RETAIL ELECTRIC CHOICE: PROVEN, GROWING, SUSTAINABLE

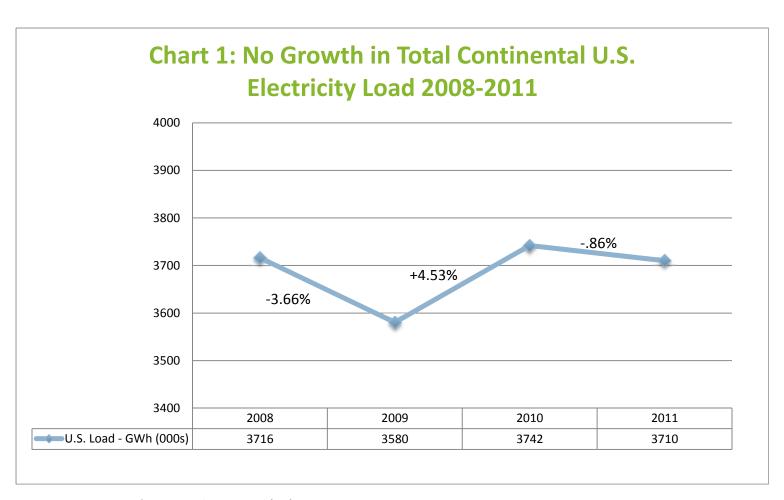
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THE ELECTRIC CHOICE SURGE: IN 18 CHOICE STATES -- 2008-2011

- During the economic slowdown overall U.S. electricity use in 2011 no greater than 2008
- Yet electric choice volumes have grown 40%
- Competitive retail load has grown by 200 million MWh – 488mm MWh to 685mm MWh
- Competitive customer accounts have grow 53% - from 8.7 million to 13.3 million
- 18% of all U.S. load served competitively.

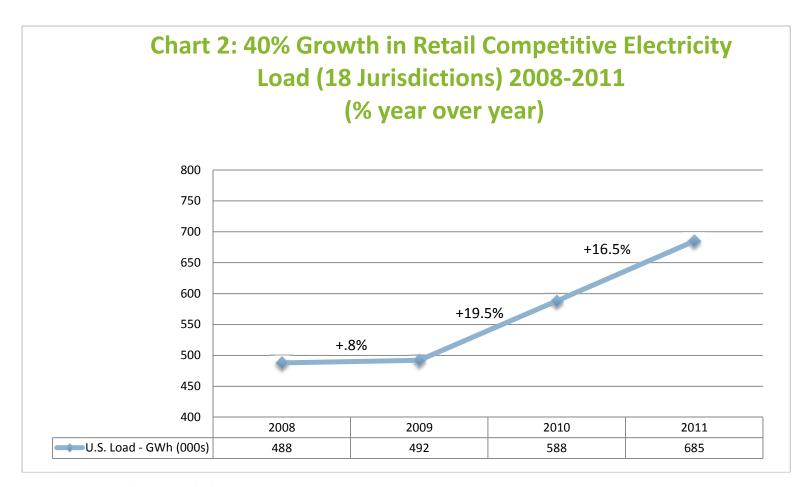
ELECTRICITY USE FLATLINED DURING THE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

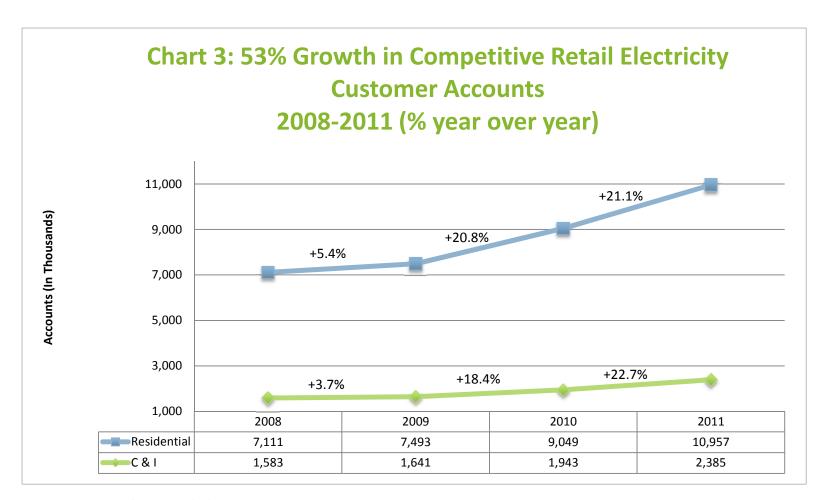


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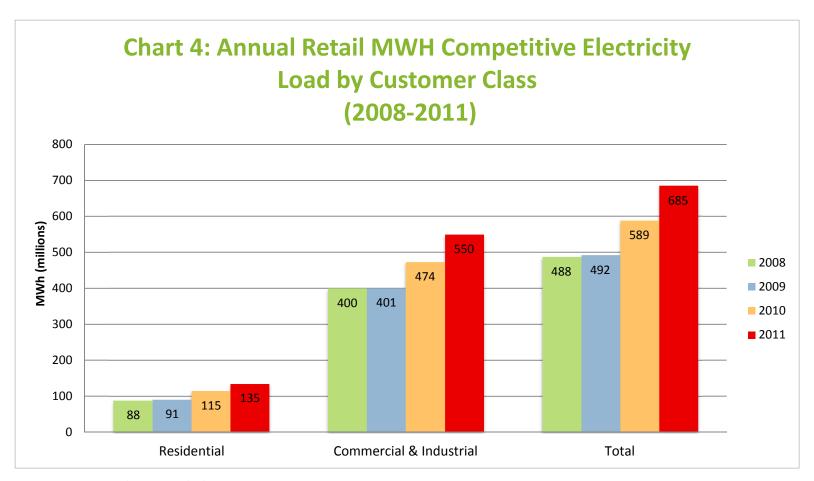


4.6 MILLION MORE COMPETITIVE CHOICE CUSTOMERS 2008-2011



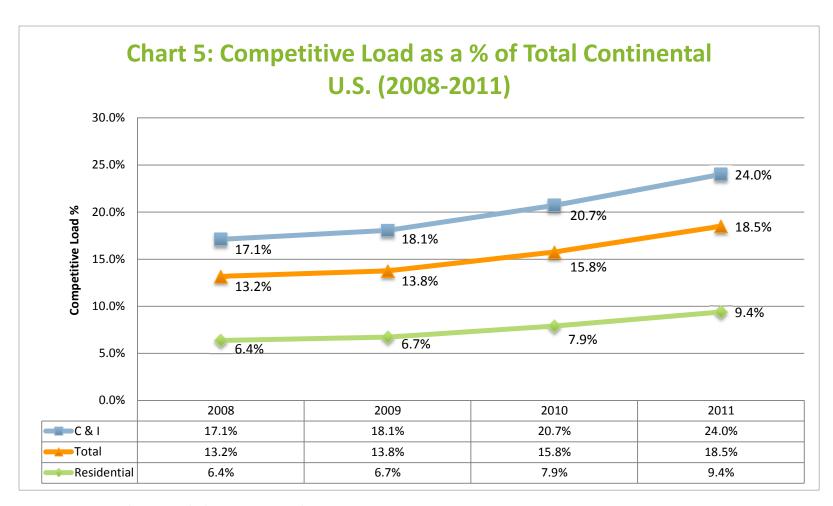


THE CHOICE SURGE IS IN C&I AND RESIDENTIAL 2008-2011





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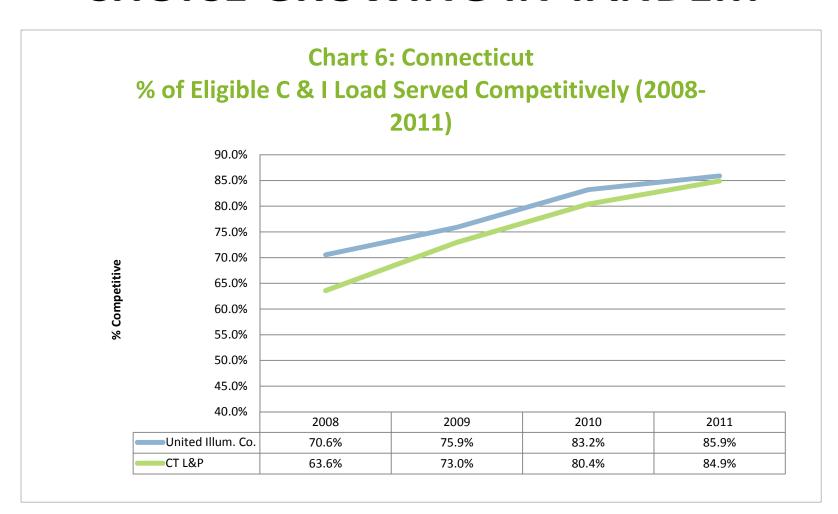
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RULES OF THE GAME MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

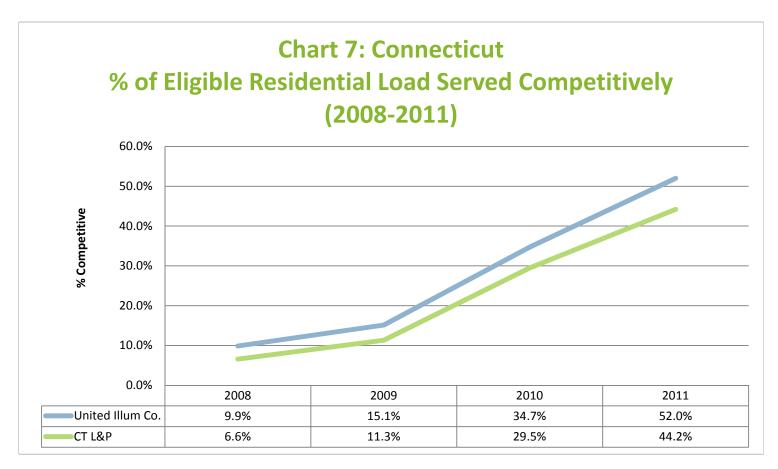
- State and Federal Regulators have been harmonizing rules and achieving consistency
- Stable regulation and clear rules
- Wholesale competition & open access
- Cost-based delivery rates (no cross-subsidies)
- Market-based default service
- Customer Data & Electronic Data Interchange
- Utility Consolidated Billing (UCB) and Purchase of Receivables (POR)
- Customer Education & Promotion of Choice

CONNECTICUT: C&I AND RESIDENTIAL CHOICE GROWING IN TANDEM



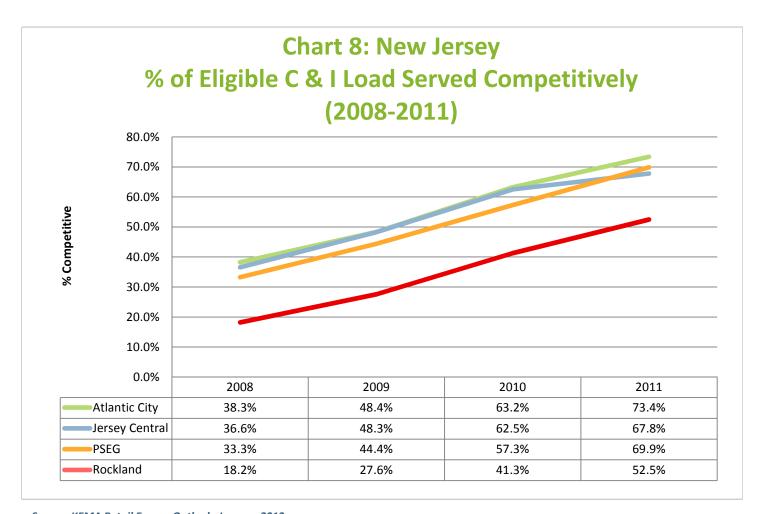


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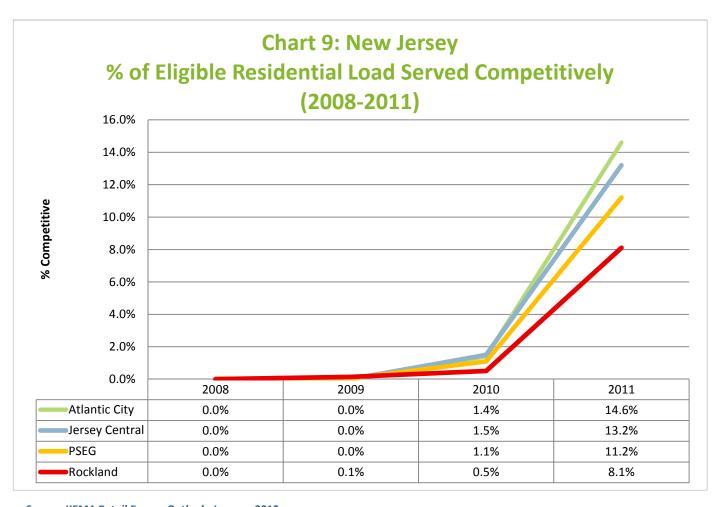


NEW JERSEY: TEXTBOOK CASE OF C&I ELECTRICITY CHOICE



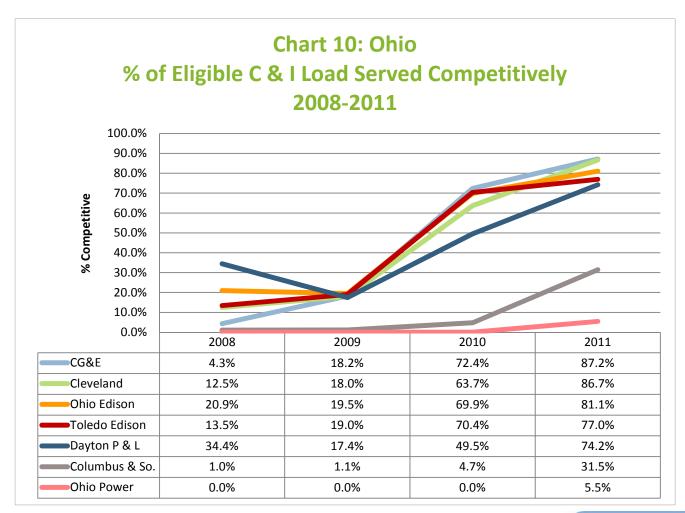


NEW JERSEY RESIDENTIAL SURGE: MARKET-BASED PROCURMENT



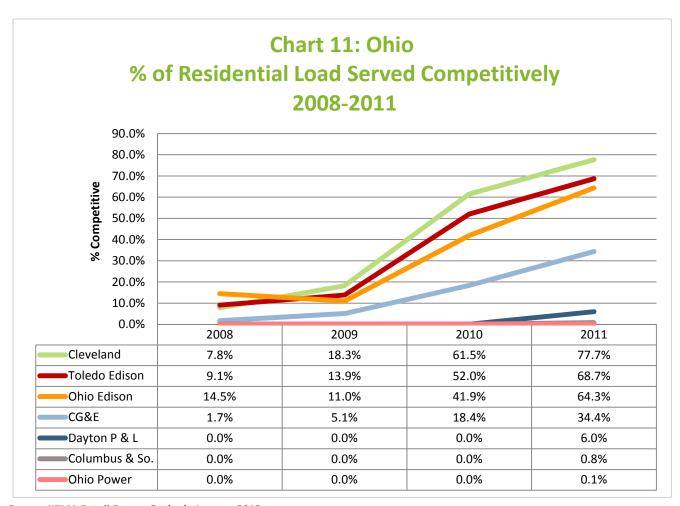


OHIO: UTILITY-BY-UTILITY DEVELOPMENT OF C&I CHOICE



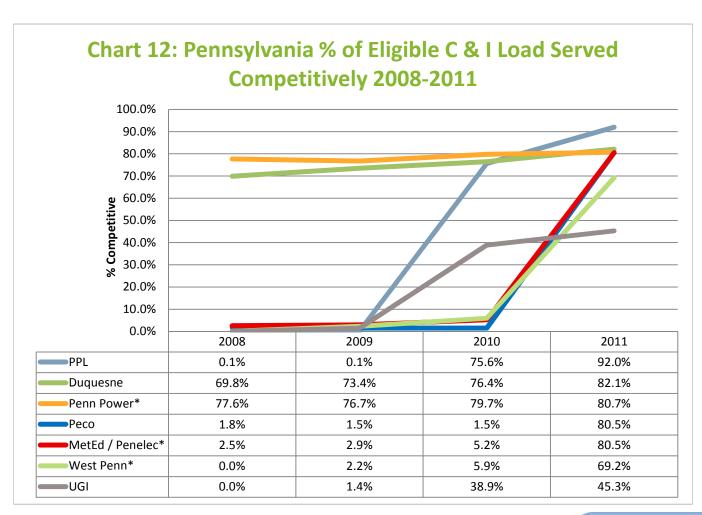


OHIO: THE RESIDENTIAL CHOICE MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION MODEL





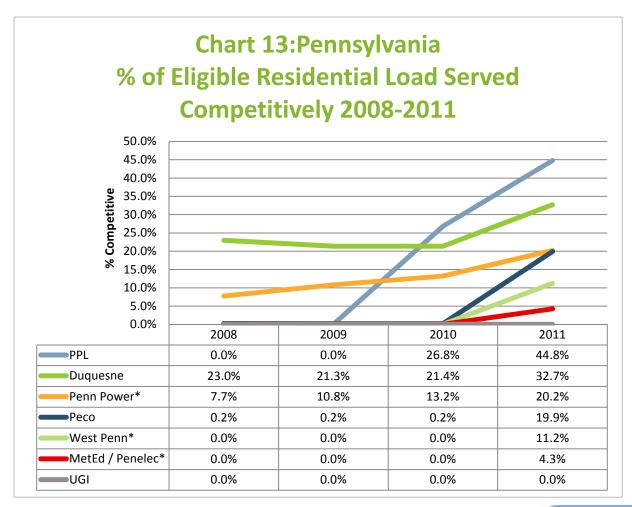
PENNSYLVANIA: VARIATIONS ACROSS UTILITIES IN C&I CHOICE



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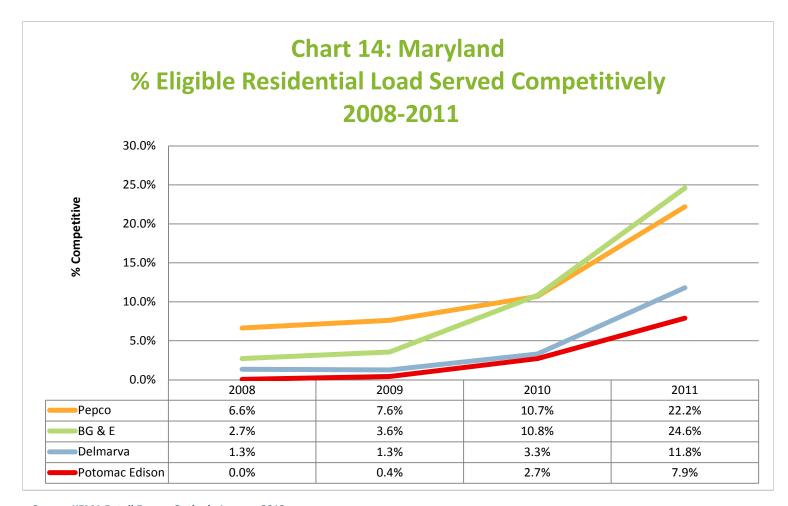
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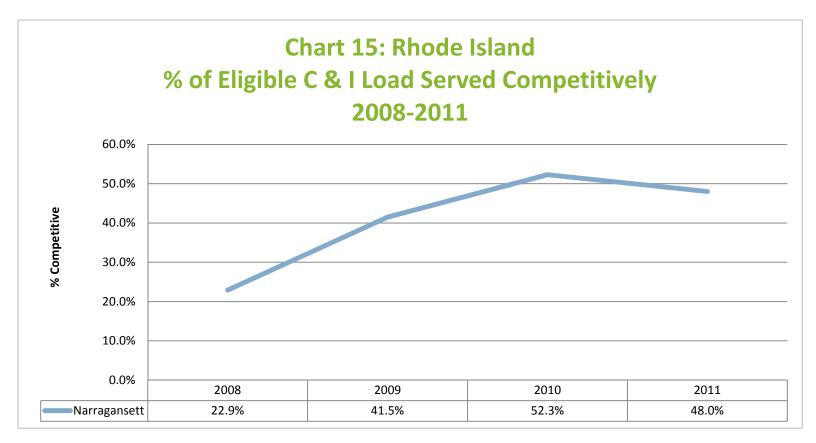


MARYLAND: RESIDENTIAL CHOICE CATCHING UP TO C&I COMPETITION





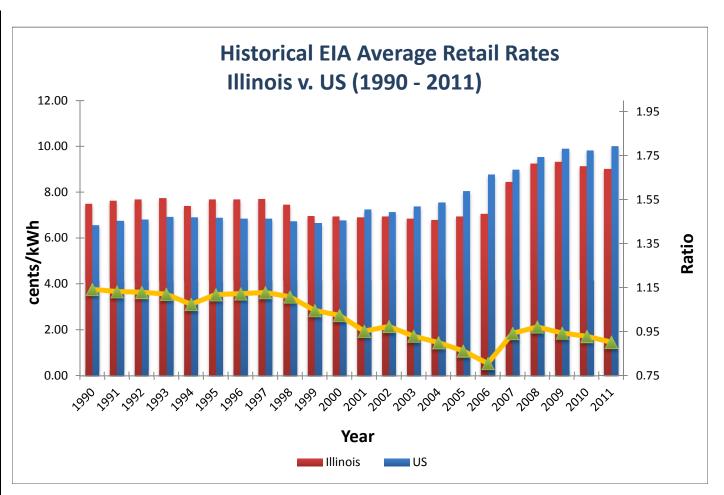
RHODE ISLAND: THE FIRST CHOICE STATE IS MOVING AGAIN





ILLINOIS: COSTLIER THAN U.S. AVG BEFORE CHOICE BUT LOWER AFTER

Total Electric Industry - All Sectors			
	Average Rate (cents/kWh)		
Year	Illinois	US	Ratio
1990	7.49	6.57	1.14
1991	7.63	6.75	1.13
1992	7.69	6.82	1.13
1993	7.75	6.93	1.12
1994	7.41	6.91	1.07
1995	7.69	6.89	1.12
1996	7.69	6.86	1.12
1997	7.71	6.85	1.13
1998	7.46	6.74	1.11
1999	6.96	6.66	1.05
2000	6.94	6.78	1.02
2001	6.90	7.25	0.95
2002	6.94	7.13	0.97
2003	6.86	7.38	0.93
2004	6.80	7.55	0.90
2005	6.95	8.05	0.86
2006	7.07	8.77	0.81
2007	8.46	8.98	0.94
2008	9.26	9.54	0.97
2009	9.33	9.89	0.94
2010	9.13	9.83	0.93
2011	9.01	9.99	0.90





EMBEDDING ELECTRICITY CHOICE 2012 AND BEYOND

- 20% of US load will be served under choice as customers access low prices due to gas glut.
- Pressure rising on California & Michigan to liberalize limits on customer choice
- Choice in the EU is growing and Japan is moving toward competition post-tsunami
- Smart Grid deployment benefits enhanced by customer choice and vice versa.
- Choice and smart appliances/equipment will yield substantial efficiency gains.

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