

State of the Grid & How EPA Rules are Making Things Much Worse

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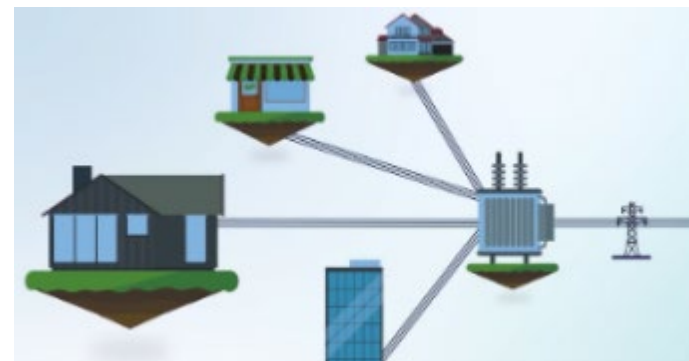
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE



PART I State of the Grid



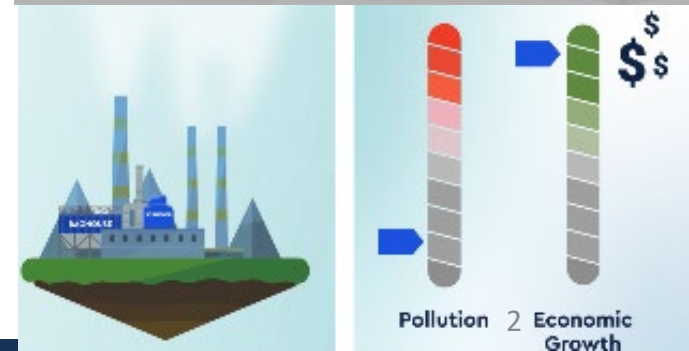
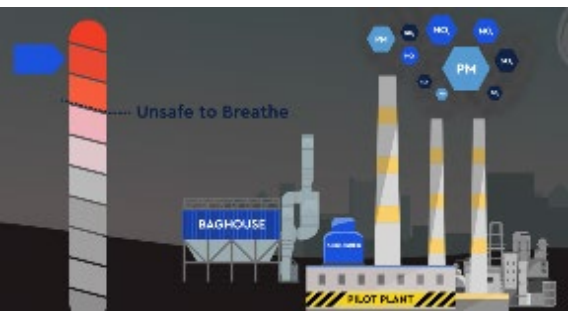
PART II Impact of EPA's Continued Assault



PART III Stemming the Tide



PART IV A Geopolitical Reality Check





PART ONE: STATE OF THE GRID



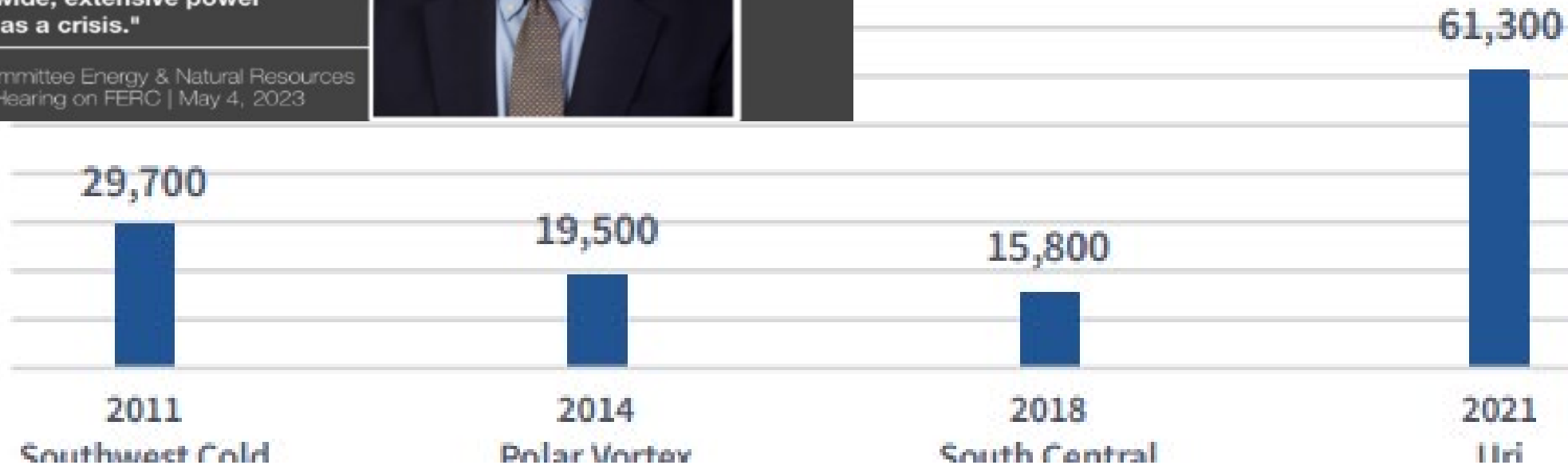
Grid Outages, Especially in Winter, at All-Time High *(shown in unplanned outages (MW) below)*

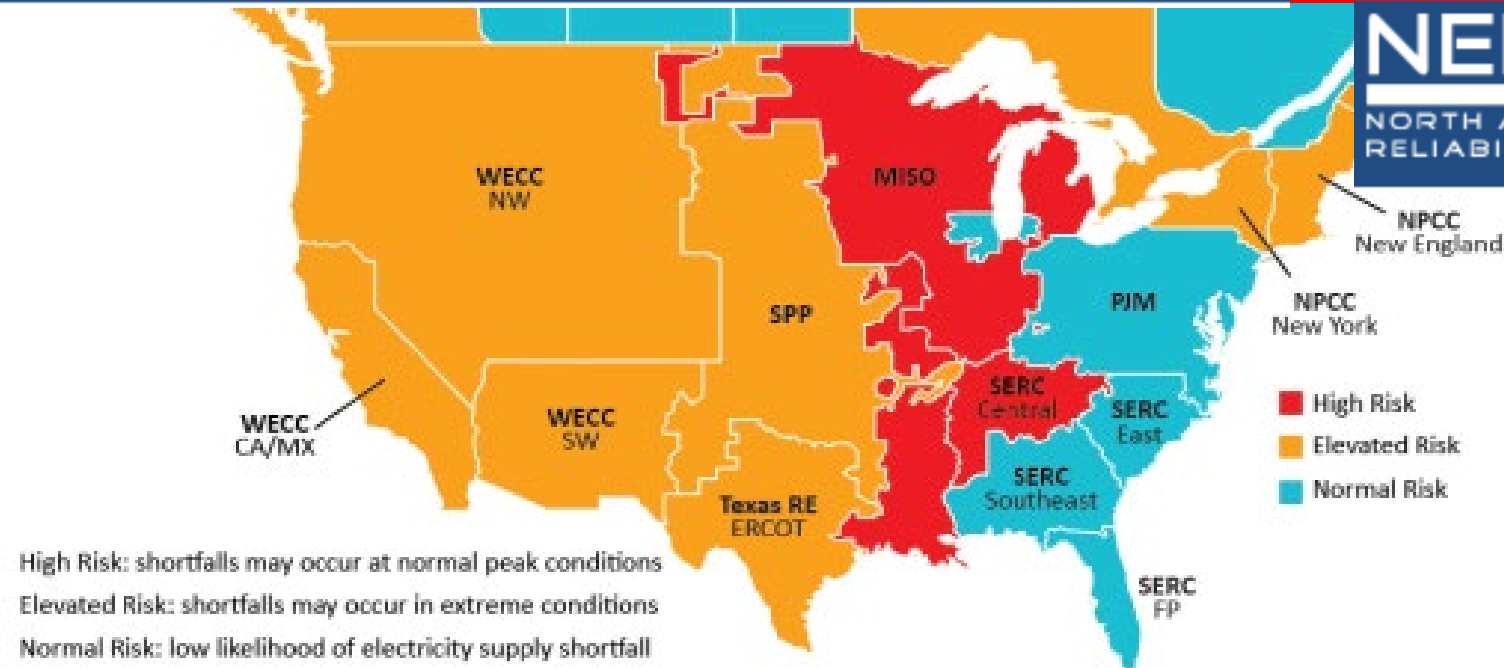
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

Commissioner Mark Christie

"The United States is heading for a reliability crisis. I do not use the term "crisis" for melodrama, but because it is an accurate description of what we are facing. I think anyone would regard an increasing threat of system-wide, extensive power outages as a crisis."

Senate Committee Energy & Natural Resources
Oversight Hearing on FERC | May 4, 2023





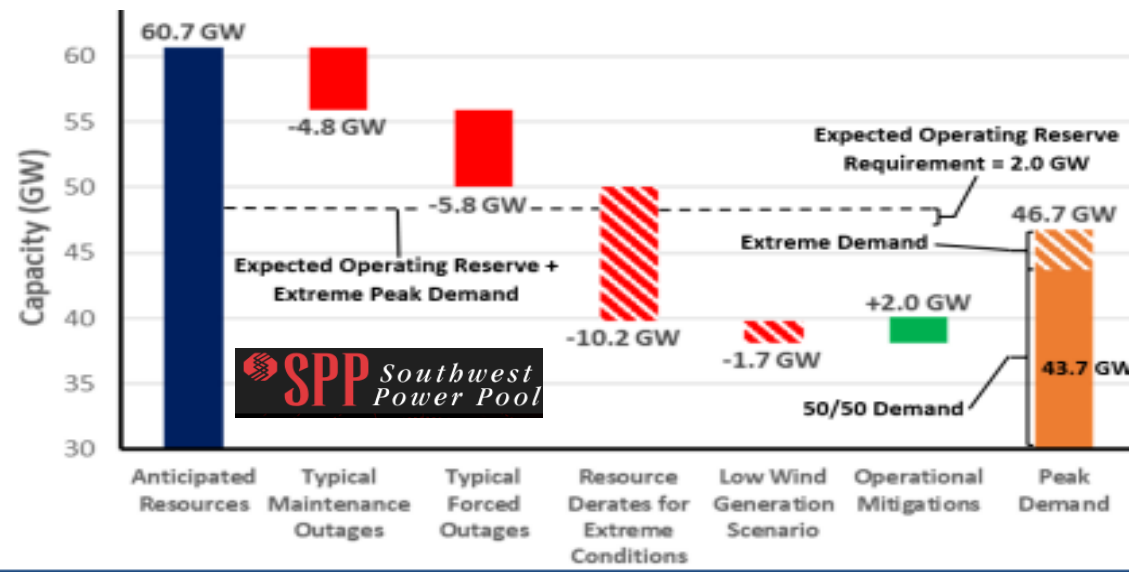
High Risk: shortfalls may occur at normal peak conditions
Elevated Risk: shortfalls may occur in extreme conditions
Normal Risk: low likelihood of electricity supply shortfall

2023 - 2024

Winter Reliability Risk Area Summary



Risk Key
■ High Risk during Extreme Weather
■ Elevated Risk during Extreme Weather
■ Limited Natural Gas Infrastructure



So, What is Going On? A: Self-Imposed Decarbonization

Utility Decarbonization Goals Are Prematurely Retiring Coal (& some gas) Plants

However, the transition that is underway to get to a decarbonized end state is posing material, adverse challenges to electric reliability. John Bear, CEO

- MISO Region
- Utilities with 80%+ Targets
- Utilities with 50%+ Targets
- States with Enforceable Decarbonization Goals
- States with Aspirational Decarbonization Goals

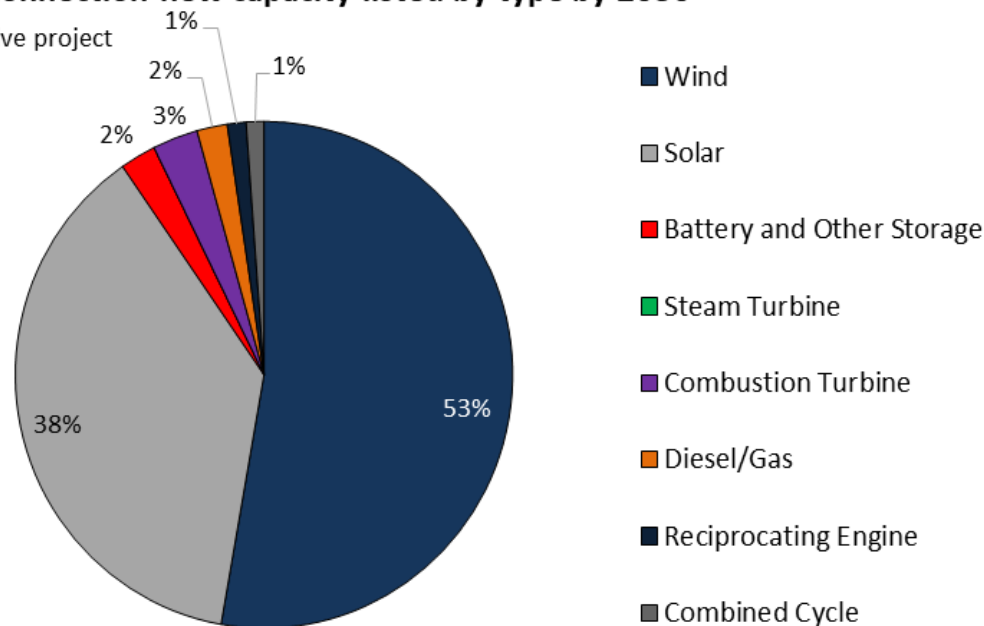


MISO'S RESPONSE TO THE RELIABILITY IMPERATIVE

- UPDATED FEBRUARY 2024 -

SPP interconnection new capacity listed by type by 2030

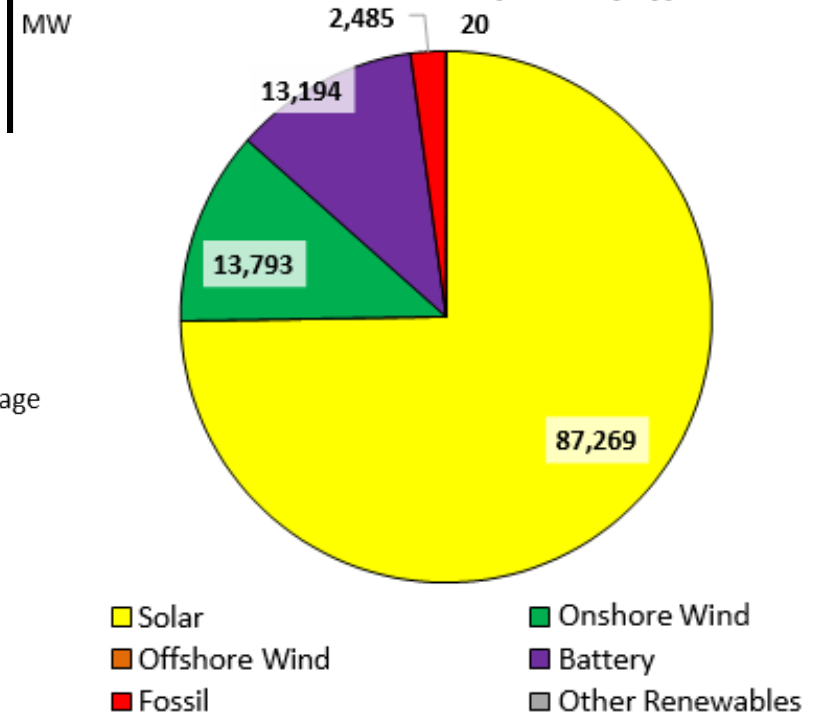
% of total active project capacity



Source: Energy Ventures Analysis

97% of new generation in MISO will be intermittent moving forward

MISO active interconnection requests by type



Source: Energy Ventures Analysis; Fuelcast, EIA database & MISO

YET, U.S. DECARBONIZATION WON'T MOVE THE NEEDLE IN AN ENERGY-STARVED WORLD

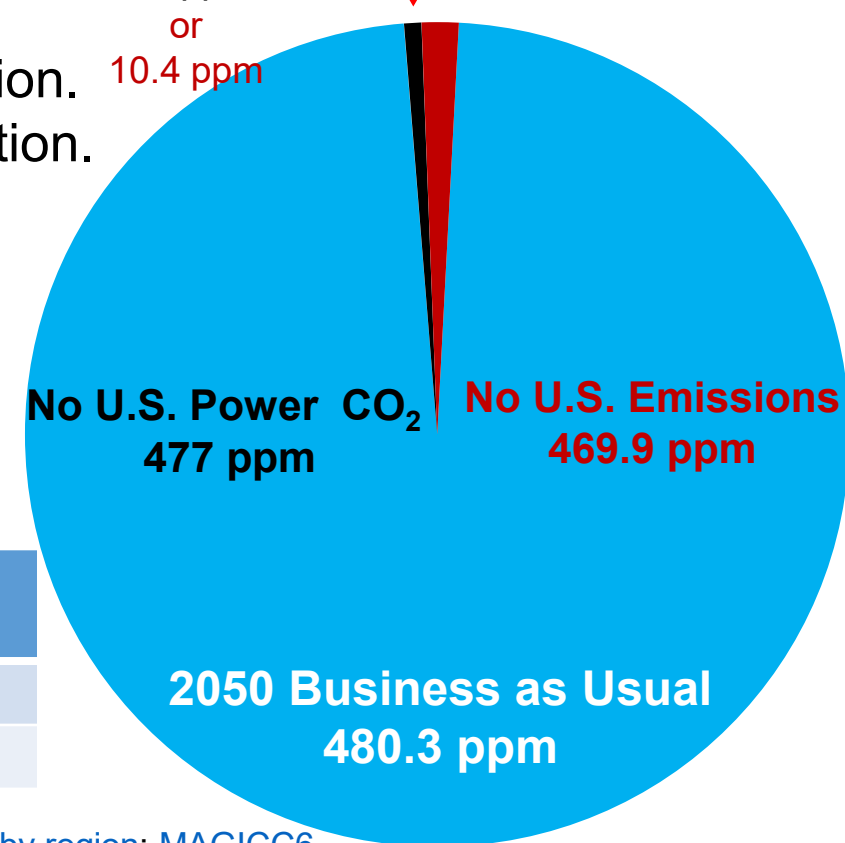
2050 IMPACT OF DECARBONIZING ELECTRICITY:

- NO COAL FLEET = 2.06 ppm (0.4%) reduction in CO₂ concentration.
- NO FOSSIL FLEET = 3.3 ppm (0.7%) reduction in CO₂ concentration.
- Modeled global temperature reduced by a mere 0.016°C.

2050 IMPACT OF DECARBONIZING ENTIRE U.S.:

- 10.4 ppm (2.2%) reduction in CO₂ concentration.
- Modeled global temperature reduced by 0.053°C.

Modeled CO₂ Reduction
3.3 ppm
or
10.4 ppm

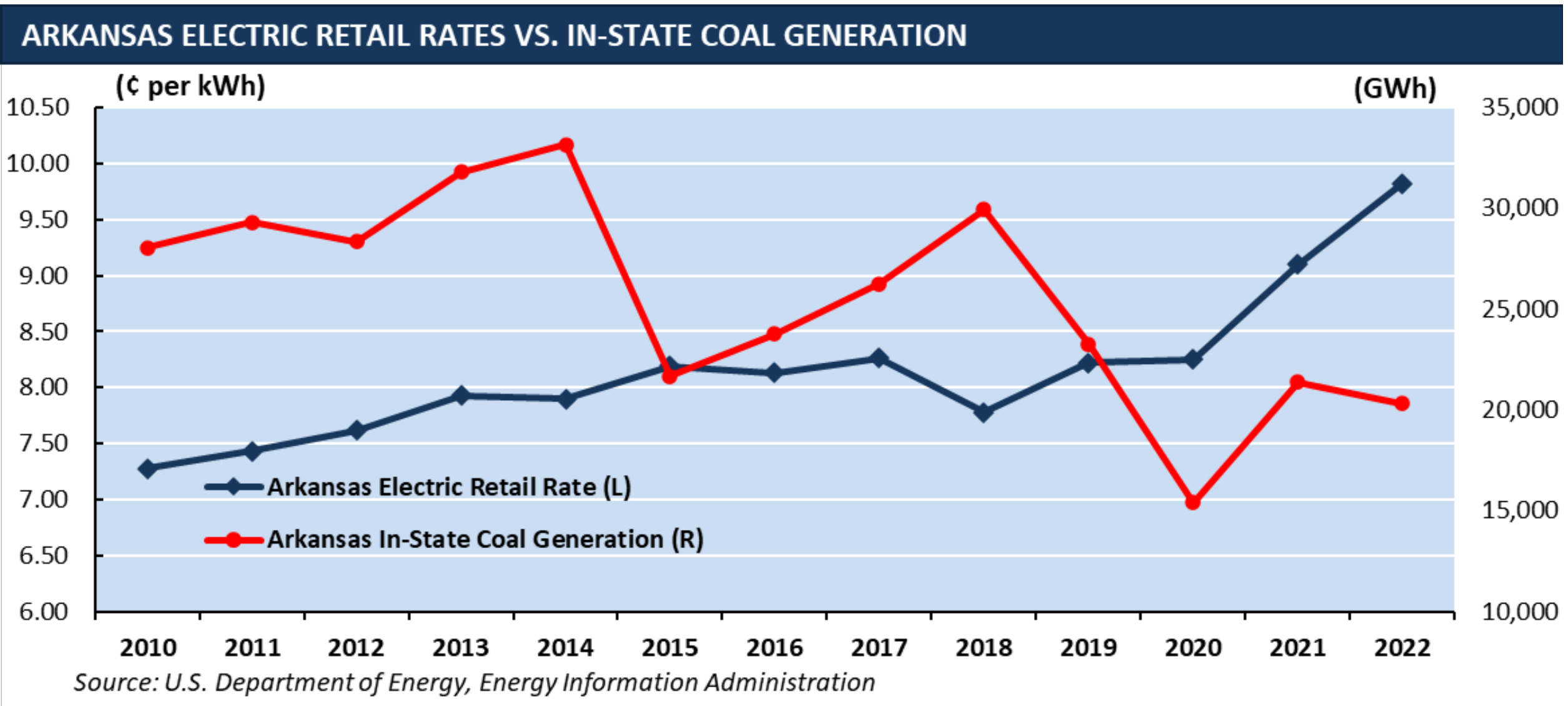


CO2 Emissions	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	% Change
World	30,834	34,972	36,398	39,317	42,771	+38.7%
U.S.	5,571	5,260	4,839	4,867	5,071	-8.9%

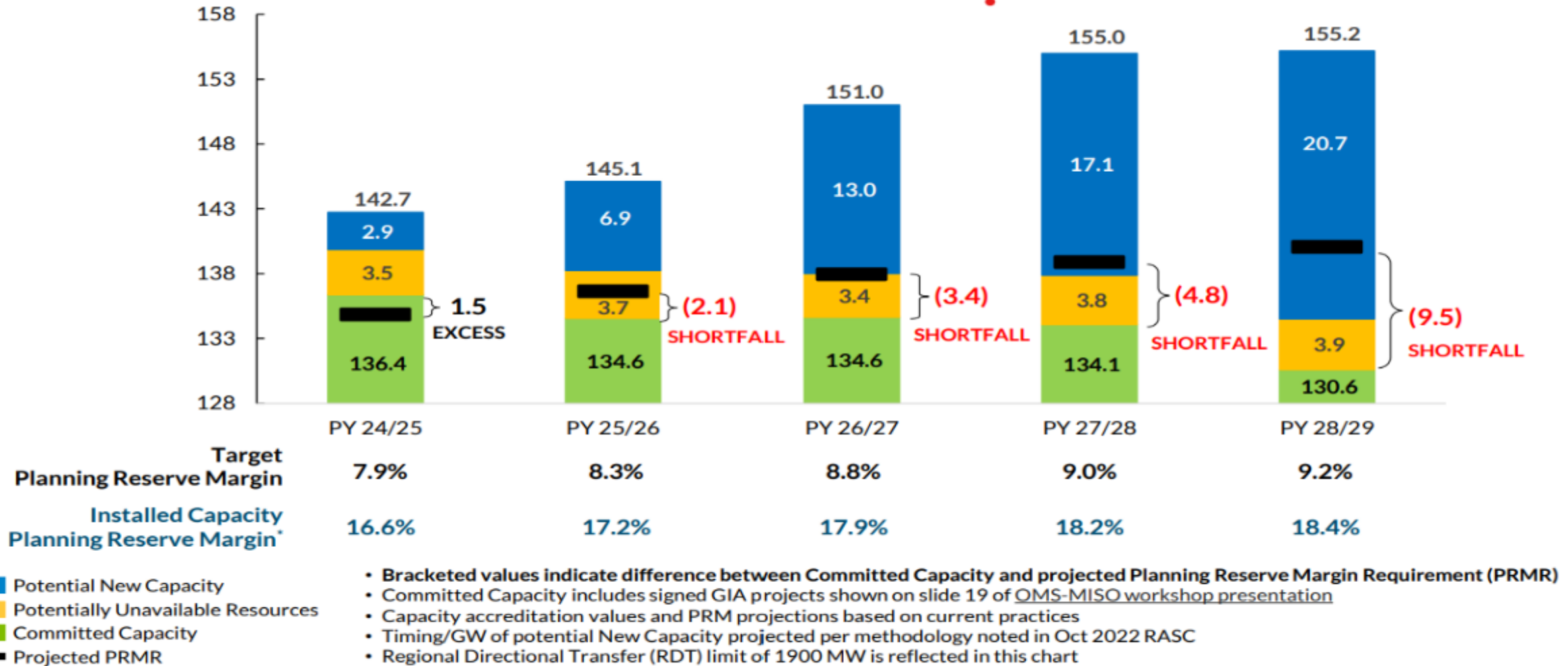
Sources: Energy Information Administration, International Energy Outlook 2017, [World carbon dioxide emissions by region](#); [MAGICC6 Model](#); Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report Working Group I, [Summary for Policymakers](#); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [Global Land and Temperature Anomalies](#).



This “Transition” Impacts Ratepayer Pocketbooks



NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE "TRANSITION" IMPACTS ON RELIABILITY & RESILIENCE - MISO



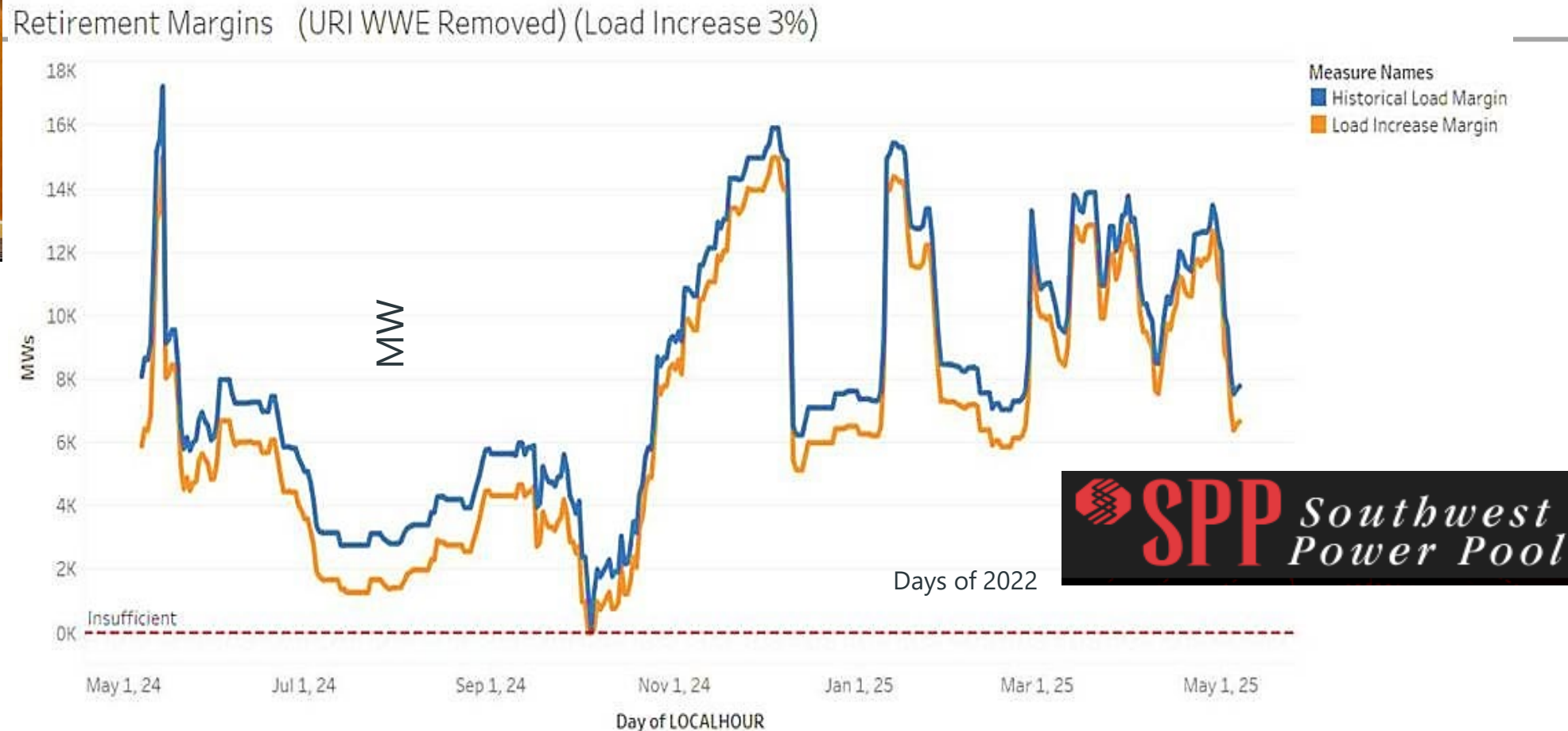
Slide Data Source: OMS-MISO Survey Results
 *Planning Year 2023-2024 Loss of Load Expectation Study Report

SPP Projection: Even Before EPA Rules, Grid Will be in Trouble

*...In my role on the SPP RSC and as the chairman of the Resource & Energy Adequacy Leadership (REAL) Team, I have seen & heard SPP Staff say that the SPP system **cannot afford any more retirements of dispatchable generation**...*
(5/25/23 PUCT Public Meeting)



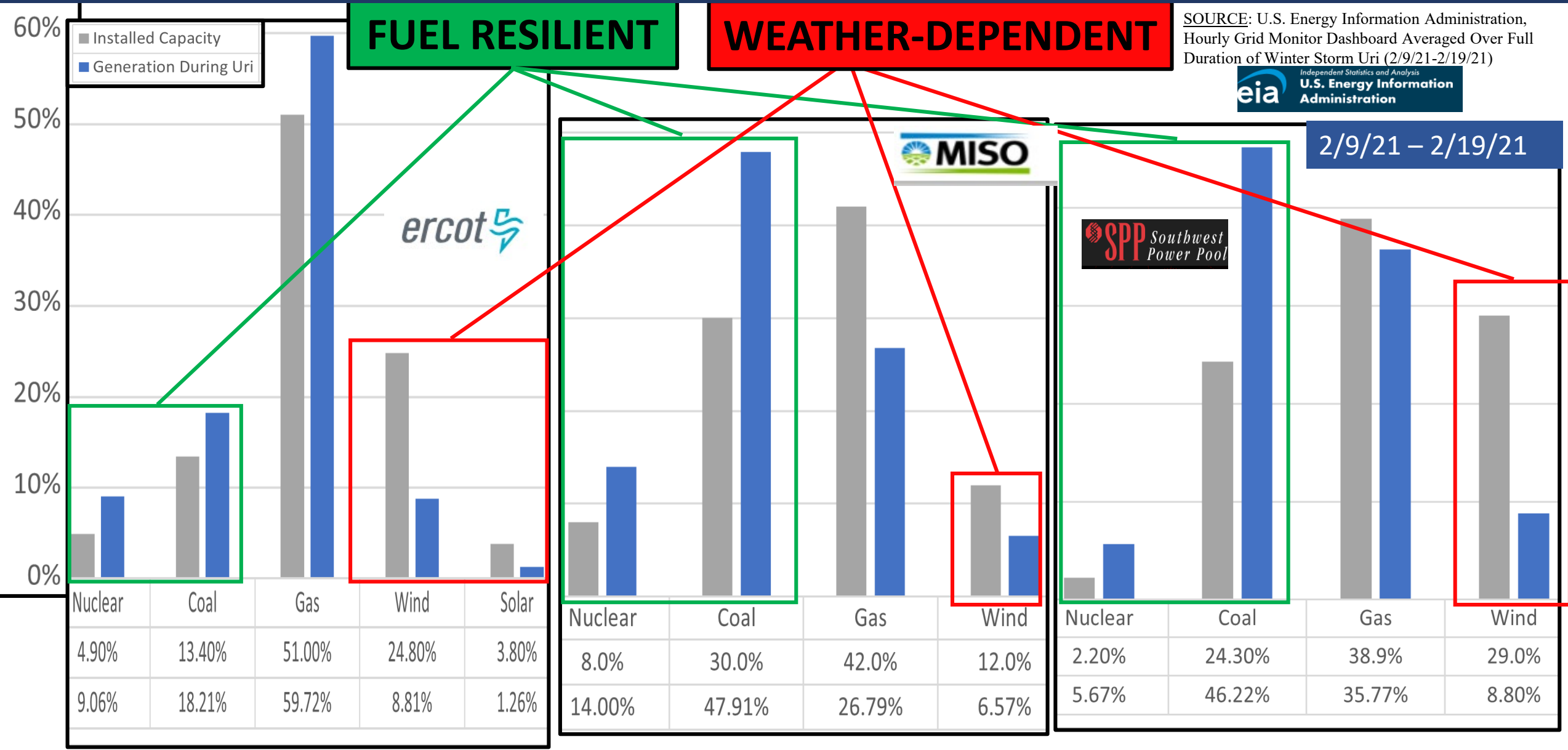
PUCT Commissioner &
REAL Chair, Will McAdams



LESSON FROM WINTER STORM URI ABOUT WEATHER & FUEL SUPPLY:

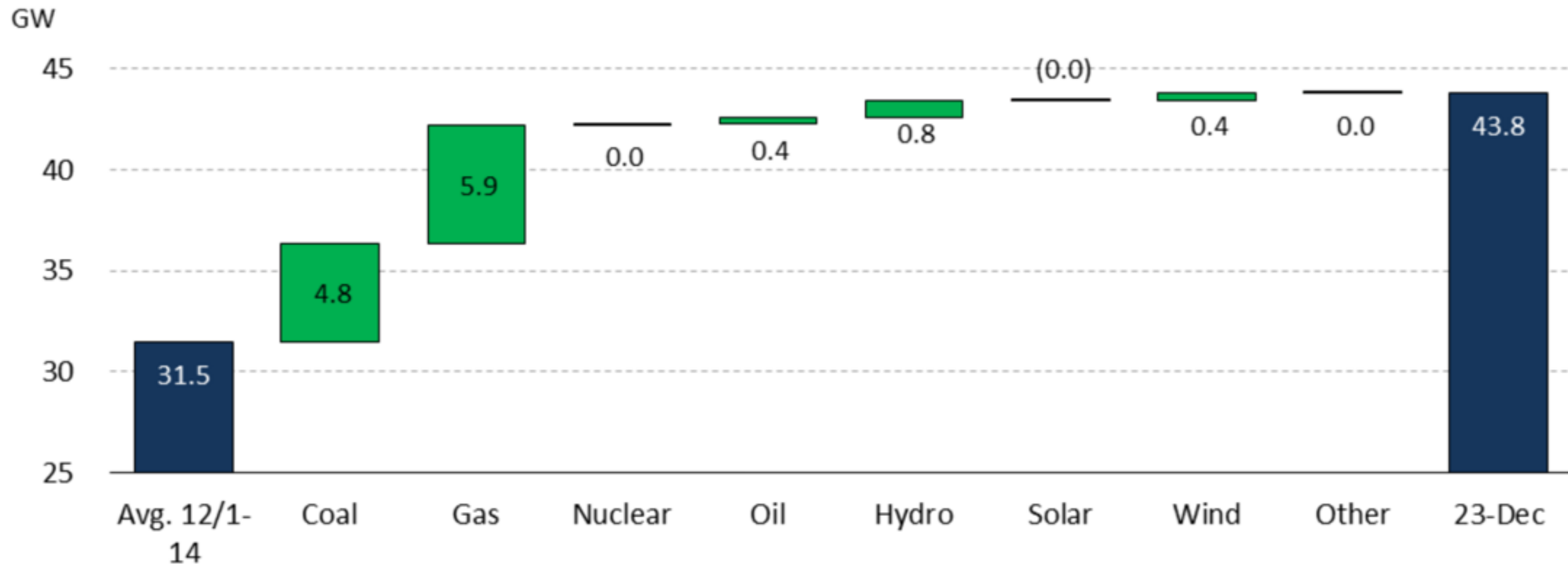
COAL & NUCLEAR ESSENTIAL TO GRID RESILIENCE

SOURCE: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Hourly Grid Monitor Dashboard Averaged Over Full Duration of Winter Storm Uri (2/9/21-2/19/21)



Winter Storm Elliot – Another Reality Check

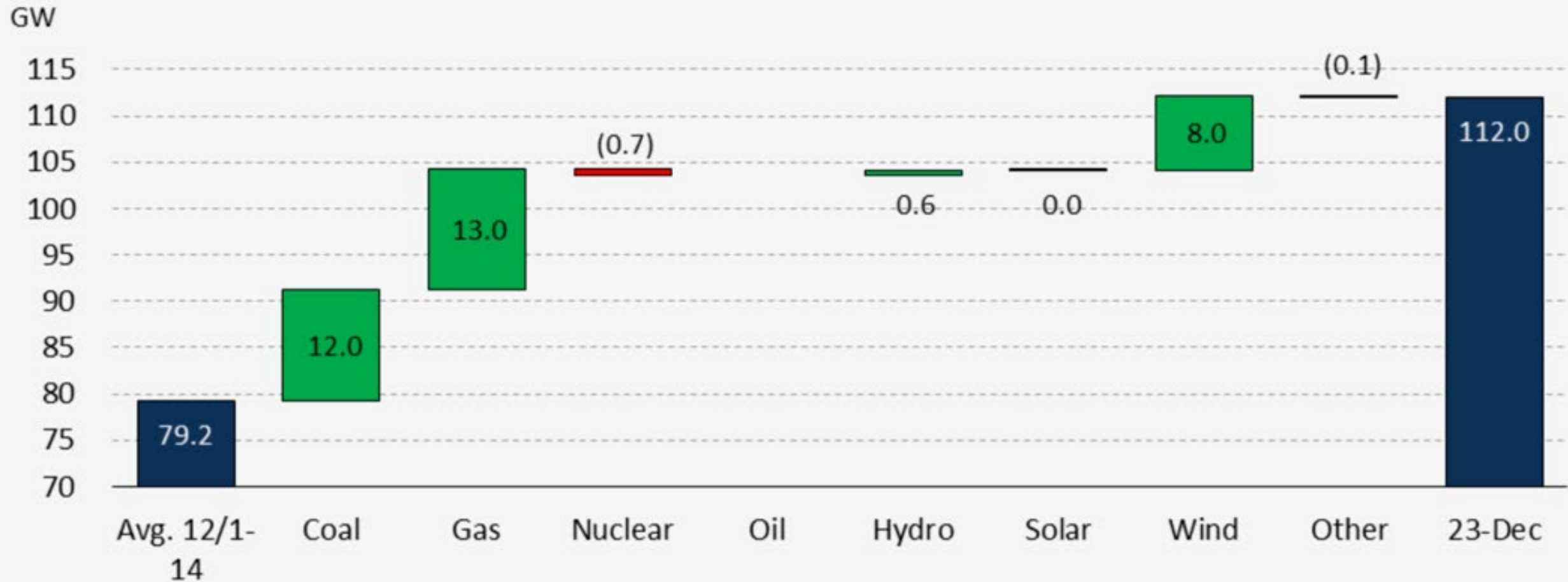
EXHIBIT 38: SPP - CHANGE IN NET GENERATION BY FUEL TYPE DURING WINTER STORM ELLIOTT



Source: EIA Hourly Grid Monitor

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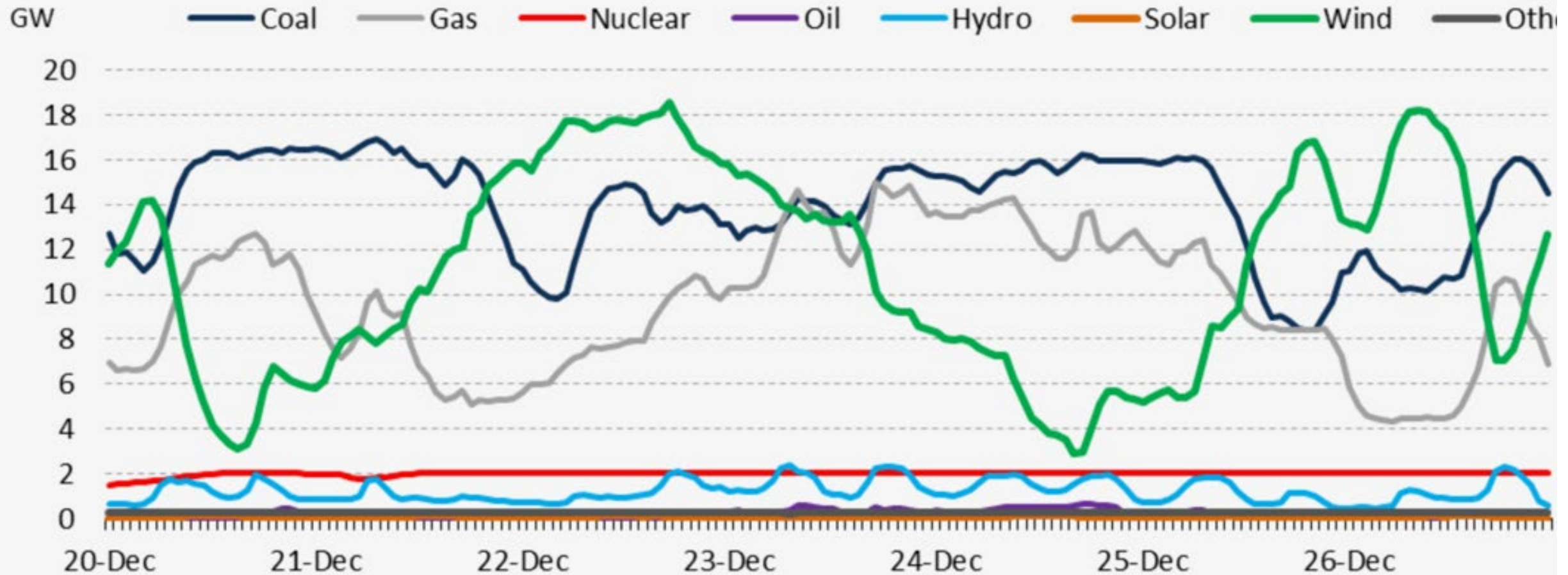
EXHIBIT 29: MISO - CHANGE IN NET GENERATION BY FUEL TYPE DURING WINTER STORM ELLIOTT



Source: EIA Hourly Grid Monitor

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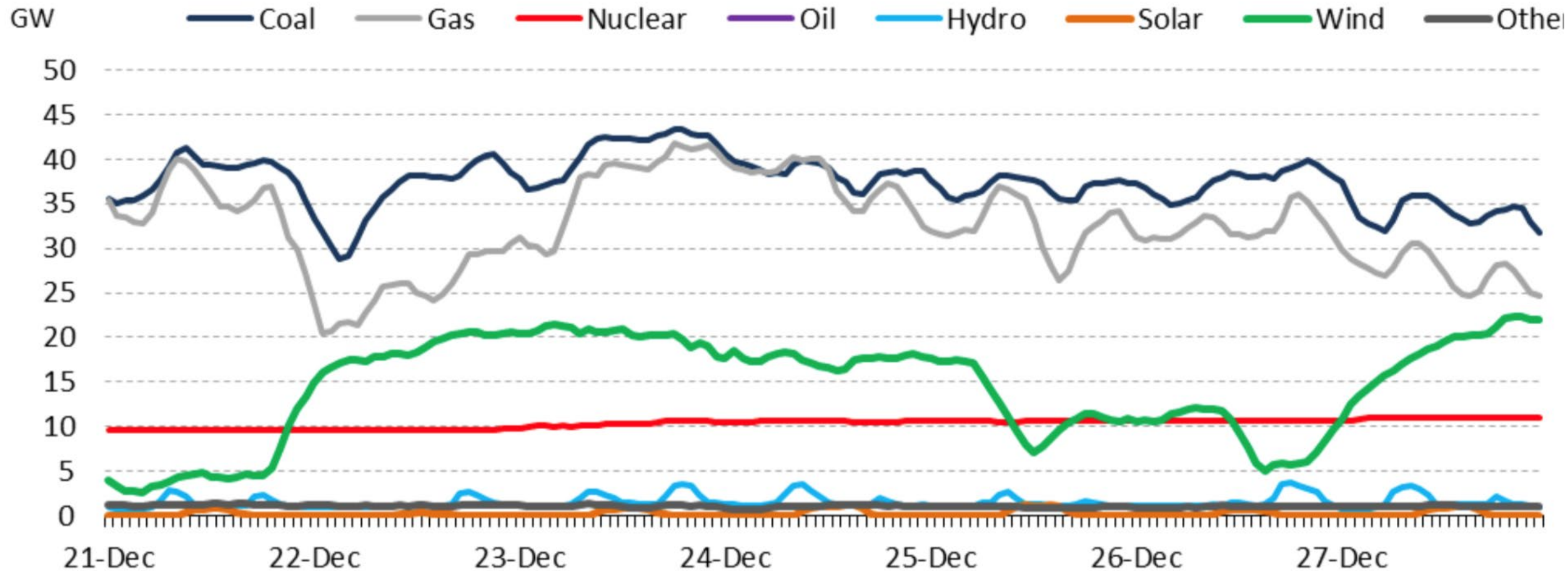
EXHIBIT 37: SPP - HOURLY GENERATION BY FUEL TYPE DURING WINTER STORM ELLIOTT



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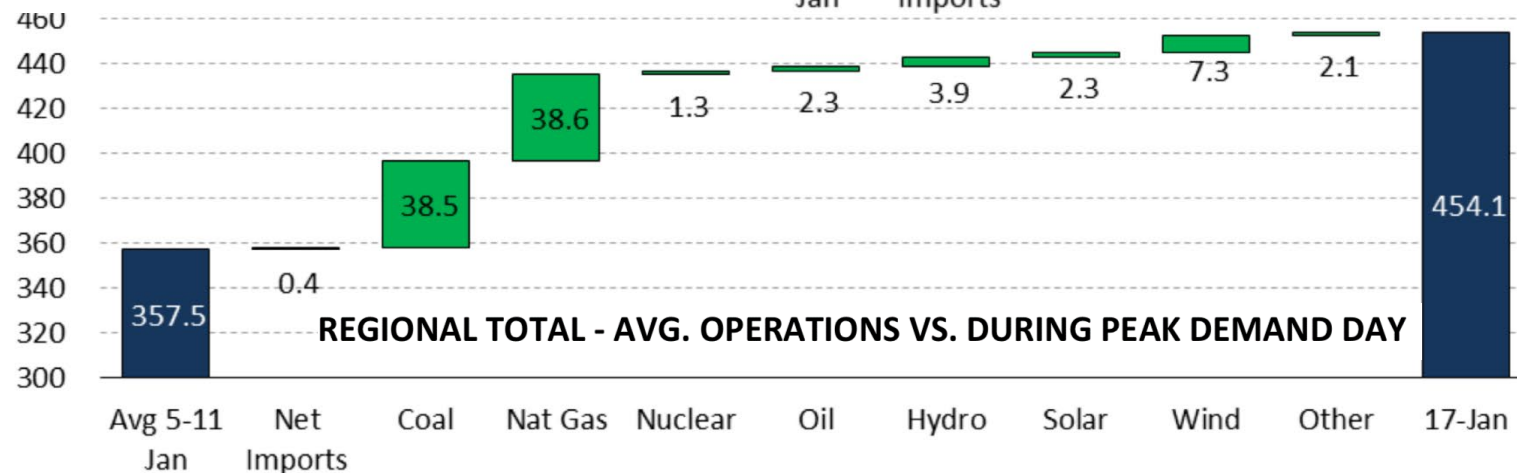
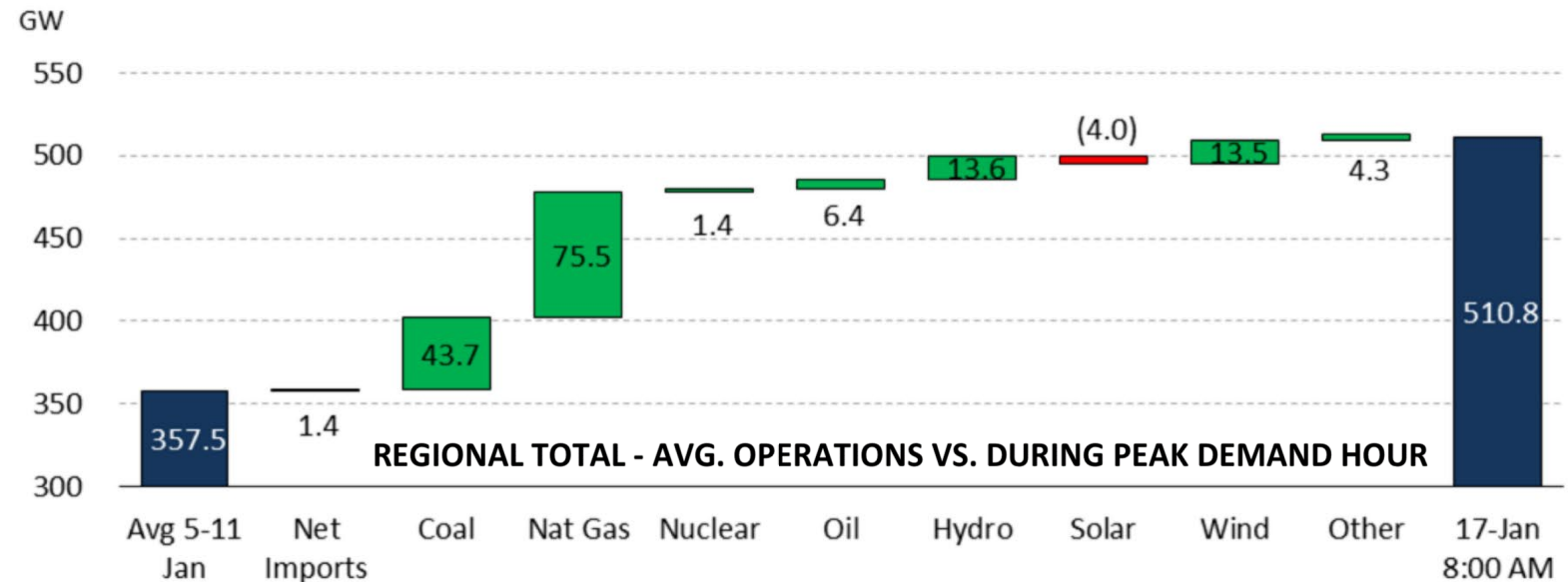
EXHIBIT 28: MISO - HOURLY GENERATION BY FUEL TYPE DURING WINTER STORM ELLIOTT



Source: EIA Hourly Grid Monitor

Operation of the U.S. Power Grid During the January 2024 Storm

2024:
Hydrocarbons,
Especially Coal,
Are Critical to
Winter Resiliency
... Again



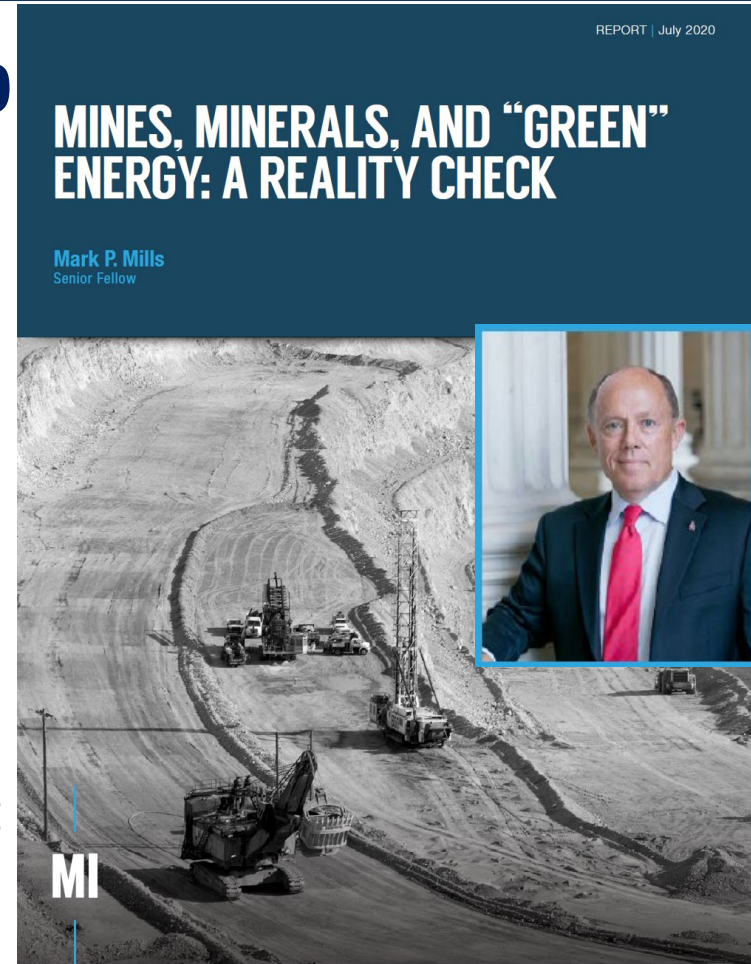
Will Batteries Save the Day? NO! - SCALE MATTERS!

A Month's Battery Backup Equivalent to JUST ONE 1,200 MW Coal Plant Would Require Roughly all the Lithium that is Currently Mined in the ENTIRE WORLD per year.

- 864 GWh of 24/7 electricity capacity would need to be replaced
- 160 metric tons of lithium/GWh of battery storage = 138,000 metric tons of lithium
- This is roughly equal to current global production of 130,000 metric tons/yr

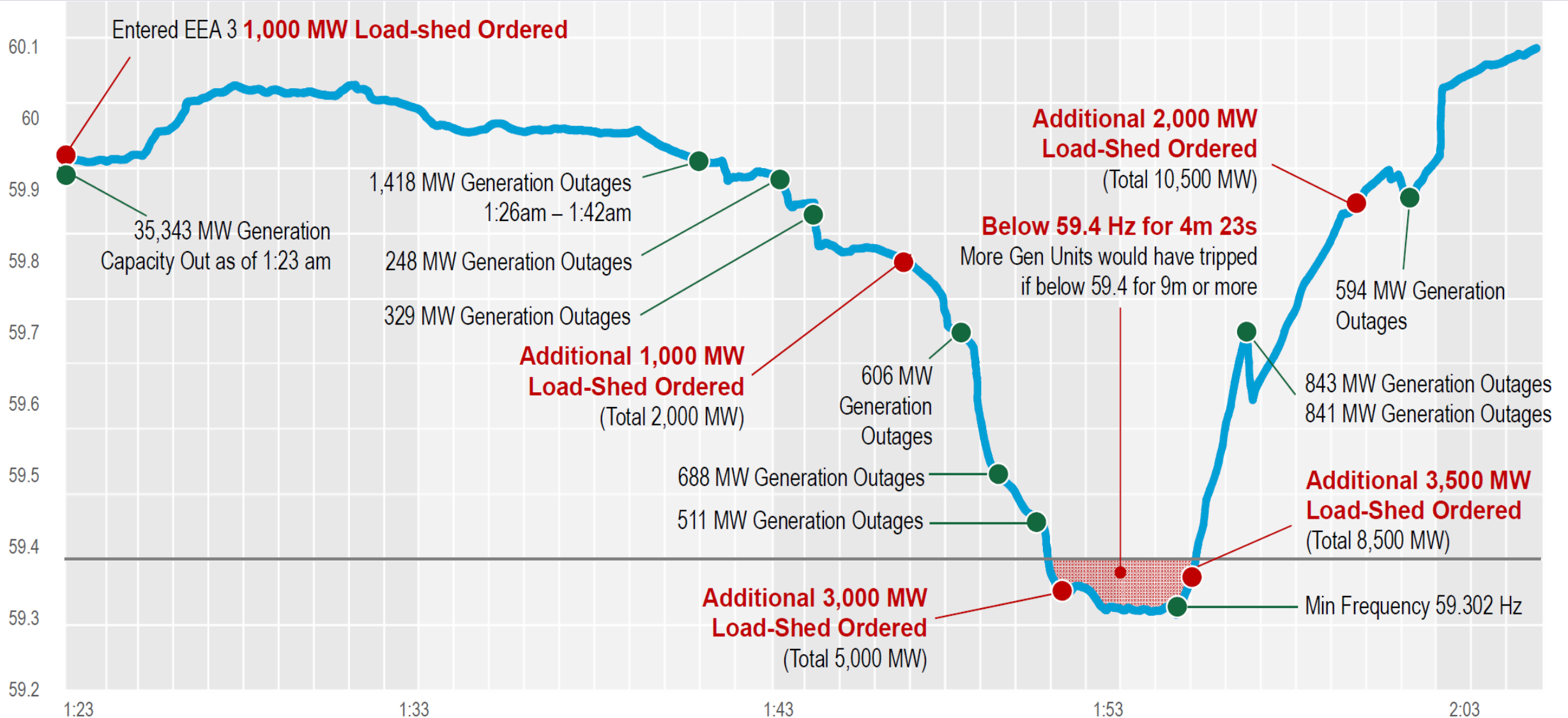
Realizing the “Dream” of 100% Renewable in Just Texas by 2035 Requires at Least One Day of Battery Storage for the Whole System. To Accomplish This, A 100 MW/400 MWh Battery Would Have to be Built EVERY DAY Over the Next 10 Years. This Buildout Would Require 1.5 TIMES CURRENT GLOBAL PRODUCTION/yr.

- 1,300 GWh of electricity to replace (130 GWh/yr per year for 10 years)
- 160 metric tons of lithium needed per GWh of battery storage
- = 208,000 metric tons of lithium (current global production is 130,000 metric tons/yr)



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Raising America's Energy IQ

LEST WE FORGET: The Night the Texas Grid Almost Went Down for a Month – *(Would Have Been Largest Energy Disaster in History)*

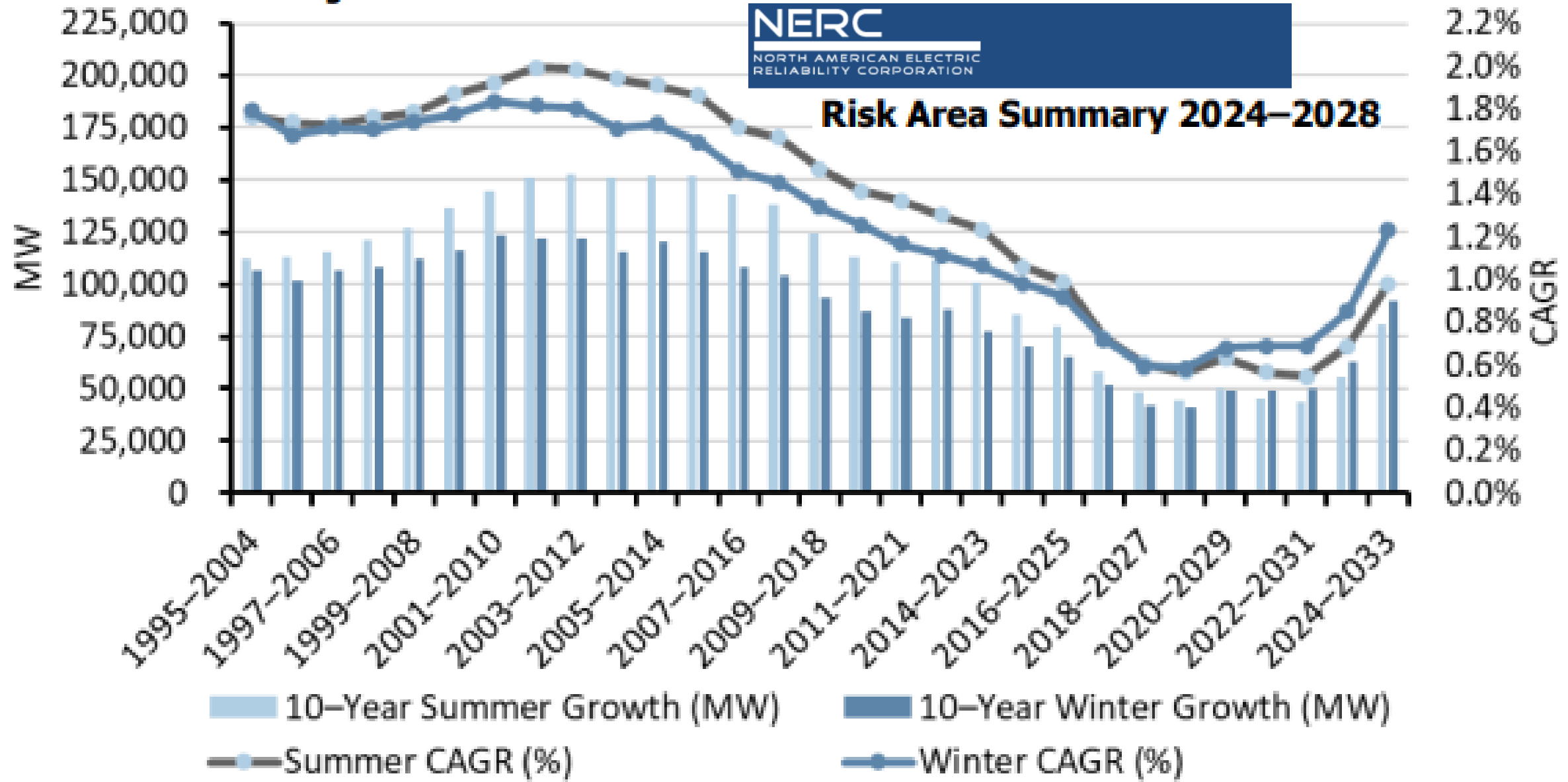


And the Days of Decreasing Demand are Gone!

Figure 25: The 10-Year Summer and Winter Peak Demand Growth and Rate

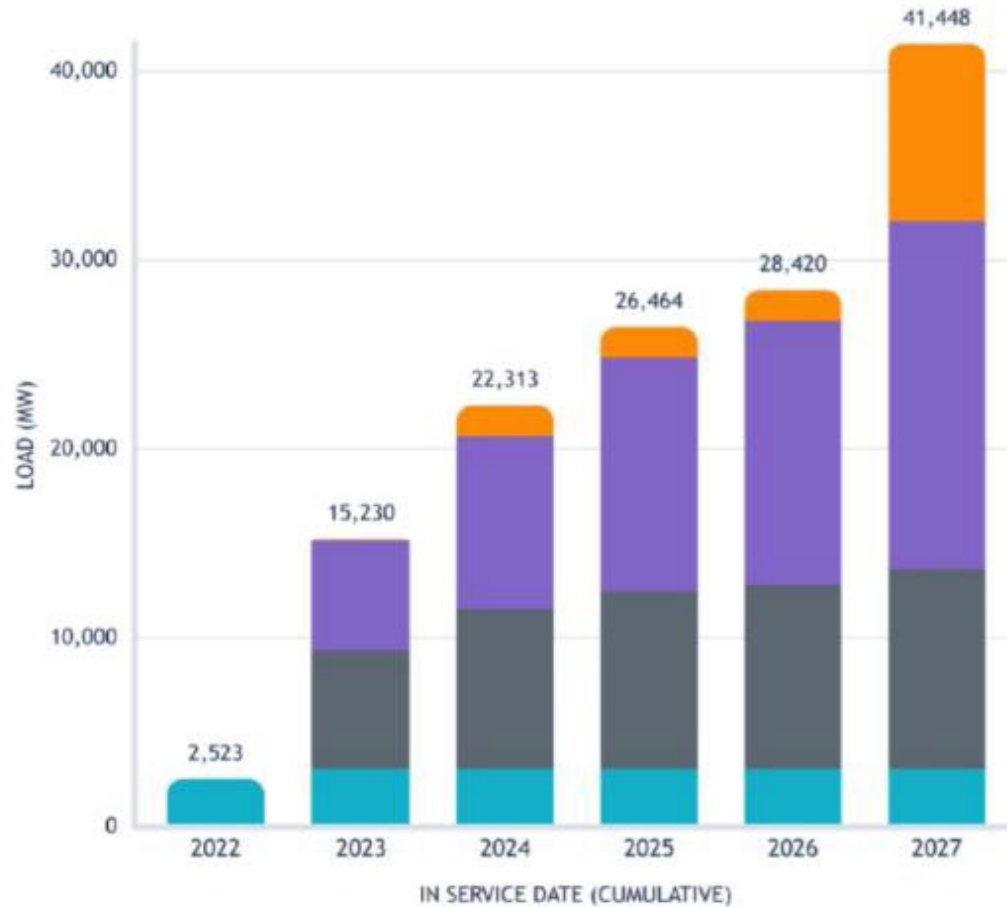
NERC
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

Risk Area Summary 2024–2028



Case Study: ERCOT - Large Load Growth

Current Large Load Interconnection Queue



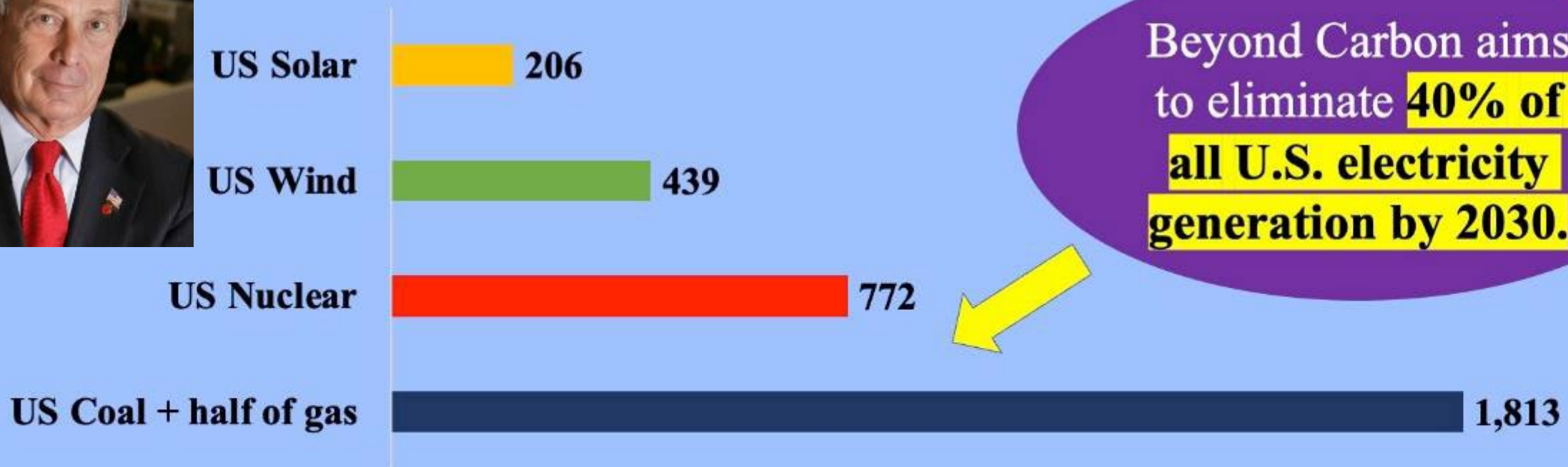
Project Status	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
No Studies Submitted	-	62	1,628	1,628	1,628	9,369
Under ERCOT Review	-	5,834	9,162	12,387	13,987	18,432
Planning Studies Approved	-	6,279	8,468	9,394	9,750	10,592
Approved to Energize	2,523	3,055	3,055	3,055	3,055	3,055
Total (MW)	2,523	15,230	22,313	26,464	28,420	41,448

NOTE: In July 2023, ERCOT identified a database error that had caused some projects to be misclassified in this chart. This error was corrected, resulting in a higher 2022 total of approved load than was previously reported. The overall size of the queue was not impacted by this error.

- **Approved to Energize** – Projects that have received Approval to Energize from ERCOT Operations. NOTE: not all MWs in this category have been observed to be operational (see next slide)
- **Planning Studies Approved** – Projects that have received ERCOT approval of required interconnection studies. Any MWs that were not approved are reclassified as No Studies Submitted.
- **Under ERCOT Review** – Projects that have studies under review by ERCOT
- **No Studies Submitted** – Projects that are tracked by ERCOT but that have not yet provided sufficient information for ERCOT to begin review. Additionally, MWs that were not approved by ERCOT after review of planning studies are included in this category until a path to interconnect these MWs is identified or the customer cancels the interconnection request.

Bloomberg's "Beyond Carbon" Campaign Would Devastate The US Electric Grid

"Shut down every last U.S. coal plant. Slash gas plant capacity in half, and block all new gas plants."

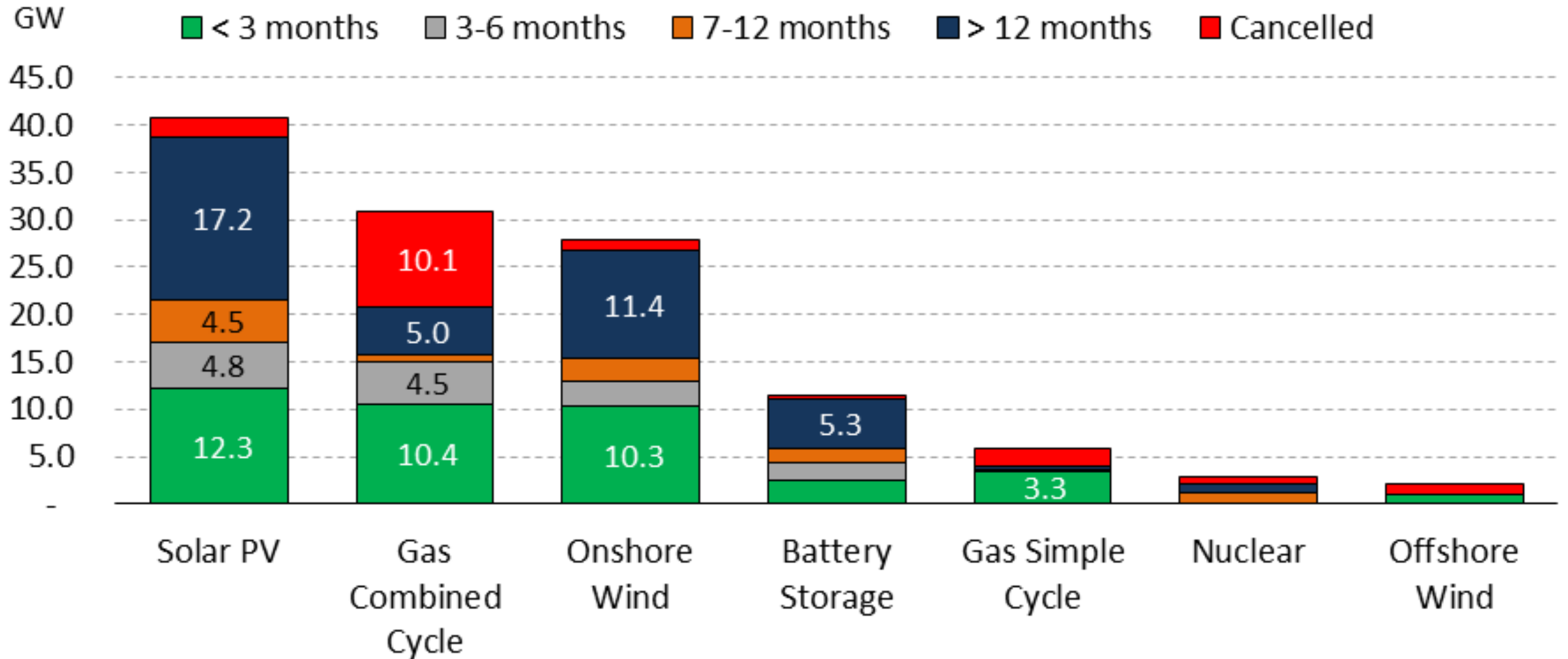


Beyond Carbon aims to eliminate **40% of all U.S. electricity generation by 2030.**

2022 Electricity Generation, Terawatt-hours

New Generation Projects Being Cancelled or Delayed

(tracking projects initially announced as of 1/21)



Source: Energy Ventures Analysis Power Plant Tracking Database

PART TWO:

EPA'S CONTINUED ASSAULT



NEW WAVE OF GRID-THREATENING REGULATIONS



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2023 Final PM NAAQS Rev.

2023 Proposed NSR Emissions Accounting

2023 Proposed GHG Existing EGUs (111d)

2023 Proposed CCR Legacy Impoundments

2023 Final PM NAAQS

2023 CCR Closure (f)(2) Less than 40 acres

April 2024 Final MATS RTR

April 2024 Final CCR Legacy Impoundments

April 2024 Proposed Secondary NAAQS Nox, SO₂, PM

Jun. 2024 Final GHG NSPS (111b)

Regional Haze: EPA Acting on Individual SIPs

Projected 2024-25: CCR Beneficial Use **Long-term Agenda w/o projected date

Projected 2024-25: Secondary NO_x, SO₂, PM NAAQS **Long-term, w/o date

Projected 2024-25: 2008 Ozone NAAQS SIP Req'mts **Long-term, w/o date

Projected 2024-25: NSR PM_{2.5} and Ozone SILs **Long-term, w/o date

May 2026 CSAPR Group 3. Most State Budgets have Large Budget Reductions (Proposed)

Mar. 2027 Compliance with Final MATS RTR

Regional Haze: 2nd Planning Period Ends (2019-2028)

Dec. 31, 2028 Deadline for ELG Units Opting to Cease Coal Combustion or Comply with VIP

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

2023 Final PSD Fugitives

2023 CCR Part B Final Rule (Phase 2 Closure)

2023 Final CCR Permit Program

2023 Final Ozone NAAQS Recon.

2023 Final GHG Subpart Ba

2023 Proposed GHG New EGUs (111b)

2023 Proposed MATS RTR

2023 ELG Proposed Rule to Potentially Strengthen ELGs+

Oct. 2024 Final Rule CCR Closure Part B: Implementation of Closure

Oct. 15, 2024 Latest CCR Deadline for "USWAG Unit" (f)(1) Extension to Cease CCR Placement (Oct. 5, 2023 for non-USWAG units)

Jun. 2024 Final GHG Existing EGUs (111d)

Mar. 2026 Final CCR Permit Program Long Term Agenda

Projected 2025: Proposed Visibility State Plan Requirements **Long-term, w/o date

NSR GHG SER **Long-term, w/o date

Projected 2024-25: Lead NAAQS **Long-term, w/o date

April 2026 Projected deadline for State 111 Plans GHG NSPS + Existing EGUs

May 2027 CSAPR Group 3 New SCRs To be installed (Proposed)

Oct. 17, 2028 CCR Closure Complete (f)(2) More than 40 acres

Regional Haze

CSAPR

Air Toxics (MATS)

NAAQS

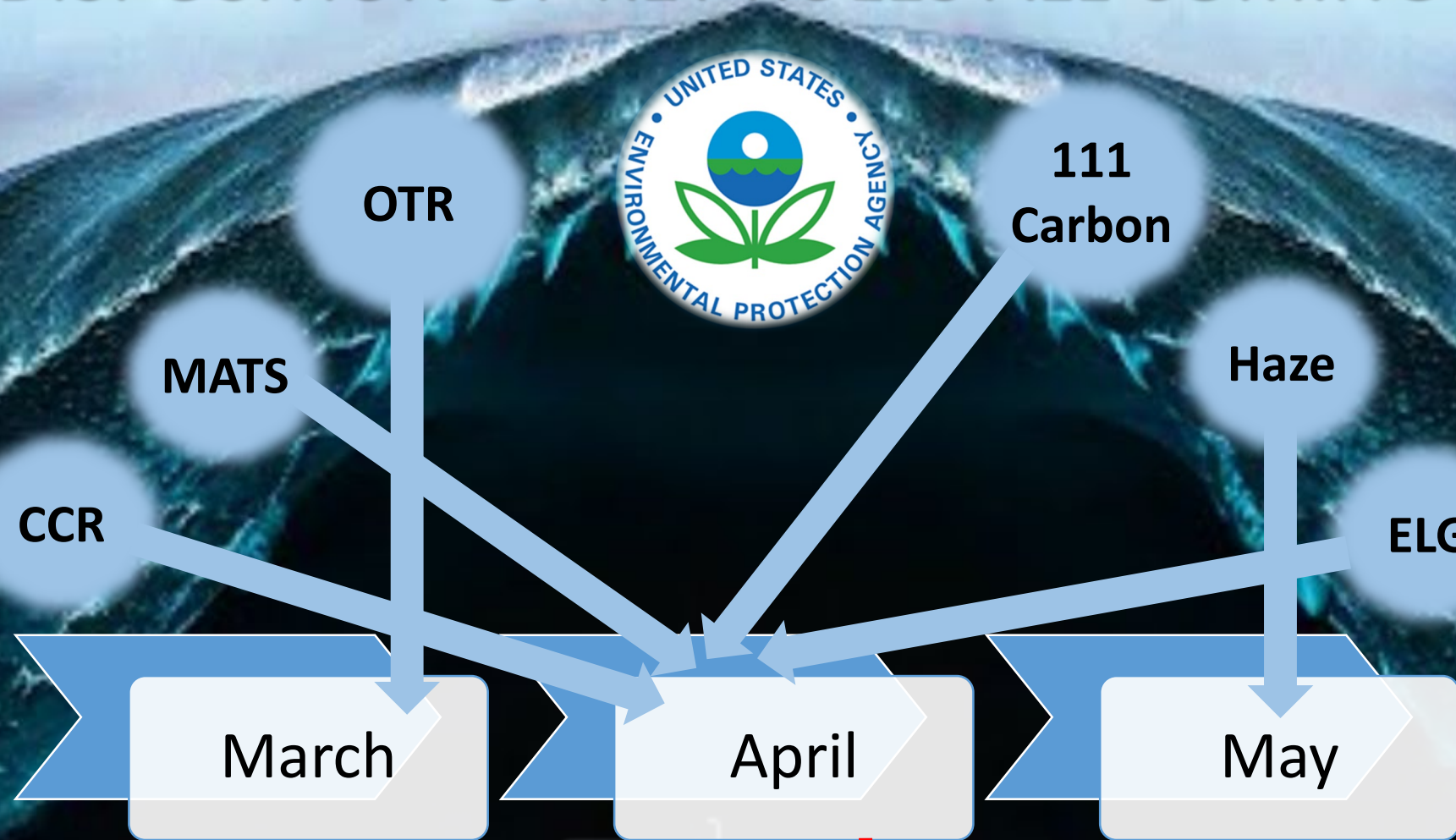
NSR

GHGs

Water

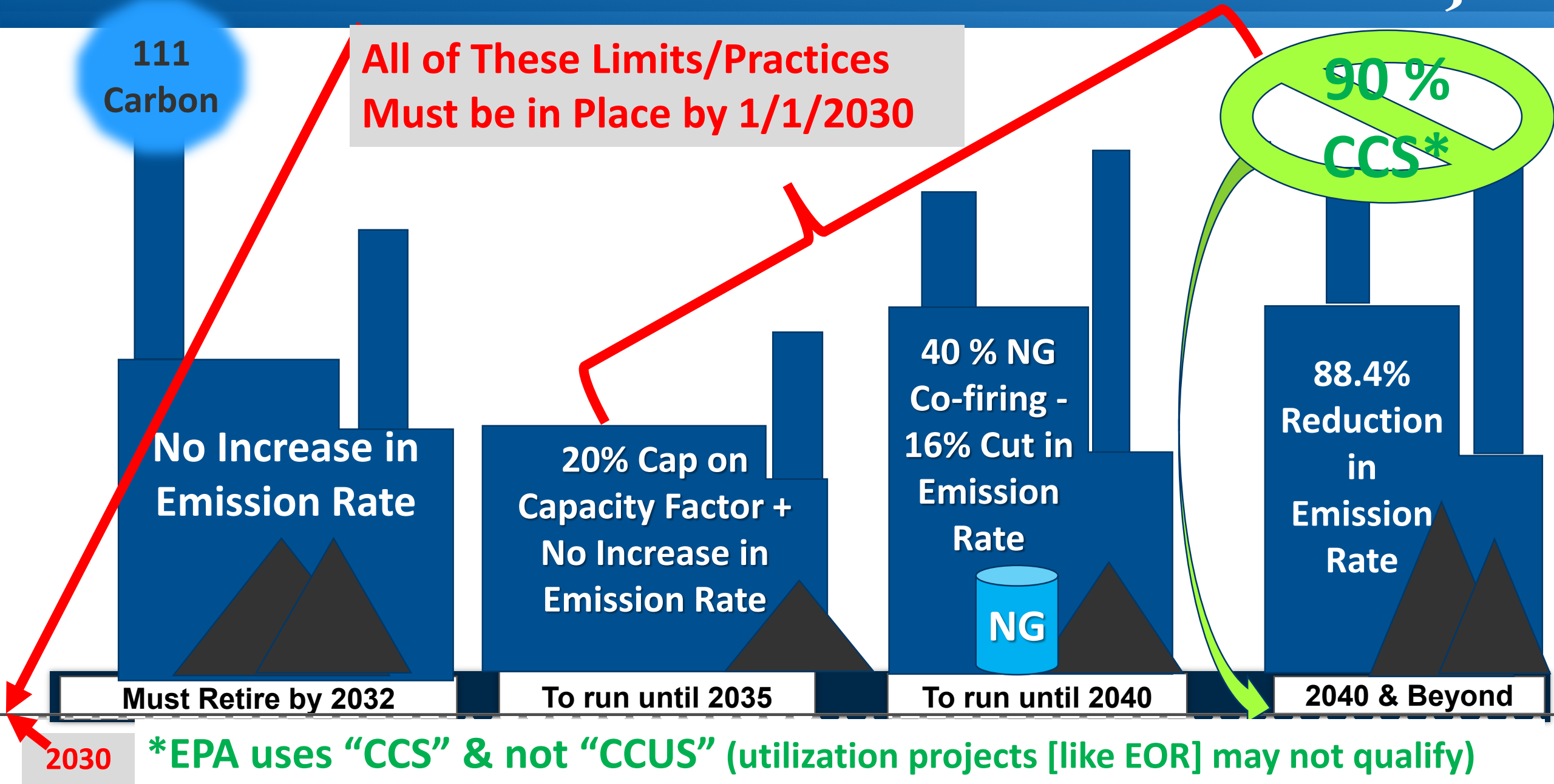
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FINAL DISPOSITION OF KEY RULES ALL COMING AT ONCE



Congressional Review Act (CRA) "Look-Back" Period for Vacating Regulations

EXISTING COAL – Standards Based on Remaining Life



New/Existing \geq 300 MW Combustion Turbines with CF \geq 33-40% (SC) or 45-55% (CC) face unprecedented mandates for unproven tech:

- MUST Elect Co-firing vs. CCS Path by 1/1/31
- Co-firing Path:
 - Co-firing of 30 percent low-GHG hydrogen by 2032 (680 lb CO₂/MWh-gross)
 - Co-firing 96 percent low-GHG hydrogen by 2038 (90 lb CO₂/MWh-gross)
 - Not clear “low-GHG H₂” will be available or affordable
- CCS Path:
 - 90% CCS by 2035 (90 lb CO₂/MWh-gross)
 - Not clear CCS will be eligible if enhanced oil recovery/utilization involved

GRID IMPACTS OF 111 RULE ARE REAL & IMMEDIATE

2030 CONTROLS IN PLACE

(what is left of coal fleet and over half of gas fleet retires except small gas & a few plants with favorable geology/pipelines)

Comment Period followed by Final 111 Rules
(EGUs suspend coal investment & planning new large gas units)

EPA's Mandated BSER Handed Down to States
(EGUs/states evaluate if H2/CCS options possible – EGUs increase retirements)

States Plans Developed & Submitted to EPA
(EGUs now know their fate & start **MASSIVE** retirements)

Only 2-3 Years to Construct Massive Infrastructure
(retirements continue due to realities of costs/timeline)

LIKELY LOSE THE REST OF 145 GW COAL FLEET

LIKELY LOSE 136-204 GWs* (40-60%) OF GAS FLEET

NG

*The sources for impacted MWs are EIA [860m](#) (for capacity) and the 2021 [EIA.923](#) (for generation).

2023

2024

2025-26

2027-2030

2030

2040

RELIABILITY IMPACTS OF EPA CARBON RULE

(COAL & NATURAL GAS LIKELY TO BE LOST DUE TO EPA'S CAA 111 CARBON RULE)(Source: [EIA 860](#) & [EIA 923](#))

SPP:

COAL: 17,799.5 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 1,519.1 – 3,689.1 MW by 2032/35

MOUNTAIN WEST:

COAL: 8,182.4 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 9,086.1 – 18,694.3 MW by 2032/35

CAISO:

COAL: 62.5 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 5,552.7-9518.6 MW by 2032/35

ERCOT:

COAL: 10,369 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 9,683.3 – 20,017.7 MW by 2032/35

***Gas impacts could be dramatically larger if EPA were to lower the threshold for which gas-fired power plants will be subject to the restrictions of the rule – something on which they have solicited comment and are being pressured to do by certain states and eNGOs**

ISONE:

COAL: 559.2 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 3,937.9 – 7,556 MW by 2032/35

NYISO:

GAS: 5,427.6 – 6,077.6 MW by 2032/35

PJM:

COAL: 41,769.2 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 39,718.7 – 42,206.5 MW by 2032/35

MISO:

COAL: 39,109.5 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 9,467.9 - 19,524.6 MW by 2032/35

SOUTHEAST:

COAL: 27,279.9 MW by 2030/32
GAS: 39,935.3 – 62,254.4 MW by 2032/35

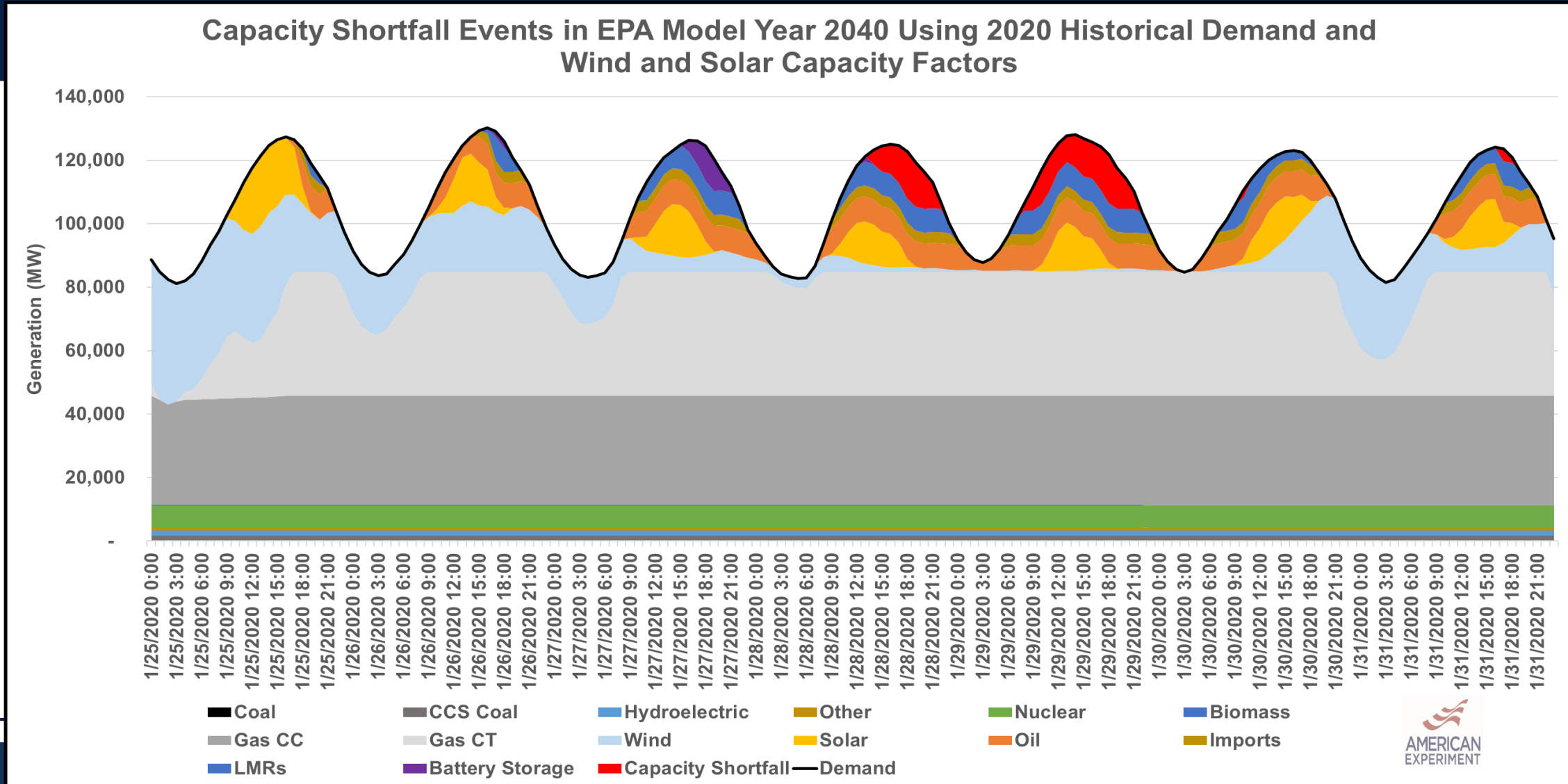
NATIONWIDE IMPACTS (includes non-RTO EGUs):

COAL: 155,110 – 210,944 MW by 2030/32

GAS: 126,000-204,000 MW by 2032/35

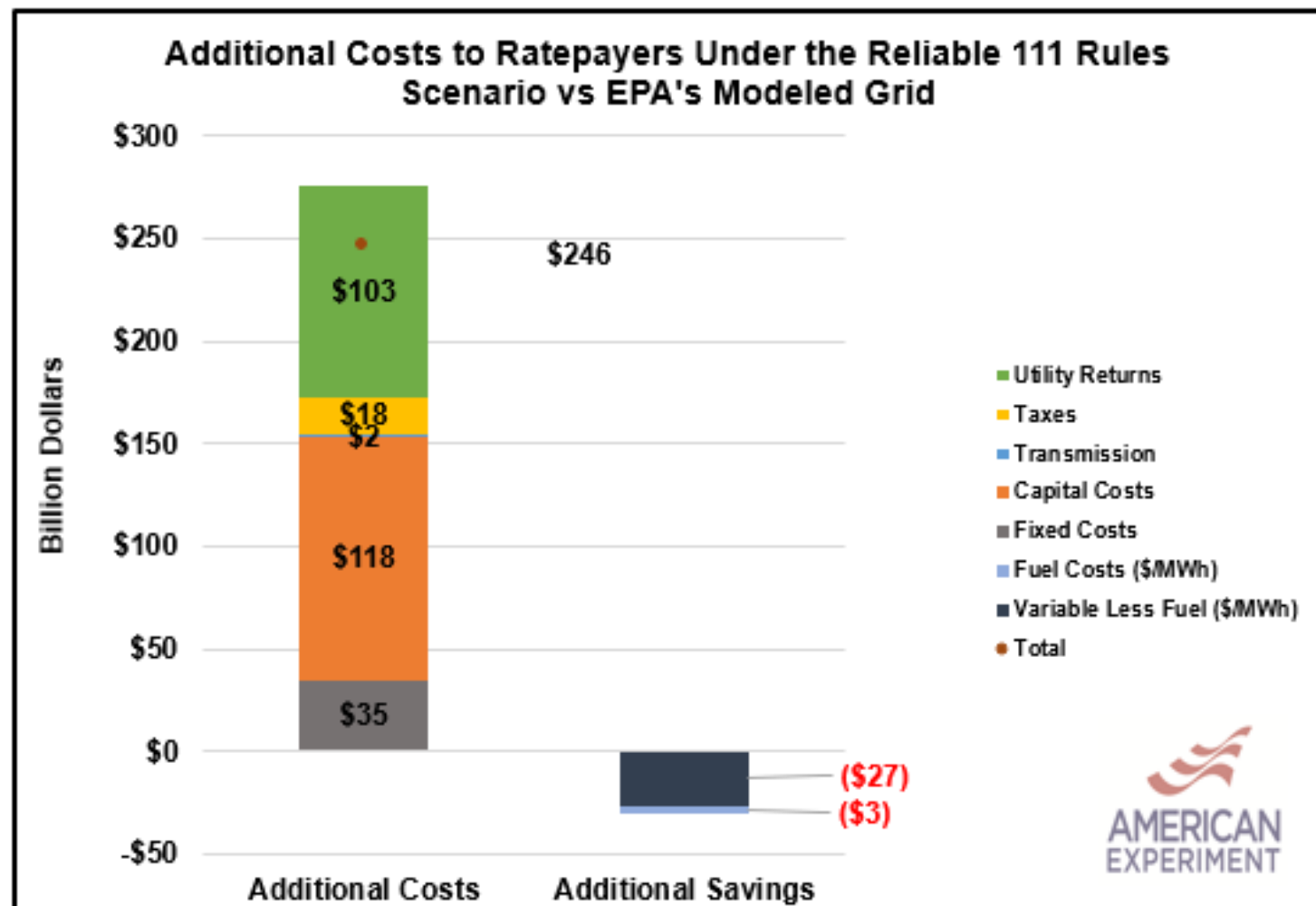
NOTE: These estimates do NOT include retirements that are likely to be driven before 2030 because generators will not be able to justify capital investments required by other EPA regulations because the carbon rule will significantly curtail the remaining useful life and utilization rate of plants – making it financially infeasible to recover additional capital expenditures.















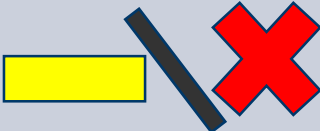
In MISO, with realistic wind/solar performance factors, EPA's own carbon rule modeling can't keep the lights on



Executive Summary: Shoring Up EPA's Modeled Grid Would Cost \$246 Billion

- Preventing capacity shortfalls while still meeting EPA's emission targets would require large capacity additions.
- These additions would increase the cost of compliance by \$246 billion through 2055, or \$7.7 billion annually, compared to the cost of EPA's modeled MISO grid in the Integrated Proposal with LNG Update.
- **This figure exceeds EPA's annual net benefit estimate of \$5.9 billion for the entire country.**



CONTRASTING LEGAL FLAWS OF OLD/NEW CARBON RULES					
REG	Abide by <i>WV v. EPA</i> Prohibition Against Using Generation Shifting in Deriving BSER under 111(b)?	Comply with 111(d) Requirement that BSER be Applied “For” or “At” the Source (aka “inside fence”)?	Is BSER “Adequately Demonstrated” as Required by 111(b)?	Are States Allowed to Lead Implem. of 111(d) Perf. Standards?	Are States Allowed to Lead in RULOF as Required by 111(d)?
CPP					
ACE					
NEW 111 CPS	 EPA appears to have learned this lesson (also true in other rules)	 They start inside the fence, but they did not stay there (dependent on off-site infrastructure)	 Low-GHG H2 & CCS are NOT nationally available or adeq. demonstrated.	 States are given the lead at the source level.	 EPA signals limits on state discretion on RULOF calls.



PART THREE: Stemming the Tide



A dramatic, high-contrast photograph of a ship's deck during a storm. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the ship. The sky is overcast and grey. The ship's deck is visible in the foreground, with railings and some equipment. The overall mood is one of intense pressure and challenge.

STEMMING THE TIDE

POWER MARKET REFORMS

LITIGATION/REGULATORY FRONT

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

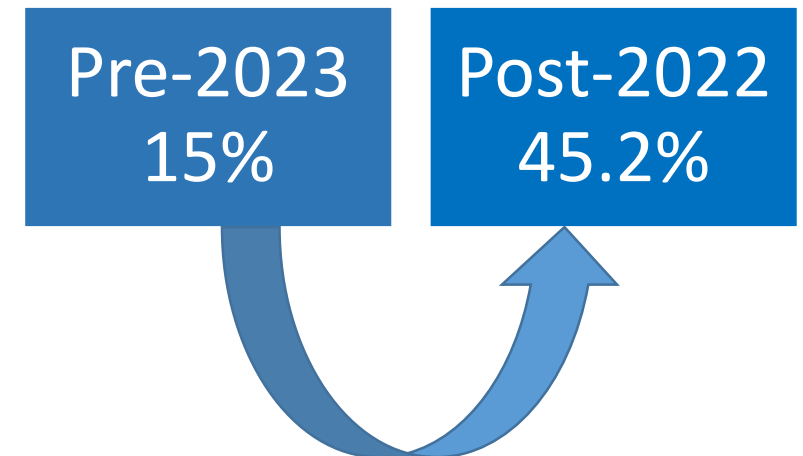
New Accreditation Standards & Increased Reserve Margin Requirements = Winter Reliability & Resilience is in Serious Question in SPP & MISO)



Seasonal Solar Accreditation				
	PY23-24	F1-25	F1-39	Reserve Margin
Winter		1%	1%	25.50%
Spring		35%	2%	24.50%
Summer	45%	43%	3%	7.40%
Fall		6%	5%	14.90%

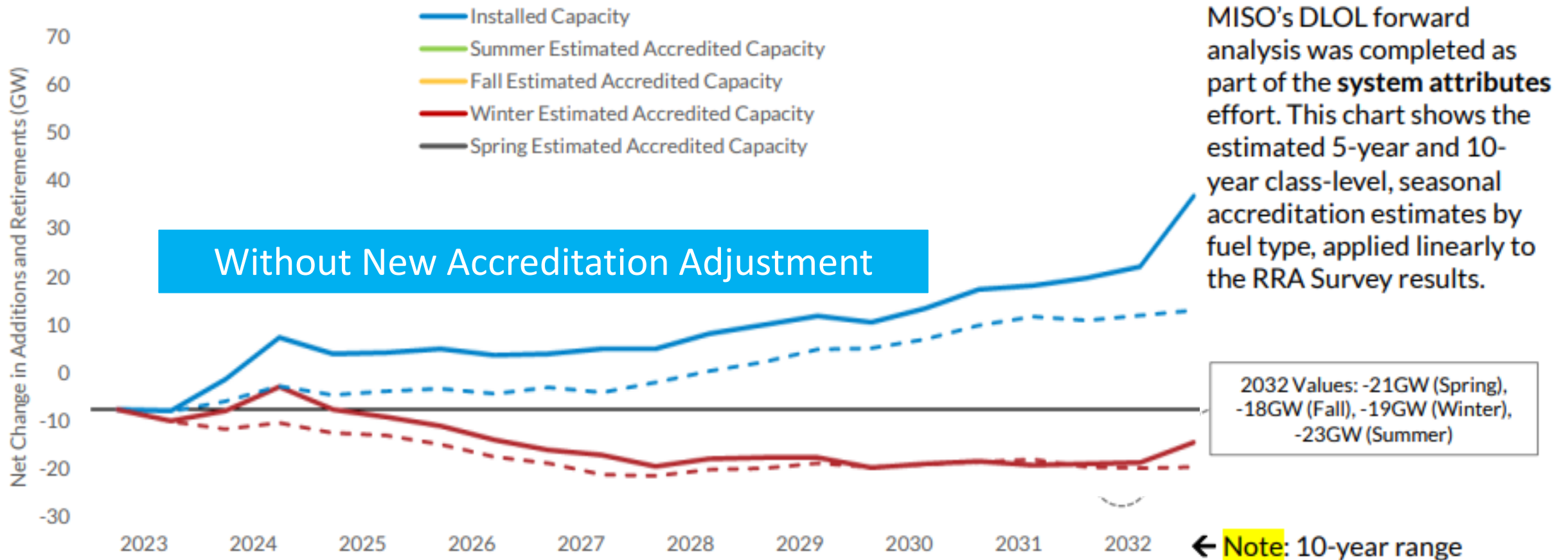


Due to Increased Renewable Penetration, Winter Reserve Margin Proposed to be Increased 300%



Alternative view of the installed versus accredited seasonal capacity picture applying the proposed Direct Loss of Load (DLOL) accreditation methodology

Projected Capacity Change Based on Member-Announced Plans: 2023 - 2032
(From 2023 RRA Survey Results)



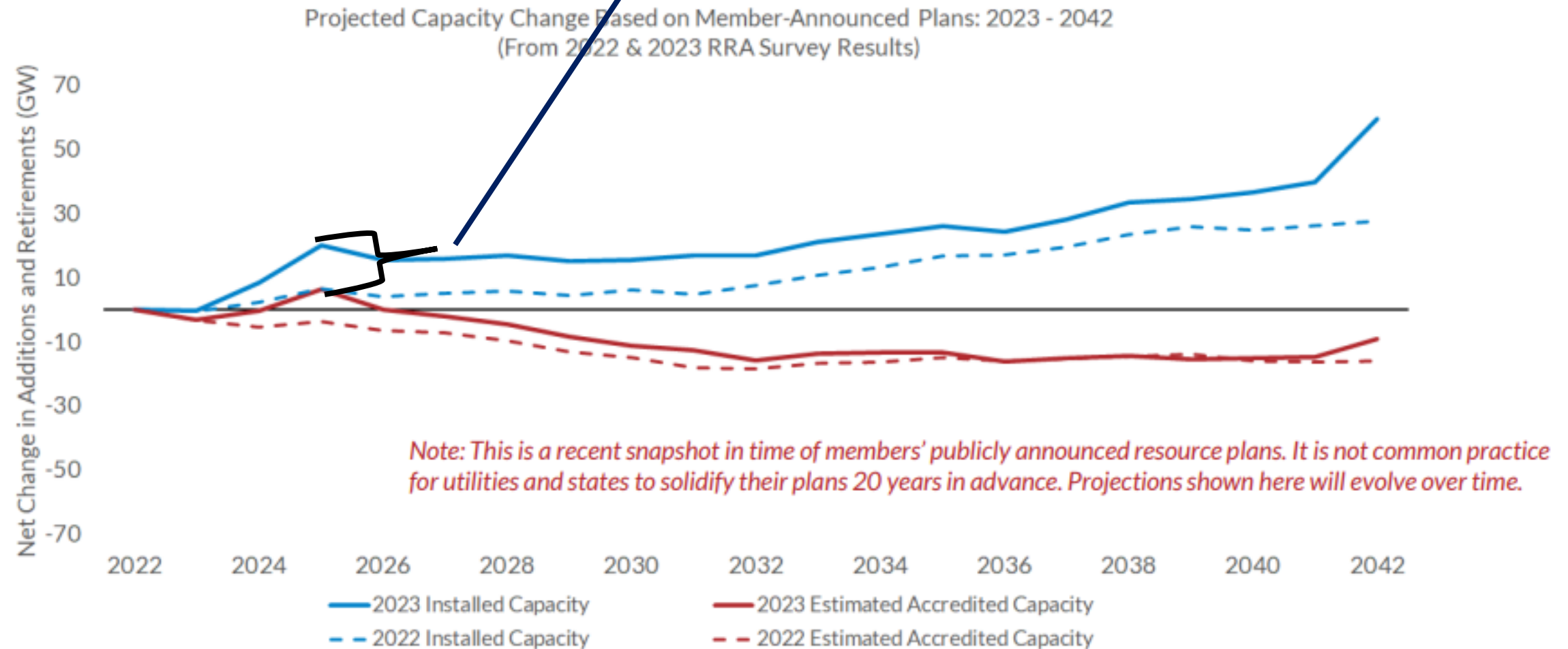
RETIREMENT OF COAL PLANTS BEING DELAYED (22,202 MW)

Plant	State	Planned	Revised	Capacity
Indian River (NRG Energy)	DE	2022	2026	410 MW
Bowen 1 & 2 (Georgia Power)	GA	2027	2035	1440 MW
Scherer 3 (Georgia Power)	GA	2027	2035	860 MW
Shafer Power Station (NIPSCO)	IN	2023	<u>2025</u>	1940 MW
Rockport 2 (AEP)	IN	2022	<u>2028</u>	1300 MW
Merom (acquired by Hallador Power Company)	IN	2023	<u>No Set Date</u>	980 MW
Lawrence Unit 4 & 5 (Evergy)	KS	2023	2028	486 MW
Ghent 2 (Louisville Gas & Electric/Kentucky Utilities)	KY	2028	<u>No Set Date</u>	1200 MW
Brown 3 (Louisville Gas & Electric/Kentucky Utilities)	KY	2028	<u>No Set Date</u>	557 MW
White Bluff (Entergy)	AR	2024	2028	1,650 MW
Independence (Entergy)	AR	2025	2030	1,650 MW
Rush Island (Ameren)	MO	2022	<u>2025</u>	1200 MW
GG Allen (Duke)	NC	2023	<u>2024</u>	435 MW
Mayo (Duke)	NC	2028	<u>2031</u>	382 MW
Roxboro Unit 1 & 2	NC	2028	<u>2029</u>	1068 MW

Plant	State	Planned	Revised	Capacity
Roxboro Units 3&4	NC	2027	<u>2034</u>	745 MW
North Omaha (OPPD)	NE	2023	<u>2026</u>	645 MW
Coal Creek (acquired by Rainbow Energy)	ND	2021	<u>No Set Date</u>	1150 MW
Newmont (TS Power)	NV	2022	2023	220 MW
Winyah 1 & 2 (Santee Cooper)	SC	2027	2030	570 MW
Fayette 1 (City of Austin)	TX	2022	<u>2028</u>	570 MW
Edgewater (Alliant Energy)	WI	2023	<u>2025</u>	380 MW
Columbia (Alliant Energy)	WI	2024	<u>June 2026</u>	1100 MW
Oak Creek 5 & 6 (WEC Energy Group)	WI	2022	<u>2024</u>	525 MW
Oak Creek 7 & 8 (WEC Energy Group)	WI	2023	<u>2025</u>	310 MW
Pleasants (First Energy)	WV	2018	<u>No Set Date</u>	1288 MW
Jim Bridger 3 & 4 (Rocky Mountain Power/PacifiCorp)	WY	2022	<u>2037</u>	2441 MW

***Analysis does not include units deemed too critical to retire without \$1 Billion+ in transmission upgrades (e.g., Rush Island [MISO] & Brandon Shores [PJM]) or deemed imprudently retired)**

KEY INSIGHT 2: The MISO region shows year-over-year growth and acceleration in planned additions which coincides with delays to some planned coal and gas retirements resulting in a slightly improved near-term capacity picture



A dramatic photograph of a ship's deck during a storm. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the ship. The ship's deck is visible in the foreground, featuring railings, a helipad with a white 'X' marking, and various equipment. The sky is overcast and grey.

STEMMING THE TIDE

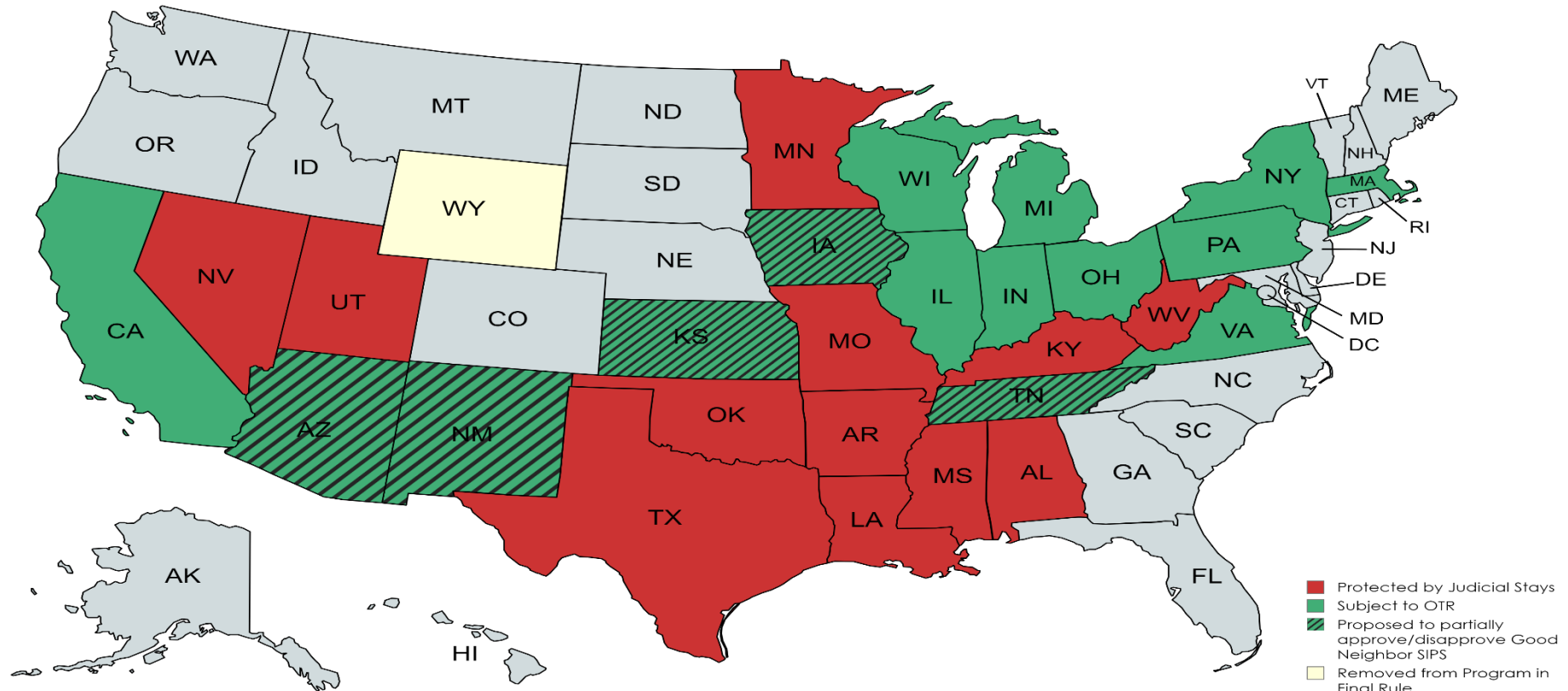
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STATES CURRENTLY PROTECTED BY JUDICIAL STAY



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STATES CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO OTR (SCOTUS Action Critical)



OTR Precedent: Stays on EPA SIP Denials Now i

Place in the 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, & 10th Circuits

Example - 5th Circuit Order:

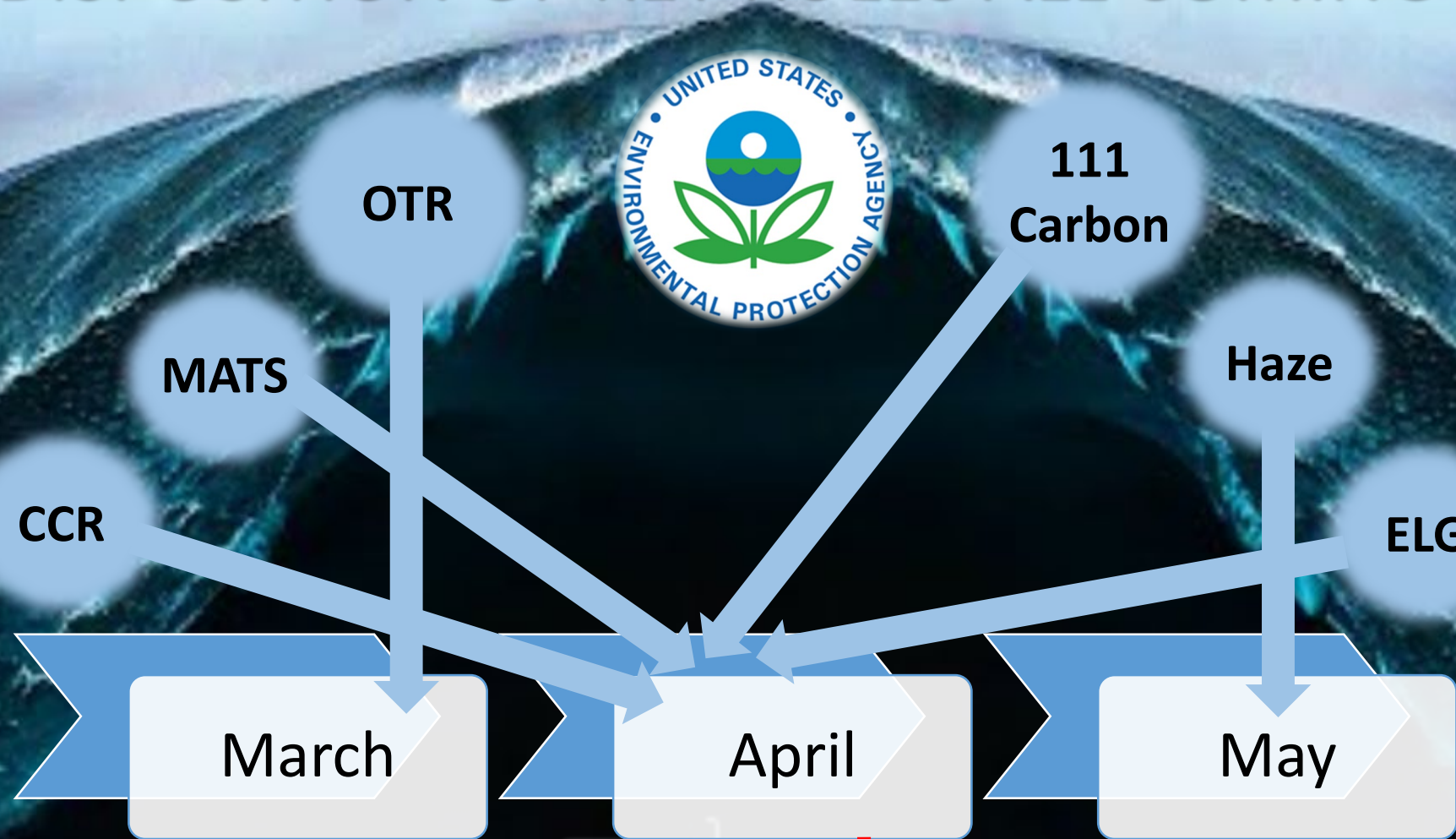
*. . . This [SIP Denial] would [] transform EPA's statutory role from that of a "ministerial" overseer to one of a **freewheeling dictatorial regulator**. .*

*. allowing the Final [SIP Denial] to stand pending the appeal would **disrupt the system of cooperative federalism** enshrined in the Clean Air*

*Act . . . Stay Petitioners will be forced to spend billions of dollars in compliance costs [now] . . . simultaneous change to [] emissions budgets alongside the increased seasonal demand on [] grids will **dramatically increase the probability of price spikes and load-shedding***

(emphasis added & citations omitted)

FINAL DISPOSITION OF KEY RULES ALL COMING AT ONCE



Congressional Review Act (CRA) "Look-Back" Period for Vacating Regulations

A dramatic, high-contrast photograph of a stormy sea. In the foreground, the dark, wet deck of a ship is visible, with a white circular logo featuring a cross-like symbol. The ship's railing and some equipment are partially visible. The background is a turbulent ocean with massive, white-capped waves crashing against the ship, creating a sense of intense pressure and conflict. The sky is overcast and grey, adding to the somber and challenging atmosphere.

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Aggregate emissions of criteria pollutants defined in the Clean Air Act have declined more than 75% since 1970

Myth Fact

RESEARCH



Keeping Politics Out of Texas Pensions: Proxy Voting Reform

March 27, 2023



Pushed To The Brink: The 2021 Electric Grid Crisis and How Texas is Responding

August 12, 2023



Improving the ERCOT Grid Through a Reliability Requirement for Variable Generation

October 31, 2023

ANIMATED “ENERGY 101” VIDEO SERIES ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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VIDEO 1 - Why We Need Electricity

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<https://youtu.be/WiMtU6O1SxM>

VIDEO 3 - Where Electricity Comes From

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VIDEO 4 - Energy Density

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VIDEO 6 - Environmental Technology & Success

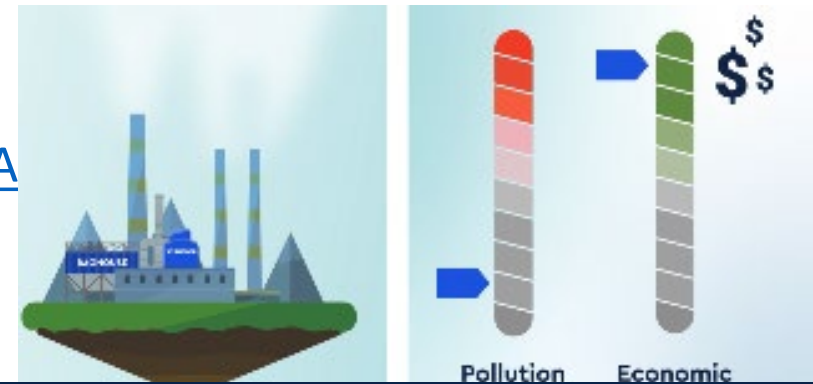
<https://youtu.be/aodsngzbZqA>

VIDEO 7 – Grid Reliability & Resilience

<https://youtu.be/YLPzgRxm6fA?si=i-heeK10A>

VIDEO 8 –Geopolitical Energy Security

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PART FOUR:

A GEOPOLITICAL ENERGY REALITY CHECK



“LEADERSHIP” or Unilateral Disarming Our Global Security?

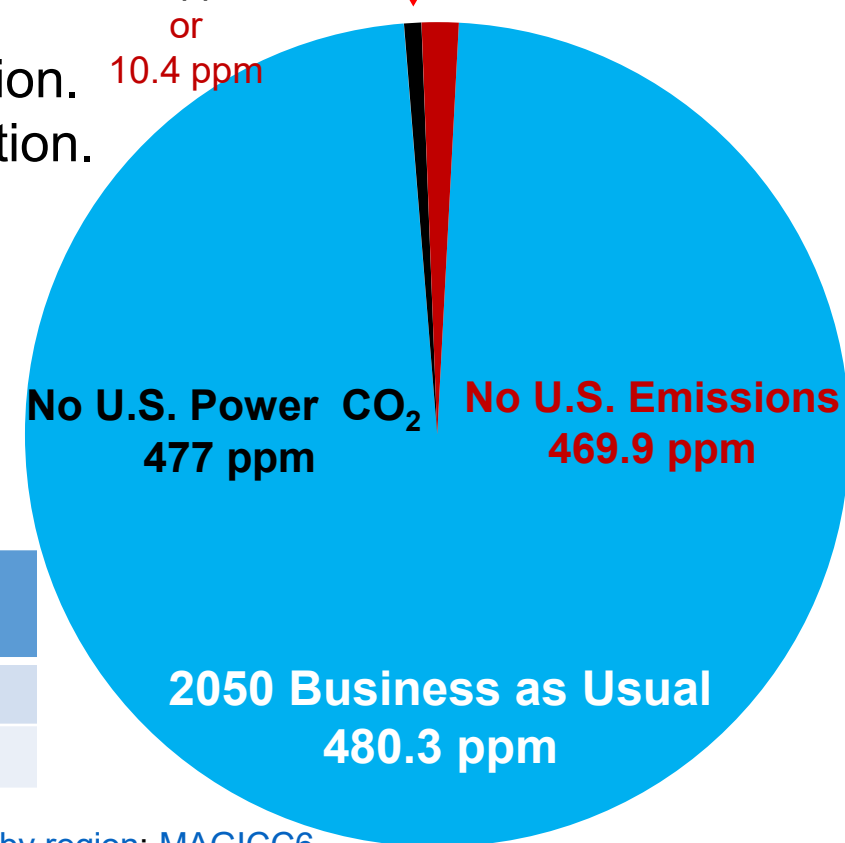
2050 IMPACT OF DECARBONIZING ELECTRICITY:

- NO COAL FLEET = 2.06 ppm (0.4%) reduction in CO₂ concentration.
- NO FOSSIL FLEET = 3.3 ppm (0.7%) reduction in CO₂ concentration.
- Modeled global temperature reduced by a mere 0.016°C.

2050 IMPACT OF DECARBONIZING ENTIRE U.S.:

- 10.4 ppm (2.2%) reduction in CO₂ concentration.
- Modeled global temperature reduced by 0.053°C.

Modeled CO₂ Reduction
3.3 ppm
or
10.4 ppm



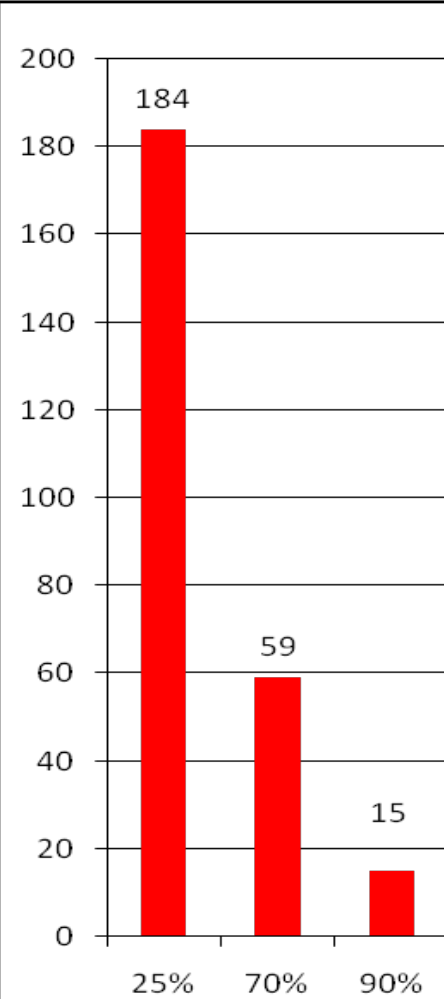
CO2 Emissions	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	% Change
World	30,834	34,972	36,398	39,317	42,771	+38.7%
U.S.	5,571	5,260	4,839	4,867	5,071	-8.9%

Sources: Energy Information Administration, International Energy Outlook 2017, [World carbon dioxide emissions by region](#); [MAGICC6 Model](#); Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report Working Group I, [Summary for Policymakers](#); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [Global Land and Temperature Anomalies](#).

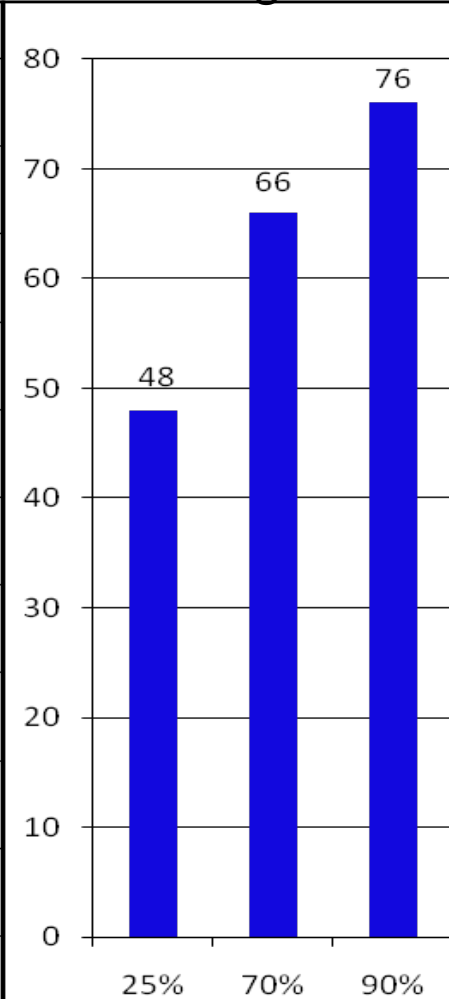


People in Societies with Greater Access to Electricity:

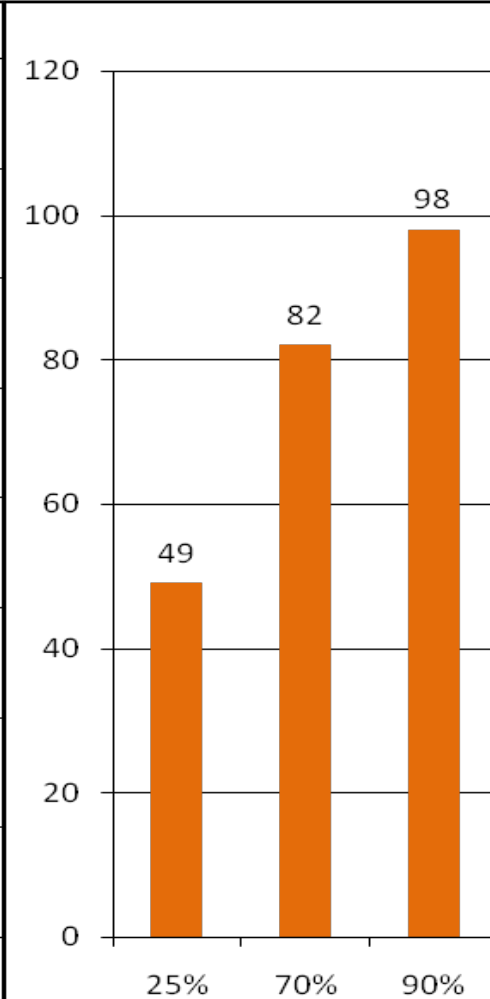
Survive
Childhood



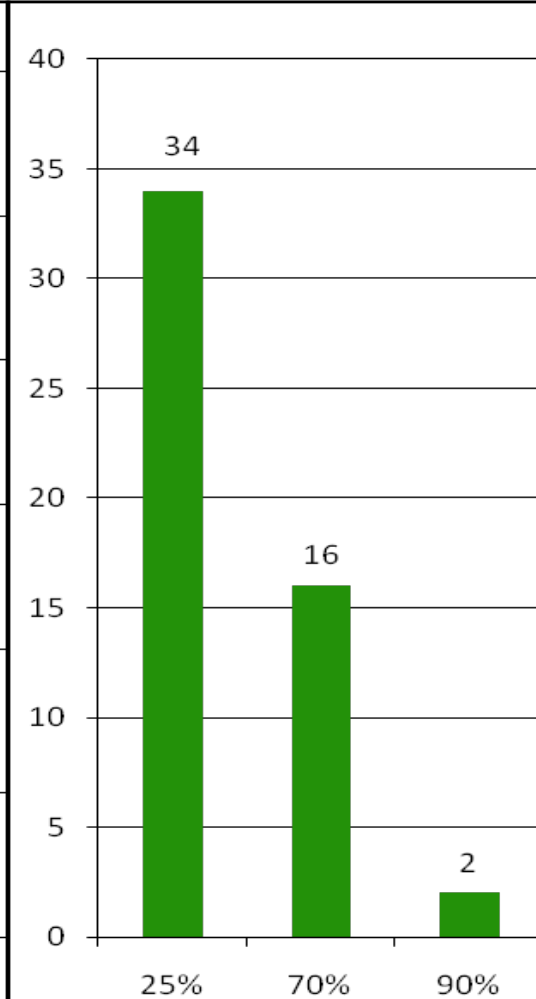
Live
Longer



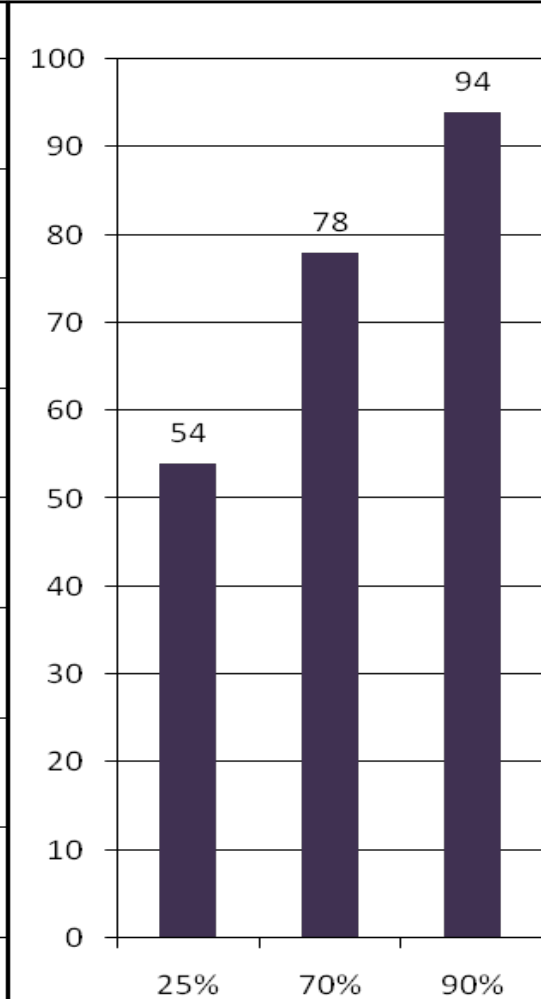
Drink
Cleaner Water



Eat
Better



Are Better
Educated



25% 70% 90% Average percent of population with access to electricity

Under Five
Death Rate/1000

Life Expectancy
(years)

Access to
Improved Sources
(%)

Under Nourished
(%)
Source: Dr. Frank Clemente
Penn State Univ.

Literacy
Rate (%)

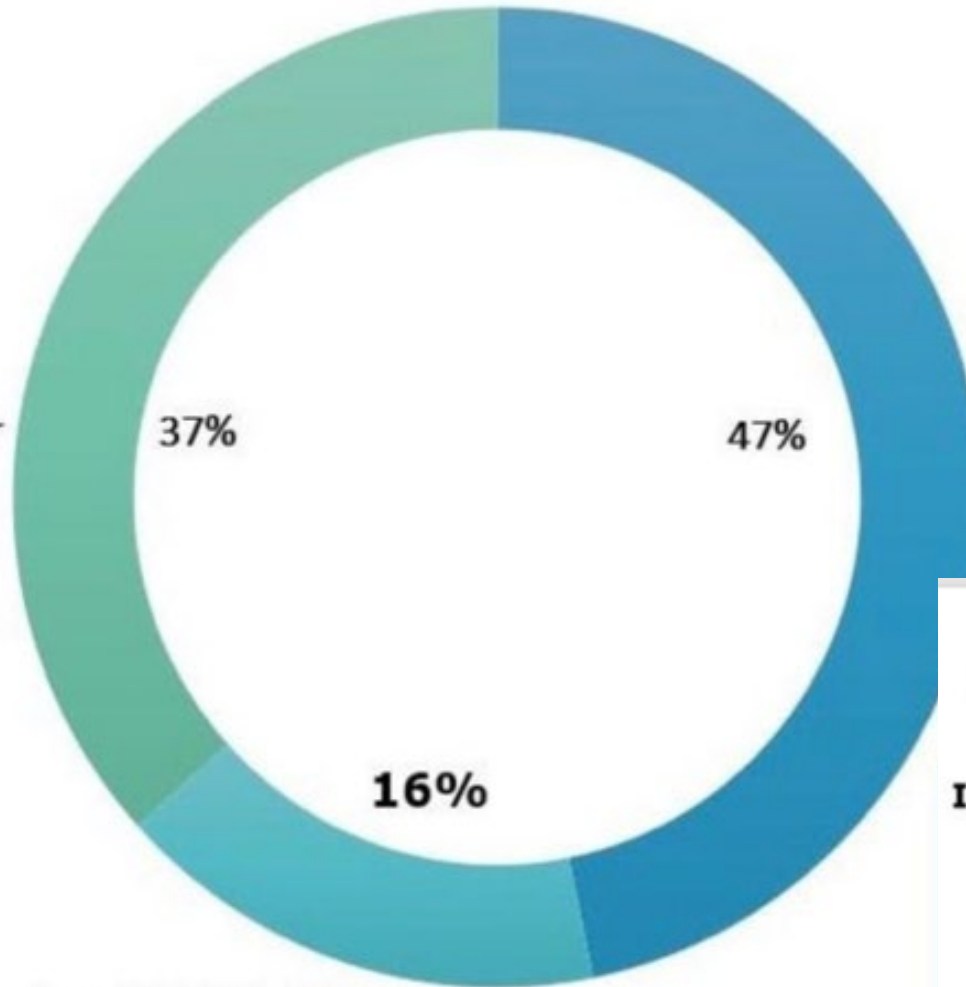
Electricity Use Defines the World

Large U.S. kitchen
refrigerator
1,200 kWh/year

Global average
≈3,500 kWh/capita/year

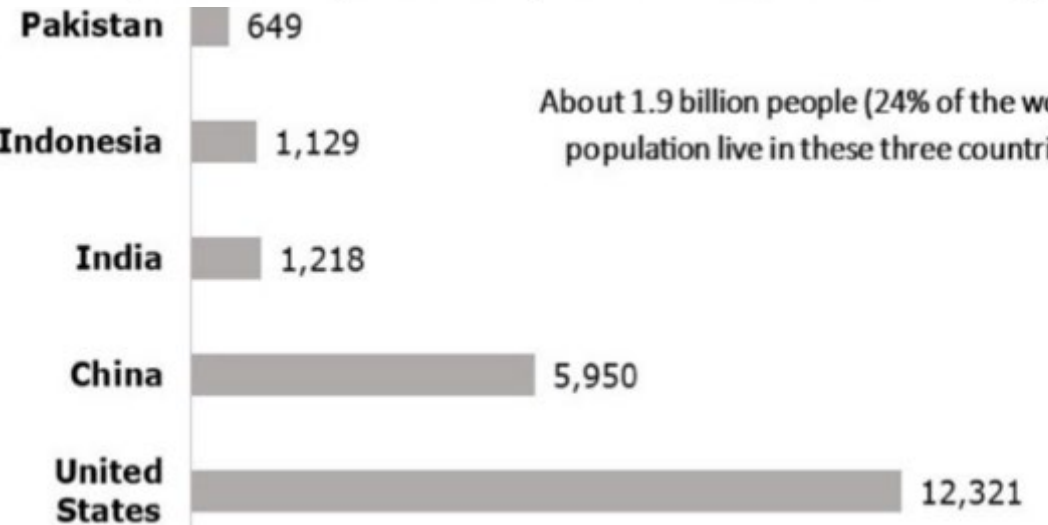
High-Watt World
2.9 billion people
>4,000 kWh/capita/year

Unplugged World
3.7 billion people
≤ 1,200
kWh/capita/year



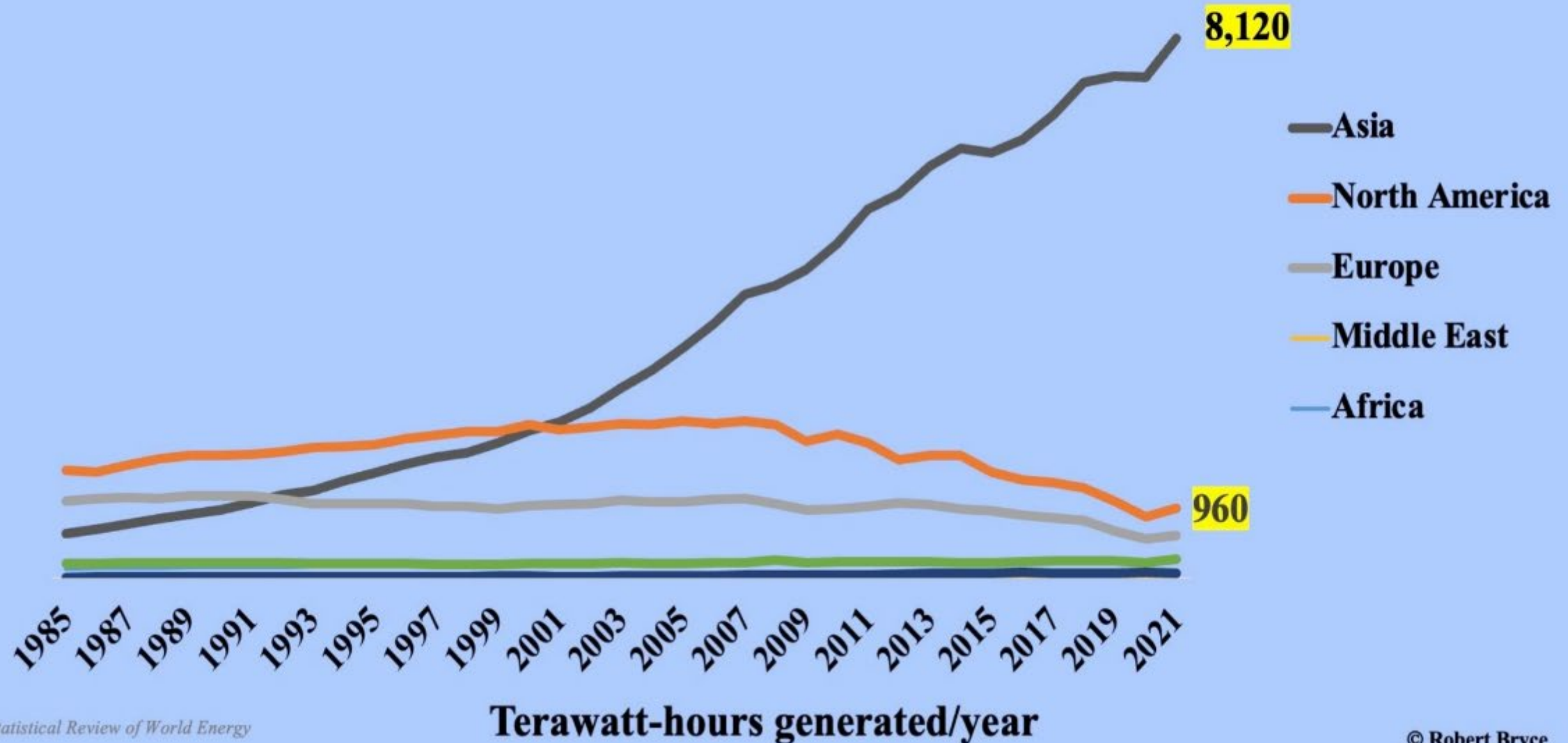
Low-Watt World
1.3 billion people
1,200 to 4,000
kWh/capita/year

Per-Capita Electricity Generation, Five Most-Populous Countries, 2021



About 1.9 billion people (24% of the world's population live in these three countries)

What Energy Transition? Global Coal-Fired Generation By Region, 1985 to 2022



AND THEN THERE IS THE UNTOLD STORY OF MASS URBANIZATION

100 Million People Moving to Urban Centers EVERY YEAR FOR 30 YEARS

In all human history we have reached 3.5 billion of urban settlers, and in the next 30 years we are going to have 3 billion more. . . what we have done in all human history, we nearly will do in the next 30 to 40 years. - UN Settlement Program

Shanghai – 1990



TODAY



THIS WILL HAPPEN 120 MORE TIMES IN THE NEXT 3 DECADES!



The Last Time We Added Three Billion People to Cities (1950-2010)



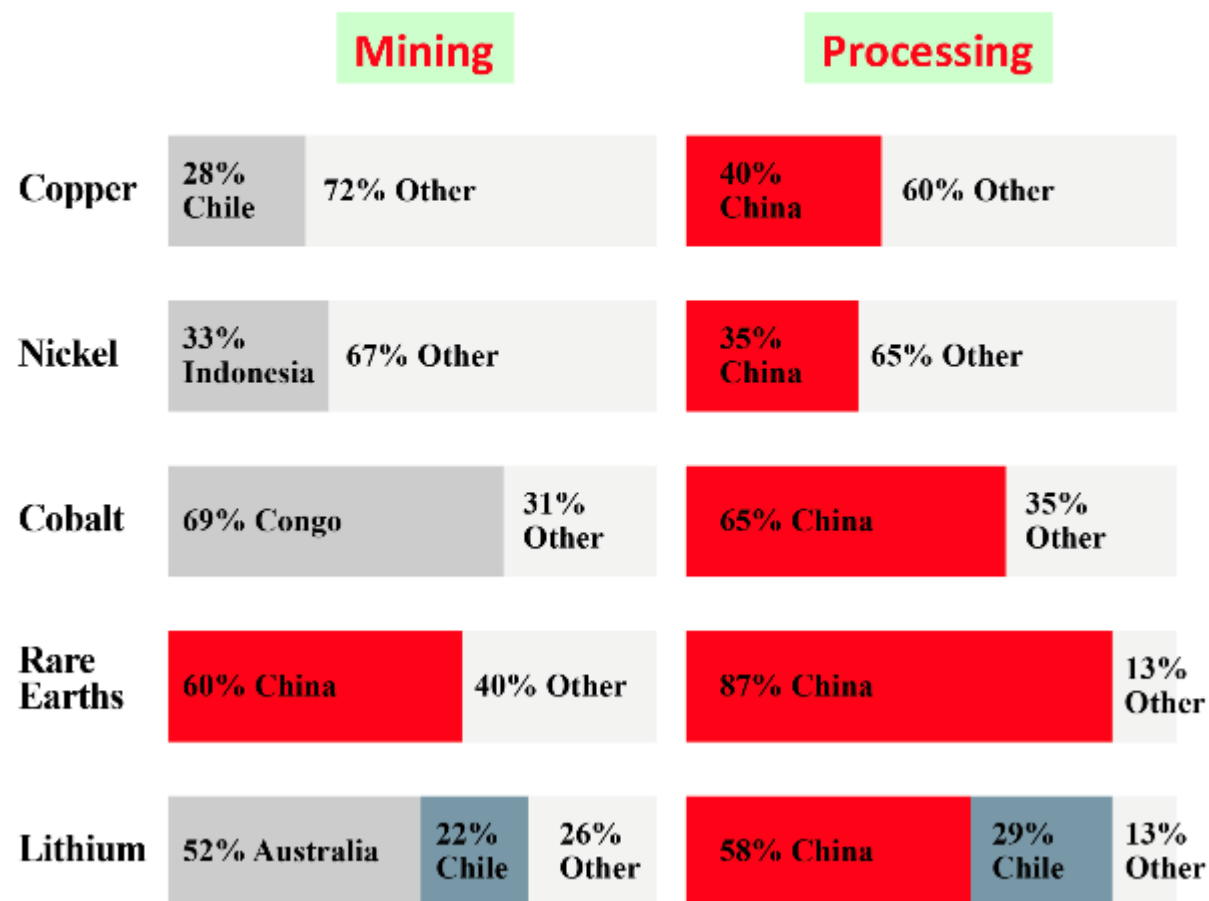
- Oil demand grew from 10 million b/d to 88 million b/d
- Natural gas use rose from 8 Tcf to 113 Tcf
- Coal demand increased from 2 billion to 7.1 billion tons
- Steel consumption increased from 200 to 1,400 million tons

WHO WILL SUPPLY THIS OIL, GAS, COAL, & STEEL?
& this time there will also be a massive expansion in batteries & critical minerals, all of which are dominated by the Chinese.



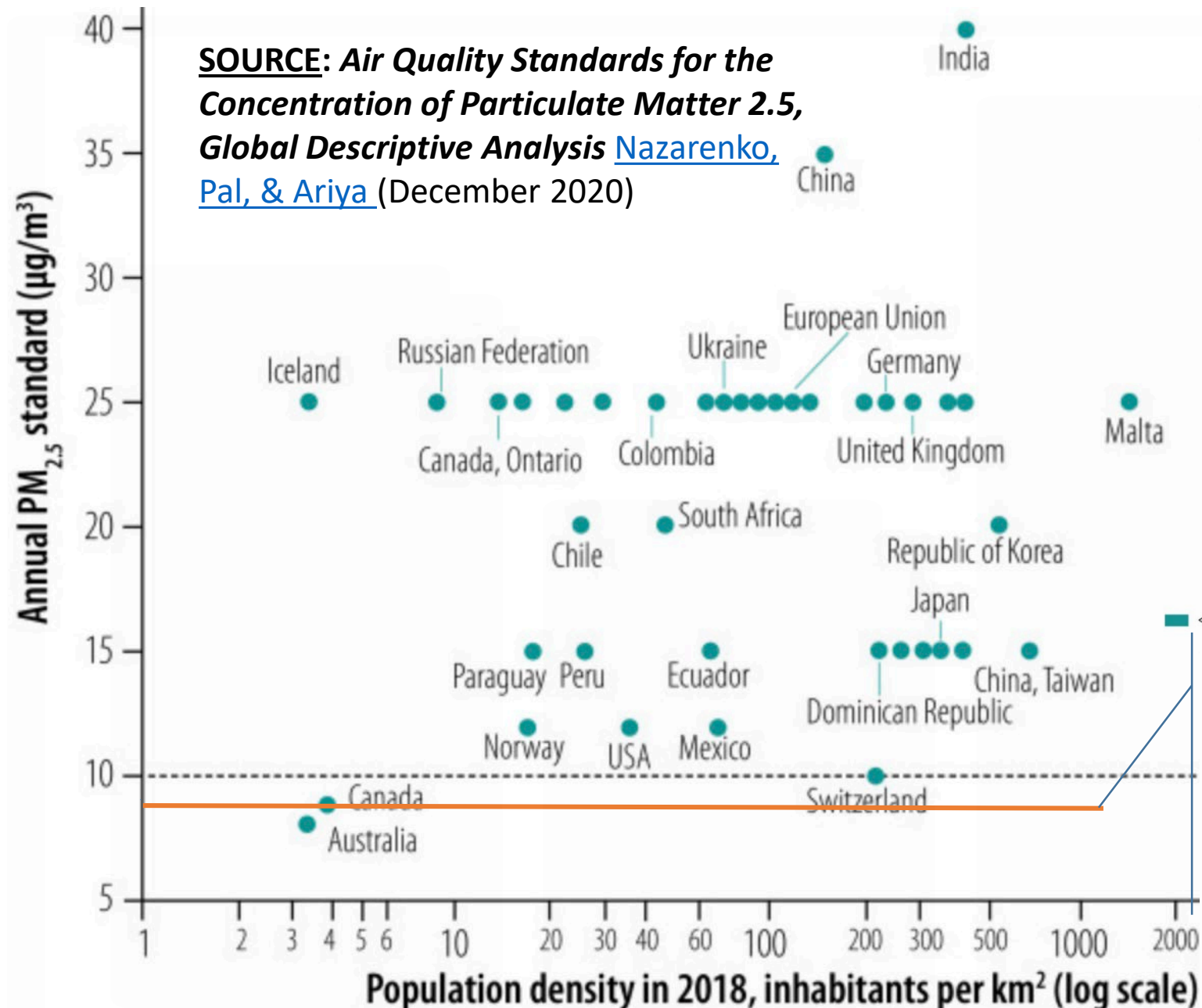
Handing the World's Geopolitical Security to China

Energy Minerals: New Supplier Dependencies



Source: Mark Mills,
Manhattan Institute; IEA

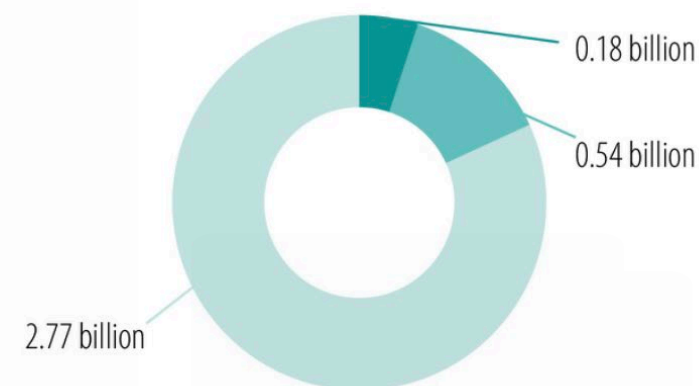
SOURCE: Air Quality Standards for the Concentration of Particulate Matter 2.5, Global Descriptive Analysis [Nazarenko, Pal, & Ariya](#) (December 2020)



---- WHO guideline for annual PM_{2.5} pollution

Population

100–1000 inhabitants per km²

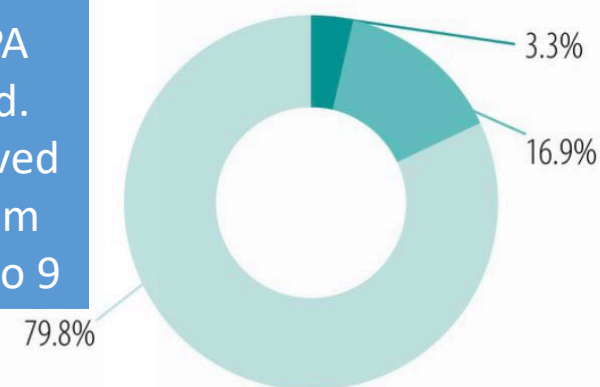


Total 3.49 billion

Range of PM_{2.5} annual standard, µg/m³

<15 µg/m³ (8 µg/m³ min) 20 ≤ 25 µg/m³ > 25 µg/m³ (40 µg/m³ max)

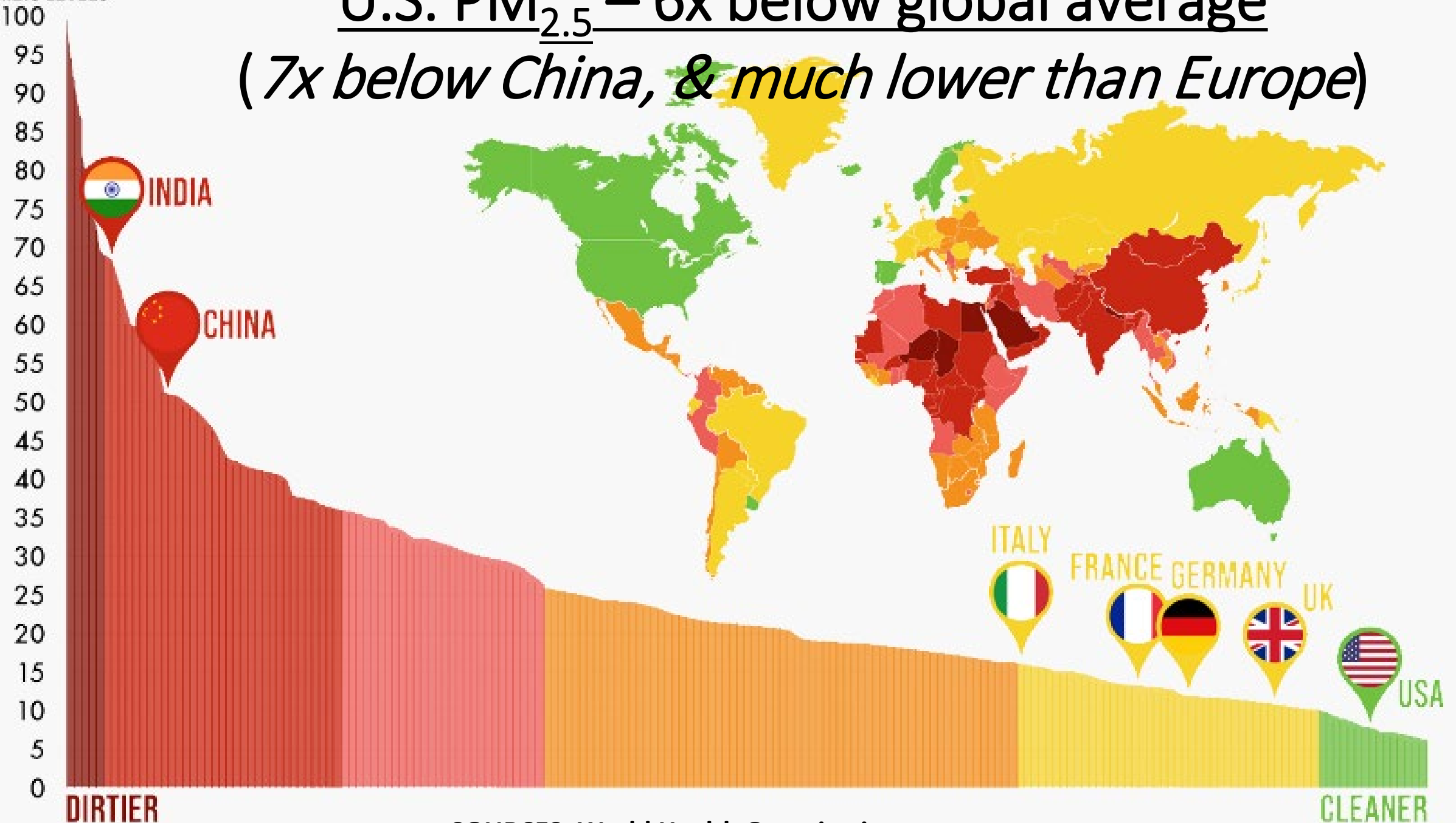
New EPA Std. moved from 12 to 9



Total area 16.3 million km²

PM2.5 LEVELS

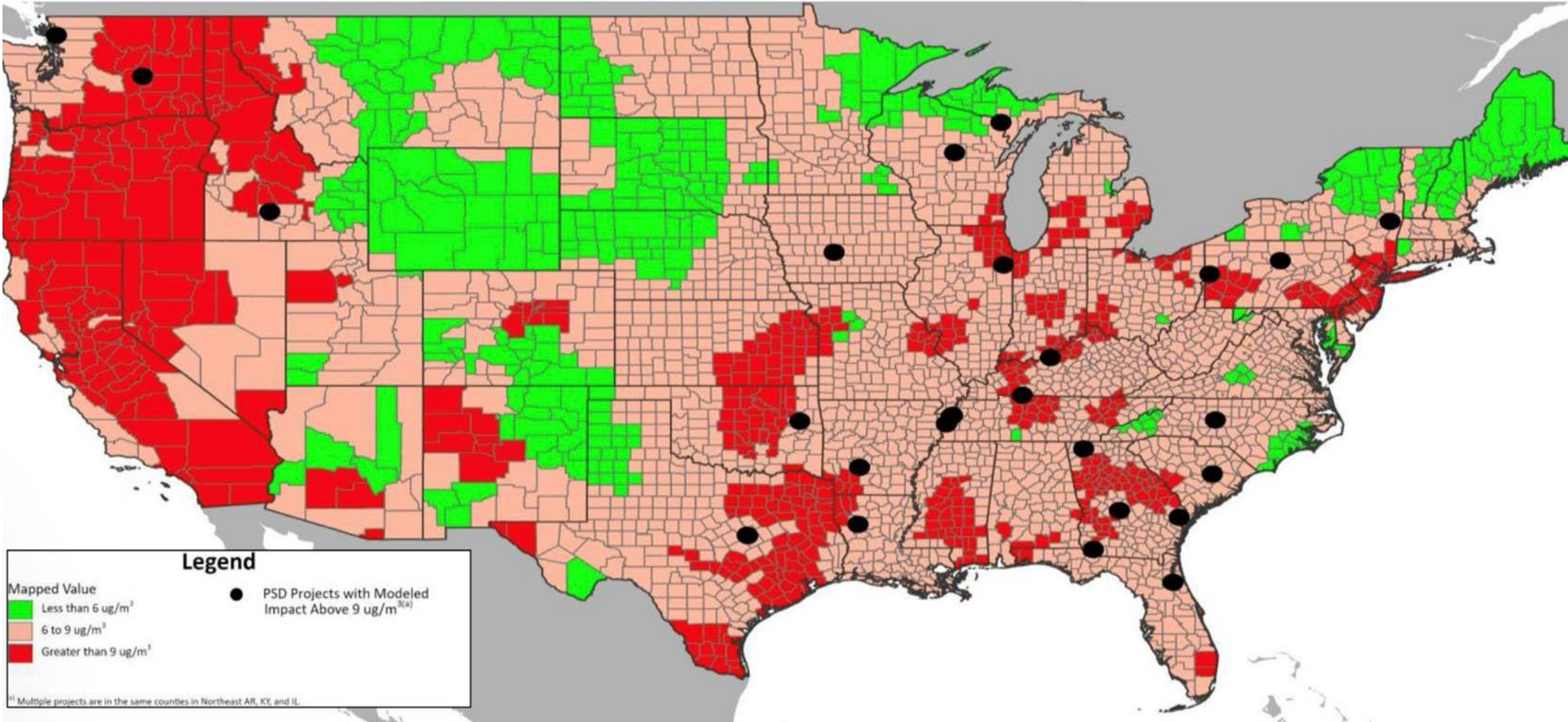
U.S. PM_{2.5} – 6x below global average (*7x below China, & much lower than Europe*)



SOURCES: World Health Organization.

Many Future New or Expanded Manufacturing Projects Unachievable in Red and Pink Areas Immediately

Includes Location of 28 Recent PSD Projects That Would Now Fail Under the $9.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ NAAQS



Map shows the interpolated $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ annual design values for 2020-2022 by county. Each county with a monitor was included and the counties were designated as above or below the $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ NAAQS of $9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. If a design value was not available for a specific county, Alpine Geophysics used a kriging interpolation method to estimate the $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentration in a county. Counties with values less than $6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ are highlighted in green because a typical project needs $3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of headroom between the background and the NAAQS to allow for a successful modeling demonstration.

QUESTIONS?

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