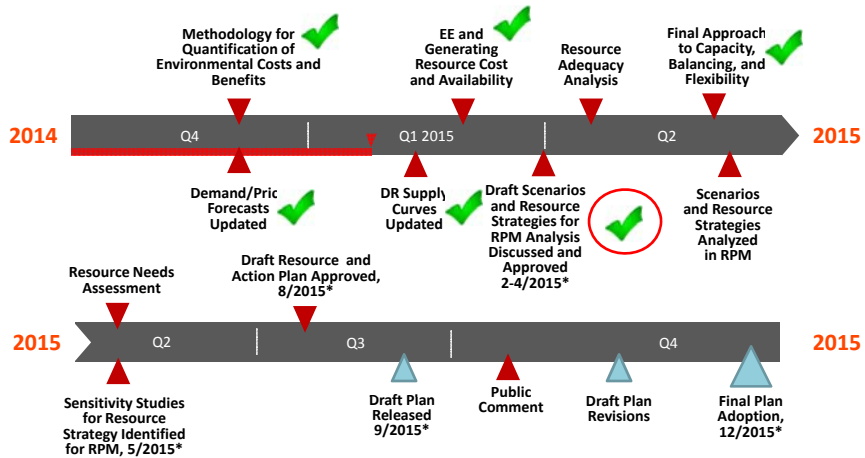


Draft 7th Plan Development Schedule and Scenarios Proposed for Testing

March 24, 2015



Major Seventh Plan Development Milestones

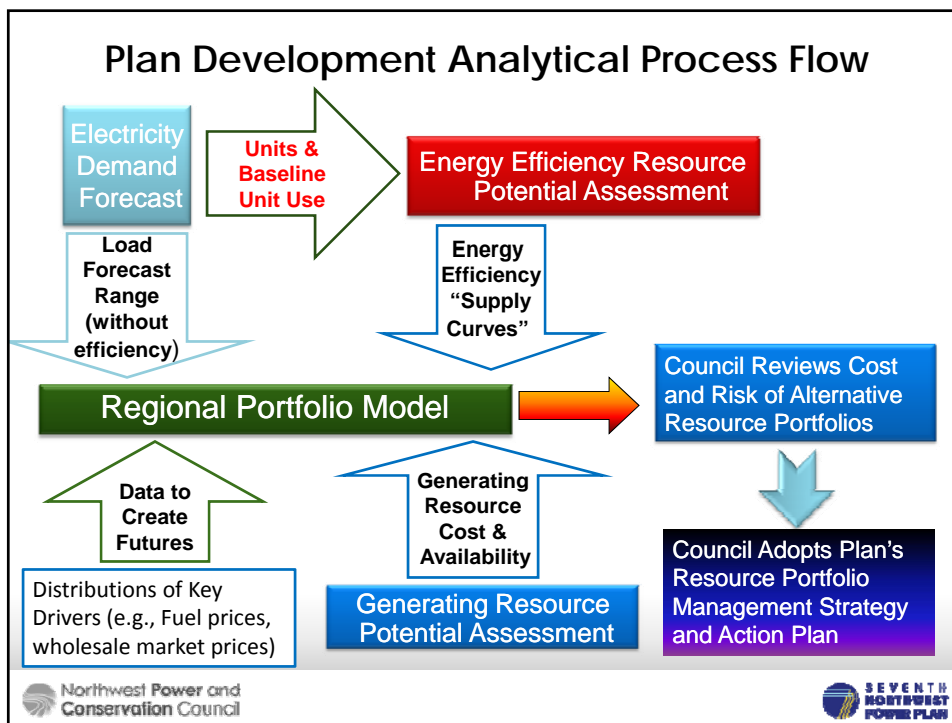


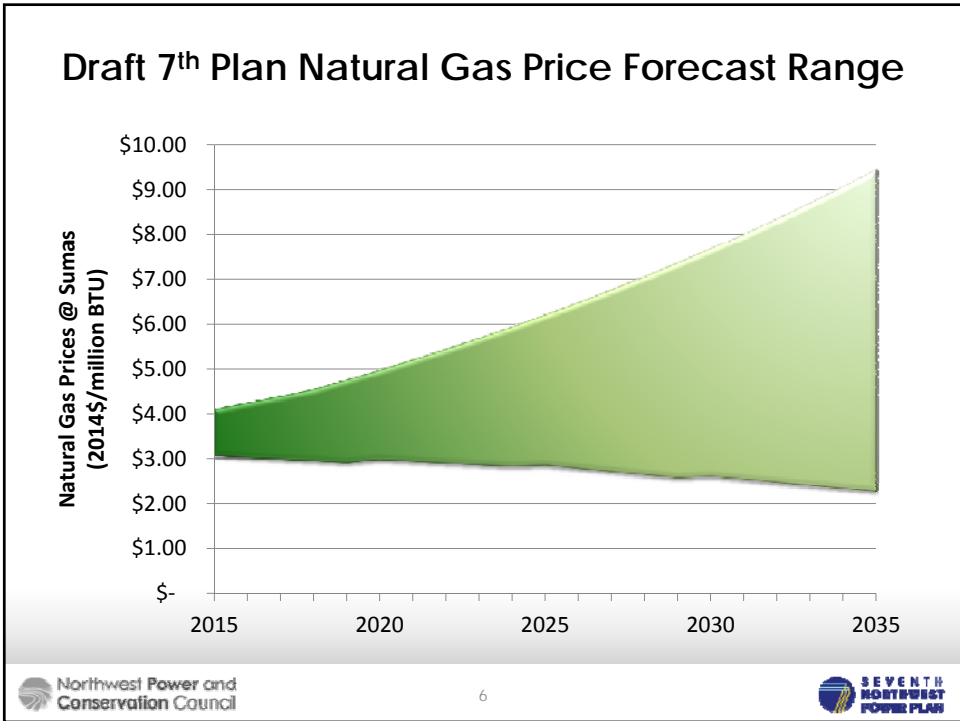
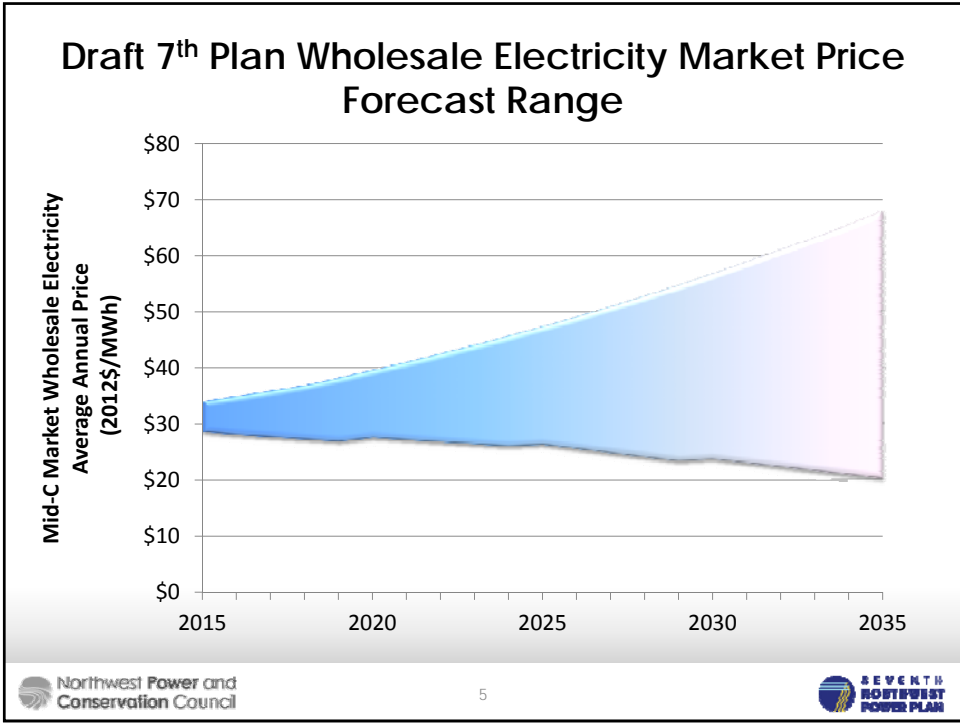
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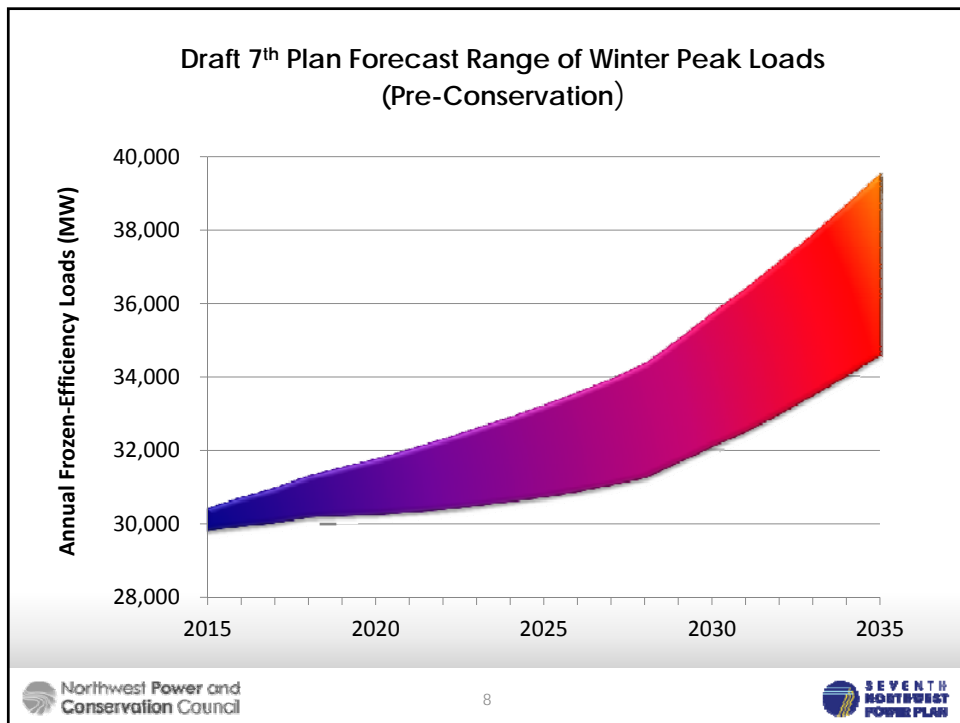
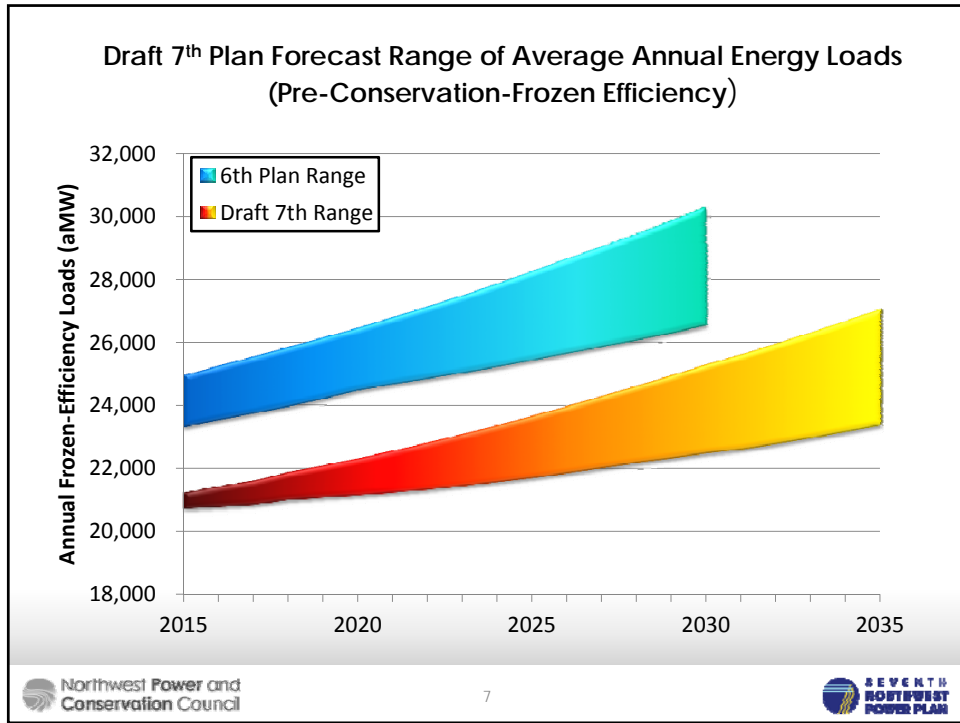


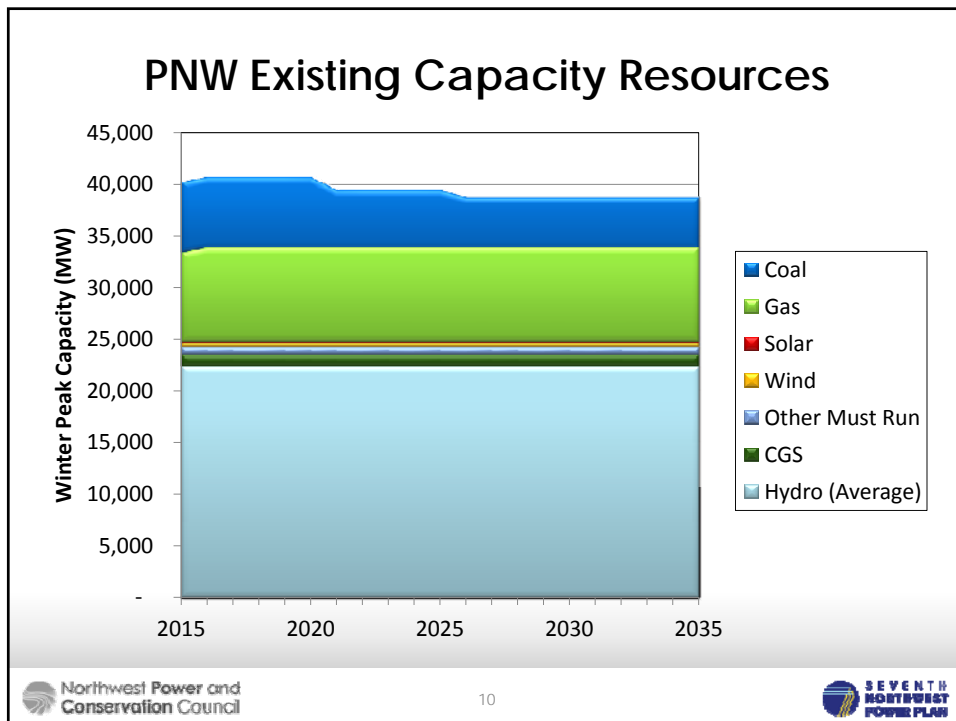
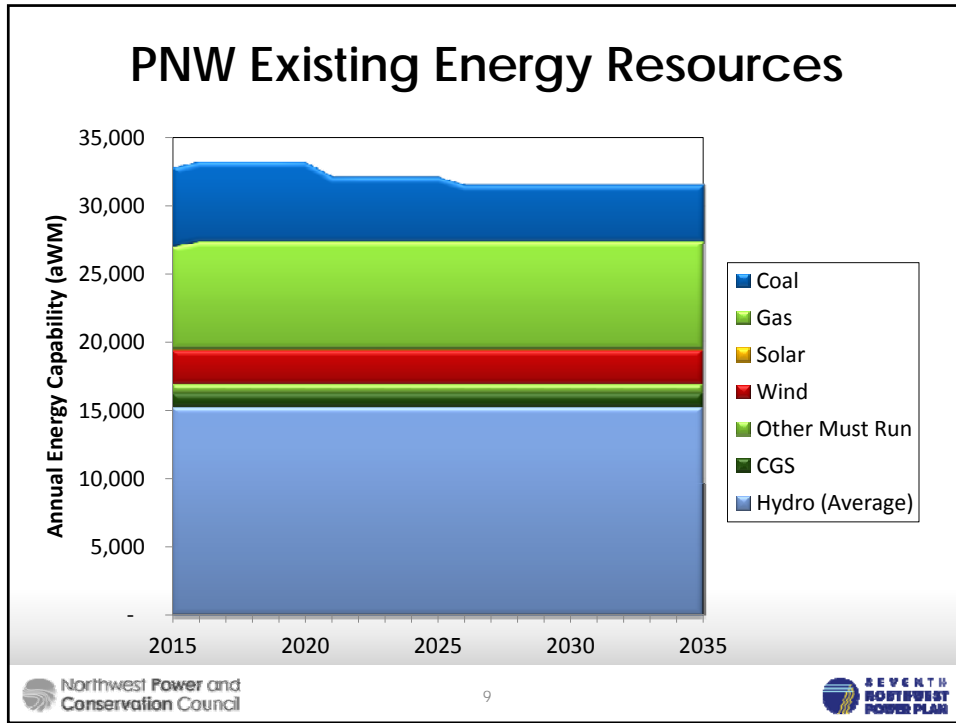
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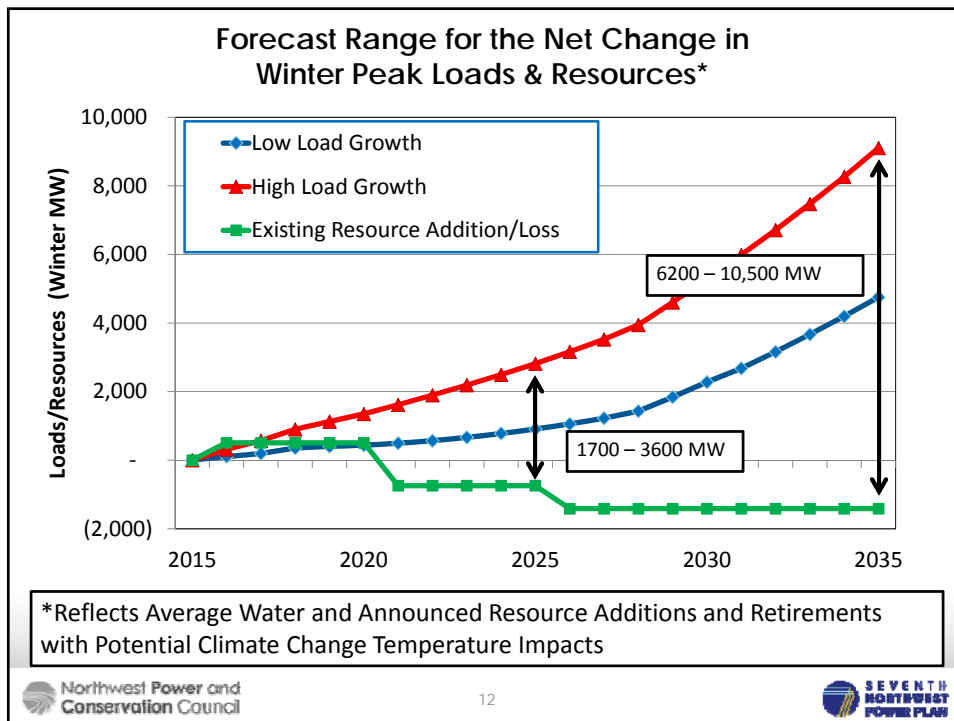
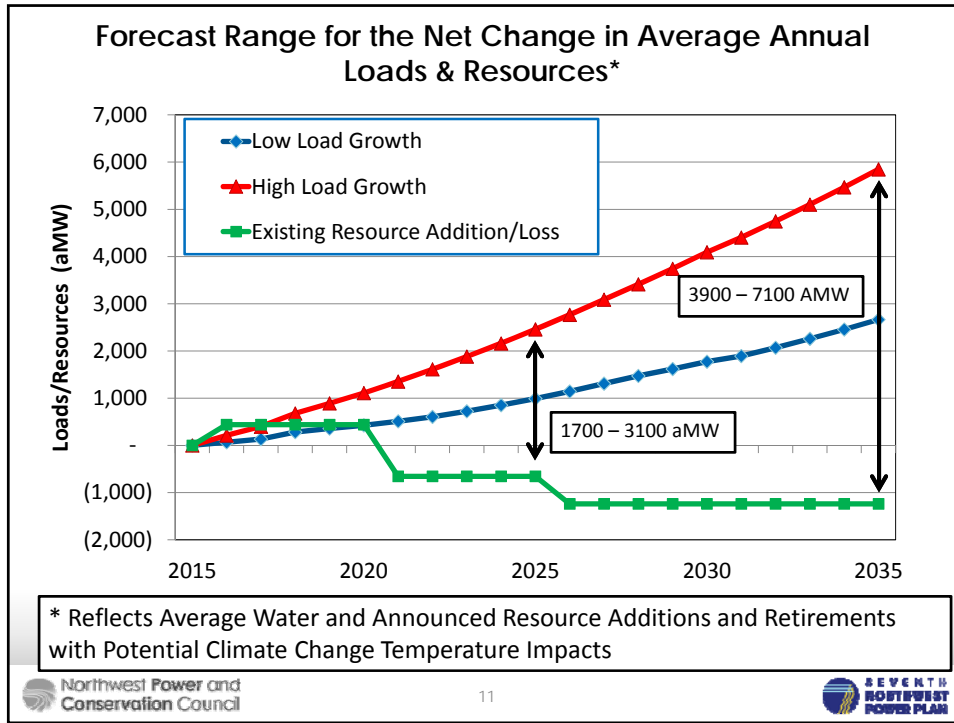
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What Resources Should “Fill The Gap”?

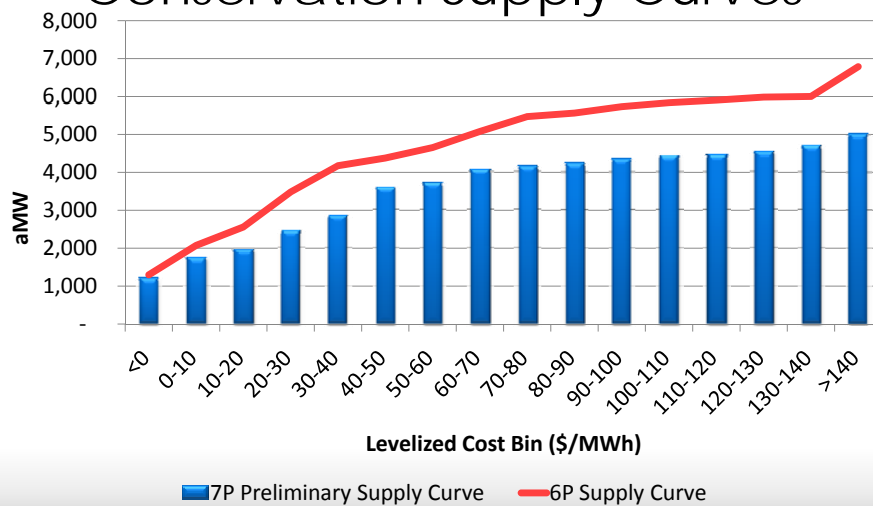
839b(e)(1). The plan shall, as provided in this paragraph, give priority to resources which the Council determines to be cost-effective.

Priority shall be given:

- first, to conservation;
- second, to renewable resources;
- third, to generating resources utilizing waste heat or
- generating resources of high fuel conversion efficiency;
- and fourth, to all other resources.

Source :Northwest Power Act, §4(e)(1), 94 Stat. 2705.

Sixth and Seventh Plan Conservation Supply Curves

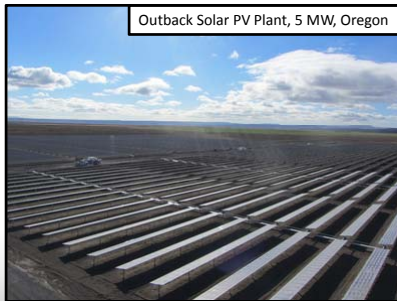


Renewable Resource Options



On Shore Wind
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 • Columbia Basin

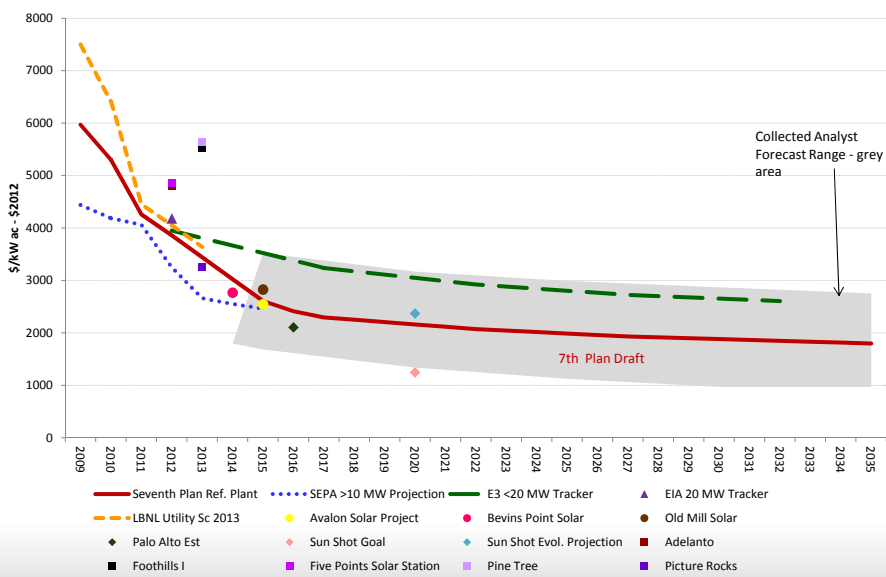
Solar Photovoltaic
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Outback Solar PV Plant, 5 MW, Oregon

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Utility Scale Solar PV Capital Cost Estimate - \$/kWac



Generating Resources With High Fuel Conversion Efficiency



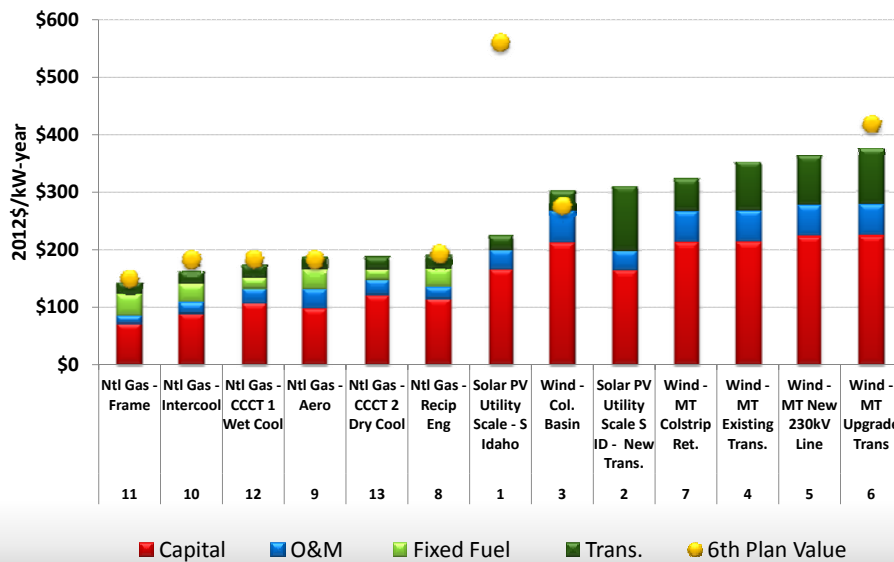
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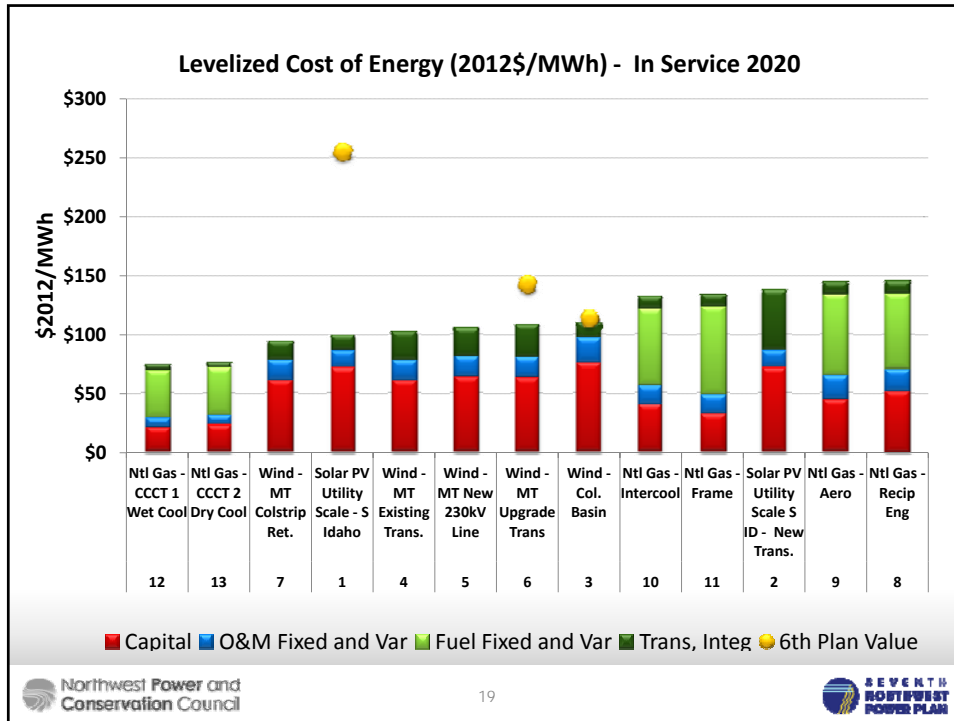
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Levelized Fixed Cost (\$/kW-yr) - In Service 2020



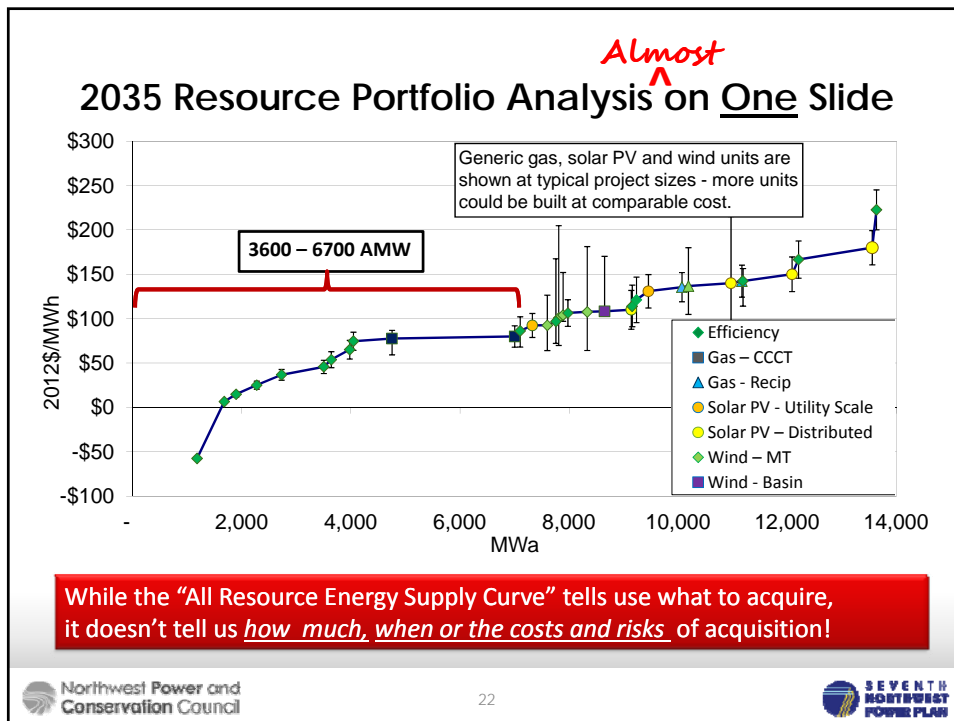
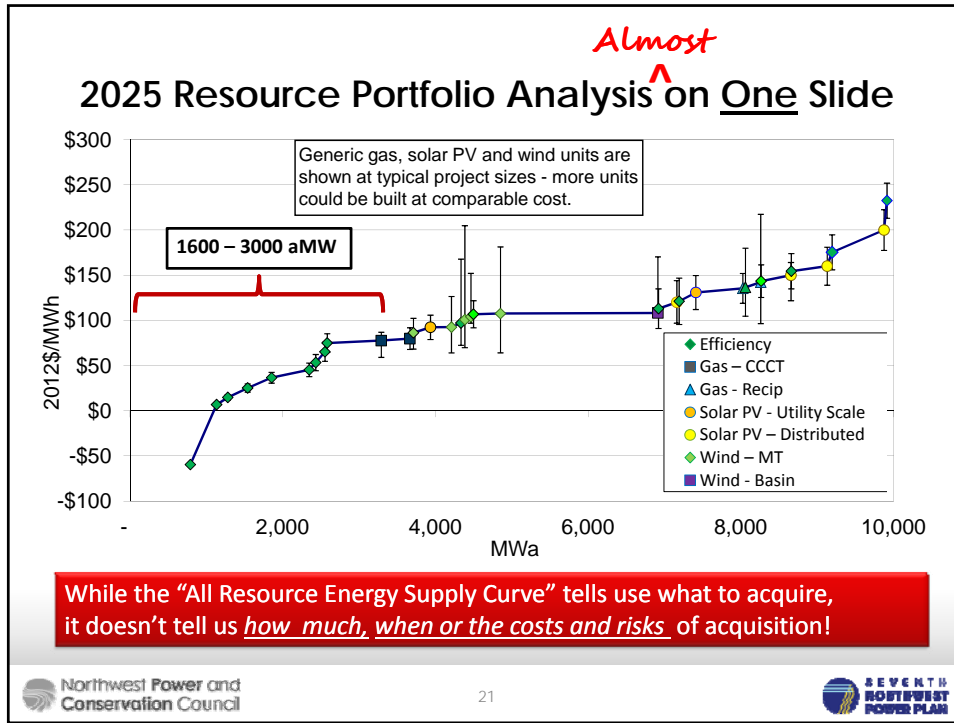


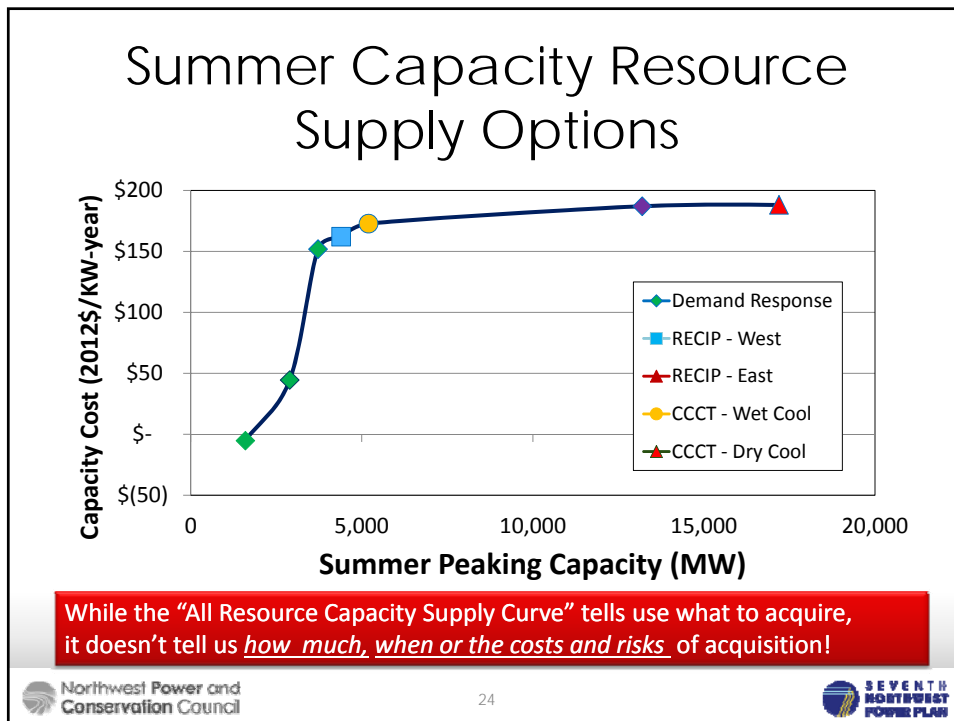
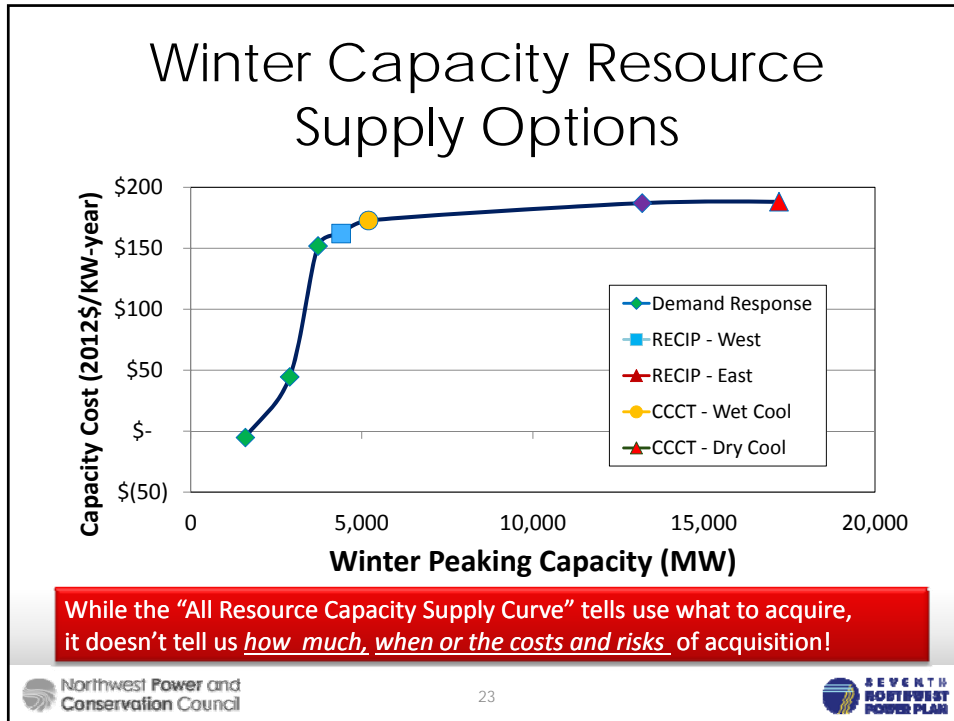
The Answer To One Question is Simple
(Because It's Prescribed by Statute)

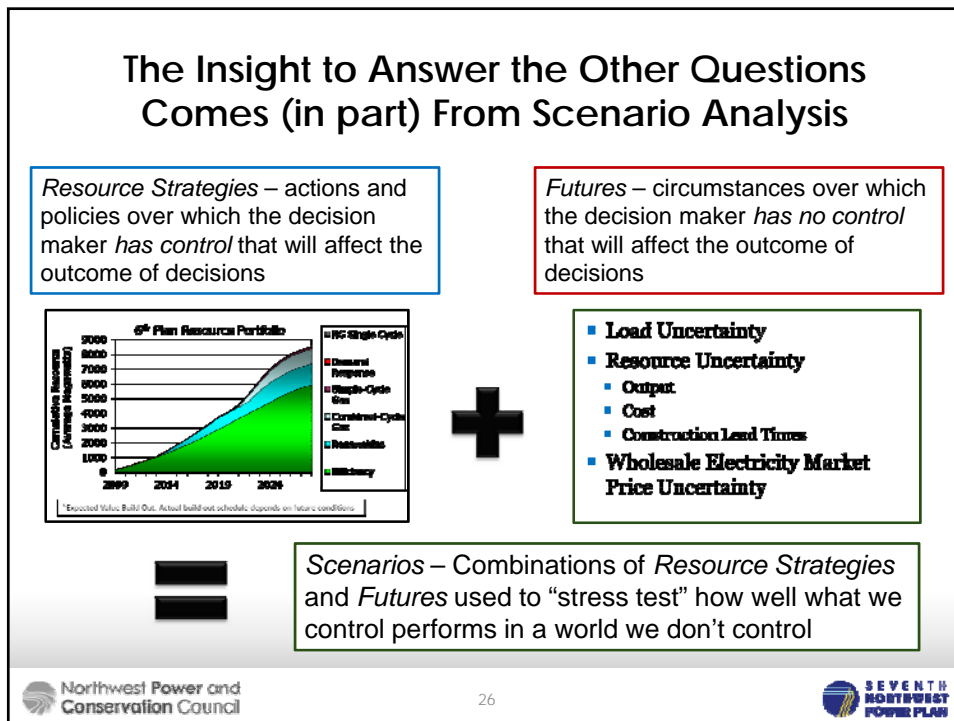
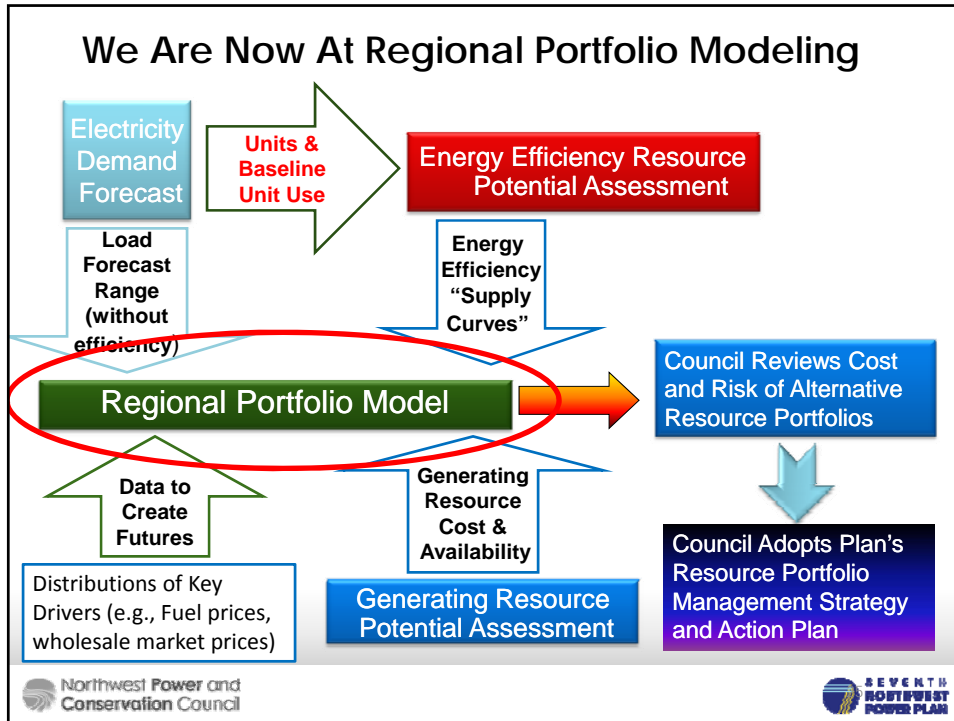
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The lowest cost, lowest risks resources first.









Proposed Scenarios Were Designed By Varying “Stresses” and “Constraints”

- Some scenario’s subject potential resources strategies to futures that impose one or more stresses. *Examples:*
 - *Uncertain GHG emissions limits or costs*
 - *Unanticipated Loss of major resource(s)*
 - *Climate change impacts on loads and hydro-system output*
- Some scenario’s constrain potential resources strategies across all futures: *Examples:*
 - *GHG emissions limits or costs*
 - *Maximum pace of conservation development*
 - *Fixed retirement schedule for existing coal generation*
 - *Increased reliance on variable resources across the PNW/CA*
 - *Availability of emerging technology (generation, storage and EE)*
- Some scenarios place *no limits on the uncertainty* surrounding future conditions or on potential resource strategies?



Proposed Scenarios Were Selected by Considering . . .

- What insight/information do we expect to get from this scenario?
 - Resource strategies that are “robust” across range of future conditions
 - Need for near term resource development actions (EE and generation)
- What insights/information might be gained by comparing the results of this scenario with those of other scenarios? *Examples:*
 - Cost of risk mitigation reduction
 - Cost of carbon emission reduction compared to estimated societal cost of damage
 - Impact of carbon cost/emissions constraints on energy efficiency and/or renewable resource developments
 - Potential value of storage, etc.
- What insights/information might be gained by comparing the *least risk* and/or *least cost* resource strategies under this scenario?
 - With resource strategies that have equivalent *cost* but higher *risk*?
 - With resource strategies that have equivalent *risk* but higher *cost*?

Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Description	Key Stress Factors /Constraints Tested
1A	Existing Policy without Uncertainty, w/o GHG reduction risk	Existing RPS, state and federal environmental regulations, including MATS and haze, CA and BC carbon costs, state carbon limits on new generation. Average value across all futures for all major sources of uncertainty.	Known generation fleet retirements and regulatory compliance costs
1B	Existing Policy with Uncertainty, w/o GHG reduction risk	Existing RPS, state and federal environmental regulations, including MATS and haze, CA and BC carbon costs, state carbon limits on new generation. Distribution of values for all major sources of uncertainty across all futures. No carbon regulation or cost risk.	Cost and Value of uncertainty risk mitigation with known generation fleet retirements and regulatory compliance costs Delineated by 1B – 1A


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Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Description	Key Stress Factors /Constraints Tested
2A	Existing Policy with Uncertainty and with certain GHG reduction risk/target. Proposed Policy Target = Clean Power Plan/Clean Air Act 111(d) goal (e.g., 30% below 2005 level by 2030)	Existing RPS, state and federal environmental regulations, including MATS and haze, CA and BC carbon costs, state carbon limits on new generation. Distribution of values for all major sources of uncertainty across all futures. <i>Scenarios will test specific carbon reduction targets or costs. Example: Resource strategies must result in 30% less GHG emissions by 2030 compared to 2005 (or some variant of this policy)</i>	Cost and Value of uncertainty risk mitigation with known generation fleet retirements and regulatory compliance costs Delineated by 2A – 1B
2B	Existing Policy with Uncertainty and with certain GHG reduction risk/target. Proposed Policy Target = Mitigate to Estimated GHG Damage Cost	Existing RPS, state and federal environmental regulations, including MATS and haze, CA and BC carbon costs, state carbon limits on new generation. Distribution of values for all major sources of uncertainty across all futures. <i>Scenarios will test specific carbon reduction targets or costs. Example: GHG emissions cost/price set equivalent to the US Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon (SCC)</i>	Cost and Value of uncertainty risk mitigation with known generation fleet retirements and regulatory compliance costs. If SCC is used to represent damage cost, resulting portfolios theoretically achieve GHG mitigation equivalent to damage costs. Delineated by 2B – 1B
2C	Existing Policy with Uncertainty and with uncertain GHG reduction risk/target.	Existing RPS, state and federal environmental regulations, including MATS and haze, CA and BC carbon costs, state carbon limits on new generation. Distribution of values for all major sources of uncertainty across all futures. <i>Scenarios will test specific carbon reduction targets or costs. GHG emissions cost/price allowed to vary across futures between \$X and \$Y</i>	Cost and Value of uncertainty risk mitigation without known generation fleet retirements and regulatory compliance costs Delineated by 2C – 1B


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Options for Representing Clean Power Plan Policy Goal

Proposed Baseline, Interim and Final Mass and Rated-Based Equivalent CO₂ Emissions Limits for Existing Affected and New Sources


	2012 Baseline Mass Equivalent (Million Metric Tons)	Interim Mass Equivalent (Million Metric Tons)	Final Mass Equivalent (Million Metric Tons)	2012 Baseline Rate (pounds/M Wh)	Interim Rate (pounds/M Wh)	Final Rate (pounds/M Wh)
Idaho	0.6	0.9	1.0	858	244	228
Montana	16.3	15.4	15.2	2,439	1,882	1,771
Oregon	7.0	5.2	5.3	1,081	407	372
Washington	6.6	4.4	4.8	1,379	264	215
Region	30.5	25.9	26.2	1,634	658	571

Note: EPA emissions limits shown in this table include generating resources located in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. They do not include emissions from power plants modeled in the RPM that are located in Wyoming and Nevada and that serve the Northwest Region.

Interagency Working Groups Estimated Social Cost of CO₂, 2015-2050 and 6th Plan Carbon Risk Scenario Average (2012\$/Metric Ton)

Year	Discount Rate and Statistic				6th Plan Carbon Risk Scenario (Average Across All Futures)
	5% Average	3% Average	2.5% Average	3% 95th Percentile	
2015	\$12	\$40	\$62	\$118	\$36
2020	\$13	\$47	\$69	\$139	\$52
2025	\$15	\$51	\$75	\$156	\$57
2030	\$17	\$56	\$81	\$173	\$58
2035	\$20	\$61	\$87	\$190	
2040	\$22	\$66	\$94	\$208	
2045	\$26	\$71	\$100	\$224	
2050	\$29	\$77	\$106	\$239	



Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Description	Key Stress Factors /Constraints Tested
3A	Lowering carbon emissions with current technology	Determine lowest feasible power system carbon emissions resource strategies using only available generation, storage and energy efficiency technologies , including anticipated cost reductions. May include retirement of all regional coal plants and replacement with no or lower carbon emitting resources.	Cost and risk of minimizing power system GHG emissions feasible with existing technology Delineated by 3A – 2C
3B	Lowering carbon emissions with emerging technology (e.g., storage, CO ₂ heat pumps, SSL)	Determine lowest feasible power system carbon emissions resource strategies using emerging generation, storage and energy efficiency technologies , including anticipated cost reductions. May include retirement of all regional coal plants and replacement with no or lower carbon emitting resources.	Cost and risk of minimizing power system GHG emissions feasible with emerging technology Delineated by 3B – 3A

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Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Description	Key Stress Factors /Constraints Tested
4A	Major Resource Uncertainty - Unexpected Loss of Major Resource (e.g., CGS Forced Retirement)	Determine the resource strategies best suited to managing the unanticipated loss of a major (>1000 MW) non-GHG emitting resources	Cost and risk associated with unanticipated loss of major, non-GHG gas emitting resource Delineated by 4A – 2C
4B	Major Resource Uncertainty Anticipated Loss of Major Resource(s) (e.g., Snake River Dam Removal,)	Determine the resource strategies best suited to managing the loss of a major hydro resources	Cost and risk associated with replacement of existing hydro-generation. Delineated by 4B – 2C
4C & D	Major Resource Uncertainty – Pace of Conservation Deployment	Determine the resources that would be developed/displaced if the deployment of energy efficiency is faster or slower than anticipated	Cost and risk associated with assumed upper and lower limits on pace of conservation in resource strategies Delineated by 4C/4D – 2C



Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Description	Key Stress Factors /Constraints Tested
5A	Integration of Variable Resources (i.e., Managing the NW Impact of the "Duck Curve"/50% CA RPS)	Determine the resource strategies that would best serve the region should CA achieve a 50 percent RPS using primarily solar PV	Cost and risk associated with potentially large extra-regional surpluses available at low prices during certain periods of the day and year Delineated by 5A – 2C
5B	Southwest Market Uncertainty: Liquidity and Variability	Determine the resource strategies that would best serve the region under different scenarios of Southwest market availability.	Cost and risk associated with reduced liquidity associated with the Southwest Market. Delineated by 5B – 2C

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Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Description	Key Stress Factors /Constraints Tested
6A	Climate Change Indirect Effects Load Impacts	Determine the impact on resource strategies under forecast future load conditions with increased population and economic growth due to potential in-migration	Change in system load and load shape Delineated by 6A – 2C
6B	Climate Change Hydro Impacts	Determine the impact on resource strategies under forecast future hydro-power output conditions	Change in hydro output Delineated by 6B– 2C

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Scenario	Scenario Name	Priority	Modeling Effort	DRAFT Schedule
1B	Existing Policy with Uncertainty, w/o GHG reduction risk	1	Med	April
1A	Existing Policy without Uncertainty, w/o GHG reduction risk	2	Med	April
2C	Existing Policy with Uncertainty and with uncertain GHG reduction risk/target.	3	Low	April
2B	Existing Policy with Uncertainty and with certain GHG reduction risk/target. Example Policy Target = Mitigate to Estimated GHG Damage Cost	4	Low	Early May
4C	Major Resource Uncertainty – Faster Pace of Conservation Deployment	5	Low	Early May
4D	Major Resource Uncertainty – Slower Pace of Conservation Deployment	6	Low	Early May
2A	Existing Policy with Uncertainty and with certain GHG reduction risk/target. Example Policy Target = Clean Power Plan/Clean Air Act 111(d) goal (e.g., 30% below 2005 level by 2030)	7	Med	Late May
3A	Lowering carbon emissions with current technology	8	Med	Late May
4A	Major Resource Uncertainty - Unexpected Loss of Major Resource (e.g., CGS Forced Retirement)	9	Med/High	Late May
4B	Major Resource Uncertainty Anticipated Loss of Major Resource(s) (e.g., Snake River Dam Removal.)	10	Low	Late May
3B	Lowering carbon emissions with emerging technology (e.g., storage, CO ₂ heat pumps, SSL)	11	High	Not Modeled
5A	Integration of Variable Resources (i.e., Managing the NW Impact of the "Duck Curve"/50% CA RPS)	12	Med/High	Early June
6A	Climate Change Load Impacts Resulting from Indirect Effects of Climate Change	13	Low	Early June
6B	Climate Change Hydro Impacts	14	High	Early June
5B	Southwest Market Liquidity Variability	15	Low	Early June

