Maintaining Adequate Infrastructure in the Natural Gas and Electric Industries Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies Illinois State University





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#### **United States Demand Overview**



## The largest increase in natural gas usage is projected to be the electric power sector



Source: EEA's Compass Report for January 2008

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

# Gas-fired generation has dominated recent U.S. expansion of generation capacity



## Electric generation from gas fired plants is 22 percent of the total in 2007, increased from 9 percent in 1997.



Source: Based on data from Ventyx Global Energy Decisions, Inc., Velocity Suite, April 2008.

4,026,173 GWh

### **Gas – Pivotal Fuel for Electric Generation**

- Coal is plentiful in North America; but carbon output brings uncertainty – CCS issues
- Renewables increasing; but still a small percentage of generation mix Transmission is the problem
- Nuclear approval process and construction time is extensive – Estimates vary but minimum of ten years
- Gas-fired generation has smallest "carbon footprint" of fossil fuels; lowest capital cost

### More Than Just Production and Canadian Imports Are Needed



### **United States Supply Overview**



#### **Future U.S. Gas Sources**



## In the United States, there are over 213,000 miles of interstate natural gas transmission pipeline.



Source: Based on data from Ventyx Global Energy Decisions, Inc., Velocity Suite, April 2008.

### Major Pipeline Projects Certificated (MMcf/d)

January 2005 to March 2008



### **Purpose of Pipeline Construction Varies Over Time**



#### Major Pipeline Projects Pending (MMcf/d) April 2008



#### Major Pipeline Projects Pre-Filing (MMcf/d) April 2008



#### Major Pipeline Projects On The Horizon (MMcf/d) April 2008

Panhandle Eastern (750) (NFG) (500) **MetroExpress Kinder Morgan (360)** Alaska (4,500) (Iroquois) (300) Kinder Morgan (170) Northern Natural (82) Northeast Express (Rockies) (1,500) Tennessee (1,100) Hub III (Dominion) (570) New Penn (Nisource) (500) Williston Basin (20) Texas Eastern (325) **REX** East Exp. (1,000) Rockies Connector (Williams) (688) **Texas Easterm (150)** East-West Connector (NFG) (750) Paso Norte Pipeline Project (380) F<del>runkline (65</del>0) Greasewood Lateral (Northwest) (200) Seminole (80) Piceance Lateral Expansion (WIC) (230) VA (1 Eastern & Western Flow Path (Questar) (2,000) A/G Line Expansion (Natural)(139) White River Lateral (Questar) (810) Transcontinental (Mobile Bay) (700) Pathfinder (TransCanada) (1,200) Transcontinental (Pascagoula Exp) (467) **Bison Pipeline (Northern Border (400)** Transcontinental (85 North Expansion) (250) Blue Bridge (Williams) (500) Mobil Bay South (Williams) (700) Sunstone Pipeline (Williams) (1,200) Enogex Pipeline (Southern Star) (100) Gulfstream (750) Sundance Trail (Northwest) (150) Greenway Expansion (East Tennessee) (450) Bronco Pipeline (Spectra) (1,000) Centerville Expansion (Columbia Gulf) (235) Kern River (500) Worsham-Steed (Falcon Gas) (150) Gulf Coast Connector (NGS) (2,000) 800 Line Expansion (Fennessee) (400) Henry Hub Expansion (Prunkline) (600) Houston Market (KM Interstate) (400) Highland Trails (Southern Star)(1,000) 33.21 BCF/D Total Henry Hub (Columbia Gulf) (200) Eagle Hub Project (Lehman) (2,000) 5,473 Miles Shenzi Lateral (Enbridge) (100)

Northeast Expansion

#### All Storage Projects (Capacity in Bcf)



### North American LNG Terminals Potentially In Service by 2010



\* Expansion of an existing facility

As of April 14, 2008

## Since January 1, 2000, numerous interstate gas transmission lines have been built.



## Since January 1, 2000, 18 interstate electric transmission lines have been built totaling 917 miles.



Sources: NERC Summer and Winter Assessments, WECC Existing Generation and Significant Additions and Changes to System Facilities Reports and FERC's Transmission Database

## **FERC and Transmission**

#### **Section 1221 - Siting of Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities**

- ⇒ New Section 216 of the FPA
- ⇒ FERC given authority to site interstate transmission after attempting to site at state level
  - Must be in corridors designated by DOE
  - Must render decision within 12 months of filing date
- ⇒ DOE delegated lead agency authority to FERC
- ⇒ MOU signed with DOE and seven other federal agencies to coordinate processing.
- ⇒ Order No. 689 issued by FERC on November 16, 2006
- ⇒ Final rule provides direction for filing an application
  - Pre-filing process
  - Application process

- Traditional gas supplies domestic and Canadian imports are declining
- LNG could be a solution if it is allowed
- There is some pipeline expansion expected to get the Rockies gas to the Northeast
- It would appear that expansion of the existing long lines from the Southeast to the Northeast will be necessary to get new sources to market
- Power generation will be increasingly dependent upon gas-fired generation
- Will need more activity on the electric transmission side to get the energy where it is needed.