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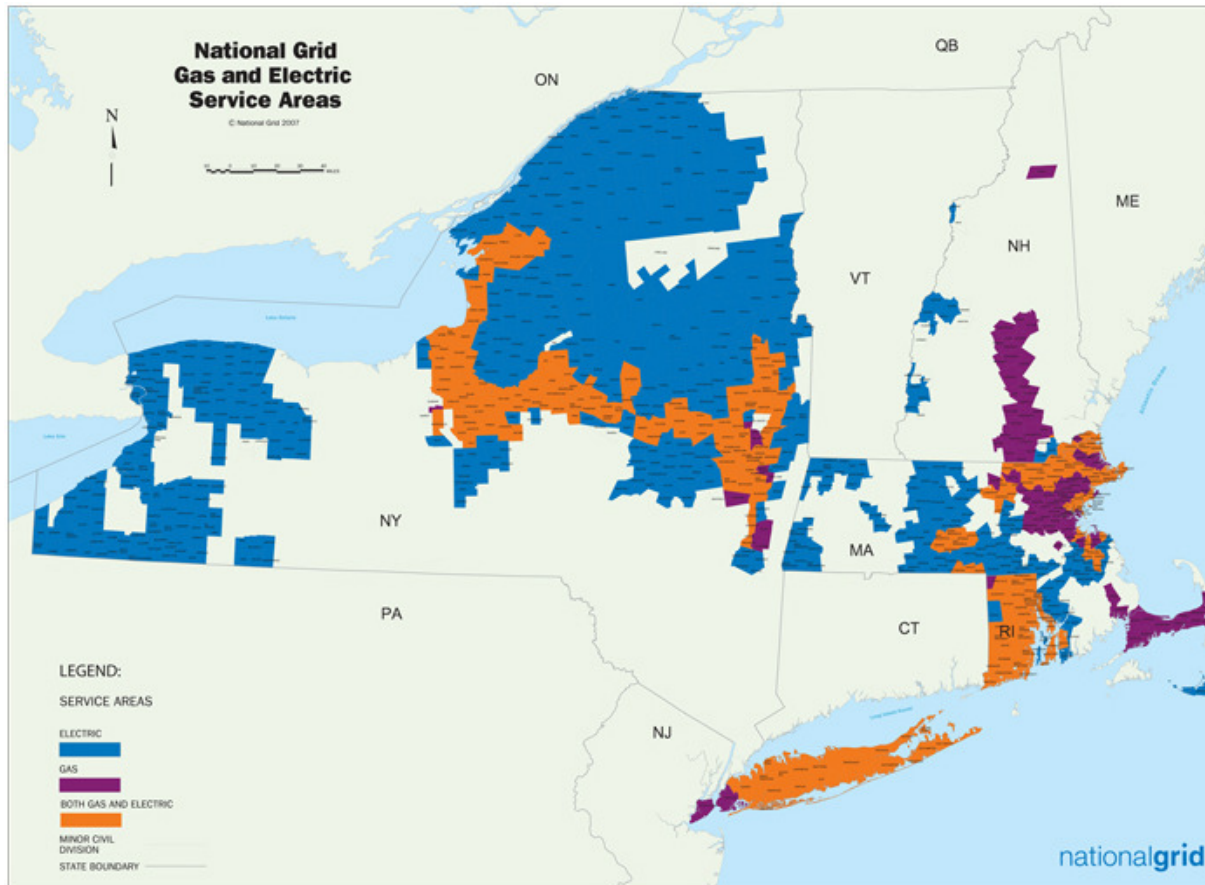
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National Grid: an international electricity and gas company

National Grid Electricity and Gas Service Areas - US



- ◆ Largest utility in UK; second largest in US*
 - ◆ 50% UK, 50% US
 - ◆ 50% Electricity, 50% Gas
 - ◆ 50% Transmission, 50% Distribution
 - ◆ 27,000-plus employees
 - ◆ Almost 18 million customers
- ◆ Northeast US
 - ◆ Distributes electricity to 3.3 million customers
 - ◆ Services 1.1 million customers of Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)
 - ◆ Provides natural gas to 3.4 million customers
 - ◆ Currently owns 4,000-plus MW of generation

•Based on customer numbers; includes the servicing of LIPA's 1.1 million customers

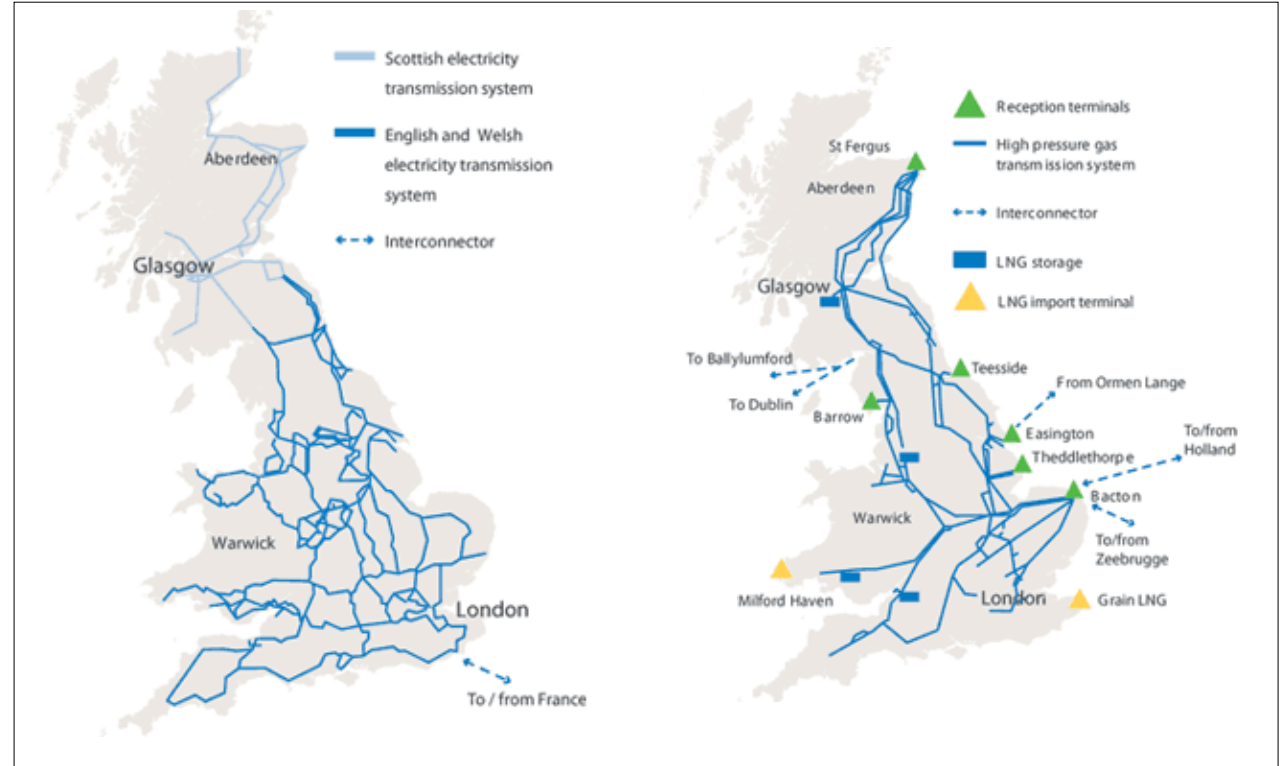
National Grid: an international electricity and gas company (cont'd)

Gas Distribution - UK



Operates the UK gas distribution system; distributes gas on behalf of shippers and suppliers to 11 million consumers.

Transmission – Electricity and Gas - UK



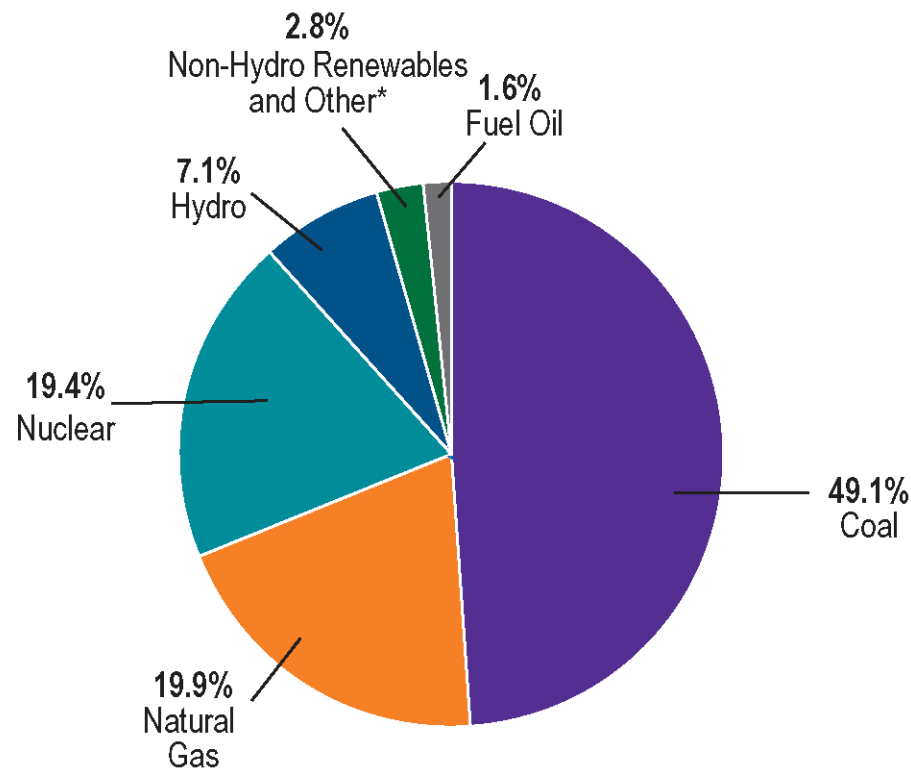
Owens the high-voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operates the system across Britain. Also owns and operates the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain.

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Electric companies use a diverse mix of fuels to generate electricity

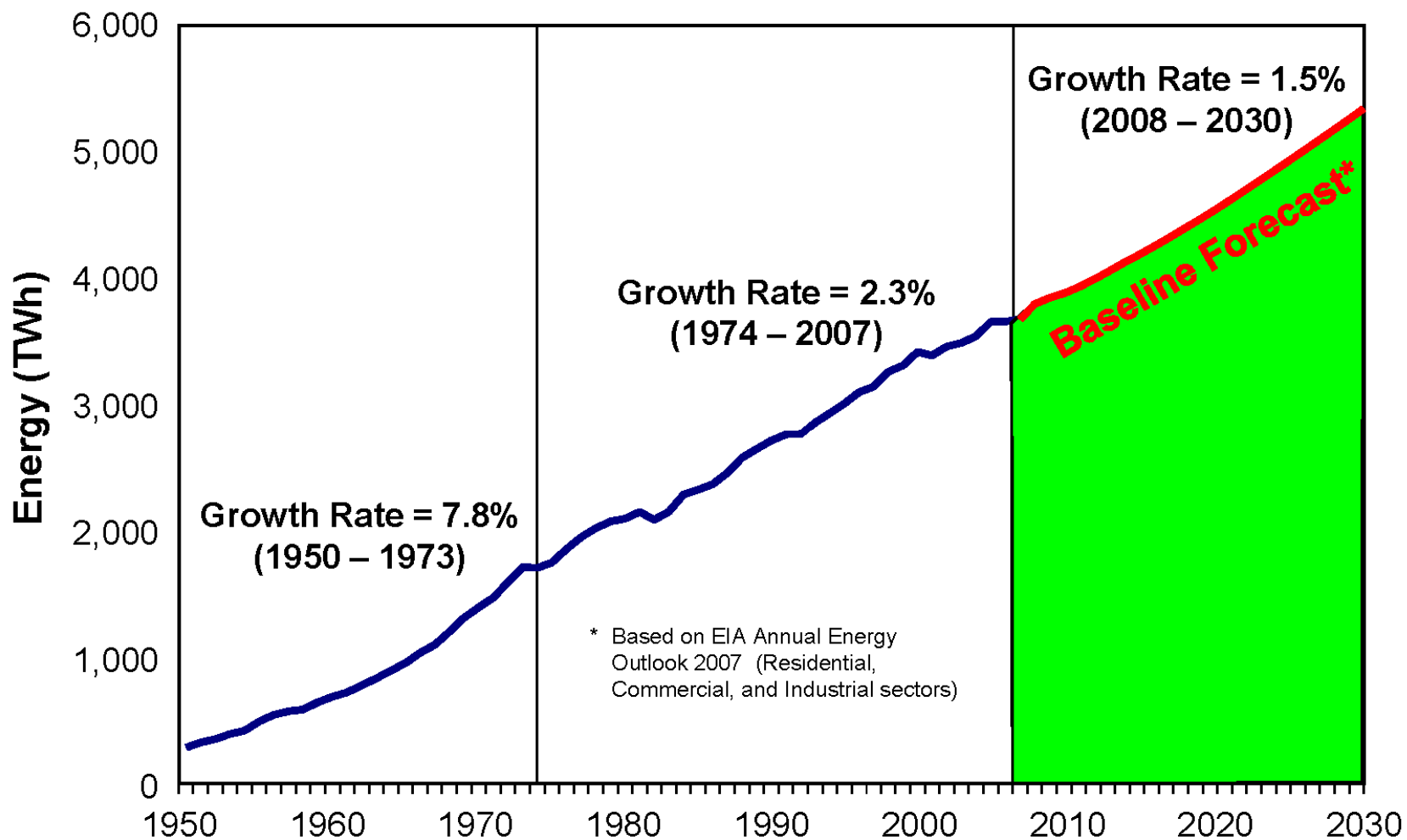
National Fuel Mix



*“Non-Hydro Renewables and Other” includes generation from solar, wind, geothermal, biomass (agricultural waste, municipal solid waste, landfill gas recovery, wood, pitch), hydrogen, batteries, chemicals, non-wood waste, purchased steam, sulfur and miscellaneous technologies. Sum of components do not add to 100% due to independent rounding.

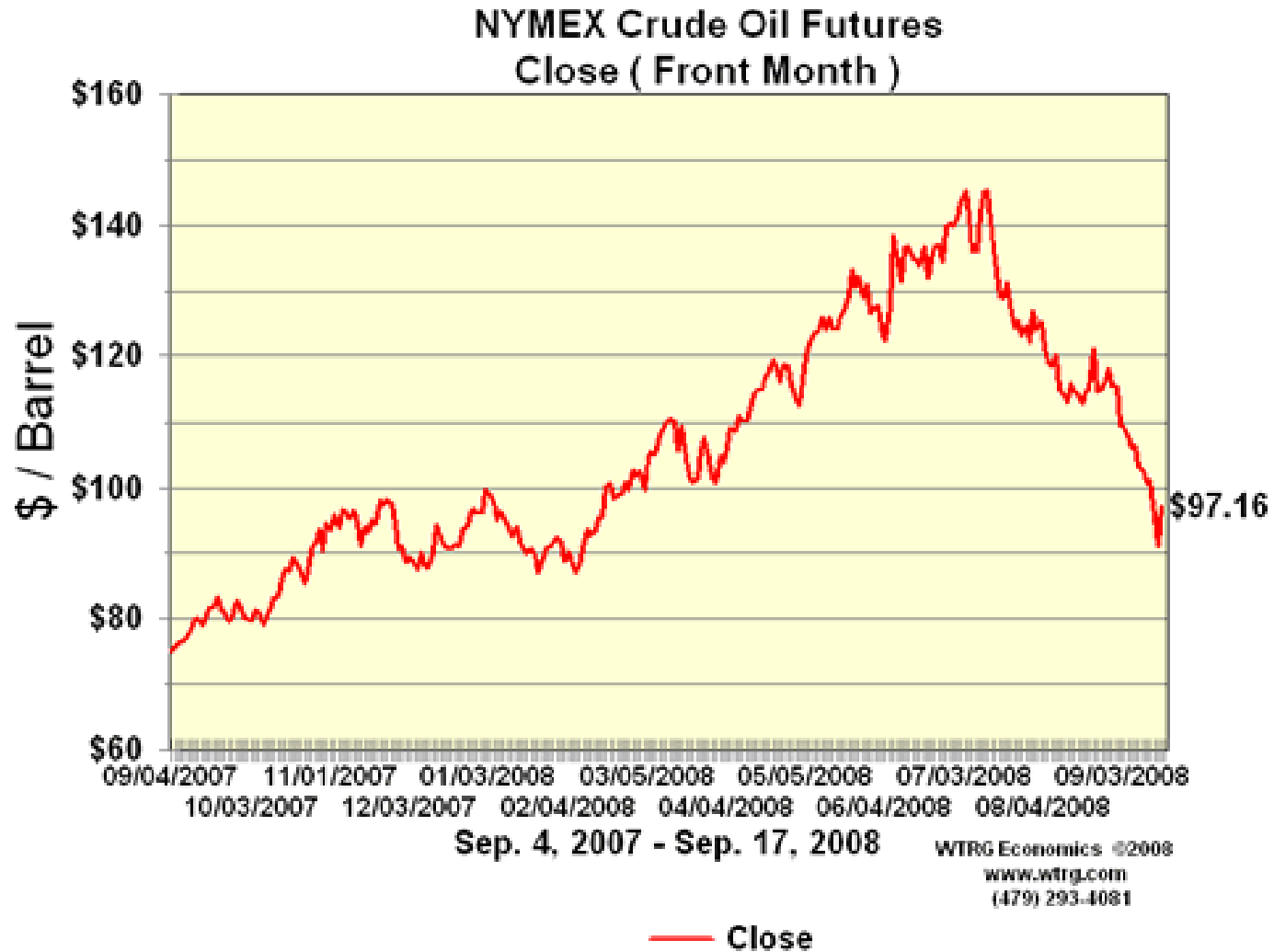
Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, Power Plant Report (EIA-920), Combined Heat and Power Plant Report (EIA-920), Electric Power Monthly, and Electric Power Annual 2007.

Electricity consumption: historical trend and baseline growth forecast

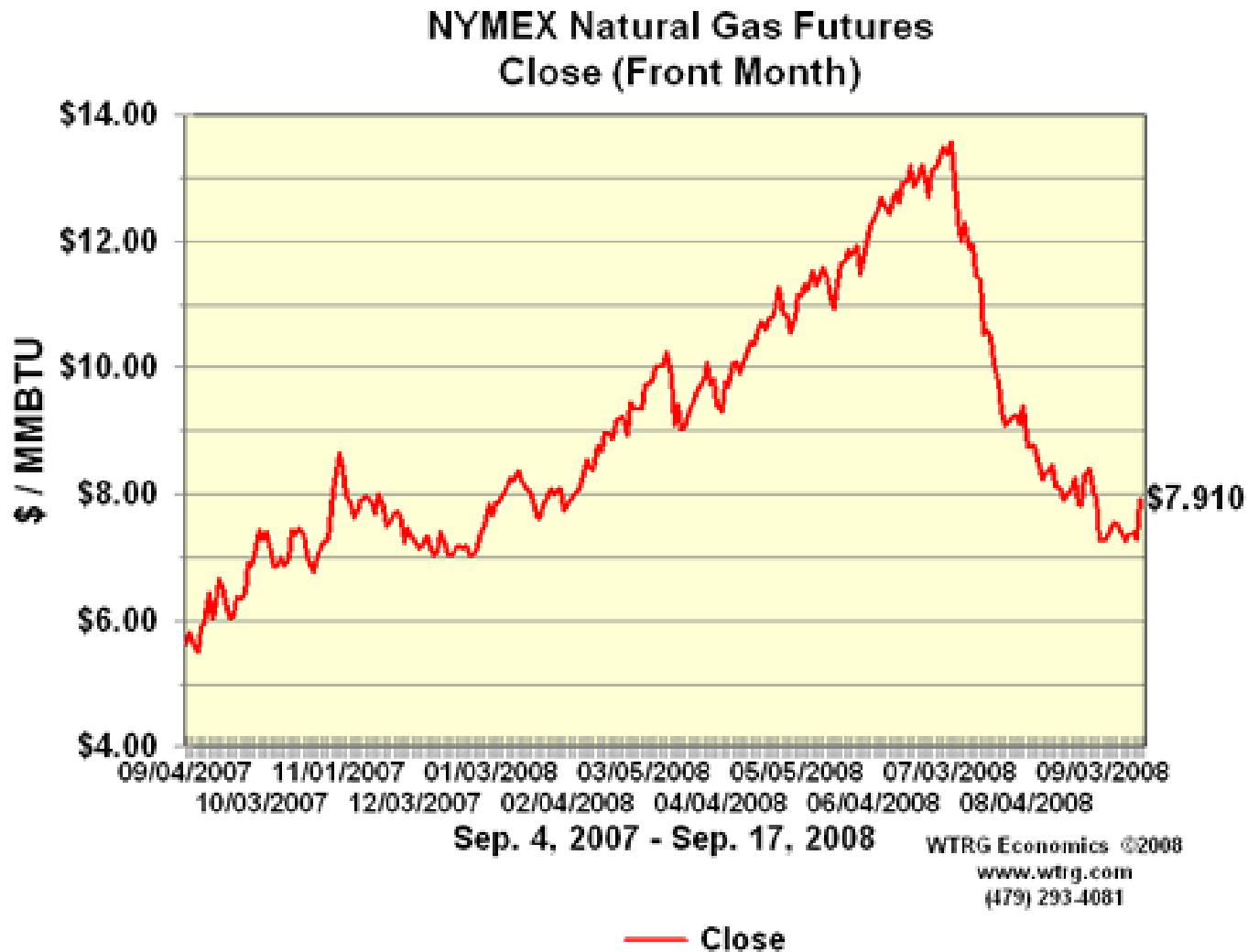


Objective: utilize the green area as efficiently as possible

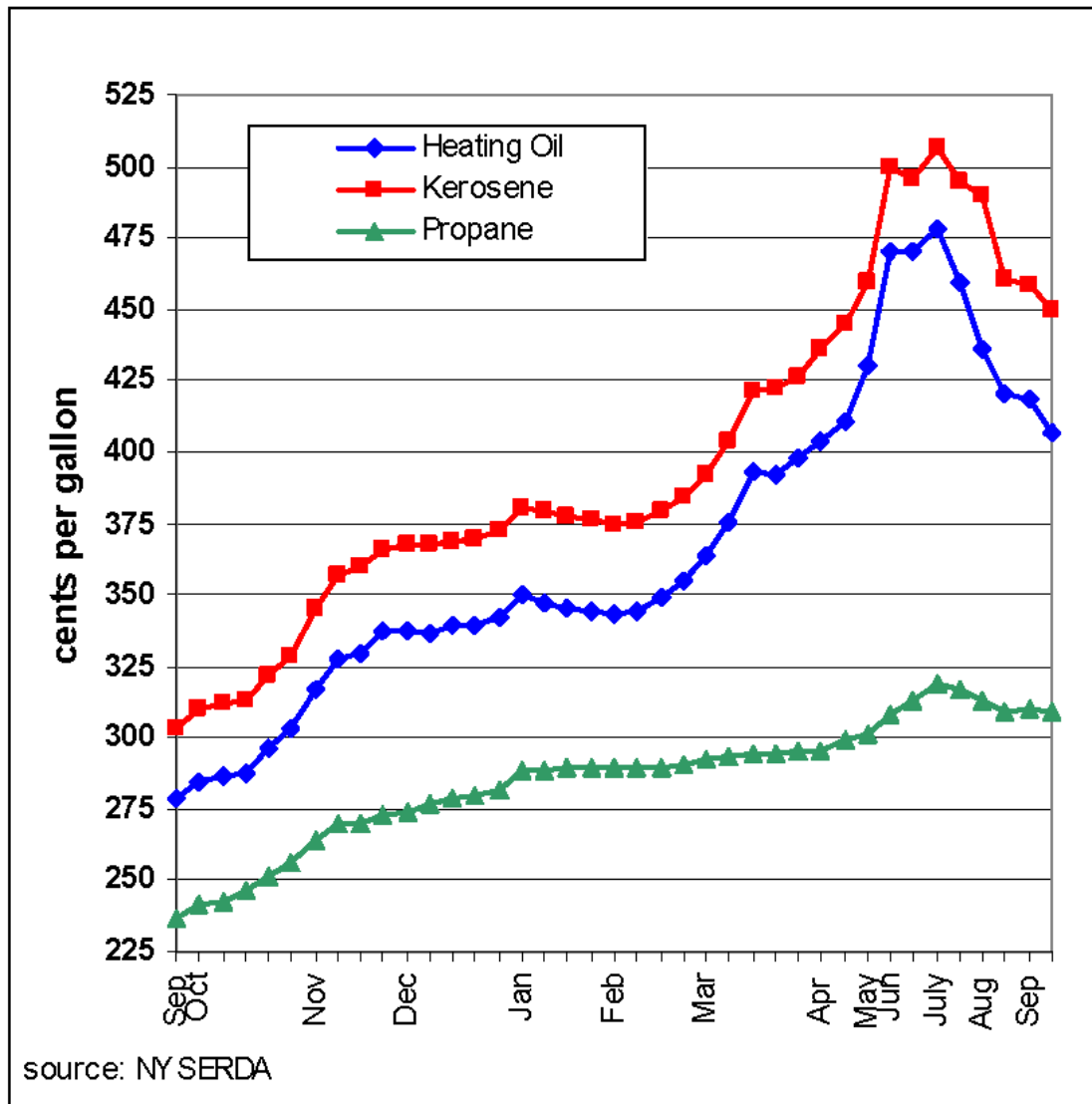
Crude oil prices



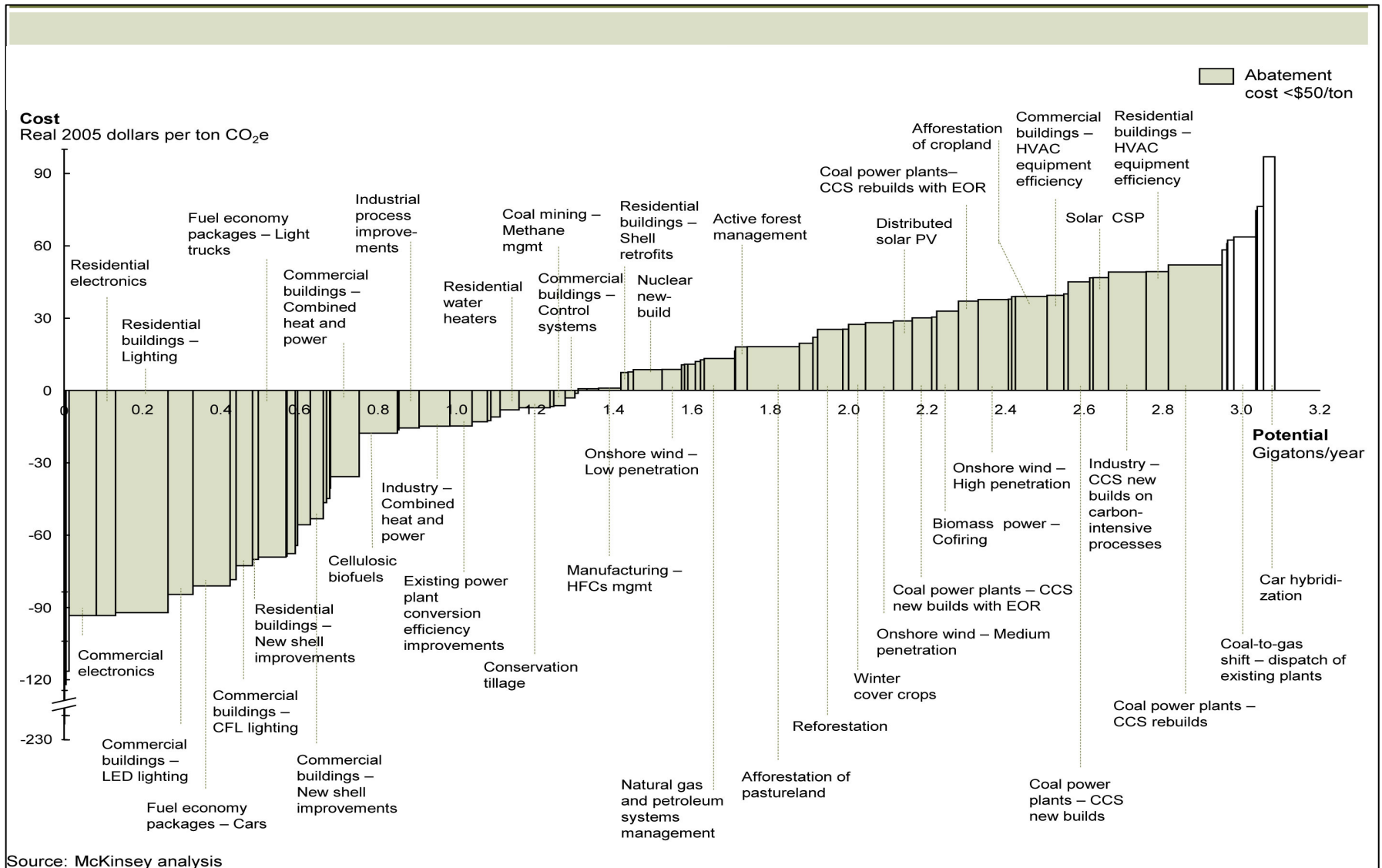
Natural gas prices



NYS heating fuel prices, 2007-08 one year trend



GHG reduction opportunities widely distributed – 2030 mid-range case



National Grid: a long-standing commitment to energy efficiency

- ◆ More than \$1.5 billion invested in New England over the past 20 years with no interruptions
- ◆ Proven resource based on extensive evaluation savings customers \$250 million annually
- ◆ Most cost-effective resource available
 - 3.4 cents/kwh for efficiency*
 - vs.
 - 12 cents per kwh for generation*
- ◆ A key tool for addressing climate change
- ◆ Current budget \$130 million per year (electric and gas)
- ◆ Expecting to double programs over next 3-5 years

In 2007, National Grid delivered energy efficiency to:

- ◆ 41,000 gas participants, saving 4.6 Million therms and reducing 27,000 Tons of CO2
- ◆ 1.8 Million electric participants, saving 387,000 MWh and reducing 218,000 Tons of CO2



Total CO2 reductions are equivalent to 48,068 cars not driven for one year

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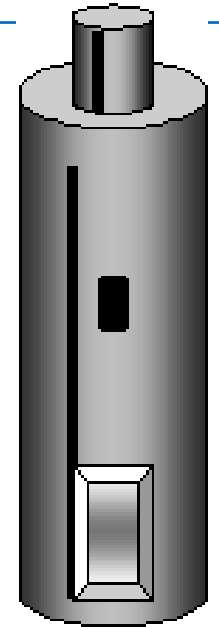
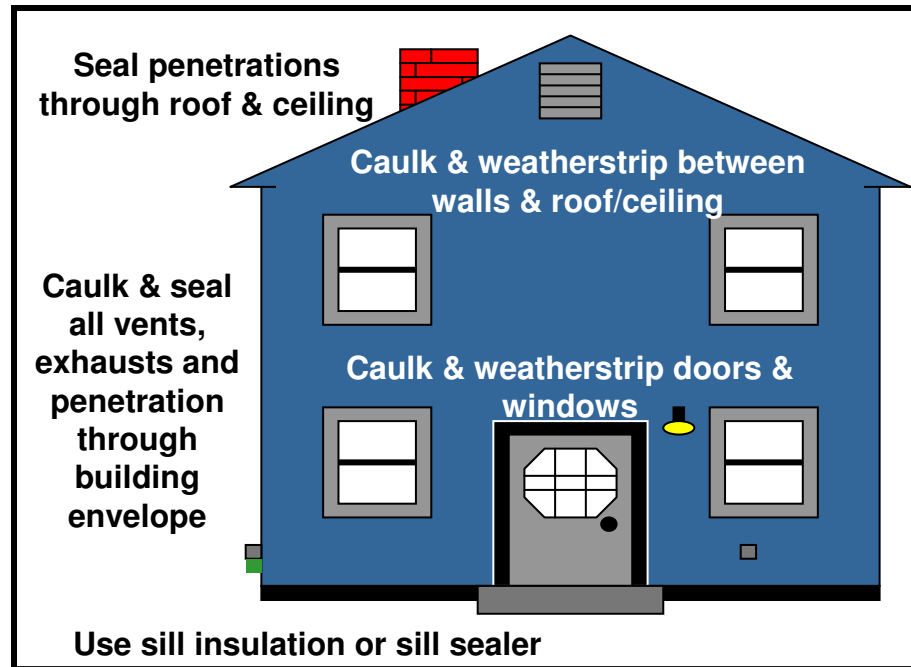
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National Grid gas programs – offered on Long Island and in New York City, and MA, NH, RI

Program List
<i>Residential Programs</i>
Low Income (NY, LI, MA, NH) / EnergyWise – RI
Weatherization
High Efficiency Heating / Water Heating
Energy Audit / Home Performance
Energy Star Products
Energy Star Homes
Online Home Analyzer
Building Practices / Demonstration

High-Efficiency furnaces and boilers can save 25 to 40% on annual fuel bills in addition to reducing air pollution.

Weatherize homes



Water Heater



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Low-income weatherization program

- ◆ Designed to increase energy efficiency through consumer education and installation of weatherization measures including:
 - ◆ Energy audits
 - ◆ Attic insulation/wall insulation
 - ◆ Air sealing
 - ◆ Heating system repair/replacement
 - ◆ Safety inspection
- ◆ An Energy audit is conducted and measures installed (up to \$4,500) at no cost to income eligible customers.

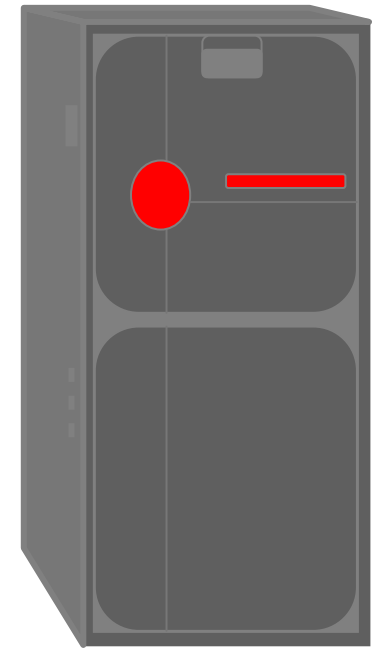
Target Market: *Discounted Residential Heating Rate customers & others under 200% of poverty level.*

Residential high-efficiency heating equipment

- ◆ \$100 rebate on Furnaces (forced hot air) 90%+ AFUE* Rating.
- ◆ \$400 rebate on Furnaces (forced hot air) 92%+ AFUE* Rating and ECM motor.
- ◆ \$200 rebate on Steam Boilers (steam with electronic ignition) 82%+ AFUE* Rating
- ◆ \$500 rebate on Hydronic Boilers (forced hot water) 85%+ AFUE* Rating.
- ◆ \$800 rebate on Hydronic Boilers (forced hot water) 90%+ AFUE* Rating.

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**Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency*



Problem: utilities do not have an incentive to promote conservation under current rate design

- ◆ Traditional utility ratemaking requires that rates be designed to capture fixed costs through volumetric sales
- ◆ A utility can fully recover these costs only if its customers consume a certain level of energy
- ◆ With conservation, actual usage declines below the level inherent in the rates approved by the regulator
- ◆ Basing the utility's rates on a benchmark level creates a financial disincentive for it to promote energy efficiency
- ◆ **W**hen customers use less energy, the utility's revenues drop and financial performance suffers
- ◆ Utility must be able to recover cost of programs and lost revenue due to conservation

Revenue decoupling goals

- ◆ Resolve the conflict of lower utility revenues resulting from the aggressive promotion of conservation
- ◆ Implement concurrently with Energy Efficiency Programs
- ◆ Lower *total* customer bills through the avoidance of commodity costs

National Grid fuel fund contributions

National Grid has a strong tradition of providing various emergency assistance programs to help families and individuals with energy emergencies. These programs provide one-time grants for fuel, plus an additional amount for fuel-related electricity. These heating grants may be used to pay for any fuel source, such as, oil, gas, electric, propane etc.

National Grid support in 2007-2008:

- ◆ Provides grants to all service areas, NYC, LI, MA, NH, RI, Upstate NY
- ◆ \$856,229 from both corporate and foundation

**Do you need
help paying your
energy bills?**

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The reality: everything is on the table

- ◆ Major investments in building systems, high-efficiency heating equipment
- ◆ Clean coal research
- ◆ New nuclear
- ◆ New solar, new wind, *and lots of it*
- ◆ Offshore wind
- ◆ New transmission lines to move renewables and new cleaner fossil plants
- ◆ Careful and controlled offshore drilling in some locations
- ◆ New drilling in the Shale formations on land
- ◆ A massive and expensive gas pipeline from Alaska
- ◆ A new regulatory approach to get new efficiency technology moving faster
- ◆ Investments in Smart Meters connecting to a Smart Grid

What are our options?

If you can afford to do so:

- ◆ Windows
- ◆ Insulation
- ◆ High-efficiency appliances and thermostat
- ◆ Utility incentives

Safety

- ◆ Space heating with stove *is not* an option
- ◆ Dangers of portable heaters
- ◆ CO detectors



What are our options? (Cont'd)

Drilling

- ◆ No impact in the immediate future
- ◆ Most fields are natural gas, *not* oil

Federal government must get serious about renewables

- ◆ 70% of world oil is controlled by governments with *their* interests in mind
- ◆ 60-65% of US oil demand is imported
- ◆ Alberta oil from the oil sands is shipping to South Texas
- ◆ We need a comprehensive national energy policy

What are our options? (Cont'd)

Demand destruction immediate

- ◆ Oil price down
- ◆ MTA highway toll revenue down
- ◆ MTA transit revenue up
- ◆ Good for the environment & good for energy independence

Cheap energy is likely gone forever

- ◆ Governments need to work with energy providers and utilities [decoupling]
- ◆ The need to inform the public

The cold fact: we need to learn how to live differently

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