



# **Natural Gas: Realizing the Potential**

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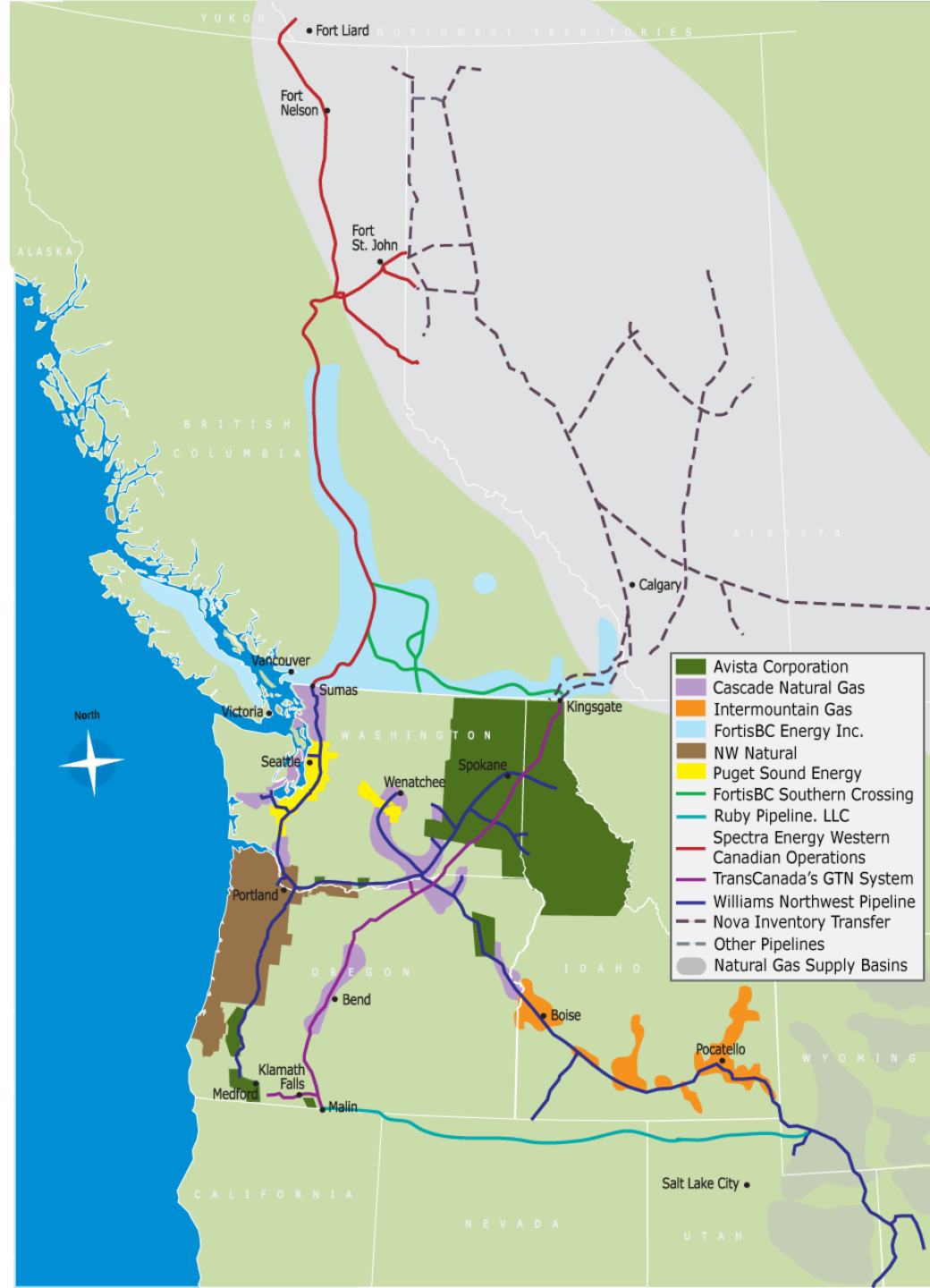
**Puget Sound Energy**

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**Spectra Energy Transmission**

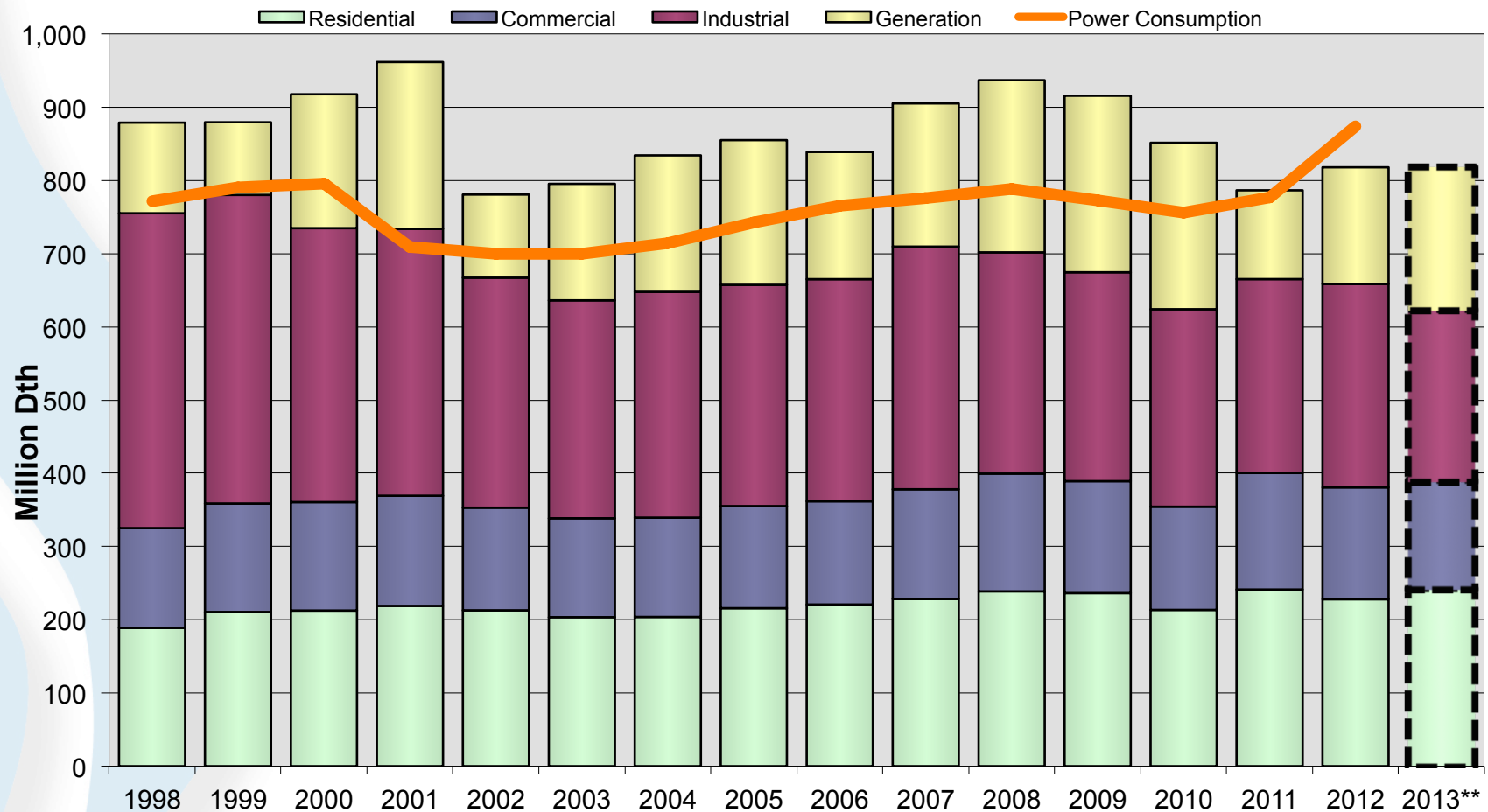
**TransCanada GTN System**

**Williams NW Pipeline**



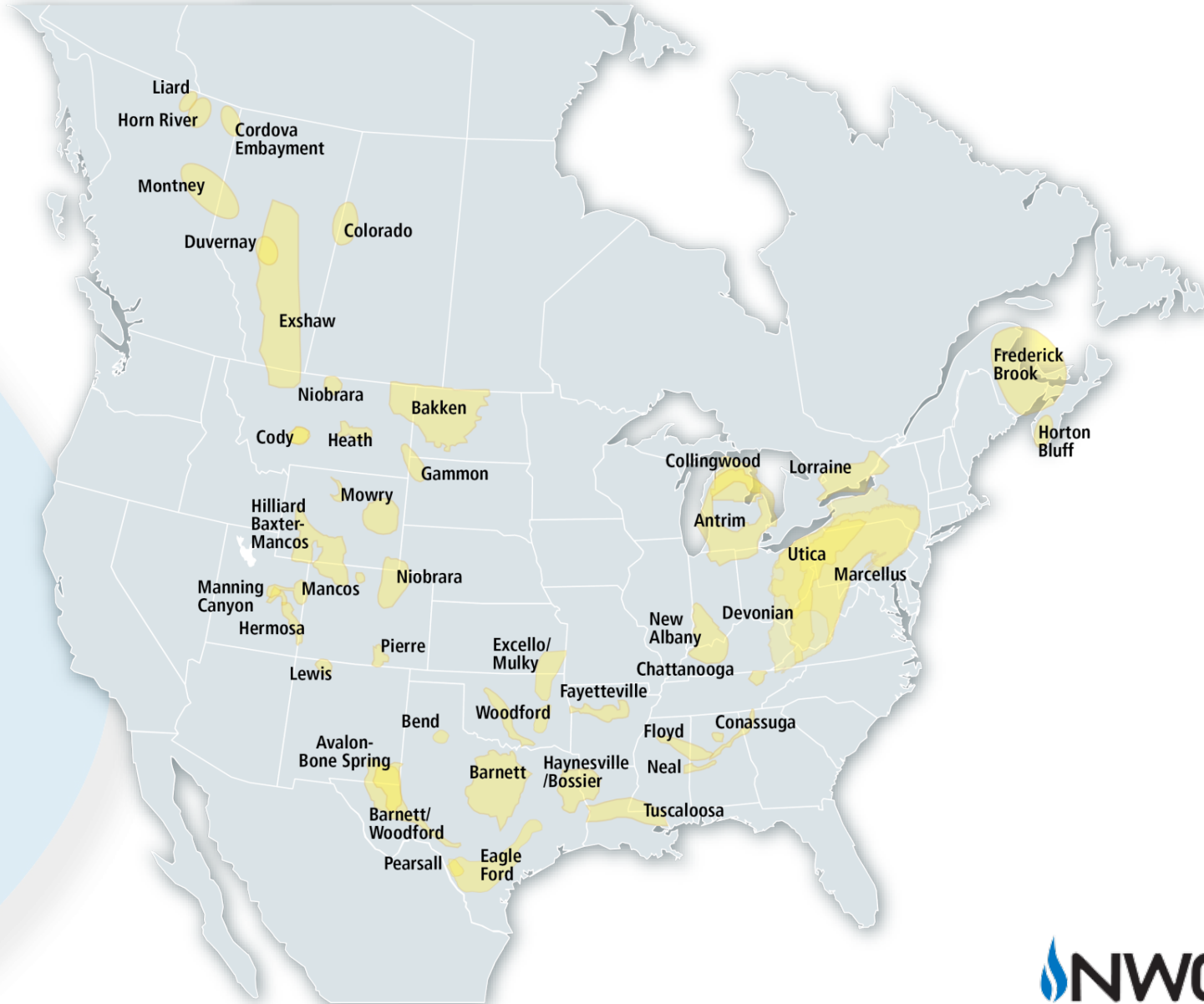
# Recent Gas Demand

PNW Gas Deliveries (source: US EIA, StatCan, 2013 Outlook)



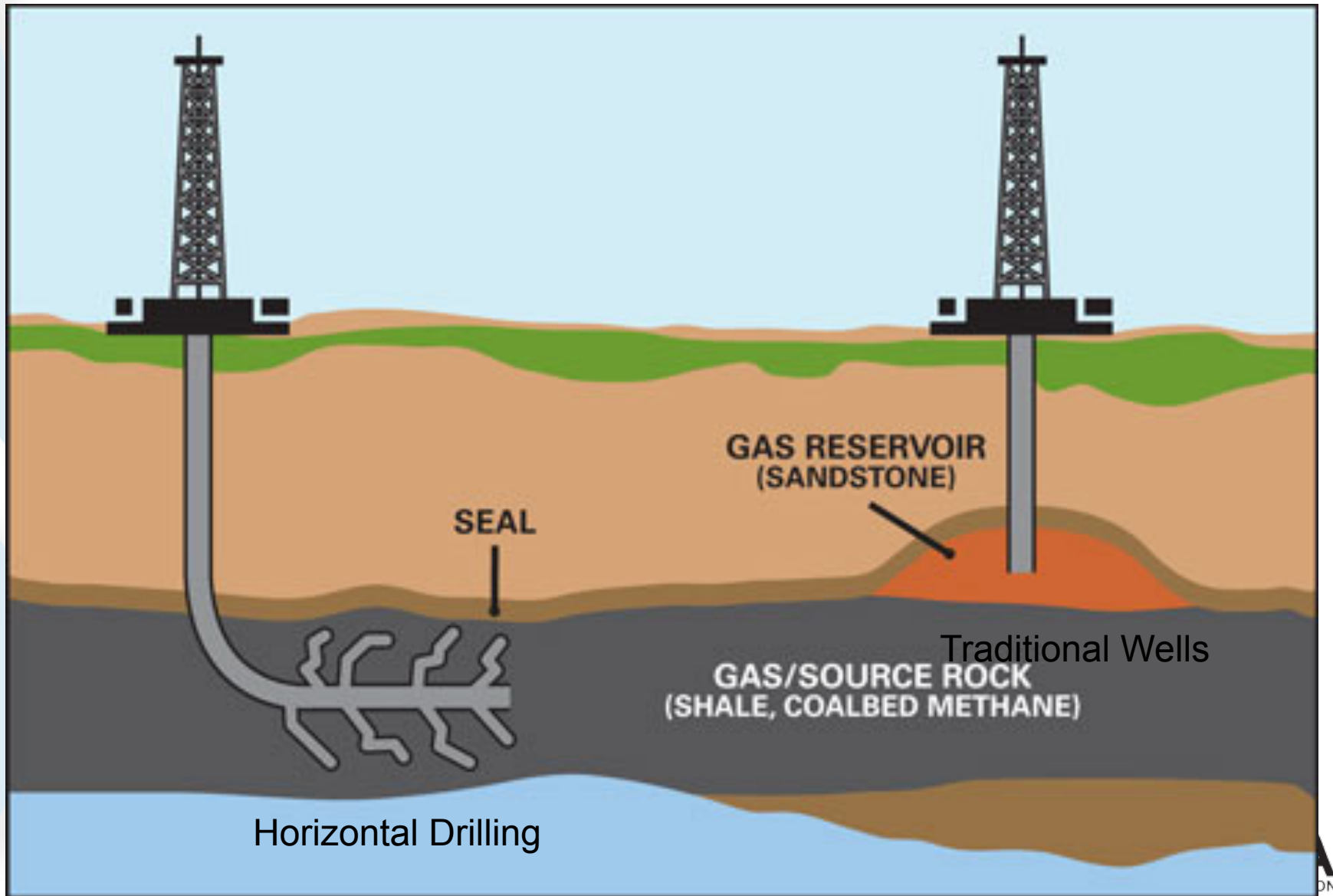
\*\* 2012-2013 Forecast

# Gas From Shale Has Profound Impact





# Conventional vs. Horizontal Drilling

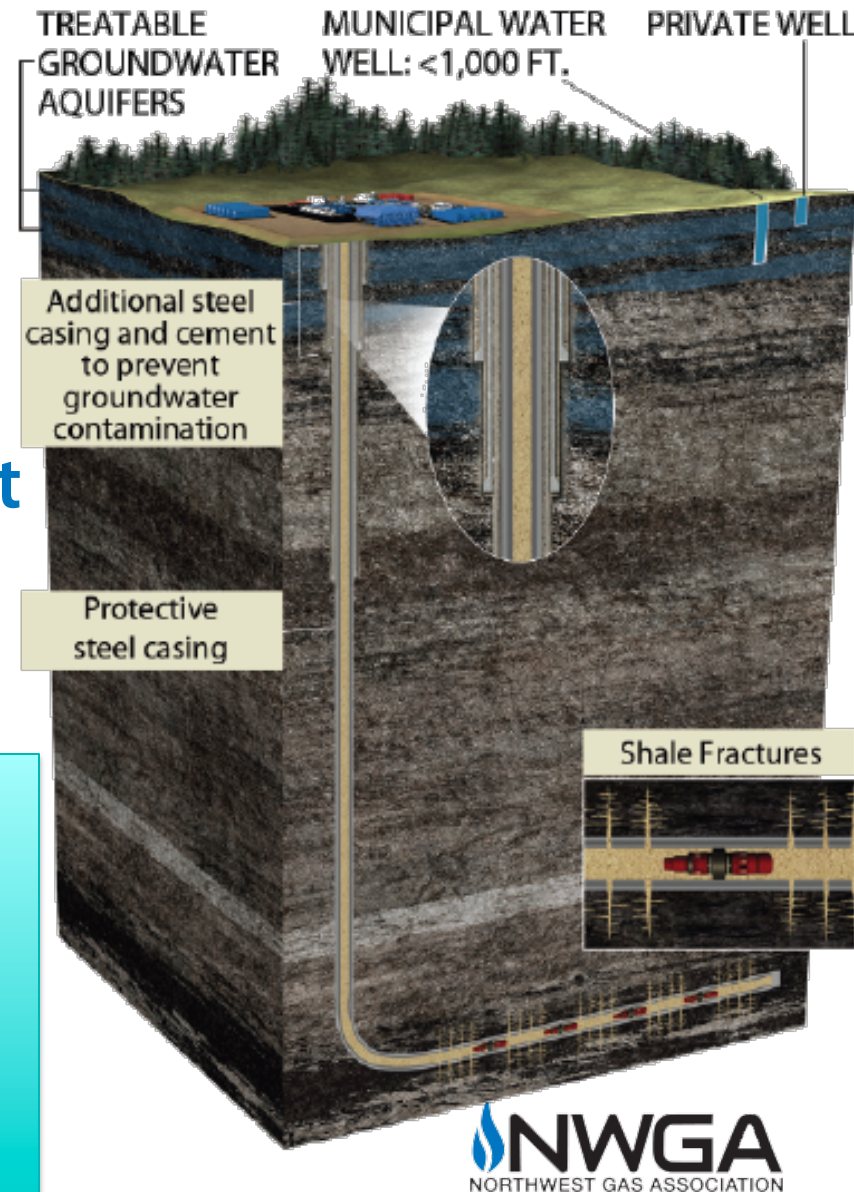


# Shale Video

# Issues with Shale Production

## Drinking Water

- Key is effectively sealing (casing) the well bore
- Well construction subject to state/local oversight



- ★ **FracFocus.org** – Public registry created and managed by state regulators
  - ★ Searchable public database with well-by-well information and glossary of chemicals
  - ★ More than 10,000 wells and over 100 participating companies; several states using as tool for compliance reporting

# Issues with Shale Production

## Water Use

Play	Public Supply	Industrial/ Mining	Irrigation	Livestock	Shale Gas	Total Water Use (Bbbls/yr)
Barnett TX	82.7%	3.7%	6.3%	2.3%	0.4%	11.1
Fayetteville AR	2.3%	33.3%	62.9%	0.3%	0.1%	31.9
Haynesville LA/TX	45.9%	13.5%	8.5%	4.0%	0.8%	2.1
Marcellus NY/PA/WV	12.0%	71.7%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	85.0

How much is 5 Million gallons of water?

*It is equivalent to the amount of water consumed by:*

- **New York City** in about **seven (7) minutes**
- A 500 megawatt coal-fired **power plant** in **1 day**
- A **golf course** in **25 days**
- **10 acres of cotton** in a season

While these represent continuing consumption, the water used for a gas well is a one-time use.

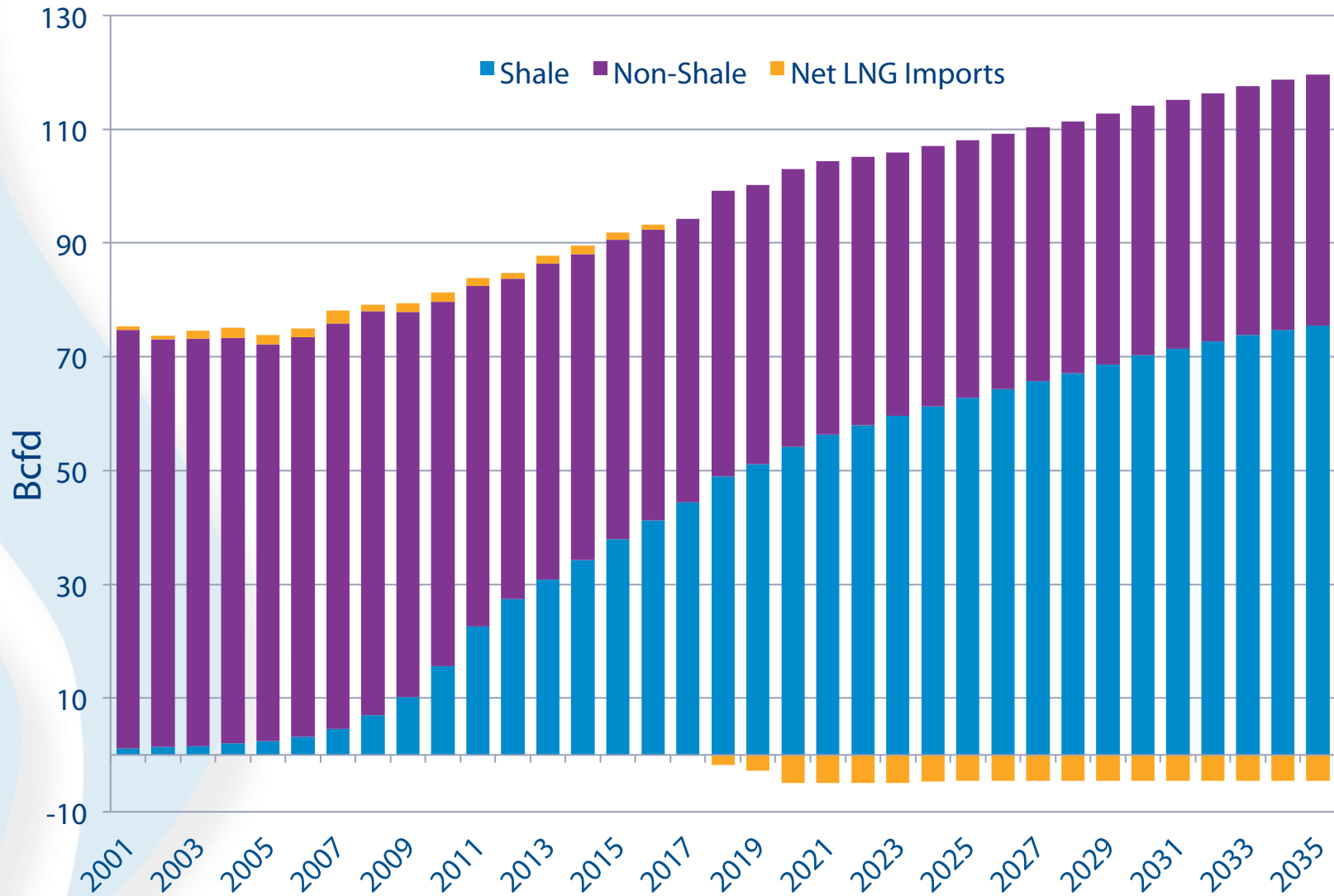
# Issues with Shale Production

## Produced Water

- Handled differently at different shale plays; even at different wells within a play.
  - Recycling
  - Disposal
- Disposal is highly regulated (state and federal)
- Seismic Activity

## Emissions

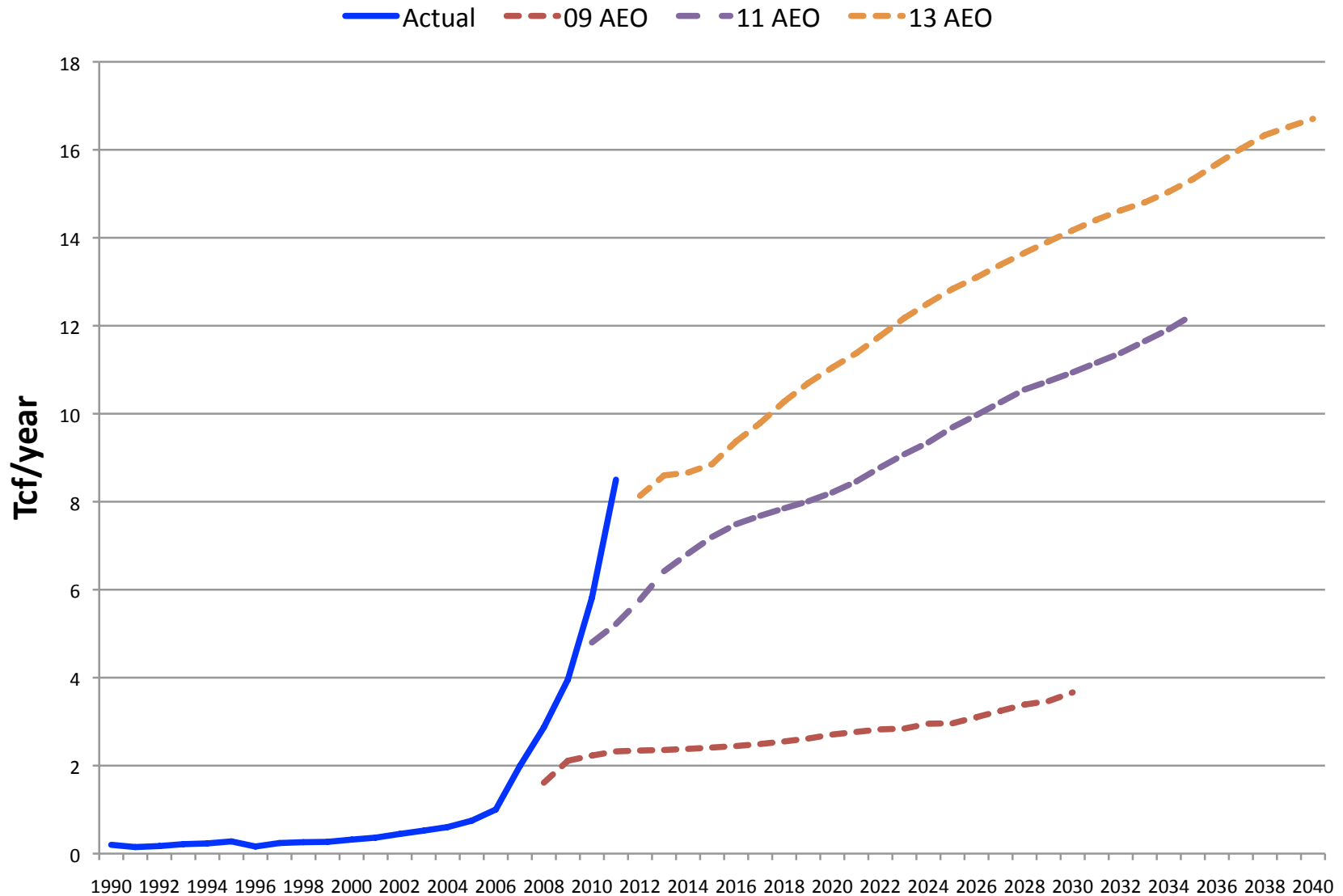
# Shale Dominates North American Production



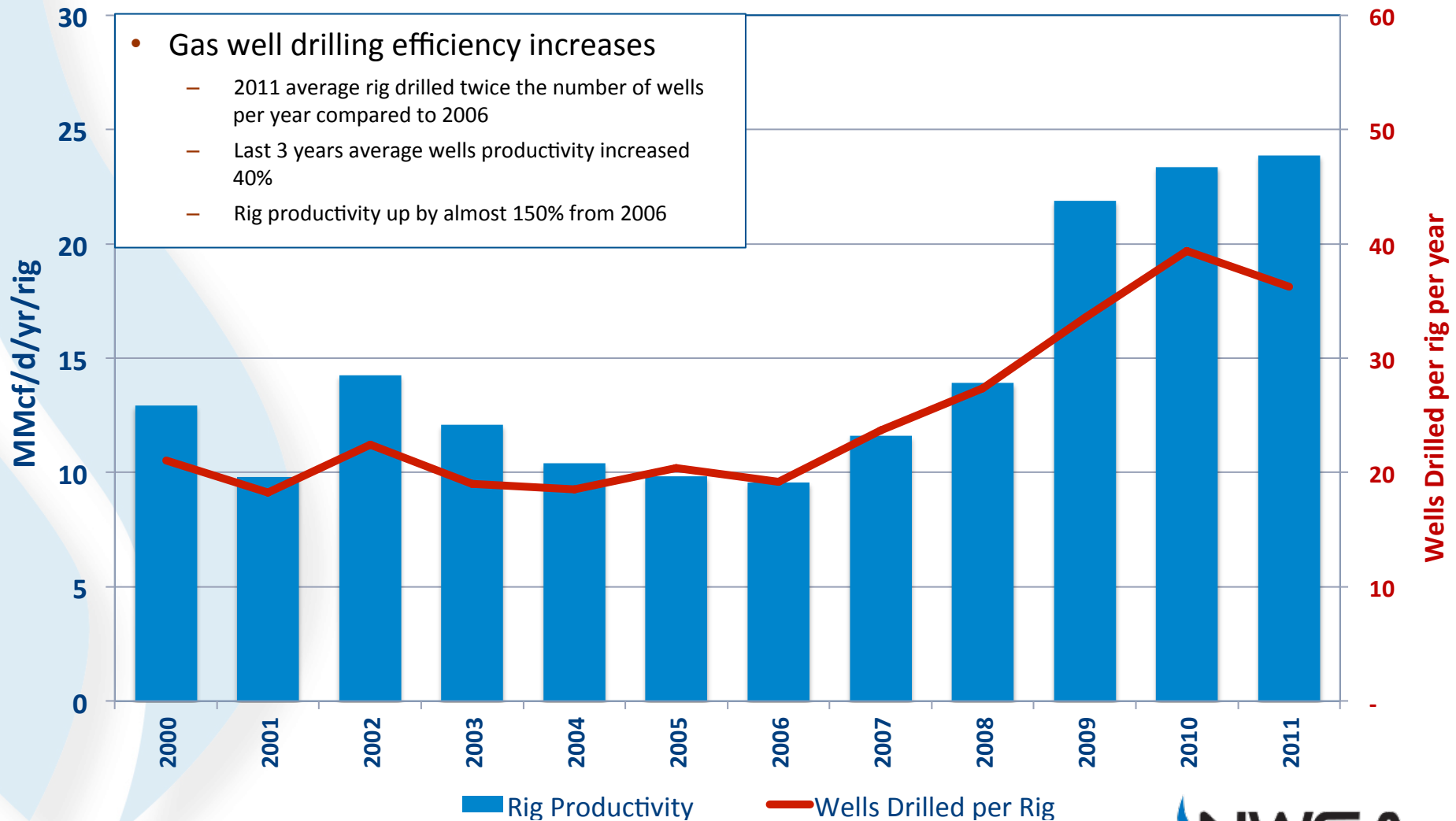
Source: Navigant Consulting, *Fall 2012 Gas Market Outlook*

# Shale Production

(source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook)

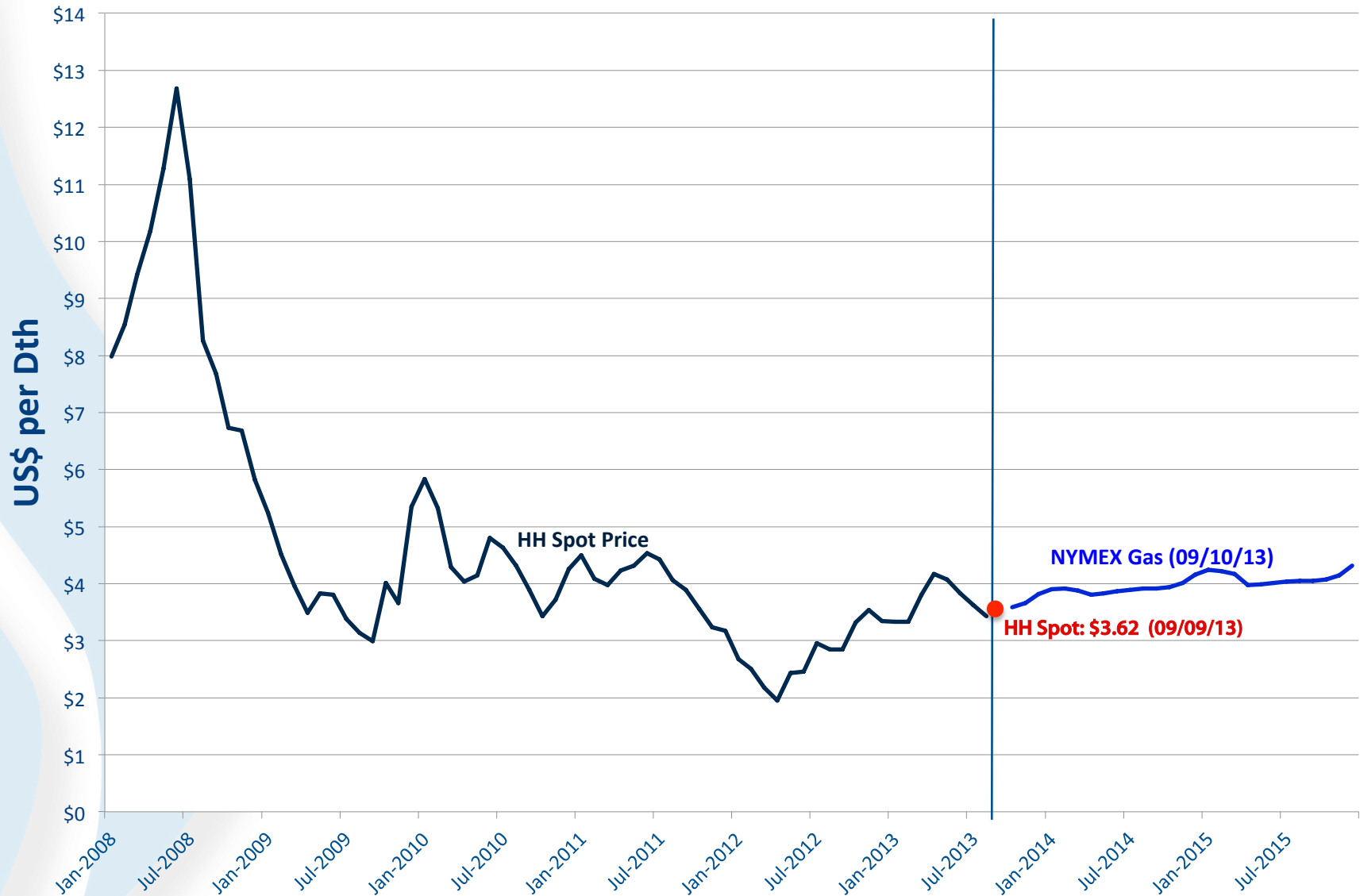


# Rockies Rig Productivity





# Price Effect



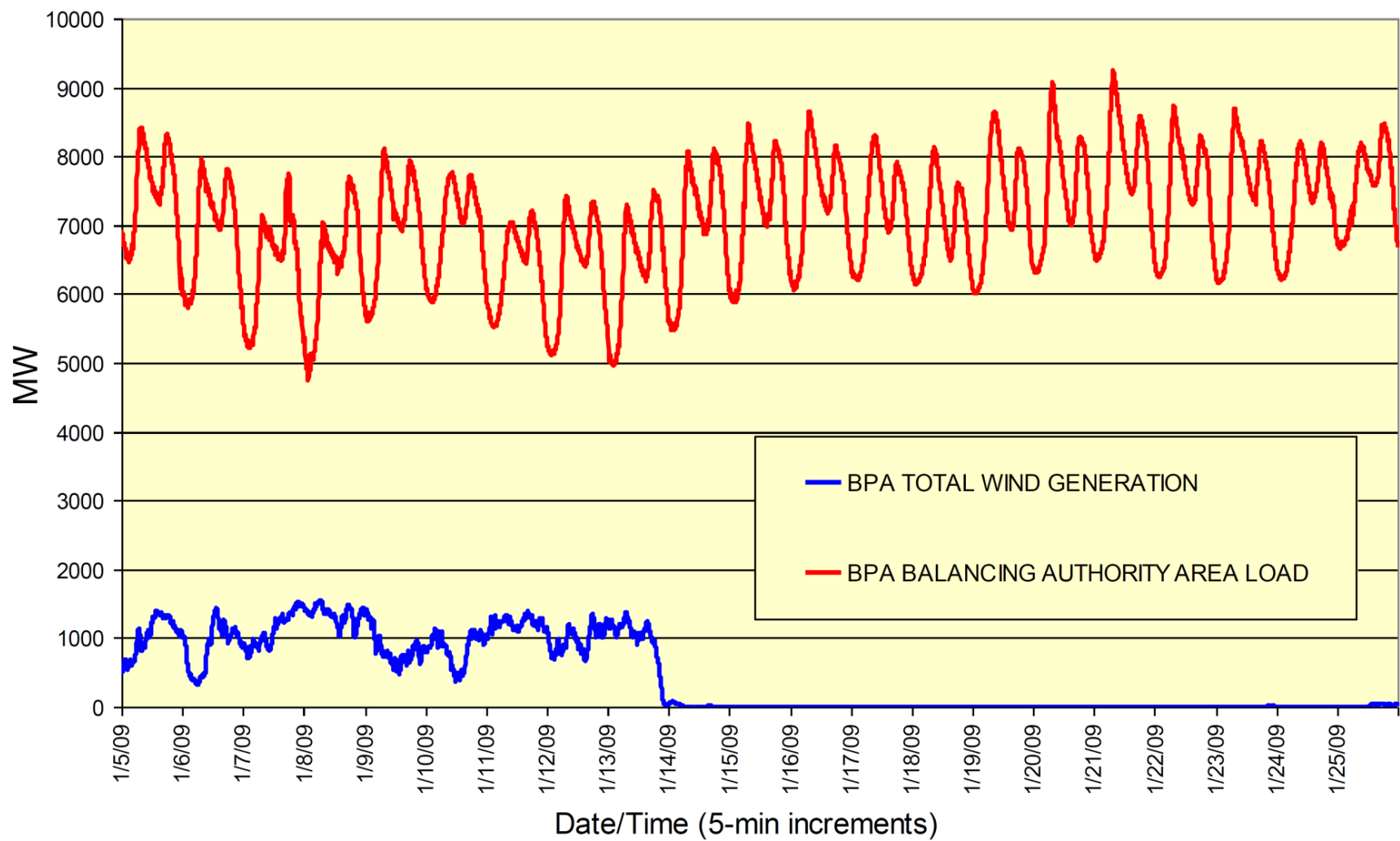
Source: EIA, NYMEX

# Replace Existing Resources

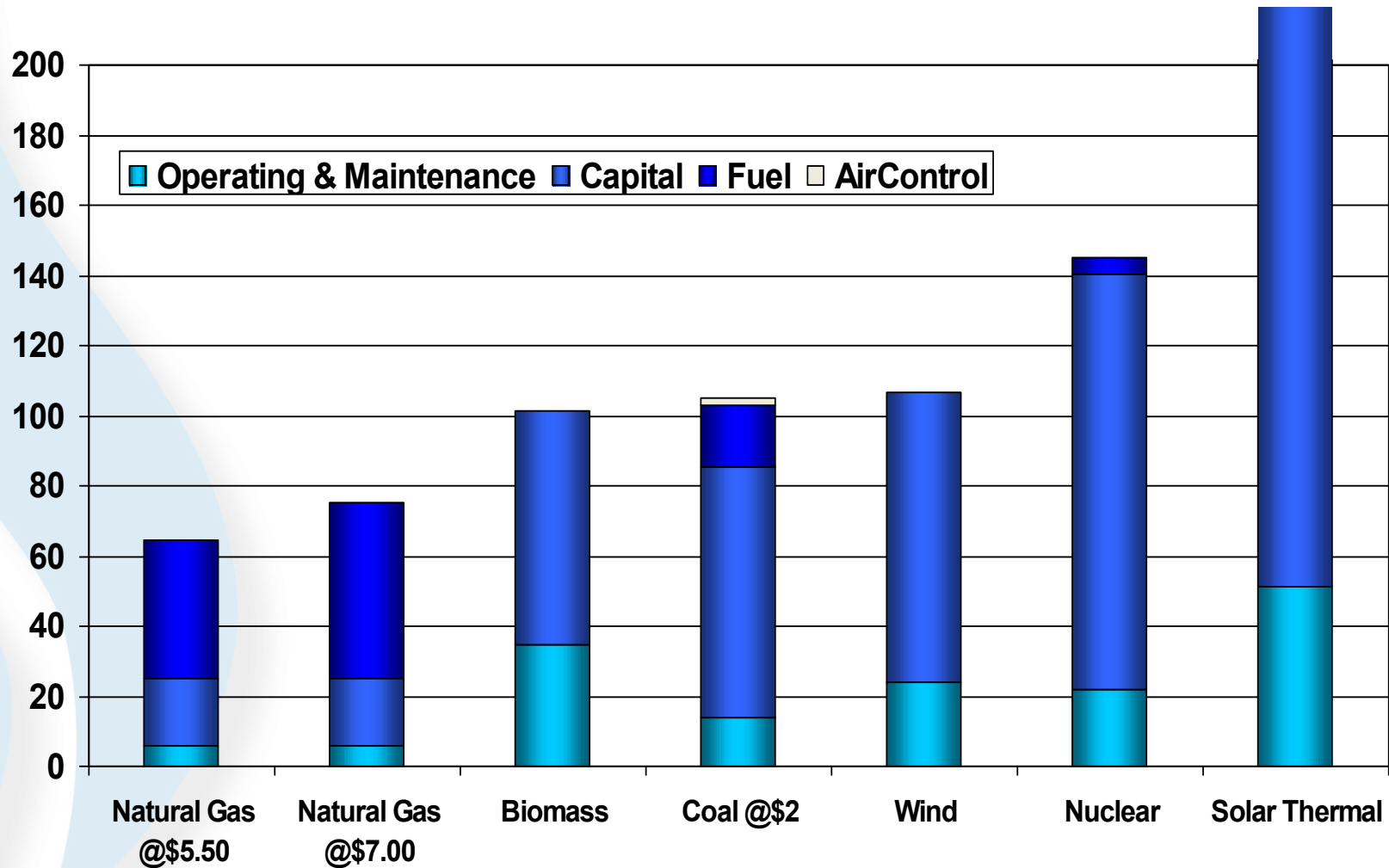


# Support Renewable Resources

BPA Balancing Authority Area Load & Total Wind Generation  
Jan. 5-25, 2009

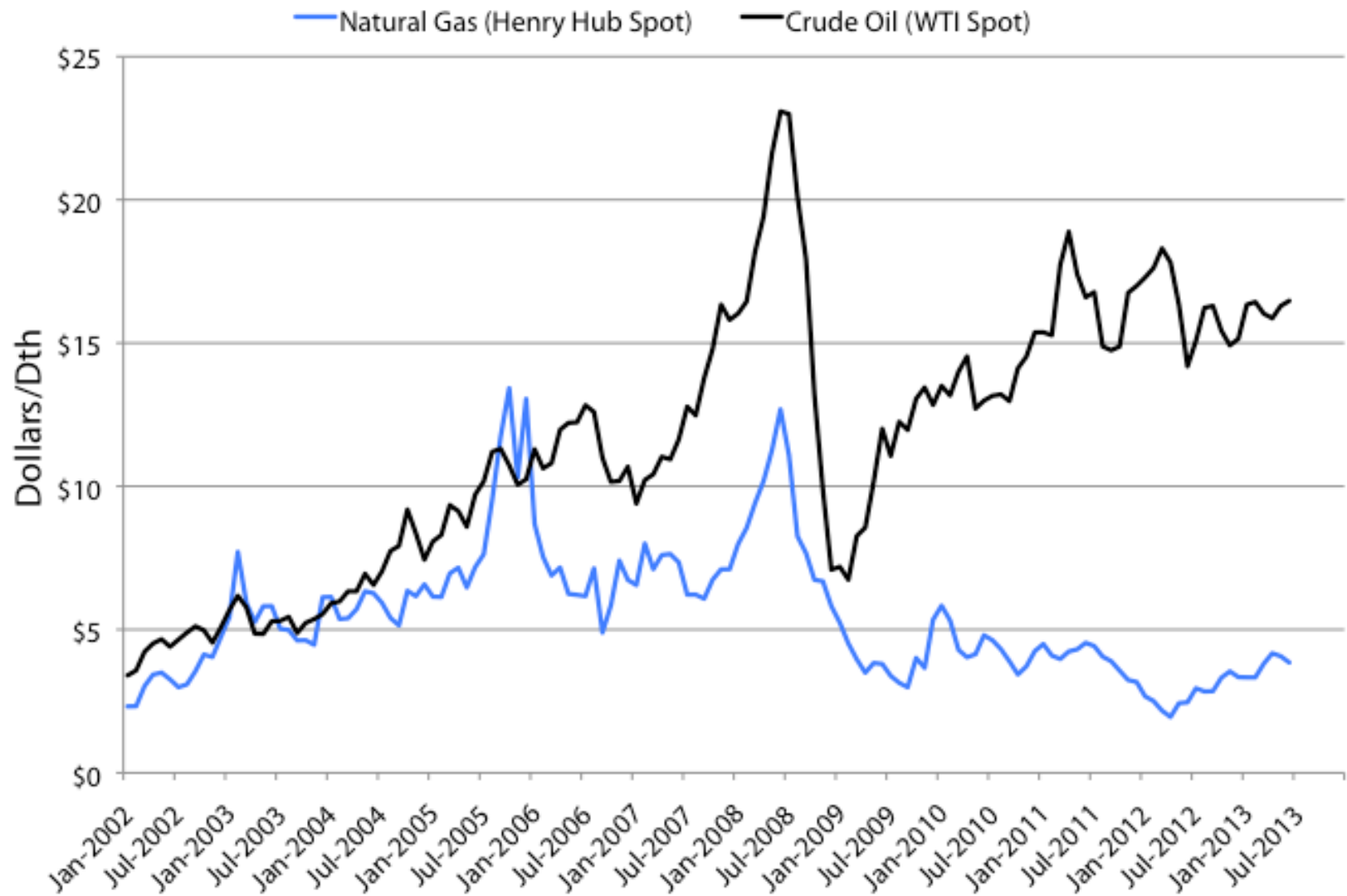


# Most Economic Generation Option



Source: Wood Mackenzie  
Renewable sources & nuclear include a federal tax credit  
Assumes \$2.00/mmbtu coal prices

# US Natural Gas and Crude Oil Prices



Source: EIA Monthly Spot Prices through June 17, 2013



# Natural Gas Transportation





# Natural Gas Use Is Versatile

Plastics  
Panty hose  
Paints  
Photographic film  
Beer  
Safety glass laminate  
Adhesives  
Solvents  
Carpeting  
Insulation  
Refrigerants  
Windshield washer fluid  
Particle board  
Pigments and dyes

Frozen french fries  
Pool liners  
Food Packaging  
Metals and recycling  
Glass and recycling  
Bricks  
Lumber  
Paper  
Cardboard  
Fertilizer  
Antifreeze  
Medicines  
Aircraft parts  
Chewing gum



# Enormous Economic Impact...



- ✓ 600K direct jobs in 2010 (up 20% since '07); 870K jobs by 2015; 1.6MM jobs by 2035. In 2010, almost 3 million indirect jobs
- ✓ Lower gas prices will add average of \$926/yr in disposable household income (2012-2015); \$2,000/yr by 2035
- ✓ Lower feedstock/energy costs may result in savings of \$11.6B/yr; creating 1M additional manufacturing jobs by 2025
- ✓ By 2017, lower prices will facilitate 2.9% higher U.S. industrial production; by 2035 industrial production is 4.7% higher
- ✓ Lower natural gas prices from shale will result in 10% avg. reduction in power costs nationwide over forecast period

	2010	2015	2035
% of US natural gas production from shale	27%	43%	60%
Jobs supported	600,000	870,000	1.6 MM
Contribution to US GDP	\$76.9B	\$118.2B	\$231.1B

Sources: IHS Global Insight; PwC, Inc.



# Conclusion

- **Natural Gas is:**
  - Versatile
  - Domestic
  - Abundant
  - Affordable
  - Clean
- **Natural gas serves our interests:**
  - Energy
  - Environment
  - Economy