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Cutting Edge Issues

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Outline

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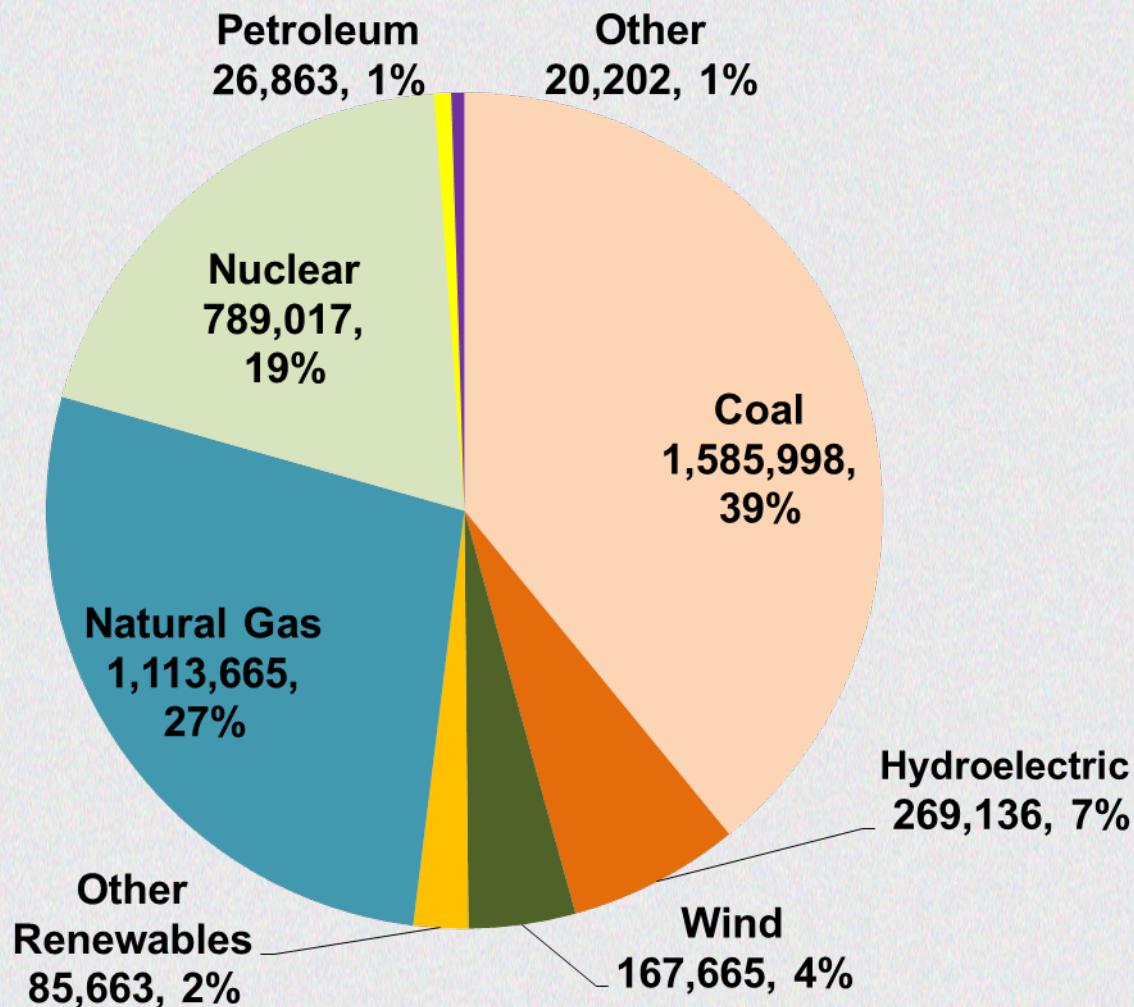
Topics for discussion –

- ❖ Major transformation of the generating fleet
- ❖ Uncertainty over future electricity demand
- ❖ Uncertainty over the future of Demand Response & Distributed Generation
- ❖ Natural gas supply changes and cost and challenges in delivery
- ❖ How to build and finance more natural gas infrastructure & future of LNG
- ❖ Emerging market issues



Electric Generation (2013)

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**Total Electricity
Generation by Fuel
Type, U.S., 2013
(Thousand
Megawatthours)**

Source: EIA Electric Power
Monthly, February 2014

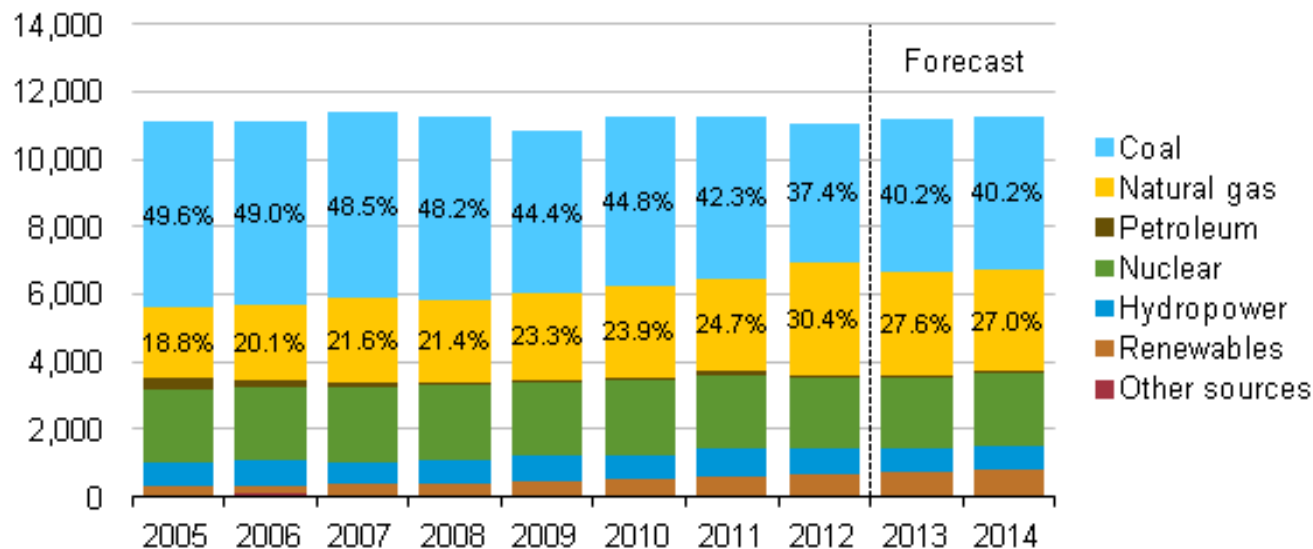


Electric Generation by Fuel

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U.S. Electricity Generation by Fuel, All Sectors

thousand megawatt hours per day



Note: Labels show percentage share of total generation provided by coal and natural gas.

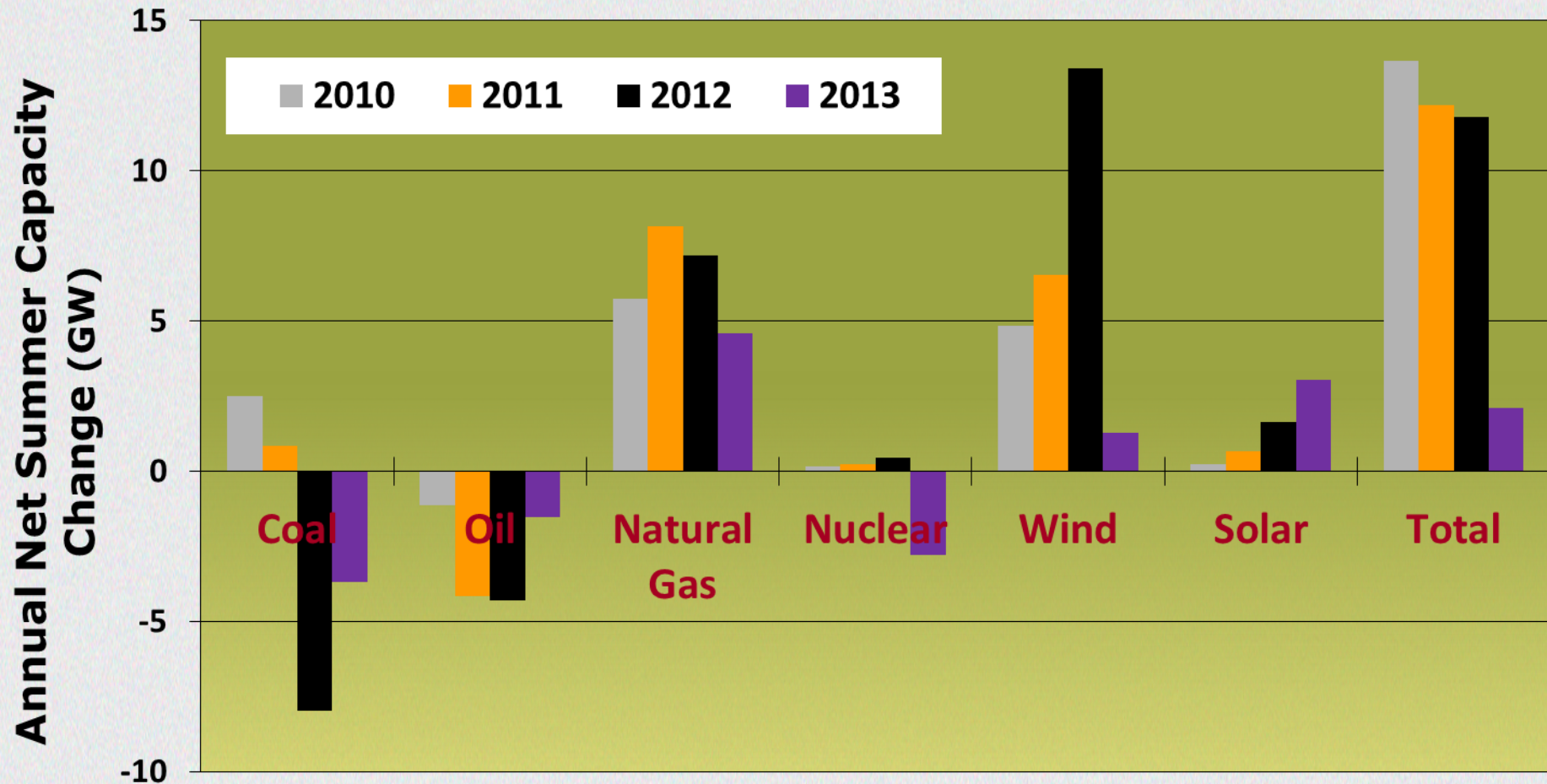
Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, June 2013

- The types of resources used to generate electricity are changing, driven largely by economics and environmental policies
- As the resources change, the operation of the grid changes



New Renewable and Gas-Fired Generation Replace Nuclear and Coal

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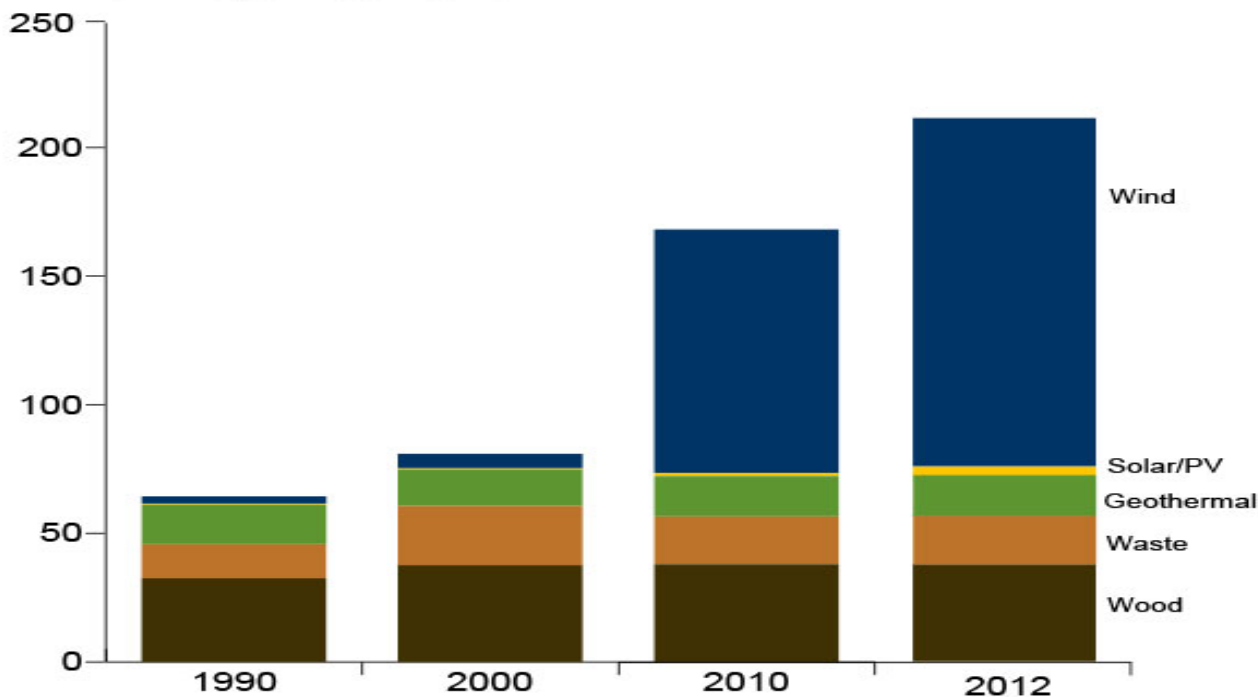


The Fuel Source Transition

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Nonhydropower Renewable Electricity Generation by Source, 1990-2012

million megawatthours



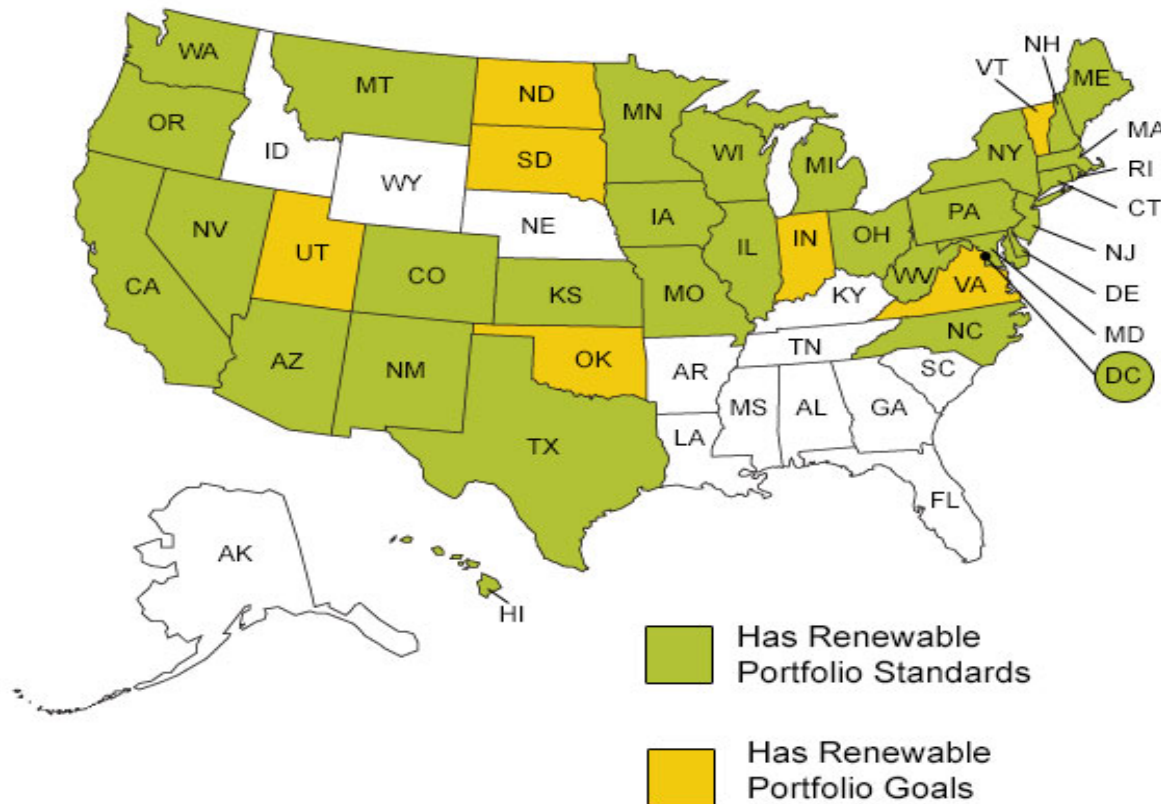
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, the *Electric Power Monthly* (March, 2013).

- Fastest growing renewable energy source is wind generation
- No marginal cost to operate, but output is variable



State Activity in Renewables

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Source: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency (accessed January 2013).

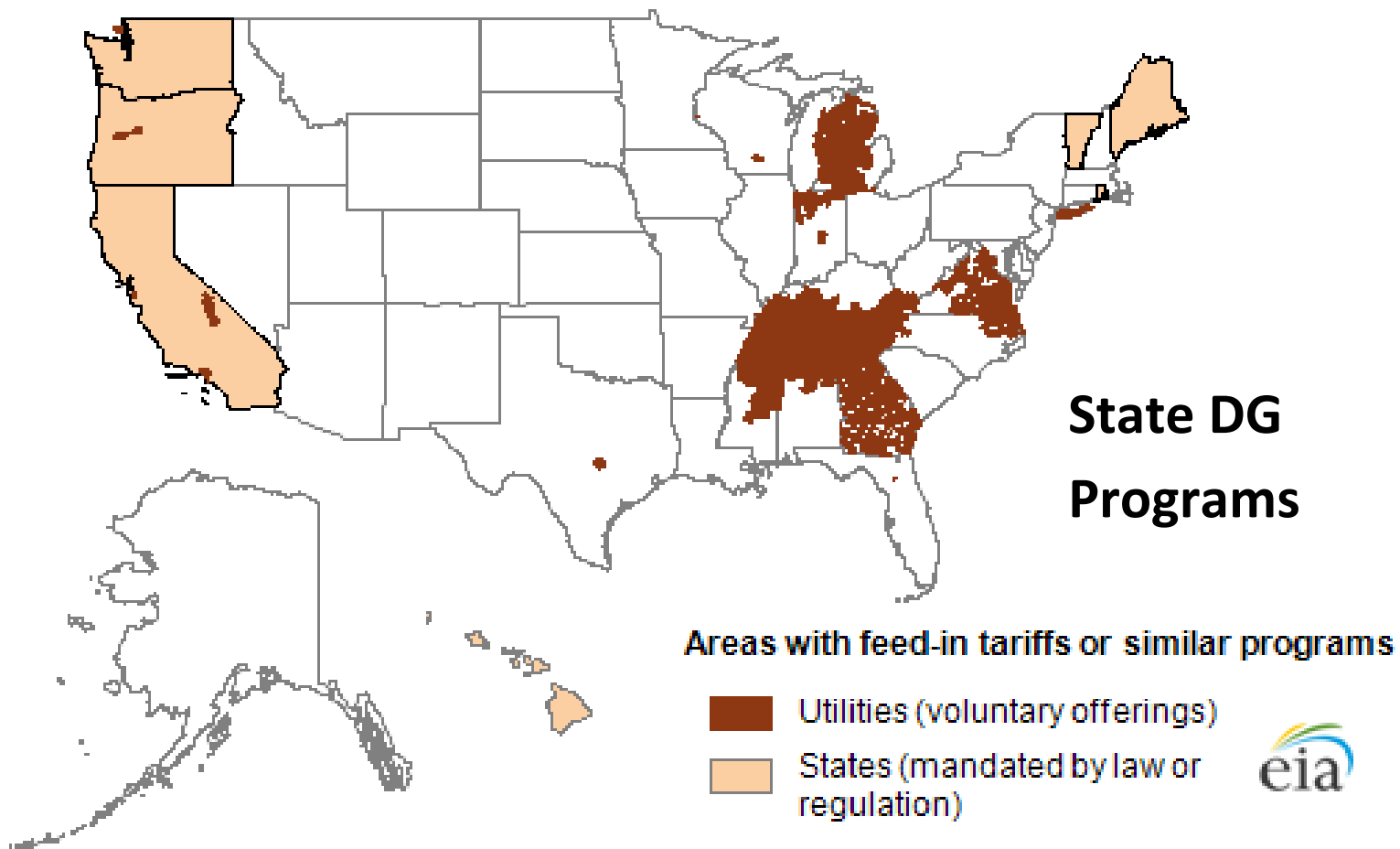
- Most states have renewable energy mandates or goals, driving the growth in wind and other variable generation



Distributed Generation

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U.S. states and utilities with feed-in tariffs or similar programs





Major Transformation of the Generating Fleet

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Short term to moderate term reliability challenges as the generating fleet transforms –

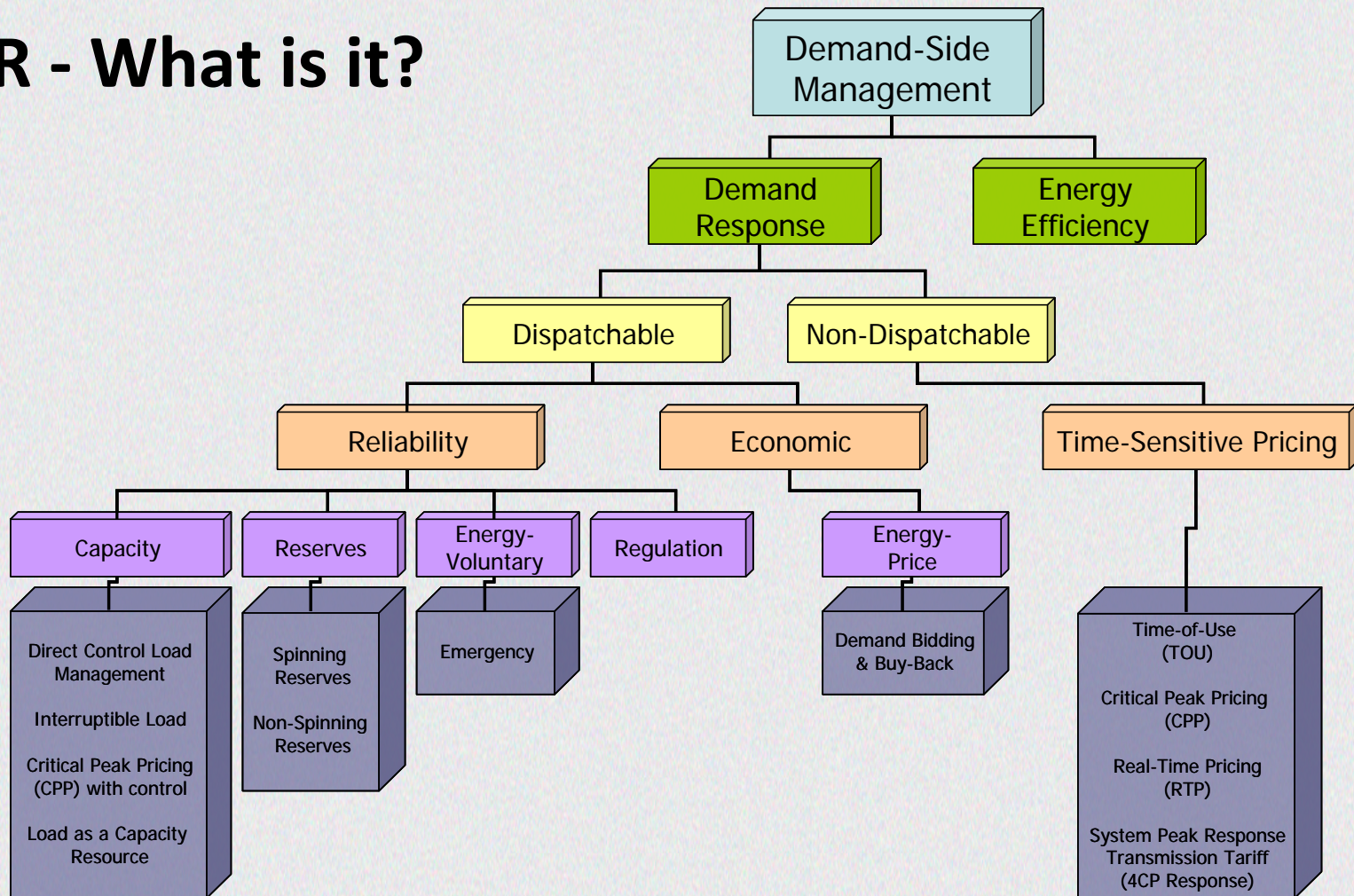
- Less coal -- more gas -- more renewables
- Transition to more just-in-time fuel from pipelines and our approaches toward natural gas-electricity coordination
- Need for reliability-must-run (RMR) units
- Reliability and economic consequences of the need for fast-acting (gas) generation to address ramping issues with greater intermittent renewable generation
- Distributed generation increases its penetration → reliability and ratemaking challenges for our state colleagues at the distribution level of regulation



Demand Response

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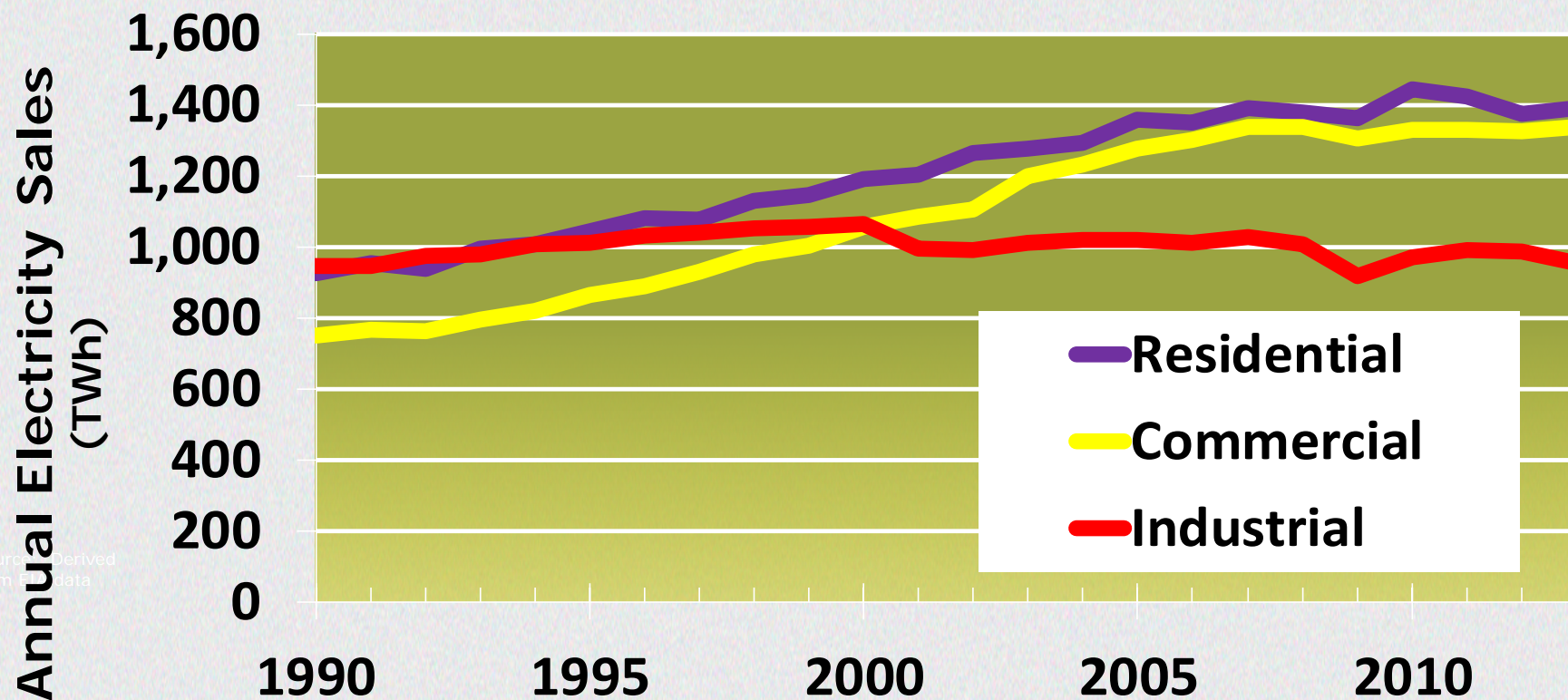
DR - What is it?





Electricity Demand Falls for Third Straight Year

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DR/DG Concerns

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Uncertainty over future electricity demand –

- Generally thought to be “flatter” than it has been historically
- However, economic recovery could mask impending increases in demand
- Pockets of high industrial load growth, often in areas of growing energy development and delivery including areas with LNG export facilities
- Recent Court decision – Uncertainty over the future of Demand Response given the 745 ruling, at a time when we need it more than ever



Extreme Weather Stressed Natural Gas and Electricity Markets in 2014

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- Record cold temperatures during January resulted in record gas demand, well freeze-offs, large storage withdrawals, and constrained pipelines
- In the mid-Atlantic and Northeast, spot natural gas prices soared to over \$120 per MMBtu
- On-peak power prices spiked to over \$1,000 per MWh
- Staff monitored the winter events as they occurred and continues to assess what happened in the markets and whether market manipulation potentially took place



Natural Gas Supply and Cost

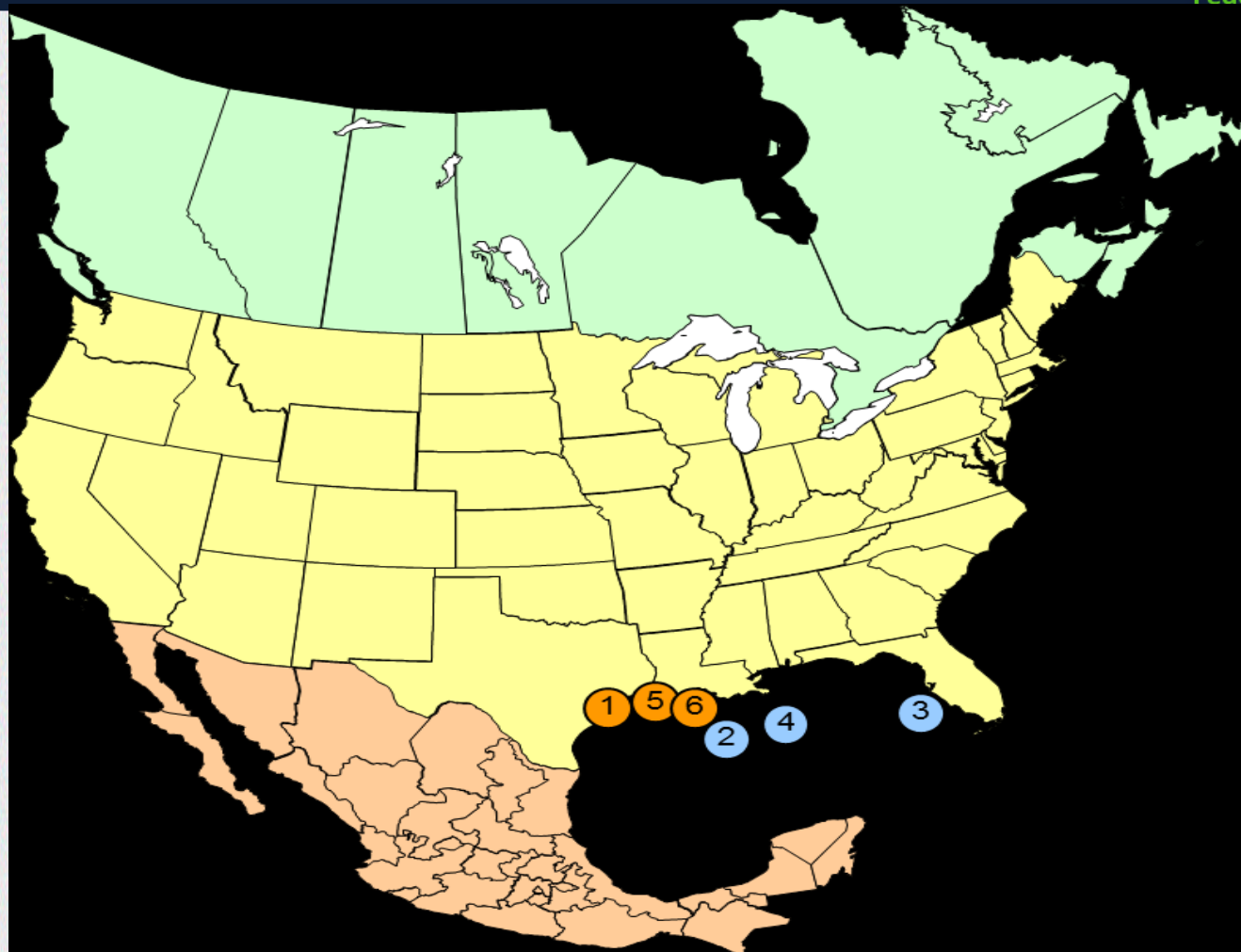
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- **Seemingly long-term projections of moderate prices based on domestic supply dynamics**
 - Plenty of gas, but challenges in delivery as evidenced by the unprecedented price differentials during the Polar Vortex events
- **How to build more natural gas infrastructure**
 - As the natural gas pipeline industry sees potential significant growth of a relatively new customer class (power generation) how do pipelines get financed under a new business model?



LNG Existing **Import/Export** Facilities *Approved*

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Import Terminal

APPROVED - NOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

U.S. - FERC

1. **Freeport, TX:** 2.5 Bcfd (Cheniere/Freeport LNG Dev. - Expansion)* (CP05-361)

U.S. - MARAD/Coast Guard

2. **Gulf of Mexico:** 1.0 Bcfd (Main Pass McMoran Exp.)
3. **Offshore Florida:** 1.2 Bcfd (Hoegh LNG - Port Dolphin Energy)
4. **Gulf of Mexico:** 1.4 Bcfd (TORP Technology-Bienville LNG)

Export Terminal

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5. **Sabine, LA:** 2.76 Bcfd (Cheniere/Sabine Pass LNG) (CP11-72 & CP14-12)

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6. **Hackberry, LA:** 1.7 Bcfd (Sempra - Cameron LNG) (CP13-25)

US Jurisdiction

● FERC

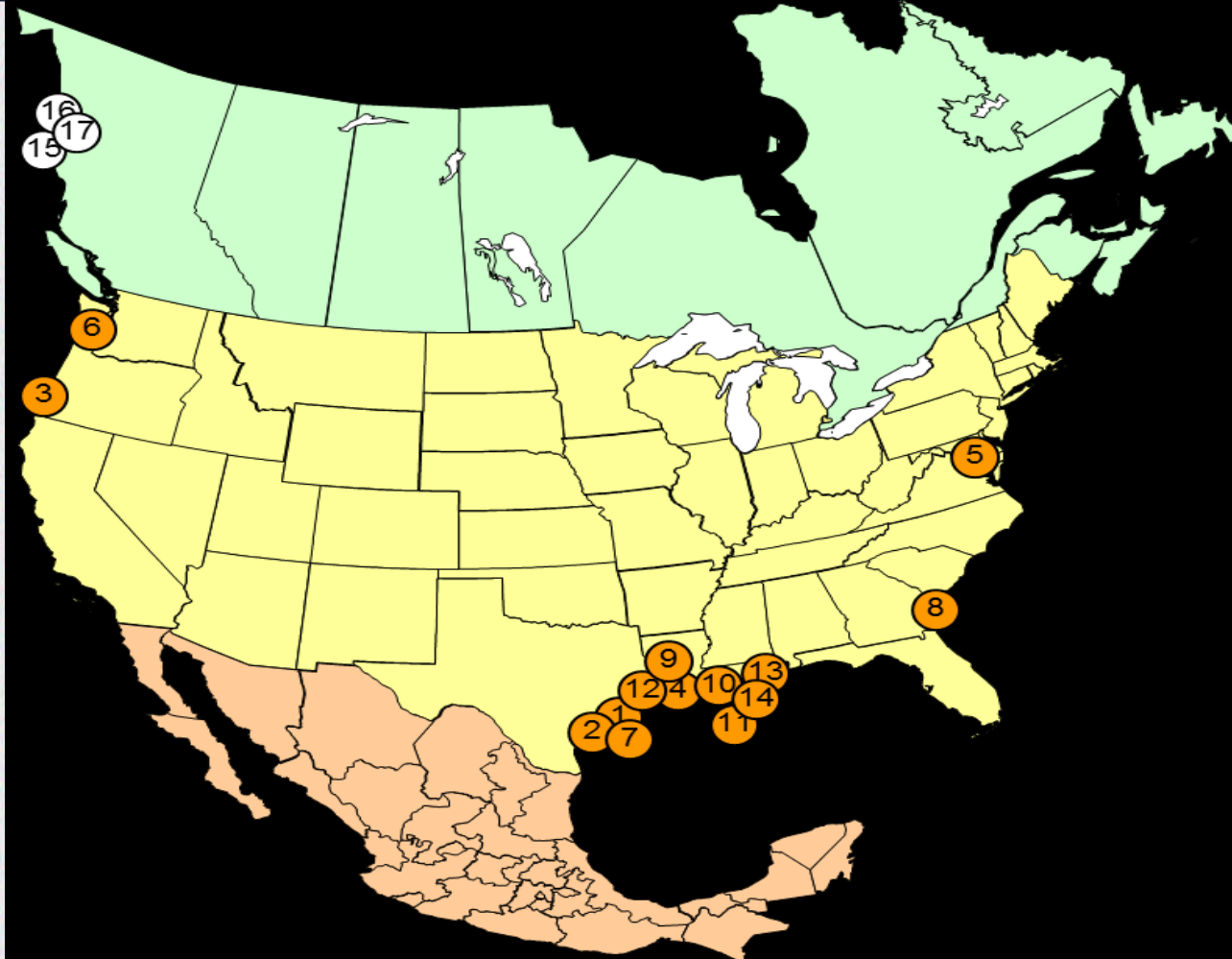
○ MARAD/USCG



North American LNG **Export** Terminals

Proposed

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Export Terminal

PROPOSED TO FERC

1. Freeport, TX: 1.8 Bcfd (Freeport LNG Dev/Freeport LNG Expansion/FLNG Liquefaction)
2. Corpus Christi, TX: 2.1 Bcfd (Cheniere – Corpus Christi LNG)
3. Coos Bay, OR: 0.9 Bcfd (Jordan Cove Energy Project)
4. Lake Charles, LA: 2.2 Bcfd (Southern Union - Trunkline LNG)
5. Cove Point, MD: 0.82 Bcfd (Dominion – Cove Point LNG)
6. Astoria, OR: 1.25 Bcfd (Oregon LNG)
7. Lavaca Bay, TX: 1.38 Bcfd (Excelerate Liquefaction)
8. Elba Island, GA: 0.35 Bcfd (Southern LNG Co.)
9. Sabine Pass, LA: 1.40 Bcfd (Sabine Pass Liquefaction)
10. Lake Charles, LA: 1.07 Bcfd (Magnolia LNG)
11. Plaquemines Parish, LA: 1.07 Bcfd (CE FLNG)
12. Sabine Pass, TX: 2.1 Bcfd (ExxonMobil – Golden Pass)
13. Pascagoula, MS: 1.5 Bcfd (Gulf LNG Liquefaction)
14. Plaquemines Parish, LA: 0.30 Bcfd (Louisiana LNG)

PROPOSED BY CANADIAN PROJECT SPONSORS

15. Kitimat, BC: 1.28 Bcfd (Apache Canada Ltd.)
16. Douglas Island, BC: 0.23 Bcfd (BC LNG Export Cooperative)
17. Kitimat, BC: 3.23 Bcfd (LNG Canada)

As of July 18, 2014

US Jurisdiction - ● FERC ■ MARAD/USCG



Emerging Market Issues

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Current high-priority issues –

1. Polar Vortex showed need for better price formation
 - ❖ We'll spend a lot of this year cleaning up the mess from uplift charges, price caps, unrecovered fuel costs, etc.
2. The transition to more just-in-time fuel from gas pipelines and our approaches toward natural gas/electricity coordination
3. The reliability and economic consequences of the need for fast-acting (gas) generation to address ramping issues with greater intermittent renewable generation
4. Reliability and ratemaking challenges given increased penetration of distributed generation
5. Better price formation should lessen reliance on capacity market revenues and reduce our need to constantly tweak those markets
 - ❖ Upcoming technical conference on uplift



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