Investment trends in the Utility and Energy sectors

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**Summary** 

Zoom on Utilities trends and challenges

Zoom on Energy trends and challenges

## High performance in the next decade will requireaccenturecompanies to manage a high degree of uncertainty

#### 2020 Key Drivers of Global Change:



## ><br/>accentureThese changes will fuel a new investment wave in<br/>Energy Supply

2005 – 2030 world wide investment in Energy Supply: US\$ 20.2 tr (In 2005 dollars)



Over 50% investment in emerging countries, 18% in China





**accenture** Utilities – Dimensions of Change

		Dimensions of Change	Sub Components	Characteristics of the Coming Decade
<b>Dimensions of change:</b> (a framework used to assess the nature and extent of industry change)		Industry Structure and	Energy Supply Security and Independence	<ul> <li>Demand to increase in all regions</li> <li>Dependency on foreign energy supplies</li> <li>Energy efficiency policies</li> </ul>
			Market Restructuring and Deregulation	<ul> <li>Introducing competition increases market efficiency</li> </ul>
Industry Structure and	Industry Structure and Growth and		Mergers, Acquisitions and Joint Ventures	<ul> <li>A new wave of M&amp;A activity can be expected in the area of renewable energy as larger, primarily fossil-fuel operators, seek ways to reduce or offset emissions costs.</li> </ul>
Competitive Dynamics Capabilities and Operating Models Customer Needs and Buying Behavior	Investment Leadership, Talent and Capacity to Change	Growth and Investment	Increased Focus on Renewable Sources	<ul> <li>Climate change initiatives and legislation</li> <li>Technologies are improving</li> <li>Higher percentage of intermittent renewable generation and non-utility ownership</li> </ul>
			The Intelligent Grid	<ul> <li>Utilities must plan for and manage the exponential growth of operational technology devices to effectively realize the benefits of the intelligent grid.</li> </ul>
			Aging Assets	<ul> <li>Many utilities are operating assets nearly at or beyond their designed useful lives</li> </ul>
		Capabilities and Operating Model	Services	New sources of Revenues through Services
			Diversification in Trading	• Carbon • Renewables
		Leadership, Talent & Change Capacity	Aging Workforce	<ul> <li>Aging staff who are nearing retirement and lacking younger replacements</li> </ul>
			Knowledge and Skills	<ul> <li>Knowledge management and Skill development</li> </ul>
		Customer Needs and Buying Behavior	Environmental Concerns	<ul> <li>Changing regulatory sentiment and consumer attitudes</li> </ul>
			Energy Technology Consumerization	<ul> <li>Interest in end-user energy efficiency is creating market opportunities for new entrant</li> </ul>

Sources: Accenture, Gartner



As per the announced planned investments, the big European utilities are investing Euro 50 billion in Renewable power plants



- <sup>\*</sup> The companies considered in this sample are: EdF, E.ON, RWE, Vattenfall, GdF-Suez, Enel, Iberdrola, Atel, British Energy, Cez, EdP, Eni, Fortum, SSE, Statkraft and Verbund.
- \* Based on announced capex investments. Not all companies have announced investment plans till 2020

- Over the next ten years the leading European utilities will build/buy additional/replacement production plants for ~700 TWh
- Renewables will account for about 17% of the additional capacity, with wind (mainly onshore), biomass, and mini hydro accounting for 79% of total investment in Renewables
- For leading European utilities this would mean a 300% increase of Renewables in the energy mix from the current share
- Their expected investments in Renewables will be around Euro 50 billion

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Smart Grids will offer the flexibility required to include intermittent technologies, along with several other benefits



#### Key advantages of a Smart Grid

- Accommodates all generation and storage options
- · Optimizes assets and operates efficiently
- Smart meters for better outage management, distribution planning, load forecasting and demand-side management
- Self healing, flexible network that can more precisely monitor and control the power delivered to customers

#### Case Example

#### Xcel Energy SmartGridCity<sup>™</sup> in Boulder, Colorado

Xcel Energy, along with a consortium including Accenture, is currently developing and implementing a fully integrated "smart grid" power system. The main upgrades include:

- –Real-time, high-speed, two-way communication throughout the distribution grid
- -"Smart" substations capable of **remote monitoring**, near real-time data and optimized performance;
- -Potential to install In-home control devices to fully automate home energy use
- Integration of infrastructure to support easily dispatched distributed generation technologies
- -Support for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and intelligent-home appliances.



PHEVs are also seen as a major (r)evolution, offering new revenue streams to Utilities for an existing offering

#### **Economic potential**



Assumptions:

- Recharge cost €1.33/100km @ € 0.07 KWh
- Annual mileage of 18,000km

#### **Business Attractiveness**

- Big business evolution potential Minor modifications are required to current operations and home infrastructure
- Potential profit from load balancing, having to upgrade grid anyway
- Ability to leverage existing customer relationships
- Capture revenue generated from additional electricity usage without having obligations to any new partners
- Need mechanisms to manage charging as penetration increases
- Winners: early movers with control mechanisms

#### Key challenges going forward

- Predicting and controlling charging behavior
- Significant investments necessary to upgrade grid and build out capacity to enable large scale penetration of e-vehicles

#### **Required Core Capabilities**

- Control mechanisms in place
- Power trading capabilities
- Load balancing technology
- Influence standardization and regulation trends
- Developing strategic partnerships (with OEMs)

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Storage technology is another area where Utilities could potentially be actively involved, as from the R&D phase





 Battery technologies could be expanded for much larger applications, given the right level of R&D investment



#### Innovative risk management tools to manage intermittency risk in Renewables

- Hedge acquisition, construction and installation risk by developing capabilities for wind yield output calculations and risk identification for new offshore and onshore farms
- Use wind power indices (WPI) and related instruments to hedge against low wind output



- Develop a customized Wind Power Index which help translate wind speed into theoretical generation output
- Enter into suitable hedging agreements, based on the WPI E.g. in a zero-cost collar agreement, the buyer pays the generator if the defined WPI falls below the put strike and vice-versa if the WPI turns out above the call strike
- The payment in either case is equal to the number of units the weather index deviates from the strike times the tick size
- This hedge helps secure wind farm financing as the guaranteed minimum income is a security for creditors
- Develop risk management capabilities to deal with carbon price risk and increasing carbon regulation. The application of more sophisticated trading skills akin to those in the financial sector are required
- Restructure trading departments to reflect the rise of regional and interconnected markets and leverage economies of scale through centralized trading activities – E.g. German utility E.ON has announced plans to align its trading and power generation businesses "on more European lines in June 2007

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## **accenture** Energy – Dimensions of Change

		Dimensions of Change	Sub Components	Characteristics of the Coming Decade
Dimensions of change: (a framework used to assess the nature and		Industry Structure and Competitive Dynamics	Supply and demand fundamentals	<ul> <li>Multi-polar demand impact</li> <li>Increased volatility in oil/gas prices</li> <li>50/50 chance of supply crunch</li> </ul>
extent of industry change)			Industry structure	<ul> <li>NOC expansion/IOC partnership innovations</li> <li>Slowing industry consolidation</li> <li>Sovereign wealth and PE return</li> <li>Oil vs. Gas – Gas seen as "primary" transition fuel in move to clean alternatives</li> </ul>
Structure and Competitive	Growth and Investment		Regulation	<ul> <li>Clean energy/energy efficiency solutions due to stricter legislation</li> <li>Moves to limit speculators</li> </ul>
Capabilities and Operating Models Customer Needs and Buying Behavior		Growth and Investment	Portfolio & growth opp.	<ul> <li>Higher cost projects will be taken out of hiatus</li> <li>M&amp;A returns; organic growth remains a challenge</li> </ul>
	Leadership, Talent and Capacity to Change		Financing	<ul> <li>Higher oil prices reduce funding concerns</li> <li>Small/medium size firms face tight credit markets</li> </ul>
		Capabilities and Operating Model	Cost reduction	<ul> <li>Expectations for "sustained" lower cost environment</li> <li>"Operational excellence" across entire value chain</li> <li>Sophisticated sourcing models, value for money supplier relationships</li> </ul>
			Capability provision	<ul> <li>Retaining essential technical skills critical</li> <li>Advanced/new technologies viewed as "must haves"</li> </ul>
		Leadership, Talent & Change Capacity	Talent management	<ul> <li>Talent management remains concern - no quick fix</li> <li>Challenge to develop clean energy talent</li> <li>Optimizing knowledge transfer for the next generation</li> </ul>
			Knowledge management	
		Customer Needs and Buying Behavior	Fuel consumers	<ul><li>Fuel price remains key decision criterion</li><li>Emission reduction and energy efficiency solutions</li></ul>
			Oil & gas companies as customers	<ul> <li>Expectations for sustainable cost decreases</li> <li>Expect improved levels of quality and customer service</li> </ul>



A shift toward emerging markets, in terms of both demand and resource control is anticipated. Price volatility may also be a factor

## Supply/Demand Fundamentals

- Multi-polar demand impact
- Increased volatility in oil/gas prices
- Possibilities for supply crunch hinge on renewed pace of investment



World Hydrocarbon Liquids Consumption by Region (EIA)

## Industry Ownership

- NOC expansion continues; IOCs pursuing new forms of partnerships
- Re-alignment will slow
- Sovereign wealth funds and private equity return to market





Gas will assume the role of being a key transition fuel. Stricter regulations will affect everything from operations to product mix to trading

### **Oil versus Gas**

- Gas seen as "primary" transition fuel as world moves from hydrocarbons to clean alternatives
- Gas/pipeline/flex LNG development to intensify

   also need for CCS









## Regulation

- Accelerating moves toward "Clean" or "Renewables" but in absence of game-changing technology, hydrocarbons will still play major role
- Renewable/clean energy solutions will be beneficiaries of stricter legislation and downturn stimulus spend
- Green jobs; investment in clean energy R&D
- Energy efficiency/carbon reduction programs will be key to all energy industry players – expect limited exemptions
- Achieving global agreement on carbon targets will remain a challenge as emerging markets accelerate their economic recovery
- Moves to limit speculators will push traders to unregulated markets

   means global solution will be required



Interest in higher cost unconventional and clean energy projects will be renewed. Inorganic growth outweighs organic growth

## Portfolio and Growth Opportunities

- Higher cost projects will be taken out of hiatus once project economic improve and portfolios have been optimized
- M&A returns as lead lever for growth; organic growth remains a challenge
- R&D will attract significant funds as focus turns back toward Unconventionals and new energy

Price points: Oil and renewables





Expectations have been set for a sustained lower cost environment. Demonstration of value from suppliers will be key

## **Cost Reduction and Capability Provision**

- Expectations set for a "sustained" lower cost environment
- Manufacturing management mantras such as "lean", "six sigma", and "operational excellence" will take hold across entire value chain
- Procurement processes and global sourcing models
   will become increasingly sophisticated
- Relationships between energy firms and third party suppliers will focus more intently on demonstrating the delivery of tangible value
- "Business service centers" in places like Argentina, India, Malaysia and the Philippines will evolve into more than just "back-office" service providers
- Oil services firms will increasingly look to outsource non-essential operations
- All firms will be keen to retain essential technical skills
- Advanced technologies (e.g. digital oil fields of the future) will be viewed as "must haves" simply to compete and new technologies (ex. cloud computing) will raise the curiosity of CIOs



- Cost reductions of up to 40% sought by oil / gas firms
- BP and ExxonMobil have both announced reductions in the number of key suppliers consolidating service provision

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Sustainable, low-carbon solutions will be more widely sought. Oil/gas firms will look for better value, quality and service

### **Fuel Consumers**

- Fuel price remains key decision criterion
- Confluence of new environmental legislation, clean energy stimulus investment and industry restructuring (automotive; utilities) is establishing a world where emission reductions and energy efficiency are expected to be the new modus operandi
- Sustainable solutions will be sought by fuel consumers of all types

### **Oil/Gas Companies as Consumers**

- Expectations set for sustainable cost decreases across sector
- Additionally there will be expectations for improved levels of quality and customer service
- Tangible value delivered will be key metric

- California's recent adoption of motor vehicle fuel efficiency levels increasing by 40 percent by 2016
- Requirement by the Obama administration that bailout packages for the automotive industry be given in exchange for a commitment to the development of new clean energy transport technologies
- Adoption in South Africa of a final energy demand reduction of 12 percent by 2015
- Emergence of energy efficiency grants for businesses as well as homes in a large number of countries



General Motors says the rechargeable electric Chevrolet Volt, which it plans to release in late 2010, should get <u>230 miles per</u> <u>gallon</u> of gasoline in city driving.

- Industry cost levels have doubled since 2004, and have not followed falling oil price since mid-2008
- Longer term oil/gas service contracts result in lag of up to 2 years between oil/gas price reductions & service cost reductions







## **Utilities**

- Replacement wave of aging Generation and T&D assets
- Aging workforce and knowledge capital challenges
- Environmental legislation will force a shift in the Energy mix

### □ This will lead to:

- Increased M&A activity (e.g., Renewables)
- Investments in operational technology (e.g., Smart Grids, Storage, PHEV)
- A need for new skills & capabilities (e.g., Energy Services, distributed asset management, Carbon Trading, Risk Management)

## Energy

- Multi-polar demand and resource ownership shift
- Pressure on future growth and accessing hard to reach reserves
- □ Volatile oil and gas prices
- Climate change & environmental legislation – challenge from new/clean energy and impact on value chain, consumers and talent
- Gas taking up role as key hydrocarbon transition fuel
- Growing shortage of engineering and project management skills
- Expectations for a sustained level of cost reduction