Washington State Fuel Mix Disclosure OVERVIEW

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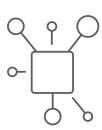
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FUEL MIX DISCLOSURE PROGRAM

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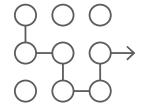
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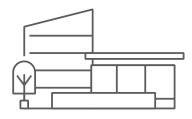
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What is Fuel Mix Disclosure

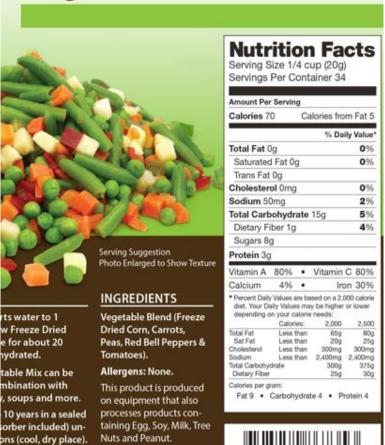
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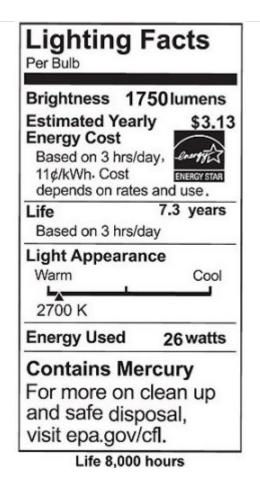
- Enacted in 2000, updated in 2019
- Requires utilities to report the fuel characteristics of electric power used to serve their customers
- Directs Dept. of Commerce to estimate the fuel mix for each utility
- Commerce produces aggregate information in a state-level report, which includes state-level emission information
- Commerce provides utility-level fuel mix reports which is used to inform utility customers



Fuel Mix Is Meant to Inform Consumers – Reasonably accurate

Vegetable Mix







Fuel Mix: Categories of Electric Power

- Electric power consumption described by generation fuel category:
 - Electric power traceable to specific power plants and fuel sources: owned or contracted power plants
 - Bonneville Power Administration, marketed power: from approximately 40 facilities in the Pacific Northwest. BPA is treated as a generating fleet (ACS).
 - Unspecified power resources, where the generation fuel is not known
 - Smaller distributed generation claims aggregated by fuel category: wind, solar, biomass, etc.
 - Renewable Energy Certificates: Environmental attributes of renewable energy. Primarily RECs used for RPS compliance.



Fuel Mix: Worth mentioning

- Electric power consumption described by generation fuel category:
 - > For reliability reasons utilities secure power resources in excess of load.
 - Average System Mix approach is employed to balance power resources with electric load: ASM is a proration methodology.
 - ➤ Non-discretionary power: BPA, renewables and RECs are given priority in the ASM proration.
 - > Discretionary power: Proration of power from plants and market power
 - Commerce conducts a "Fuel Mix" type of analysis for OR Dept. of Energy
 - ➤ Also calculates a Net System Mix for ODOE: NSM is the fuel mix of unclaimed power in the NW Power Pool and a proxy for unspecified power



- BPA power source & 100% BPA utility load data: early to mid June.
- OR and WA receive PNGC utility reports: June/July
- EIA form 860, utility and plant data: June
- eGrid plant and emission data: June/July, less critical data
- EIA form 923, generation and fuel inputs, early release: mid June
- Data portal, used by non-100% BPA utilities, variable timing
- Preliminary FM analysis late July, final review and product by early September



Fuel Mix Reporting Timeline

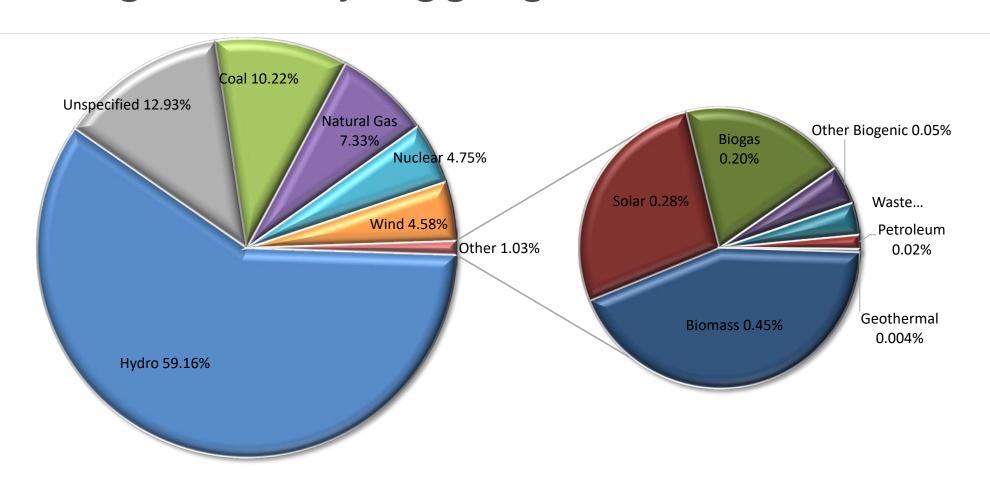
- Change in 2019 added unspecified power as a resource category, allowing for an earlier start date
- Start date limited by BPA, PNGC and EIA 923 data availability, which ranges from early to late June
- Commerce data portal (non-100% BPA utilities) can be opened in early June, and remain open for 4 weeks
- Follow-up with late reporting utilities, review reports correct errors, requires about 3 weeks
- Preliminary FM reports sent late July, final review and utility reports sent by September 1.

2019 Update: Unspecified Power and RECs

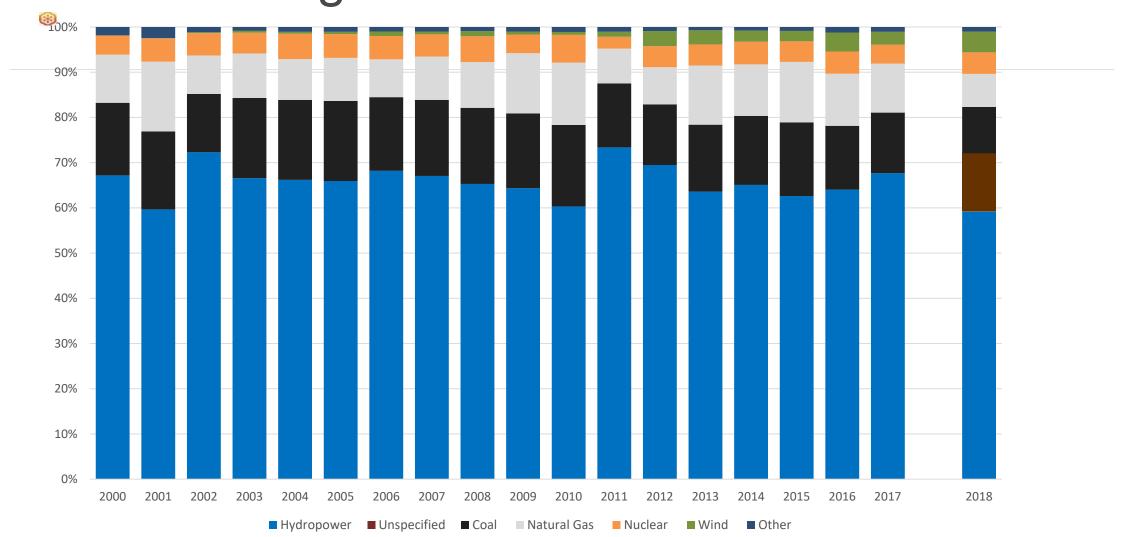
- Fuel mix reports the attributes of the electric energy delivered to customers
 - Not the attributes of energy produced by the utility
 - Energy without traceable generation attributes is unspecified power
 - > 2019 Fuel Mix utility reports contain an unspecified resource category
 - Some definitions changed
- Renewable energy certificates are necessary to claim a renewable resource
 - Energy + REC = Renewable Energy
 - Energy without a REC is not renewable energy, becomes unspecified power
 - REC policy evolved in 2019: Unspecified Pwr. + REC = Renewable Energy



Washington Utility Aggregate 2018 Fuel Mix



Washington State Fuel Mix: 2000-18



Questions?

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