



# Energy from the Catawba River

Citizens' Water Academy

Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group

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# Lets Talk About...

- ❖ Water-Energy Nexus
- ❖ Catawba-Wateree River Basin Drought Management
- ❖ Duke Energy Power Plants on the Catawba
- ❖ Impacts of Working Reservoirs
- ❖ What will the Next Century Look Like?



Catawba Nuclear Station

# In the Beginning, There was Water



In **1899**, James Buchanan Duke (b. Durham, NC) organizes the American Development Company and begins acquiring land and water rights along the Catawba; financial vision

**April 30, 1904** -- Catawba Hydro Station, located in York County, SC, begins operation. This is our first generating station, and is considered the birth date of Duke Power Company (now Duke Energy Carolinas).

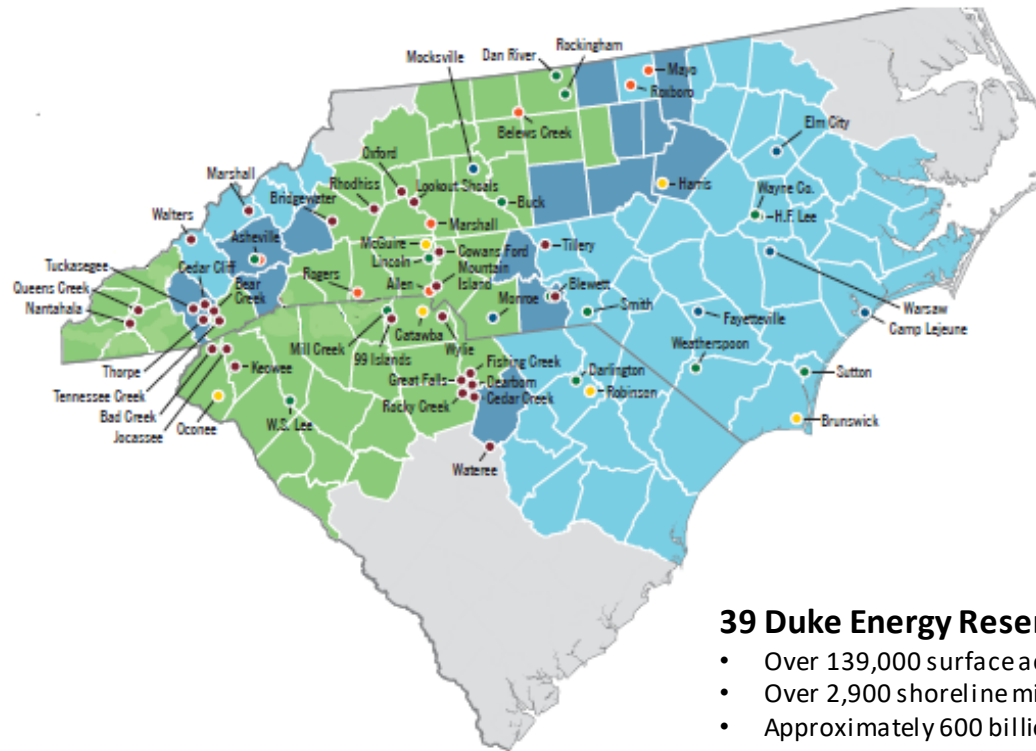


**William States Lee, Sr.** (left, b. Lancaster, SC) was company's first engineer; vision for inter-connected grid

**Dr. Walker Gill Wylie** (right, b. Chester, SC) was company's first president; vision for the Catawba hydro stations



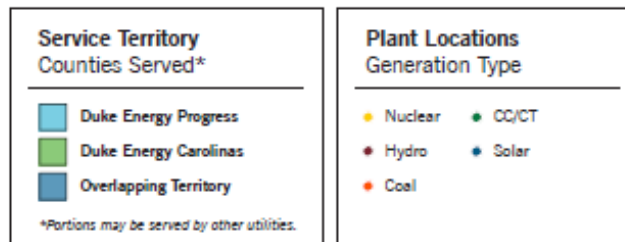
# Water is Required to Keep the Lights on



## 39 Duke Energy Reservoirs in the Carolinas

- Over 139,000 surface acres
- Over 2,900 shoreline miles
- Approximately 600 billion gallons of usable water storage
- Raw water supply for about 3 million people

(Map updated 1/2020)



# Duke Energy in the Carolinas

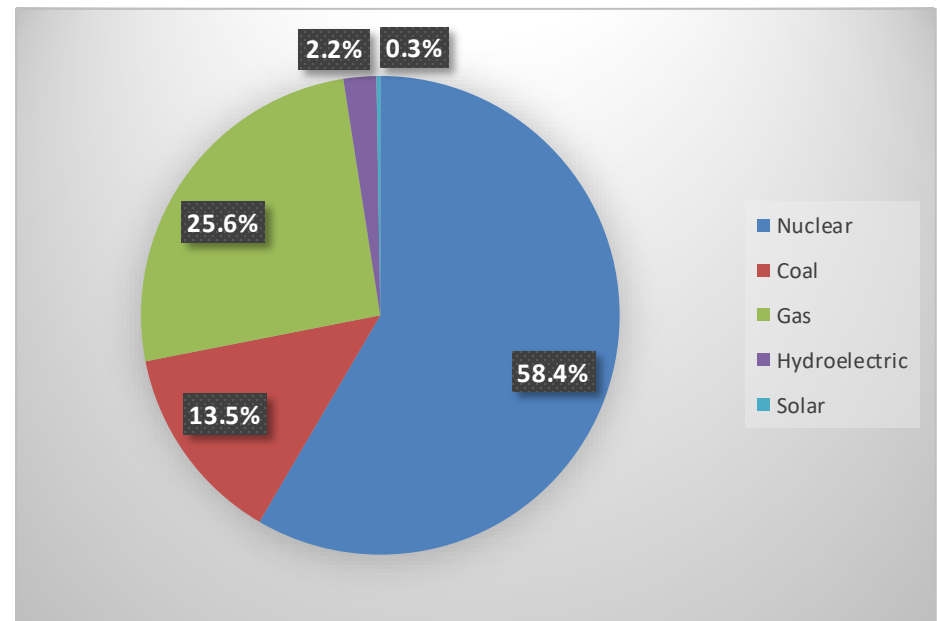
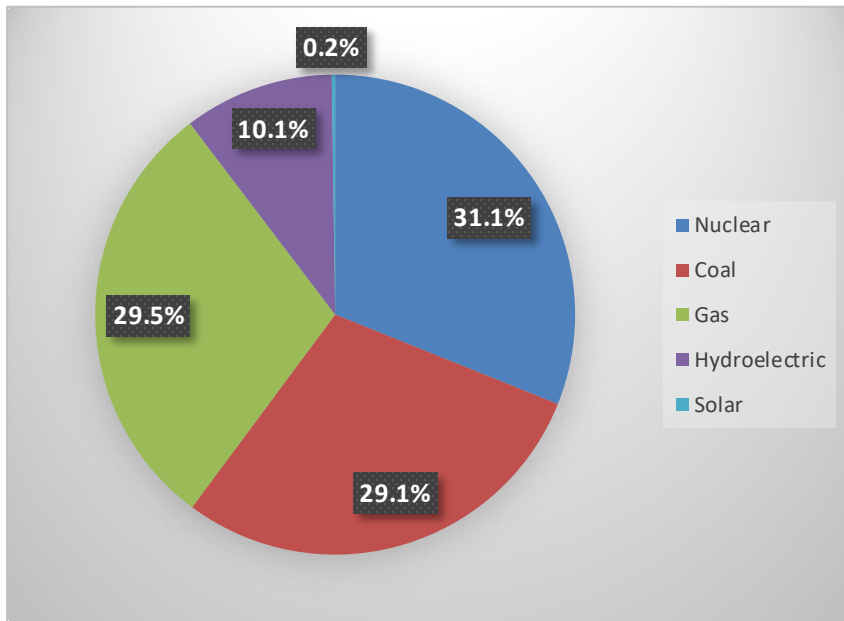
## Capacity and Generation (DEC and DEP)



Total 2021 Capacity = 34,656 MW

Total 2020 Generation = 152,926,564 MWh

(latest available data; excludes purchased power)



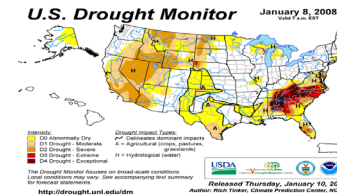
~61% of 2020 electricity production was carbon-free  
~99% of 2020 electricity production used water

# Catawba-Wataree River Basin – Drought Indicators



The Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) designates 5 stages of drought in the Catawba-Wataree River Basin as determined by the following indicators:

1. How much total remaining usable water is in the reservoirs - Volume of water between current reservoir elevations and each reservoir's Critical Reservoir Elevation
2. How much water is flowing into the reservoirs - As measured by 4 tributary US Geological Survey (USGS) streamflow gages
3. Reports from U.S. Drought Monitor, a government index indicating areas experiencing drought and the severity, specific to the Catawba-Wataree River Basin



- Indicators are evaluated and reported at least monthly
- Duke Energy coordinates with the Catawba-Wataree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) to manage the shared water supply

# Catawba-Wateree River Basin - LIP

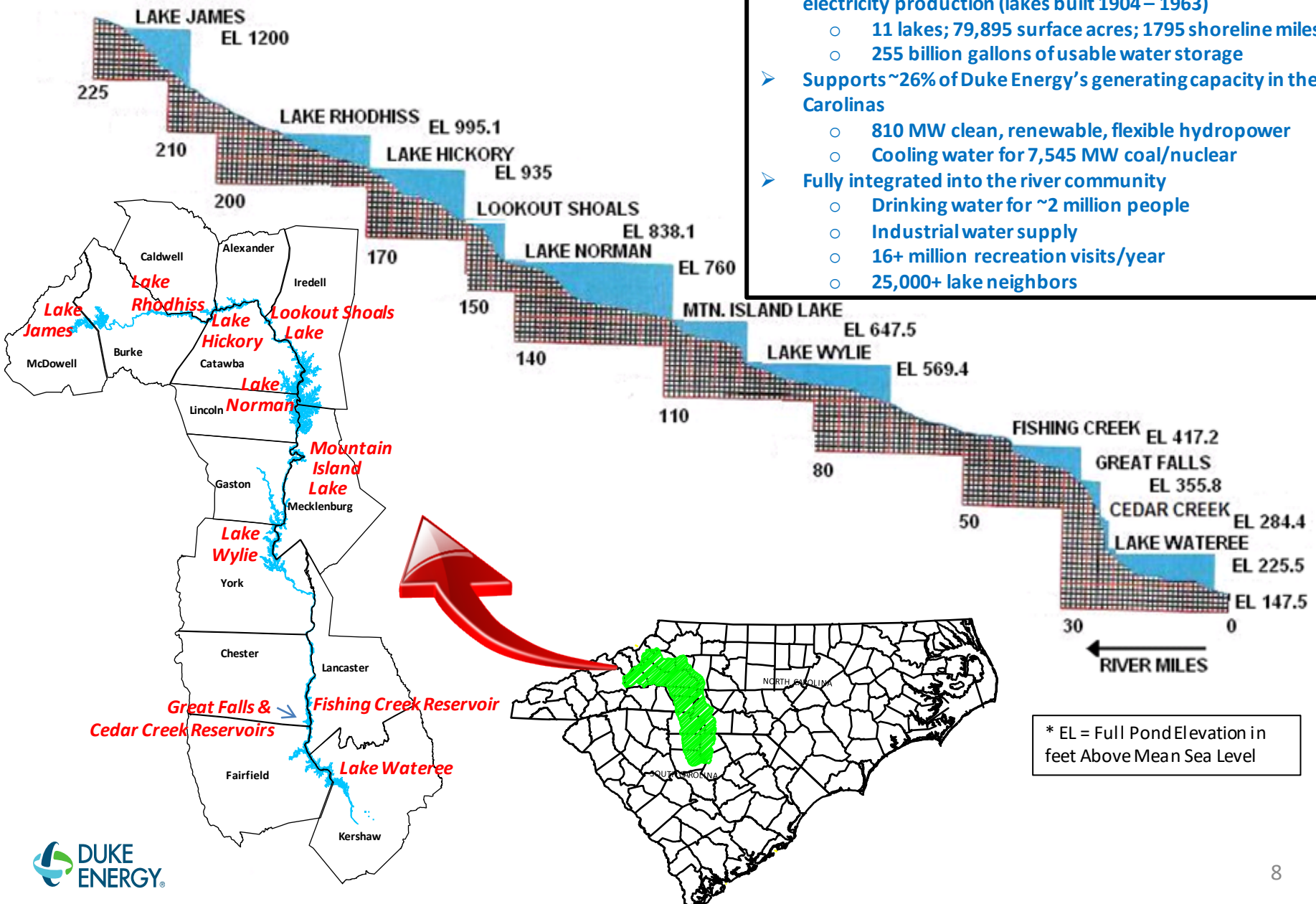


Purpose – Slow rate of water storage loss to buy time for return to more rainfall

Stage	Action Summary
0	<p><b>Licensee</b> - Activate Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG).</p>
1	<p><b>Licensee</b> - Reduce downstream, bypass, recreation flows and Normal Minimum Elevations.  <b>Public Water Suppliers (PWS)</b> – Voluntary water use restrictions, 2 day/week irrigation, reduce vehicle washing; <b>water reduction goal of 3-5%.</b>  <b>Other Large Water Intake (LWI) Owners</b> – Notify employees and customers and request voluntary cutbacks.</p>
2	<p><b>Licensee</b> – Further reduce flows and Normal Minimum Elevations. Eliminate recreation flows.  <b>PWS</b> – Mandatory water use restrictions, 2 day/week irrigation, eliminate vehicle washing; <b>water reduction goal of 5-10%.</b>  <b>Other LWI Owners</b> – Notify employees and customers and request voluntary cutbacks.</p>
3	<p><b>Licensee</b> - Reduce downstream and bypass flows to critical flows, and further reduce Normal Minimum Elevations.  <b>PWS</b> – Mandatory water use restrictions, 1 day/week irrigation, limit other outdoor water uses; <b>water reduction goal of 10-20%.</b>  <b>Other LWI Owners</b> – Notify employees and customers and request voluntary cutbacks.</p>
4	<p><b>Licensee</b> – Maintain downstream and bypass flows at critical flows, and reduce Normal Minimum Elevations to critical elevations.  <b>PWS</b> – Restrict all outdoor water use, implement emergency restrictions; <b>water reduction goal of 20-30%.</b>  <b>Other LWI Owners</b> – Notify employees and customers and request voluntary cutbacks.</p>

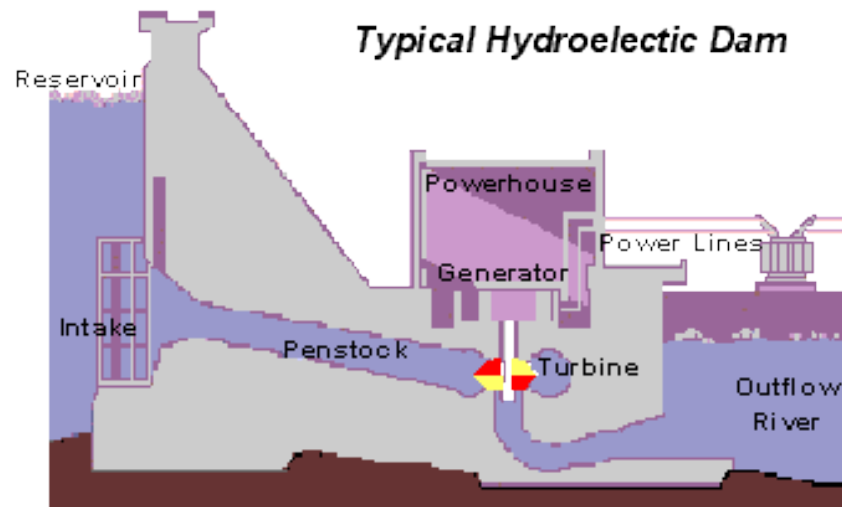
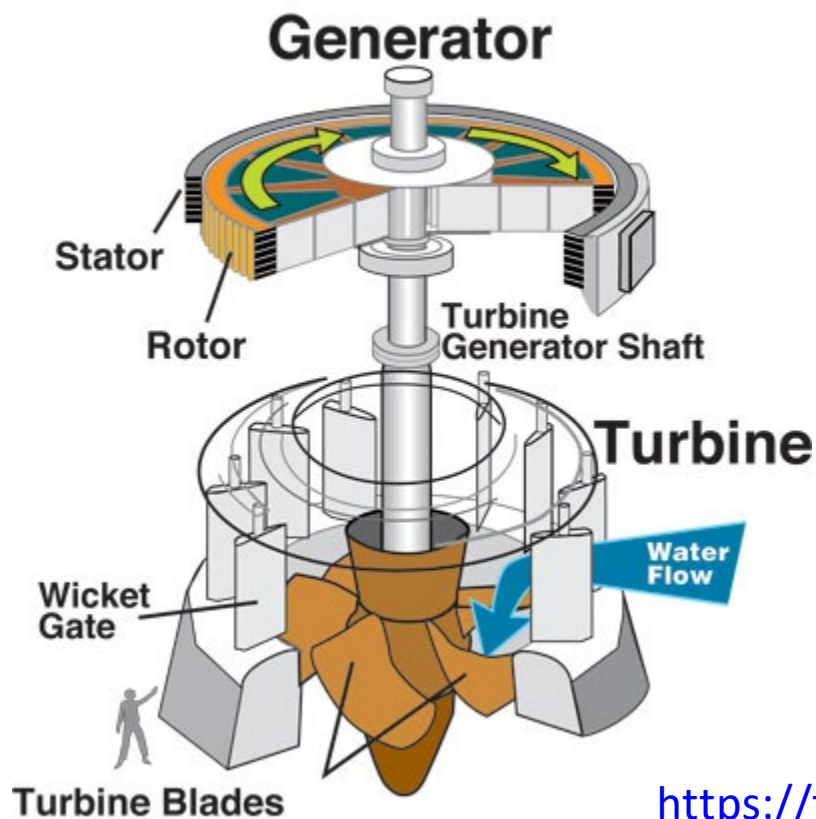
# Catawba-Wateree Hydro Project – A Hard Working River

- First river in US comprehensively planned/developed for electricity production (lakes built 1904 – 1963)
  - 11 lakes; 79,895 surface acres; 1795 shoreline miles
  - 255 billion gallons of usable water storage
- Supports ~26% of Duke Energy's generating capacity in the Carolinas
  - 810 MW clean, renewable, flexible hydropower
  - Cooling water for 7,545 MW coal/nuclear
- Fully integrated into the river community
  - Drinking water for ~2 million people
  - Industrial water supply
  - 16+ million recreation visits/year
  - 25,000+ lake neighbors





# How Does a Hydro Turbine Work?



<https://fwee.org/nw-hydro-tours/walk-through-a-hydroelectric-project/>

# Benefits of Hydropower

- **Clean, renewable and very efficient** (*most efficient energy source for Duke Energy*)
- **Very responsive to electric customers' changing needs**
  - Shortest cycle time – less than 10 minutes from shutdown to full load and back to shutdown
  - Peaking - Often used to meet electric load during peak demand (*highest value of electricity*)
  - Load following - Relatively small power units so easier to adjust and match electric load on the grid
  - Stabilizes grid - Helps stabilize the electric grid (*voltage support, spinning reserve, black start*)
  - Lowest variable cost of production - largely due to “free fuel”
- **Hydro reservoirs store water and provide many extra community benefits**
  - **Shock absorbers** for extreme weather patterns (*floods, droughts*)
  - Water supply for:
    - Drinking water
    - Thermoelectric power plants (*e.g., nuclear, coal-fired, gas-fired*)
    - Industry
    - Agriculture
  - Recreation (*both on-lake and in the rivers downstream*)
  - Treatment of wastewater
  - Aquatic habitat for reservoir species



Wylie Hydro Station

# Downside of Hydropower

- **Some impacts of hydropower**

- Very difficult to construct if a new lake is required
  - Relocating large numbers of homes, roads, utility lines, businesses, cemeteries, etc.
  - Obtaining governmental permits and a license
  - Very high costs for real estate acquisition and construction
- **Permanently changes river** - Long-term conversion and/or loss of habitat for plants and animals
- Reservoir sedimentation over time



- **Other Limitations**

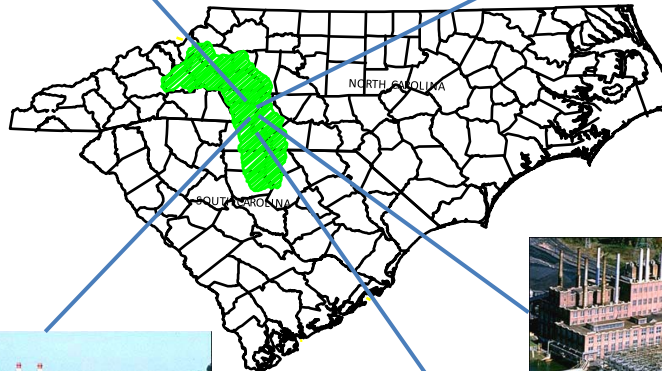
- Rainfall dependence (*i.e., can't order another load of "fuel"*)
- Competing water uses
- **Licenses can "prescribe" the value away**
- **Licensing proceedings are very long and very costly**
- Dam construction and maintenance are very costly

# Duke Energy Steam Plants on the Catawba River

Marshall



McGuire



Allen



Riverbend  
*(Retired)*



Catawba

## ➤ Nuclear Plants

- McGuire (Norman, 2,466 MW)
- Catawba (Wylie, 2,473 MW)

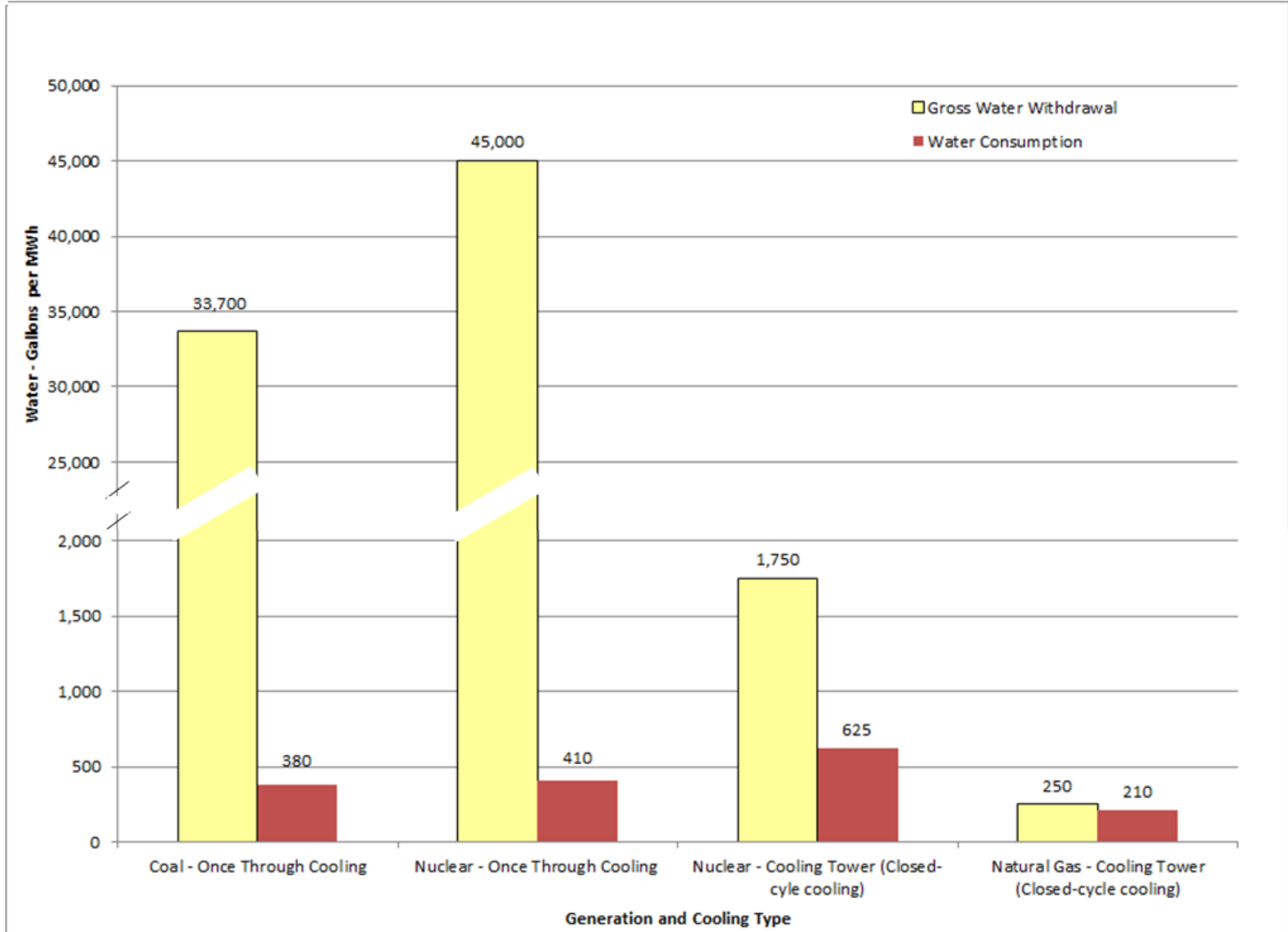
## ➤ Coal Plants

- Marshall (Norman, 2,180 MW)
- Allen (Wylie, 426 MW (3 units retired))
- Riverbend (Retired) (Mountain Island)

## ➤ Total Typical Water Use

- Gross withdrawal ~ 4 billion gallons per day (BGD)
- Consume ~ 67 million gallons per day (MGD) = less than 2%

# Gross Water Withdrawal and Consumption for Thermal Electric Generation Cooling (based on averages of representative Duke Energy power plants)



# What is an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)?

- An Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) explains how an electric utility will meet the projected peak demand and energy requirements of its customers in a cost-effective, reliable manner.
- IRP's balance multiple objectives including system reliability, environmental responsibility, and cost impacts.
  - Least-cost planning principles
  - Reliable resource portfolio
  - Manage risk through diverse resource mix
  - Reduce environmental impacts



# How is the IRP Developed?



- Changes in Load Forecast
- Impacts of Energy Efficiency (EE)
- Impacts of Renewable Energy

- Plant Retirement
- Purchase Power Contract Expiry

- Load Resource Balance
  - Inclusive of Reserve Margin
- Remaining Resource Gap

Portfolios	Portfolio Description
Deliver lowest cost	<b>Base case with no CO<sub>2</sub> prices</b> (Economic coal retirement dates)
	<b>Base Case with CO<sub>2</sub> Prices</b> (Economic coal retirement dates)
Close coal by 2030	<b>Earliest Practicable Coal Retirement</b> (All coal by 2030; Cliffside 6 100% gas)
Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> by 70%	<b>High Wind</b> (Aggressive build of carbon free resources: solar, batteries, on/off-shore wind)
	<b>High SMR (Small Modular Reactors)</b> (Aggressive build of carbon free resources: solar, batteries, on-shore wind, SMR)
No new gas generation	<b>No new gas under economic coal retirement dates</b>



**LEGEND:**

- Completely dependent
- Mostly dependent
- Moderately dependent
- Slightly dependent
- Not dependent

Portfolio	Base without Carbon Policy		Base with Carbon Policy		Earliest Practicable Coal Retirements		70% CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction: High Wind		70% CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction: High SMR		No New Gas Generation	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
System CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction (2030   2035) <sup>1</sup>	56%	53%	59%	62%	64%	64%	70%	73%	71%	74%	65%	73%
Present Value Revenue Requirement (PVRR) [\$B] <sup>2</sup>	\$79.8		\$82.5		\$84.1		\$100.5		\$95.5		\$108.1	
Estimated Transmission Investment Required [\$B] <sup>3</sup>	\$0.9		\$1.8		\$1.3		\$7.5		\$3.1		\$8.9	
Total Solar [MW] <sup>4, 5</sup> by 2035	8,650		12,300		12,400		16,250		16,250		16,400	
Incremental Onshore Wind [MW] <sup>4</sup> by 2035	0		750		1,350		2,850		2,850		3,150	
Incremental Offshore Wind [MW] <sup>4</sup> by 2035	0		0		0		2,650		250		2,650	
Incremental SMR Capacity [MW] <sup>4</sup> by 2035	0		0		0		0		1,350		700	
Incremental Storage [MW] <sup>4, 6</sup> by 2035	1,050		2,200		2,200		4,400		4,400		7,400	
Incremental Gas [MW] <sup>4</sup> by 2035	9,600		7,350		9,600		6,400		6,100		0	
Total Contribution from Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Initiatives [MW] <sup>7</sup> by 2035	2,050		2,050		2,050		3,350		3,350		3,350	
Remaining Dual Fuel Coal Capacity [MW] <sup>4, 8</sup> by 2035	3,050		3,050		0		0		0		2,200	
Coal Retirements	Most Economic		Most Economic		Earliest Practicable		Earliest Practicable <sup>9</sup>		Earliest Practicable <sup>9</sup>		Most Economic <sup>10</sup>	
Dependency on Technology & Policy Advancement												

<sup>1</sup>Combined DEC/DEP System CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions from 2005 baseline

<sup>2</sup>PVRRs exclude the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> as tax. Including CO<sub>2</sub> costs as tax would increase PVRRs by ~\$11-\$16B. The PVRRs were presented through 2050 to fairly evaluate the capital cost impact associated with differing service lives

<sup>3</sup>Represents an estimated nominal transmission investment; cost is included in PVRR calculation

<sup>4</sup>All capacities are Total/Incremental nameplate capacity within the IRP planning horizon

<sup>5</sup>Total solar nameplate capacity includes 3,925 MW connected in DEC and DEP combined as of year-end 2020 (projected)

<sup>6</sup>Includes 4-hr and 6-hr grid-tied storage, storage at solar plus storage sites, and pumped storage hydro

<sup>7</sup>Contribution of EE/DR (including Integrated Volt-Var Control (IVVC) and Distribution System Demand Response (DSDR)) in 2035 to peak winter planning hour

<sup>8</sup>Remaining coal units are capable of co-firing on natural gas, all coal units that rely exclusively on coal are retired by 2030

<sup>9</sup>Earliest Practicable retirement dates with delaying one (1) Belevs Creek unit and Roxboro 1&2 to EOY 2029 for integration of offshore wind/SMR by 2030

<sup>10</sup>Most Economic retirement dates with delaying Roxboro 1&2 to EOY 2029 for integration of offshore wind by 2030

- Existing Infrastructure
- Land
- Transmission
- Water
- Environment



- 2020 IRP Approval
  - SC required Duke Energy resubmit with lower renewables & higher fuel cost and pick a preferred Portfolio.
    - Duke selected Portfolio C
    - SC required a 2021 update (due Feb 2022) with portfolio A (w/lower renewables and higher fuel cost).
  - NC Approved but required an additional case with limited natural gas supplies with Portfolio B
    - Due February 2022
  
- NC Clean Energy Plan
  - Passed with bipartisan support from the general assembly and signed by Governor Cooper 10/21
  - Requires 70% CO2 reduction (from 2005 baseline) by 2030 and net Zero CO2 by 2050
  - Plan due to NC PUC May 16, 2022

# Questions?

