

# ECONOMICAL AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT

## 1. Capital investment estimation

### Expenditure description

In contrast to fuel costs and O&M costs, which are continuous or repetitive in nature, an investment cost is a one-time cost.

According to Tab.1.1, the capital needed to purchase the land, build all the necessary facilities, and purchase and install the required machinery and equipment for a system is called *fixed-capital investment* (FCI). The fixed-capital investment represents the total system cost assuming a so-called overnight construction, that is a zero-time design and construction period. The *total capital investment* (TCI) is the sum of the fixed-capital investment and *other outlays* (OO).

Cost estimates for fixed-capital investment consist of two major cost elements: direct and indirect costs. *Direct costs* (DC) are the costs of all permanent equipment, materials, labour, and other resources involved in the fabrication, erection and installation of the permanent facilities. *Indirect costs* (DC) do not become a permanent part of the facilities but are required for the orderly completion of the project. Other outlays consist of startup costs, working capital, costs of licensing, research and development, allowance for funds used during construction (interest incurred during construction).

So the following equations can be written:

$$TCI=FCI+OO \quad (1.1)$$

(Total Capital Investment = Fixed Capital Investment + Other Outlays)

$$FCI=DC+IC \quad (1.2)$$

(Fixed Capital Investment =Direct Costs + Indirect Costs)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| <b>I) Fixed Capital Investment (FCI)</b>            |         |
| <u>Direct Costs (DC)</u>                            |         |
| 1. Onsite costs (ONSC)                              |         |
| • Purchased Equipment cost                          | (PEC)   |
| • Purchased Equipment installation                  | (PECI)  |
| • Piping  | (PIP)   |
| • Instrumentation and controls                      | (INCO)  |
| • Electrical equipment and materials                | (EEM)   |
| 2. Offsite costs (OFSC)                             |         |
| • Land  | (LAND)  |
| • Civil, structural, architectural work             | (CSAW)  |
| • Service facilities                                | (SF)    |
| <u>Indirect Costs (IC)</u>                          |         |
| 1. Engineering and supervision                      | (ES)    |
| 2. Construction Costs including contractor's profit | (COCO)  |
| 3. Contingencies                                    | (CO)    |
| <b>II) Other Outlays (OO)</b>                       |         |
| 1. Startup costs                                    | (SUC)   |
| 2. Working capital                                  | (WC)    |
| 3. Costs of licensing research, development         | (LDR)   |
| 4. Allowance for funds used during construction     | (AFUDC) |

Tab. 1.1 – Estimate of total capital investment (TCI)

## Financing

The money to cover the total capital requirement of an investment can come through the following sources:

- Borrowing capital, for instance, by selling bonds (debt financing)
- The sale of common and preferred stocks (equity financing)
- Existing funds of the company

Since a non-zero cost of money can be applied also to existing funds of the company, in the framework of GTPOM project just the first two types of financing have been considered. The available financing sources are:

1. Debt (d)
2. Preferred Stock (ps)
3. Common Equity (ce)

Every combination of such financing sources is possible.

The returns on debt and equity represent the amount that investors (stockholders and debtors, respectively) are paid for the use of their money. The average cost of money in a project depends on the fractions of the total capital requirement financed through debt, preferred stock and common stock and on the required return on each type of financing.

Debt return is considered to be deductible on tax calculation for the company.

Also during plant construction time interests will be paid to investors: such returns are called *Allowance for Funds Used During Construction* (AFUDC) and depend on the total capital investment distribution during all the construction period<sup>1</sup>. In such time interval each annual expenditure is supposed to be concentrated in the middle of the year. Thus, AFUDC for each type of financing can be calculated through the following equation:

$$AFUDC_{tp} = \sum_{I=1}^{con\_t} Alloc\_inv_{tp}(I) \cdot (1 + r_{tp})^{(con\_t - I + 0.5)} \quad (1.3)$$

where

“tp” type of financing: d,ps,ce

con\_t construction period

Alloc\_inv<sub>tp</sub>(I) investment fraction allocated in the I-th year of construction period  
(different in general for each type of financing)

r<sub>tp</sub> cost of money (depends on the type of financing)

Total AFUDC is given summing the interest for each type of financing:

$$AFUDC = AFUDC_d + AFUDC_{ps} + AFUDC_{ce}$$

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<sup>1</sup> Since just the working capital (WC) is charged at the end of the last year of construction, AFUDC is calculated basing on the distribution curve (given by the program user) of FCI+SUC+LDR, that is TCI-WC-AFUDC (see Tab.1).

### Depreciation and Total Capital Recovery calculation

Depreciation reflects the fact that the value of an asset tends to decrease with age (or use) due to physical deterioration, technological advances and other factors that ultimately will lead to the retirement of the asset. In addition, depreciation is a mechanism for repaying the original amount obtained from debt holders if debt is to be retired. Finally, depreciation is an important accounting concept serving to reduce taxes during plant operation: in that respect the asset life used for tax purposes (as determined by statute) could be shorter than the asset's anticipated economic life.

The *Total Depreciable Investment* (TDI), that must be recovered during the system economic life, can be expressed as follows

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$$TDI = TCI - (LAND + WC + AFUDC_{ce}) \quad (1.4)$$

*Working capital* (WC) and cost of land are not recovered during the system economic life since they are considered to be recovered as common equity at the end of the book life<sup>2</sup>.  $AFUDC_{ce}$ , that is the interest paid to common equities during the construction period, is not accounted by tax depreciation: in that respect it is at the moment subtracted from TDI but will be later added with the term "RCEAF" (*Recovery of Common Equity Allowance Funds*), as shown by eq.1.9.

The annual *Book Depreciation* (BD) is calculated basing on TDI:

$$BD_j = [TDI - (\text{Salvage})] \cdot f_j \quad (1.5)$$

where

"Salvage" is the salvage value of the property at the end of system economic life

$f_j$  is the depreciation factor at the j-th year of book life

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<sup>2</sup> Land and working capital (raw materials and fuel stocks), that is always renewed during plant life, do not depreciate.

With respect to  $f_j$ , there are many methods for depreciating the value of an asset. Tab.1.2 summarises the mathematical relationships that can be used to calculate the depreciation allocation and the cumulative depreciation at the end of a year of the property life.

|    | <b>Method</b>                             | $f_j$                                       | $\sum_{z=1}^j f_z$                  |
|----|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Straight line                             | $1/n$                                       | $j/n$                               |
| 2. | Sum-of-the-years digits                   | $2/n \cdot (n+1-j)/(n+1)$                   | $j \cdot (2n+1-j)/[n(n+1)]$         |
| 3. | Double declining balance ( $n \geq 3$ ) * | $2/n \cdot [(n-2)/n]^{j-1}$                 | $1 - [(n-2)/n]^j$                   |
| 4. | 125% declining balance *                  | $1.25/n \cdot [(n-1.25)/n]^{j-1}$           | $1 - [(n-1.25)/n]^j$                |
| 5. | Sinking fund                              | $r_i \cdot (1+r_i)^{j-1} / [(1+r_i)^n - 1]$ | $[(1+r_i)^j - 1] / [(1+r_i)^n - 1]$ |

( $n$ =book life=plant economic life;  $r_i$  = interest rate - inflation rate;  $z$ = attained age of the property [1, $n$ ])

\* These two methods require a salvage value of the property at the end of the economic life equal to zero.

Tab. 1.2 – Summary of depreciation methods

*Tax Depreciation* (TXD) at the  $j$ -th year of the asset tax life can be obtained with the following formula:

$$TXD_j = TDI \cdot f_{tx_j} \quad (1.6)$$

where  $f_{tx_j}$  is the annual tax depreciation factor at the  $j$ -th year of plant tax life: in general, it is different from the previous  $f_j$ .

Since a difference between the annual tax depreciation (TXD) and the annual book depreciation (BD) usually exists, the *Deferred Income Taxes* (DITX) can be defined:

$$DITX_j = (TXD_j - BD_j) \cdot t \quad (1.7)$$

where  $t$  is the average income tax rate.

The common equity allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC<sub>ce</sub>) which is not considered in the total depreciable investment (TDI, eq.1.4) is recovered using the annual *Recovery of Common Equity Allowance Funds* (RCEAF), which is defined, in accordance with book depreciation (BD), as:

$$RCEAF_j = AFUDC_{ce} \cdot f_j \quad (1.8)$$

The *Total Capital Recovery* (TCR) for the  $j$ -th year of book life is the sum of book depreciation (eq.1.5), deferred income taxes (eq.1.7) and recovery of common equity allowance funds (eq.1.8):

$$TCR_j = BD_j + DITX_j + RCEAF_j \quad (1.9)$$

The sum of total annual capital recovery values plus working capital and cost of land is equal to the total plant investment.

### Returns on Equity and Debt

The total capital investment (TCI) is distributed at the beginning of the first year of book life among debt, preferred stock and common equity with specified financing fractions (named respectively  $ff_d$ ,  $ff_{ps}$ ,  $ff_{ce}$ ). This assumption determines the balances at the beginning of the first year ( $BBY_{1,tp}$ ) for each type of financing:

$$BBY_{x,1} = TCI \cdot ff_x \quad x = d, ps, ce \quad (1.10)$$

It is assumed further that deferred taxes are distributed among each type of financing according to the corresponding fraction. Adjustments (ADJ) becomes necessary in order to account deferred income taxes (DITX) into calculation of the balances at the beginning of the  $j$ -th year ( $BBY_{x,j}$ ):

$$ADJ_{x,j} = DITX_j \cdot ff_x \quad x = d, ps \quad (1.11)$$

$$ADJ_{ce,j} = DITX_j \cdot ff_{ce} + RCEAF_j \quad (1.12)$$

The adjustments for common equity ( $ADJ_{ce}$ ) also includes the recovery of common equity allowance for funds used during construction.

The balance at the beginning of the  $j$ -th year ( $BBY_{x,j}$ ) for each type of financing is:

$$BBY_{x,j} = BBY_{x,j-1} - (ff_x \cdot BD_{j-1} + ADJ_{x,j-1}) \quad x = d, ps, ce \quad (1.13)$$

The balance at the beginning of the year immediately following the last year of operation is zero for debt and preferred stock but equal to the value of land and working capital for common equity.

According to the total revenue requirement method of economic analysis, the depreciation funds are assumed to be used to pay back investors for the principal. This assumption is used because it helps to compare alternative investments. In an expanding company, however, these funds would likely be reinvested.

For each investment type, the *return on investment* (ROI) calculation for any year of the system operation is based on the outstanding investment: the balance at the beginning of the year (BBY) for the corresponding investment. That is, the return on investment for year  $j$  is:

$$ROI_{x,j} = BBY_{x,j} \cdot r_x \quad x=d,ps,ce \quad (1.14)$$

where  $r_x$  is the annual nominal rate of return for the  $x$ -th investment type.

### Taxes and Insurance

The annual sum of taxes (property taxes), without the annual *income taxes* (ITX), and insurance costs (OTXI) may be calculated as a constant percentage ( $f_{OTXI}$ ) of the plant facilities investment, that is the fixed capital investment (FCI) less the cost of land:

$$OTXI_j = f_{OTXI} \cdot (FCI - LAND) \quad (1.15)$$

The underlying assumption is that, since property taxes increase with time and insurance costs decrease with time, the sum of the two remains constant..

In order to calculate the annual income tax (ITX), the annual *taxable income* (TXI) must be determined first. It can be evaluated by subtracting annual tax-deductible expenditures from the annual *total revenue requirement* (TRR).

The total revenue requirement (TRR) is equal to the sum of the following nine annual amounts: total capital recovery (TCR); minimum return on investment (ROI) for common equity, preferred stock and debt; income taxes (ITX); other taxes and insurance (OTXI); fuel costs and supply materials (FuelC); operating and maintenance costs (O&MC); environmental costs (EnvC, costs for the emissions of pollutants):

$$TRR_j = TCR_j + ROI_{d,j} + ROI_{ps,j} + ROI_{ce,j} + OTXI_j + ITX_j + O\&MC_j + FuelC_j + EnvC_j \quad (1.16)$$

To calculate the annual taxable income (TXI), the tax-deductible expenditures for the  $j$ -th year of operation consist of interest on debt ( $ROI_{d,j}$ ), other taxes and insurance ( $OTXI_j$ ), fuel costs ( $FuelC_j$ ), operating and maintenance costs ( $O\&MC_j$ ), environmental costs ( $EnvC_j$ ) and tax depreciation ( $TXD_j$ ):

$$TXI_j = (TCR_j + ROI_{d,j} + ROI_{ps,j} + ROI_{ce,j} + OTXI_j + ITX_j + O\&MC_j + FuelC_j + EnvC_j) - (ROI_{d,j} + OTXI_j + FuelC_j + O\&MC_j + EnvC_j + TXD_j) \quad (1.17)$$

The eq.1.17 becomes:

$$TXI_j = TCR_j + ROI_{ce,j} + ROI_{ps,j} + ITX_j - TXD_j \quad (1.18)$$

where  $TXD_j$  is found using eq.1.6. Note that the income taxes to be paid during the  $j$ -th year ( $ITX_j$ ) are part of the same year's taxable income ( $TXI_j$ ). The income taxes are:

$$ITX = t \cdot TXI \quad (1.19)$$

where  $t$  is the average income tax rate.

Equations 1.18 and 1.19 lead to the following expression for  $ITX$ :

$$ITX_j = t/(1-t) \cdot (TCR_j + ROI_{ps,j} + ROI_{ce,j} - TXD_j) \quad (1.20)$$

Combining equations 1.9 and 1.20, the following relation can be obtained:

$$ITX_j = t/(1-t) \cdot (ROI_{ps,j} + ROI_{ce,j} + RCEAF_j) - DITX_j \quad (1.21)$$

Eq. 1.20 and 1.21 can be used alternatively for calculating the income taxes of the  $j$ -th year.

It should be noted that  $ITX_j$  are the income taxes for annual revenue equal to the total revenue requirement (TRR): if greater revenues are collected, additional income taxes must be paid (see eq.2.2).

### Total Revenue Requirement

The already mentioned *Total Revenue Requirement* (TRR, eq.1.16) represents the minimum acceptable revenue for the plant at each year of its operating life. It can be divided in two major addends: annual fixed capital costs ( $A_{TRRj}$ ) and annual variable costs ( $B_{TRRj}$ ):

$$TRR_j = A_{TRRj} + B_{TRRj} \quad (1.22)$$



where:

$$A_{\text{TRR}j} = \text{TCR}_j + \text{ROI}_{d,j} + \text{ROI}_{\text{ps},j} + \text{ROI}_{\text{ce},j}$$

$$B_{\text{TRR}j} = \text{OTXI}_j + \text{ITX}_j + \text{O\&MC}_j + \text{FuelC}_j + \text{EnvC}_j$$

Eq.1.22 is equivalent to eq.1.16.

All the variable costs (fuel, supply materials, O&M) and revenues are escalated at the end of each year of plant operating life.

Other taxes (property taxes) and insurance costs (OTXI) have been included in the term “ $B_{\text{TRR}j}$ ” just to better define the parameters for investment analysis, explained in the next paragraph.

## 2. Profitability evaluation of investment

Before capital is invested in a project, it is necessary to estimate the expected profit from the investment. Most capital expenditure decisions involve choosing the “best” of a number of alternative solutions that, often, are mutually exclusive. Thus, calculating the profitability of an investment and choosing the best alternative are important objectives of an economic analysis. In profitability calculations profits and costs that will occur in the future will be considered, so that the associated risks and uncertainties may be significant. However, the analysis of investments and decisions under risk and uncertainty is outside the scope of GTPOM project: in that respect, a *deterministic investment analysis* has been implemented inside the economic module.

Before presenting the most significant parameters for investment profitability evaluation, calculation of the annual gross and net profit is necessary. Considering the  $j$ -th year of plant operating life, the annual *gross profit* ( $GP_j$ ) is found by subtracting the annual *total revenue requirement* ( $TRR_j$ ) to the annual *revenue* ( $Rv_j$ ) that is collected by selling plant products (electricity and heat):

$$GP_j = Rv_j - TRR_j \quad (2.1)$$

Annual *net profit* ( $NP_j$ ) is:

$$NP_j = GP_j \cdot (1-t) \quad (2.2)$$

where  $t$  is the average income tax rate.

Finally, the sum of net profit ( $NP_j$ ) and total capital recovery ( $TCR_j$ ) gives the annual *net cash flow* ( $CFN_j$ ):

$$CFN_j = NP_j + TCR_j \quad (2.3)$$

Sometimes net cash flow  $CFN$  is also called “contribution”.

Now, the following parameters can be defined:

### Average rate of return (ARR)

$$ARR = \overline{NP} / TCI \quad (2.4)$$

The *average rate of return* (ARR) on the initial investments is the ratio between the average annual net profit ( $\overline{NP}$ ) and the total capital investment (TCI), including working capital (WC). Although the average rate of return method is sometimes used to evaluate

and compare projects, it could give misleading results because the time value of money is not included in the calculation.

### **Payback Period (PBP)**

$$TCI = \sum_{j=1}^{PBP} CFN_j \quad (2.5)$$

The *payback period* (PBP) is defined as the length of time required for the cash inflows received from a project to recover the original cash outlays required by the initial investment. Mathematically it is defined by eq.2.5, where “PBP” can also be a fractional number of years (3.4, 3.8, 4.2, etc...).

The payback period is often used as a limit rather than as a direct criterion. However, such a method may be used to rank various project alternatives: those with the shortest payback periods are given the highest preference. Although this parameter is quite popular, it does not consider the time value of money and discriminates against long-lived projects.

### **Discounted Payback Period (DPBP)**

$$TCI = \sum_{j=1}^{PBP} [CFN_j / (1 + r_{DPBP})^j] \quad (2.6)$$

The *discounted payback period* (DPBP) is defined similarly to payback period, but the annual net cash flows are discounted with a specific discount rate ( $r_{DPBP}$ ) to the last year of construction. The discounted payback period has the same features of payback period with, in addition, the consideration of the time value of money. In that respect, it is a more complete parameter to compare different project solutions.

### **Net Present Value (NPV)**

$$NPV = \sum_{j=1}^{BL} [CFN_j / (1 + r_{NPV})^j] - TCI \quad (2.7)$$

The *net present value* (NPV) of an investment is defined as the difference between the sum of all discounted net cash flows and the initial total capital investment (TCI). The net present value can be either positive or negative: the projects with negative present values should be rejected and the projects with the highest net present values should be given the highest preference.

Net present value method accounts for time value of money through the discount rate  $r_{NPV}$  that is, in general, different from the inflation rate. In fact, it implies that each net cash flow at the end of each time period is re-invested at an annual rate of return equal to  $r_{NPV}$ .<sup>3</sup>

### Benefit-Cost Ratio Method

Three benefit-cost ratios that can be use to evaluate the profitability of an investment are:

$$\text{Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR)} \quad \text{BCR} = (\text{NPV} + \text{TCI}) / \text{TCI} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\text{Net Benefit-Cost Ratio (NBCR)} \quad \text{NBCR} = \text{NPV} / \text{TCI} = \text{BCR} - 1 \quad (2.9)$$

$$\text{Eckstein Benefit-Cost Ratio (EBCR)}$$

$$\text{EBCR} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\text{BL}} [\text{RV}_j / (1 + r_{\text{EBCR}})^j]}{\text{TCI} + \sum_{j=1}^{\text{BL}} [\text{B}_{\text{TRR}j} / (1 + r_{\text{EBCR}})^j]} \quad (2.10)$$

The benefit-cost ratio method provides a criterion based on the net present value (or the present value of net cash inflows) per unit of initial investment, which is a criterion expressing the cost efficiency of a project. In decision making, however, there is no particular advantage in using the benefit-cost ratio method over the net-present-value method.

### Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\text{BL}} [\text{CFN}_j / (1 + \text{IRR})^j] - \text{TCI} = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

Both the net present value and benefit-cost methods use an interest rate that is usually based on the company's cost of money but is external to the specific project being considered. The *internal rate of return* (IRR) method seeks to avoid the arbitrary choice of an interest rate; instead, it calculates an interest rate, initially unknown, that is internal to the project: in eq.2.11 the internal rate of return IRR is the unknown variable and has to be found iteratively. The projects with the highest internal rates of return are given the highest preference.

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<sup>3</sup> This consideration is valid for all the parameters that accounts for time value of money and use a discount rate.

The internal rate of return does not express the rate of return of the initial investment. It represents instead the rate of interest earned on the time-varying, unrecovered balances of an investment such that the final investment balance is zero at the end of the project life.

### **Cumulative curves**

In addition to the previous parameters, it can be useful to look at the following two cumulative curves:

- Net Cash Flow cumulative curves

During the construction period it is negative till the value “-TCI”. When the plant starts operating, its slope becomes positive and it comes to zero after a time interval equal to the payback period (PBP).

- Discounted Net Cash Flow cumulative curves

During the construction period it is negative till the value “-TCI”. When the plant starts operating, its slope becomes positive and it comes to zero after a time interval equal to the discounted payback period (DPBP).

### 3. Economic analysis options

#### Current money / Constant money

The *real interest rate (real discount rate)* is the money paid for the use of capital that does not include an adjustment for the anticipated general price-inflation rate in the economy. This adjustment is included, however, in the *nominal interest rate (nominal discount rate)*. The relationship between the real interest rate ( $r_r$ ) and the nominal interest rate ( $r_n$ ) is:

$$(1+r_n)=(1+r_i) ( 1+r_r) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $r_i$  is the general inflation rate.

An economic analysis can be conducted either in *current money* by including the effect of inflation in projections of capital expenditures, fuel costs, O&M costs, or in *constant money* by excluding inflation and considering only real escalation rate in cost projections and the real cost of money. In general, a current-money analysis gives the impression that the project being analysed is more costly than we would expect on today's cost values, whereas a constant money analysis presents the project as less costly than it ultimately will be. The choice between the two different methods depends on the purpose of the analysis. Short and middle term studies (less than 10 years) can be performed and presented in current money. Longer-term studies may be presented in constant money so that the effect of many years of inflation does not distort the resulting cost analysis.

The constant money method requires the definition of two quantities:

- Discount rate ( $r$ )
- Zero-year ( $zy$ ) : the year which all the amounts of money will be discounted to using the discount rate  $r$

The discount rate is usually taken equal to or greater than the inflation rate  $r_i$ . Typical zero-years, concerning power plants, can be the present year, the first construction year, the last construction year, the first operating year.

If  $\Phi_j$  is a general quantity at the  $j$ -th year, like  $TCR_j$ ,  $ROI_j$ ,  $TRR_j$ , the relationship between its value in a current money analysis and in a constant money analysis is the following:

$$\Phi_j^{\text{const}} = \Phi_j^{\text{curr}} / (1+r)^{j-zy} \quad (3.2)$$

All the previous equations (1.1-1.22 and 2.1-2.11) are valid in both cases of current or constant money analysis if instead of nominal discount rates real discount rates are used.

### Levelisation

The concept of levelisation is general and is defined as the use of time-value-of-money arithmetic to convert a series of varying quantities to a financially equivalent constant quantity (annuity) over a specified time interval (i.e.  $n$  years), through a discount rate  $r_{LEV}$ . If  $P_j$  represents the variable quantity at the  $j$ -th year and  $A$  is the equivalent annuity, the following equation can be written:

$$P_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n [A/(1+r_{LEV})^j] = \sum_{j=0}^n P_j/(1+r_{LEV})^j \quad (3.3)$$

Subtracting  $P_0$  from both sides, eq.3.3 becomes:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n [A/(1+r_{LEV})^j] = \sum_{j=1}^n P_j/(1+r_{LEV})^j \quad (3.4)$$

From eq.3.4 the annuity  $A$  can be obtained as follows:

$$A = [\sum_{j=1}^n P_j/(1+r_{LEV})^j] / [\sum_{j=1}^n 1/(1+r_{LEV})^j] \quad (3.5)$$

$A$  is the levelised value of the variable quantities  $P_j$  in the time interval of  $n$  years, through the discount rate  $r_{LEV}$ .

If  $P_j$  increases during the years with a fixed nominal escalation rate  $r_n$ , it is possible to find a simpler formula equivalent to eq.3.5.

If  $k$  is defined as follows:

$$k = (1+r_n)/(1+r_i) \quad (3.6)$$

where  $r_i$  is the general inflation rate, it can be demonstrated that eq.3.5 becomes:

$$A = P_0 \cdot k \cdot \frac{(1-k^n)}{(1-k)} \cdot \frac{r_i \cdot (1+r_i)^n}{(1+r_i)^n - 1} \quad (3.7)$$

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**Acronyms**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| ADJ   | Adjustment                                   |
| AFUDC | Allowance for Funds Used During Construction |
| ARR   | Average rate of return                       |
| BBY   | Balance Beginning Year                       |
| BCR   | Benefit-Cost Ratio                           |
| BD    | Book Depreciation                            |
| BL    | Book Life.                                   |
| CFN   | Net Cash Flow                                |
| CO    | Contingencies                                |
| COCO  | Construction Costs                           |
| CSAW  | Civil structural and architectural work      |
| DITX  | Deferred Income Taxes                        |
| DC    | Direct Costs                                 |
| DPBP  | Discounted Payback Period                    |
| EBCR  | Eckstein Benefit-Cost Ratio                  |
| EEM   | Electrical equipment and materials           |
| EnvC  | Environmental costs                          |
| ES    | Engineering and supervision                  |
| FCI   | Fixed capital investment                     |
| FuelC | fuel and supply material costs               |
| GP    | Gross profit                                 |
| IC    | Indirect Costs                               |
| INCO  | Instrumentation and Controls                 |
| IRR   | Internal rate of return                      |
| ITX   | Income Taxes                                 |
| LAND  | cost of land                                 |
| LDR   | costs of Licensing, Development and Research |
| NBCR  | Net Benefit-Cost Ratio                       |
| NP    | Net Profit                                   |
| NPV   | Net Present Value                            |
| O&MC  | Operating and Maintenance costs              |
| OFSC  | Off-Site Costs                               |
| ONSC  | On-Site Costs                                |
| OO    | Other Outlays                                |
| OTXI  | Other Taxes and Insurance                    |
| PBP   | Payback Period                               |
| PEC   | Purchased Equipment Cost                     |
| PECI  | Purchased Equipment Cost Installation        |
| PIP   | Piping                                       |
| RCEAF | Recover Common Equity Allowance Funds        |
| ROI   | Return On Investment                         |
| SF    | Service Facilities                           |
| SUC   | Startup Costs                                |



|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| TCI | Total Capital Investment     |
| TCR | Total Capital Recovery       |
| TDI | Total Depreciable Investment |
| TL  | Tax Life                     |
| TRR | Total Revenue Requirement    |
| TXD | Tax Depreciation             |
| TXI | Taxable Income               |
| WC  | Working Capital              |

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# THERMAL DESIGN AND OPTIMIZATION

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subscript  $ps$ ) and debt (subscript  $d$ ); income taxes (TTX); other taxes and insurance (OTXD); fuel costs (FC); and operating and maintenance costs (OMC):

$$RR_j = TCR_j + ROI_{j,ae} + ROI_{j,ps} + ROI_{j,d} \quad (9)$$

$$(1) \quad (2) \quad (3) \quad (4)$$

$$+ ITX_j + OTXI_j + FC_j + OMC_j \quad (7.40)$$

$$(5) \quad (6) \quad (7) \quad (8)$$

The subscript  $j$  refers to the  $j$ th year of system operation. The numbers given show each term of Equation 7.40 key the variables to the categories of Figure 3. If the actual annual revenues exceed the annual TRR value calculated from Equation 7.40, the actual rate of return on equity becomes higher than the minimum value assumed in the calculation.

The *year-by-year analysis*, which illustrates the projected costs and revenue requirements for every year of the system economic life, is used to calculate the levelized revenue requirement and the levelized cost of the main product. In addition, this analysis is very useful for comparing technical alternatives (see Section 7.5). The cogeneration system considered previously will be used to demonstrate the year-by-year analysis. The results are summarized in Table 12 in which each column numbered 1 through 9 corresponds to a term of Equation 7.40. The following sections provide details concerning the calculation of the values provided by these columns of data. Additional examples are given in References 1, 19, 20.

### 3.1 Total Capital Recovery

The net investment must be recovered during the system economic life. Table 3 shows the year-by-year calculation of the total capital recovery for the cogeneration system. Column D of this table corresponds to column 1 of Table 7.12. The annual book depreciation (BD), shown in column A of Table 3, is calculated from the book life (BL) and the total depreciable investment (TDI) using the straight-line method:

$$BD_j = \frac{TDI}{BL}, \quad j = 1, \dots, BL \quad (7.41)$$

The index  $j$  refers to the  $j$ th year of book life. The deferred income taxes (DITX) for the  $j$ th year of tax life (TL), shown in column B of Table 7.13, are based on the difference between the annual tax depreciation (TXD), found in Equation 7.37a and Table 7.11 (using the MACRS method), and the annual book depreciation (BD), determined using Equation 7.41:

$$DITX_j = (TXD_j - BD_j)k, \quad j = 1, \dots, TL + 1 \quad (7.42)$$

Table 7.12 Year-by-year revenue requirement analysis for the cogeneration system (all values are round numbers given in thousand dollars)

| Year | (1)<br>Calendar<br>Year | (2)<br>Capital<br>Recovery | (3)<br>Return on<br>Common<br>Equity | (4)<br>Preferred<br>Stock<br>Dividends | (5)<br>Interest<br>on Debt | (6)<br>Income<br>Taxes | (7)<br>Other<br>Taxes and<br>Insurance | (8)<br>Fuel Cost | (9)<br>O&M<br>Costs | Total<br>Revenue<br>Requirement<br>(current<br>dollars) | Total<br>Revenue<br>Requirement<br>(constant<br>dollars) |
|------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 1    | 1998                    | 2,533                      | 2,808                                | 939                                    | 2,674                      | 2,363                  | 885                                    | 8,336            | 4,981               | 25,517  | 20,993   |
| 2    | 1999                    | 3,362                      | 2,688                                | 892                                    | 2,540                      | 1,432                  | 885                                    | 8,836            | 5,230               | 25,865  | 20,266   |
| 3    | 2000                    | 3,187                      | 2,526                                | 830                                    | 2,365                      | 1,470                  | 885                                    | 9,366            | 5,491               | 26,120  | 19,491   |
| 4    | 2001                    | 3,030                      | 2,372                                | 772                                    | 2,199                      | 1,497                  | 885                                    | 9,928            | 5,766               | 26,448  | 18,796   |
| 5    | 2002                    | 2,888                      | 2,227                                | 716                                    | 2,040                      | 1,515                  | 885                                    | 10,524           | 6,054               | 26,849  | 18,172   |
| 6    | 2003                    | 2,760                      | 2,089                                | 663                                    | 1,889                      | 1,527                  | 885                                    | 11,155           | 6,357               | 27,323  | 17,613   |
| 7    | 2004                    | 2,699                      | 1,958                                | 612                                    | 1,744                      | 1,476                  | 885                                    | 11,825           | 6,674               | 27,872  | 17,111   |
| 8    | 2005                    | 2,699                      | 1,830                                | 562                                    | 1,602                      | 1,367                  | 885                                    | 12,534           | 7,008               | 28,486  | 16,655   |
| 9    | 2006                    | 2,701                      | 1,702                                | 512                                    | 1,460                      | 1,256                  | 885                                    | 13,286           | 7,359               | 29,160  | 16,237   |
| 10   | 2007                    | 2,699                      | 1,574                                | 462                                    | 1,318                      | 1,149                  | 885                                    | 14,083           | 7,726               | 29,896  | 15,854   |
| 11   | 2008                    | 2,701                      | 1,446                                | 413                                    | 1,176                      | 1,038                  | 885                                    | 14,928           | 8,113               | 30,699  | 15,505   |
| 12   | 2009                    | 2,699                      | 1,318                                | 363                                    | 1,034                      | 931                    | 885                                    | 15,824           | 8,518               | 31,571  | 15,186   |
| 13   | 2010                    | 2,701                      | 1,190                                | 313                                    | 892                        | 820                    | 885                                    | 16,773           | 8,944               | 32,518  | 14,897   |
| 14   | 2011                    | 2,699                      | 1,062                                | 263                                    | 749                        | 713                    | 885                                    | 17,780           | 9,392               | 33,542  | 14,634   |
| 15   | 2012                    | 2,701                      | 934                                  | 213                                    | 607                        | 602                    | 885                                    | 18,847           | 9,861               | 34,650  | 14,398   |
| 16   | 2013                    | 2,155                      | 806                                  | 163                                    | 465                        | 1,039                  | 885                                    | 19,977           | 10,354              | 35,845  | 14,185   |
| 17   | 2014                    | 1,612                      | 707                                  | 123                                    | 351                        | 1,496                  | 885                                    | 21,176           | 10,872              | 37,221  | 14,028   |
| 18   | 2015                    | 1,612                      | 636                                  | 92                                     | 263                        | 1,434                  | 885                                    | 22,447           | 11,415              | 38,784  | 13,921   |
| 19   | 2016                    | 1,612                      | 565                                  | 62                                     | 175                        | 1,372                  | 885                                    | 23,793           | 11,986              | 40,450  | 13,828   |
| 20   | 2017                    | 1,612                      | 494                                  | 31                                     | 88                         | 1,310                  | 885                                    | 25,221           | 12,586              | 42,225  | 13,747   |

**Table 7.13** Year-by-year capital-recovery schedule for the cogeneration system (all values are round numbers and are given in thousand dollars)

| Year of Commercial Operation     | Calendar Year | (A)                      |                       | (B)                             |                        | (C) |  | (D) |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----|--|-----|--|
|                                  |               | Annual Book Depreciation | Deferred Income Taxes | Recovery of Common Equity AFUDC | Total Capital Recovery |     |  |     |  |
| 1                                | 1998          | 2,424                    | 0                     | 109                             | 2,533                  |     |  |     |  |
| 2                                | 1999          | 2,424                    | 829                   | 109                             | 3,362                  |     |  |     |  |
| 3                                | 2000          | 2,424                    | 654                   | 109                             | 3,187                  |     |  |     |  |
| 4                                | 2001          | 2,424                    | 497                   | 109                             | 3,030                  |     |  |     |  |
| 5                                | 2002          | 2,424                    | 356                   | 109                             | 2,888                  |     |  |     |  |
| 6                                | 2003          | 2,424                    | 227                   | 109                             | 2,760                  |     |  |     |  |
| 7                                | 2004          | 2,424                    | 166                   | 109                             | 2,699                  |     |  |     |  |
| 8                                | 2005          | 2,424                    | 166                   | 109                             | 2,699                  |     |  |     |  |
| 9                                | 2006          | 2,424                    | 168                   | 109                             | 2,701                  |     |  |     |  |
| 10                               | 2007          | 2,424                    | 166                   | 109                             | 2,699                  |     |  |     |  |
| 11                               | 2008          | 2,424                    | 168                   | 109                             | 2,701                  |     |  |     |  |
| 12                               | 2009          | 2,424                    | 166                   | 109                             | 2,699                  |     |  |     |  |
| 13                               | 2010          | 2,424                    | 168                   | 109                             | 2,701                  |     |  |     |  |
| 14                               | 2011          | 2,424                    | 166                   | 109                             | 2,699                  |     |  |     |  |
| 15                               | 2012          | 2,424                    | 168                   | 109                             | 2,701                  |     |  |     |  |
| 16                               | 2013          | 2,424                    | -378                  | 109                             | 2,155                  |     |  |     |  |
| 17                               | 2014          | 2,424                    | -921                  | 109                             | 1,612                  |     |  |     |  |
| 18                               | 2015          | 2,424                    | -921                  | 109                             | 1,612                  |     |  |     |  |
| 19                               | 2016          | 2,424                    | -921                  | 109                             | 1,612                  |     |  |     |  |
| 20                               | 2017          | 2,424                    | 0                     | 109                             | 1,612                  |     |  |     |  |
| Subtotal                         |               | 48,475                   |                       | 109                             | 50,660                 |     |  |     |  |
| Cost of land and working capital |               |                          |                       |                                 | 2,820                  |     |  |     |  |
| Total investment                 |               |                          |                       |                                 | 53,480                 |     |  |     |  |

Note: Cost of land and working capital are recovered as common equity at the end of economic life.

where  $t$  is the total income tax rate. The deferred income taxes for the years (TL + 2) through BL are obtained from

$$DITX_j = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{TL+1} DITX_k}{BL - (TL + 1)}, \quad j = TL + 2, \dots, BL \quad (7.43)$$

The common-equity allowance for funds used during construction (CEAF), which is not considered in the net depreciable investment, is recovered using a constant annual amount (RCEAF), shown in column C of Table 7.13, and obtained through

where CEAF is the common-equity AFUDC at the end of the design and construction period, Table 7.10.

The total capital recovery (TCR) for the  $j$ th year of book life is the sum of book depreciation (Equation 7.41), deferred income taxes (Equations 7.42 and 7.43), and recovery of the common-equity AFUDC (Equation 7.44):

$$TCR_j = BD_j + DITX_j + RCEAF_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, BL \quad (7.45)$$

The TCR values are shown in column D of Table 7.13 and column 1 of Table 7.12. As Table 7.13 shows, the sum of total annual capital recovery values plus working capital and cost of land is equal to the total plant investment. Working capital and cost of land are not recovered during the system economic life and appear as common equity at the end of the book life, as shown in the last common equity balance of Table 7.14.

### 7.3.2 Returns on Equity and Debt

Table 7.14 shows the year-by-year distribution of capital recovery among debt, preferred stock, and common equity for the cogeneration system. With the aid of this table we calculate the balance at the beginning of each year for each type of financing. This balance is the basis for obtaining the returns on equity and the debt interest in Table 7.12, columns 2-4.

The year-by-year distribution of capital recovery (Table 7.14) is obtained as follows: The total net investment (TNI) is distributed at the beginning of the first year of book life among debt, preferred stock, and common equity using the corresponding financing fractions (Table 7.9)  $f_d$  ( $=0.5$ ),  $f_{ps}$  ( $=0.15$ ), and  $f_{ce}$  ( $=0.35$ ), where the subscripts  $d$ ,  $ps$ , and  $ce$  refer to debt, preferred stock, and common equity, respectively. This assumption determines the balances at the beginning of the first year (BBY<sub>1,x</sub>) for the  $x$ th type of financing:

$$BBY_{1,x} = TNI f_x, \quad x = d, ps, ce \quad (7.46)$$

We assume further that deferred taxes are distributed among each type of financing according to the corresponding fraction. The columns labeled adjustment in Table 7.14 for debt and preferred stock consist of the appropriate portions of deferred income taxes. The adjustment column for common equity also includes the recovery of common-equity allowance for funds used during construction, Table 7.13:

$$ADJ_{j,d} = DITX_j f_d, \quad j = 1, \dots, BL \quad (7.47a)$$

Table 7.14 Year-by-year distribution of capital recovery for the cogeneration system (all values are round numbers and are given in thousand dollars)

| Year          | Calendar Year | Debt                      |                   |            | Preferred Stock           |                   |            | Common Equity             |                   |              | Total Capital Recovery |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|               |               | Balance Beginning of Year | Book Depreciation | Adjustment | Balance Beginning of Year | Book Depreciation | Adjustment | Balance Beginning of Year | Book Depreciation | Adjustment   |                        |
| 1             | 1998          | 26,740                    | 1,337             | 0          | 8,022                     | 401               | 0          | 18,718                    | 686               |              |                        |
| 2             | 1999          | 25,403                    | 1,337             | 414        | 7,621                     | 401               | 124        | 17,923                    | 686               | 109          | 2,533                  |
| 3             | 2000          | 23,651                    | 1,337             | 327        | 7,095                     | 401               | 98         | 16,838                    | 686               | 399          | 3,362                  |
| 4             | 2001          | 21,987                    | 1,337             | 249        | 6,596                     | 401               | 75         | 15,814                    | 686               | 338          | 3,187                  |
| 5             | 2002          | 20,402                    | 1,337             | 178        | 6,121                     | 401               | 53         | 14,845                    | 686               | 283          | 3,030                  |
| 6             | 2003          | 18,887                    | 1,337             | 113        | 5,666                     | 401               | 34         | 13,926                    | 686               | 234          | 2,888                  |
| 7             | 2004          | 17,437                    | 1,337             | 83         | 5,231                     | 401               | 25         | 13,052                    | 686               | 189          | 2,760                  |
| 8             | 2005          | 16,017                    | 1,337             | 83         | 4,805                     | 401               | 25         | 12,199                    | 686               | 167          | 2,699                  |
| 9             | 2006          | 14,597                    | 1,337             | 84         | 4,379                     | 401               | 25         | 11,346                    | 686               | 167          | 2,699                  |
| 10            | 2007          | 13,176                    | 1,337             | 83         | 3,953                     | 401               | 25         | 10,492                    | 686               | 168          | 2,701                  |
| 11            | 2008          | 11,756                    | 1,337             | 84         | 3,527                     | 401               | 25         | 9,640                     | 686               | 167          | 2,699                  |
| 12            | 2009          | 10,335                    | 1,337             | 83         | 3,101                     | 401               | 25         | 8,786                     | 686               | 168          | 2,701                  |
| 13            | 2010          | 8,916                     | 1,337             | 84         | 2,675                     | 401               | 25         | 7,933                     | 686               | 167          | 2,699                  |
| 14            | 2011          | 7,495                     | 1,337             | 83         | 2,248                     | 401               | 25         | 7,080                     | 686               | 168          | 2,701                  |
| 15            | 2012          | 6,075                     | 1,337             | 84         | 1,822                     | 401               | 25         | 6,227                     | 686               | 167          | 2,699                  |
| 16            | 2013          | 4,654                     | 1,337             | -189       | 1,396                     | 401               | -57        | 5,373                     | 686               | 168          | 2,701                  |
| 17            | 2014          | 3,506                     | 1,337             | -461       | 1,052                     | 401               | -138       | 4,710                     | 686               | -23          | 2,155                  |
| 18            | 2015          | 2,629                     | 1,337             | -461       | 789                       | 401               | -138       | 4,238                     | 686               | -213         | 1,612                  |
| 19            | 2016          | 1,753                     | 1,337             | -461       | 526                       | 401               | -138       | 3,765                     | 686               | -213         | 1,612                  |
| 20            | 2017          | 876                       | 1,337             | -461       | 263                       | 401               | -138       | 3,293                     | 686               | -213         | 1,612                  |
| 21            | 2018          | 0                         | 0                 | 0          | 0                         | 0                 | -138       | 2,820                     | 686               | -213         | 1,612                  |
| <b>Totals</b> |               |                           | <b>26,740</b>     | <b>0</b>   |                           | <b>8,022</b>      | <b>0</b>   |                           | <b>13,713</b>     | <b>2,185</b> | <b>50,660</b>          |

The columns labeled book depreciation in Table 7.14 are calculated for each type of financing (debt, preferred stock, or common equity) using straight-line depreciation from

$$BD_{j,x} = \frac{BBY_{1,x} - \sum_{k=1}^{BL} ADJ_{k,x}}{BL}, \quad j = 1, \dots, BL, \quad x = d, ps, ce \quad (7.48)$$

with  $BBY_{1,x}$  according to Equation 7.46. The balance at the beginning of the  $j$ th year for each type of financing is

$$BBY_{j,x} = BBY_{j-1,x} - (BD_{j,x} + ADJ_{j,x}), \quad j = 2, \dots, BL, \quad x = d, ps, ce \quad (7.49)$$

The balance at the beginning of the year immediately following the last year of plant operation (calendar year 2018 for the cogeneration system) is zero for debt and preferred stock but equal to the value of land and working capital ( $\$2.82 \times 10^6$ ) for common equity. The sum of the totals for book depreciation and adjustments for all types of financing is equal to the total capital recovery ( $\$50.66 \times 10^6$ ). The annual capital recovery values shown in the last columns of Tables 7.13 and 7.14 are repeated in the first column of Table 7.12.

According to the total revenue requirement method of economic analysis, the depreciation funds are assumed to be used to pay back investors for the principal. This assumption is used here because it helps to compare alternative investments. In an expanding company, however, these funds would likely be reinvested.

For each investment type, the return-on-investment (ROI) calculation for any year of system operation is based on the outstanding investment: the balance at the beginning of the year ( $BBY$ ) (Equation 7.49 and Table 7.14) for the corresponding investment. That is, the return on investment for year  $j$  is

$$ROI_{j,x} = \frac{BBY_{j,x} i_x}{BBY_{j,x}}, \quad j = 1, \dots, BL, \quad x = d, ps, ce \quad (7.50)$$

Here  $i_x$  is the annual (nominal or real) rate of return for the  $x$ th investment type. As discussed in Section 7.2.9, for the cogeneration system,  $i_x$  is 10.0, 11.7, and 15.0% for debt, preferred stock, and common equity, respectively. It is apparent that the annual amount of return on each type of investment declines with the increasing number of years of operation. For the common-