

# Panel 3 Where Are Rates Going, And What Can You Do About It?

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### An LDC & EDC's Perspective







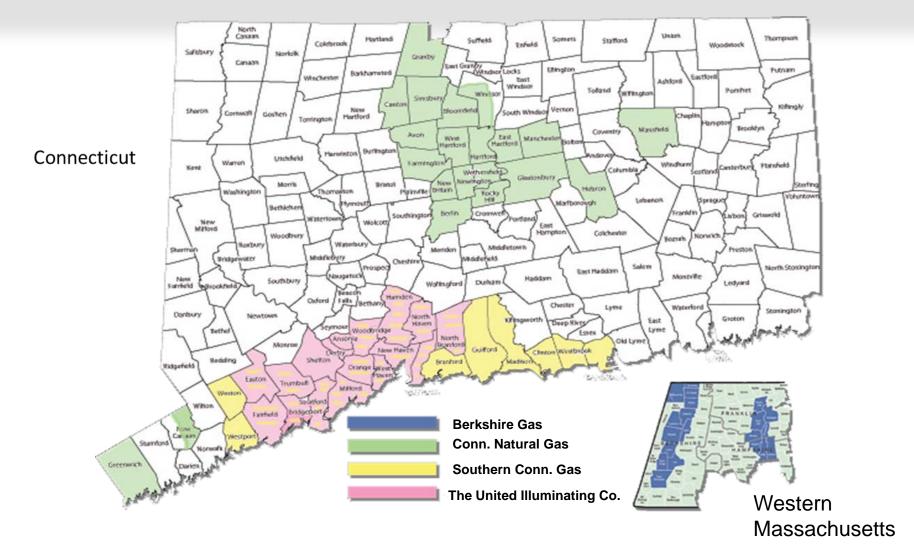




#### **Topics**

- Who Are We
- A Gas LDC perspective
  - Supply Outlook
  - Recent History of Retail Natural Gas Commodity Rates
  - How Rates Vary by Customer Class (R, C, I)
- An Electric EDC's perspective
  - Power Procurement process
  - How Rates Vary by Customer Class (R, C, I)

#### Who Are We



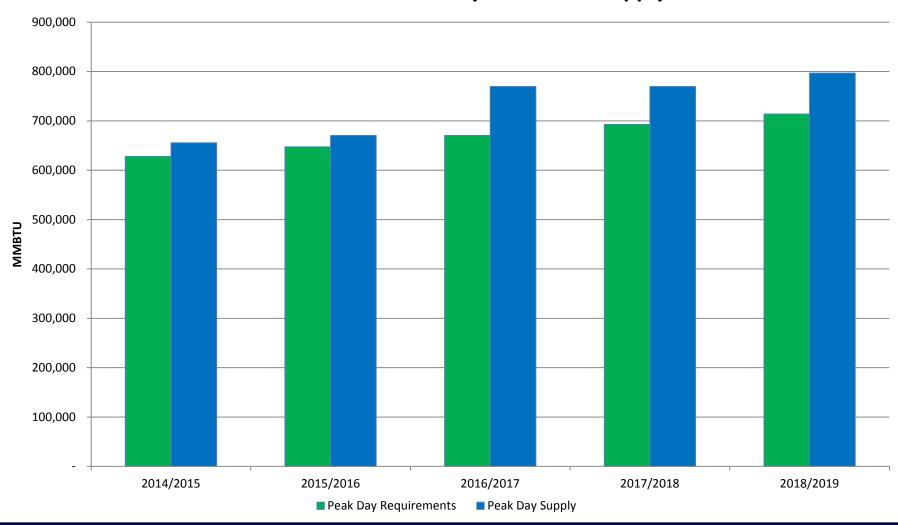
#### **A Natural Gas LDC Perspective**

• Procure sufficient capacity to meet peak load of "design day", which is the coldest day in a rolling 30-year period.

 Peak Day needs are met through Primary firm pipeline capacity and on-site peaking (LNG) resources.

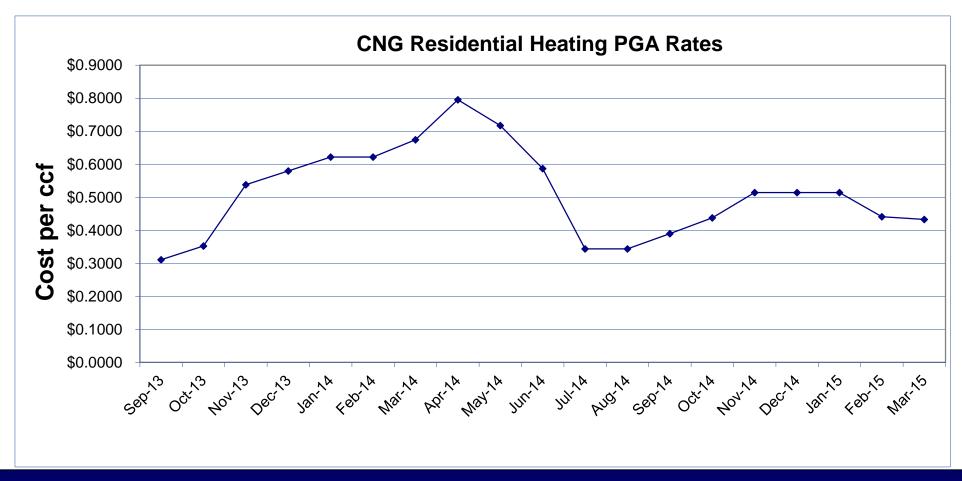
#### **A Natural Gas LDC Perspective**

#### **CNG+SCG Combined Firm Peak Day Demand & Supply Forecast**



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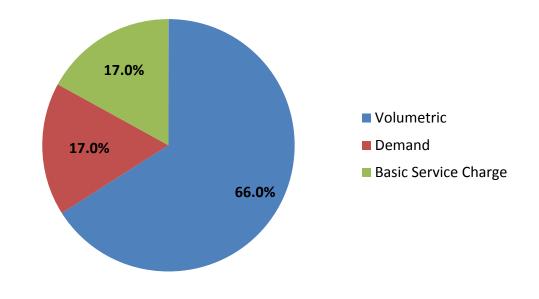
How have natural gas commodity rates varied through the past two winters?



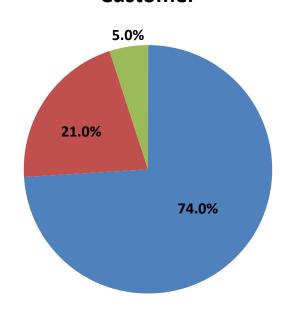
#### Percentage of Typical C&I Bills that are Volumetric, Demand-based and Fixed

Based on Current CNG Rates....





#### Typical Large General Service Customer



#### **An Electric EDC Perspective**

- Procurement of Standard Service (for those customers who do not choose to receive their generation services from a licensed retail supplier).
- Process is fairly prescriptive and is contained in the PURAapproved Procurement Plan.
- Overarching principle is <u>laddering</u>.
- Multiple procurements for a given delivery period, done at various times.
- Similar to "dollar-cost-averaging" in the investment world.

#### Laddering of Standard Service Procurement

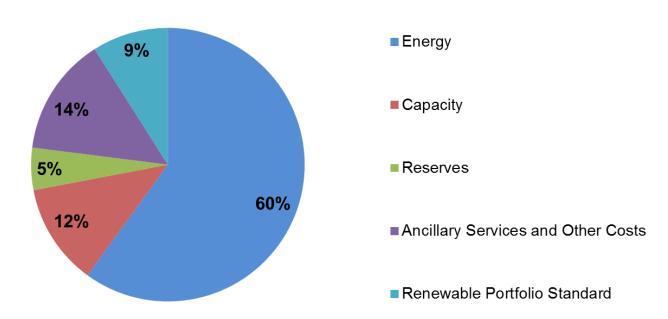
#### United Illuminating Procurement of Standard Service - Filled Tranches

	1st half 2014	2nd half 2014	1st half 2015	2nd half 2015	1st half 2016
100%		4/22/2014			
90%	10/22/2013		10/21/2014		
80%					
70%		1/18/14		2/10/2015	
60%	9/10/13		7/22/14		
50%		10/22/2013		10/21/2014	
40%					
30%					
20%	1/29/2013	9/10/13	4/22/2014	7/22/14	2/10/2015
10%					

### **An Electric EDC Perspective Procurement of Standard Service**

#### What makes up Full Requirements Service?

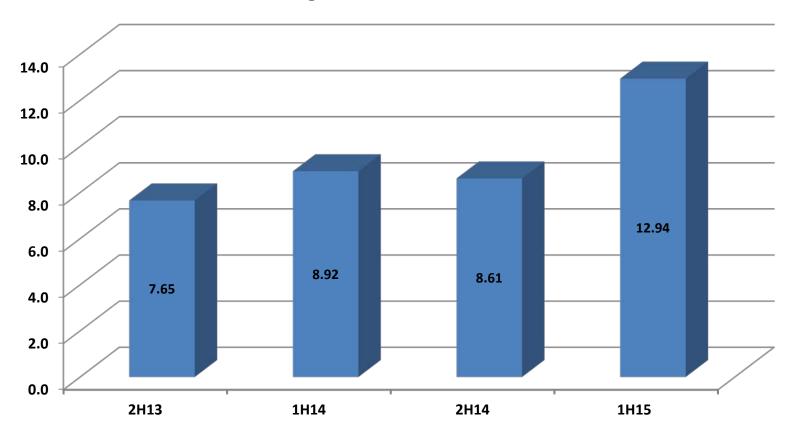




• Therefore, the EDC's Standard Service prices will generally follow the natural gas futures prices.

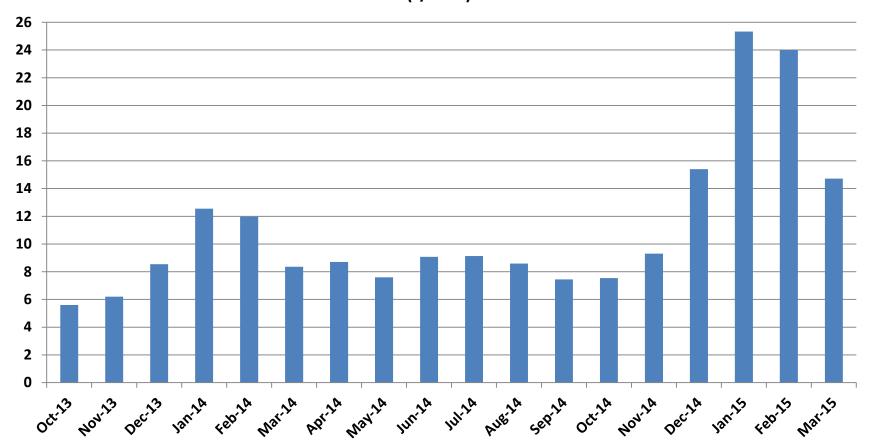
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#### **Average Standard Service Rate**

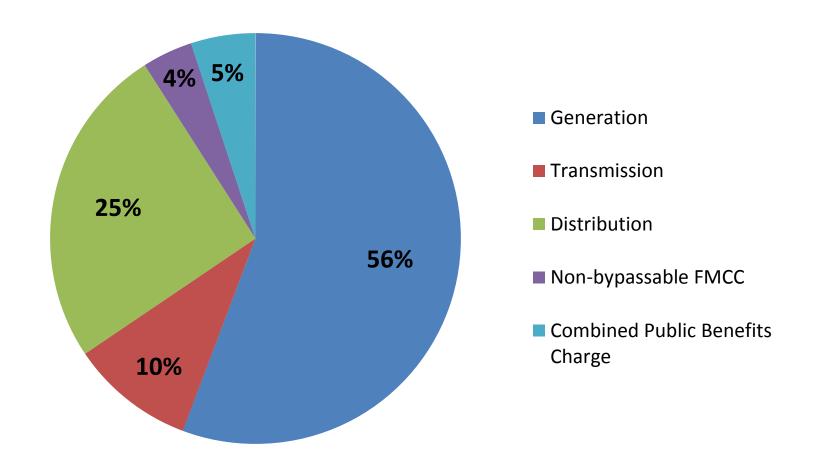


#### An Electric EDC Perspective Procurement of Last Resort Service

Last Resort Generation Service Rates (c/kWh)

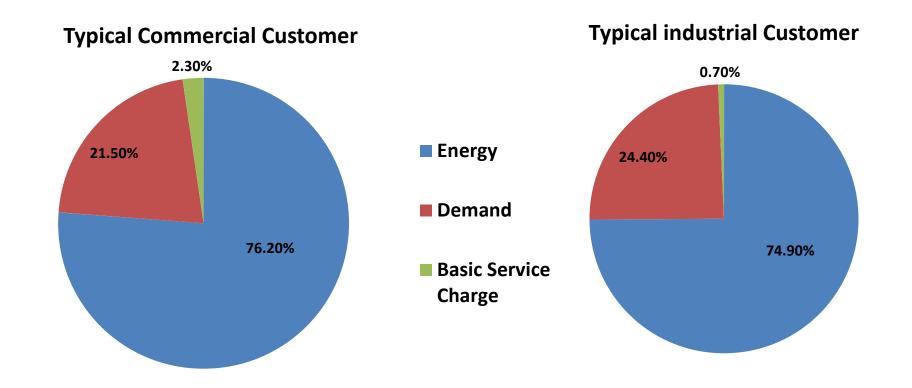


#### UI System Average Electric Rate Based on Rates effective 1/1/2015



#### Percentage of Typical C&I Bills that are Volumetric, Demand-based and Fixed

Based on Current UI Rates.....



# Thank You!

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Connecticut Energy, Environment and Economic Development Conference

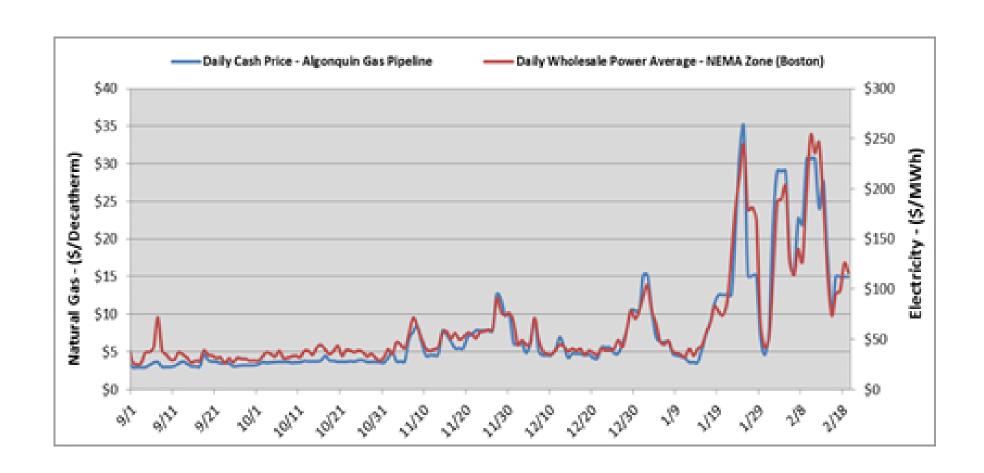
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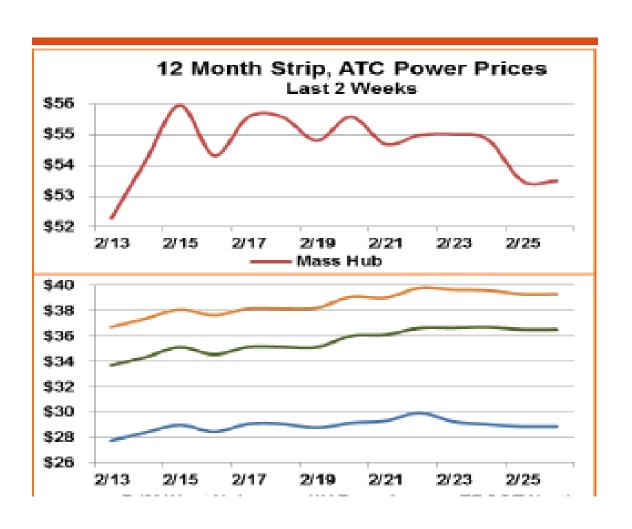
#### Where are prices going?

Official disclaimer: I don't know!

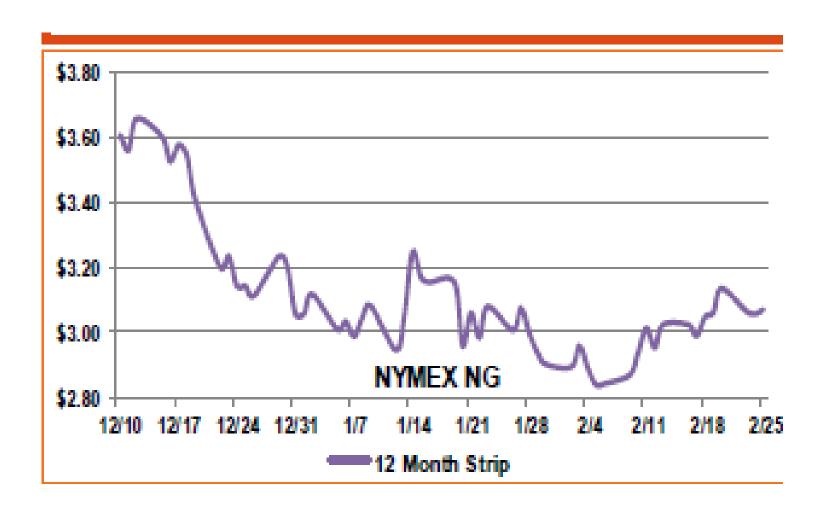
#### **A Few Snapshots of Prices**



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#### Where are prices going?

- Influencing factors:
  - Gas capacity
  - Treatment of demand response
  - Environmental regulation
  - Other policy decisions
    - Treatment of behind-the-meter resources will affect economics of some options
    - Carryover issues from Patrick administration

#### What can you do about it?

- Buy some
- Make some
- Save some

#### **Energy Management Options**

- Unofficial disclaimer: Shamelessly
   Direct Energy-branded materials used as examples only.
- Many other excellent companies offered similar services.

#### **Total Energy Management**

#### Managing Both Sides of the Equation

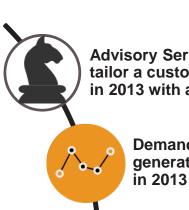




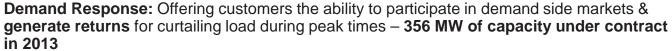




#### **Total Energy Management Propositions**



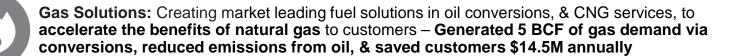
Advisory Services: Best-in-class risk management energy products, sold across all markets, that tailor a customer's procurement strategy to their risk & cost preferences – 15 TWh under contract in 2013 with a customer retention of 96%





**Solar:** Leveraging a tax & capital efficient investment with an industry-leading partner, to unlock affordable renewable energy opportunities – Invested \$8M to date against \$50M plan

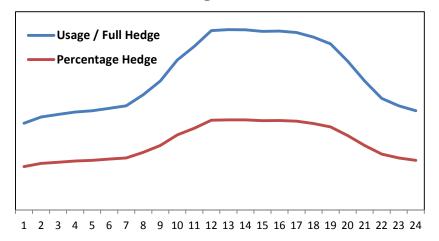




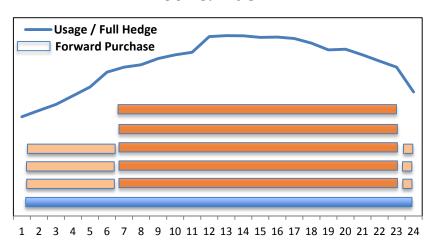


#### **Direct Energy's Managed Products**

#### **Load Following Block and Index**



#### **Block & Index**



#### **Product Comparisons**

- Advisory Services & Customized Reporting
- Layering Capability
- Index Market Access (optional)
- Ability to create a fully-fixed energy price
- Limited bandwidth risk
- Fixed price premiums

- Advisory Services & Customized Reporting
- Layering Capability
- Index Market Access (always)
- Transparent access to wholesale market
- No shaping/hedging premium
- Customer owns bandwidth risk

#### **Panoramic Power by Direct Energy**

- A sub-metering solution
- Hundreds of sensors can be installed in a few hours with no disturbance of daily operations.





- Easy install
- Wireless
- No disruption
- No maintenance
- Unlimited scale





- Role definition
- Executive reports and alerts
- Set goals
- Measure benchmarks

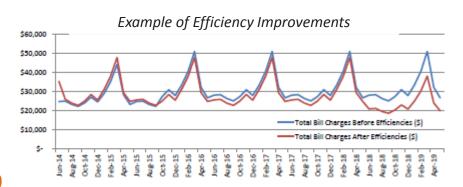




- Scheduled reports
- · Real time alerts
- Online analytics
- Manage chain-wide

#### **On-Bill Financing for Energy Efficiency**

- On-bill financing with Direct Energy for energy efficiency projects can reduce your overall energy spend
  - Can be combined with other DE product offerings, Demand Response
  - Common projects include lighting and HVAC retrofits
- Direct Energy handles your efficiency projects from start to end
  - Detailed analysis of your energy needs and efficiency opportunities
  - Project and contractor management including installation of improvements
  - Consolidate efficiency project and energy charges into one invoice
- Energy efficiency projects may be eligible for rebates, potentially lowering your overall costs



Additional opportunities and products may exist to meet your specific needs. Please inquire.





#### **DEB and SolarCity**

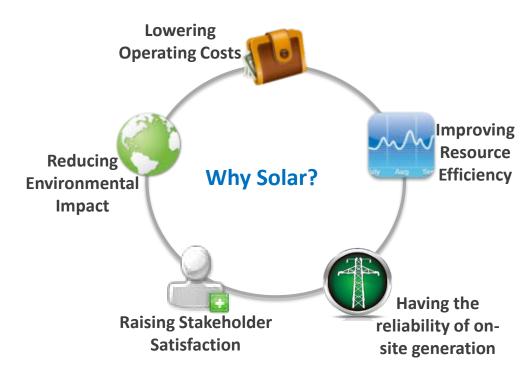
Tax equity partnership worth \$125 million

- DE contributes \$50 million (minority owner)
- SolarCity contributes \$75 million (majority owner)
- Partnership finances, constructs and owns PV systems

No upfront costs via long-term PPA Or cash option

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Onsite and remote alternatives



#### Thank you for your attention!

## Where are Rates Going and What Can You Do About It?

## **Energy Conservation & Renewable Energy**

#### **Areas of Discussion**

- Economic Benefits of Conservation and Renewable Energy
- Opportunity Cost of Delayed Action
- Review of Available Programs and Vehicles
  - Utility Programs
  - C-PACE
  - Lead-by-Example
  - ZREC / LREC

#### Why Energy Conservation?

- In any utility rate climate, which is the cheapest kW or Therm you can buy?
- The one you don't use!

- Lower usage and overall cost
- Improve Operations and Performance of Asset
- Upgrade Facility and Add Asset Value
- Secure Long-Term Price Stability

#### **Opportunity Cost**

Parameter	Value	Note
Size of Facility	50,000 sf	General C&I
Annual Energy Cost	\$100,000	\$2/sf
<b>Annual Savings Opportunity</b>	\$25,000	<b>20%-40% Reduction</b>
Total Capital Benefit Over Term	\$500,000	20 Year Term



#### **Leverage Utility Programs**

- Programs
  - SBEA (Small B)
  - PRIME
  - RCx Retro-Commissioning
  - Multi-Family
- Financing Partner
  - On-Bill Programs
  - Low to No Cost of Capital



#### Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy

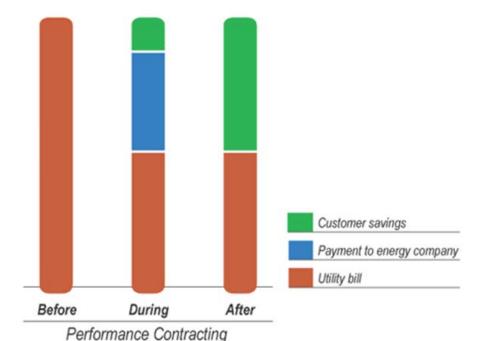
#### Drive Improvements to Facility and Bottom Line

- ECM 1 Premium Efficiency Lighting System Upgrades & Lighting Controls
- ECM 2 Energy Management Control System
- ECM 3 Building Envelope Improvements
- ECM 4 Water Conservation
- ECM 5 Kitchen Hood Controls
- ECM 6 Replace Electric Dishwasher Booster with Gas Unit
- ECM 7 Solar Heating System for Pool
- ECM 8 Pool Cover
- ECM 9 Chlorine Generator for Pool
- ECM 10 Steam to Hot Water Heating Conversion
- ECM 11 PV Solar Array
- ECM 12 Steam Trap Replacement & Thermostatic Radiator Valves (TRV)



#### Lead-By-Example

- State Performance Contracting Program
  - State Agencies
  - Municipals





#### **Renewable Energy Deployment**

- ZREC / LREC Programs
  - Variety of Technology Specific Solutions
  - Integrate with Energy Efficiency
  - Secure Long-Term Price Stability





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