# Perspectives on the State of the Industry\*

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# **Topics Today**

- Quick review of previous three year's presentations
- II. Transformation of electricity generation
- III. Developments in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP)
- IV. Federal policy developments
- V. Predictions going forward

# Staff Report to the Secretary on Electric Markets and Reliability

https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/08/f36/Staff%20Report%20on%20Electricity%20Markets%20and%20Reliability\_0.pdf



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# Electricity and a New Administration



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# **2015 Conclusions**

- The Nation remains deeply divided politically, socially and geographically
- National energy policy is increasingly made by federal regulatory agencies and not by Congress
- The use of coal to produce electricity will continue to decrease nationally, but remain significant in certain geographic regions
- Renewables and distributed generation will continue to grow, but will face increasing integration challenges in some regions
- Natural gas will continue to play a growing role in the production of electricity
- Transmission expansion will be required to incorporate more renewables
- Litigation over the Clean Power Plan will leave a cloud over the program until addressed by the Supreme Court (2018/2019)
- Tax subsidies have major impacts on electricity markets

# **U.S. Electricity Fuel Mix**

- The fuel mix is changing rapidly
  - Wind, Solar & Natural Gas



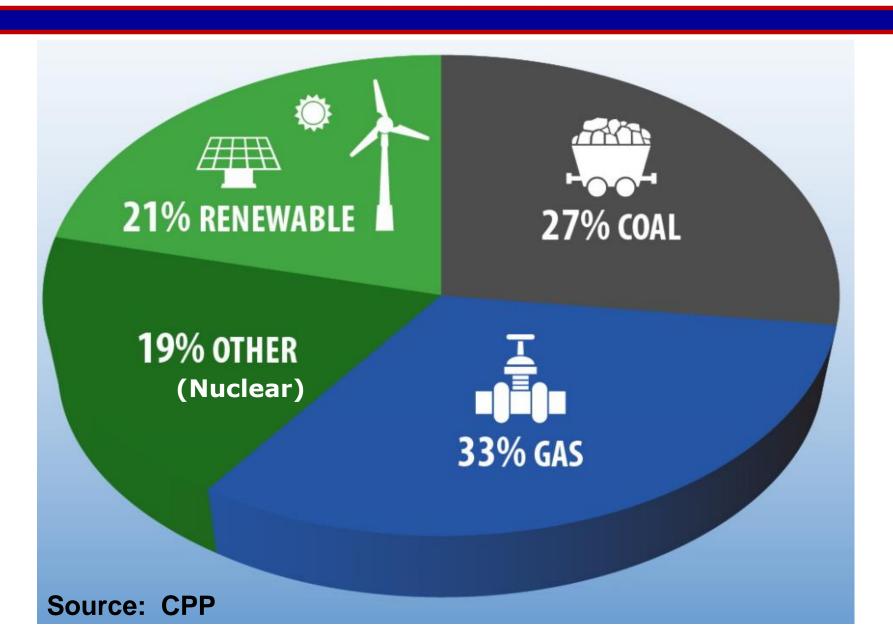
- Subsidies
- Fracking
- Coal & Nuclear



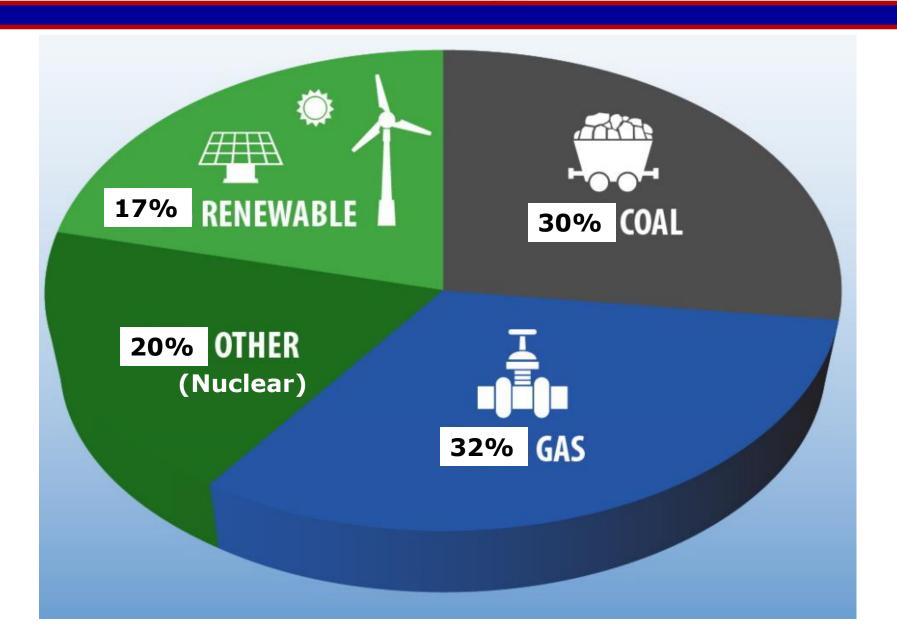
- Regulation
- Economics
- Fuel choices vary dramatically by region
  - Powder River Basin Coal (Wyoming) has low-sulfur and low-cost compared to eastern coal
- Great Plains is wind rich
- Southwest has significant solar
- Natural gas is currently low-cost and plentiful for the near to midterm, but history has shown price to be volatile / unpredictable
- What role will storage play?

# **National Energy Mix in 2030**

**Under Clean Power Plan** 



# **National Energy Mix 2017**

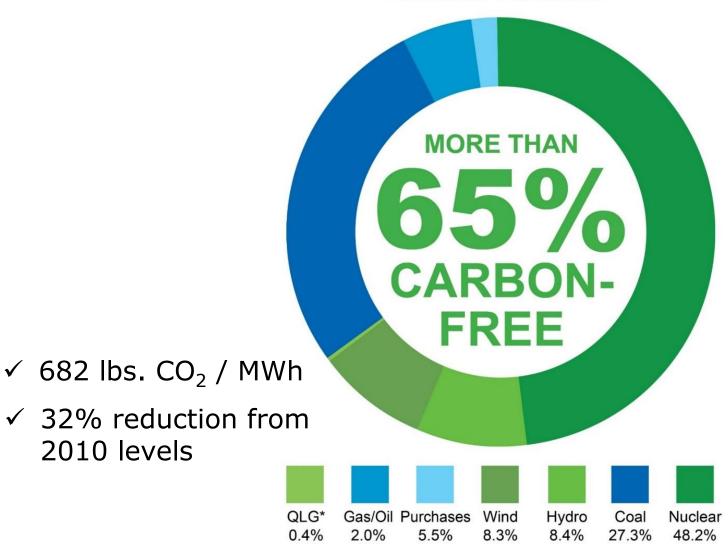


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#### 2017 NPPD Energy **Generation Resources**

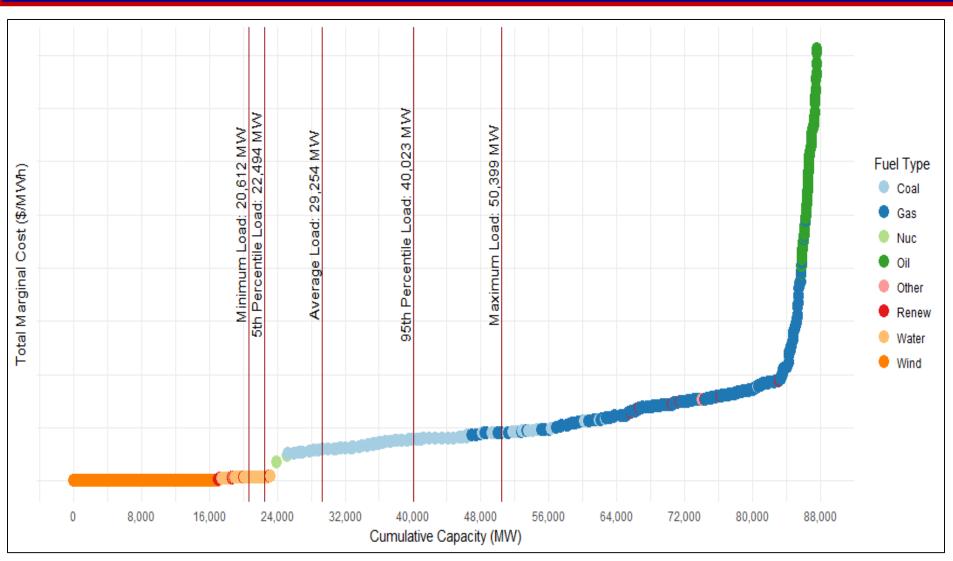
Nebraska Customers



\*Qualifying Local Generation (QLG) includes renewable energy facilities installed by our wholesale customers and in NPPD retail communities.

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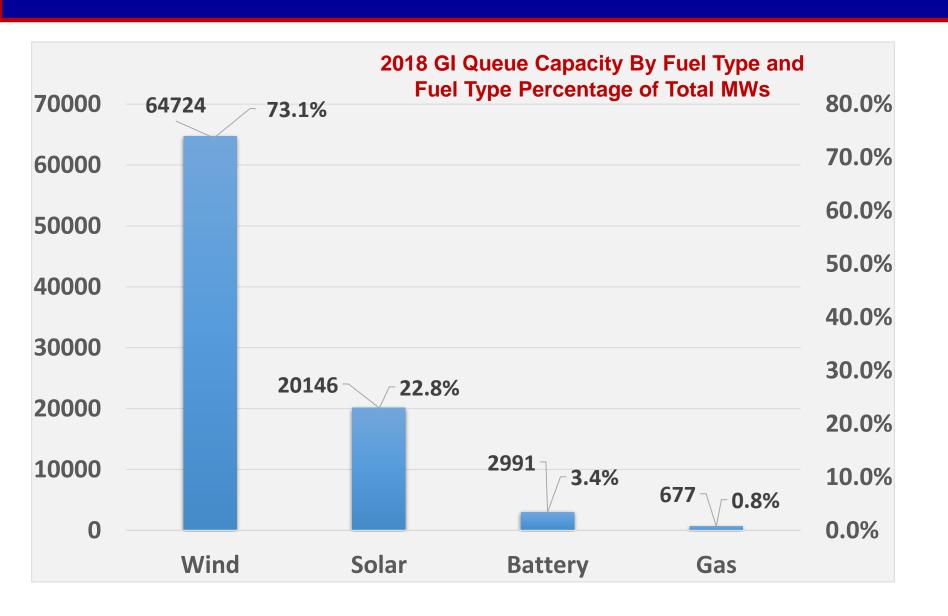
# SPP Generation Stack (Summer 2017)



**Source: Velocity Suite SPP data, NPPD** 

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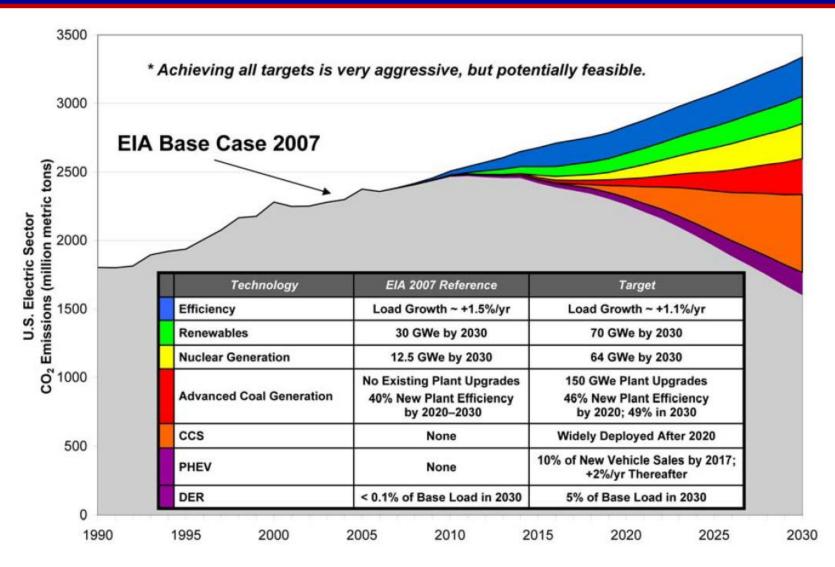
# What's in the SPP Queue?



# "It's Difficult to make Predictions, especially about the Future"

Attributed to multiple sources

## Electricity Technology Under a Carbon-Constrained Future (PRISM Analysis)



http://mydocs.epri.com/docs/public/DiscussionPaper2007.pdf

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## **Future Environmental and Energy Policy**



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## 2018 Elections

- Senate Likely to remain Republican controlled
- House Better than 50% chance of flipping
- Over 70 new House members
- Average turnover ~ 50
- 30 seats are a toss-up
- If flip lots of oversight hearings, impeachment?

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# **Political Ads Divide Families**





# Predictions for 2019 and beyond