

**Pennsylvania Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee and Senate
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee Joint Informational
Meeting**

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Good morning, Chairman Yaw, Chairwoman Comitta, Chairman Stefano, Chairwoman Boscola, and members of the Committees.

My name is Corey Hessen, CEO of Homer City Redevelopment, or HCR. I am pleased to appear before you today. Thank you for the opportunity to share more details about our plans to develop one of the largest capital investments in Pennsylvania and the country.

Homer City Generating Station – located 50 miles east of Pittsburgh – began operations in 1969. It served as the largest coal-fired generating station in Pennsylvania for nearly 55 years, connecting to both PJM and New York Independent System Operator Transmission systems.

In 2023, Homer City Generating Station was decommissioned. However, the owners of Homer City Generating Station recognized the intrinsic value of the site, the established support of the community, and the potential economic opportunity in Western Pennsylvania.

Following the decommissioning, HCR investigated a wide variety of options and worked to create a new vision for the site. On April 2nd of this year, HCR, in conjunction with Kiewit Power Constructors Company and GE Vernova, announced plans for the transformation of the site into a 3200-acre natural gas-powered data center campus. The new Campus will have the largest natural-gas fired generating station in the country and will help meet the growing artificial intelligence and high-performance computing needs of innovative companies, as well as provide much needed new generation to PJM & NYISO.

Kiewit Power Constructors Company will serve as the engineering, procurement, and construction contractor responsible for building the power block. GE Vernova Operations LLC will supply seven high efficiency (hydrogen-enabled) natural gas fired turbines – with first deliveries expected to begin in October 2026. And Knighthead Capital Management, LLC, will lead financing for this more than \$10 billion project.

Demolition of the coal-fired Generating Station began in October of 2024 and is on-going. Construction of the project is scheduled to begin in Q3 of this year, and the site is expected to begin producing power in 2027. Hiring for a peak of more than 3,000 construction jobs will start in the second half of 2025. Importantly, much of the critical infrastructure is in place from the legacy plant, including transmission lines, substations, and water access.

As of today, applications for air and construction stormwater permits have been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for portions of the project. Multiple long lead time items associated with the power block have been secured. A natural gas RFP has been launched and final round submissions have been received. Finally, a detailed load study for the first 1 GW is nearing completion.

Our site will have an ample supply of developable land to meet the needs of potential data center partners, including more than 4 GW of new power supplied by seven GE Vernova 7HA.02 gas-fired turbines. Another major advantage of our site is its proximity to the Marcellus Shale Region, with some of the finest natural gas producers in the world and easily accessible natural gas transmission lines.

HCR is fully committed to maximizing the unprecedented level of economic opportunity this project represents, not only to the local community but for all of Pennsylvania and the United States. The bottom line is that Homer City is now positioned to have a significant impact on securing America's AI leadership and energy dominance. We have recognized the unique value inherent in Homer City's infrastructure and power generation attributes and look forward to continuing to work closely with local, state, and national stakeholders that play essential roles in making this vision a reality.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and I would be happy to respond to any questions.

For those interested in following our project, we continue to post updates on our website: <https://www.homercityredevelopment.com/project-overview>