

**Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission** 

Olympia, WA

November 14, 2014

#### 2014 IRP Timeline

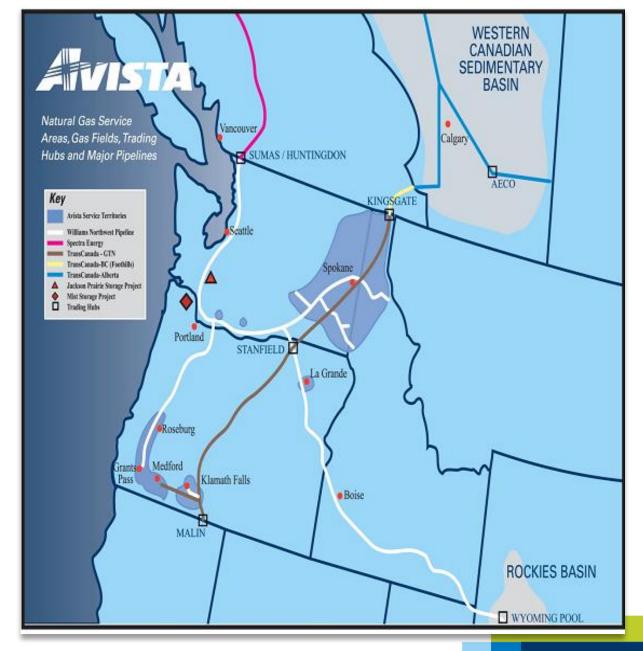
- August 31, 2013 Work Plan filed with WUTC
- January through April 2014 Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Meeting topics will include:
  - Demand Forecast and Demand Side Management January
    24
  - Supply/Infrastructure, Natural Gas Pricing, and Potential Case
    Discussion— February 25
  - Distribution Planning, SENDOUT® Preliminary Output Results and Further Case Discussion – March 26
  - SENDOUT® results April 23
- May 30, 2014 Draft of IRP document to TAC
- June 30, 2014 Comments on draft due back to Avista
- July 2014 TAC final review meeting (if necessary)
- August 29, 2014 File finalized IRP document



#### **Avista Facts**

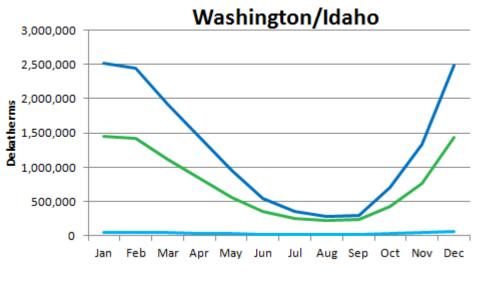
- ▶ 325,000 natural gas customers
- ▶ 34 Bcf for core customers
- ▶ 14 Bcf for transportation customers
- Williams Northwest Pipeline (NWP)
- TransCanada Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN)
- ▶ TransCanada Foothills
- ▶ TransCanada Alberta
- Spectra Energy (Westcoast)
- Jackson Prairie Storage

One third owner with Puget Sound Energy and Williams Pipeline.

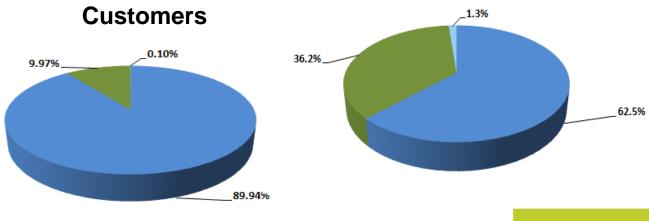




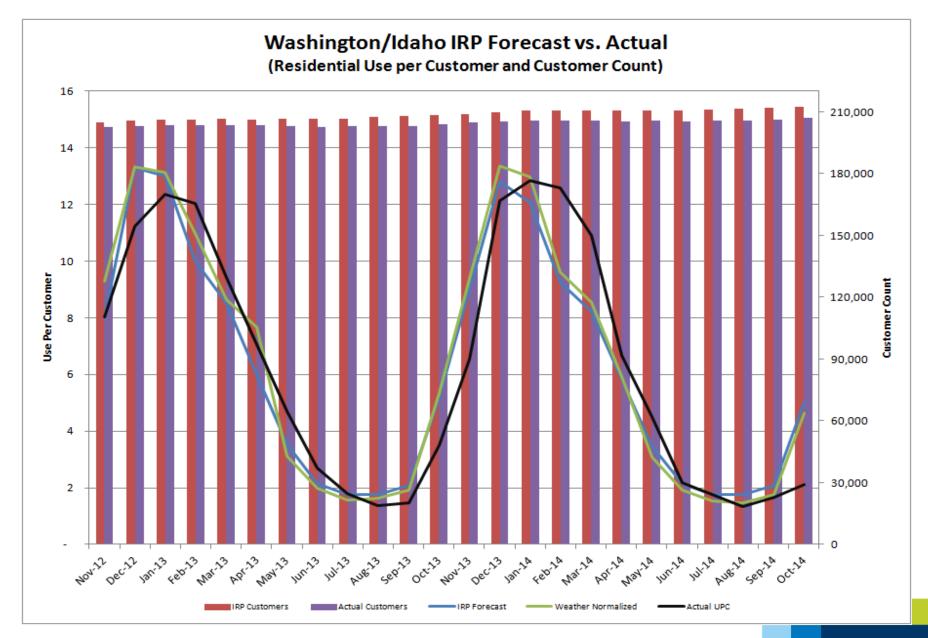
## **Washington Demand Profile**



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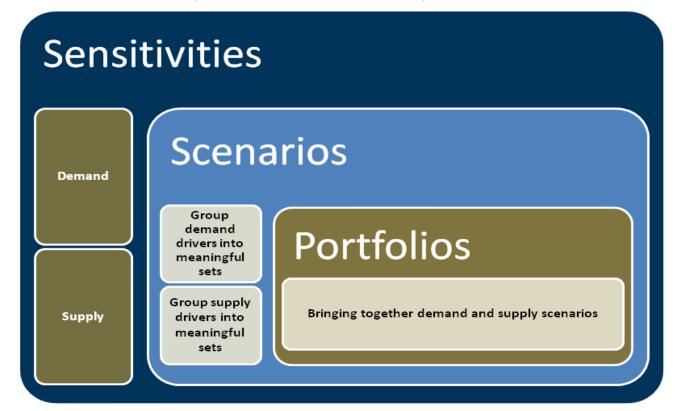
#### The Planning Environment

Uncertainty is the only thing certain.

- Impact of the recession on local economies was greater and has lasted longer than anticipated.
  - "When will it end or has it already ended?"
- "New" uses for natural gas are becoming major factors in impacts on planning.
  - LNG export
  - Natural Gas Vehicles
  - Methanol Plants
- Record production due to Shale gas and associated gas from oil drilling
  - Will demand grow with it?
  - What happens if oil prices drop?



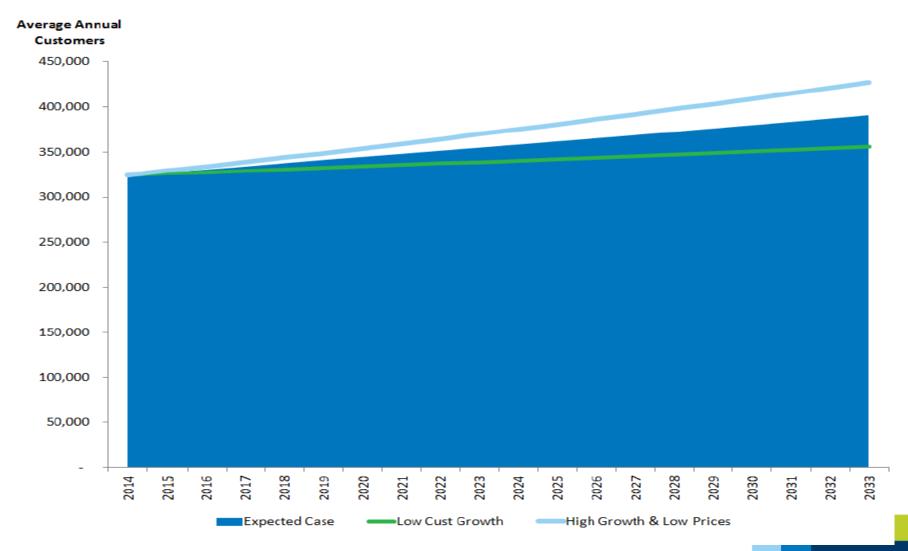
## Sensitivities, Scenarios, Portfolios



- 15 Demand Sensitivities
- 5 Demand Scenarios
- 3 Supply Scenarios
- 9 Portfolios



### **Customer Growth Scenarios**





## **Use per Customer Analysis**

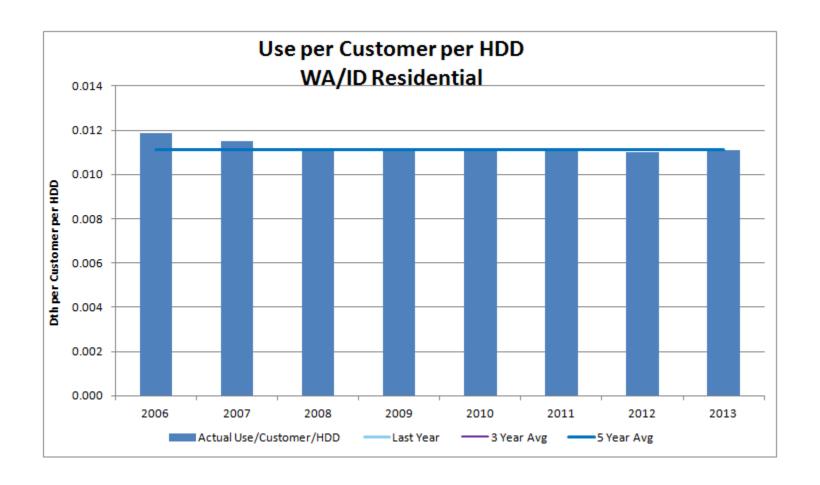
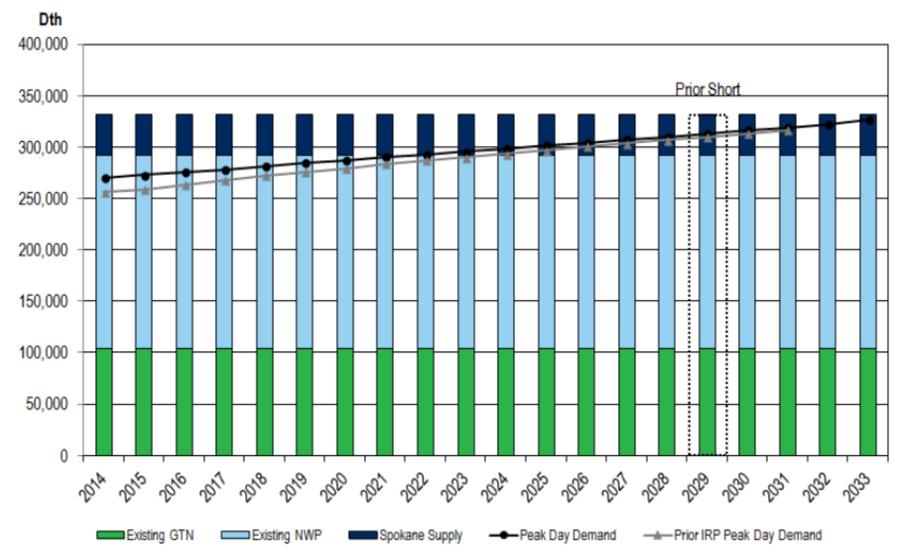




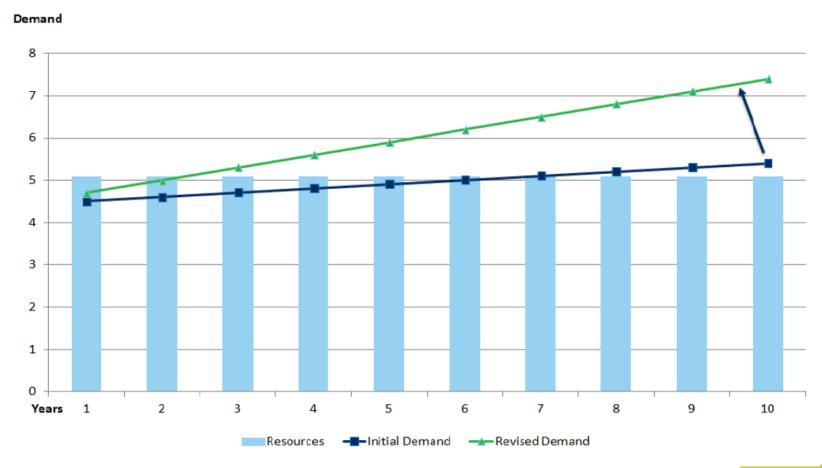
Figure 5: Expected Case – WA/ID Existing Resources vs. Peak Day Demand (Net of DSM)





## **Key Risk – "Flat Demand" If demand rebounds the need for resources accelerates.**

Figure 9: Flat Demand Risk Example

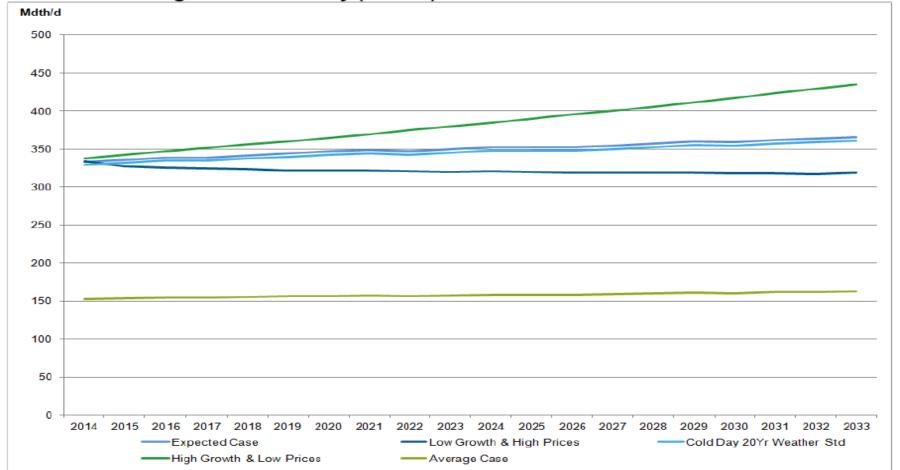




#### **Peak Day Demand Scenarios**

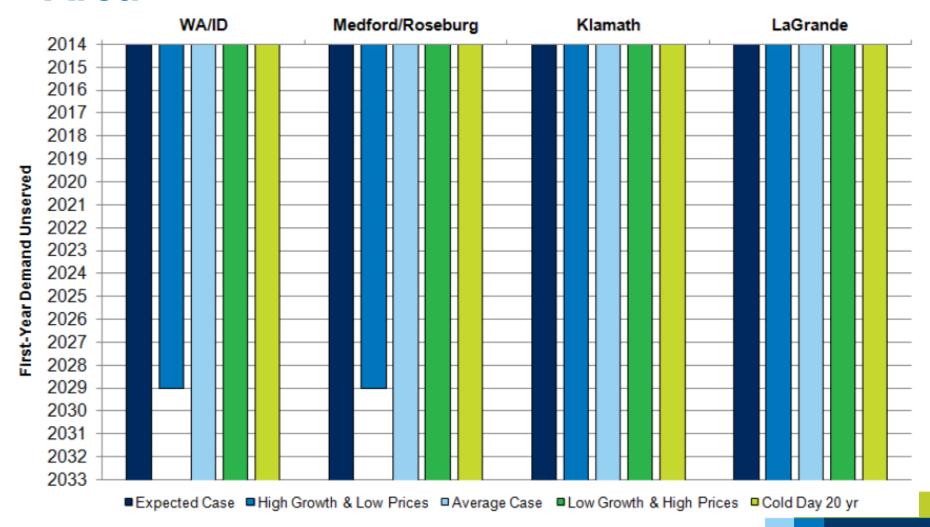
Broad range of scenarios identifies possible trajectories.





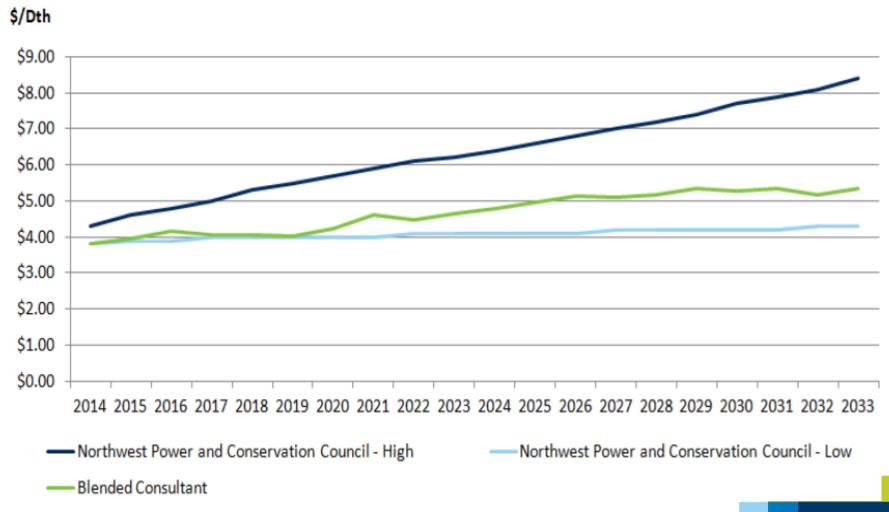


## Peak Day Deficiencies by Scenario and Area

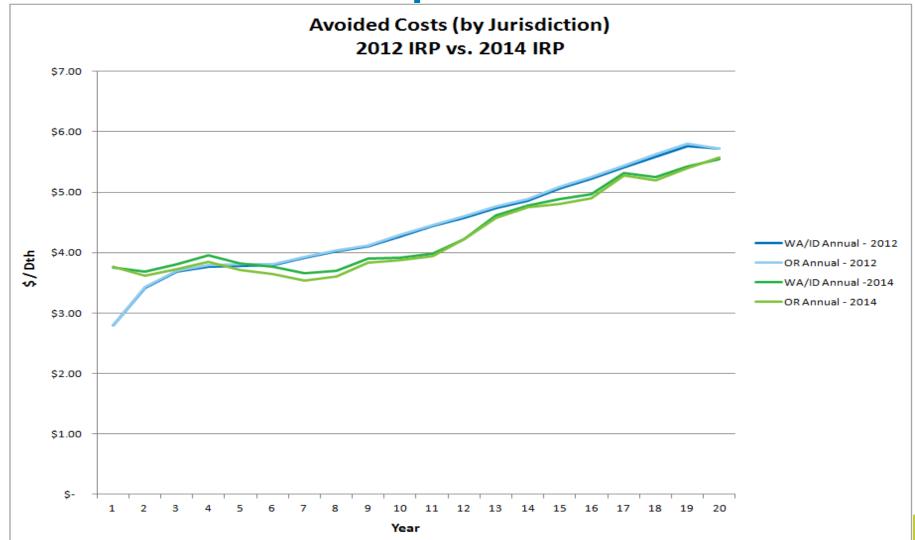




# Long Term Henry Hub Price Forecasts (Real \$ / Dth)



### **Avoided Cost Comparison**





#### **Action Plan**

- Continue to closely monitor demand
  - Are recessionary use per customer changes permanent or temporary?
  - Will new uses come on line and alter our demand profile?
- Continue to monitor Demand Side Management cost effectiveness
- Global Warming
- Environmental legislation
  - Carbon Tax
  - Hydraulic Fracturing

