

# **Carbon Free Power Project**

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## **Class 3 Project Cost Estimate**

- UAMPS received the Class 3 Project Cost Estimate (PCE)
- UAMPS and its owner's engineers evaluated the Class 3 PCE and updated the financial model
  - The updated costs from the Class 3 PCE (-20% / +30% accuracy range)
- Completion of the Class 3 PCE triggered a number of key activities
  - Run of the Economic Competitive Test (ECT)
  - Amend Development Cost Reimbursement Agreement (DCRA)
  - Revised Budget and Plan of Finance (BPF)

# **Class 3 PCE Increased - Why?**

- The cost increase is primarily influenced by external impacts, not by the project's development
- There have been price increases due to inflationary pressures on the energy supply chain that have not been seen for more than 40 years. In the past two years:
  - Producer Price Index for Fabricated Steel Plate increased 54%
  - Producer Price Index for Carbon Steel Piping increased 106%
  - Producer Price Index for Electrical Equipment increased 25%
  - Producer Price Index for Fabricated Structural Steel increased 70%
  - Producer Price Index for Copper Wire and Cable increased 32%
  - Producer Price Index for All Commodities increased 45%
- In addition, the referenced interest rate used for the project's cost modeling has increased approximately 200 basis points since July 2020

## **Economic Competitive Test**

- ECT resulted in a Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) above the \$58/MWh target price
  - Class 3 PCE
  - 2022 interest rates
  - Includes benefits of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- As a result, UAMPS may withdraw from the project and be reimbursed for most of its out-of-pocket expenses

## **DCRA** Amendment

- Establishes a new ECT Target of \$89/MWh (2022\$) and retains obligation for 100% reimbursement on CFPP Termination for Failure of ECT at Class 2 PCE or COLA submittal (January 2024)
- Adds obligation to NuScale for 100% reimbursement on CFPP Termination for Insufficient Subscription (requirement of 80% subscription at COLA submit)

DCRA Amendment based on significant changes in past two years in:

- Commodity markets (inflation)
- Financial markets (interest rates)
- Power markets (gas pricing)

#### Revised Budget Plan of Finance

#### Key Assumptions:

- PCE3 Costs
- DOE Award profile as per 2022 Award Modification
- Includes transmission upgrades (w/return of escrow deposit funds)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) benefit at best estimate of typical net benefit (35.7% of total debt)

Budget and Plan of Finance	Revised B&PF			
	Cos	ts (\$M)	Start	Finish
1. Gross Total Project Costs (w/ CAPI & Fees):				
0. pre 2021 spending	\$	13	Apr 2015	Dec 2020
a. Licensing Phase 1A – COLA Development & PCE3	\$	112	Jan 2021	Feb 2023
b. Licensing Phase 1B – COLA Development & PCE2	\$	255	Mar 2023	Jan 2024
c. Licensing Phase 2 – COLA Review	\$	2,302	Feb 2024	July 2026
d. Post FNTP (Construction) Phase	\$	6,654	Aug 2026	Dec 2030
Total a, b, c, and d which the PSC defines as Total Acquisition & Construction Costs	\$	9,336		
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2. Total Project Costs (above) net of Cost Sharing Funds:				
0. pre 2021 spending	\$	3	Apr 2015	Dec 2020
a. Licensing Phase 1A – COLA Development & PCE3	\$	26	Jan 2021	Feb 2023
b. Licensing Phase 1B – COLA Development & PCE2	\$	60	Mar 2023	Jan 2024
c. Licensing Phase 2 – COLA Review	\$	1,446	Feb 2024	July 2026
d. Post FNTP (Construction) Phase	\$	6,437	Aug 2026	Dec 2030
Total a, b, c, and d which the PSC defines as Total Acquisition & Construction Costs	\$	7,972		
Total Liability After Commercial Operation Date (COD), net of IRA Benefits	\$	5,126		

### Next Phase Budget (thru COLA Submit)

The budget for the next project phase fully funds execution of critical path activities including:

- COLA Development
- Site Specific Engineering
- PCE2
- Nuclear Power Module (NPM) Long Lead Material

## **B&PF | Exposure thru next Budget**

- Net Project Costs = Total Costs – DOE Cost Share
- Exposure after ECT or Subscription Failure = Net Project Costs – NuScale Reimbursement (DCRA)

Exposure at the end of Feb 23 = \$4.7M

Exposure at the end of Jan 24 = \$5.4M

Exposure Increase over next budget phase = ~\$700k

## CFPP Project Schedule

- The CFPP Project Schedule remains unchanged
  - January 2024 Submittal of the Combined Operating License Application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
  - 2026 Begin Construction
  - December 2029 First module in service
  - November 2030 All modules in service



