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# Beneficial Electrification of Space Heating

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# 1 Introduction

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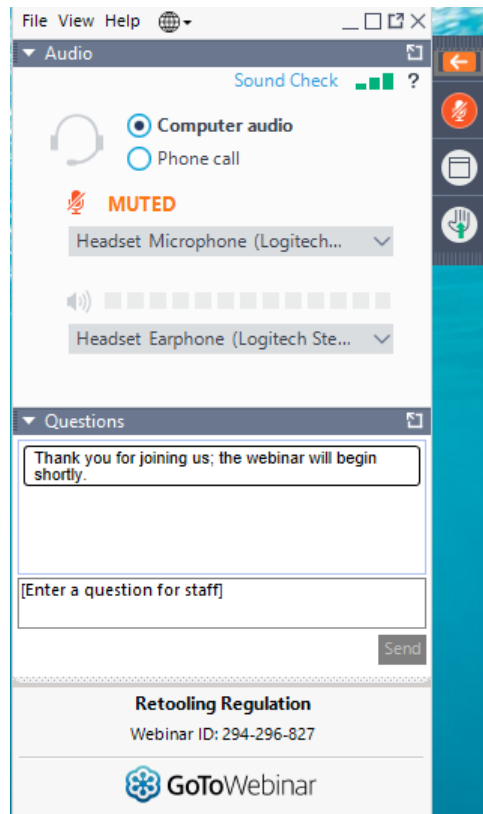
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# Today's Presentation

1. Analyzing Fuel Choice
2. Technology Considerations
3. Beneficial Electrification of Space Heating: Three Conditions
4. Strategies for Beneficial Electrification of Space Heating
5. Concluding Thoughts

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# ***Beneficial* Electrification (BE) - Three Conditions**



1. Saves Customers  
Money Over Long-Term



2. Reduces Environmental  
Impacts



3. Enables Better Grid  
Management



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# **Analysis of Consumer and Marginal Costs for Electric and Natural Gas Space and Water Heat in Single Family Residences in Puget Sound Power and Light Company Service Territory**

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## **DIRECT USE OF NATURAL GAS FOR RESIDENTIAL SPACE AND WATER HEAT COMPARED TO GAS-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATION FOR HYDRO-FIRMING**

**THERMODYNAMIC, ECONOMIC, AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

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# Fuel Choice – 1989

- Wind and solar were not viable economic resources
- Best heat pumps had a coefficient of performance of about 2
- Heat pump water heaters were not commonly available
- Best natural gas generating plants had about 42% conversion efficiency



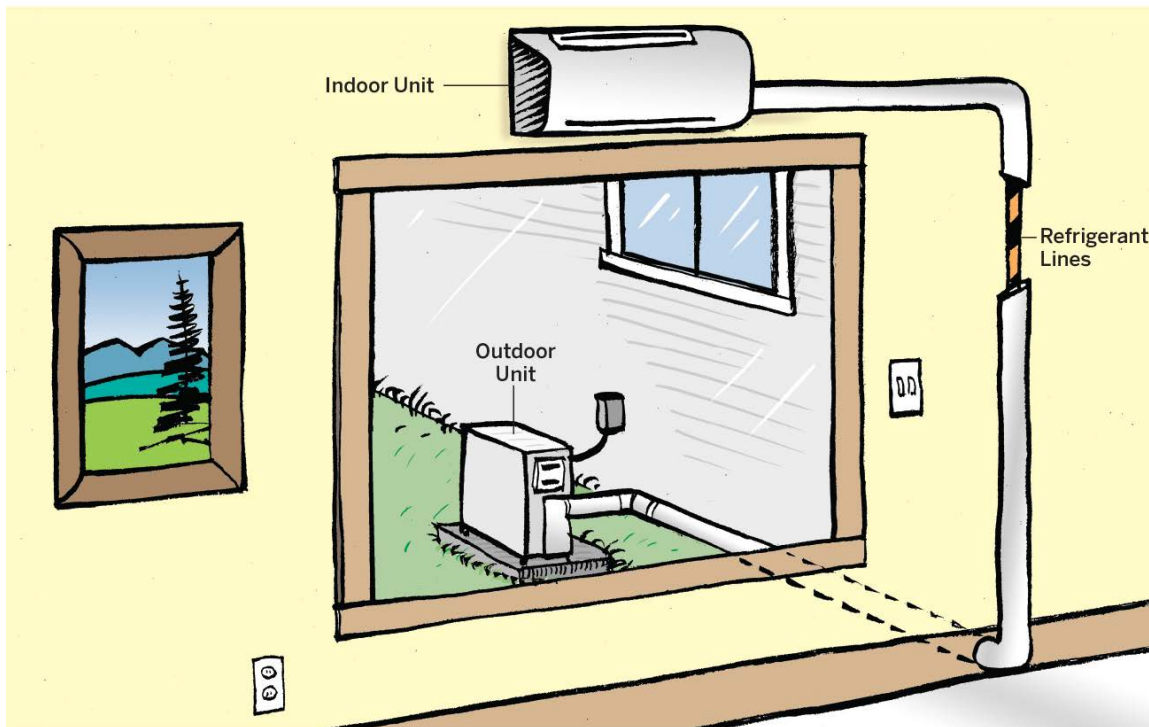
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# Fuel Choice Today

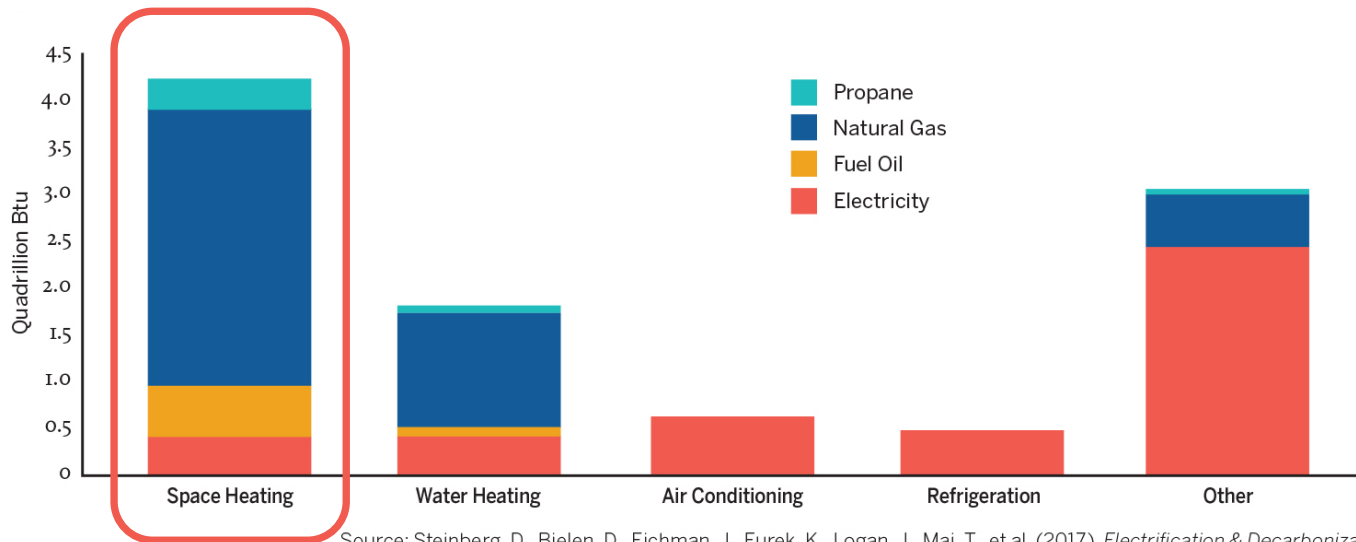
- **Wind and solar 2 - 3 ¢/kWh**
- Heat Pump COPs are better
- New gas generation is as much as 62% efficient,
- Modern technology enables load control



# Innovative & Efficient End Uses – Electrification Is Underway

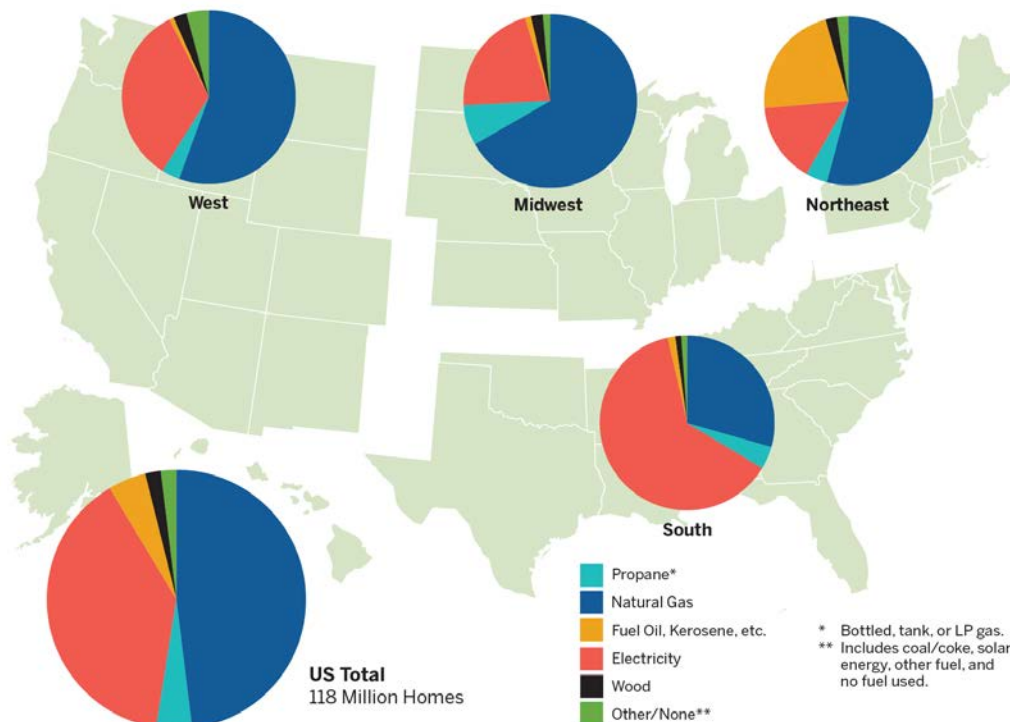


# What's The Opportunity?



Source: Steinberg, D., Bielen, D., Eichman, J., Eurek, K., Logan, J., Mai, T., et al. (2017). *Electrification & Decarbonization: Exploring U.S. Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Scenarios with Widespread Electrification and Power Sector Decarbonization*, using data from Energy Information Administration 2009 Residential Energy Consumption Survey.

# What's The Opportunity?



Source: US Census Bureau. 2016 American Community Survey.

## 2 Technology Considerations



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# Electric Space Heating Technologies We Looked At

- Air-source heat pumps
  - Ducted or ductless
  - Standard and cold-climate
- Air-source heat pumps with back-up or storage heating (“dual fuel”)
- Ground-source heat pumps
- Electric resistance heating with storage



Electric resistance heater photo: Steffes Corp.

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# Example Supplemental Heating Sources For Cold Climates and Power Outages



**35,000 BTU  
Vented Propane  
Room Heater**

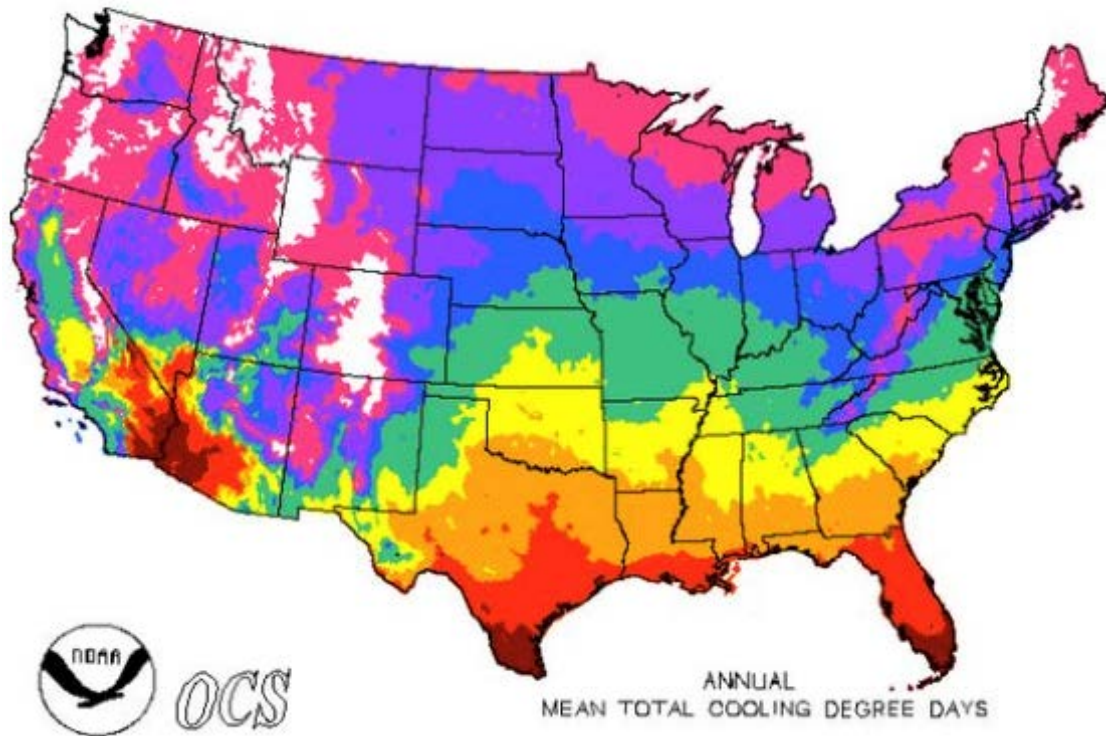


**30,000 BTU  
Propane Fireplace  
Insert**



**Steffes Electric  
Thermal Storage  
Room Heater**

# Optimal Heating Technology Varies by Climate Condition



# Optimal Heating Technology Varies by Housing Type



# Summary of Technology Considerations

|                             | Single Family Homes |                                      |                                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Coldest outdoor temperature | New well-insulated  | Existing with Oil or Propane heating | Existing with Natural gas heating |
| 30 degrees F                | ✓                   | ✓                                    | ✓?                                |
| 5 degrees F                 | ✓                   | ✓ ✓?                                 | ✓?                                |
| Less than 5 degrees F       | ✓ ✓                 | ✓?                                   | ✓?                                |
| Any temperature             | ✓                   |                                      |                                   |

✓ Air source heat pump

✓ Cold climate Air source heat pump

✓ ASHP w supplemental heat

✓ Electric resistance storage

✓ Ground source heat pump

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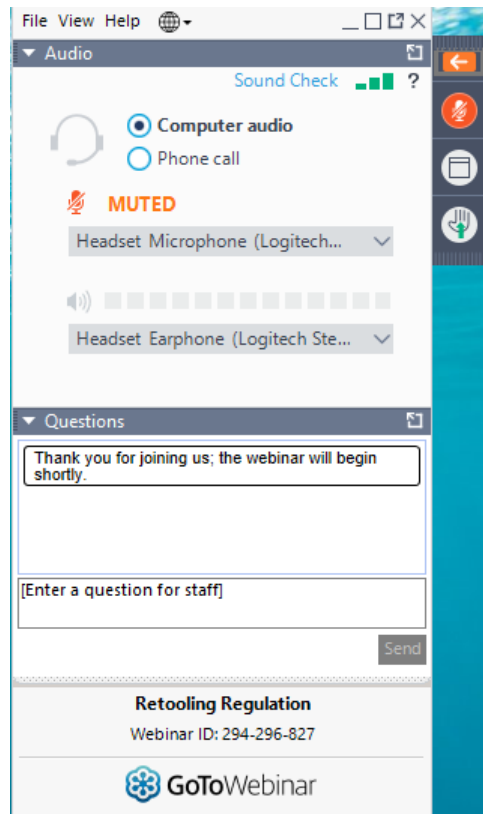
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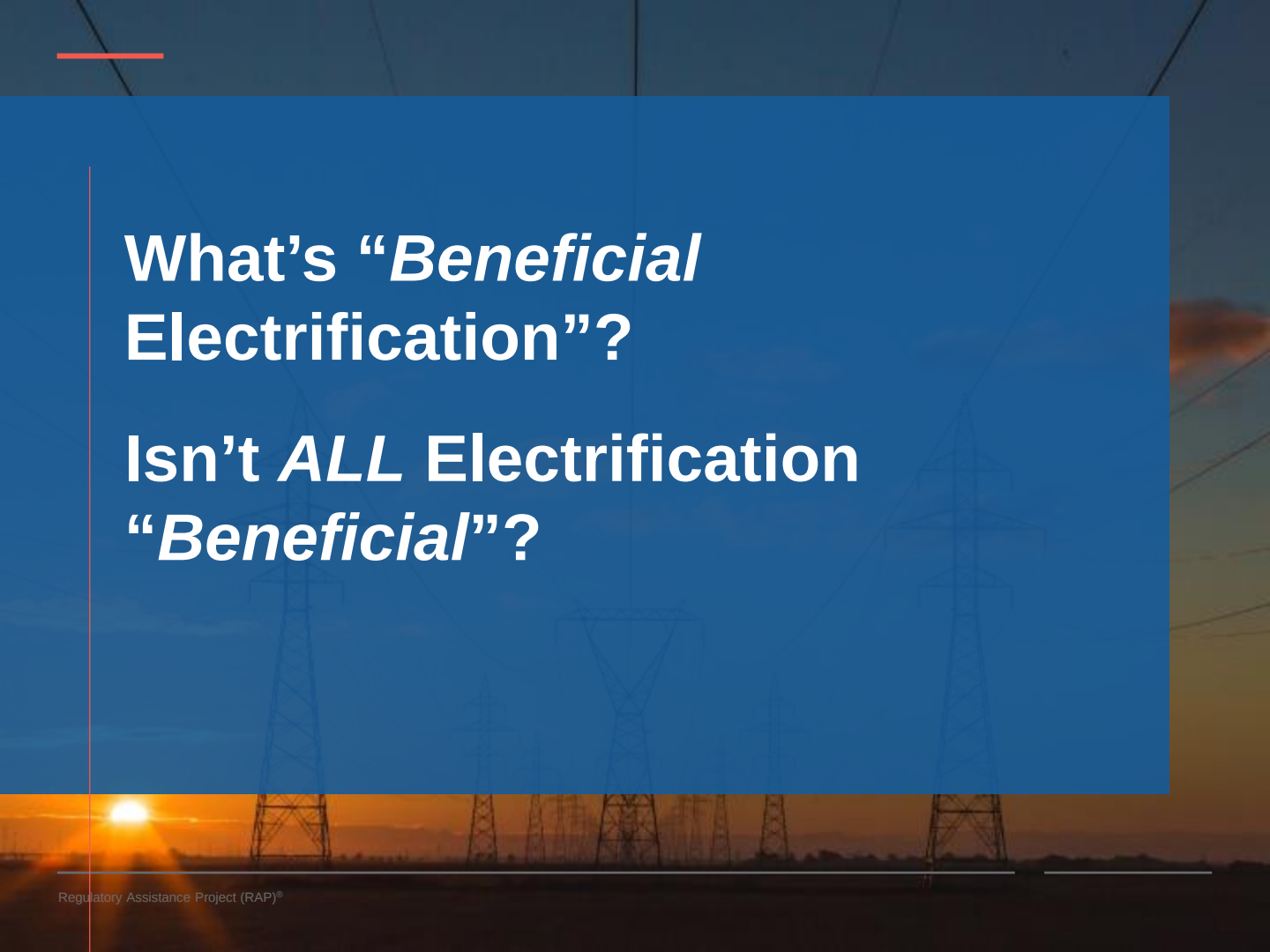
# 3 BE for Space Heating – Three Conditions



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What's “*Beneficial*  
Electrification”?

Isn't *ALL* Electrification  
“*Beneficial*”?

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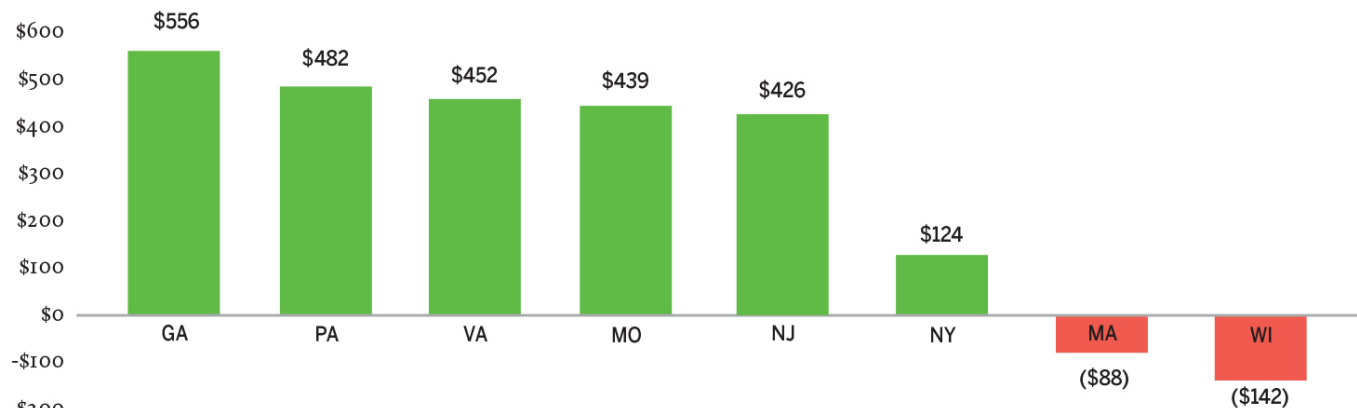
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# Consumer Economics: Key Factors

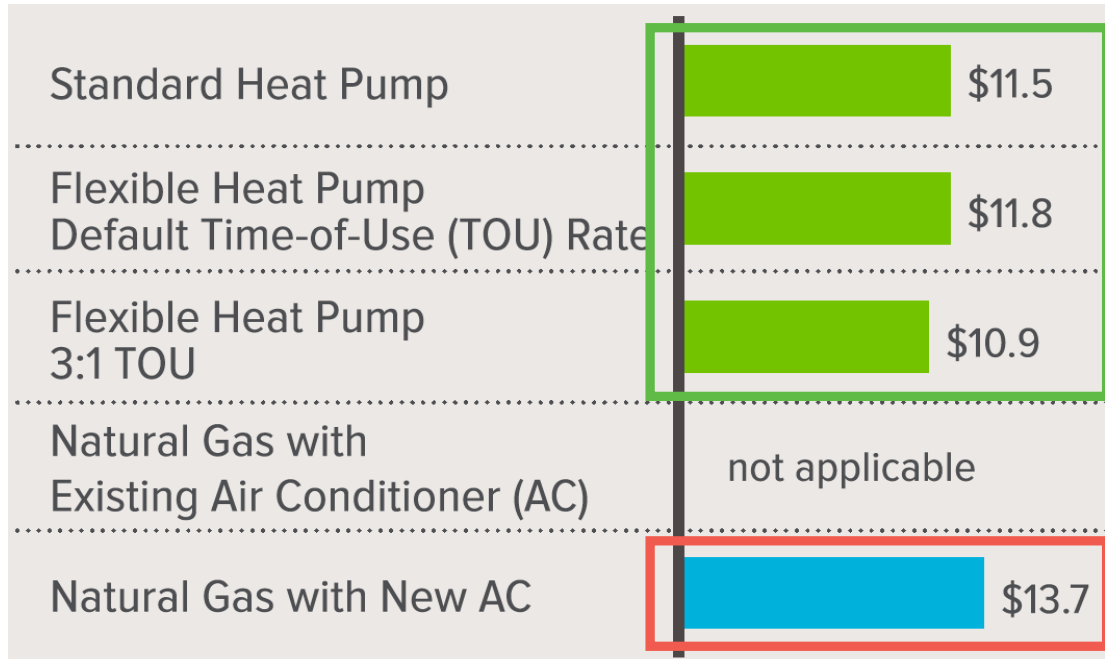
- Efficiency of space heating options
- Building type and its thermal efficiency
- Space cooling desired?
- Incremental cost of installation
- Cost of fuel

# Current Economics of Converting Existing Oil Furnaces to Air Source Heat Pumps



Source: Compiled with data from American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and US Energy Information Administration.

# Current Economics of Space and Water Heating Electrification

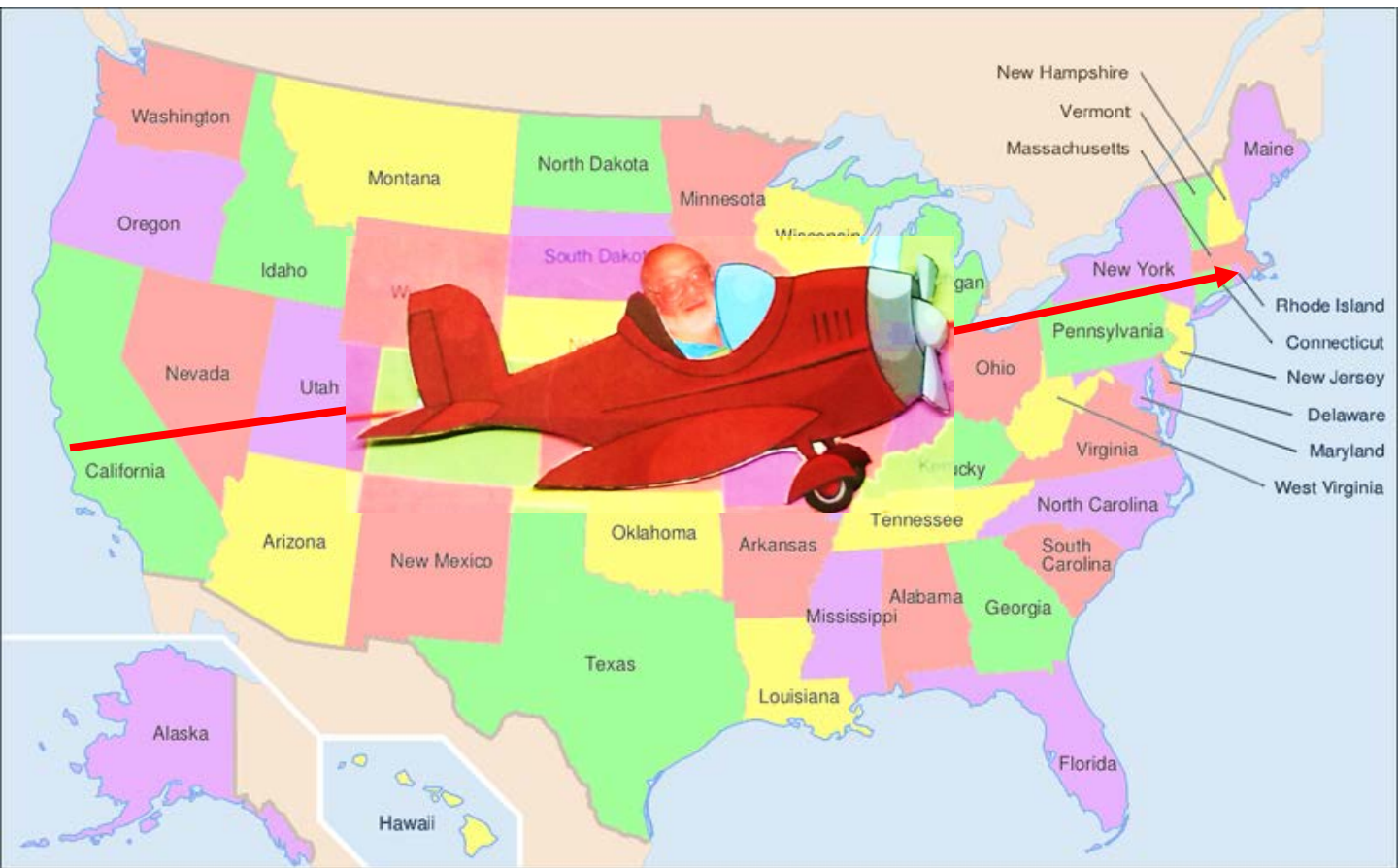


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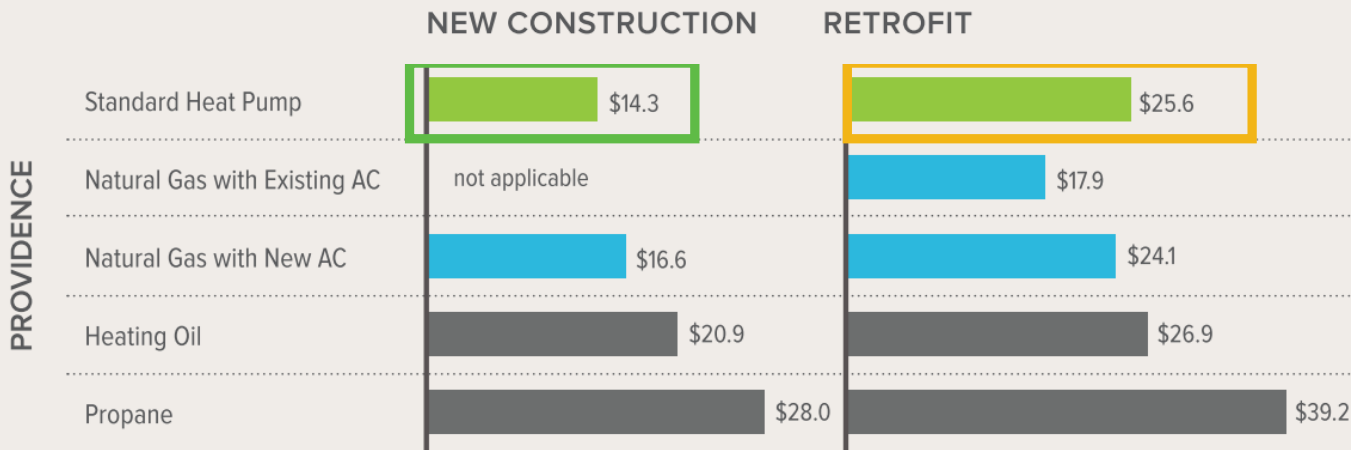
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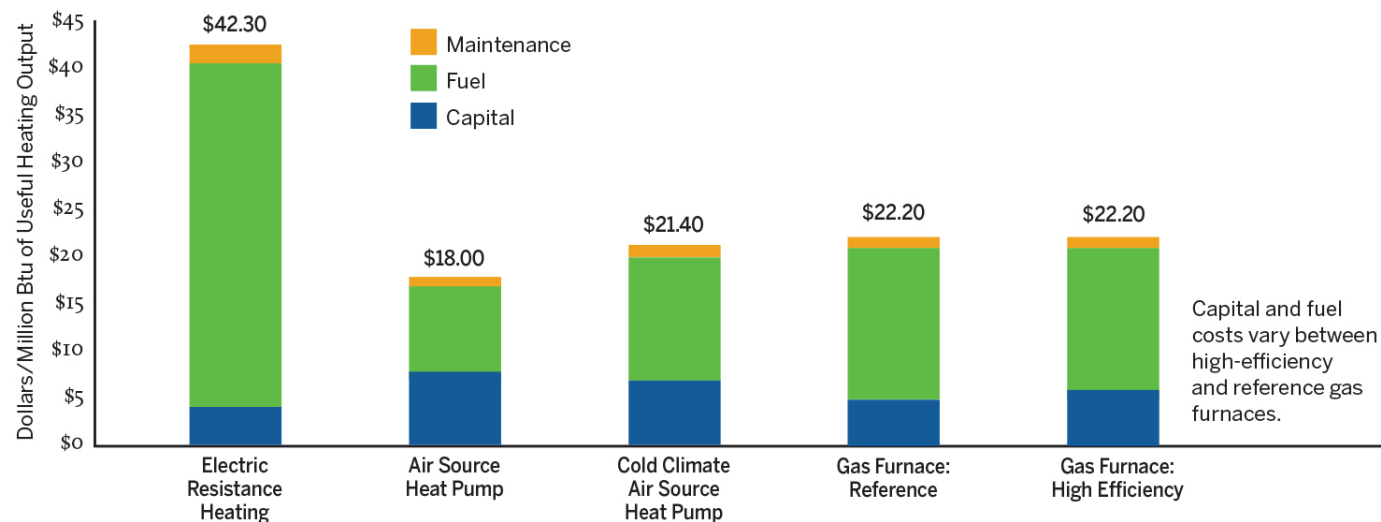


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# Future Economics of Converting Existing Gas Furnaces to Air Source Heat Pumps



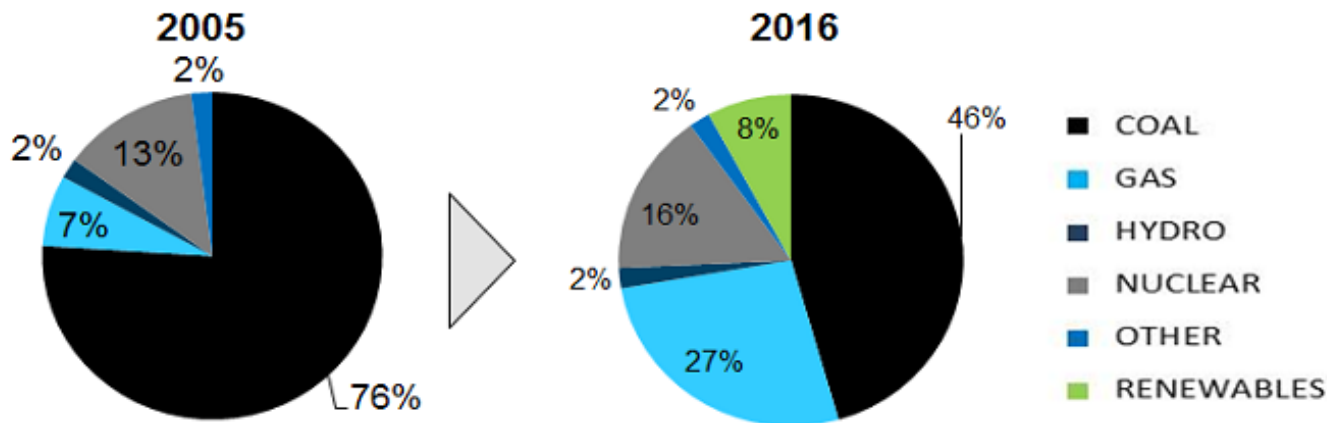
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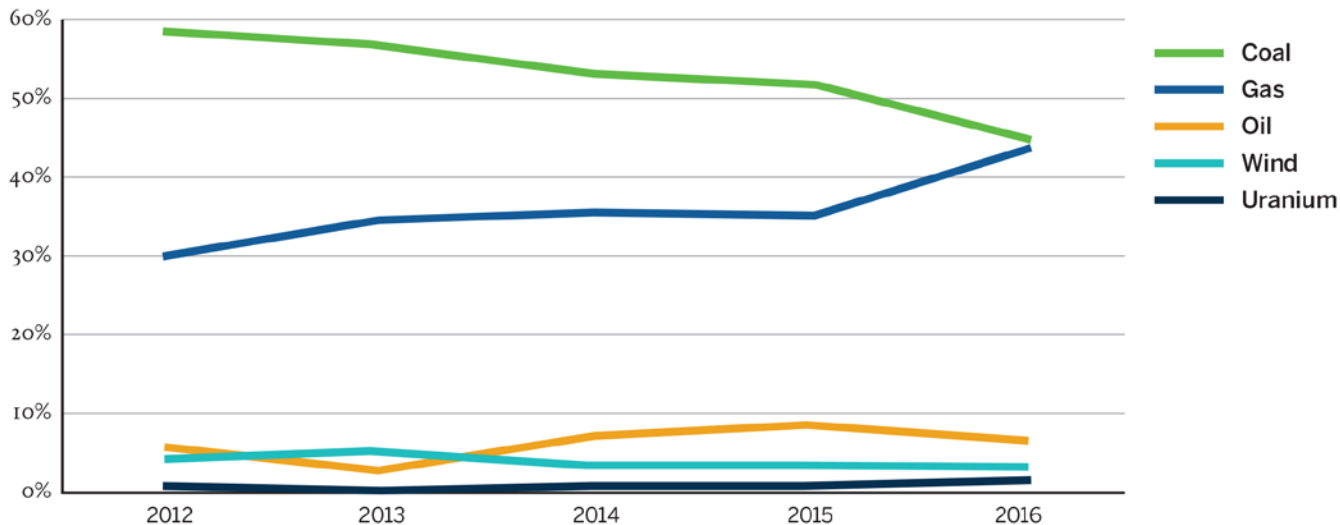
## 2. Reduces Environmental Impacts

# Power Sector Fuel Mix Is Changing: MISO Example

## MISO Generation Portfolio Evolution



# What Are the Marginal Emissions?



Municipal waste, demand response, interface, and other fuels are marginal units less than 1% of the time and excluded from the chart above.

Adapted from: PJM Interconnection. (2017). *2012-2016 CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Rates*.

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# Emissions

## Oil Furnace

513 gallons oil/year

22 lb CO<sub>2</sub>/Gallon

11,300 lb CO<sub>2</sub>/year

## Heat Pump (ENERGY STAR®)

7,754 kWh/year

50% Gas; 50% Coal  
1,400 lb CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh

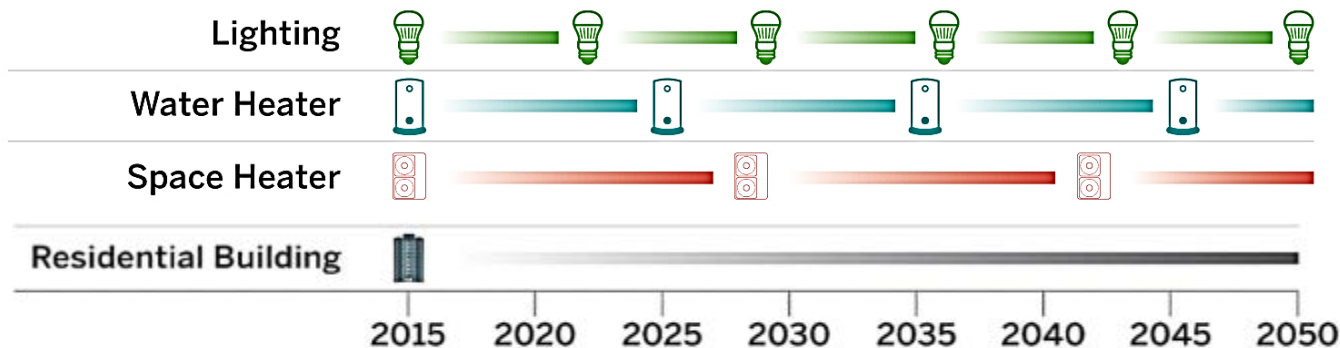
10,855 lb CO<sub>2</sub>/year

# Emissions Efficiency Depends on Electricity System Fuel Mix

**Emissions Efficiency (pounds/MMBTU of useful space heating)  
for various electric technologies, located on different power grids**

|                                    |                                                  | Electric Power System Mix |                      |          |                                |                     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | Energy Factor<br>(Coefficient of<br>Performance) | 100%<br>Coal              | 50% Gas,<br>50% Coal | 100% Gas | 50% Gas,<br>50% Non-<br>Carbon | 100% Non-<br>Carbon |
| Air-Source Heat Pump               |                                                  |                           |                      |          |                                |                     |
| Standard HP                        | 3.0                                              | 226                       | 157                  | 87       | 43                             | 00                  |
| Cold Climate HP                    | 2.5                                              | 272                       | 188                  | 104      | 52                             | 00                  |
| With Propane Backup 10% of Heating | 3.0                                              | 218                       | 156                  | 93       | 54                             | 15                  |
| Ground-Source Heat Pump            | 4.0                                              | 170                       | 117                  | 65       | 33                             | 00                  |
| Electric Resistance Storage        | 1.0                                              | 679                       | 470                  | 260      | 130                            | 00                  |

# Residential Energy Investments Are Long-Lived

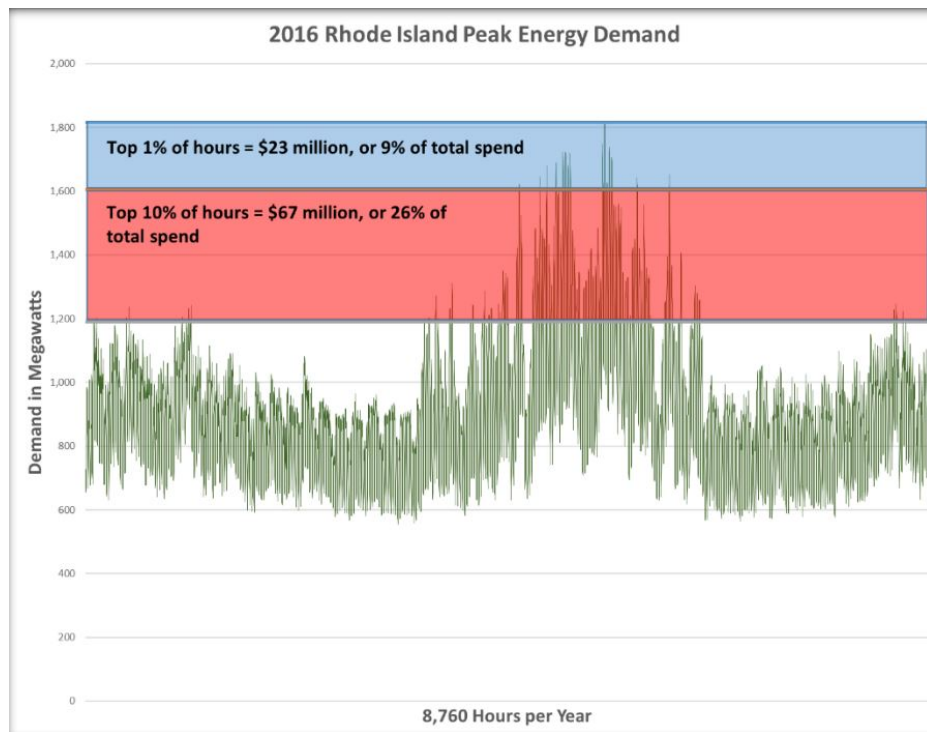


### 3. Enables Better Grid Management



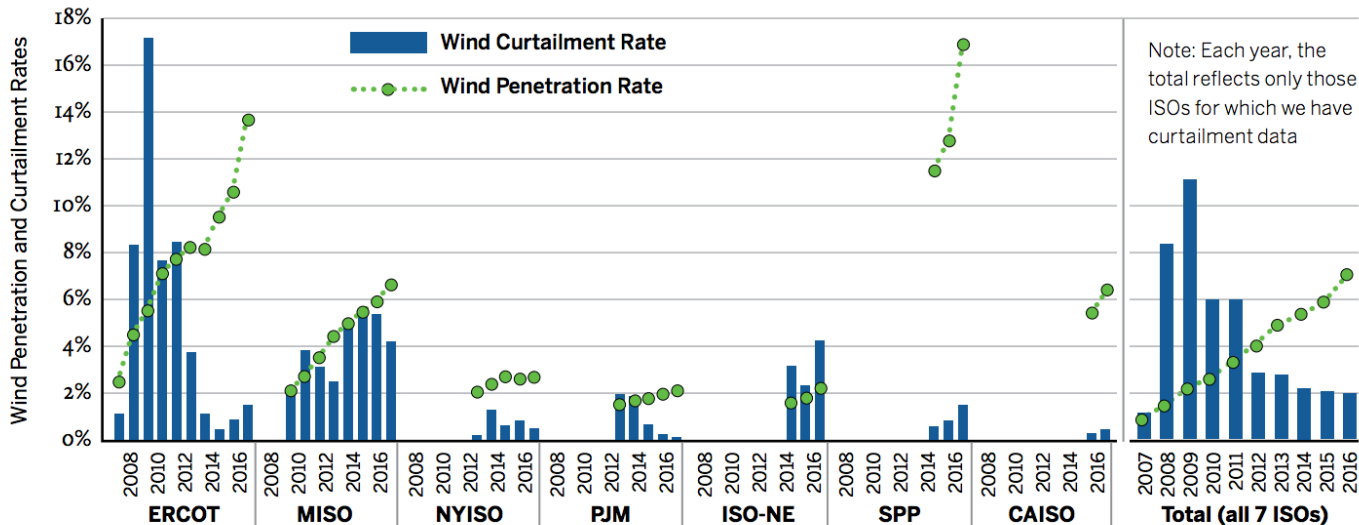
# Avoid High-Cost Hours

- Top 1% of hours = 9% of total spending
- Top 10% of hours = 26% of total spending



Source: Rhode Island Power Sector Transformation, Phase One Report to Governor Gina M. Raimondo (November 2017)

# Reducing Renewables Curtailment

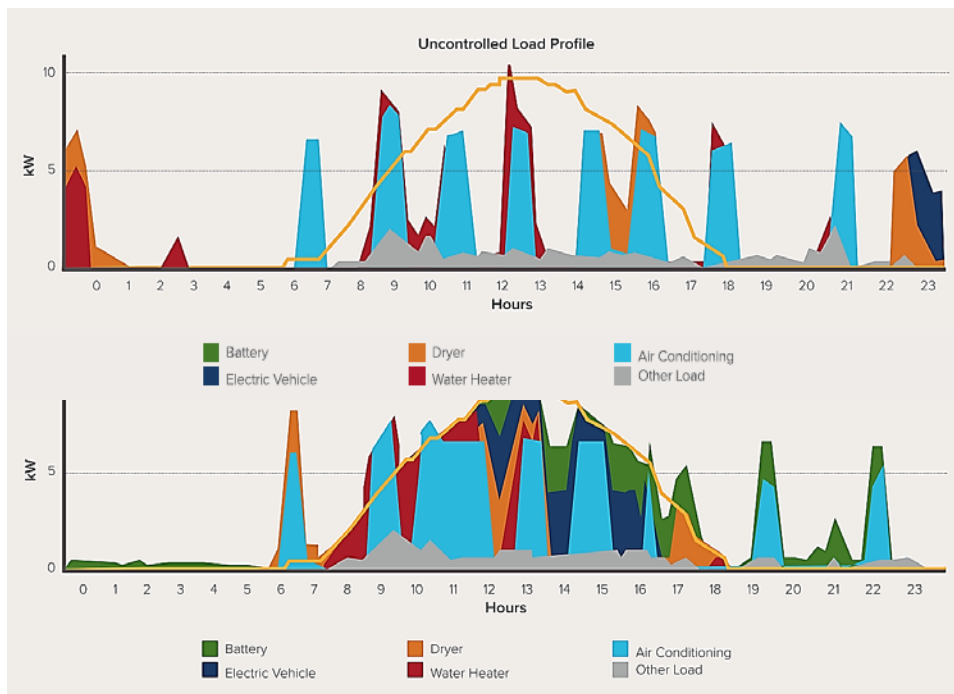


Note: All curtailment percentages shown represent both forced and economic curtailment.

PJM's 2012 curtailment estimate is for June through December only.

Source: Wiser, R., & Bolinger, M. (2017). *2016 Wind Technologies Market Report*.

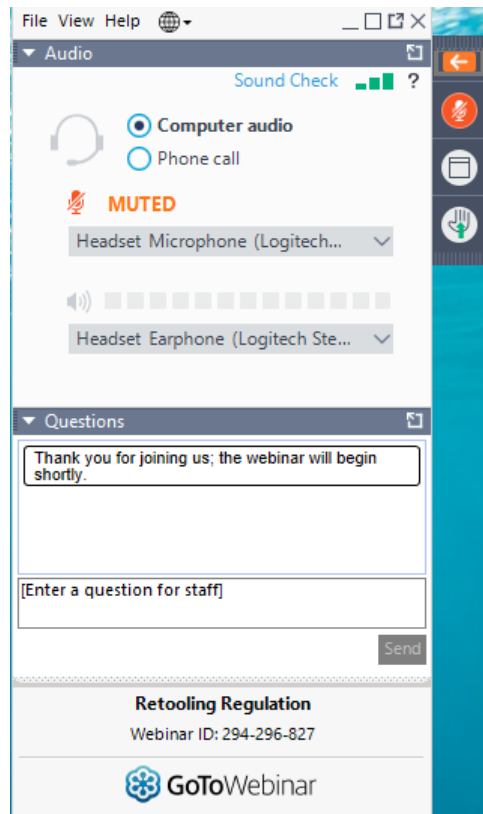
# Controllability is Key



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# 4 Strategies for BE Space Heating

1. Building Codes
2. State Energy Policies
3. Rate Design
4. Incentive Programs



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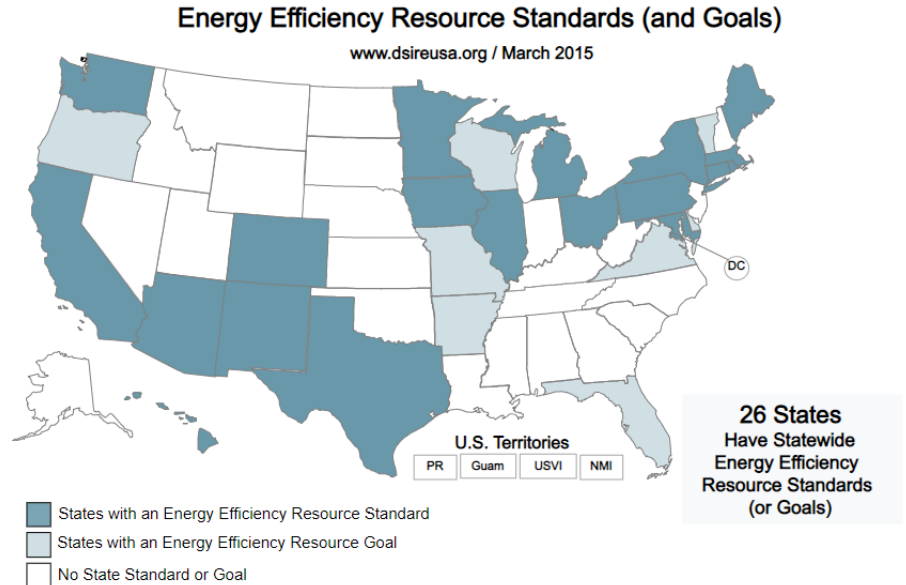
# Building Codes

- Importance of thermal efficiency
- Move toward requiring high-efficiency electric space heating and cooling
- New residential structures “all electric ready”?



# Energy Efficiency Resource Standards

- Adopt a *carve-out* for electrification
- Adapt metrics to reflect reductions in primary energy use or GHG emissions

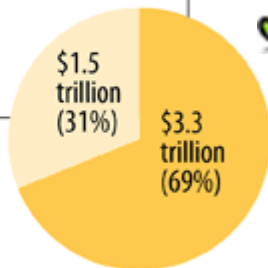


# Affordability

## 69 Percent of Cuts in Ryan Plan Come From Programs for People With Low or Moderate Incomes

Low-income programs  
(e.g. Medicaid,  
Pell Grants, SNAP)

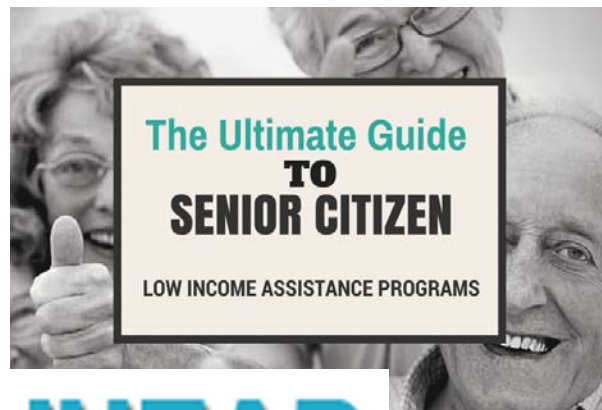
Other program cuts



Note: Calculations do not include defense increase.

Source: CBPP based on data from Congressional Budget Office and FY 2015 House Budget Resolution and Committee markup.

[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | cbpp.org](http://cbpp.org)



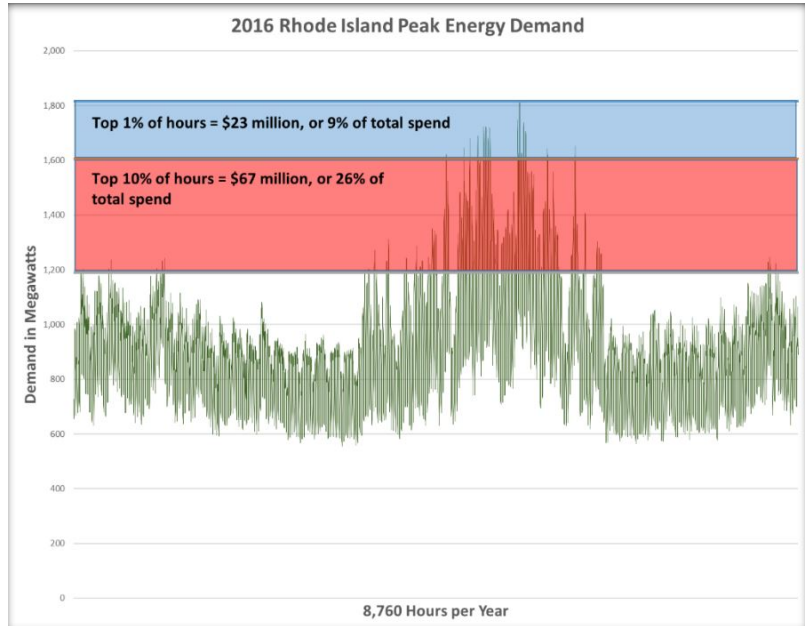
# LIHEAP



# Rate Design

Make the choices the customer makes to minimize their **own bill** consistent with the choices they would make to minimize **system costs**.

Shift usage to lower-cost and lower-emission hours.





Energy solutions  
for a changing world

# Smart Rate Design



## For a Smart Future

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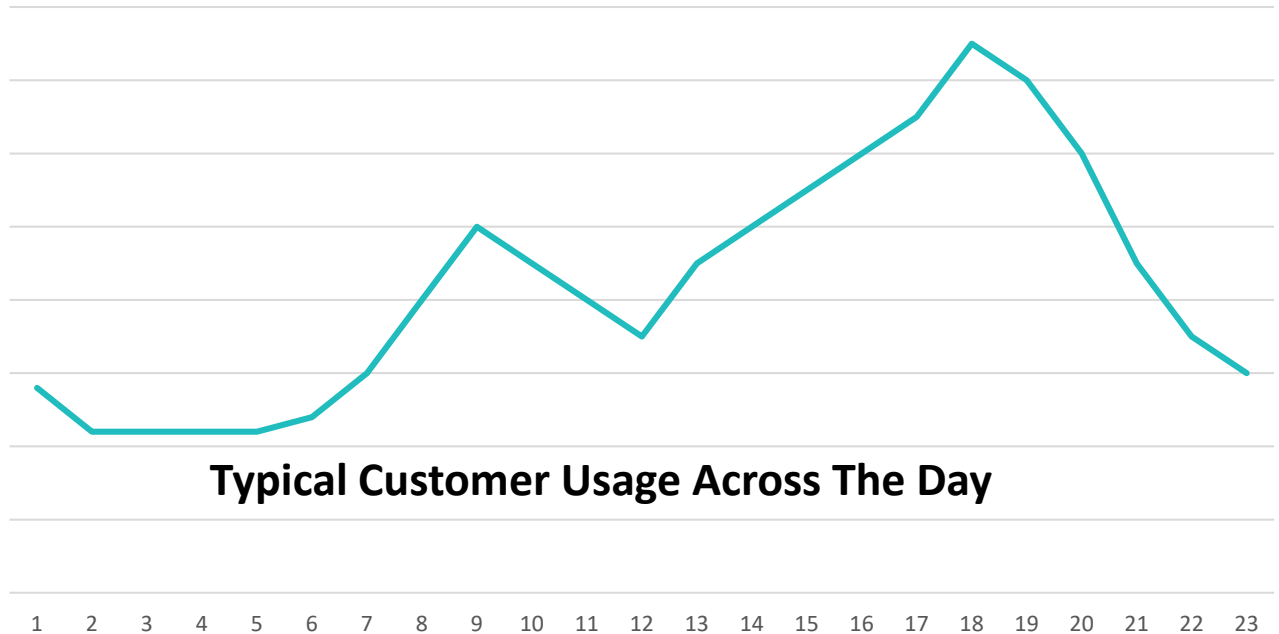
**Jim Lazar and  
Wilson Gonzalez**

July 2015

# Key Elements of TOU Rates: Fort Collins, Colorado

|                                       | Summer | Winter |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Customer Charge                       | \$6.16 | \$6.16 |
| Off-Peak                              | \$.066 | \$.065 |
| On-Peak                               | \$.235 | \$.211 |
| Tier Charge All Usage<br>Over 700 kWh | +.017  | +.017  |

# A TOU Rate Does Not Mean A Higher Bill For Typical Residential Consumers



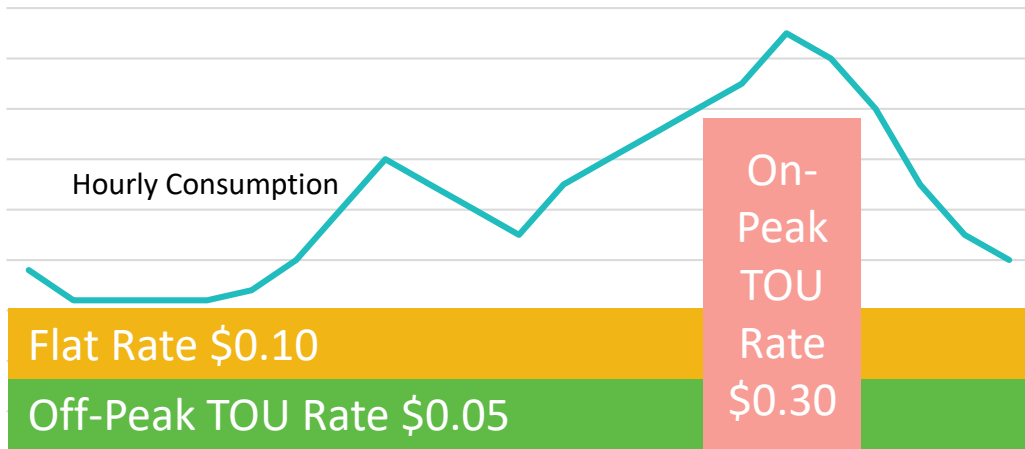
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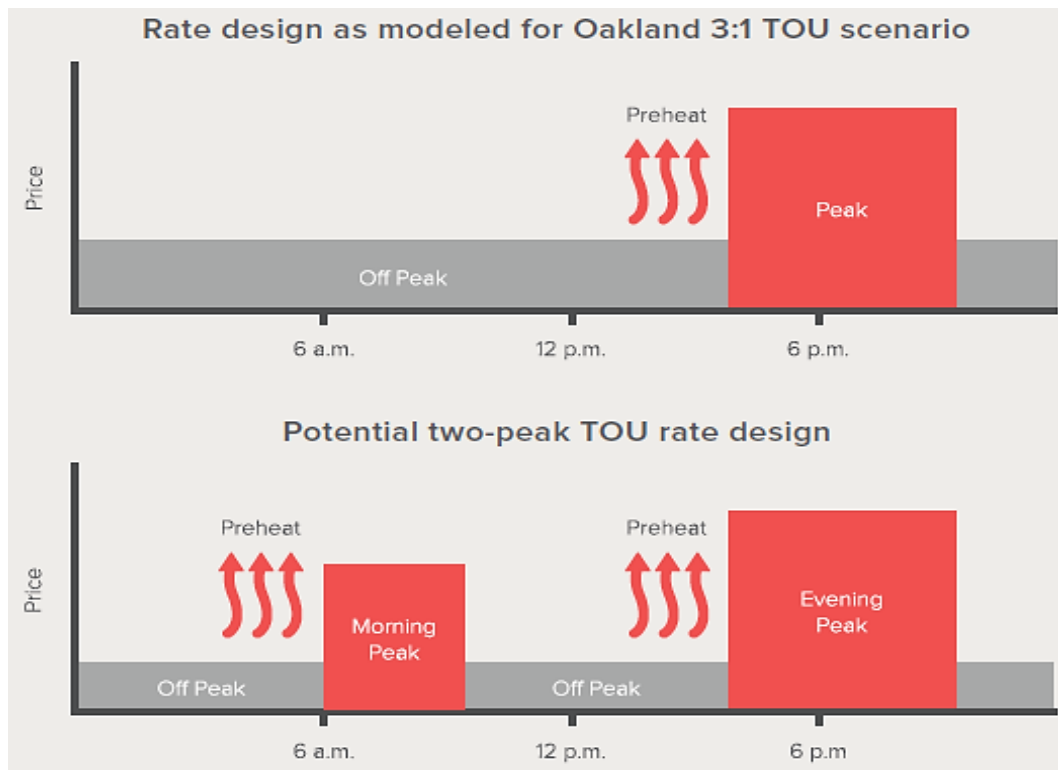
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## TOU Rate

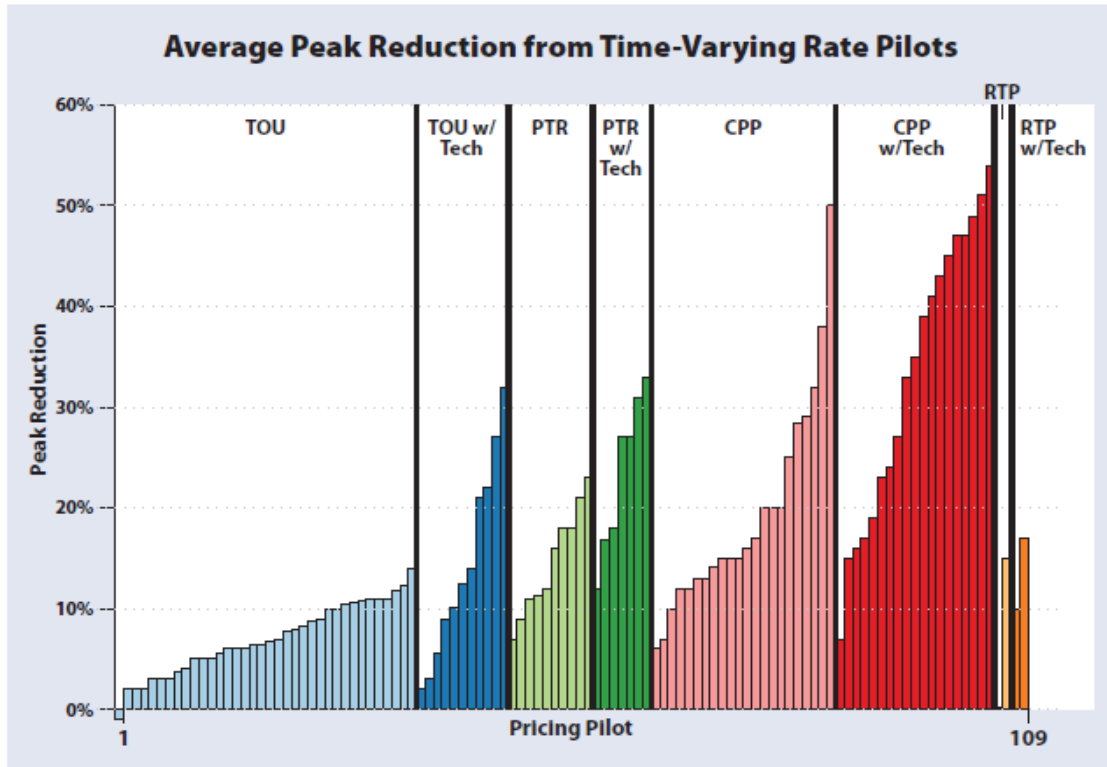
800 kWh @ \$.05 off-peak  
+ 200 kWh @ \$.30 on-peak  
= \$100



# Two-Peak Rate Design



# Advanced Pricing Helps Grid Flexibility



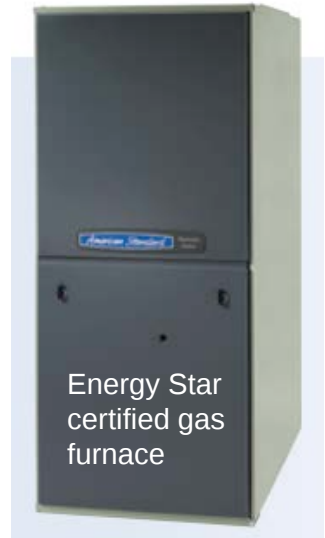
# Incentive Programs

- Run by utilities, states, and third parties
- May enable or obstruct beneficial electrification



Multi-zone ductless  
heat pump

- Tend to reward switching to a more efficient appliance that uses the ***same fuel***
- Many explicitly disallow **fuel switching**
- Programs may be working at cross-purposes to BE

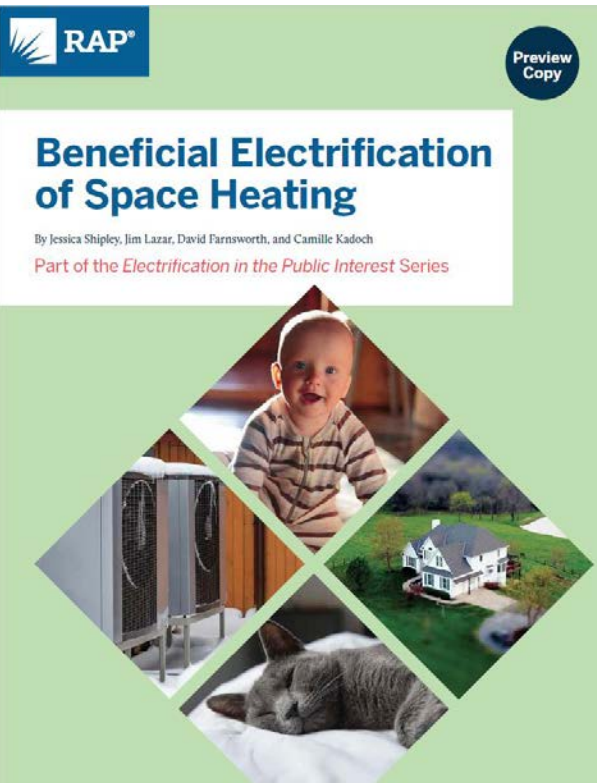


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# Final Thoughts

- *Beneficial Electrification* is a framework to help decision-makers
  - Opportunities will vary
  - Analyze for local circumstances
  - ID and remove barriers
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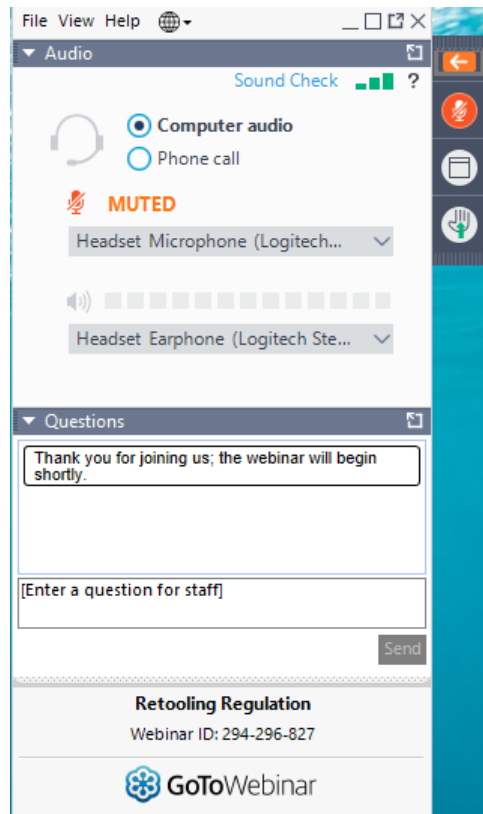


## Our BE Series

- *Beneficial Electrification of Space Heating* is the second of four papers.
- *Beneficial Electrification: Ensuring Electrification in the Public Interest* was published in June 2018.
- Papers on BE considerations for water heating and electric transportation will follow in the next few months.

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# Beneficial Electrification Resources from RAP

- Beneficial Electrification: Ensuring Electrification in the Public Interest
- Utilities Can Get a “LEG” Up with Beneficial Electrification—But Regulators Also Have to be Ready
- Beneficial Electrification: A Growth Opportunity
- Beneficial Electrification: A Key to Better Grid Management
- Environmentally Beneficial Electrification: The Dawn of Emissions Efficiency (Electricity Journal)



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# Grid Management

2015

2050 High

## Season

Spring  
Summer

Fall  
Winter

## Peak Load (GWh)

1  
20

40  
60

80  
≥ 100

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