

# **7 Drivers of Change in the Electric Utility Industry**

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# Conclusion

1. Make a list of programs/technologies/ideas you'd like to investigate
2. Examine pros and cons of each
3. Understand financial, environmental & operational impacts
4. Update regularly
5. Pilot/test if possible



**How many are 55+**



**How many are 40-54?**



**How many are  
younger than 39?**



# Who Knows What:



**New trends**



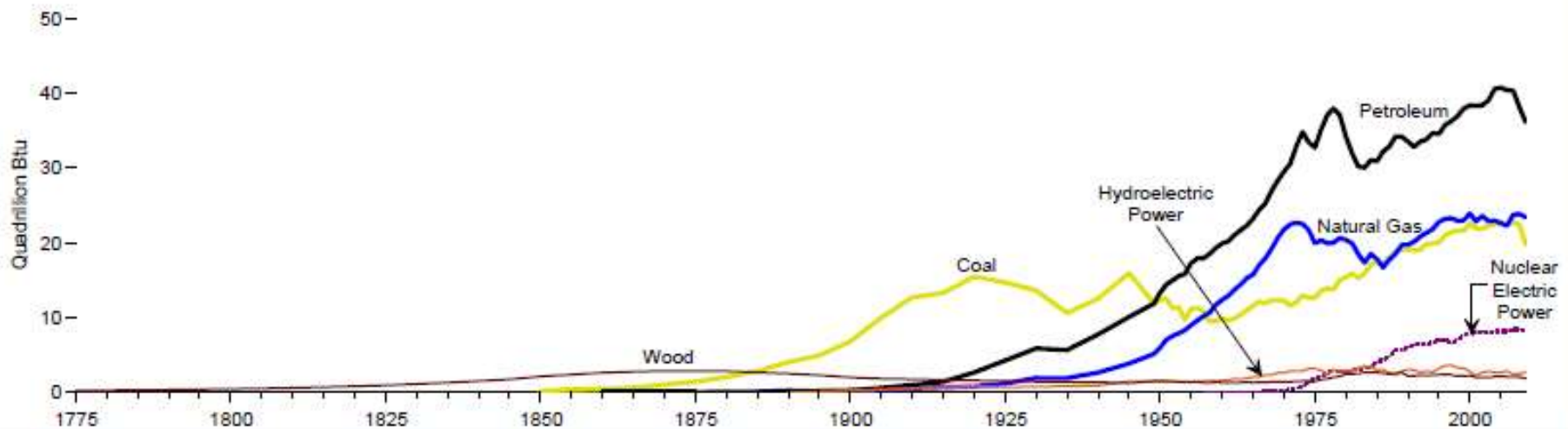
**How to get things done**

**Priorities**



# U.S. Energy Use since 1775

Figure 5. Primary Energy Consumption by Source, 1775-2009



**Things change!**

# 5 Points About Change

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  - Environmental impact & jobs are key, then cost & reliability
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- But sometimes people want options with a variety of results
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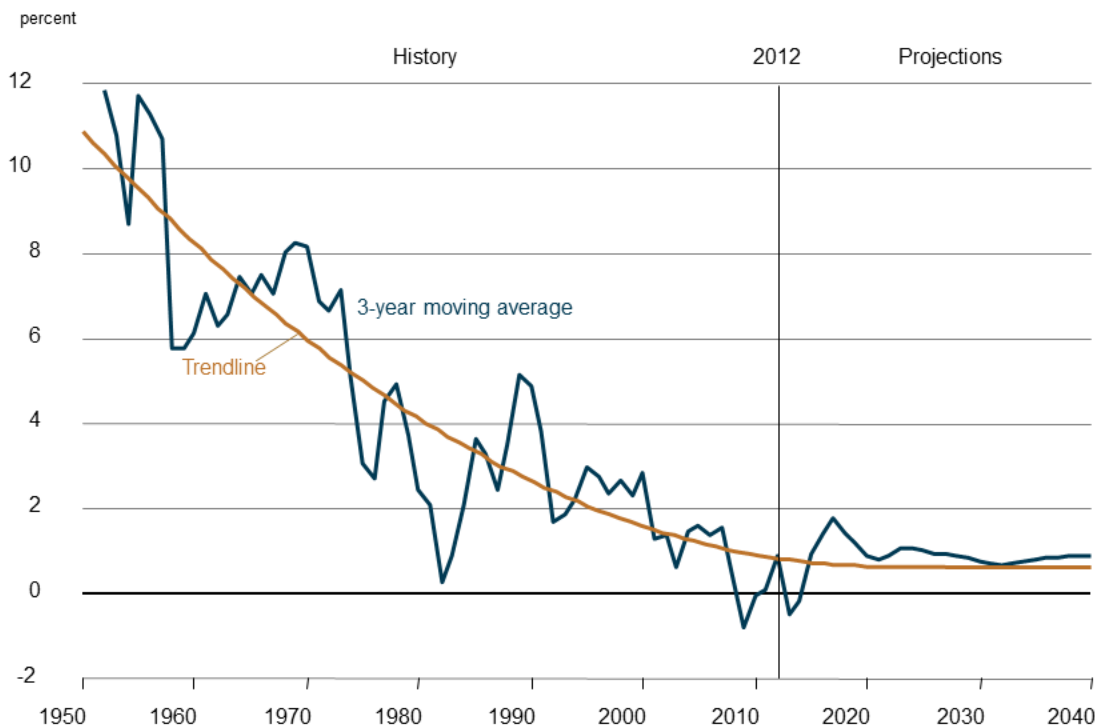
# What's Happening Today?

- ♦ Energy costs down
  - Supply up: oil, tar sands, fracked gas
  - World demand low but growing
- ♦ EPA Clean Power Plan – Gone for now, but killed coal
- ♦ Growing, but still challenges
  - Solar & wind
  - Electric Cars
  - Battery storage
- ♦ Lots of automation

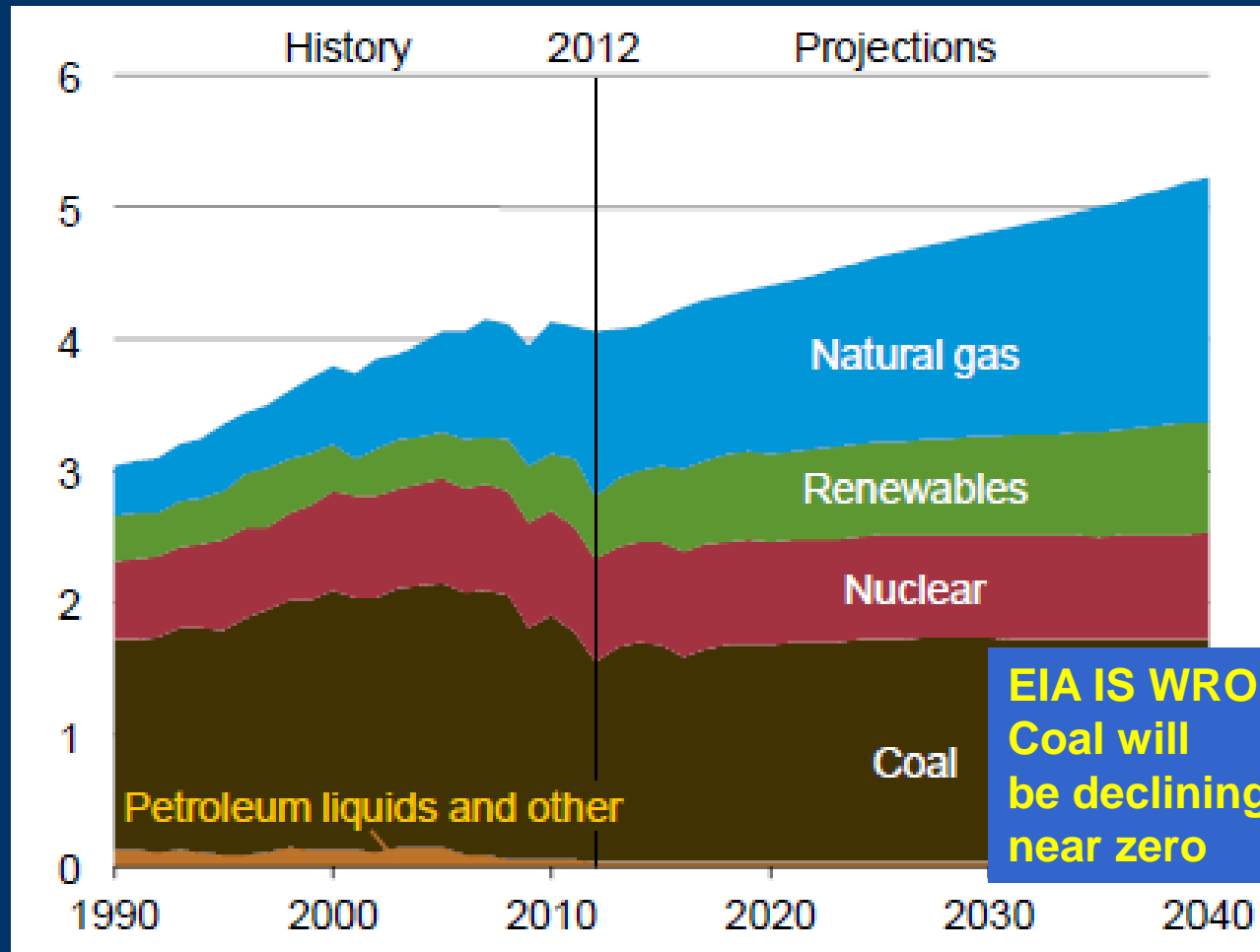


# EIA Annual Electricity Growth

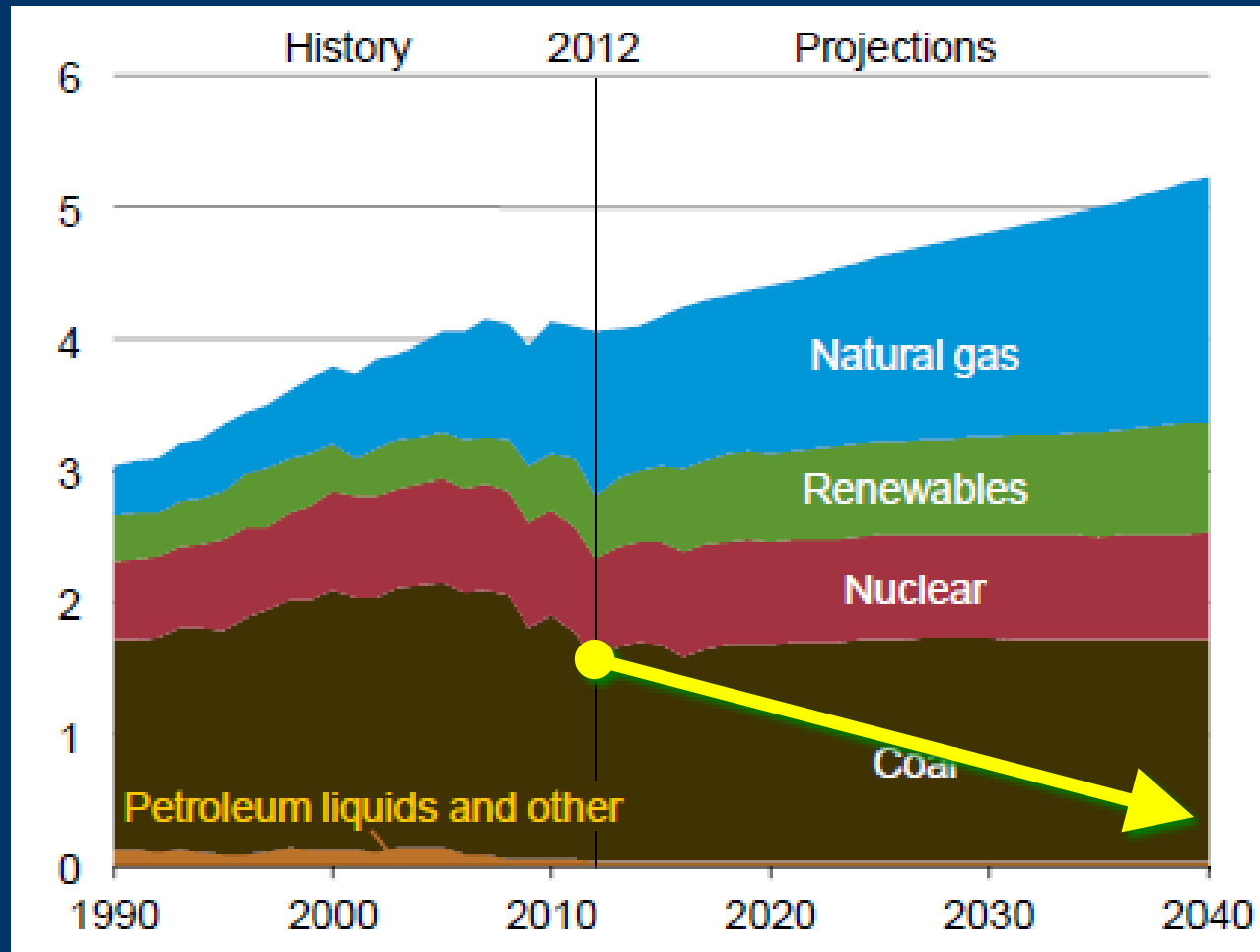
Figure MT-29. U.S. electricity demand growth in the Reference case, 1950-2040



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# Next 10 Years

1. High reliability
2. Controlling costs
3. Cyber/physical security
4. Growing customer options
5. Customers expect service
6. Changing power supply
7. Workforce training & turnover





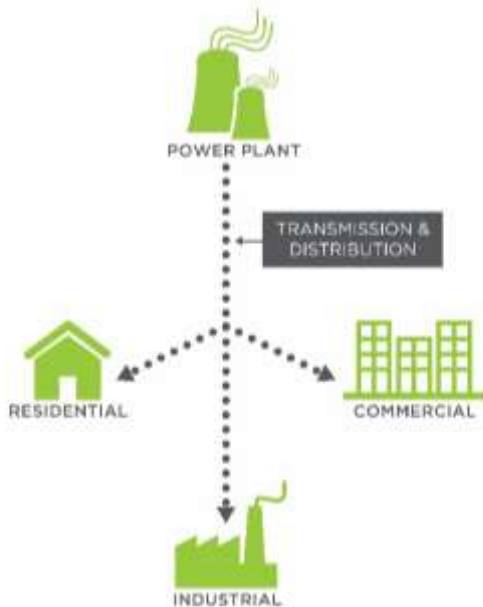
# 1. High Reliability

- ◆ How's your distribution system?
  - System evaluation and upgrade plan
- ◆ Automated metering infrastructure
  - Smart Grid
  - Customer information
  - Utility information → demand response
    - AMI is the future

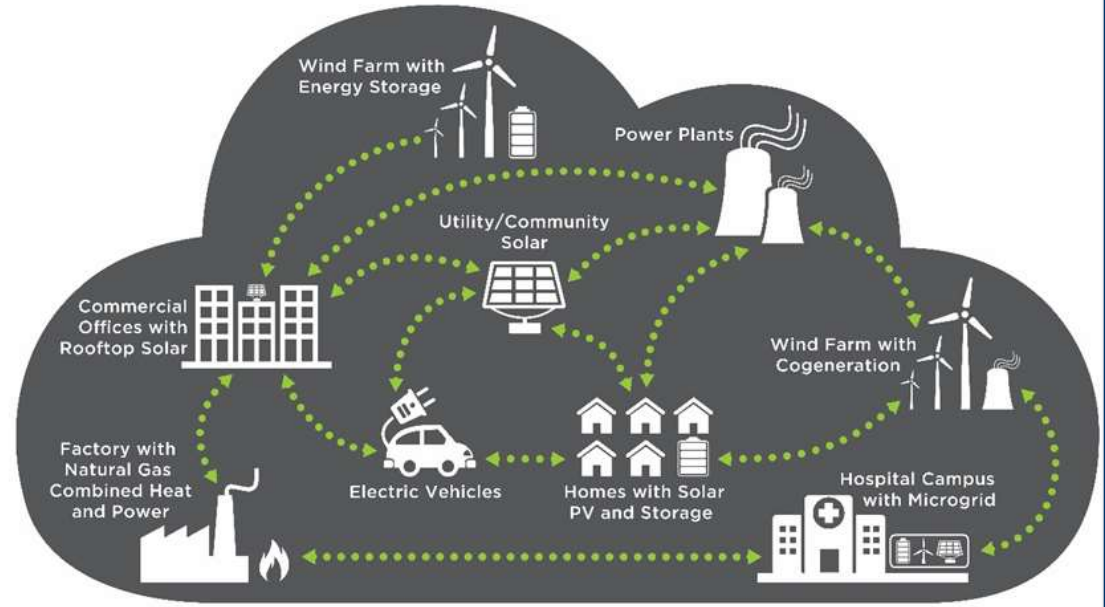


# Moving toward an increasingly clean, decentralized, Intelligent grid

**TODAY: Traditional Power Grid**  
Central, One-Way Power System



**EMERGING: The Energy Cloud**  
Distributed, Two-Way Power Flows



Source: Navigant

## 2. Reasonable Cost

- ◆ Not lowest cost, but not highest
  - Cost tied to results
- ◆ **Balanced energy portfolio**
- ◆ Power supply is competitive
- ◆ **Growing environmental regulations = Higher risk of ownership**
- ◆ Partnerships to share risk



# 3. Cyber/Physical Security

**FACE the NATION**

February 2, 2012 2:22 PM

## FBI: Cyber threat might surpass terror threat

By Alice Butler



**National Journal**

## America's 3 Biggest Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities

The Obama administration has put cyberattacks at the top of the list of global threats, and concerns are rising about at-risk infrastructure.

By Staff Writers



February 5, 2014

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**

## Assault on California Power Station Raises Alarm on Potential for Terrorism



**Shots in the Dark**  
A look at the April 16 attack on PG&E's Metcalf Transmission Substation

12:58 a.m., 1:07 a.m. Attackers cut telephone cables	1:31 a.m. Attackers open fire on substation	1:41 a.m. First 911 call from power plant operator	1:45 a.m. Transformers all over the substation start crackling	1:50 a.m. Attack inside and gunmen leave	1:51 a.m. Police arrive but can't enter the locked substation	3:33 a.m. Utility electrician arrives
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**OnMoney**

## Hacker hits on U.S. power and nuclear targets spiked in 2012

By David Sautter @ONMoneyTech January 6, 2013 1:41 PM ET



The Department of Homeland Security released this map showing the locations of 7,200 key industrial control systems that appear to be directly linked to the Internet and vulnerable to attack.

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## Executive Order -- Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

EXECUTIVE ORDER

IMPROVING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBERSECURITY



The Washington Times  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

## Inside the Ring: U.S. power grid defenseless from physical and cyber attacks

# 3. Cyber/Physical Security


- ◆ **What you don't know CAN HURT YOU**
  - Protect your utility and customer data
- ◆ **Backup offsite**
- ◆ **Facilities: Theft, vandalism and terrorism**
  - Ask Police Dept. for review of facilities
- ◆ **2 Reasons**
  - Breach is clearly bad
  - PR bad



Danger,  
Will  
Robinson!

# 4. Growing Customer Options

- ♦ What is the most frequent way your customers interact with you?

 <b>ELECTRIC COMPANY</b> P.O. BOX 123, Anytown, USA									
ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT NAME			RATE		CYCLE	SERVICE ADDRESS	
123456789		XYZ Manufacturing			Large General Service		708	123 Main Street	
SERVICE PERIOD		NO. DAYS	BILL TYPE	METER READING		MULTIPLIER	kWh USAGE	PEAK DEMAND	POWER FACTOR
FROM	TO			PREVIOUS	PRESENT				
08/13	09/11	29	0	66543	71345	300	1,440,600	440 kW	75%
\$ AMOUNT									
CUSTOMER CHARGE								\$10.00	
ENERGY CHARGE: (1,440,600 X \$0.009K WH)								\$57,624.00	
FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT (\$0.005): (1,440,600 X \$0.005K WH)								\$7,203.00	
DEMAND CHARGE: (440 kW X \$9 kW)								\$2,200.00	
POWER FACTOR PENALTY: (440 kW X \$9 kW)								\$800.00	
SALESTAX - STATE: (4%):								\$2,713.48	
SALESTAX - SPECIAL: (1%)								\$678.37	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:								\$71,228.85	



# 4. Growing Customer Options

- ♦ How many options do you give customers?
  - Renewable energy
  - Energy Efficiency information, rebates
  - Flexible rates (evenings and weekends)
  - Demand response (water heaters, AC, peak gen)
  - **Products and Services**
    - Surge protection
    - Home warranty
    - **Community Solar**
    - Online billing
    - PrePaid billing



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## ◆ Electric vehicles

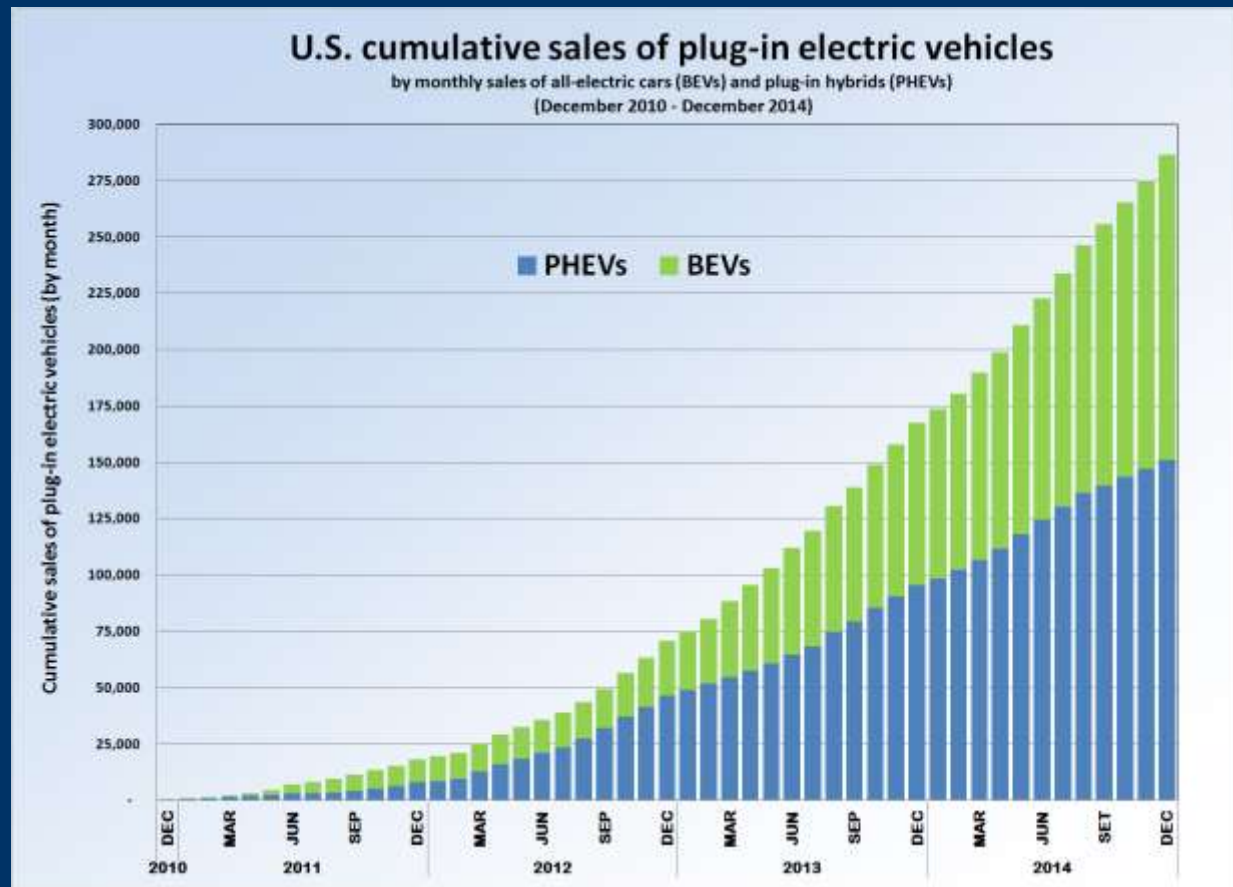
1. Efficient (114 mpg, \$1/gallon, 90% of trips local
  - Tesla: 270 miles/charge, 20 minutes recharge time)
2. Energy independence
3. Faster acceleration
4. Lower carbon emissions
5. Lower operating costs
6. Combined with solar = Zero emissions
7. All automakers involved
8. Electric utility sales growth?





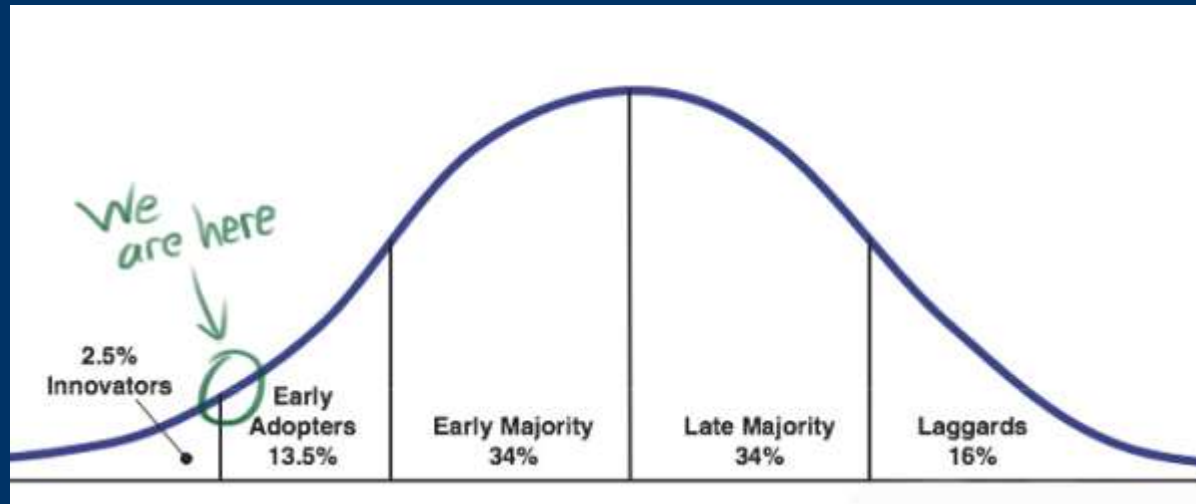
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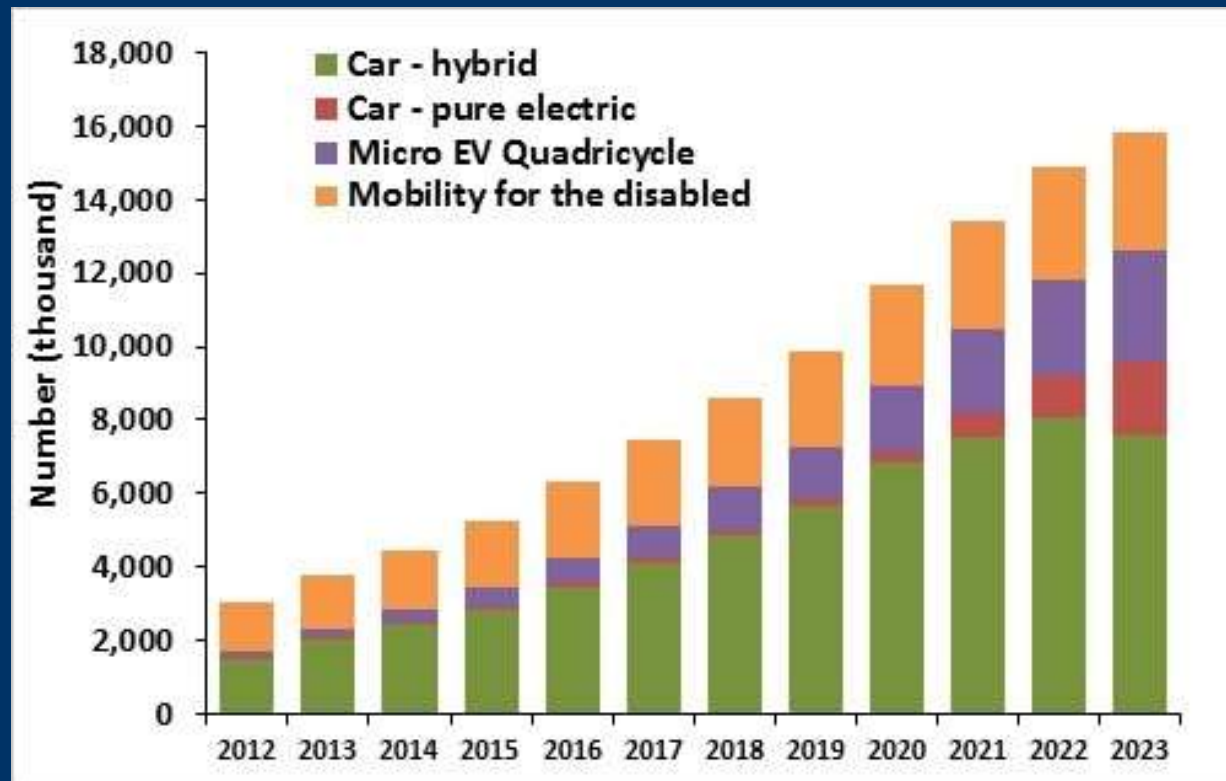
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# 5. Customer Expect Service

- ◆ **What is your best customer experience?**
  - Starbucks? Mo's? Your utility?
- ◆ **Ask yourself: What do we want our customer experience to be?**
  - Define it
  - Do it well
  - Measure it
- ◆ **Who here works in customer service?**



# 5. Customer Expect Service

- ◆ Customers want to be educated, informed and want it NOW!

- 24 x 7 access to information
- Instant gratification
- Little tolerance for mistakes

- ◆ How's your website?

- Your website is your window for the world to see you!

- ◆ How's your Facebook page?

- Daily updates
  - Great for outage updates



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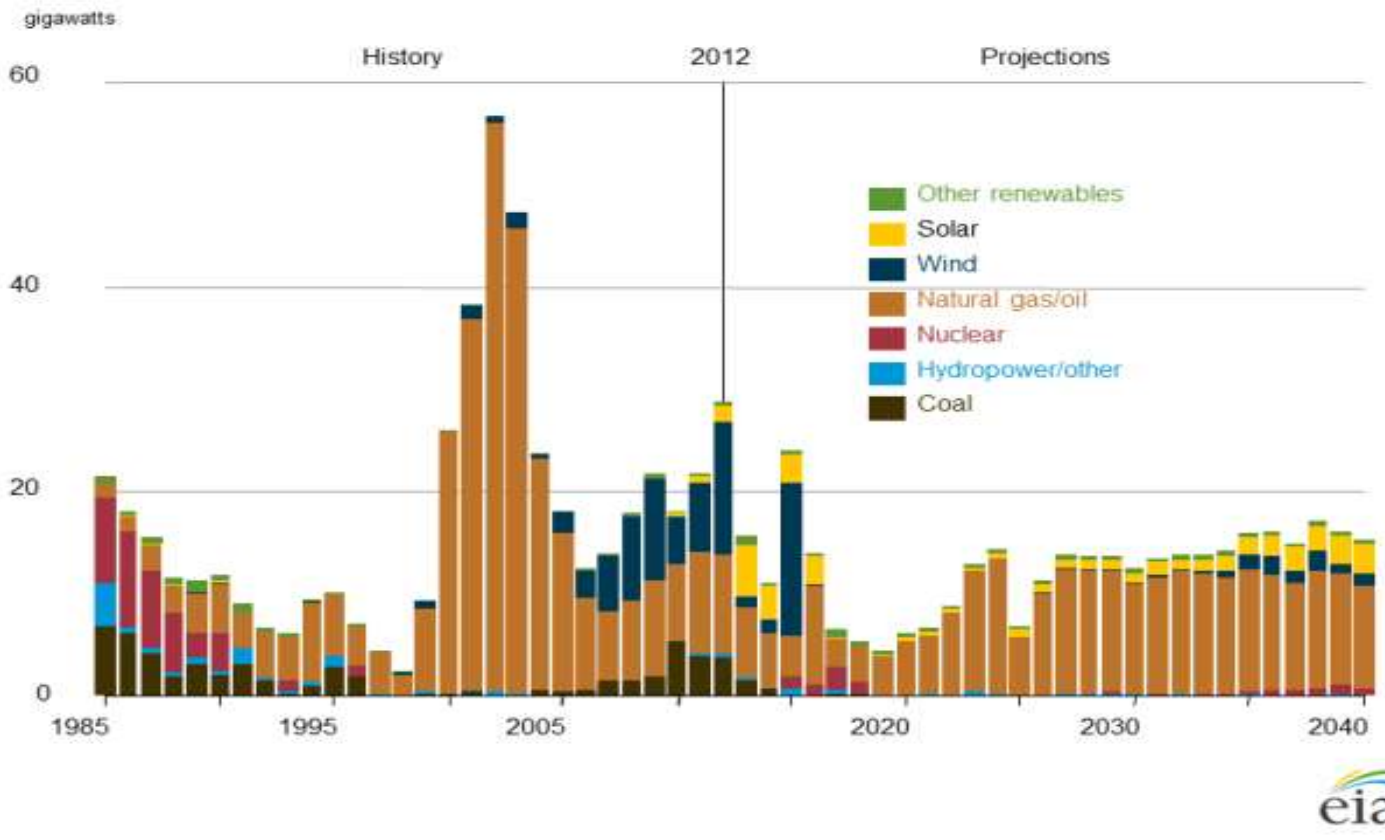


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# EIA: New Generating Capacity

Figure MT-32. Additions to electricity generating capacity in the Reference case, 1985-2040





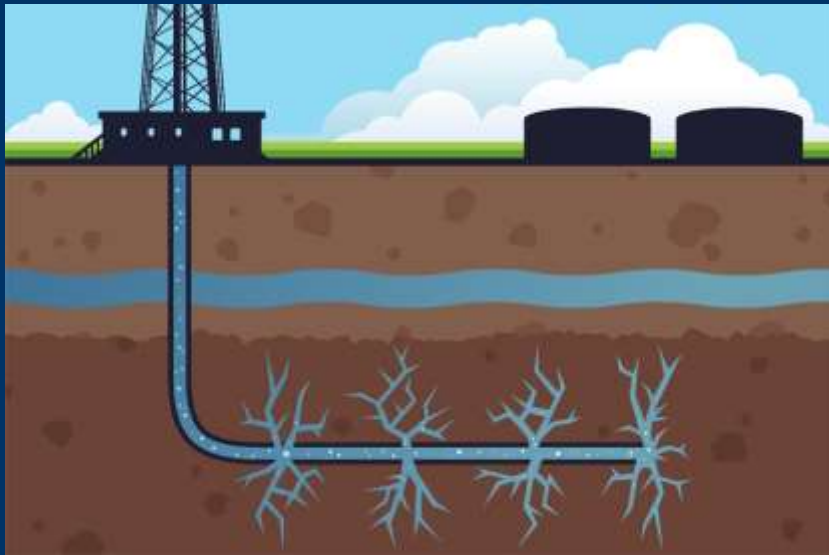
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- ♦ **What's changing?**
  - More gas, less coal
  - More single-fuel risk
- ♦ **New utility models**
  - Utility-scale solar
  - Large-scale distributed generation



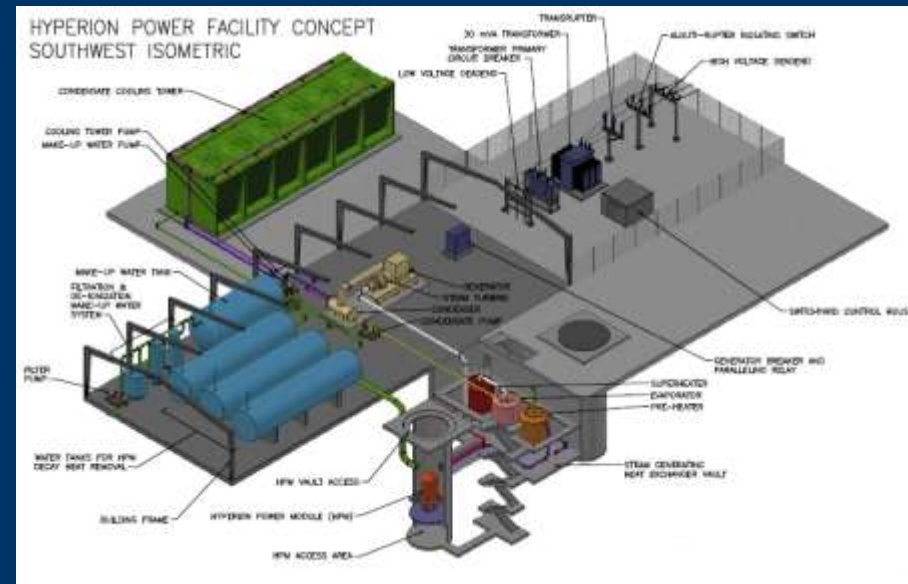
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- ◆ If fracking runs into problems, cost-effective natural gas supply will dry up
- ◆ Prices will rise



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- ◆ Small Modular Reactors (Nuclear)
- ◆ Safe, small, cost-effective
- ◆ 500 MW facilities, carbon-free energy
- ◆ Size of a natural gas combined-cycle plant

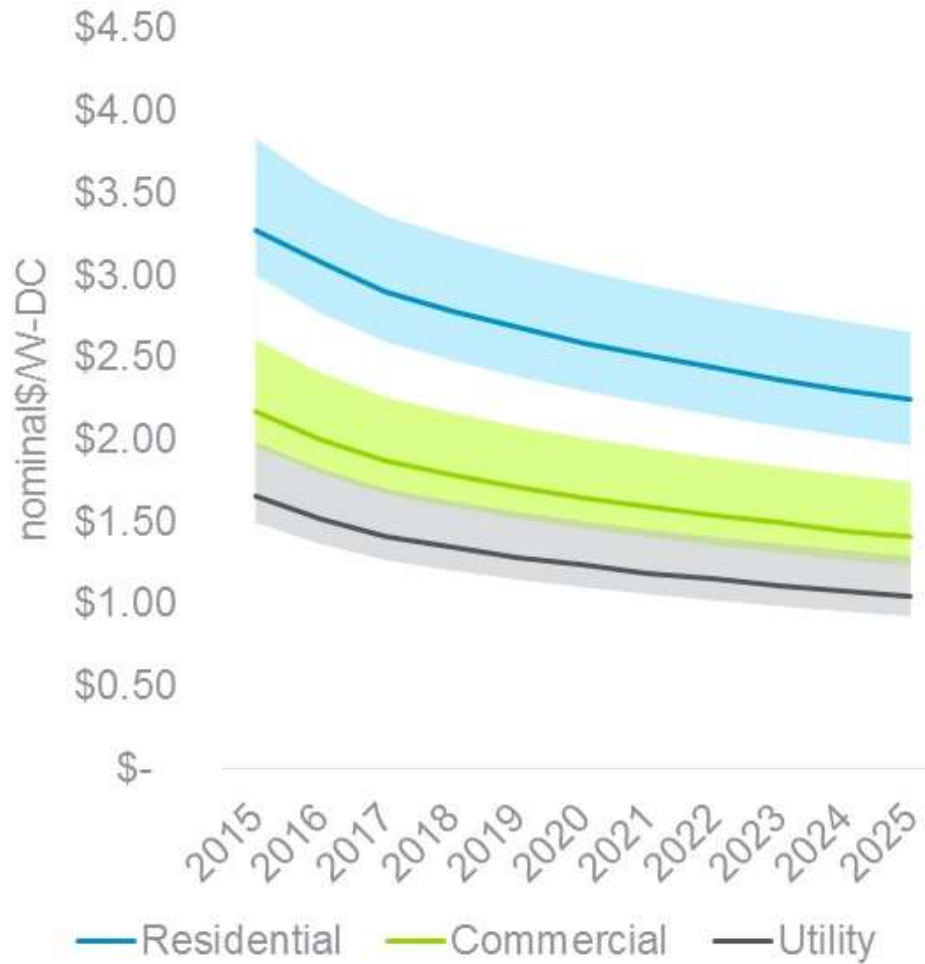


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- ♦ **Utility-scale solar**
  - Growing everywhere
  - Most cost-effective way to deliver solar
  - Can create operational problems when solar not available
  - Half the day is night

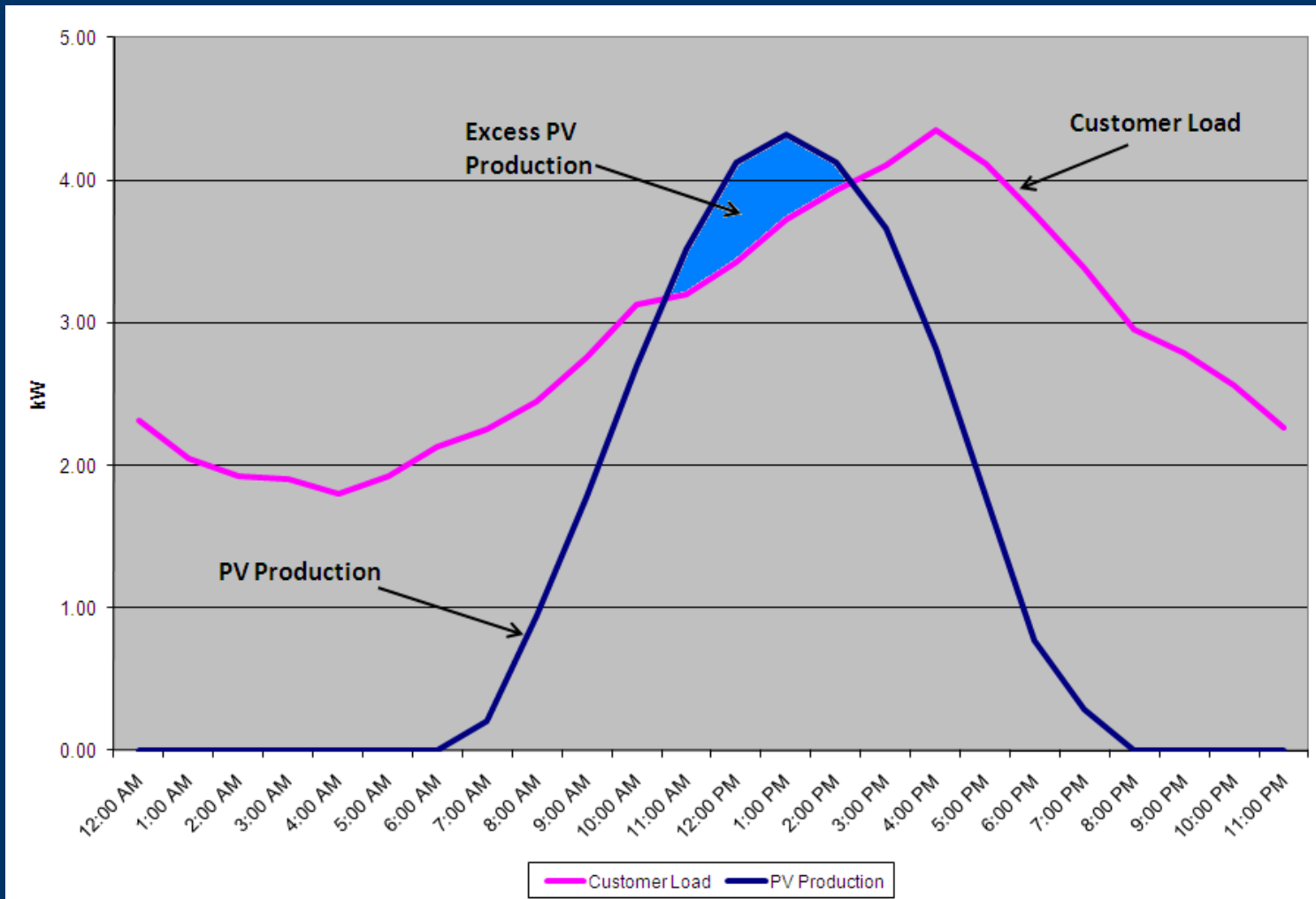


## Solar PV Cost Reduction Scenarios

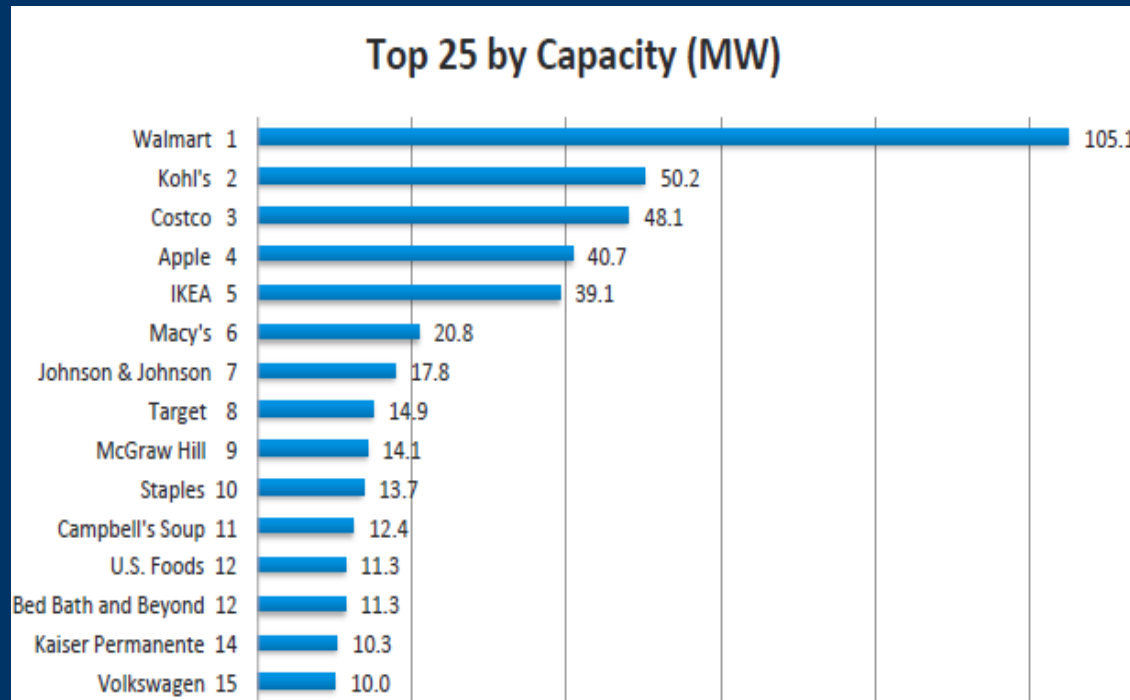


Source: Navigant, January 2016

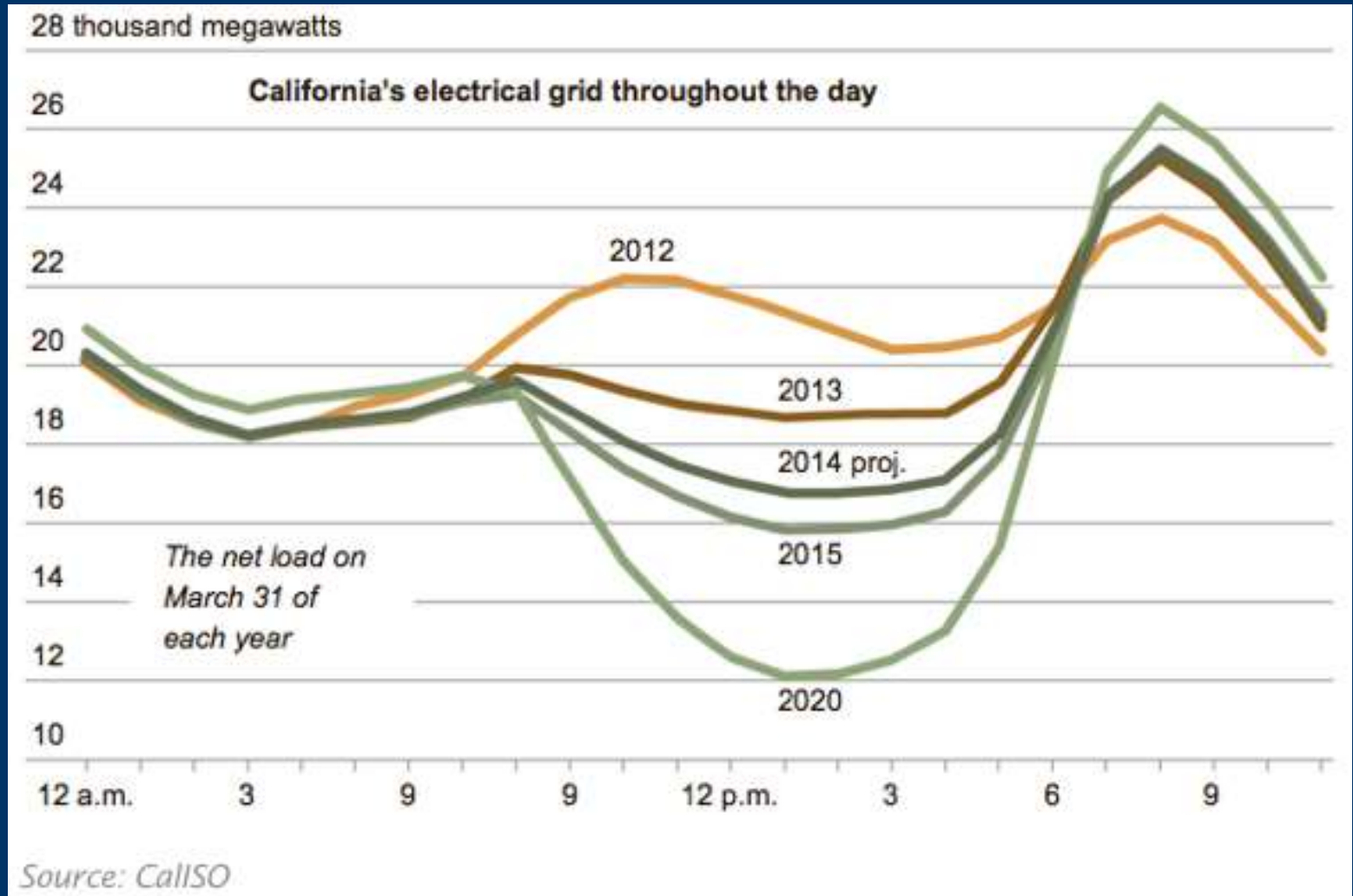
# Daily PV Production (5 kW) vs Typical Customer Load Summer



# Top 25 U.S. Fortune 1000 companies installed 500 MW of on-site solar PV



# Solar Impacts – The Duck Curve





# Tesla Powerwall

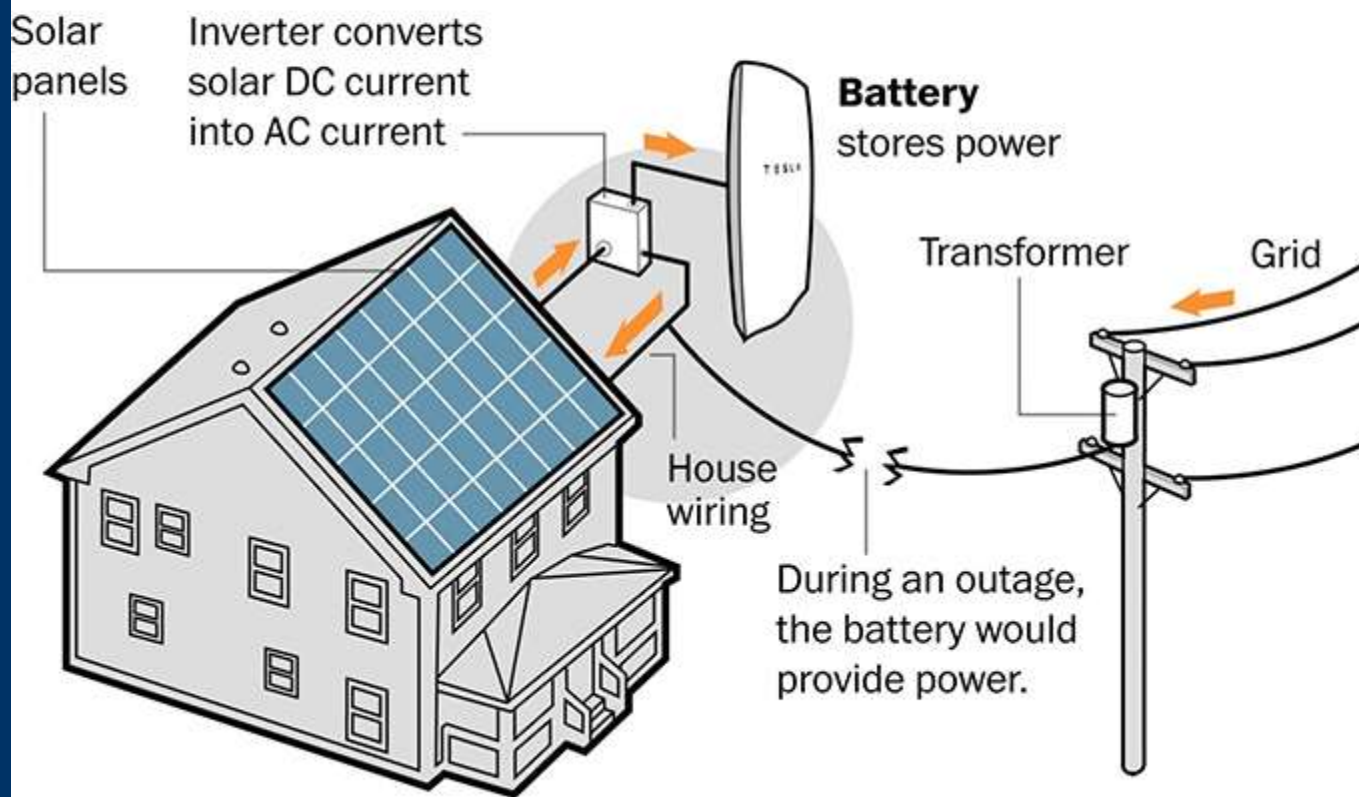


# Energy Storage



# How Tesla's home battery will work

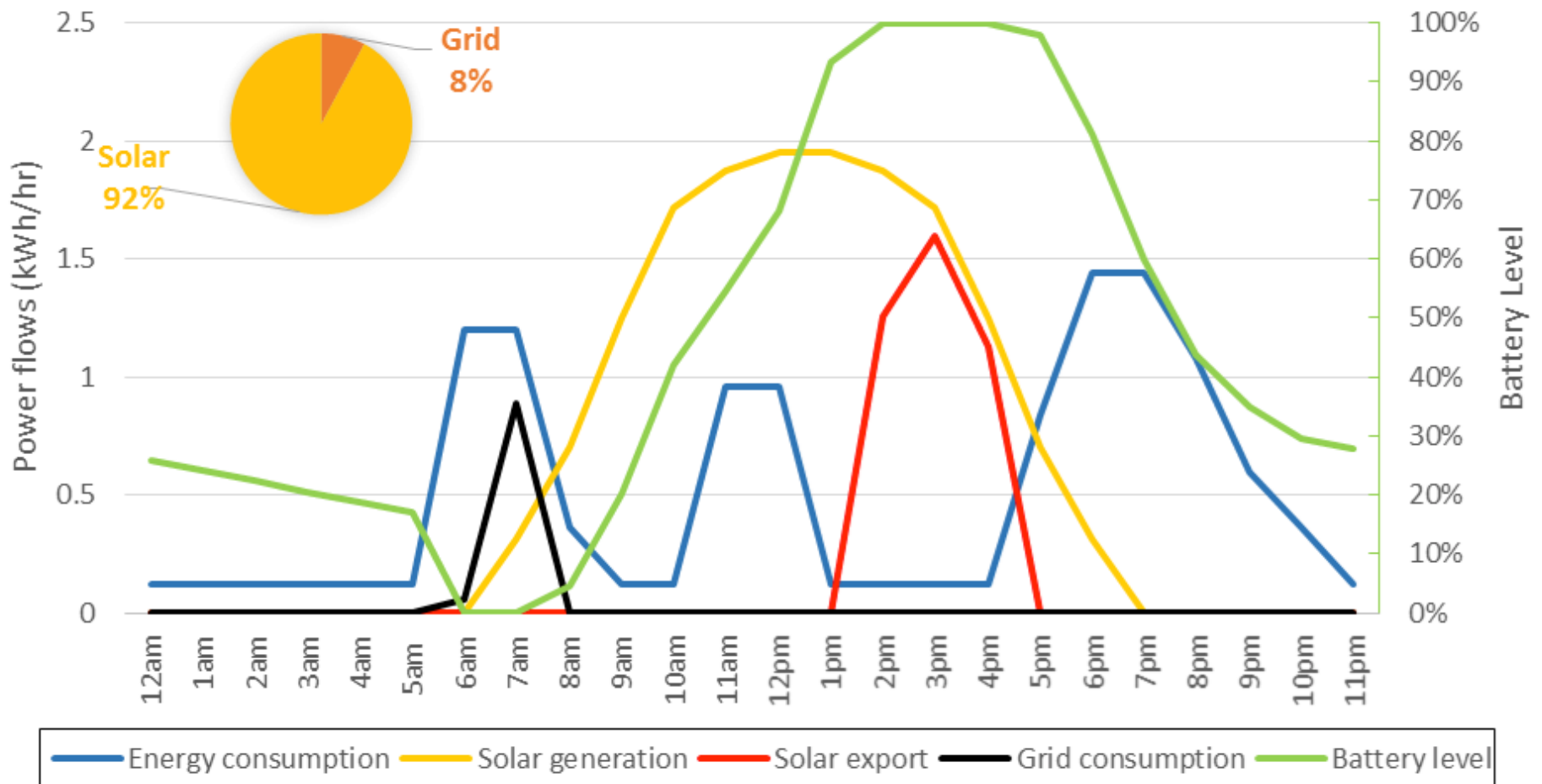
Tesla introduced a new battery system that can draw power from home solar panels or the grid to use during electrical outages. The battery is the size of a suitcase and can be mounted to an indoor or outdoor wall. It holds up to 10 kilowatt-hours of energy, about one-third of what the average U.S. household uses per day.



Sources: SolarCity, Tesla, U.S. Energy Information Administration, staff reports  
THE WASHINGTON POST

# Utility of the Future?

SOLAR + BATTERY - average household day



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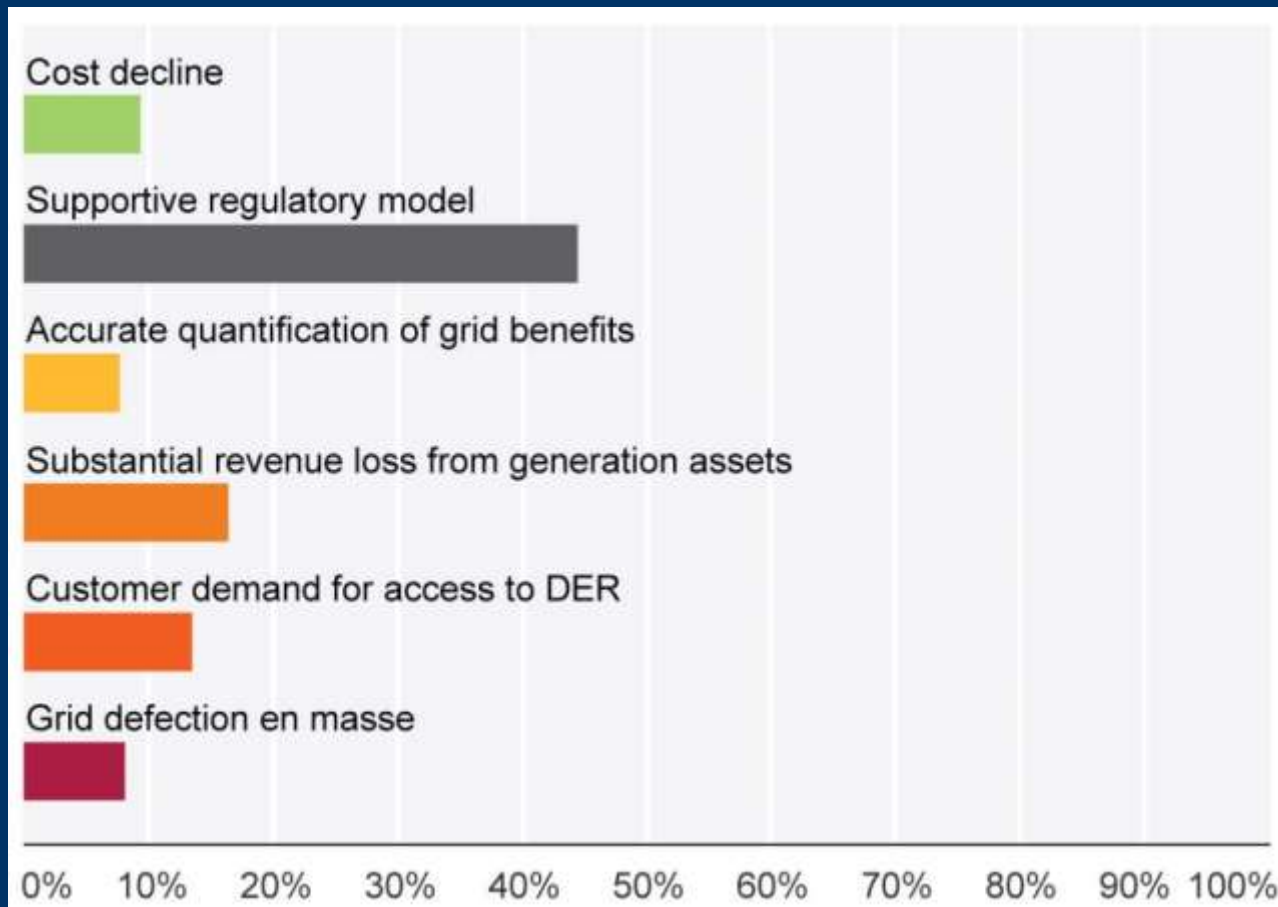
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## Large-scale energy storage

- ♦ Vital to wind and solar
- ♦ Fast discharge
- ♦ Eliminates variability
- ♦ Provides capacity
- ♦ Will be cost-effective compared to peak



# What is the **most important tipping point** for utilities to aggressively pursue owning and operating distributed energy resources?



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- ◆ Cap and Trade
- ◆ IRP
- ◆ Energy Efficiency
- ◆ Clean Peak
- ◆ ~~Nuclear~~
- ◆ Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
- ◆ CCAs
- ◆ Dilithium Crystals



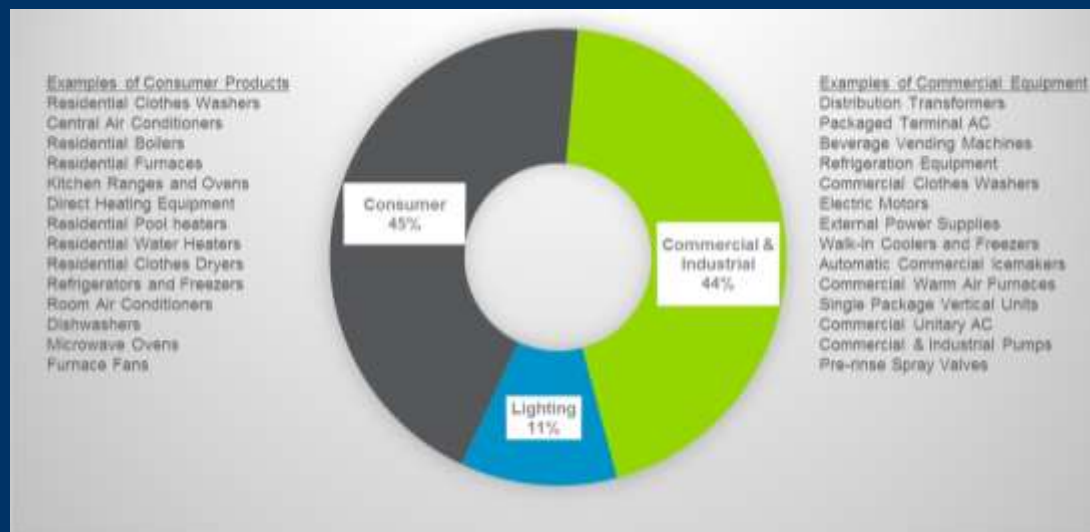


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# Since 2000, the DOE has published over 45 appliance standards



## Energy Efficiency savings from DOE rules issued since 2000

- 100 quads of energy savings<sup>1</sup>
- Equivalent to eliminating all U.S. residential energy consumption for 4 years

<sup>1</sup>energy savings based on rules issued since 2000 over a period of 30 years after they were issued

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“Off the grid” can mean different things to different people...



# 7. Workforce Training and Turnover

Improving economy = more retirements



# Workforce Changes

- ◆ **Increasing retirements**
  - Poor economy stalled retirements in last 10 years, but growing again
- ◆ **Smaller employment pool to fill senior positions**



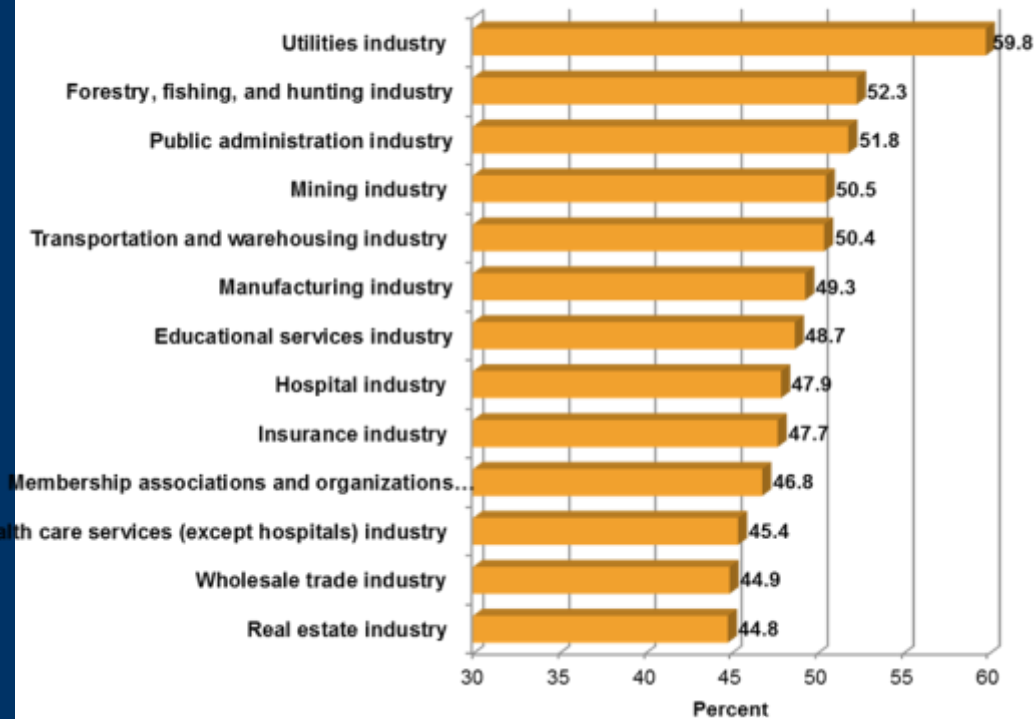
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- ♦ **Changing employee interests**
  - Boomers lived to work while Gen Y works to live
  - Employer and employee loyalty is in the past
  - **Gen Y looking for “hip and cool” place to work**
    - Needs to be fun, rewarding, meaningful and flexible
    - Needs technology (don't want to work for a dinosaur)



# Utilities Have Biggest Risk

Baby-Boomers as a Percent of Total Employment



- 78 million Baby Boomers will retire over the next 17 years, but 75% plan to continue working.
- Only 50 million Generation X exist and they are in short supply.
- 76 million Generation Y are entering the workforce.

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# Go Forth and Fight!



# We Need to Start Somewhere

IBM Mainframe



Apple Watch





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