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# Gas Hedging Strategy Update

#### **Open Session Informational Briefing**

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#### Update

- We are executing the tasks outlined in the prior Finance Committee and Board briefings
- Near-term focus is establishing an ISDA agreement
  - Currently working will Shell for first one to support the pilot program
  - ISDAs with other companies will be established after the pilot is completed
- We also met with Calpine and confirmed the gas pricing mechanism for Hidalgo
  - As expected, both Hidalgo and Silas Ray are priced from the same index (Houston Ship Channel) which simplifies hedging

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- Current expected timing is to execute the first gas hedge under the pilot program in January for February delivery
- Anticipated pilot program parameters:

Parameter	Value	
Range of underlying FPE costs at 90% confidence (assumes 40% annualized power price volatility and 30% gas price volatility)	\$5.76 million to \$7.38 million	•
Anticipated pilot program hedge quantity	1,200 MMBtu/day	Note small size of pilot transaction
Current forward price (Feb)	\$7.19/MMBtu	compared to
Potential hedge price (assumes 5% markup)	\$7.55/MMBtu	underlying FPE cost range.
Notional hedge value	\$253,680	
Potential hedge settlement range at 90% confidence (assumes 30% annualized gas price volatility)	-\$82,227 to +\$66,758	

- Potential settlements for pilot transaction are expected to move in the opposite direction of underlying fuel and purchase power costs, thereby helping to stabilize them.
- Because of small size of pilot, impact is expected to be small.

## Timeline

Activity/Milestone	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
Establish 1st ISDA						
Conduct analysis and set quantities for pilot program						
Request/receive approval for pilot transaction						
Execute pilot transaction						
Pilot deliveries occur						
Assess pilot transaction results						
Present pilot transaction results to FC and Board						
Request approval for ongoing program implementation						