



APS RPAC Meeting

9/11/2025



MEETING AGENDA



Welcome & Meeting Agenda
Adam Constable
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Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion
Update
Jill Freret & Mike Eugenis
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Clean Energy Goals Update
Mike Eugenis
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Next Steps & Closing Remarks
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Resource Adequacy Study Update
Akhil Mandadi
APS



Break

Meeting Guidelines



Member Engagement

RPAC Member engagement is critical. Clarifying questions are welcome at any time. There will be discussion time allotted to each presentation/agenda item, as well as at the end of each meeting.



Action Items

We will keep a parking lot for items to be addressed at later meetings.



Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be posted to the public website along with pending questions and items needing follow up. We will monitor and address questions in a timely fashion.



Preliminary Content

Meetings and content are preliminary in nature and prepared for RPAC discussion purposes.



July Meeting Recap

- To kick off the first in-person RPAC meeting, APS and participants introduced themselves and shared their organizations' goals for participating in the RPAC.
- APS provided an overview of its resource planning process to help bring new participants up to speed and refresh returning ones.



Following Up

- Action Items from Previous Meetings:

- Load Forecast Update
- 2026 IRP Timeline
- RA Study Findings

- Ongoing Commitments:

- Distribute meeting materials in a timely fashion
- Transparency and dialogue
- Respectful participation by all participants





Current / Upcoming Procurement Activity

Large Customer Subscription Program

Open solicitation for potential customer participation and negotiation of terms for accelerated service

All-Source RFP (ASRFP)

Update on ASRFP progress & upcoming activities

Southline RFI

Surveying market to understand resources that may utilize the Southline transmission project





Clean Energy Goals Update

Mike Eugenis, APS



The start of a journey; APS's 2020 Clean Energy Commitment

2020 Clean Energy Commitment

- By 2050, APS intends to deliver 100 percent clean, carbon-free and affordable electricity to our customers.
- Includes a nearer-term 2030 target of 65 percent clean energy, with 45 percent of our generation portfolio coming from renewable energy.
- APS will exit all coal-fired generation by 2031

Core Principles:

Reliable

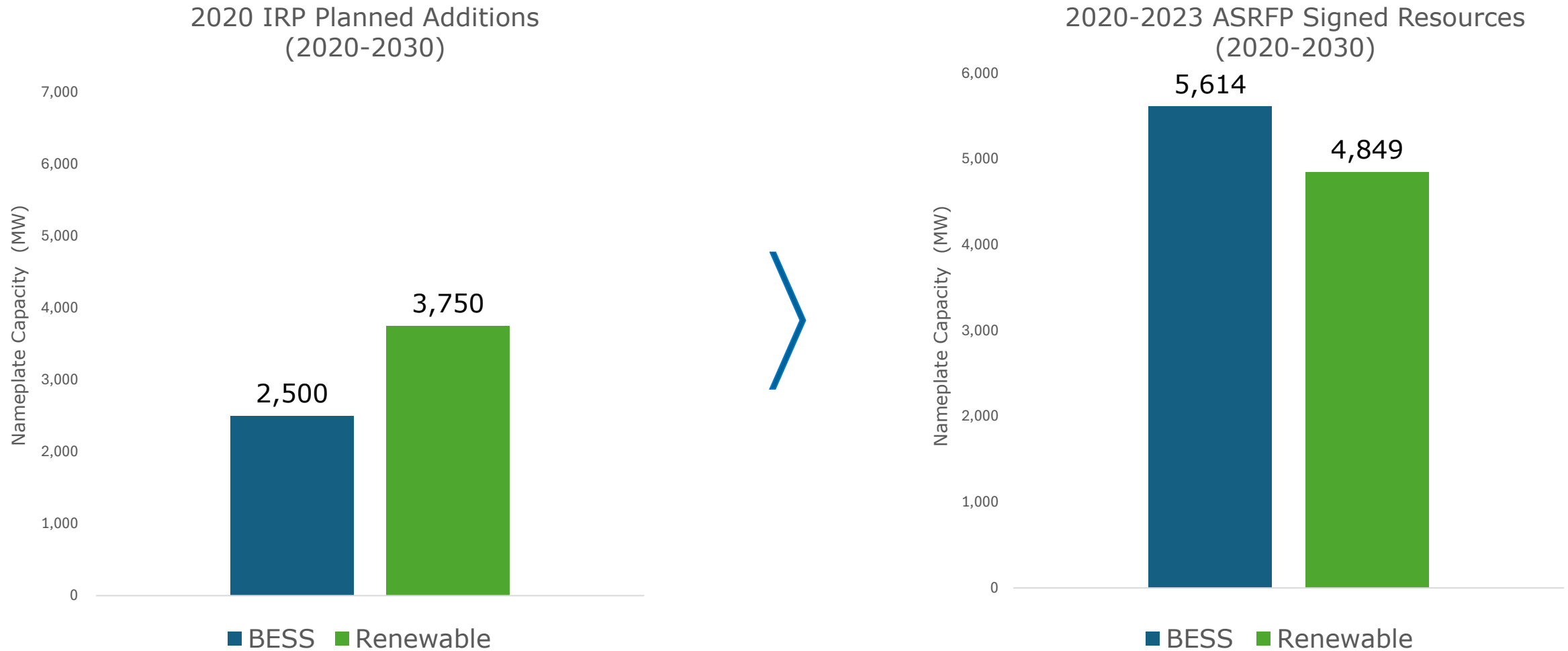
Affordable

Clean

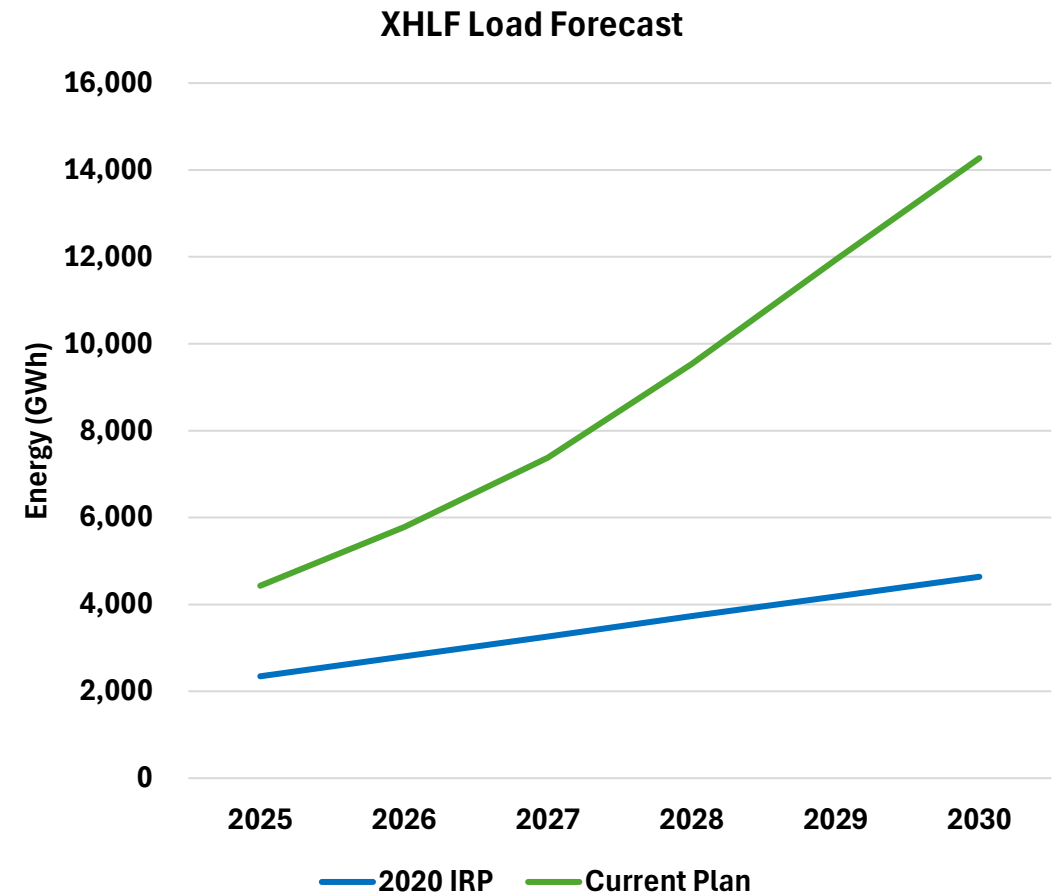
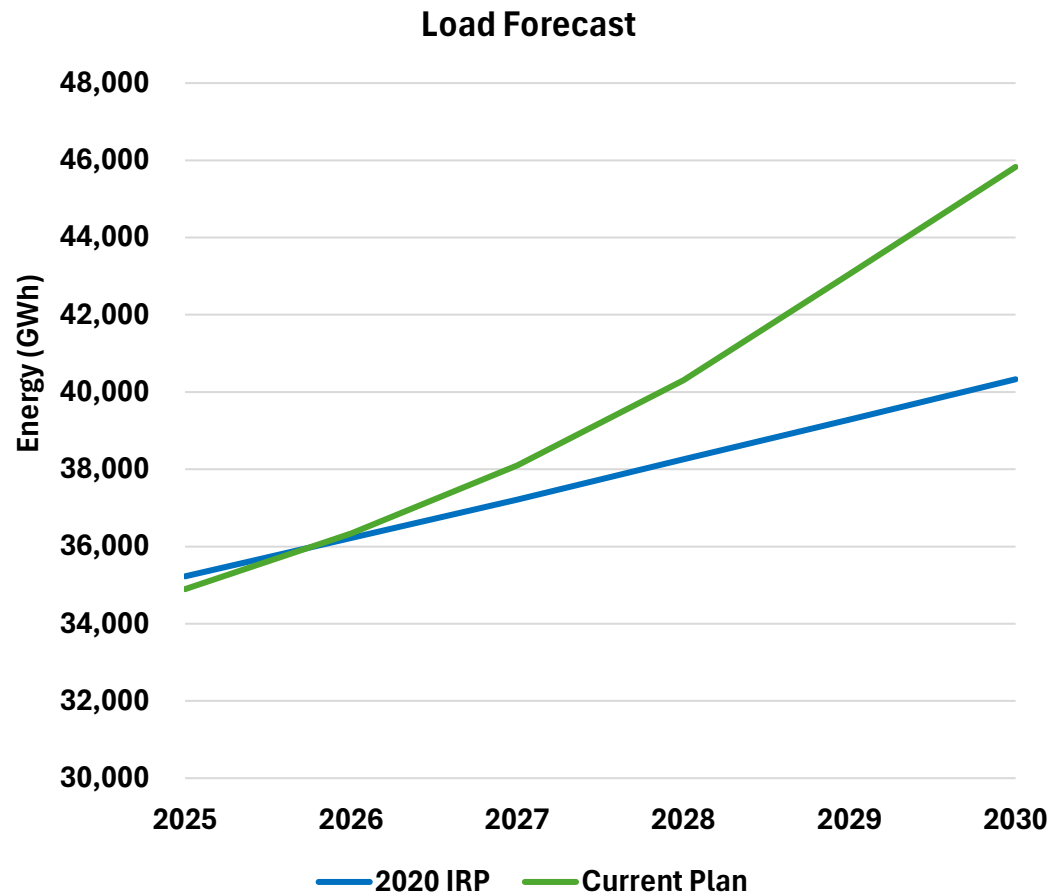
Customer Focused



APS has procured more utility scale clean resources than the 2020 IRP identified



The world has changed, with much higher demand from customers than forecasted in 2020



XHLF: Extra High Load Factor Customer Forecast



Our principles remain the same

Core Principles:

Reliable

Affordable

Clean

Customer Focused

2025 Updated Clean Energy Goal

- By 2050, for any greenhouse gas emissions still produced by our electricity generation resources, we aim to offset these emissions elsewhere.
- Does not include nearer-term, interim goals.
- APS is continuing to evaluate the role of coal generation on the system.



Resource Adequacy Study Update

Akhil Mandadi, APS

Resource Adequacy Study Framework

Study Motivation:

- To assess the adequacy of the planned APS system in 2030
 - Planning Reserve Margin
 - Establish resource accreditation to perform capacity expansion

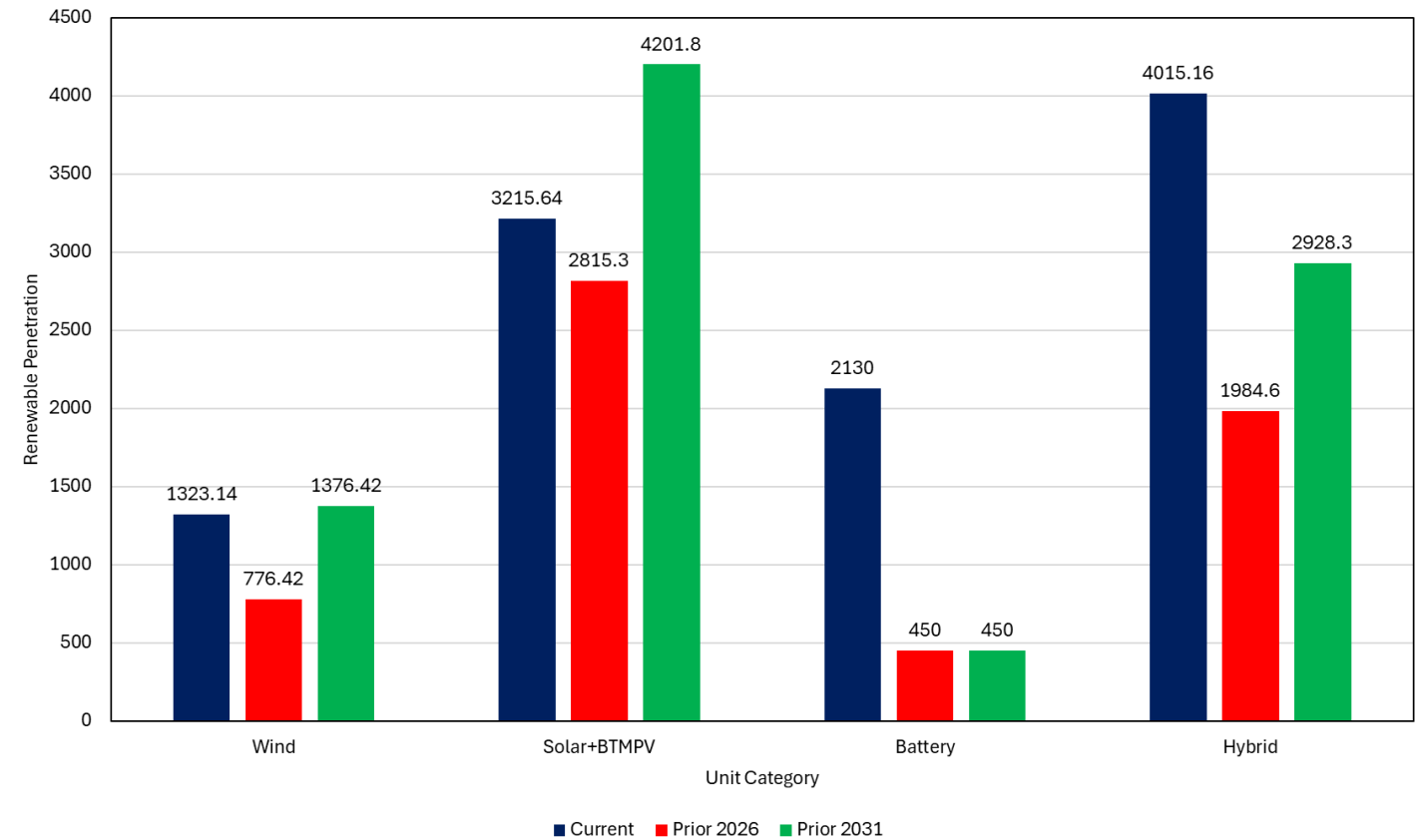
Inputs & Assumptions:

- Updated load and demand side resource forecasts
- Expanded Weather Patterns
- Updated Resource Characteristics
- Natural Gas pipelines modeled

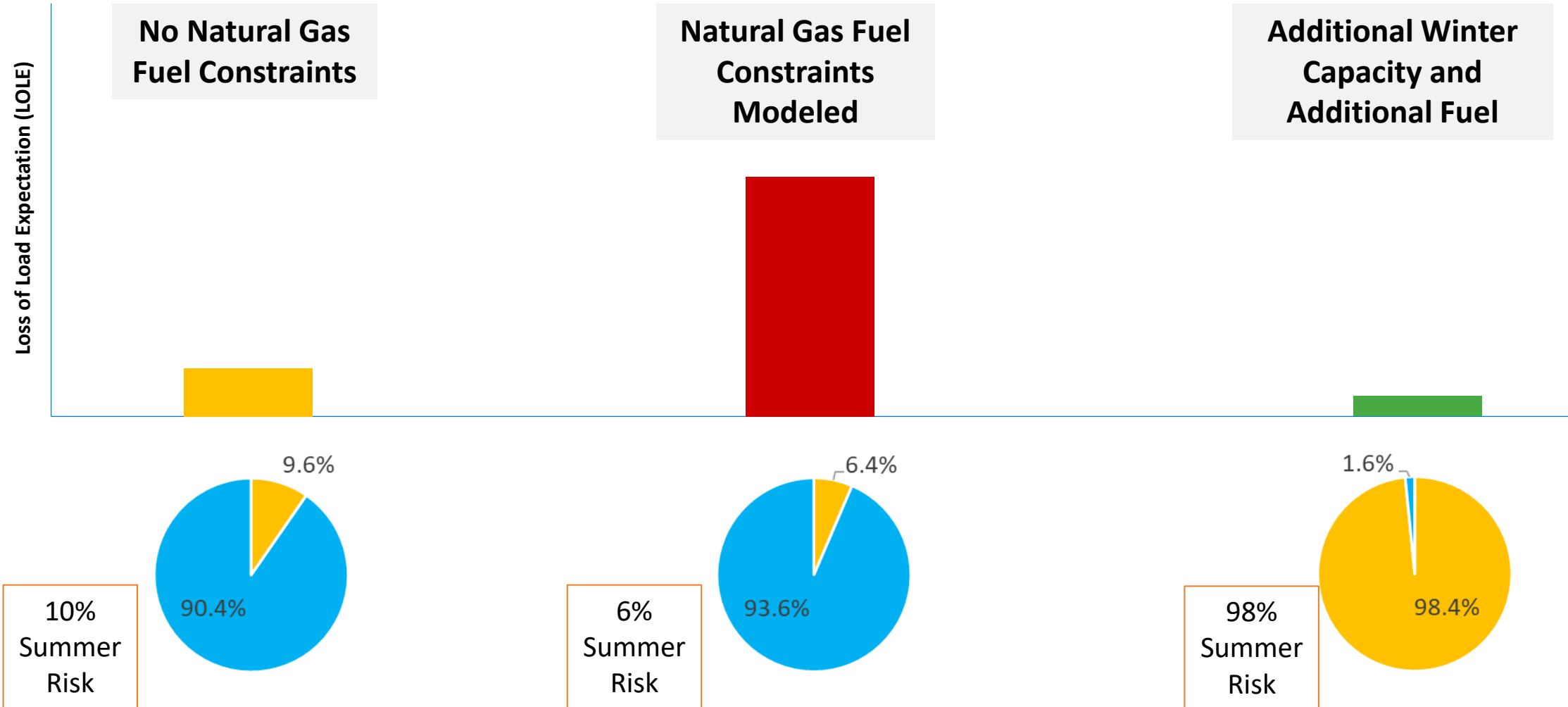


Key Updates from 2022-2023 Study

- Notable change in load composition – significant increase of extra high load factor loads on the system
- Expanded weather patterns to better capture the variability and extreme events
- Modeling of natural gas pipeline and associated characteristics
- Significant addition of BESS resources on the system



Changing Adequacy Paradigm

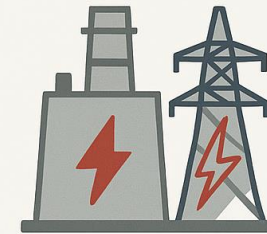


Key Takeaways

- APS's Resource Adequacy landscape changing from a summer peaking capacity adequacy need to both summer peaking capacity as well as energy resource needs
- Modeling Natural Gas Fuel Constraints exposes significant need for additional natural gas fuel to maintain reliability target by 2030

CAPACITY ADEQUACY VS. ENERGY ADEQUACY

CAPACITY ADEQUACY



HAVING ENOUGH
POWER GENERATION
CAPACITY TO MEET
PEAK ELECTRICITY
DEMAND AT ANY
GIVEN MOMENT

INSTANTANEOUS
SUPPLY

ENERGY ADEQUACY



HAVING SUFFICIENT
ENERGY RESOURCES
OVER A PERIOD
TO MEET TOTAL
CONSUMPTION
NEEDS

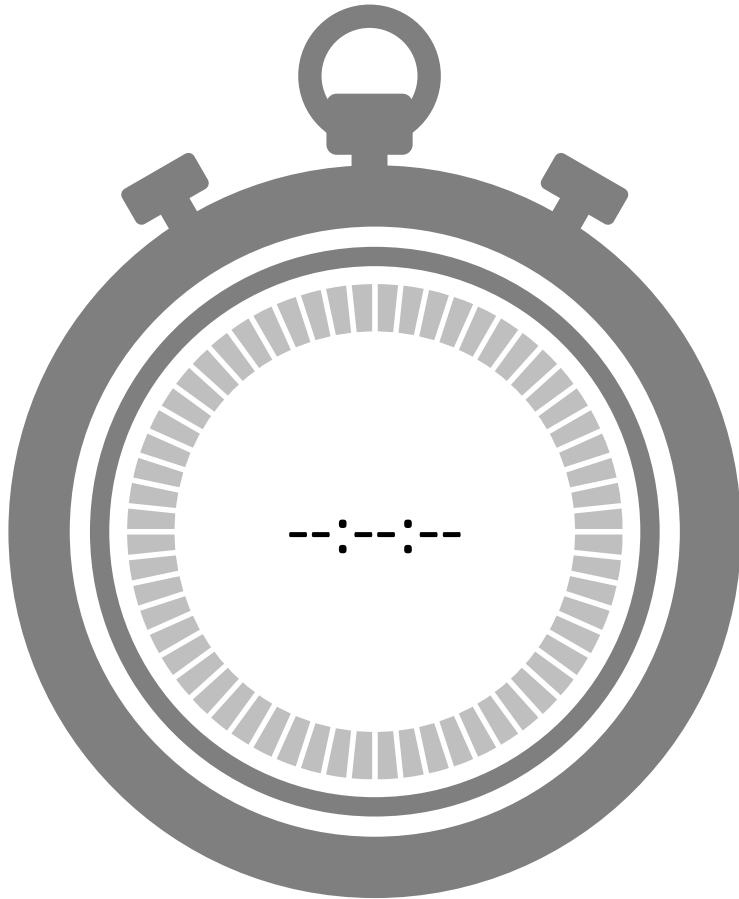
SUSTAINED
SUPPLY OVER TIME



Break



Time for a Break



Break Duration 5 min.

Meeting will resume at

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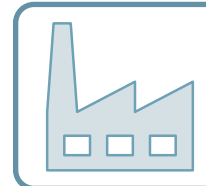
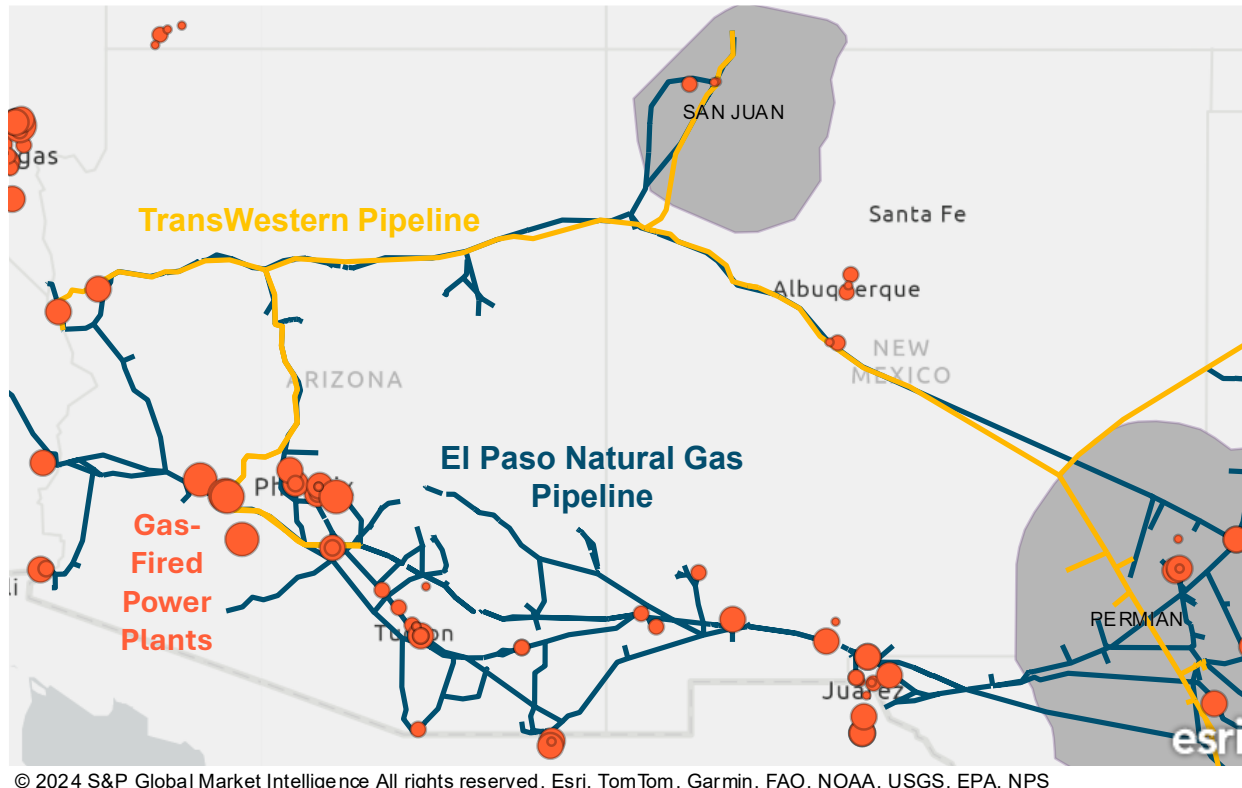


Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion Update

Jill Freret & Mike Eugenis, APS

Profile of Natural Gas Infrastructure in Arizona

From 9/25/2024 RPAC
Presentation



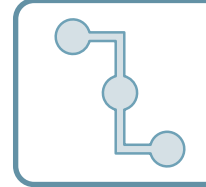
Third largest demand for natural gas among western states

- Behind California (1) and Colorado (2)
- Electricity generation accounts for ~80% of demand



Natural gas supplied from Permian & San Juan basins

- No in-state production or reserves



Two interstate pipelines serving Arizona and downstream demands in California

- Pipelines most constrained in **winter**
- Arizona gas demand highest in **summer**



No existing underground storage capacity

- Potential for development of storage in natural salt caverns – but highly site-specific

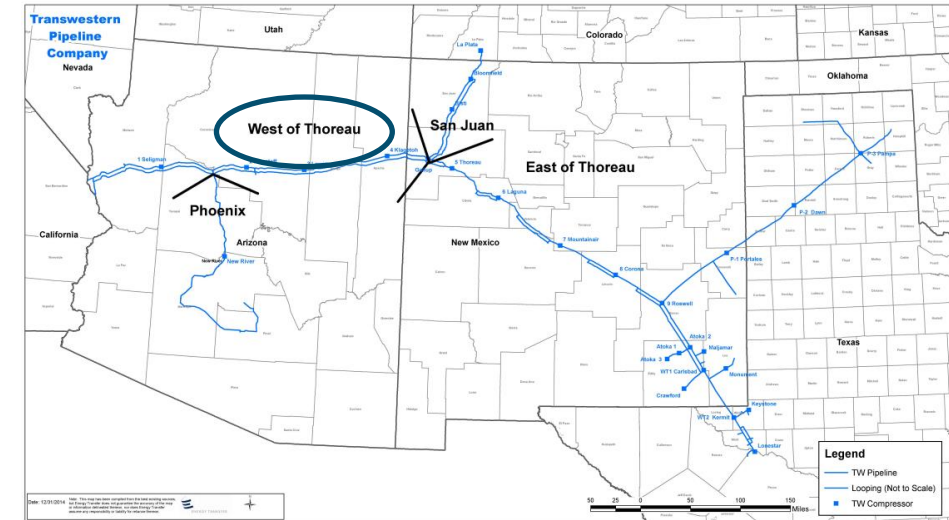
E3 Summary and Implications

From 9/25/2024 RPAC Presentation

+ Constraints on existing gas infrastructure are becoming increasingly apparent, with limited signs of relief:

- Major interstate pipelines fully subscribed for firm capacity
- Limited near-term reductions in California natural gas demand
- Lingering uncertainties regarding the future role of existing natural gas storage in California
- Increases in regional demand in power sector to meet rapid increases in electric demand
- Potential for additional demand for LNG exports

+ In this environment, planning for fuel transportation is an increasingly crucial aspect of resource planning



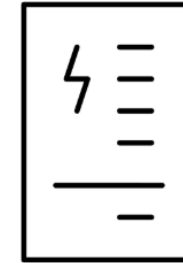
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WEST TEXAS WEST THROUGH WT-1		M2	RPQ	0	0	0	0	860
WT-2 C/S WEST TO WT-1 C/S		M2						00
WEST TEXAS TO STATION 9		M2						00
SOUTH THRU BLOOMFIELD COMPRESSOR		M2						05
SJ LAT SOUTH TO THOREAU		M2	RPQ	606,275	640,015	526,965	347,925	331,105
THOREAU WEST		MQ	DPQ	0	0	0	0	0

TransWestern's Electronic Bulletin Board reports no capacity available West of Thoreau through 2028, indicating pipeline is fully subscribed

APS has studied natural gas needs over the last year, with sensitivities associated with two distinct worldviews:



Continued Federal Policy
Support for Renewable/Clean
Technologies



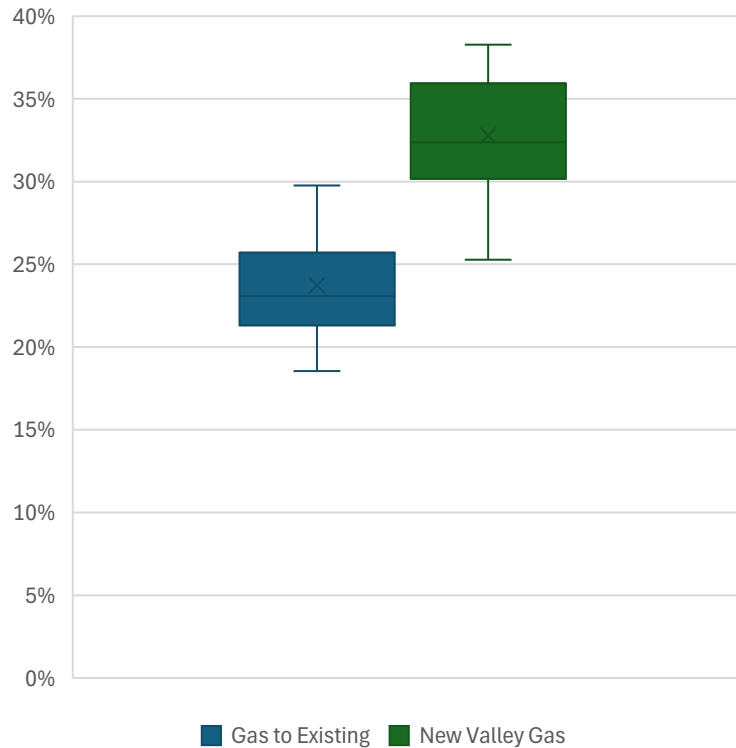
Removal of Federal Subsidies
for Clean/Renewables



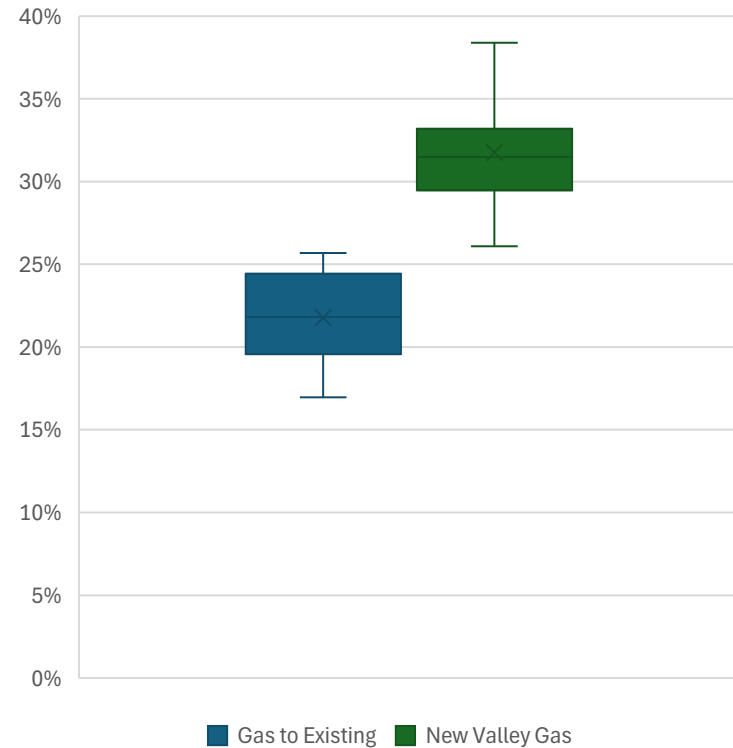
Additional natural gas was identified as part of the most economic portfolio for every case where it was an option

Proportion of Natural Gas in the Overall Energy Supplied Across All Portfolios

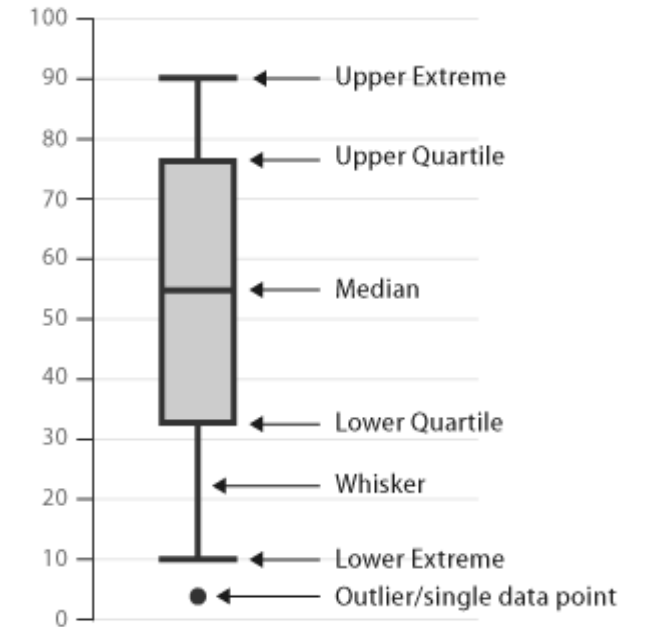
Policy Support Worldview



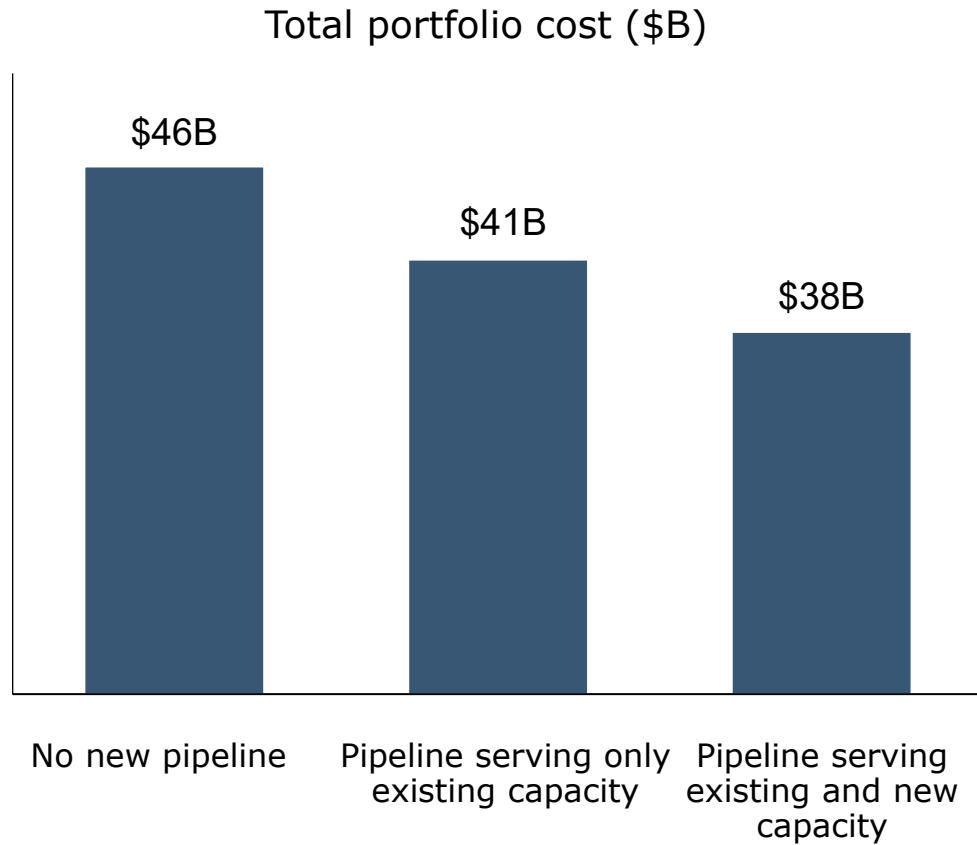
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Scale



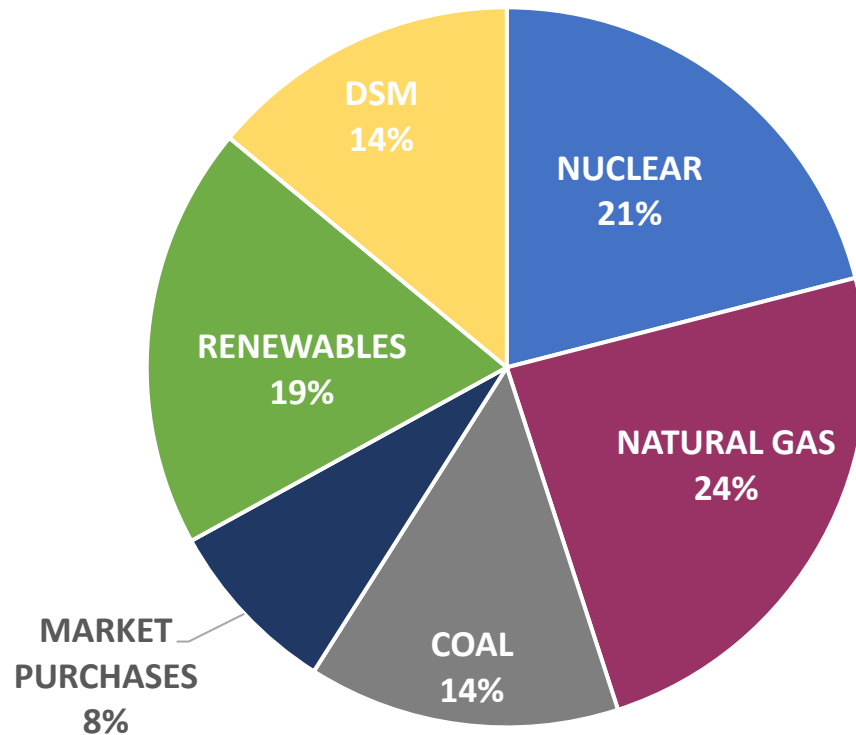
Access to additional natural gas transport maintains reliability for customers at lower cost, regardless of whether additional plants are built



Gas Resources		
	Pipeline serves existing capacity	Pipeline serves new capacity
No New Pipeline		
Pipeline serving only existing Capacity	✓	
Pipeline serving existing and new capacity	✓	✓

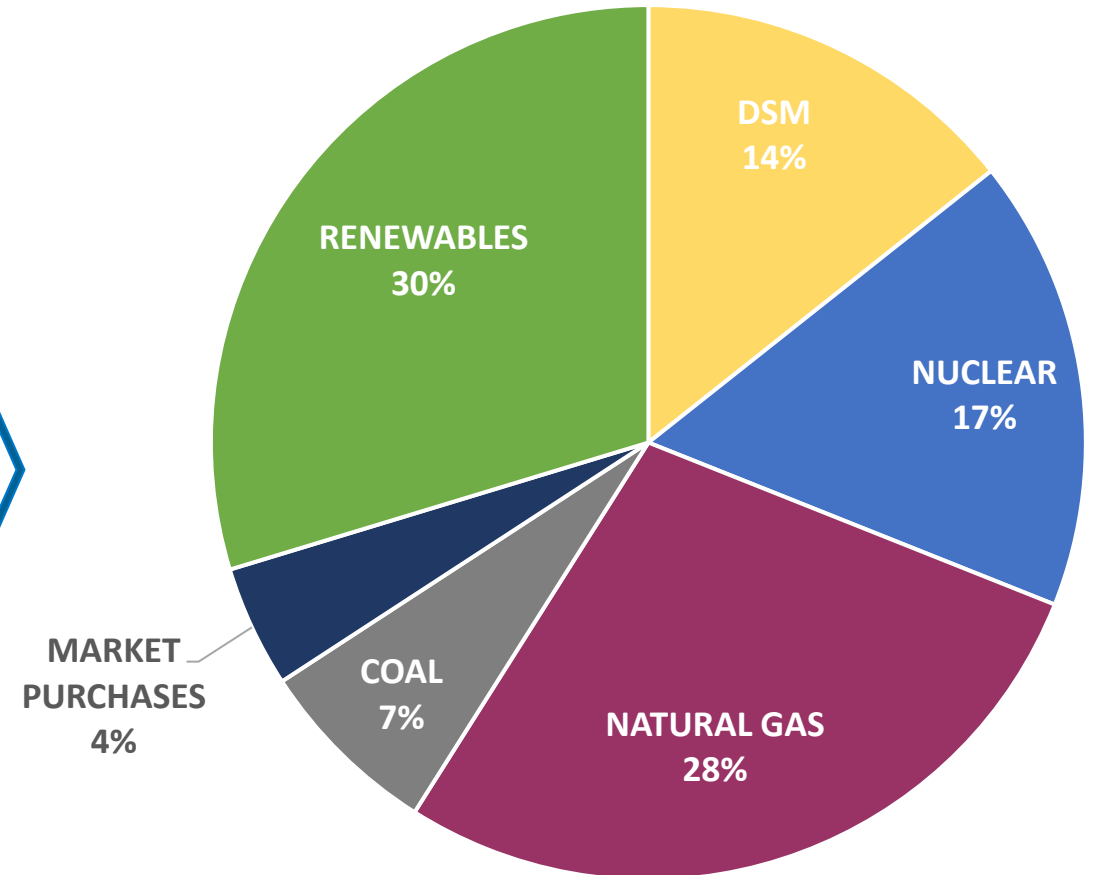
Part of a Balanced Energy Mix

2024 Actuals



38,256 GWh
Total Sales

2031 Forecast



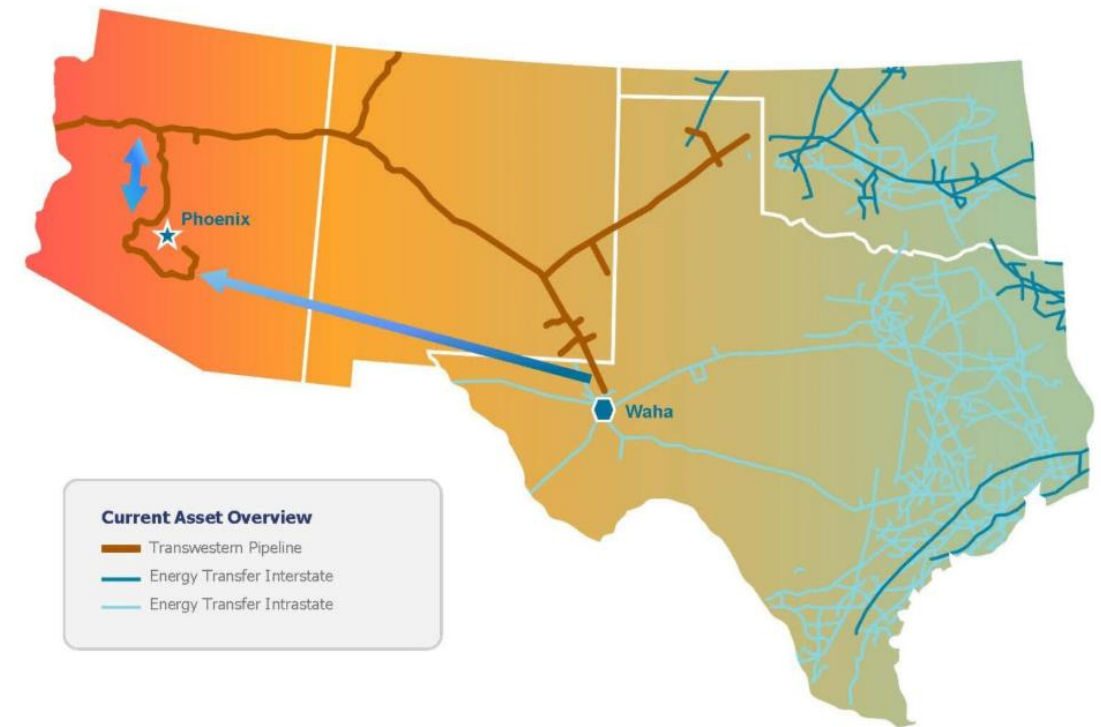
55,662 GWh
Total Sales



Desert Southwest Expansion Project

Pipeline Details:

- Permian Basin in West Texas to Phoenix, Arizona
- 516 Miles of 42-inch pipeline
- 1.5 Billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d)
- \$7.3B commitment from APS over 25 years
- Expected in late 2029



Pipeline Negotiations

APS evaluated & negotiated multiple proposals to ensure the greatest economic and overall benefit for customers

Key Considerations:

- Favorable fixed transportation pricing
- Lateral costs
- Sufficient volume with flexibility
- Allocation of cost risk
- Anchor shipper rights
- Project development milestones
- Partnership in stakeholder outreach



ACC Natural Gas Workshop Recap

ACC Natural Gas Docket

- On February 10, 2025, Vice Chairman Myers filed a letter to the docket.
- Arizona Public Service, TEP/UNS Electric/UNS Gas, and AEPCO filed comments to the docket.
- All three utilities support the Commission's inquiry into this topic.

ACC Natural Gas Infrastructure Workshop

- On August 26, 2025, the ACC held a public workshop focused on Natural Gas Infrastructure and Storage.
- The American Gas Association (AGA), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Energy Dominance Council, utilities, pipelines, Western Resource Advocates (WRA), and others shared presentations.
- Commissioners expressed continued interest in local (AZ) gas storage to support balanced, reliable utility resource portfolios



More information on the ACC Natural Gas Infrastructure and Storage Workshop information available [here](#).

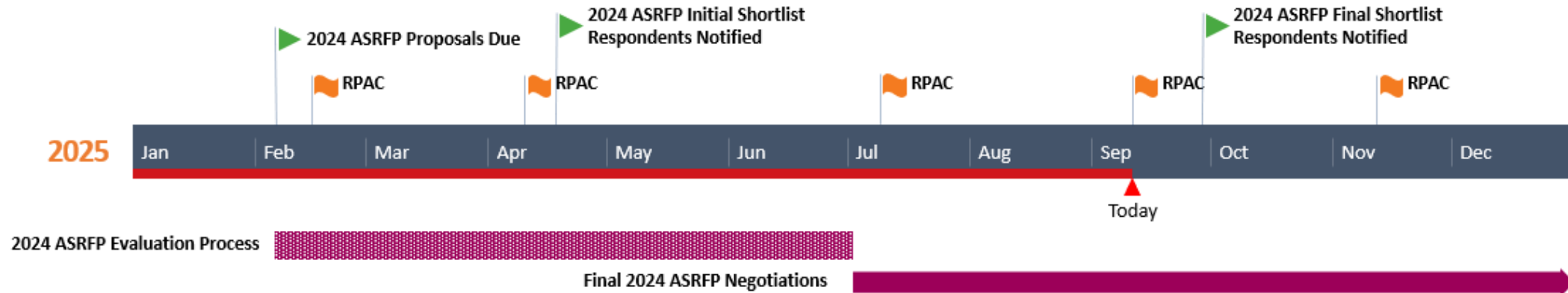




Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Adam Constable, APS

Forward Plans and Meetings



Key Milestones

November RPAC Meeting: 11/19/2025

Time: 10:00 am

Future Topics: Load Forecast, 2026 IRP Timeline, RA
Study ELCCs, DER Forecast Update

2024 ASRFP Final Shortlist Respondents
Notified: Expected prior to the end of Q3
Future ASRFP Release: TBD

