



# **World Energy Situation and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Power Technology**

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# Three Key Aspects of EPRI

## Independent

Objective, scientifically based results address reliability, efficiency, affordability, health, safety and the environment

## Nonprofit

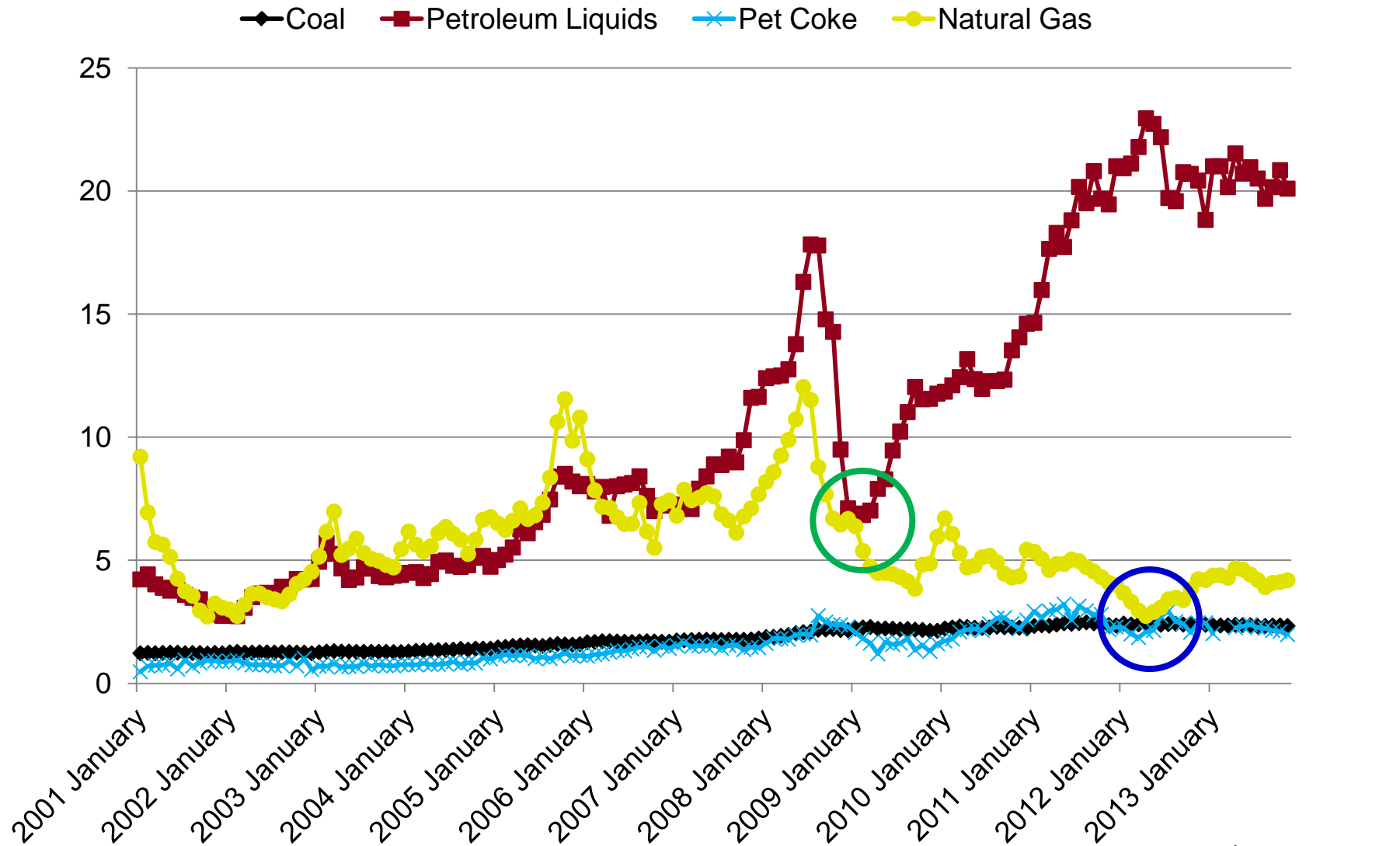
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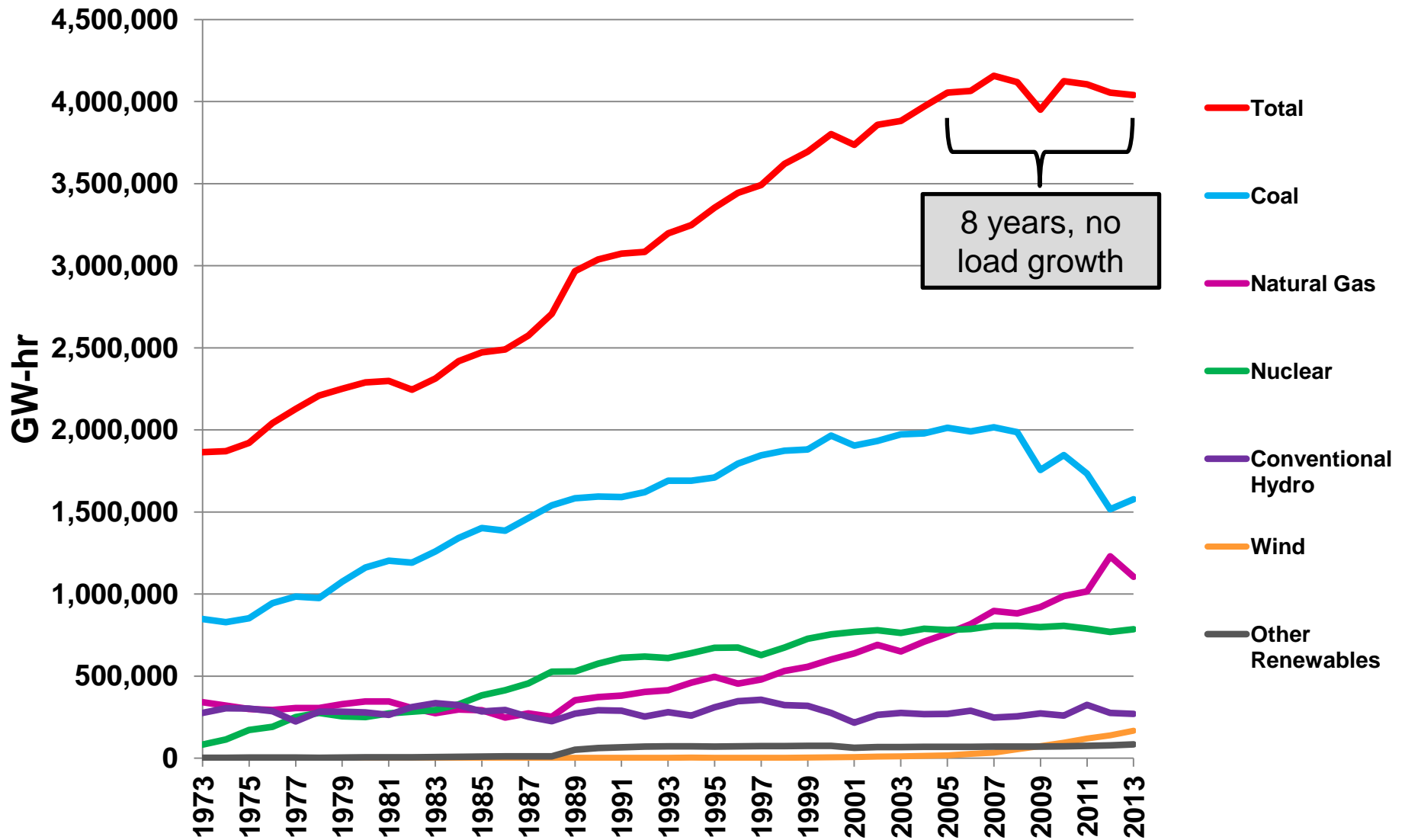
Bring together scientists, engineers, academic researchers, industry experts



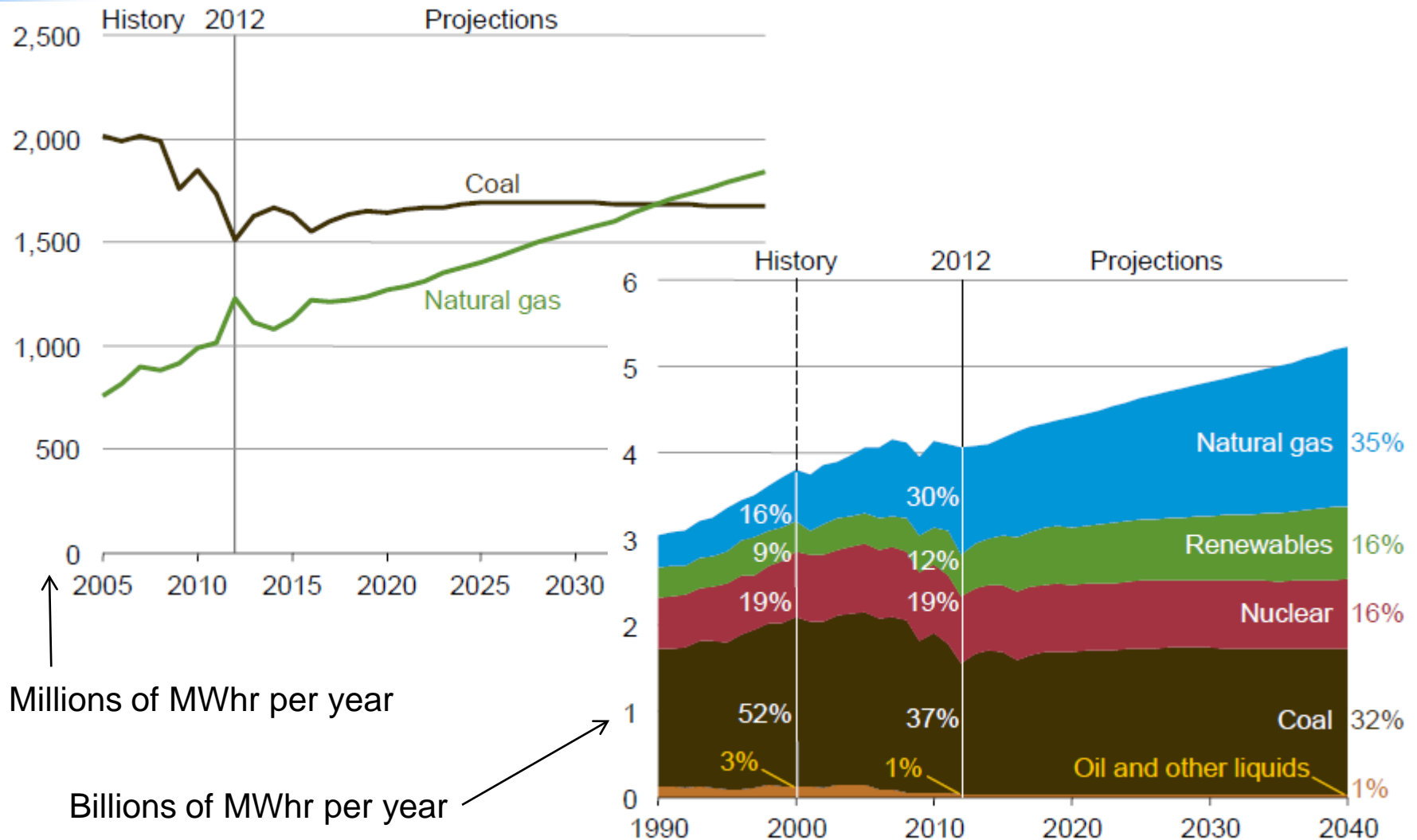
# Average Cost of Fossil Fuels Delivered to US Power Plants (\$/MMBtu, no inflation adjustments)



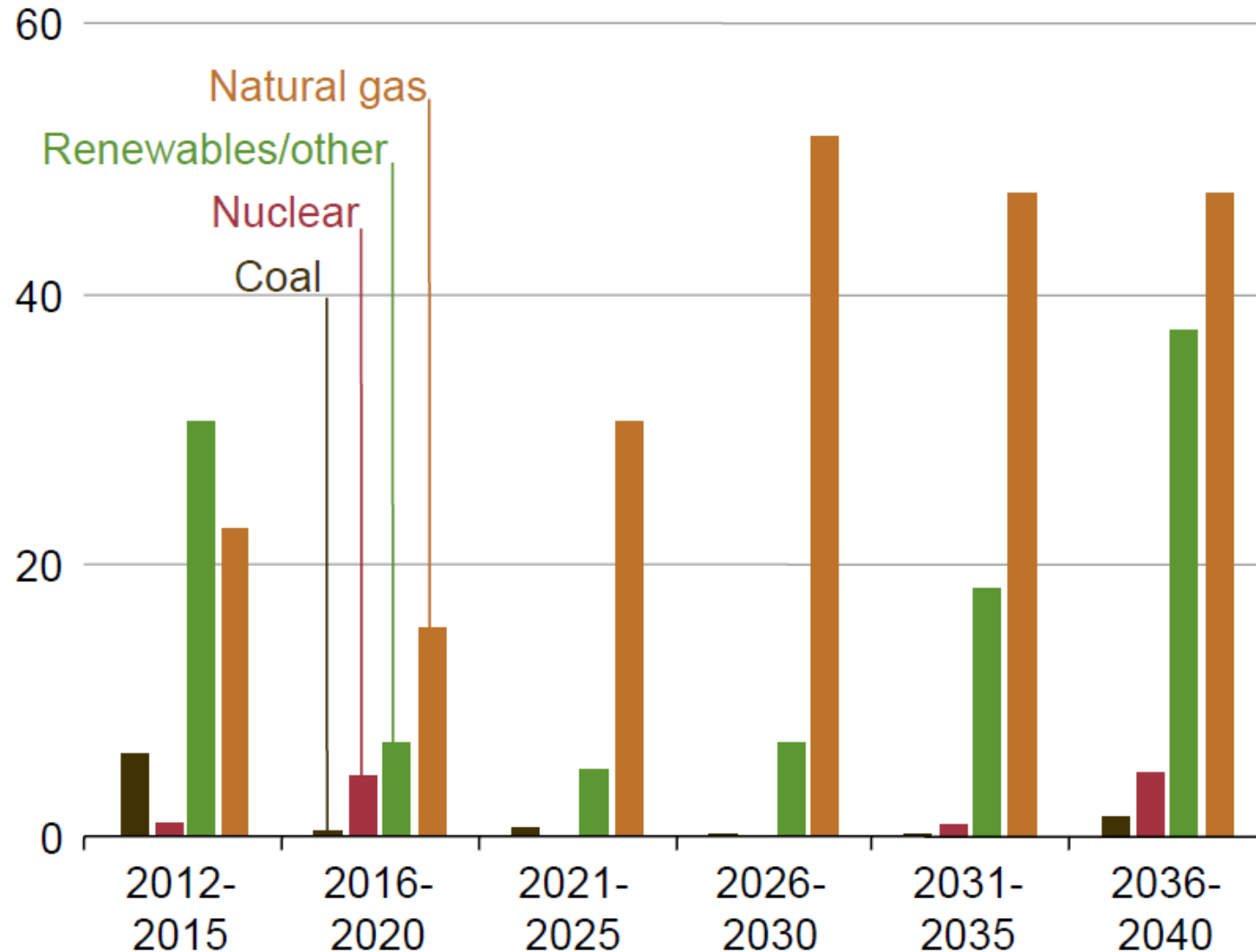
# US Power Demand is Flat – No Need for New Coal



# US Power Generation Predictions – EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2014



# Most new US capacity additions predicted to be natural gas and renewables (*gigawatts*)

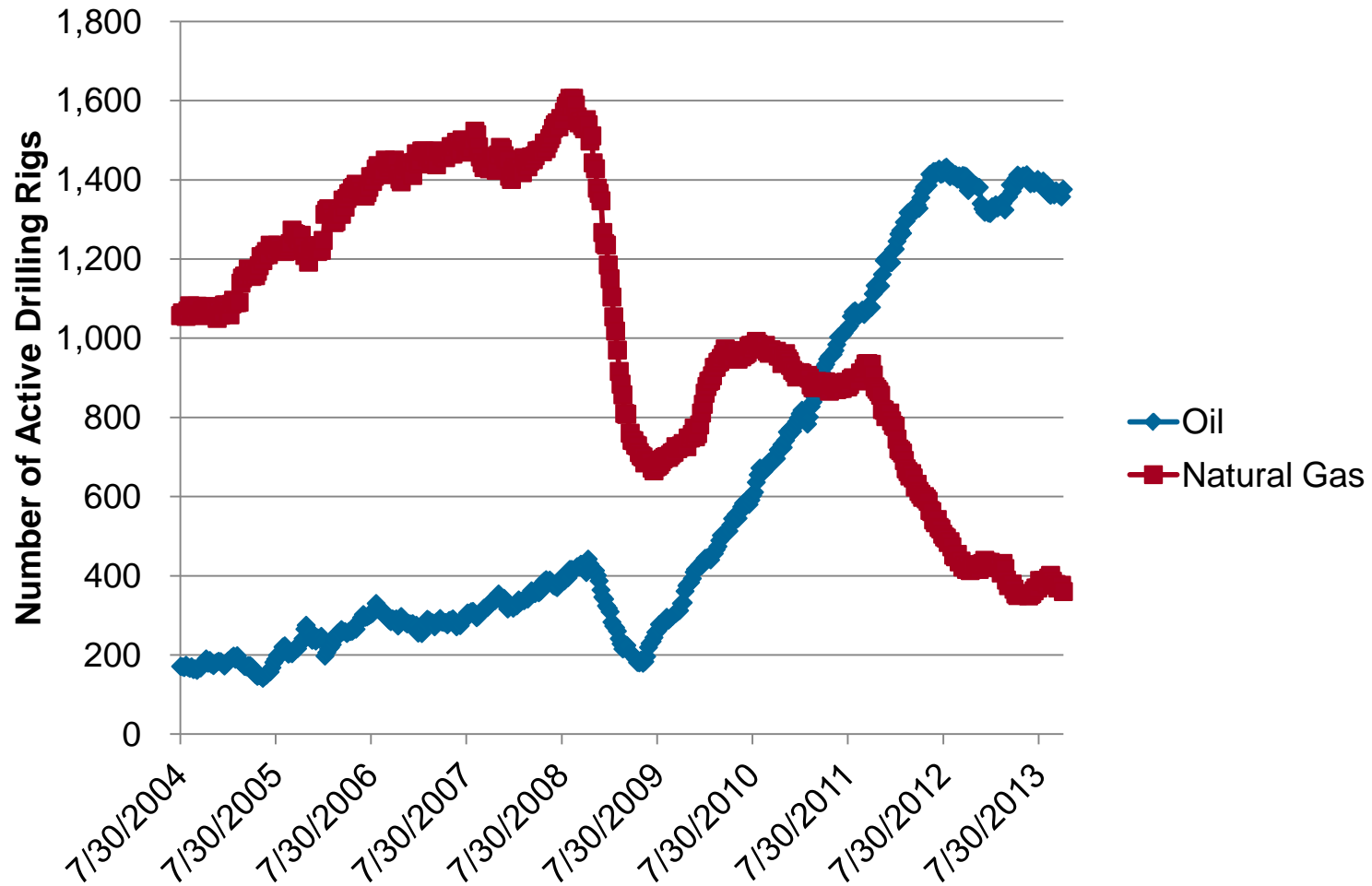


Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2013

## **Key Question:**

Can US Shale Gas Continue to Keep US Natural Gas Prices Low?

# Impact of Natural Gas Prices on Drilling in North America (July 2004 to November 2013)



**70% Decrease in Natural Gas Drilling Since 2008**



## World LNG Estimated November 2013 Landed Prices



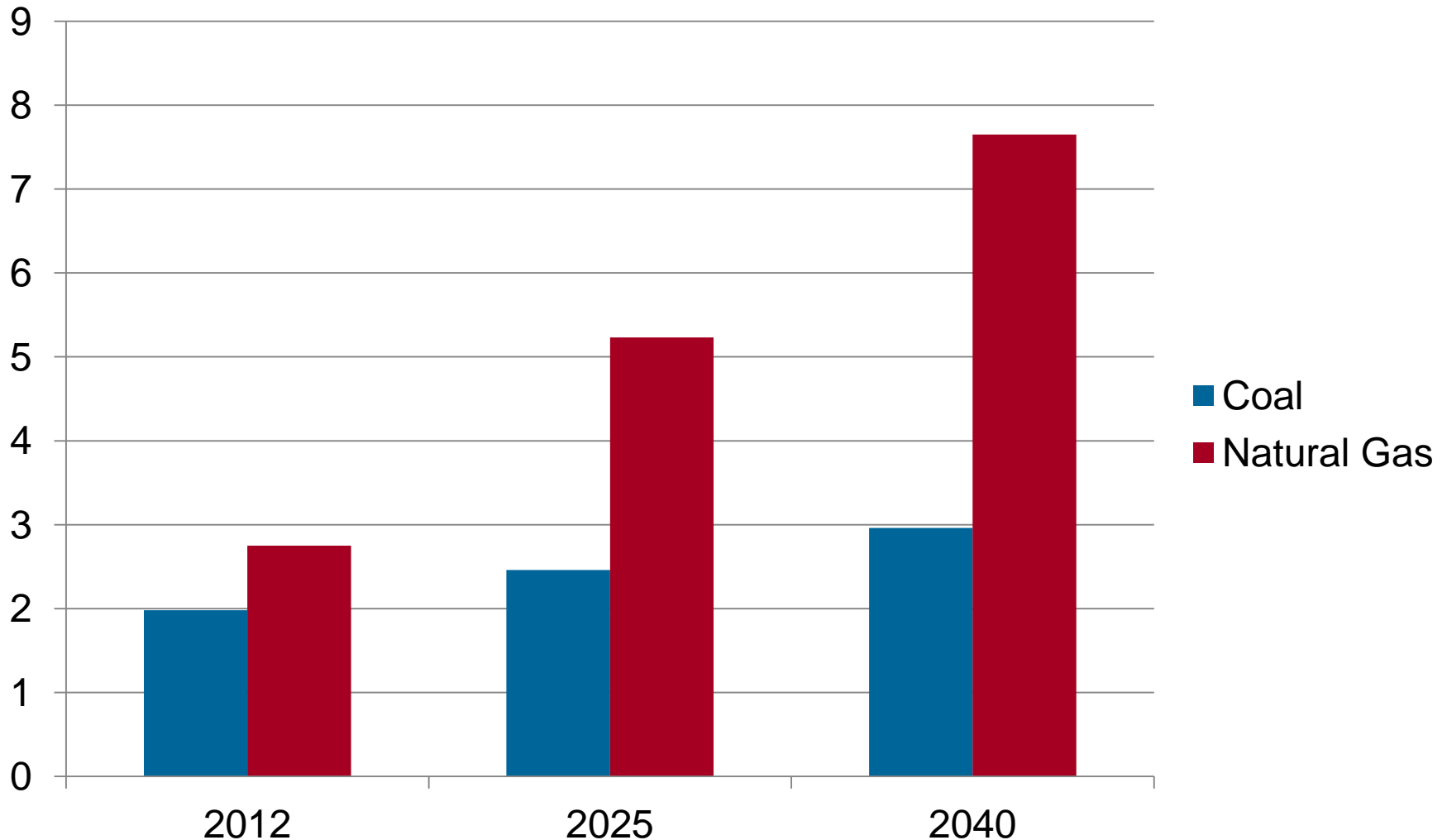
# US LNG Export Facilities

- Approved for Construction
  - Seven LNG export facilities
  - Total capacity 9.9 billion cubic feet per day
  - Total capacity 73.7 million tons per year
  - Approximately 14.7% of total US natural gas production
- Construction Permits Under Review
  - Approximately 20 additional LNG export projects have filed with the US government for approval
  - Total LNG capacity could be as high as 20 billion cubic feet per day or 150 million tons per year



# US Government Predictions for US Fuel Prices, \$/MMBtu

Source: [www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov) 2014 Annual Energy Outlook



## Key Question:

How will the new US CO<sub>2</sub> emission standard for new power plants impact coal power?

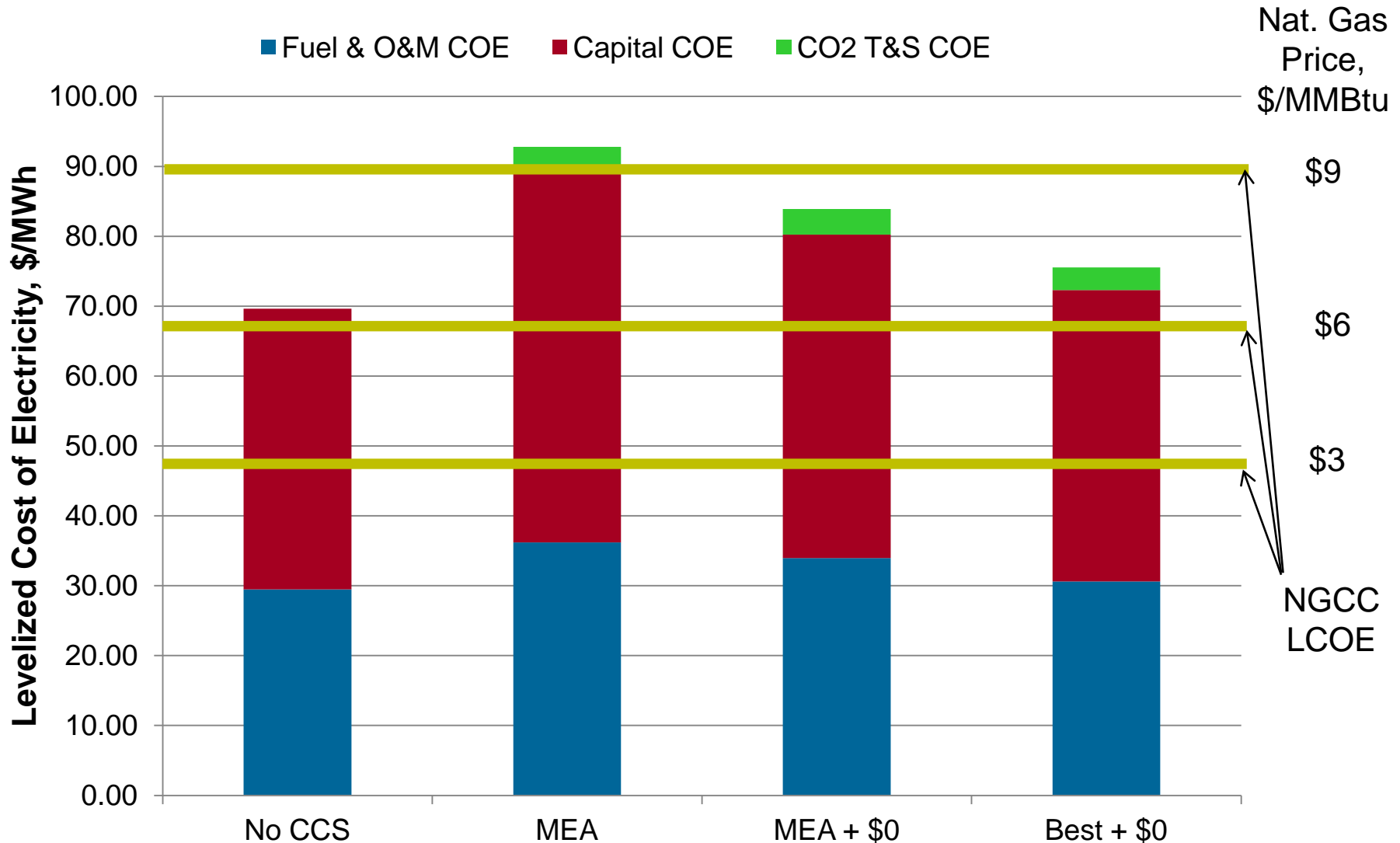
# Proposed US rules for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from new power plants



## Separate limits are set for coal and gas:

- Coal: 500 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh, gross, rolling 12 month average
- Gas turbines  $\geq$  250MW: 455 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh, gross, 12 month average
- Gas turbines 73-250MW: 500 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh, gross, 12 month average
- Will require new coal plants to include ~50% CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - More efficient plants will need less CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Natural gas combined cycle plants should be able to meet the standard without any additional equipment

# Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Standards for New US USC Coal Power Plant



## Legend for chart in previous slide

Case	Description
No CCS	No CO <sub>2</sub> capture
MEA	37% CO <sub>2</sub> capture using MEA solvent
MEA + \$0	Same as “MEA” case but assumes MEA system can be built at zero capital cost
Best + \$0	Assumes CCS system consumes 3.6% of the net power of “No CCS” case, which is the thermodynamic minimum needed to separate CO <sub>2</sub> and compress it to 150 bar. Also assumes the CCS system is available at no capital cost – the best one could hope for!

- All plants are based on 600°C supercritical steam cycle, burn Powder River Basin coal sub-bituminous coal, and pay \$10/ton CO<sub>2</sub> for transport & storage

# Impact of Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Standard on Coal Power in the US

- To be competitive, new coal power plants will need:
  - A significant improvement in CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology, **and**
  - A significant improvement on coal power plant technology, or
  - An increase in natural gas prices to approximately \$9/MMBtu
- Note that in many parts of the world natural gas prices are already at or above \$9/MMBtu, which means even with today's CCS technology a coal-fired power plant meeting the 500 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/MWhr would be a competitive option



## **Key Question:**

Is CCS Ready for Use on Commercial Coal Power Plants?

# Largest CO<sub>2</sub> Capture System Ever Operated on a Coal Power Plant

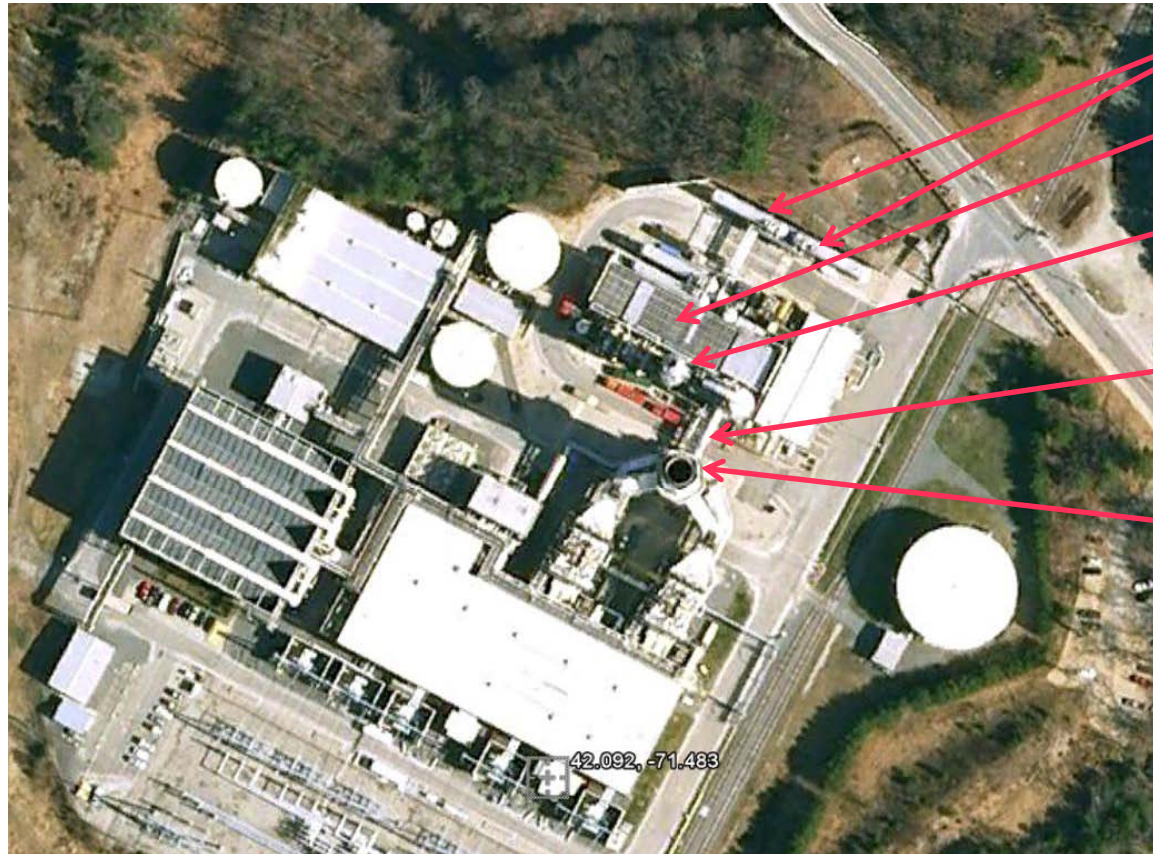
- 400,000 ton/yr CO<sub>2</sub> from 100 MW Lubbock Power & Light power plant
- Operational 1983-1984 for EOR Floods
- Dow Amine Technology



*Photo courtesy Gas Processing Solutions LLC*

# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture System on a Natural Gas Combined Cycle Plant – Bellingham, Mass.

*Photo from Google Maps*



Tanks for storing liquid CO<sub>2</sub>

Fin-fan coolers for capture system

CO<sub>2</sub> absorber vent

Exhaust duct going to capture system

Combined exhaust stack for two W501D gas turbines

**Captured ~100,000 tons/year for carbonated beverages  
– no longer in operation**

# Southern-MHI CCS Demo

## *Project Overview*

- **MHI KM-CDR advanced amine CO<sub>2</sub> combustion capture**
  - ~25-MW<sub>e</sub> demonstration at Alabama Plant Barry in AL
  - ~500 tonnes-CO<sub>2</sub>/day
  - Capture started in June 2011; over 200,000 tonnes captured so far
  - Injection is occurring in the Citronelle dome ~19 km away and started in August 2012; goal of 100,000 tonnes reached in 2013
  - Operation will continue through September 2014 followed by three years of monitoring the stored CO<sub>2</sub>
- **EPRI's role:**
  - Manage collaborative, select and manage test contractors, develop test plan to perform capture testing, and document results
  - Leading the storage effort for US Dept of Energy



MHI's KM-CDR Process at Plant Barry  
*Property of MHI and/or Southern*



# Large CO<sub>2</sub> “Capture-to-Storage” Projects in Operation



*Map courtesy Global CCS Institute (with additions by EPRI)*

**~10 projects worldwide – None at a power plant**

# Large-scale CCS projects operating in North America

Map & data from Global CCS Institute



**All the current large-scale CCS projects use CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)**

1. **Weyburn EOR** – CO<sub>2</sub> from coal gasifier in ND, 2.8 million ton/yr
2. **Shute Creek EOR** – CO<sub>2</sub> from natural gas processing, 7 million ton/yr
3. **Enid EOR** – CO<sub>2</sub> from fertilizer production, 0.7 million ton/yr
4. **Val Verde EOR** – CO<sub>2</sub> from nat. gas processing, 1 million ton/yr
5. **Century Plant EOR** – CO<sub>2</sub> from nat. gas processing, 8 million ton/yr
6. **Port Arthur EOR** – CO<sub>2</sub> from steam methane reformer (US DOE project), 1 million ton/yr

# Starting up in 2014-2015

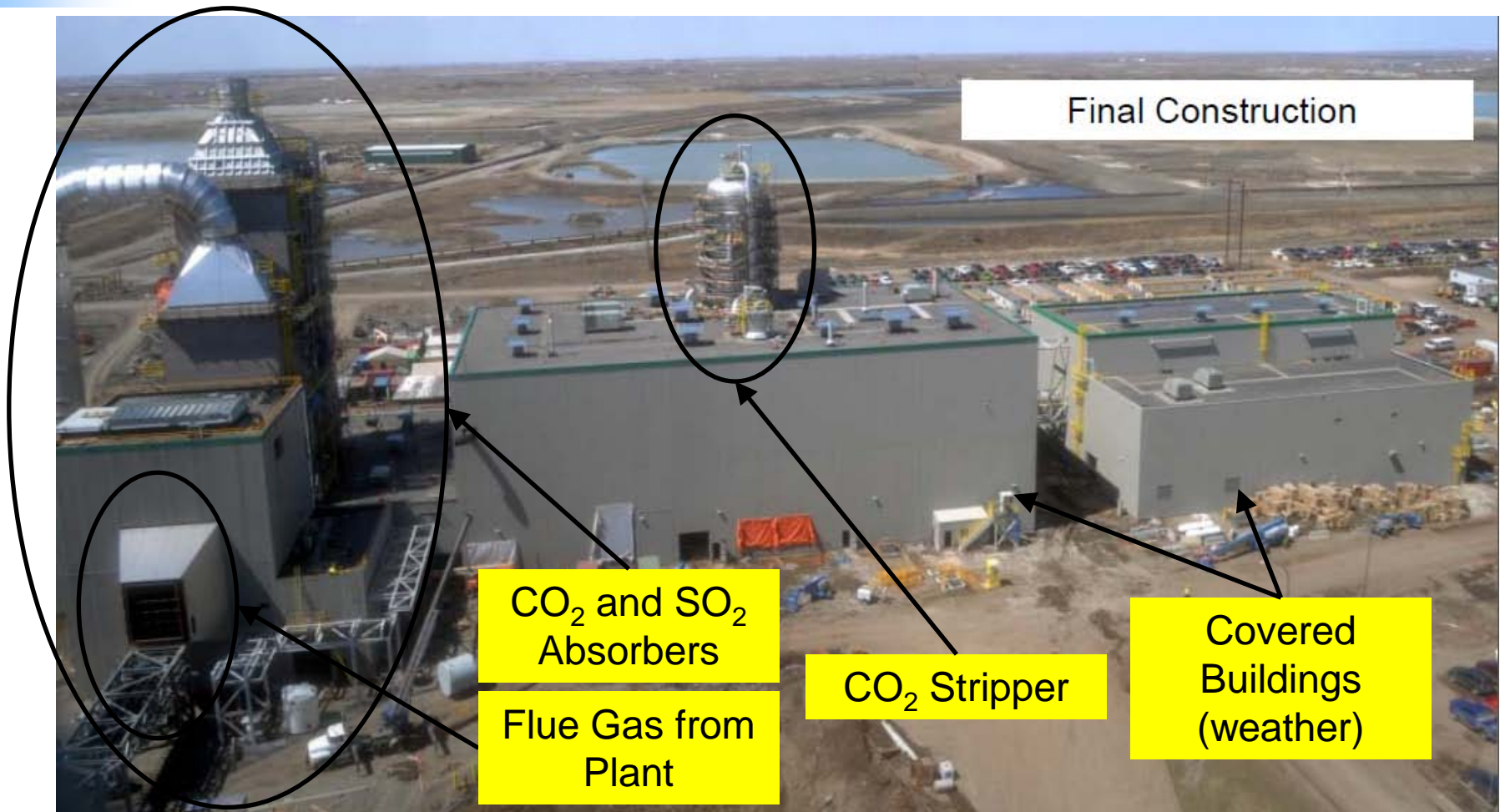
Map from Global CCS Institute



- **Boundary Dam:**  
90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture retrofitted to 150 MW coal power plant, ~1 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> per year for EOR
- **Kemper County:**  
new 582 MW IGCC with ~65% CO<sub>2</sub> capture, ~3 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> per year for EOR

**Both receiving large government subsidies. Will give power industry “real life” experience in operating large-scale CCS**

# Boundary Dam



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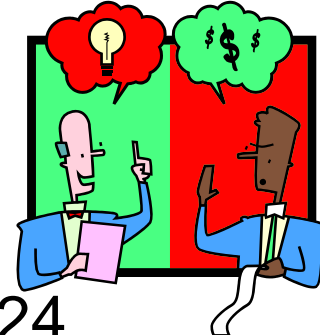
# Mississippi Power's Kemper County IGCC

## Mid-2013



Photo courtesy of Southern Company

# CCS Demonstrations Are Expensive



- SaskPower's Boundary Dam project's budget is \$1.24 billion for 110 MW net or ~\$11,000/kW
  - Cost includes upgrade of boiler and steam turbine as well as the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system
  - Canadian federal government provided \$240 million subsidy
  - SaskPower has indicated that a second project would be 30% less expensive
- Mississippi Power's Kemper County IGCC has reached \$4.2 billion or ~\$8000/kW "total project cost"
  - Estimated cost at beginning of project (April 2010) was \$2.4 billion – current cost is 167% of that estimate

# The View from Australia



- “Love-Hate” Relationship with coal
- Lack of growth in power demand means no one is building new power plants, so little opportunity for demonstrating advanced coal technology in near term
- “Flagship” CCS projects have mostly stalled. No large scale coal CCS project under construction (though Gorgon LNG is a large CCS project)
  - Three proposed IGCC projects have died – high costs, lack of proven CO<sub>2</sub> storage were partly the cause
- Desire by coal-rich states to find new markets for their coal
  - Victoria is investigating opportunities to produce exportable chemical and dried brown coal products from its huge brown coal resources.

# The View from Germany

- ~10 GW of new coal-fired power plants have been built this decade
  - Role of natural gas in power has declined
- “It is illegal to have a CCS project in Germany” – Lars Stromberg, former VP of R&D for Vattenfall
  - You cannot legally inject CO<sub>2</sub> under German soil
- No Nukes!
- Strong subsidies for wind & solar have driven up the retail price of electricity to three times USA price





# The View from UK



- On-again, off-again large CCS demonstration program is “on again”
  - Last of the original candidates, Longannet, dropped out citing high cost of offshore transport & storage
  - Drax’s White Rose oxy-combustion project and a Shell/SSE natural gas combined cycle are the currently “preferred” projects
  - One billion pounds may be available for one of the projects
- Any CO<sub>2</sub> storage will occur offshore
  - At least one project looking at feasibility of EOR offshore
- Proposed limit of 450 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/MWhr for new power plants

# The View from Canada



- CO<sub>2</sub> emission limit for new coal plants:
  - 420 kg/MWhr net
- SaskPower's Boundary Dam CCS project will be world's only commercial coal power plant with 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Alberta's ambitious CCS demo program has encountered difficulties
  - TransAlta's Pioneer Project was canceled, \$800 million subsidy & \$15/ton CO<sub>2</sub> emission "tax" not sufficient, Shell Quest oil sands upgrader a "go"
- Ontario moving forward with phasing out coal power

# The View from Japan

- Short-term – use LNG and quickly add gas turbines to overcome loss of nuclear power
- Longer-term – nuclear power may be allowed to play a more limited role in supplying electricity
- Coal power may also increase
  - One IGCC is under construction and two more have been announced
  - Osaki “CoolGen” IGCC+CCS project is only planned large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture project
  - CO<sub>2</sub> storage may require ocean transport to reach suitable storage sites



# The View from China



- 733 GW of installed coal power generation at end of 2011
- 890 GW planned by 2015
- 1500 GW anticipated by 2030
  - This would be ~5 times current US coal power capacity
- 222 coal gasifiers now installed in China
  - Almost all for non-power applications
  - 250 MW GreenGen IGCC is first gasification facility for power only
  - See polygen as way to meet variable demand for power
- Higher efficiency is their CO<sub>2</sub> “solution” for today
  - Goal of building 700°C USC demo plant has been announced
  - May include CO<sub>2</sub> capture for enhanced oil recovery in next 5-year plan



# The View from India



- Ambitious plans for more generation capacity
  - Just under 200 GW now, want 600 GW additional by 2032
  - Much of that will be coal
- An extreme shortage of coal supply
  - Demand for coal growing at 10%/yr, domestic production growing at 5%/yr
  - Many power plants have only 1 day coal supply on site
- Government has announced goal to build an 800 MW USC with 700°C steam conditions
  - Will start testing components in existing power plant
- No plans for CCS demonstration but ~\$1/ton tax on coal is funding “low carbon technologies” including renewables

# Summary of Issues Impacting Coal Power Around the World

- Several countries now proposing CO<sub>2</sub> emission limits for power plants that (nearly) match those of a natural gas fired combined cycle
- Many Asian countries are strongly committed to continued use of coal for power and more inclined to try coal gasification
- Several important coal-using nations have not found suitable storage sites for large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Public distrust of nuclear power may create demand for more coal power in some countries
- Global economic slump has decreased electric power growth in developed countries
  - *This limits opportunities to demonstrate new coal power technology including CCS*

# Final Conclusion

- In order to develop low emission coal power technologies, more collaboration is needed among the OECD nations and between OECD nations and the rapidly growing economies of the developing world
  - The developing economies want new coal power plants but are unwilling to pay extra for advanced technologies
  - Developed countries may be willing to pay extra, but do not need new coal power plants
  - We all need to find secure places to store captured CO<sub>2</sub>

# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity