derived by dividing Total ( Barrel output per day. Using a conversion electricity production vas converted to a	Capital Requires In factor of 5.85 I FOEB/day equiva	ent (in \$1000) b x 10 <sup>6</sup> 8tu/FOEB 	y the Fuel Oil for fuel gas.	Equivalent Similarly, of 9,000 Btu/	Xeh.		
GELectricity is credited at 50 mills/kWh general inflation rate.	in Hid-1980 Doll	ars and is allow	ed to escalate	at the			

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#### Section 1

#### INTRODUCTION

#### PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

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The oxygen-blown Texaco coal gasification process shows promise for utilization in gasification-based clean fuel gas plants. This coal gasification technology is derived from Texaco Development Corporation's established commercial process for partial oxidation of heavy petroleum fractions.

Previous Fluor evaluations of the oxygen-blown Texaco coal gasification process for EPRI have focused on the use of this technology in a gasification/combinedcycle (GCC) power plant. EPRI's interest in this process includes continued funding of pilot plant studies at Texaco's Montebello facility and work with coals in Germany. More recently, EPRI has executed a contract to become a major participant in the Cool Water Project along with Texaco and Southern California Edison (SCE) and others. The goal of this project is the design, construction, and successful operation of an integrated, Texaco-based, 100 MW GCC demonstration plant at SCE's Cool Water Station near Barstow, California. This demonstration plant will be the first operating GCC system in the U.S. to use a commercial-scale Texaco gasifier.

Previous Fluor evaluations (for EPRI) of coal gasification for clean fuel gas production concentrated on gasification systems that were in a very early stage of development with the exception of the dry ash Lurgi technology (see EPRI reports AF-244 and AF-782). Recently, much interest has been shown in the use of Texaco's coal gasification technology for clean fuel gas production. <u>Therefore, the overall objective of this study was to assess the cost of fuel gas</u> produced in a Texaco-based gasification plant.

It is important to realize that Fluor has been assessing the costs of Texacobased gasification systems under contract to EPRI for the past three years. All cost estimates generated in past studies (see EPRI reports AF-642, AF-753, AF-916, AF-1288, AP-1543, AP-1624, AP-1725 and AP-2212) were based on limited

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data for the Texaco portion of the system as well as a massive scale up from the 15 ton/day Nontebello pilot plant to an estimated mature commercial capacity of 2200 ton/day gasifier. Within the last year, information released from Ruhrchemie's 150 ton/day Texaco gasification plant in Oberhausen, West Germany, have indicated that the initial cost projections for the Texaco gasification technology were low. <u>Therefore, another major objective of this project was to</u> update cost estimates for the Texaco coal gasification process to reflect recent data from both the Oberhausen plant as well as the Cool Water design effort.

The oxygen-blown Texaco coal gasification process has significant steam raising capability in the raw gas cooling section. This allows for the development of Texaco-based clean fuel gas plants which, depending on the design choices made, can export large quantities of by-product electric power. The relative quantity and economics of by-product power generation will depend in part upon the design choices adopted for the superheating and reheating of the high-pressure steam. Superheating/reheating in a gas fired heater reduces net production of the clean fuel gas since a fraction of the gross production is used internally. On the other hand, superheating/reheating in the raw gas cooling section increases equipment costs and risks for this section of the plant. Therefore, this engineering and economic evaluation of Texaco-based clean fuel gas plant designs contains substudies of options for steam superheating/reheating for by-product power generation.

The most expensive sections in a fuel gas plant apart from the oxidant feed system are the gasification/gas cooling systems. Decreases in capital requirement and cost of fuel gas may be realized through design changes in these two units. One of the options available is to increase the individual train capacities (i.e., to reduce the number of trains) and to thus realize economies of scale.

In a Texaco-based GCC system, the cost of the acid gas removal, sulfur recovery and tail gas treating units is a relatively small fraction (approximately four percent) of the total plant investment. These same units constitute a much larger fraction (six to nine percent) of the total plant investment for a clean fuel gas plant. The impact of increased sulfur removal standards on fuel gas plant economics was therefore also studied.

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In summary, the two principal objectives of this study were to:

- determine the cost of producing intermediate Btu gas in a Texaco-based gasification plant using high temperature gas cooling equipment producing saturated steam.
- evaluate the potential economic incentives for developing superheating capability in high temperature gas coolers.

Secondary objectives were to assess the impacts of certain process design modifications on the overall system efficiency and on the cost of fuel gas.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BASE CASES

The two base cases designed to achieve the principal objectives of this study were Base Case EXT-SS for high-pressure saturated steam generation, and Base Case EXT-SH for high-pressure superheated steam generation.

These cases employ Chicago summer design conditions and consist of an oxygenblown Texaco gasification system. The gasification system operates at 600 psig using 98 mole percent oxygen as the oxidant. This oxidant is produced in an air separation plant and supplied to the gasifier at 720 psig and 300°F as in the AP-1624 report.

BASE CASE EXT-SS (High-Pressure Saturated Steam Generation). Gas exiting from the gasifiers (at 2400°F) is used to produce <u>saturated</u>, high-pressure steam at 1505 psig in the first energy recovery unit of the raw gas cooling system. All subsequent superheating and reheating of this steam is done in a heater fired with part of the clean fuel gas produced. The heat transfer service for each of the remaining exchangers in the raw gas cooling system has been chosen to maximize the overall thermal efficiency and minimize internal consumption of fuel gas.

The steam cycle consists of 1450 psig, 900°F superheated steam and a 900°F reheat temperature. Fuel gas expanders recover power by expanding the clean fuel gas to 50 psia.

BASE CASE EXT-SH (High-Pressure Superheated Steam Generation). This base case differs from Base Case EXT-SS primarily in the design of the raw gas cooling system and the steam cycle. The energy recovery unit in the raw gas cooling system produces <u>superheated</u>, high-pressure steam and also performs reheating of steam exhausted from the HP section of the power turbine. The heat transfer service for each of the remaining exchangers in the raw gas cooling system has been chosen to maximize the overall thermal efficiency of the entire plant. There is no internal comsumption of the product fuel \_ 3.

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The steam cycle consists of 1450 psig, 1000°F superheated steam and a 1000°F reheat temperature.

#### Substudy Cases

Other process designs were evaluated and will be discussed in the section titled "Design Sensitivity Studies."

Included in the substudies is a scale-up of both base case designs with the use of 2200 ton/day gasifiers in place of the 1375 ton/day gasifiers employed in the base cases and all other substudies. The smaller gasifier is representitive of the scale planned for demonstration plants like Cool Water and the larger gasifier represents an assessment of the capacity of future mature systems when the technology has been well established.

#### TECHNICAL CRITERIA

Plant designs are based on technical criteria established by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). These criteria include water and coal analyses, site location, and general plant requirements.

Fluor developed the plant designs for all cases. Some of the information needed to design the gasification systems was provided to Fluor from previous studies performed by the Texaco Development Corporation.

The analysis of the Illinois No. 6 coal which was used in all the study cases is given in Table 1-1. The coal was assumed to be delivered to the site washed and sized. If experience were to demonstrate that this assumption is not valid, then each of the cases presented here would require additional coal handling equipment. This change would affect the overall plant investment estimates, but would not alter the comparisons between cases.

The site for each of the plants is the Chicago area; Table 1-2 shows pertinent conditions for the site. Raw water makeup to the plant is assumed to be Chicago

city water. The Chicago Department of Public Works provided an analysis of finished water from the South District filtration plant, Table 173: These data have been used in recent EPRI coal gasification reports and were extracted from EPRI Report AF-244.

The only net plant products are clean fuel gas, electricity, and recovered sulfur. Total gaseous sulfur emissions (including that present in product fuel gas) from the base case plant designs are restricted to 0.32 lb  $SO_2$  equivalent per  $10^6$  Btu (HHV) of coal fed to the gasifiers.

Blectric power is assumed to be available to each plant, for startup and emergency situations. Each plant is a grass roots installation, and fuel oil storage is provided for fired heater startup in saturated steam cases where a fired heater is used. This allows steam production to gradually bring the plant on-line. In addition to the major onsite units, the plant includes the following facilities in the cost estimate for each case:

- Cooling water systems (process plant and power block)
- Plant and instrument air
- Potable and utility water
- Fuel system

The process equipment used in each plant design consists primarily of commercially available units. Advanced designs were incorporated for the following items of equipment:

- The gasifier high-temperature heat recovery equipment designs used in the raw gas cooling systems are all extensions of the current state of the art for such equipment. Considerable development and testing work will be required before these designs reach commercial status.
- The 2200 ton/day gasifiers represent a potential scale-up of the commercial size, 1000 ton/day, gasifier which will be demonstrated by the Cool Water Project.

The present estimates represent those for mature technologies.

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#### COAL ANALYSIS

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PROXIMATE ANALYSIS	(Wt %)	

Moisture Ash	12.0 8.8
Fixed Carbon	47.8
Volatile Matter	31.4
	100.0

#### ULTIMATE ANALYSIS - DAF COAL (Wt %)

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Carbon	77.26
Hydrogen	5.92
Oxygen	. 11.14
Nitrogen	1.39
Sulfur a	4.29
Other	
	100.00
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#### HEATING VALUE AS RECEIVED

High	her Heati	ing Val	ue (HH	IV) (Btu	/њ)	11,241
Net	Heating	Value	(LHV)	(Btu/lb	)	10,758

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Table 1-2 DESIGN SITE CONDITIONS

## LOCATION

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		Summer	Design	Cases
AMBIENT	PRESSURE, psia		14.4	
AMBIENT	TEMPERATURES, °F		<i>.</i>	
Dry Wet	Bulb Bulb		88 75	

# WINTER DRY BULB, °F

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# WATER ANALYSIS

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Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	1.8	•
Iron (Fe)	0.09	i. N
Manganese (Mn)	0	
Cəlcium (Ca)	39	
Magnesium (Mg)	10	,
Sodium (Na)	3.3	
Potassium (K)	0.7	
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	0	
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	132	
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	23	÷
Chloride (Cl)	7.2	1
Fluoride (F)	0.1	
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	🦯	
Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> equivalents	- /	
Total Noncarbonate	168 30	٩
Color	l unit	•
PH	7.9	
Turbidity	0	
Specific Conductance @ 25°C	275 micro	boms

#### PLANT DESCRIPTIONS OF BASE CASES

Section 2

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#### GENERAL - BASE CASES

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Two grass roots plants for fuel gas production based on oxygen-blown Texaco gasifiers with nominal capacities of 1375 short tons per day coal each are shown schematically on block flow diagrams EXT-SS-1-1 and EXT-SH-1-1. These plants consume 11,000 short tons per day of Illinois No. 6 coal, fed to the gasifiers in a water slurry containing 66.5 weight percent solids. The differences between the two cases are primarily in sections of Unit 20, High-Temperature Gas Cooling and Scrubbing; Unit 21, Low-Temperature Gas Cooling; and Unit 51, Power Generation, which includes a steam turbogenerator, and also a fired heater in Case EXT-SS.

The first block flow diagram (EXT-SS-1-1) represents the plant flow scheme in which the hot crude gas containing molten slag from the gasifier is used in a radiant/convection configuration, without recycle gas cooling, as a source of high-level heat for the generation of <u>saturated steam</u> (SS) at 1505 psig. All subsequent superheating and reheating of the steam take place in the fired heater.

Block flow diagram EXT-SH-1-1 represents the plant flow scheme in which hot crude gas is used, without recycle gas cooling, as a source of heat for the generation of high-pressure <u>superbeated steam</u> (SH) at 1450 psig, 1000°F, as well as for the subsequent reheating of steam to 1000°F. This scheme does not require a fired heater.

In each case, the main plant consists of coal handling, grinding and slurry charging, oxidant feed, gasification, gas cooling, acid gas removal, and power generation systems. Coal receiving, storage, and conveying are done in a single train to minimize space and operating labor requirements. Coal grinding requires five parallel operating trains and one spare train. The oxidant feed unit has five parallel operating trains. There are eight parallel operating and two spare gasification/high temperature heat recovery trains. A two-train ash handling carbon recovery system (without spare) serves all of the gasification units. The gas cooling and acid gas removal units each consist of two operating parallel trains, while the power generation system has two parallel gas expanders, a single high-pressure steam turbogenerator, and a single fired heater in the saturated steam case only.

In addition to the main processing trains, the plants include necessary environmental, utility, and support facilities. Environmental safeguards have been considered by recovering elemental sulfur from the hydrogen sulfide in the acid gas. Besides the two 50 percent operating trains, the sulfur recovery and tail gas treating units (each) have one 50 percent spare train to protect the environment in the event of equipment failure. Most of the process condensate is recycled to slurry preparation, while a small purge stream is treated before disposal. The plant storm water and utility waste water are collected and treated. The utility systems supporting the plant operation consist of a raw water treating unit, cooling towers, and a condensate collection and deaeration system. Additional support facilities provided are plant and instrument air, potable water, fuel gas, flare, fire water, buildings, loading docks, and electrical distribution.

Table 2-1 shows the number of operating and spare trains for major sections of each plant.

## Table 2-1

#### TRAINS OF EQUIPMENT IN HAJOR PLANT SECTIONS BASE CASES EXT-SS AND EXT-SH

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Unit		<b>O</b> m a sub <b>b</b> d su m	<b>C B B B B B B B B B B</b>
NO.	Name	operating	spare
10	Coal:Handling	1	0
20	Coal Grinding	ŝ	ĭ
10	Slurry Charging	Ř	ž
	and a second second	-	-
11	Oxidant Feed	5	0
	1		
20	Gasification	8	2
20	High-Temperature Gas Cooling and		
	Gas Scrubbing	8	2
20	Asb Handling and Carbon Recovery	2	0
21	Gas Cooling	2	0
72	Acid Gus Removal	2	n
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23	Surrer Recovery	4	-
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	Condensate System		
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32	Cooling Water System	1*	a
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40	Process Condensate Treating	1	0
40	Effluent Water Treating	. 1	a
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50	Gas Expander/Generator	2	. 0
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51	Fired Suckrheater/Rebeater	**	ò
51	Steam Turbine/Generator	1	0
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\* The cooling tower dedicated to the process plant sections is separate from the towers dedicated to the steam turbogenerator condenser

\*\* One in Case EXT-SS and none in Case EXT-SH

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COAL HANDLING AND GRINDING/PULVERIZATION, AND SLURRY PREPARATION

Process Flow Diagram EXT-SS-10-1 depicts the arrangement of equipment, which incorporates one train of coal unloading, stacking, reclamation, and conveying, followed by five operating and one spare trains of grinding.

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Washed, 1-1/2 inch by zero Illinois No. 6 coal is received at the plant site by unit train. The coal is unloaded from 100-ton bottom dump cars into unloading hopper 10-BN-1, which provides about four minutes of storage based on the capacity of the stacking system at 4125 tons per hour. Four vibrating feeders, 10-FE-IA-D, withdraw coal from the hopper and place it on receiving conveyor 10-CV-1. Belt scale 10-SC-1 measures the actual conveyor transport rate. After passing a magnetic separator 10-MS-1, for protection of downstream equipment from miscellaneous metal fragments, the coal travels on sample tower conveyor 10-CV-2, which supplies campling system 10-SA-1. From 10-CV-2, storage conveyor 10-CV-3 transports the coal to tripper 10-TR-1, which supplies double beom stacker 10-ME-1. The stacker travels on tracks and forms up to 3-1/2 day (38,500 tons) live storage piles on either side. Total live storage is limited to seven days to reduce the possibility of spontaneous ignition. The unloading and stacking system is designed to handle a three day supply in eight hours.

Space for a reserve dead pile of up to 60 days storage is provided adjacent to the rail unloading station. The normal dead pile size is assumed to be 23 days. Total capital requirement presented in this report is based on 30 days of coal inventory (7 days live and 23 days dead). The dead pile is sodded to minimize coal entrainment in rain water. Nevertheless, rain water runoff from this coal pile is collected and used in slurry preparation.

Coal is reclaimed from the storage piles by a bridge-type bucket wheel reclaimer 10-MB-2, rated at 460 tons per hour. This machine is moved between live storage piles as necessary by transfer car 10-TC-1. The wheel moves across the face of the pile, making an angle of repose cut across the many layers of coal, thereby blanding the coal fed to the gasification plant. This blending provides more uniform gasifier operation. The reclaimer continuously moves ahead, reclaimed coal being carried on the bucket wheel conveyor to one of the two reclaim conveyors, 10-CV-4A&B. Cross conveyor 10-CV-5 is employed when 10-CV-4A is in service to deliver coal to conveyor 10-CV-6, which is located near 10-CV-4B. Coal conveyor 10-CV-7 delivers the coal to storage bins 10-BN-2, which provide a total of about 4-1/2 hours of downstream throughput. Vibrating feeders 10-FE-2 supply the grinding mills, which grind the coal wet with recycle process water and solids.

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The coal slurry is transferred to holding tanks from the mill discharge tanks and finally stored in two tanks of 12 hours capacity. The 66.5 percent solids slurry is then pumped by eight parallel charge pumps to the eight operating gasifiers of nominal 1375 ton/day coal capacity.

All unloading and conveying systems are equipped with a dust suppression system consisting of water sprays aided by a wetting agent. Local environmental regulations may seriously impact this area of design.

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#### Equipment Notes

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All the equipment is commercially available.





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Process Flow Diagram EXT-SS-11-1 shows the oxidant feed system design. The system has five parallel operating trains, each containing an air compression system, an air separation unit, and an oxygen compression system.

Atmospheric air at 14.4 psia 88°F is compressed to 95 psia in a two-stage axialcentrifugal machine 11-1-C-1. The first-stage and second-stage heats of compression are rejected to cooling water. The water condensed from the feed air in 11-1-E-1 is withdrawn from the bottom of the shell, while the water that condensed in 11-1-E-2 is collected in knockout drum 11-1-V-1. This collected condensate is used as makeup water for the power plant cooling tower system.

The compressed air at 90 psia 100°F is processed in a cryogenic air separation unit 11-1-ME-1, to produce 98 mole percent oxygen at a rate of 1727 tons of oxygen (100 percent basis) per train per day. The air separation unit operating parameters are typical of those for reversing exchanger plant design, which uses turboexpanders for refrigeration. These turboexpanders produce 1.81 MW of power which is available for plant export.

The 98 mole percent oxygen is discharged from the air separation unit at 16.4 psia and 90°F. This oxidant stream is compressed to 734 psia, prior to being fed to the gasifiers. Oxygen compression is accomplished in a centrifugal compressor consisting of two cases in series, with a speed-increasing gear between them. A total of four water intercooled stages, two in the first case and two in the second, are used in this design. The final discharge temperature is 300°F, which is judged to be within the design limits of commercial equipment.

All of the air and oxygen compressors are electric motor driven. The startup of the coal gasification fuel gas plant is greatly simplified by using electric motors rather than steam turbines as drivers in the oxidant feed system . Additionally, the steam distribution and condensate collection systems are simplified by concentrating the higher pressure steam usages in the power generation section of the plant.

#### Equipment Notes

The compressors and cryogenic air separation plant are commercially available units. The use of water-cooled oxygen compressor intercoolers to obtain a 95°F

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interstage temperature lowers the required compression horsepower. Previous oxidant feed system designs in EPRI studies used air-cooled exchangers for this service Y minizing power demands is an important consideration since the oxidant feed system is the largest internal consumer of electric power in the GCC plant. Power requirements may be reduced further through process optimization by air separation plant suppliers. For example, lowering the product oxygen concentration to 95 mole percent may lower the total oxidant feed system power demand by an additional 5 NW.

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#### GASIFICATION

Process Flow Diagrams EXT-SE-20-1 and EXT-SH-20-1 show the gasification, raw gas cooling, and particulate removal steps for the base case oxygen-blown Texaco fuel gas plants which employ the 1375 ton/day coal gasifiers and the following two alternate energy recovery schemes:

- Saturated steam (1505 psig) generation by recovery of high-level sensible heat from the gasifier effluent gas (Case EXT-SS)
- Superheated steam (1450 psig 1000°F) generation by recovery of highlevel sensible heat from the gasifier effluent gas (Case EXT-SH)

Eight operating and two spare gasification trains are provided, along with two trains of ash handling/carbon recovery equipment. The 20-ME-2 and 20-1-ME-4 "boxes" on the flow diagrams represent proprietary sections of the Texaco coal gasification process that contain many equipment items.

The coal slurry and oxygen combine at the gasifier burners, which are oriented downward from the top head of the gasifier. The burners contain cooling coils through which tempered water is circulated. The gasifier 20-1-R-1 operates at a pressure of 600 psig and temperatures in the range of  $2300^{\circ}$ F to  $2600^{\circ}$ F. These temperatures are sufficiently above the ash flow point to ensure free flowing molten slag. A portion of the coal feed burns, providing heat for the endothermic gasification reactions. The coal's hydrogen and carbon therefore react to form CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, and very little CH<sub>4</sub>, while the sulfur is converted to H<sub>2</sub>S and COS. Nitrogen in the coal is converted to free nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) and a small quantity of ammonia. Fluor has assumed that ammonia entering with recycled slurry water is effectively eliminated by dissociation and combustion reactions in the gasifier.

#### Energy Recovery

EXT-SS. In the saturated steam base case, hot crude gas with molten ash at 2400°F enters the radiant waste heat boiler 20-1-E-1 where high-pressure saturated steam is generated by recovery of high-level sensible heat. This waste heat boiler is of vertical downflow design with tubes around the walls of the vessel. The second heat recovery unit 20-1-E-2 is a vertical convective boiler unit with water tubes. Due to the uncertain nature of these designs, a process contingency of 20 percent is applied to the estimated total cost of the radiant boiler and a process contingency of 25 percent to the estimated total convective boiler boiler cost.

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Raw gas leaving the convective high-pressure saturated steam generator is further cooled by heat exchange to reheat t'. :lean fuel gas and to heat boiler feed water in exchangers 20-1-E-3, 20-1-E-4, and 20-1-E-5. In the first exchanger 20-1-E-3, clean fuel gas that has been reheated to  $400^{\circ}$ F in exchanger 20-1-E-5 is further reheated to  $600^{\circ}$ F, prior to being sent to the gas expanders. Boiler feedwater at  $349^{\circ}$ F flows from the fired heater to be heated to  $598^{\circ}$ F in exchanger 20-1-E-4.

EXT-SH. Not crude gas with molten ash at 2400°F is used for energy recovery in this <u>superheated steam base case</u> also. The configuration of the energy recovery equipment for high-pressure superheated steam generation (1450 psig 1000°F) is as follows:

A vertical radiant boiler (20-1-E-1),

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- Followed by a convective reheater with steam in the shell (20-1-E-2A), and
- A convective superheater with steam in the shell (20-1-E-2B).

A 20 percent process contingency is applied to the total cost of the radiant boiler, and a 40 percent process contingency is applied to the total cost of the convective steam superheater and reheater due to the highly uncertain nature of these designs.

Raw gas leaving the superheated steam generation and reheating equipment is cooled further in two heat exchangers that provide for clean fuel gas reheating and boiler feedwater heating in exchangers 20-1-E-3 and 20-1-E-4. Clean fuel gas that has been reheated to  $280^{\circ}F$  in downstream exchanger (21-1-E-2) is further reheated to  $600^{\circ}F$  in exchanger 20-1-E-4. Boiler feedwater heated up to  $290^{\circ}F$  in downstream exchanger (21-1-E-1) is heated to  $598^{\circ}F$  in exchanger 20-1-E-3.

## Particulate Removal

The cooled particulate-bearing raw gas enters Gas Scrubbing Unit 20-1-ME-4, where contact with recycled process condensate results in virtually complete removal of solids. This solids-free raw gas flows to Unit 21, Gas Cooling.

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#### Ash Handling and Carbon Recovery

For both base cases, regardless of the energy recovery process, most of the coal ash is converted to molten slag which falls into a water quench at the bottom of the radiant boiler vessel. Solids entrained in the exit gas are captured in gas scrubbing unit 20-1-ME-4. Two parallel ash dewatering/carbon recovery systems serve all the operating gasifiers. The resulting ash cake, assumed to contain 30 weight percent water, is transported to landfill disposal by rail cars. Part of the reclaimed process water is recycled to the slag quench and coal slurry areas. A slipstream of 170 gpm reclaimed process water is purged to a proprietary Texaco water treating process, in order to avoid chloride buildup, and for the removal of slag and soot particles, dissolved metals, formates, sulfides, and ammonia. This water treating unit is included in the general facilities section of these fuel gas plants. The remainder of the reclaimed process water along with the carbon rich solids is recycled to coal grinding.

#### Equipment Notes

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The Texaco gasifier is commercially proven for the gasification of liquid hydrocarbons. Commercial experience with coal gasification is limited. One Texaco coal gasifier has been operating for over three years in Germany at about 560 psig. This gasifier handles only 150 tons/day of coal, a much lower throughput than that of the gasifiers used in this study. The Texaco coal gasification research facility at Montebello, California, is presently testing coals in a gasifier which operates at over 1000 psig.

The slag dewatering system is composed of commercially proven equipment.

The gas scrubbing unit equipment is commercially available.

The <u>key</u> features in these designs center on the heat transfer equipment used for high-level sensible heat recovery in the two base cases. In Case EXT-SS, 1505 psig saturated steam is generated in unconventional radiant and convective boilers. Such installations have been tested in the 150 ton per day German plant. The superheated steam base case design employs a 1505 psig steam superheater and a 445 psig steam reheater configuration (both superheated and reheated steam temperatures of  $1000^{\circ}F$ ) which is wholly conceptual at this point. A gasification process which operates at temperatures similar to those in the Texaco process has reported superheating 750 psig steam for a very limited time in a pilot plant unit. The designs and cost estimates, adopted in this study, were based on those developed by major waste heat boiler manufacturers.

The gasifier and dry-gas equipment metallurgies are well defined based on the liquid hydrocarbon partial oxidation experience. Materials of construction for equipment in contact with recovered process condensate are difficult to specify at this stage of development. Actual materials for commercial units will likely be highly specific to the feed coal. The purge rate of process condensate to treating is one parameter which will affect the choice of metallurgies in commercial systems. A detailed study of the cost/benefit relationship between purge rate and materials costs is beyond the scope of the present work.



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#### GAS COOLING

Process Flow Diagrams EXT-SS-21-1 and EXT-SH-21-1 show one of two parallel trains in this section for the saturated steam and superheated steam base cases, respectively. No spare train is provided for either case.

Solids-free raw gas from the particulate scrubbing section is cooled to  $105^{\circ}$ F on the tube side of a series of exchangers. Ammonia is then removed in an ammonia scrubber.

<u>EXT-SS</u>. In the saturated steam case diagram EXT-SS-21-1, saturated solids-free gas at 320°F is cooled to 304°F on the tube side of the boiler feedwater heater I, 21-1-E-1, where high-pressure boiler feedwater from the deaerator is heated from 251°F to 290°F. The raw gas is next cooled in fuel gas reheater I, 21-1-E-2, by reheating clean fuel gas leaving the acid gas removal unit, from 80°F to 262°F. Further cooling of the raw gas down to 140°F is accomplished in a vacuum condensate and makeup heater, 21-1-E-3.

Process condensate from the exchangers is collected in collection vessel 21-1-V-3. This hot condensate along with makeup water flows under pressure to the particulate scrubbing section 20-ME-4.

The overhead gases from the condensate collection vessel are further cooled by cooling water to  $105^{\circ}F$  in trim cooler 21-1-E-4, before entering ammonia absorber 21-1-V-2, which contains six sieve-type trays. Ammonia is removed down to one ppm by contacting the gas countercurrently with raw water at  $70^{\circ}F$ . Absorber overhead gas at  $100^{\circ}F$  flows to the acid gas removal unit for removal of H<sub>2</sub>S and COS. The liquid flow, from the bottom of the ammonia scrubber, is combined with some of the hot process condensate from 21-1-V-1 and makeup in collection drum 21-1-V-3 before the total stream enters particulate scrubbing section 20-ME-4.

<u>BXT-SH</u>. In the superheated steam case diagram BXT-SH-21-1, saturated solidsfree gas at 320°F is cooled to 310°F on the tube side of high-pressure boiler feedwater heater I, 21-1-E-1, while heating the boiler feedwater from the deaerator from 253°F to 290°F. The raw gas is further cooled to 281°F in fuel gas reheater I, 21-1-E-2, wherein clean fuel gas leaving the acid gas removal unit is heated from 80°F to 280°F. The raw gas along with the condensate leaving the exchanger at 281°F is cooled to 226°F in a vacuum condensate and makeup heater, 21-1-E-3. Next, the raw gas is cooled down to 140°F in an air cooler. An air

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cooler was used because this low-level thermal energy cannot be effectively utilized in the heat integration scheme. Process condensate from the exchangers and overhead gas from condensate collection vessel are handled in the same manner as in the saturated steam case.

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### Equipment Notes

All equipment is commercially available.







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#### ACID GAS REMOVAL

Process Flow Diagram EXT-SS-22-1 depicts one of the two parallel acid gas removal trains. This same design is used for both the saturated and superheated steam base cases. No spare train is provided.

The acid gas removal system employs the Selexol@ process for selective removal of hydrogen sulfide  $(H_2S)$ . This process involves the absorption of 99.0 percent of the entering hydrogen sulfide and 34.6 percent of the entering carbonyl sulfide (COS) from the plant.

The 100°F gas from the ammonia scrubber is cooled by heat exchange with treated fuel gas in feed/fuel gas exchanger 22-1-E-1. The cooled gas then flows through acid gas absorber 22-1-V-1, where it contacts Selexol® solvent countercurrently over a packed bed. The treated gas from the absorber flows through knockout drum 22-1-V-5 for recovery of solvent mist, and is warmed to 80°F against incoming feed gas in 22-1-E-1. Further reheating of the clean fuel gas to 600°F occurs in Units 20 and 21.

The rich solvent from the absorber is reduced in pressure through a hydraulic turbine 22-1-HT-1, which supplies about half of the power required by lean solution pump 22-1-P-1. This solvent stream then enters flash drum 22-1-V-2 where 90 percent of the <u>sulfur-free</u> combustible gases disengage from the loaded solvent. This flash gas is used as a reducing gas in the tail gas treating unit. However, approximately 98 percent of the  $H_2S$  and COS are retained in the loaded solvent because of their selective absorption.

The loaded or rich solvent from the flash drum is heated by exchange with regenerated lean solvent in plate exchanger 22-1-E-2 and flows to the top of regenerator 22-1-V-3. Absorbed  $H_2S$ , COS, CO<sub>2</sub>,  $H_2O$ , and minor amounts of other components are stripped from the solution by application of heat, supplied by condensing 100 psig steam in the regenerator reboiler 22-1-E-4. The regenerated solvent is cooled in lean/rich solvent exchanger 22-1-E-2, then is pumped back to absorber 22-1-V-1 through lean solvent cooler 22-1-E-3. Solvent cooling in 22-1-E-3 is provided by the fluorocarbon refrigeration unit 22-1-ME-1. Acid gas from the regenerator overhead is cooled to  $120^{\circ}F$  in regenerator overhead condenser 22-1-E-5. The condensate resulting from this cooling step is separated in knockout drum 22-1-V-4 and is refluxed to the regenerator. The acid gas

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ultimately sent to sulfur recovery contains about 38 volume percent  $H_2S$ . Temperature in the overhead receiver, expected to be 120°F, will be adjusted to maintain the unit water balance.

## Refrigeration System

The refrigeration system employed is a typical packaged fluorocarbon unit. The compressor, receiver, and condensing equipment are fabricated on skids and installed near lean solvent cooler 22-1-E-3.

#### Equipment Notes

The majority of equipment in this section is carbon steel. This equipment has been used in similar service for several years. Plate-type exchangers for the lean/rich solvent exchanger service are less costly than conventional shell-andtube exchangers for this service.


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# SULFUR PLANT

Process Flow Diagram EXT-SS-23-1 describes the basic sulfur plant design used for both the base cases. The entire sulfur plant system consists of two 50 percent parallel operating trains and one 50 percent spare train. Total sulfur recovery in this system is 27,039 lb/hr (324.5 ST/D) or 87 percent of the sulfur fed in the coal. Another 2,451 lb/hr (29.4 ST/D) of sulfur is recovered in Beavon/Stretford Unit 24. This additional recovery boosts the total recovered sulfur to approximately 95 percent of that contained in the coal feed.

The sulfur plant is a two-stage, acid gas bypass-type Claus unit. About onethird of the 120°F acid gas from the Selexol® unit is burned in a sulfur furnace, 23-1-H-1, thereby converting  $H_2S$  to  $H_2O$  and  $SO_2$ . Air for the combustion in the furnace is supplied by blower 23-1-BL-1. Heat from the combustion products is recovered by generating 455 psig steam in waste heat boiler 23-1-E-1. The 900°F exhaust gas from the sulfur furnace is mixed with the flow of acid gas which by-passes the furnace and the resultant 597°F gas mixture is fed to sulfur converter No. 1, 23-1-R-1. The amount of acid gas bypassing the furnace is controlled to maintain a ratio of  $H_2S$  to  $SO_2$  in the mixture which is slightly greater than 2:1 to force the converter reaction toward completion.

 $H_2S$  and  $SO_2$  react in the converter to produce elemental sulfur and water according to the reaction:

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 $2 H_2 S + 1 SO_2 \neq 3 S + 2 H_2 O$ 

This exothermic reaction is catalyzed by a bed of Kaiser S-501 alumina catalyst contained within the converter and produces a  $181^{\circ}F$  gas temperature rise. Since the converter reaction is limited by thermodynamic equilibrium, complete conversion of the H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub> to elemental sulfur is not achieved.

The gaseous sulfur produced in the first converter is condensed and recovered by cooling the effluent gas to 400°F in 23-1-E-2. Steam at 100 psig is generated by this cooling process. The sulfur (17,058 lb/hr) condenses in the tubes and flows by gravity to one of two concrete sumps, 23-S-1A&B. Sulfur, a solid at ambient temperatures, is kept molten by condensing 100 psig steam in pipe coils that cover the bottom of the sumps.

The 400°F gases from 23-1-E-2 react further in sulfur converter No. 2, 23-1-R-2, and produce a 91°F gas temperature rise. Sulfur (9,981 lb/hr) in the exhaust gas is condensed and cooled to 285°F in 23-1-E-3 by heat transfer to medium-pressure boiler feedwater. The condensed sulfur then flows to one of the sumps.

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Tail gas at 285°F, still containing about 1,776 lb/hr sulfur (mainly as  $H_2S$ , with smaller amounts of  $SO_2$ , COS, and elemental sulfur), flows through coalescer 23-1-V-1 and then enters Beavon/Stretford Unit 24 for final sulfur recovery to preserve air quality.

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## Equipment Notes

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The Claus sulfur process is established commercially and, consequently, the equipment requirements are well known.

23-1-E-1 WASTE HEAT BOILER 47.8 M STUAR 23-1-R-1 SULFUR CONVERTER NO. 1 23-1-E-2 SULFUR CONDENSER NO. 1 23-1-01-1 AIR\_BLOWER 700 B.H.P. 23-1-H-1 SULFUR FURNACE 73.0 MIL BTUAR 23-5-1A & B <u>23-1-R</u> Sulfur Cont No. 2 -----ACID EAS 2/3 INPASS 591\* 6 400<sup>8</sup> F 23-1-R-1 IF STEAM TO RENEATER St-FH-1 +ERT-SS-50/81-1 ---τ. uk 20-6-1 XEXT-3H-20-1 TO HEADER H. 2 1.457 1854 TO PATALLEL TRAINS 23-1-8-1 ۲ ACID CAS FROM 22-V-4 K-D- DRUM 120\* 1 900° ( PER =========== -----DHG. EXT-55-22-1 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 23-1-E-1 23-1-E-2 54-213 LOS/MR FIRED MEATER ECOMONIZER 54-FH-1 DIG. (EXT-55-90/31-) OR HP WIN MEATER 1 21-E-1 UR HP WIN MEATER 1 21-E-1 FRON PARALLEL TRAINS 23-1-E-3 Ŷ ۳ FROM PARALLEL TRAINS يۇ 8.583 LBS AN HEARD RELIGIE GAS CONCRATOR 24-H-1 DIG. EXT-55-24-1 PARALLEL 1-941 L55/HR L 85 AG F1.056 LB5/M MATERIAL BALANCE 23-P-14.8.C & D -۲ ۲ ACTO BAS TAIL GAS FROM HEADER -HOL: 뇌 0.01 0.04 0.24 8 3 9 6 0.02 23-1-8L-1 ٥. 2.5 1.1 0.50 10.9 2 619.3 880.9 20.6 60.05 32.67 0.76 1643.4 39.9 8.1 34.22 0.72 0.05 00 Hy 5 0.1 0.0 0.1 154.3 NY Ar 0.00 1851.8 37.29 23-5-14 B.B HH3 HTO VAL 0.00 5.40 9.1 0.00 24, 58 1115.4 50-0.0 0.00 0,36 15.6 -34 54 0.0 0.0 0.00 0.1 0.00 0.00 .5 0,01 YAPOR 1P 2.496.1 100.00 4.537-4 100.00 THINK LE 105-814 143.448 ul. v. w. 39.24 31.62

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### TAIL GAS TREATING

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Process Flow Diagram EXT-SS-24-1 describes the Beavon/Stretford system design used for both the base cases. As in the sulfur recovery unit, two 50 percent parallel operating trains and a third identical spare train are provided.

The 285°F tail gas from coalescer 23-1-V-1 in the sulfur recovery unit contains unreacted  $H_2S$ ,  $SO_2$ , COS, and the elemental sulfur species  $S_6$  and  $S_8$ . To meet strict environmental limits, the gas is processed further to remove these sulfur compounds.

The tail gas treating unit employs a proprietary process called BeaJon/Stretford, which is a modification of the well-known Stretford process. The Stretford process is designed to both remove  $H_2S$  from atmospheric pressure effluent gas streams, and convert this  $H_2S$  to elemental sulfur. The Stretford process is not suitable for handling gas streams which contain substantial amounts of  $SO_2$ , COS,  $S_6$  and  $S_8$ . The Beavon unit in this process is added to catalytically reduce (or hydrolyze, in the case of COS) these compounds to  $H_2S$ .

The reactions occurring over the cobalt molybdate catalyst in the Beavon unit are:

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 $\cos + H_2 0 \rightarrow \cos_2 + H_2 S$  (2-3)

 $S_6 + 6 H_2 \rightarrow 6 H_2 S \tag{2-4}$ 

 $S_8 + 8 H_2 \rightarrow 8 H_2 S$  (2-5)

The above reactions require hydrogen. A feed gas hydrogen content 1.5 percent in excess of the stoichiometric demand is sufficient to convert essentially all sulfur compounds to  $H_2S$  with the exception of a small residual (perhaps 50 ppmv) of COS. The tail gas stream itself does not contain enough hydrogen, or enough carbon monoxide (which can be hydrolyzed to hydrogen) to react with the various sulfur compounds. Instead, flash gas from the acid gas removal unit supplies the necessary hydrogen and carbon monoxide. The flash gas is partially combusted in reducing gas generator 24-1-H-1, and then mixed with the tail gas stream. The resulting inlet temperature to the Beavon hydrogenation reactor 24-1-V-7 is 650°F. The sulfur conversion reactions listed above, as well as the following "shift" reaction, take place in 24-1-V-7:

$$CO + H_2 O \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2$$
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The effluent from 24-1-V-7 is cooled to 400°F through generation of 100 psig steam. Further cooling to 120°F takes place by direct contact with water in the bottom portion of desuperheater/absorber 24-1-T-1. Warm water from the bottom of this vessel is cooled in the fin-fan exchanger 24-1-E-3. Desuperheater/ absorber 24-1-T-1 houses two internal heads, in which the water-containing desuperheating section and the Stretford packed-bed absorber section are separated.

Stretford solution is pumped from filtrate tank 24-1-TK-1 to the top of the packed-bed absorber, where 99.4 percent or more of the  $H_2S$  is reacted with sodium carbonate. Oxidation of the sulfur to the elemental form is facilitated by sodium metavanadate. The absorption and oxidation reactions which occur are as follows:

$$2 \operatorname{Na}_2 \operatorname{CO}_3 + 2 \operatorname{H}_2 \operatorname{S} \rightarrow 2 \operatorname{NaHCO}_3 + 2 \operatorname{NaHS}$$
 (2-7)

2 NaHS + 2 NaHCU<sub>3</sub> + 4 NaVO<sub>3</sub> 
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O + S<sub>2</sub> + Na<sub>2</sub>V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>0</sub> + 2 NaOH (2-9)

The absorber provides sufficient retention time to allow the reactions to go essentially to completion. Treated gas, containing much less than 100 ppm total sulfur, and traces of  $CH_4$  and CO, is then vented to the atmosphere. The sulfur produced is of high purity, comparable to that produced in the Claus-type sulfur plant.

The reacted Stretford solution flows to soaker/oxidizer 24-1-V-1, where the reduced vanadate  $(Na_2V_4O_9)$  is oxidized to its original form by anthraquinone disulfonic acid (ADA) in the solution. The reduced ADA is subsequently regenerated by air sparged into the tank by blower 24-1-BL-1. The air also provides a medium of flotation for the sulfur which, upon reaching the top of 24-1-V-1, overflows into froth tank 24-1-V-2. The underflow from the soaker/oxidizer is pumped to filtrate tank 24-1-TK-1, via Stretford solution cooling tower 24-1-CT-1, where the heat of oxidation is rejected to the atmosphere.

Sulfur from the froth tank is pumped to the primary centrifuge 24-1-ME-1, which produces a wet sulfur cake that is reslurried in 24-1-V-3 and sent to secondary centrifuge 24-1-ME-2. The filtrate streams from the centrifuges are combined with the soaker/oxidizer underflow.

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The sulfur from the secondary centrifuge is reslurried in 24-1-V-4 and pumped through an ejector mixer 24-1-EJ-1, where sulfur is melted by direct injection of 100 psig steam. Molten sulfur (2,451 lb/hr) is separated from the slurry medium (primarily water) in sulfur separator 24-1-V-5; from 24-1-V-5, it flows by gravity into one of the two sumps located in Unit 23. The decanted water flows to flash drum 24-1-V-6 and then back to the secondary reslurry tank. Because certain side reactions degrade the Stretford solution, a small stream of liquid is continuously discarded from the system.

### Equipment Notes

The marriage of the Beavon and Stretford processes is a fairly recent development, but it has been demonstrated commercially, on a much smaller scale than is proposed here. This specific equipment has been operating successfully in many plants. Most of the plant is constructed of carbon steel. Certain sections of the Stretford unit are usually coated with coal tar epoxy to prevent corrosion by deposited sulfur. The sulfur melter is fabricated of stainless steel.

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24-1-H-1 REDUCING GAS GENERATOR 24-1-V-7 BEAVUN HYDROGENATION REACTOR 24-1 -T-1 DESUPERHEATER /ABSORBER 24+1+E+1 REACTOR WASTE HEAT BOILER 24-1-V-1 SOAKFR/DXIDIZER 24-1-E-3 AIR CVOLER 24-1-TK-1 FILTRATE 24-1-CT-I STRETFORD SOLUTION COOLING TOWER 24-1-1-2 FROTH TANK 24-1-LE-1 PRIMARY CENTRIFUGE RF: ٢ 24-1-5-1 AIR BLOWER FLASH CAS FPCA ATID GAS REMOVAL FLACH ORDE 22-V-2 DRU. 627-55-22-6 15 P516 **Y** TRAINS ATA FROM BULFUR PLANT ATA BLOWER 23-BL-1 DWG. EXT-25-23-1 • :: ţ ۲ TATE CAS FIRM SULFUR PLANT 23-V-1 DWG. EJT-55-23-1 TO PARALLEL TRAINS 215° F 24-1-1-1 Ð 24 1 j. 24-1-TK-I TO PARALLEL TRAJS B 24-1-P-6468 24-1-H-1 24-1-ME-1 ÎÎ 1-8-1-24-1-4-7 30 PEIG 24-1-E-1 100 115\* ۸۸۸ ~ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ 24-1-E-3 A A A C--3 ^ ^ ^ 246" F 85\* 190 2-NATERIAL BALANCE Q Call ~<del>`</del> ٩ ۲ ٩ Ъ 24-1-P-1468 FLASH GAS TAIL GAS VENT GAS FM. T.G. TREATING UNIT 24-1-V-1 24-1-P-2448 24-1-V-2 UP H ысц MOL S WPH 12 2 D ğ 48.3 0.38 C.4 Q. 8 0.05 0.05 1.7 0.04 24-1-P-3ABD (29.8 294.1 26.71 10.9 0.24 2.041.3 0.01 SOUR WATER TO PROJESS CONDENSATE TREATING UNIT 40 C02 H25 46,28 0.12 17.1 1.79 32.9 0.3 COS N2 1.5 0.33 2,1 0.00 0.0 0.3) 1.491.8 0.15 10.0 \* STATED AS HAS BUT CONSISTS OF TOTAL SULFUR 31.28 1.111. à, 0.2 0.48 25.1 0.57 NH3 0.0 Q. DO 0.1 0,00 0.0 9.24 HOO VAPO 0.6 0.13 1.118.4 24.58 407,4 502 56 0.0 0.00 18.5 0.0 C.36 0.00 0.0 0.00 0.00 9.1 0.00 54 0.0 0.00 Q. 5 0.01 0.0 0.00 VAPOR LP 451.6 100.00 4-537.4 100.00 4,410.4 100.00 TOTAL LESAN 18.003 152.333.1 34.68 31...2 34.5 -);

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<u>AIR</u> COOLER 24-1-TK-1 FILTRATE TANK 24-1-V-2 FROTH TANK 24-1-V-3 PRIMARY RESLURRY TANK 24-1-ME-1 PRIMARY CENTRIFUCE 24-1-ME-2 SECONDARY CENTRIFUGE 24-1-V-4 SECONDARY RESLUARY TANK 24-1-V-B FLASH CRUM 24+1-EJ-1 SULFUR MELTER 24-1-V-5 SULFUR SEPARATOR ٩ TREATED GAS TO ATMOSPHERE 0.5 P516 85\* F Ŧ 24-1-CT-1 24-1-V-6 24-1-TK-1 Ê 24-1-P-64613 100 PSIC STEAU 24-1-EJ-1 24-1-ME-1 24-1-ME-2 <u>24-1-V-5</u> IOO PSIB STEAU CONDENSATE TO DEAERATO \$1+0A+1 FROM 2-0 PARALLEL TRAINS 2-0 SULFUR TO SUM\* 23-3-1 DHC. EXT-55-23-1 3 Ъ., VACUUM SPENT SOLUTION -2 BLONDOWN TO DISPOSAL COND. میں۔ ایک در اور 7 NOTESI 1. THIS PROCESS FLOW DIACRAM SHOWS ONE OF THREE SON PARALLEL TRAINS (100 OPERATING AND ONE SPARE) 1 CYRO R CYFO C743 2. ALL FLOW RATES AND EGUIPLONT SIZES AND TYPICAL VALUES ON A TOTAL PLANT DASIS AT FUEL CAPACITY EXCEPT AS NOTED 24-1-4-1 24-1-2468 24-1-4-2 24-1-1-3 24-1-V-4 ሥ ੇ 24-1-P-3ALB 3. CONFIGURATION AND SIZE OF EQUIPMENT ARE TYPICAL FOR AN EXPECTED 14.7 ST/D PER TRAIN SULFUR RECOVERY 24-1-P-446B 10 1410 140 24-1-P-5A68 FLUOR IPVIN CALIFORNIA PROLESS FLOW DIAGRAM BEAVENTRY FORD UNIT ITYPICALI IEXALO PROCESS-OXYGEN BLOWN ALL CASES EXCEPT \$55, SH4 & SH5 D.CLAVEAU W. G. O' BEL MITU NONE 448334-EXT-SS-24-1 04

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#### STEAM, BOILER FEEDWATER, AND CONDENSATE

Process Flow Diagrams EXT-SS-30-1 and EXT-SH-30-1 schematically represent the steam, boiler feedwater, and condensate systems for the base case plants. Since the diagrams encompass all parallel trains of equipment within the plant, reference to the train number which normally appears directly after the unit number has been omitted.

Entire generation of steam is accomplished in process plant by sensible and latent heat recovery and operates at three levels for each case:

High-Pressure (HP) -	1450 psig, 900°F in EXT-SS case and 1000°F in EXT-SH case, at the 51-T-1A turbine inlet
Intermediate-Pressure (IP) -	385 psig, 900°F in EXT-SS case and 1000°F in EXT-SH case, at the 51-T-1B turbine inlet
Medium-Pressure (MP) -	100 psig in both cases for process users

### EXT-SS

High-pressure steam generation is carried out in the gasifier waste heat boilers 20-E-1 and 20-E-2. Superheating of this high-pressure steam to  $900^{\circ}$ F occurs in the convection and radiation sections of the fired heater 51-FH-1. All of the superheated high-pressure steam is used to drive back-pressure power turbine 51-T-1A, which exhausts at 445 psig.

Saturated intermediate-pressure steam obtained from the sulfur plant waste heat boilers 23-E-1 is combined with high-pressure turbine exhaust steam. The final steam mixture at 619°F is reheated to 900°F in the convection and radiation sections of the fired heater 51-FH-1. This reheated steam is then sent to backpressure turbine 51-T-1B, which exhausts at 115 psig.

Part of turbine 51-I-IB exhaust is desuperheated in desuperheater 51-DS-1 and exhausted to the medium-pressure header at 100 psig. Other sources of mediumpressure steam are the three steam generators in the sulfur plant and tail gas treating units. The medium-pressure steam is consumed in sulfur melter 24-EJ-1, the Selexol reboiler 22-E-4, in the deaerator to maintain the deaerator water in a saturated condition at 14 psig, and in other miscellaneous plant equipment. The remainder of steam exhausted from turbine 51-T-1B is used to drive the medium-pressure power turbine 51-T-2 and the high-pressure boiler feedwater pump driver turbine 51-T-3. Each of these two turbines are condensing machines

exhausting at 2-1/2 inches Hg absolute (108.7°F). The main surface condenser 51-E-1 accepts cooling water at 80°F and discharges it at 100°F.

Raw water is treated in an automatic ion exchange demineralizer 30-ME-1 consisting of three strong-acid cation columns, one degasifier (with 10-minute holdup vessel) and three strong-base anion columns. Two of the three cation and anion columns can handle the design flow of raw water, either for the two-hour period required for resin regeneration or for the longer time period required for resin changeout. Treated water, suitable for generation of 1505 psig steam, is stored in a tank 30-TK-2, which has a 24-hour capacity. Demineralized water is pumped to condensate surge tank 30-TK-3 (30-minute holdup), where it combines with the vacuum condensate from condenser 51-E-1.

Condensate polishing unit 30-ME-2 affords further protection to the steam generation units, by treating the combined stream of demineralized water and coudensate with strong acid and base in four vessels. Regeneration of the polishing unit resin is accomplished in three separate vessels. Polished water at 109°F is then heated to 225°F, in the condensate heaters 21-E-3 before entering deaerator 51-DA-1. Also entering the deaerator are the condensate streams from medium-pressure steam users. The deaerator, providing 10-minute storage, is a horizontal tray unit operating at 14 psig.

Boiler feedwater for steam generation is supplied at two pressures: High-pressure, by the steam-turbine-driven pump 51-P-2A (the spare 51-P-2B is motor driven); and medium-pressure, by the motor-driven 51-P-1A&B. Medium-pressure boiler feedwater pump 51-P-1 provides the relatively small amount of feedwater needed in the steam generators 23-E-2, 23-E-3, 24-E-1 and the desuperheater 51-DS-1.

High-pressure boiler feedwater is first heated in gas cooling boiler feedwater heaters 21-E-1 to 290°F. The boiler feedwater is heated in the convection section of the fired heater 51-FH-1 to 349°F. Part of this water is "let down" and fed to the sulfur plant waste heat boilers 23-E-1 and remainder of this water is further heated to 598°F in raw gas cooling boiler feedwater heaters 20-E-3, before it enters the gasifier waste heat boilers 20-E-1.

# EXT-SH

Both high-pressure steam generation and superheating (to  $1000^{\circ}F$ ) are carried out in the gasifier waste heat boiler and superheater 20-E-1A and 20-E-2B. All of the superheated high-pressure steam is used to drive back-pressure power turbine 51-T-1A, which exhausts at 445 psig.

Saturated intermediate-pressure steam obtained from the sulfur plant waste heat boilers 23-1-1 is combined with high-pressure turbine exhaust steam. The final steam mixture at 707°F is reheated in the gasifier waste heat reheater 20°E-2A to 1000°F. The reheated steam is then sent to back-pressure turbine 51-T-1B, which exhausts at 115 psig.

Part of turbine 51-T-1B exhaust is desuperheated and exhausted to the mediumpressure steam header at 100 psig and the remainder is used to drive power turbine 51-T-2 and high-pressure boiler feedwater pump driver turbine 51-T-3, just as in the EXT-SS case. The other sources and users of the medium-pressure steam are also the same as those in the EXT-SS case.

Raw water treatment, condensate polishing and reheating, and boiler feedwater supply are similarly accomplished as in the EXT-SS case.

The high-pressure boiler feedwater after being heated to 290°F in gas cooling boiler feedwater heaters 21-E-1 is split and directly sent to the sulfur plant waste heat boilers 23-E-1, after "letting down" and raw gas cooling boiler feedwater heaters 20-E-3.



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