# Landfill Gas and other Waste-to-Energy Options for Municipalities

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#### Overview of Presentation

- Who we are -- public power and AMP-Ohio
- Balanced energy portfolio approach
- Baseload needs v. other electric supply needs
- Landfill gas and other waste-to-energy options – how they fit
- Summary and questions

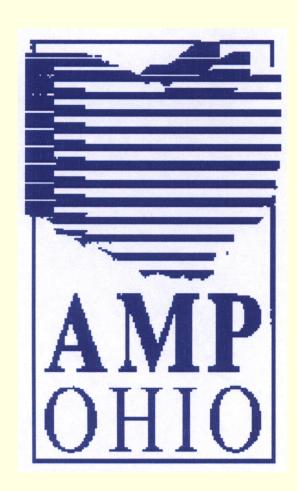
#### Public Power in Ohio

# Municipal electric systems (or public power) are one of three types of electric providers in Ohio

- 86 municipal electric systems
  - Ranging in size from Cleveland Public Power (almost 80,000 meters) to Village of Custar (107 meters)
  - Serve approximately 360,000 customers in Ohio
  - About 6 percent of customer base in Ohio
- 26 rural electric cooperatives
  - About 6 percent of customer base in Ohio
- 4 investor-owned utilities
  - About 88 percent of customer base in Ohio

#### AMP-Ohio at a Glance

- American Municipal Power Ohio, Inc. (AMP-Ohio) is a non-profit corporation organized in 1971
- Currently serves 122
   member municipal electric
   systems (locally owned
   utilities part of city or
   village) in 6 states
- Membership represents approximately 539,000 customers across Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

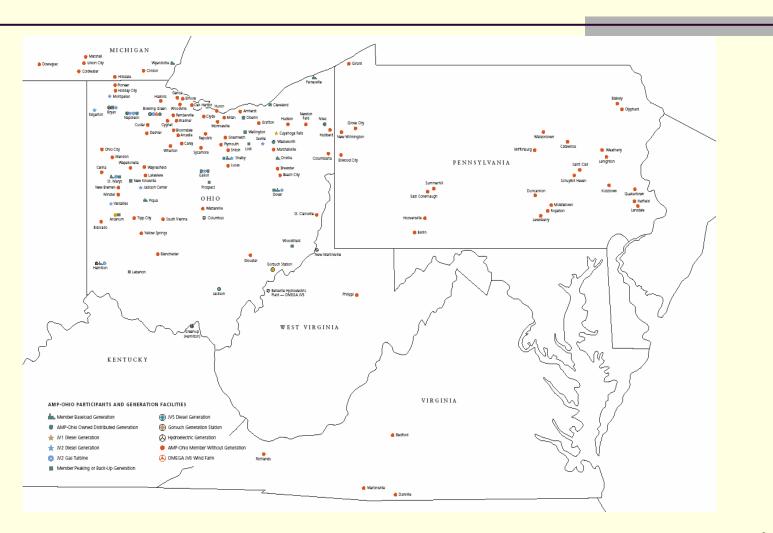


#### What We Do...

#### AMP-Ohio:

- owns / operates electric generating facilities coal, natural gas, diesel, hydro, wind, landfill gas
- Provides wholesale generation, transmission, and distribution services for members
- Coordinates, negotiates, and develops power supply options and interconnection agreements
- Provides other membership services

### **AMP-Ohio Members**



### AMP-Ohio's Balanced Energy Resource Portfolio

- Key aspect of our sustainability commitment
- Fuel diversity:
  - Lowers overall risk
  - Reduces environmental footprint
  - Allows choice of supply for members
  - Reduces market cost exposure for members
- Increased focus on conservation and energy efficiency (Strickland Administration's "fifth fuel" or electricity supply resource)

# AMP-Ohio's Generation Profile – Owned or Controlled Units

- Generation mix (2007):
  - 1,135,218 MWh of coal (74.3%)
  - 386,570 MWh of renewables (25.3%)
    - Hydro 209,772 MWh
    - Landfill gas 162,042 MWh
    - Wind 14,756 MWh
  - 5,111 MWh of natural gas and diesel (0.4%)
- Peak load of 3000 MW
- AMP-Ohio currently relies on the market for approximately:
  - 62% of baseload needs
  - 95% of intermediate needs
  - 20% peaking needs

# Adding Options to Meet Expected Baseload and Other Electric Supply Needs

#### Baseload Options:

- In permitting stages on the American Municipal Power Generating Station (AMPGS) in Meigs County, Ohio
- Partner in Prairie State Energy Campus (mine mouth coal plant in southern Illinois
- Reviewing nuclear options, especially for CO2

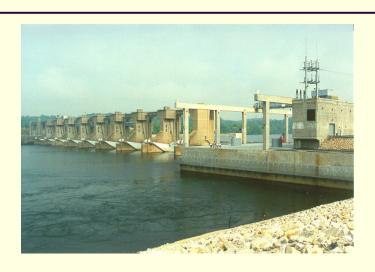
#### Non-Baseload Options:

- Hydro over 300 MW on Ohio River under development
- Landfill gas considering about 50 additional MW
- Wind considering about 100 additional MW
- Various "distributed generation" projects, including waste-to-energy

#### **AMP-Ohio and Renewables**

- Existing renewables add diversity to overall generation portfolio
  - 42 MW Belleville hydroelectric plant
  - 34 MW landfill gas
  - 7.2 MW wind
- Green-pricing program allows customers to support additional renewable development
- Sale of "renewable energy credits" (RECs) supports projects financially
- Connecting projects directly to member distribution systems eases and lowers cost of interconnection

# Current AMP-Ohio Renewable Generation Facilities







# AMP-Ohio's Current Landfill Gas Projects

- Owned by Energy Development, Inc.
- Operated by AMP-Ohio
- AMP-Ohio purchases electric output from 3 facilities (34 MW combined), which is shared with 37 participating member communities
  - Carbon Limestone landfill
  - Ottawa County landfill
  - Lorain County landfill
- Shared REC agreement
- Expansion under consideration

### Other Waste-to-Energy Options

#### Landfill Gas

- New projects directly connected to members' systems, if possible
- Other Biogas
  - Dairy / hog manure, food processing wastes
  - Wastewater treatment plants
- Biomass
  - Wood product waste
  - Municipal solid waste, industrial product waste

### Why Waste-to-Energy?

- Can be particularly attractive to municipal electric systems
  - Can solve local waste issues
  - Can be used to retain / attract large commercial and industrial customers — "we'll take care of this for you"
  - Distributed generation provides local operation / control benefits
  - Partnership opportunities leverage benefits
  - Potential savings lower waste-disposal costs, etc.

# "Renewable Realism" Drives Decisions

- Intermittent nature of most renewables does not make them suitable for essential baseload generation
  - But can be fit into power supply portfolios to meet nonbaseload needs
- Renewable resources vary greatly from place to place (as do governmental policies) – one size does not fit all
  - What works in Europe (or New Jersey) does not necessarily work in Ohio, for many reasons
- Many costs have decreased as technology has improved, but most renewables are still above market (particularly with demand and construction costs increasing)
  - But cost-effective options do exist, particularly when CO2 and other benefits can be taken into consideration

# Other "Drivers" for Renewable Energy Project Development

- State renewable portfolio standards (RPS)
  - New Ohio requirements for investor-owned utilities are expected to increase demand and price for RECs
- CO2 and other greenhouse gas considerations
  - Potential double benefits from GHG reduction and renewable production from biomass / biogas / landfill gas
  - Expected state, regional, or federal requirements in the future

# "Renewable Realism" Fits with Balanced Portfolio Approach

- Smart development of cost-effective renewable projects ensures most "bang for the buck"
- Go with what you know lower learning curve
- AMP-Ohio's cost of money (municipal bonds) is lower than most other developers

### In Summary...



- AMP-Ohio's balanced energy portfolio development strategy includes baseload and non-baseload assets
- Cost-effective renewables are an important part of the mix
- Landfill gas and other waste-to-energy projects can have unique appeal to municipal electric systems

