

Data Necessary for Scenario Development and SDWG Update

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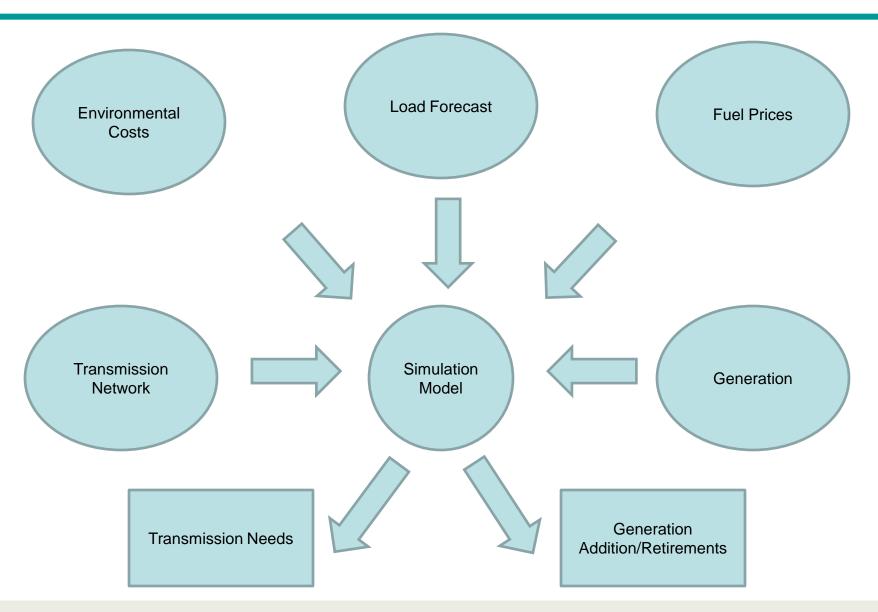
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The Process

- How do you eat an elephant?
 - One bite at a time
- Developing the scenarios is one major task, but there are many other issues
- Multiple items to tackle
- Market participation in developing assumptions is important
- Expertise from ERCOT staff and market participants will help this process along



Model Inputs and Outputs





Load Forecast

- Base Load Forecast
 - Less
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Demand Response
 - Distributed Generation (Solar PV, wind, etc.)
 - Plus
 - Plug In Electric Vehicles
 - Shapes will have to be developed for these different components
- Different forecasts for different economic and weather scenarios



Fuel Prices

- Natural gas prices
 - LNG impact (both imports and exports)
 - Shale gas impacts
- Coal prices
 - PRB
 - Lignite
 - International Effect
- Crude oil prices
- Interaction/substitution of the three commodities
- Capturing "Black Swans"
 - Peak Coal (Patzek and Croft)
 - Peak Oil
 - Shale Gas Water Contamination Concerns
- Possible stochastic approach to inputs
- Possible external experts to provide assistance



Environmental Costs

- What will be the rules and/or standards?
- Renewable Portfolio Standards
 - Will we see 25% renewable by 2025?
 - What is included in that mix?
- Transport Rule Impact
 - NOX
 - SO2
- Will we see mandated requirements for Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for all the pieces (SCR, FGD, etc.)?
- Will we see Greenhouse gas legislation in the U.S.?
 - CO2



Generation

- Existing Resource Base
 - Coal
 - Natural Gas (CC and Peaking)
 - Nuclear
 - Wind
 - Other
- Expansion Resource Additions and Retirements
- Resource Characteristics
- Economic assumptions
 - Capitol Costs
 - Weighted Average Cost of Capital
 - Tax rates



Transmission Network

• Developing "simplified" representation from the most current "Five Year Plan"



Simulation Model

- RFP was issued in late August
- Three respondents by due date (9/16/2010)
- Presentations to the ERCOT selection committee next week
- Decision will be made by early October
- Anticipated date of software being at ERCOT is early November



SDWG UPDATE

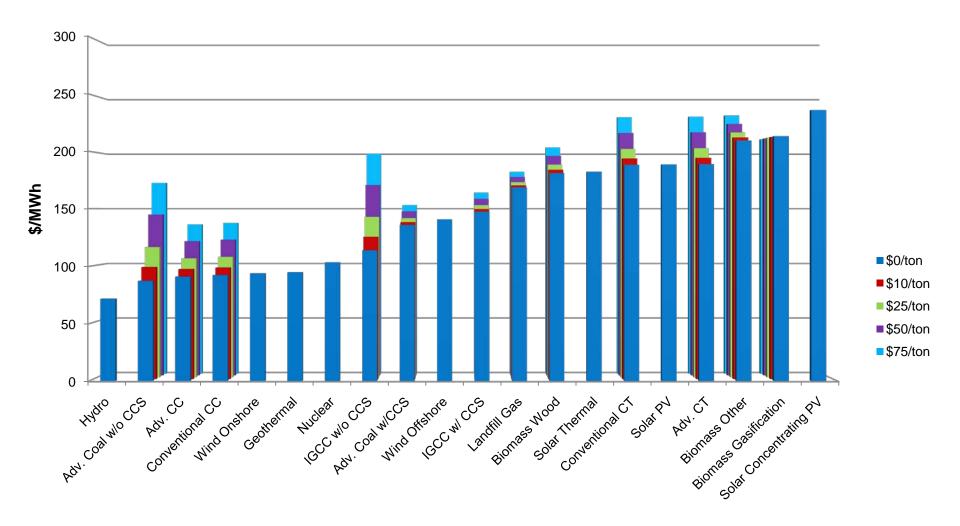


Agenda from SDWG Meeting of 9/10/2010

- Resource Levelized Costs Assumptions
 - Charts and data with assumptions and results
 - Generic Generating Resource Assumptions
- Load Forecasting Methodology (Calvin Opheim)
- Historical Assumptions (Jenell Katheiser)
 - Where the economy has been from 1930 to present
- Draft Scenario Planning Assumptions (Doug Murray)
 - First draft of data assumptions for 20 years by year
- Data and presentations are at <u>http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2010/09/20100910-SDWG</u>



Levelized Cost of Energy: Sensitivity to Carbon Costs





Generic Generating Resource Assumptions

- Operating characteristics for major generating resources
- Characteristics of other resources to still be added

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Technology			Min	Min up	down	Variable	
	Capacity	Heat Rate	Capacity	time	time	O&M	Start Cost
	(MW)	(BTU/kWh)	(MW)	(HRs)	(HRs)	(\$/MWh)	(\$)
Conventional CC (F type)	500	7,200	200	6	8	2.65	10,000
Advanced CC (H type)	400	6,700	250	6	8	2.90	15,000
Conventional CT (F type)	170	10,500	130	2	3	8.00	7,500
Advanced CT (LMS100)	100	9,200	70	2	3	13.00	10,000
Supercritical Coal	600	9,000	250	24	12	3.95	5,000
Supercritical Coal W/ CCS	625	11,950	250	24	12	7.35	7,000
IGCC	625	9,000	250	24	12	5.75	5,000
IGCC W/ CCS	539	10,700	250	24	12	7.00	7,000
Nuclear	1,100	10,300	600	168	48	4.00	-
On shore Wind	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Off Shore Wind	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geothermal	40	11,000	20	8	8	10.00	-
Biomass - wood	40	13,000	15	8	8	9.50	2,500
Biomass - other	1	17,500	3	8	8	15.00	1,000
Solar PV	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solar Thermal	100		-	-	-	-	-



Long-Term Load Forecast Model Description

- Each weather zone has its own independent model (there are eight weather zones in ERCOT).
- The eight weather zone forecasts are summed to create the ERCOT load forecast.
- Each model forecasts monthly MWh per one thousand jobs (based on non-farm employment)
- Selected this modeling approach due to concerns of heteroscedasticity
 - Heteroscedasticity occurs when the variance of the error terms differ across observations



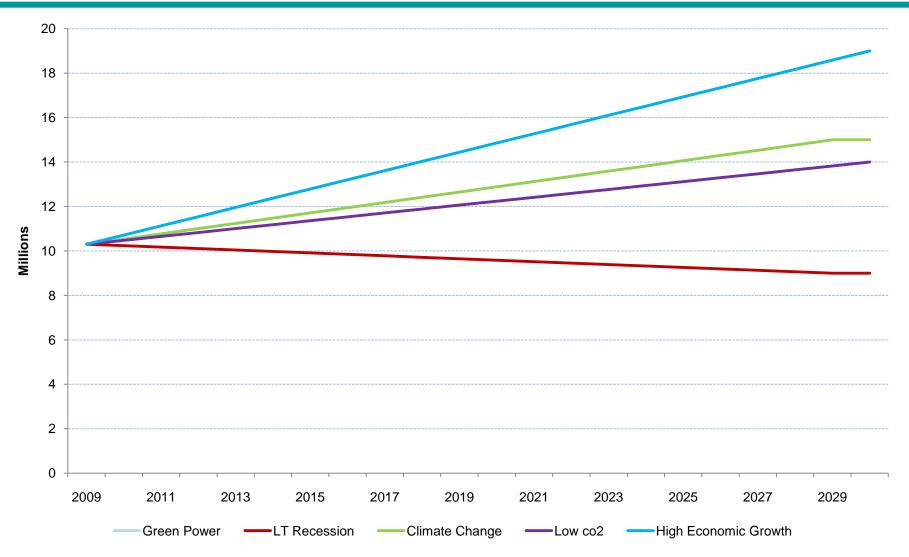
What are the draft scenarios

- Green Power
- Long Term Recession
- Climate Change
- Low CO2
- High Economic Growth
- For more details about the scenarios see the presentation from last meeting:

http://www.ercot.com/content/meetings/lts/keydocs/2010/0820/ Scenario_Develpoment_20AUG2010.pdf



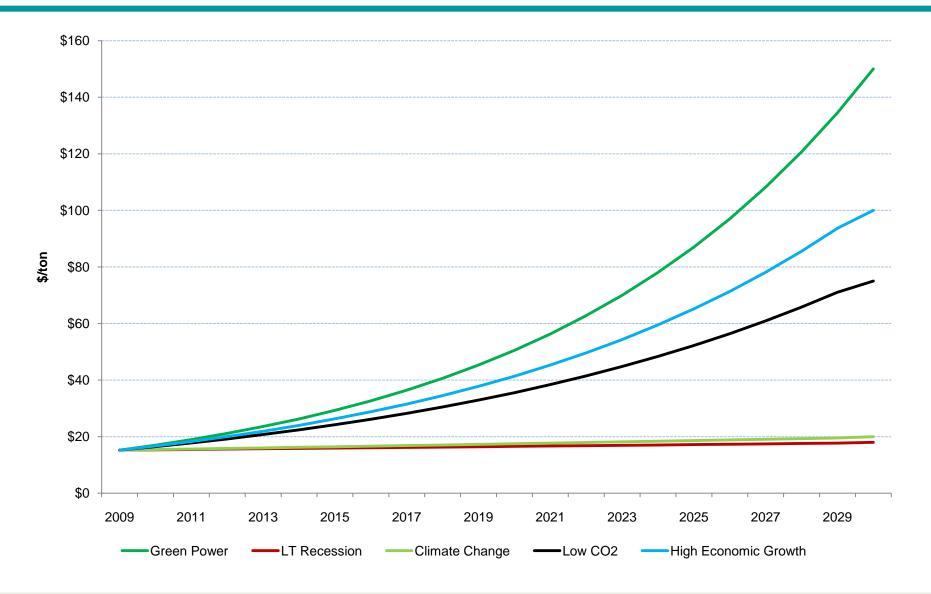
Texas Non-Farm Employment



Green Power and high growth have the same employment values

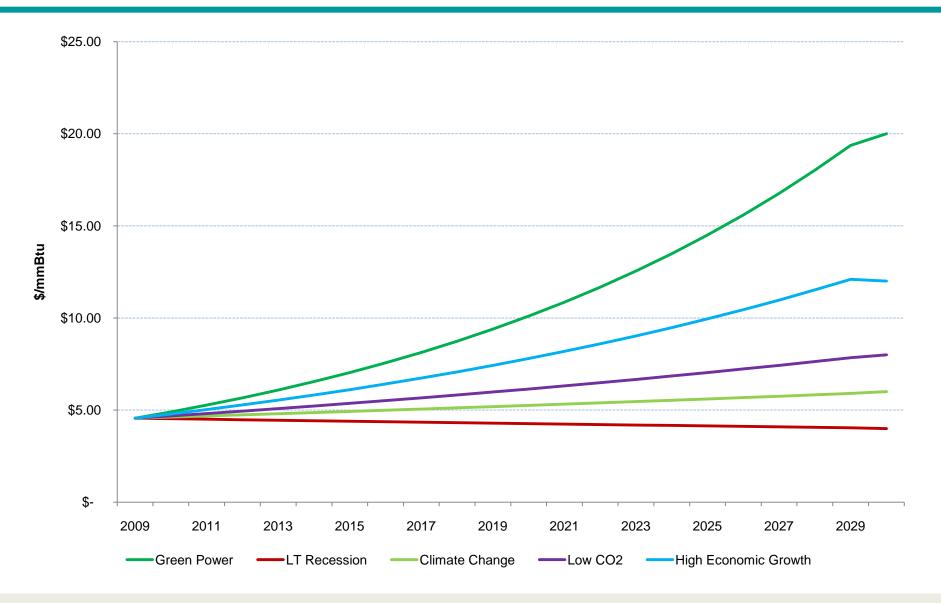


Fuel Price Comparison (PRB)



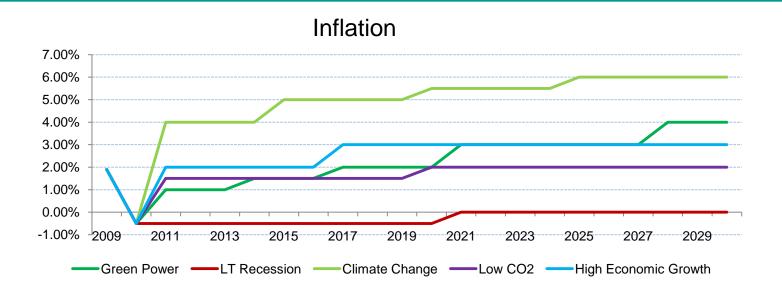


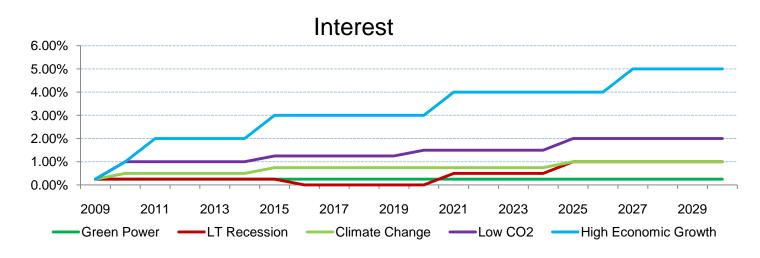
Fuel Price Comparison (Natural Gas)





Inflation and Interest Rates Comparison





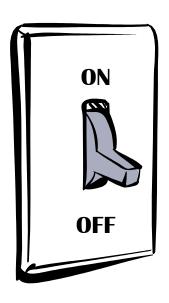


Scenario Development Working Groups next steps

- Participants review and comments/suggestions are necessary
 - The data for the scenarios can be located at:
 http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2010/09/20100910-SDWG
 - Comments have been received on the Long Term Recession scenario being "too bleak for too long"



Questions





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