Surplus Marketing: Hedging & Risk Management Strategies

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About BPA

- Part of the US Department of Energy
- Non-profit - power rates set to recover costs
- To keep rates as low as possible, manage costs and maximize net secondary revenue
- Net Secondary Revenue = Surplus sales minus Balancing purchases
- Forecast NSR is credited to power rates

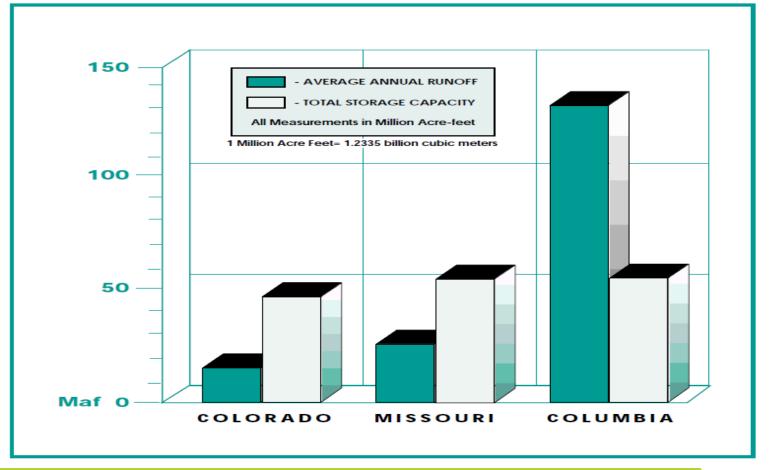
Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS)

- BPA markets power from 31
 Federal Hydropower plants, the
 Columbia Generating Station
 Nuclear Plant, some non-Federal
 hydro facilities, and several wind
 projects.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation operate the federal dams for multiple public purposes:
 - Flood Control
 - Navigation
 - Fish protection operations (Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act)
 - Irrigation
 - Recreation
 - Power production



FCRPS Storage Capability

- When empty, FCRPS can store ~30 MAF or 25% of the annual runoff.
- The Colorado or Missouri systems can store 200-300%

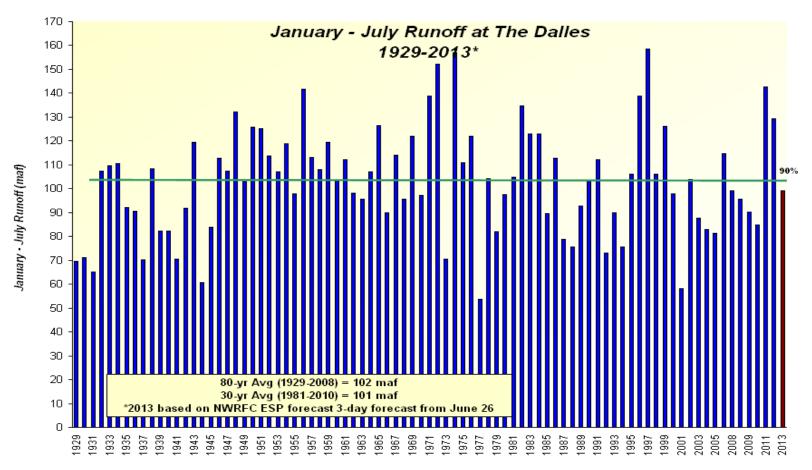


Uncertainty

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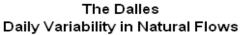
- Streamflows, water supply, and hydro generation
- Weather and temperature departures
- Wind generation levels
- Thermal generation and thermal unit outages
- Available transmission and system congestion
- Demand for energy
- Coal, natural gas, and electricity prices
- Market liquidity

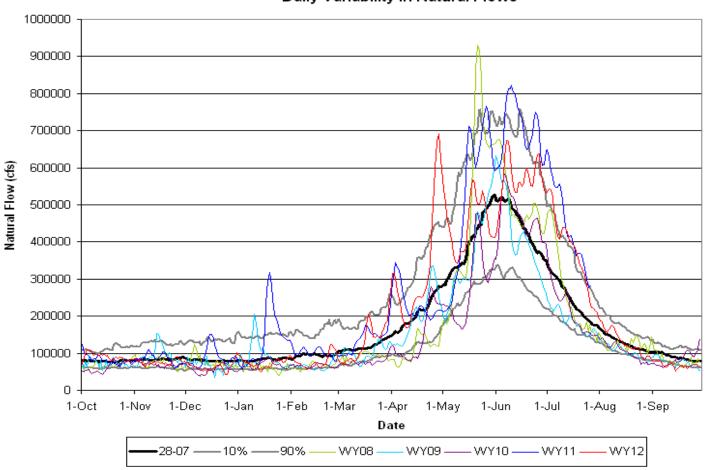
Columbia River Runoff Varies Widely

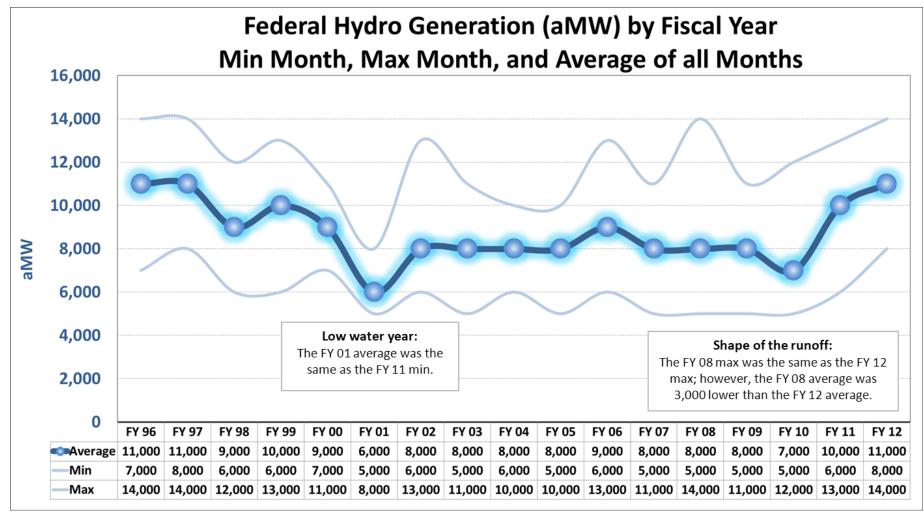


Large range of potential runoff volumes (53-159 MAF for January-July)

Daily Variability

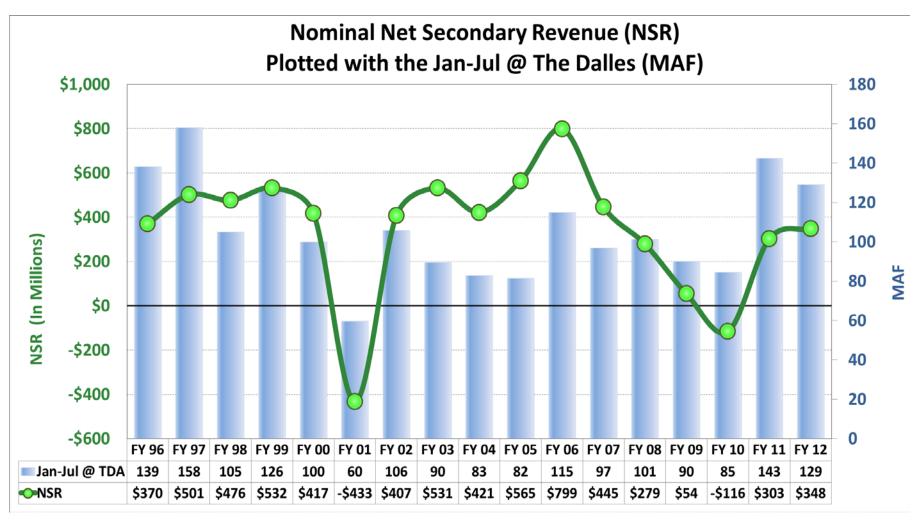






The data displayed above is Federal Hydro Generation (FHG). The text values have been rounded:

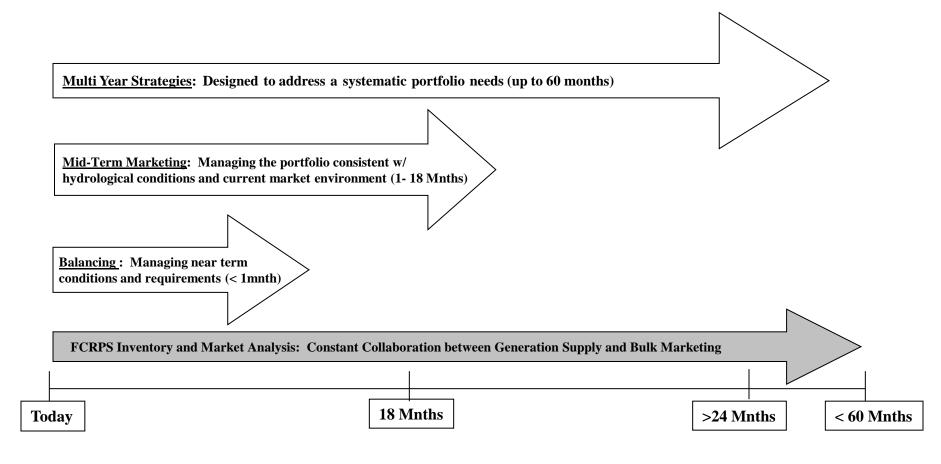
- >The average FHG of all the months of the fiscal year has been plotted as the "average".
- The minimum FHG month of the fiscal year has been plotted as the "Min".
- >The maximum FHG month of the fiscal year has been plotted as "Max".



Note: FY02 – FY07 NSR increased by the sales of additional power supplied under contracts that have since expired. NSR figures are not final audited values. They are derived from committed transaction data from BPA's Trade Management System, and do not reflect what was actually delivered and billed.

Hedging Strategies: A diverse portfolio approach

Objectives: to ensure system reliability, and to maximize Net Secondary Revenue



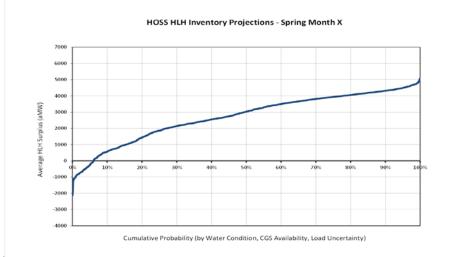
Mid-Term Marketing: Inventory Determination

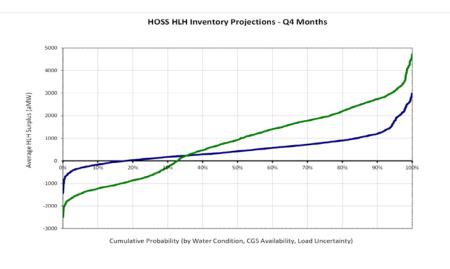
Generation Estimates:

- Use range of streamflows
- Operational Objectives and Constraints
- Apply a range of CGS Generation availability
- Hydro Unit Availability (by project)

Load Estimates:

- Forecasted Loads
- Apply load variability
- Updated Market Transactions





Summary

- BPA's surplus marketing is driven by water management operations to meet multiple purposes
- Objectives of our marketing activity are to ensure system reliability and to maximize net secondary revenue
- Variability in water supply (inventory) and market prices have the largest impact on BPA's net secondary revenue
- BPA hedges its exposure to volatility through forward marketing