



# Dispatch-able CHP, District Energy, and a Duck

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Pacific Northwest energy landscape

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Growing challenges for traditional electric utilities

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Development of dispatchable generation and load

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Case 1 – industrial district energy and cogeneration

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Case 2 – next century campus

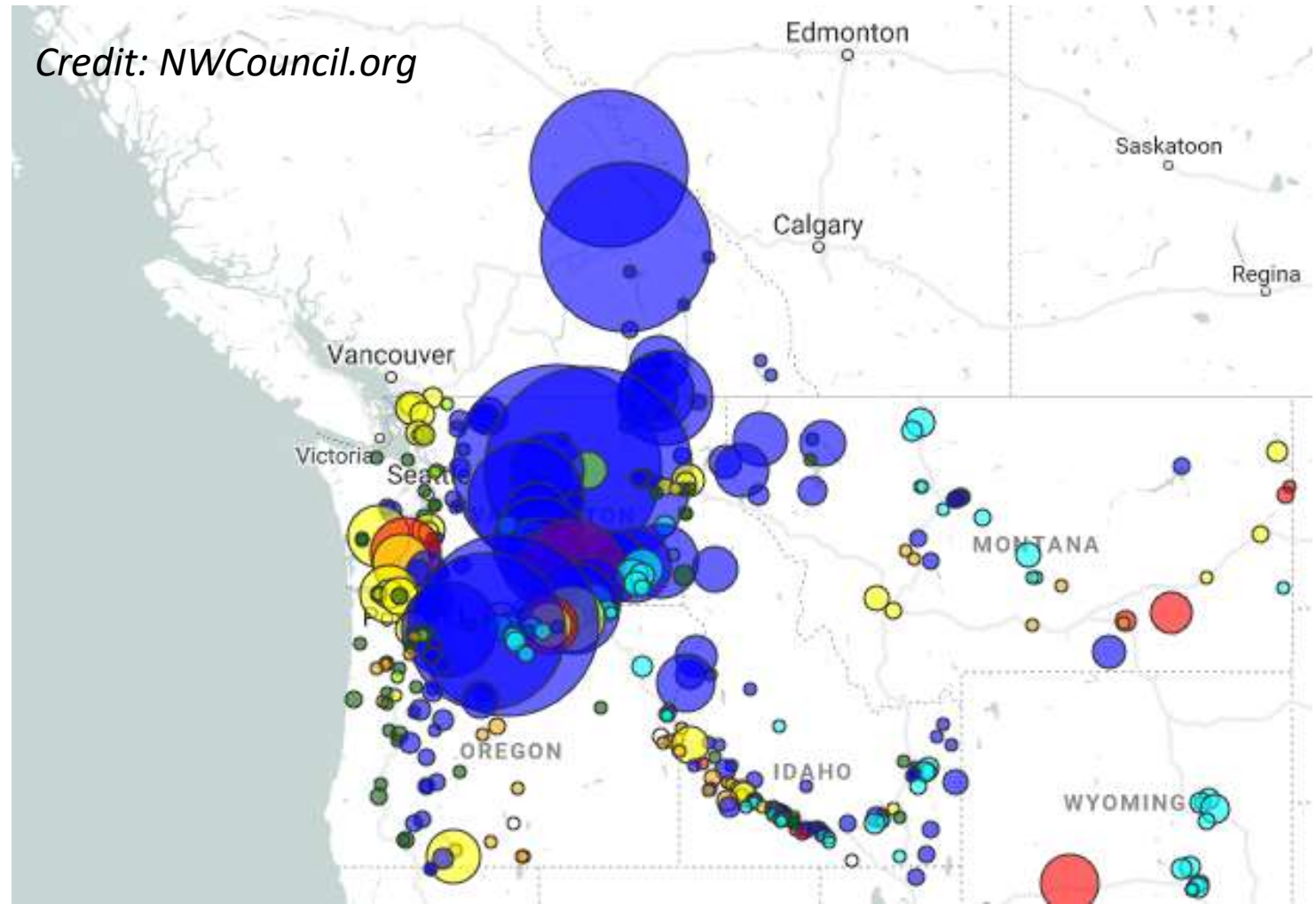
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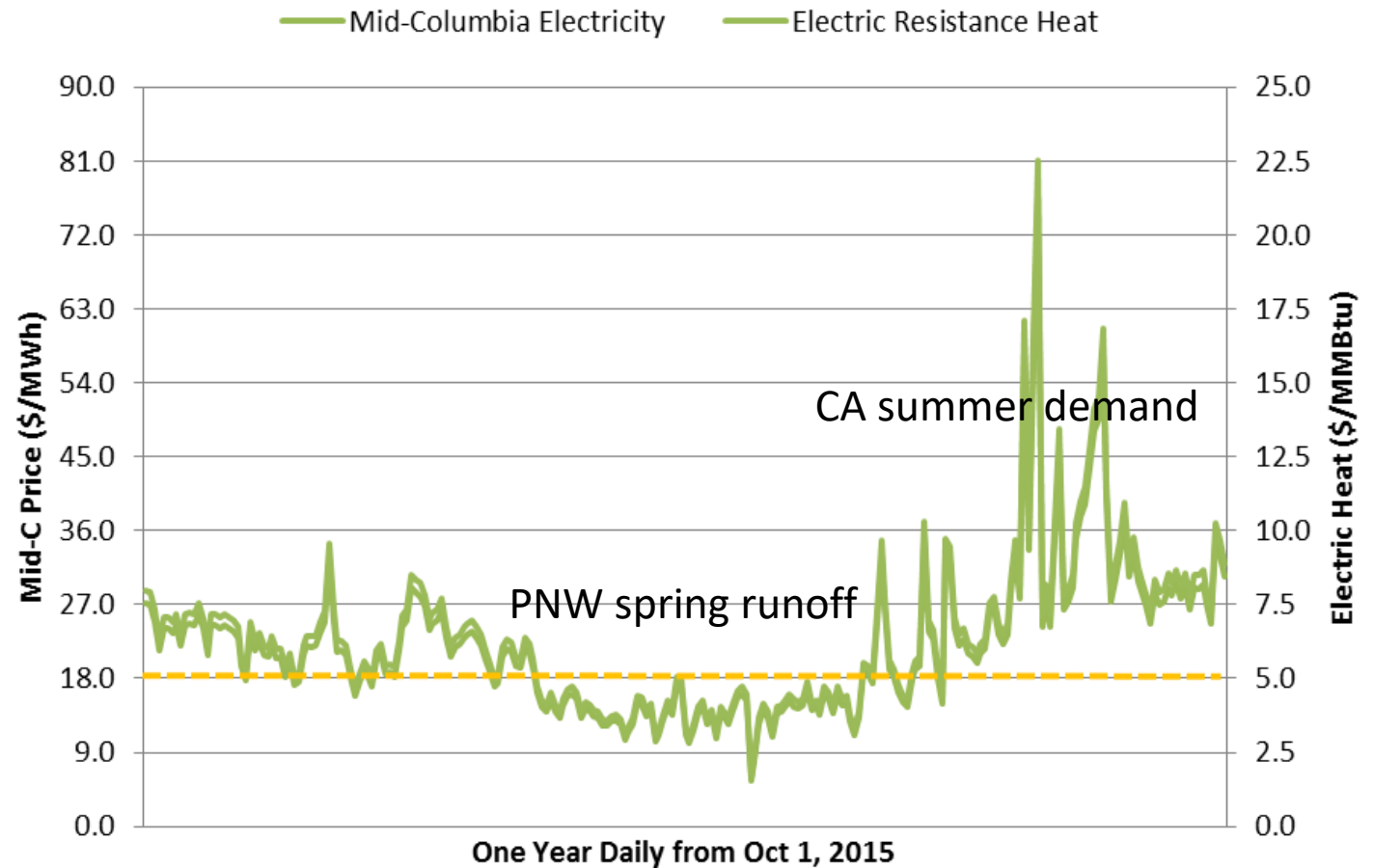
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Presentation overview

Pacific NW  
(PNW) energy  
landscape is  
dominated by  
hydropower

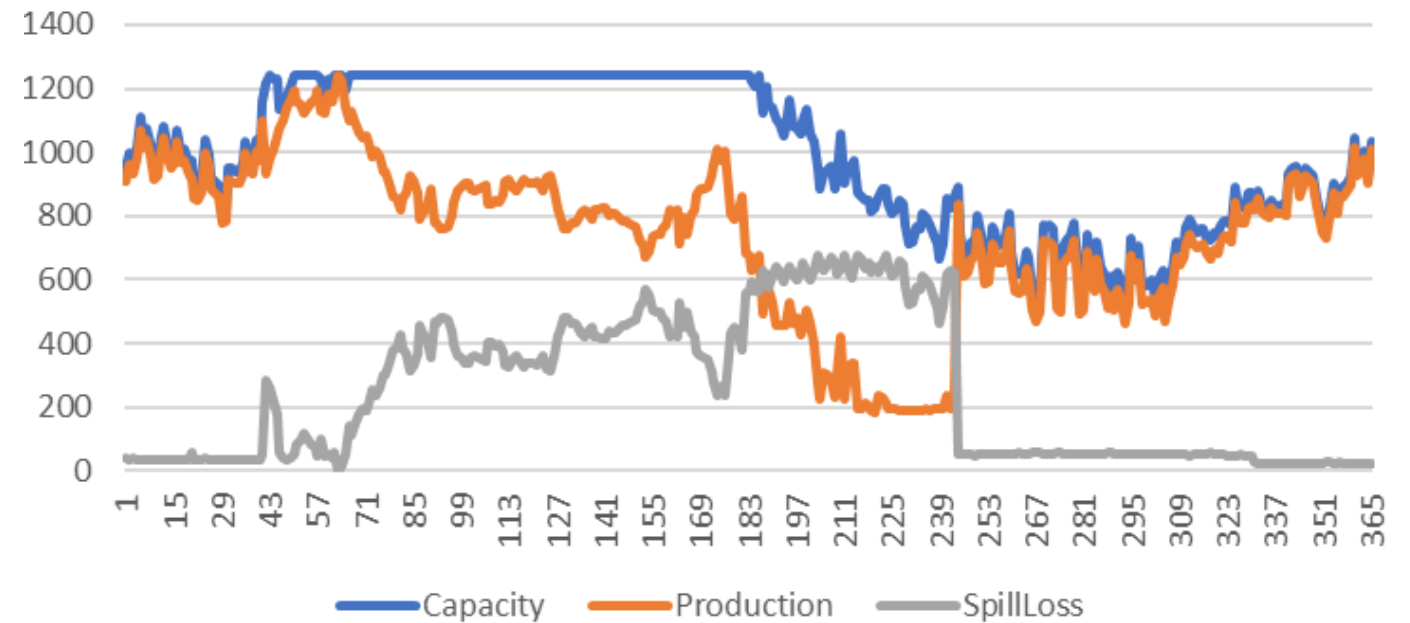


the market is flooded with power, especially during spring runoff, leading prices to tank



energy supply and  
balancing compete  
with fish and irrigation

Average Daily Spill Loss (MW)  
at Bonneville Dam in 2017





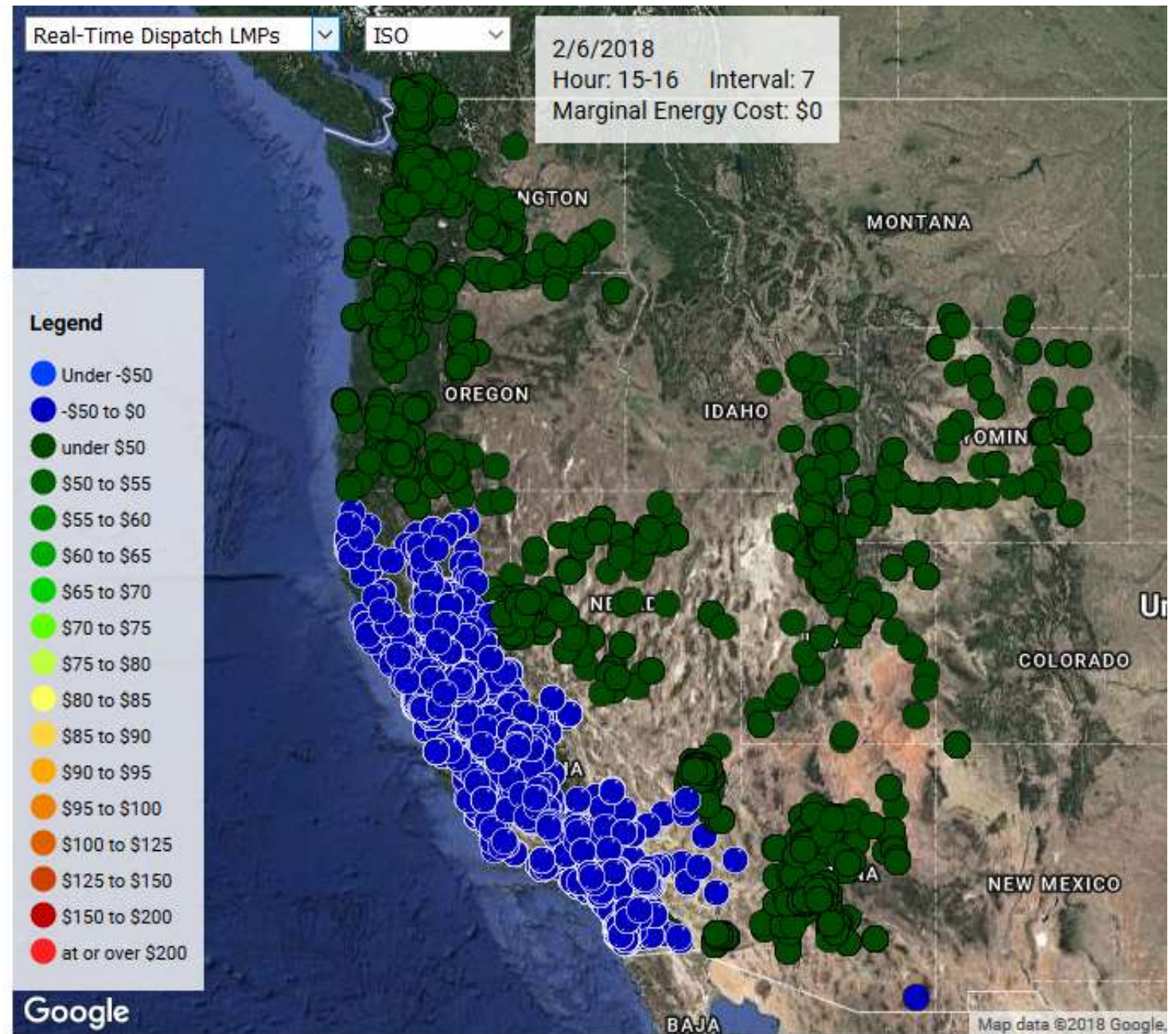
coal plants are retiring and pressure is growing to retire other large remote power plants (hydro dams and must run nuclear)

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low and negative  
pricing leads to  
curtailment of  
intermittent  
renewables

almost all efforts to sink surplus  
power are electricity centric

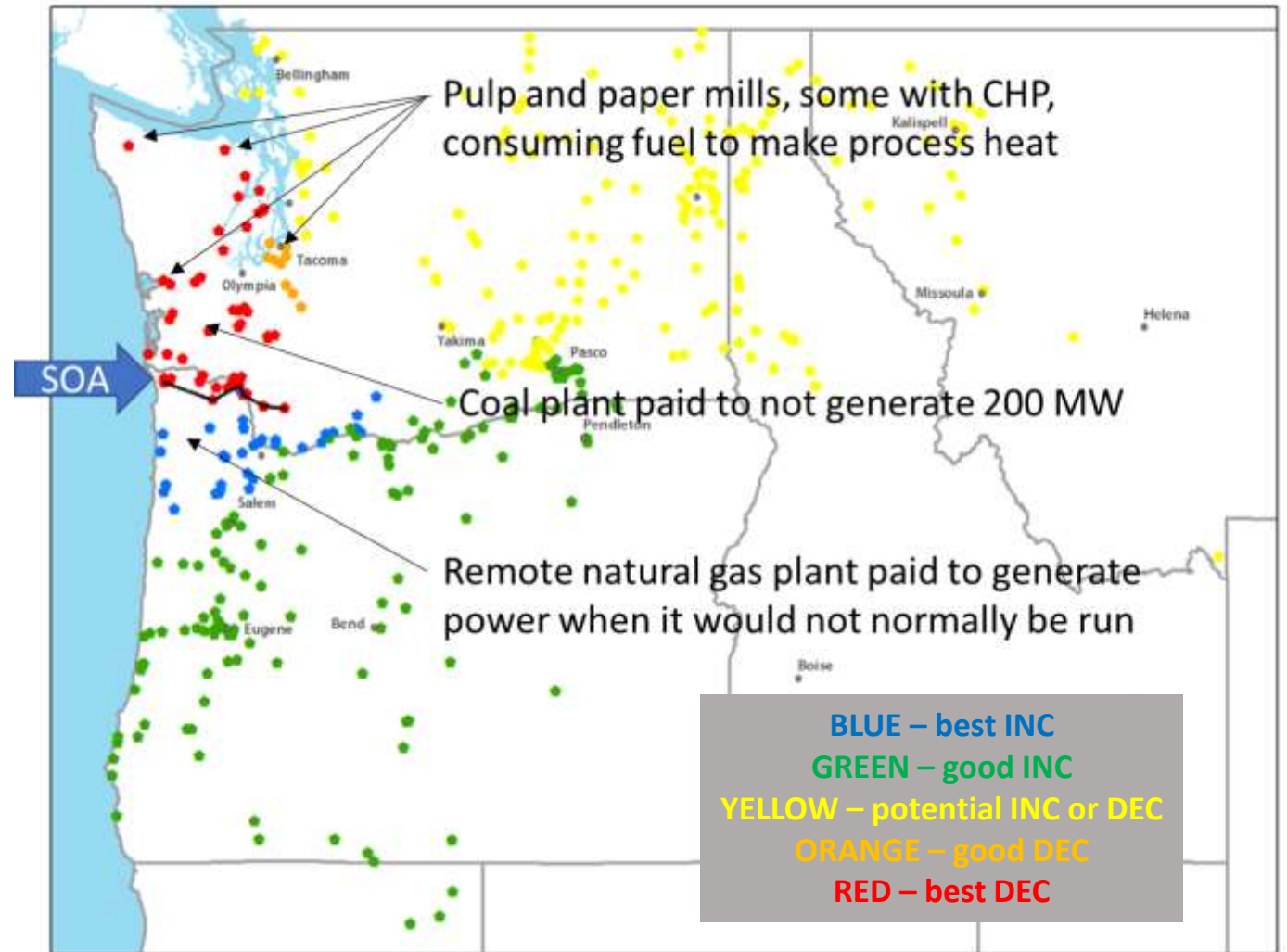
- batteries
- electric vehicles
- pumped hydropower
- new transmission



Credit: CAISO LMP Map

transmission  
constraints impede  
power flow from  
North to South across  
SOA gate in summer

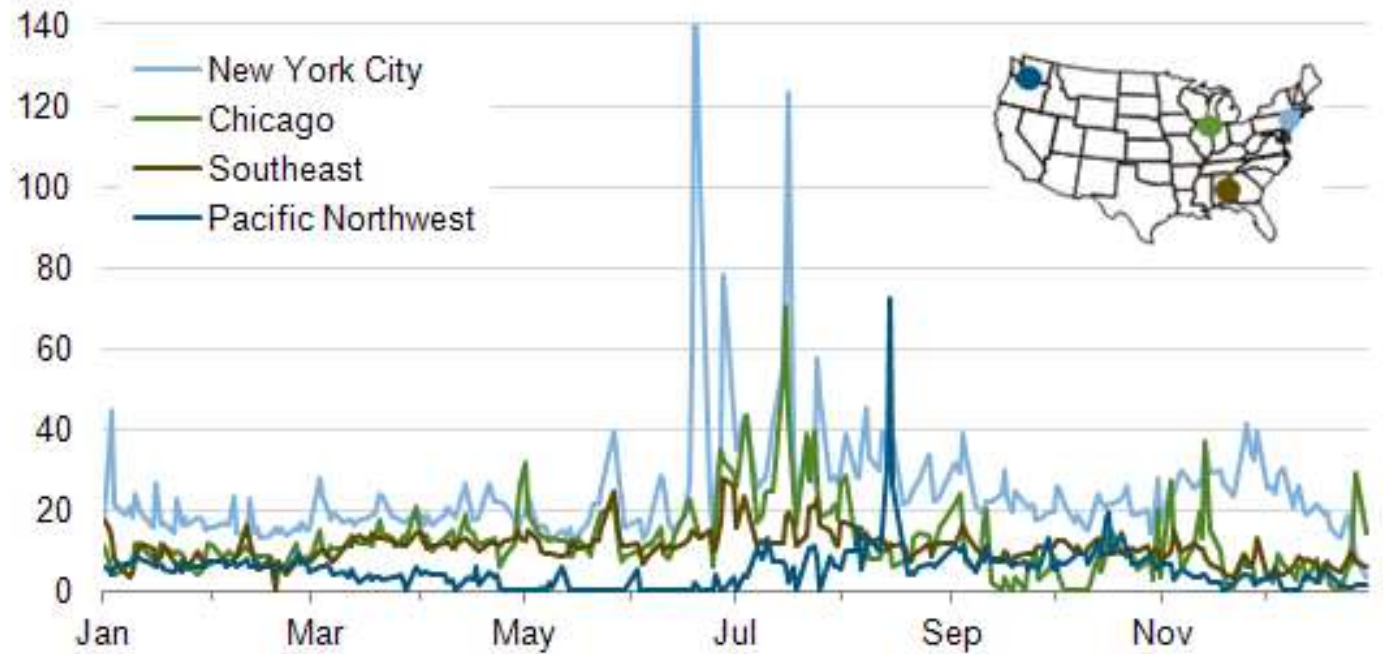
(Bonneville cancelled  
\$1.5 billion transmission  
project, seeks non-wires  
alternatives)



*Credit: Bonneville Power Administration*

historically low spark  
spread has limited  
PNW cogeneration  
  
(except industrials)

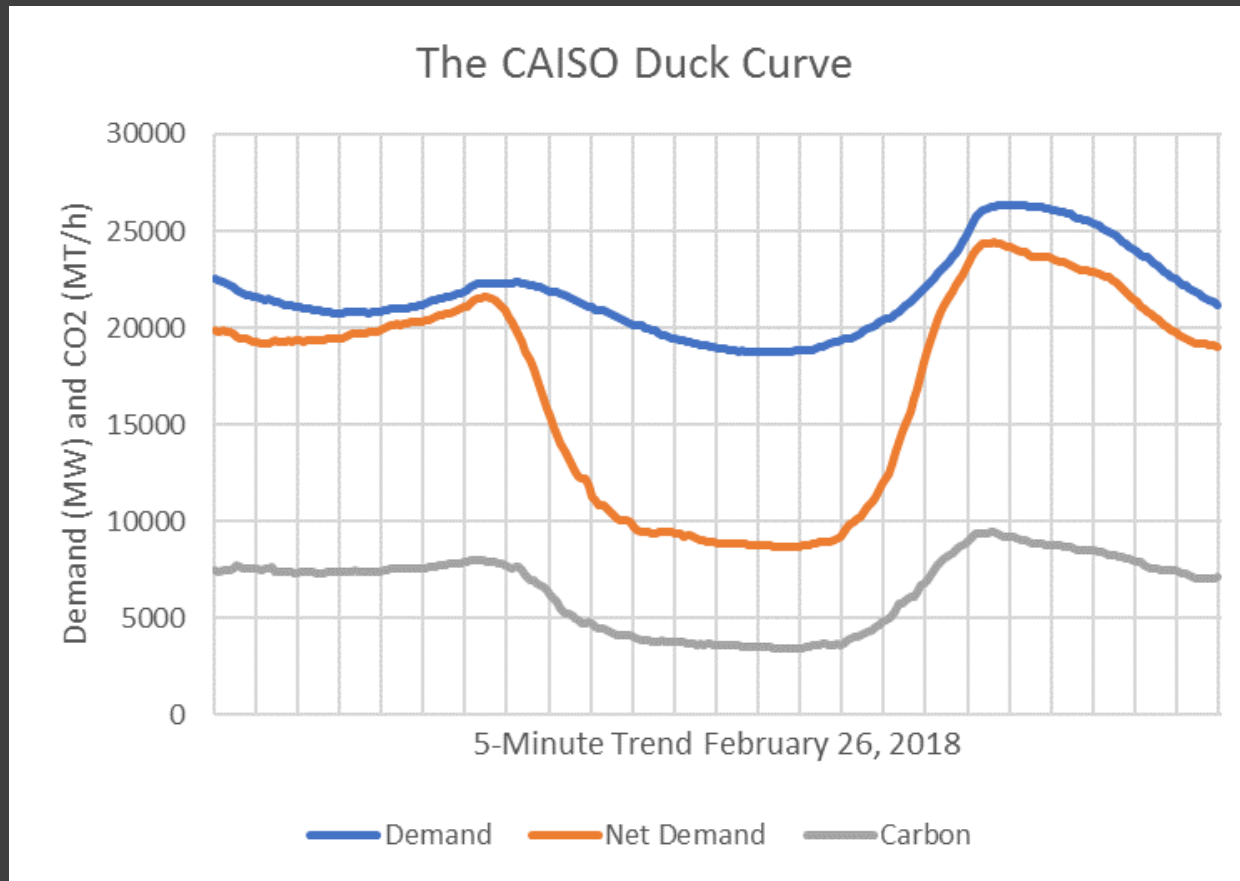
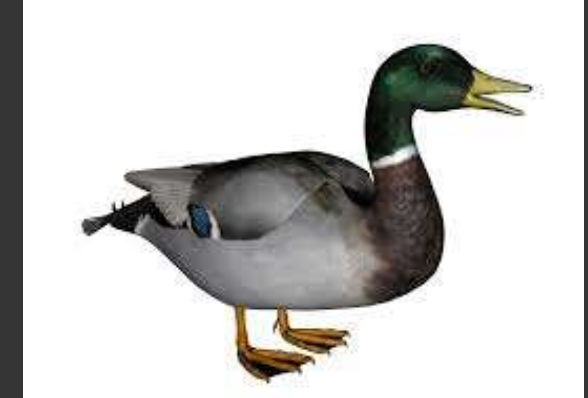
Select spark spreads in 2012  
dollars per megawatthour



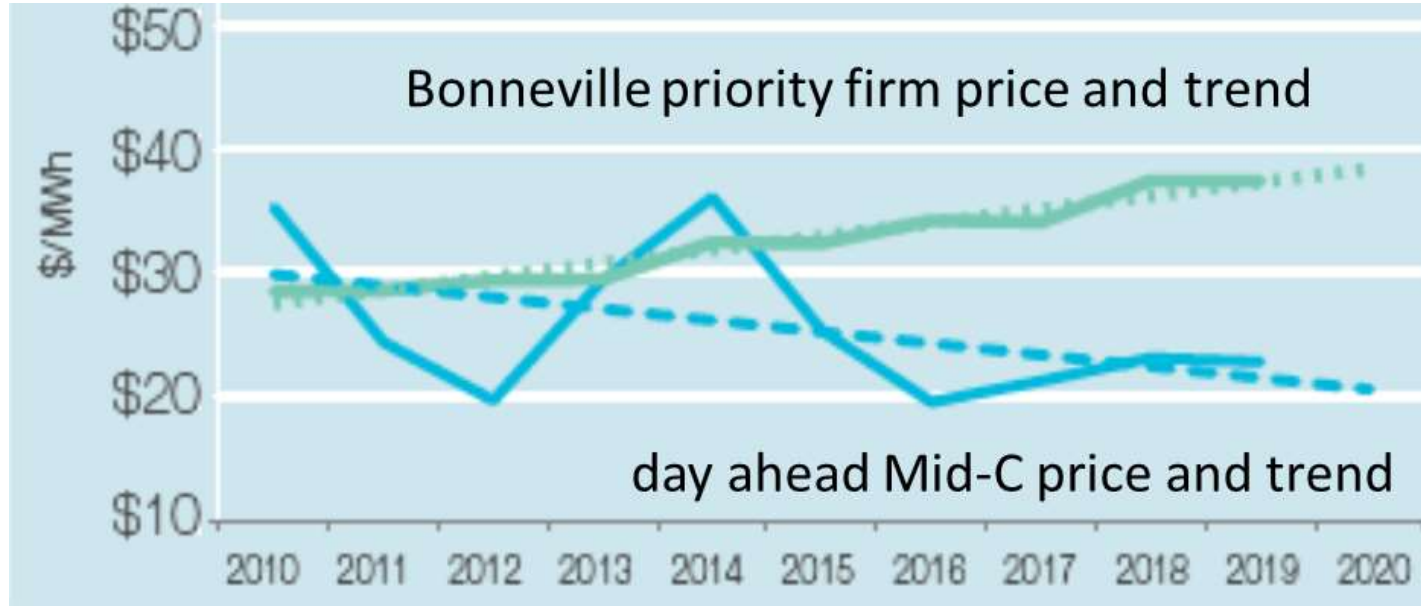
*Credit: U.S. Energy Information Administration*

Market value is growing in dispatchable electric generation and load resources

(net demand = demand less solar and wind)



- 13,662 MW ramp in 3 hours
- High carbon when ramping
- Belly of the duck curtailment



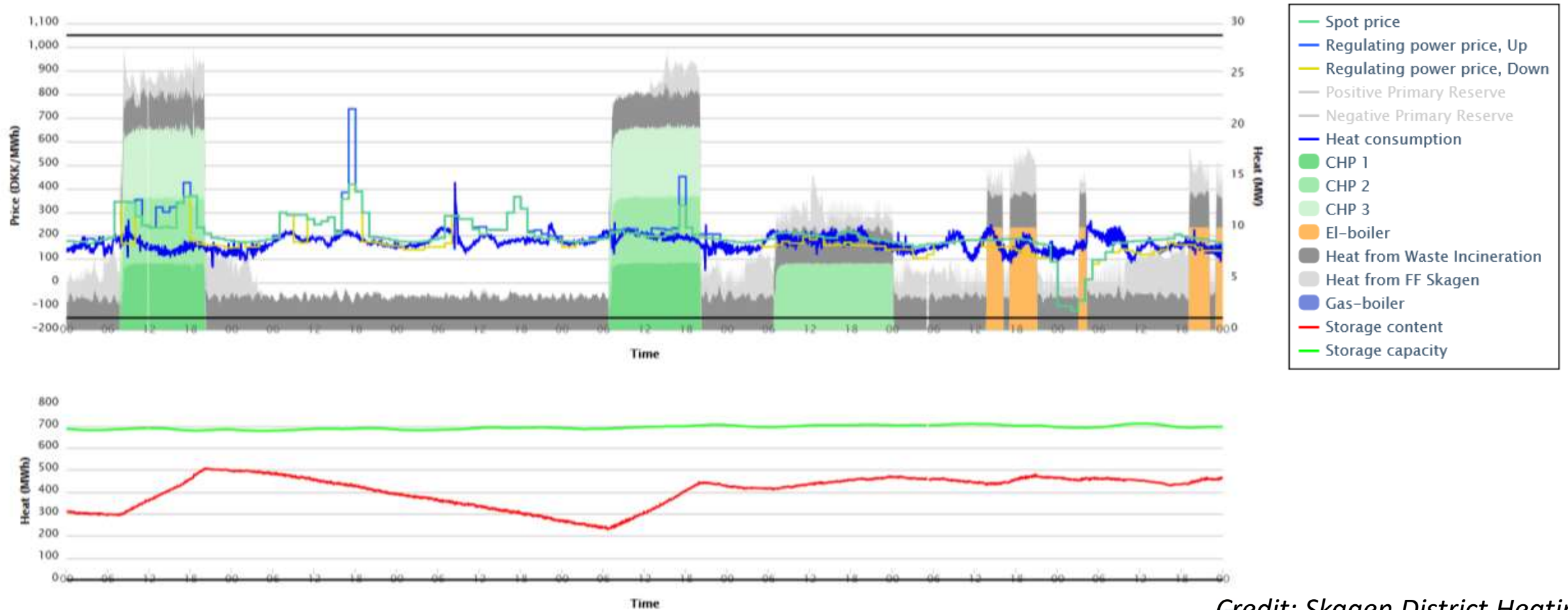
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- Falling wholesale prices
- Customer retention (cost, carbon)
- Integrating intermittent renewables
- Traditional investment opposition
- Coal and other plant retirement
- Behind the meter solar growth
- Loss of conservation revenue
- Decarbonization, regulation
- Investment pipeline

Growing challenges for wholesale and retail public and private electric utilities

# Development of Dispatchable Generation and Load

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Example of Dispatchable Generation and Load

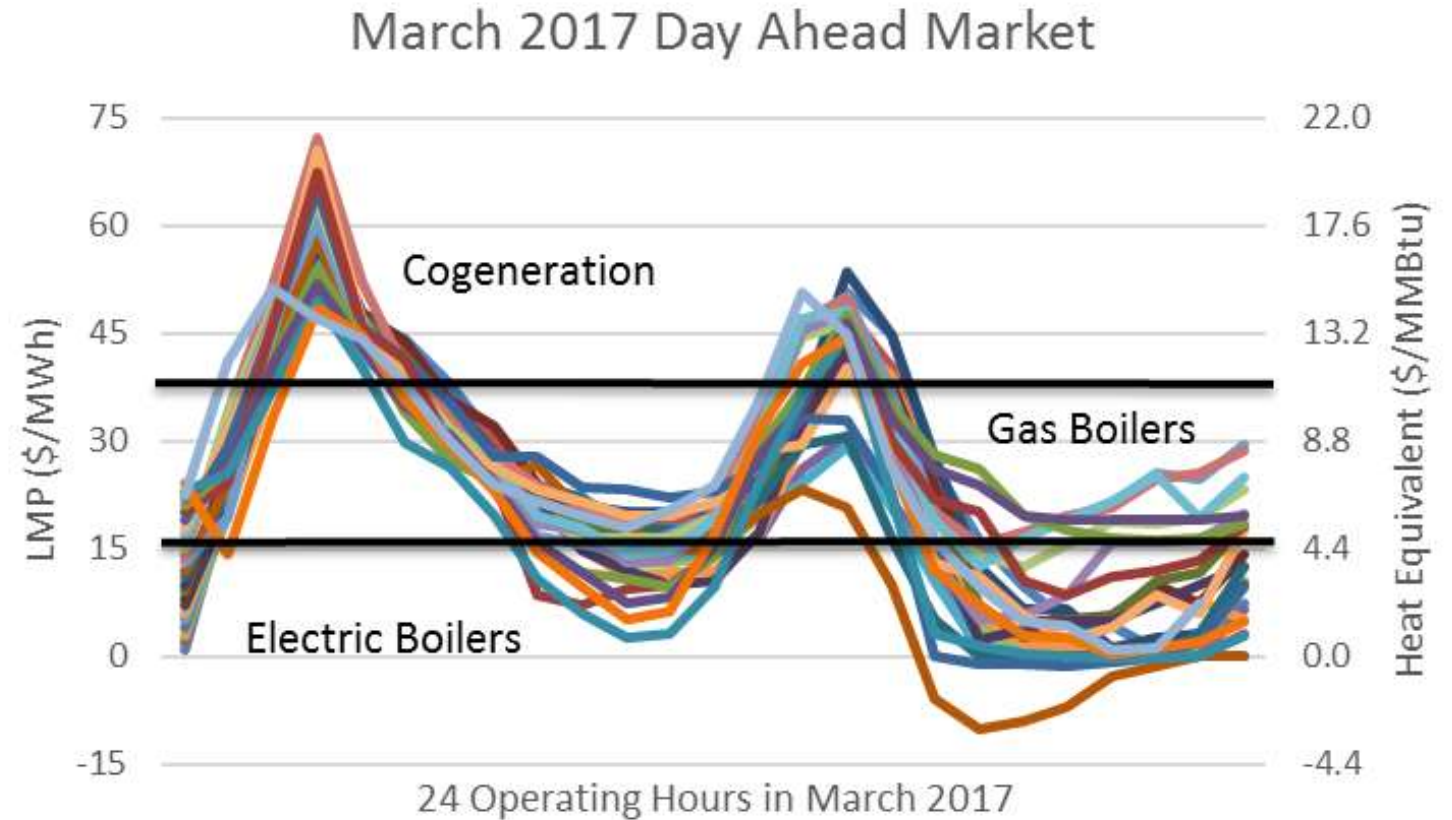
<http://www.emd.dk/plants/skagen/>

simple economics and  
carbon favor periodically  
making heat with  
wholesale electricity in  
lieu of natural gas

plus revenue  
opportunity in  
reserve and  
regulation  
markets



*Credit: Parat*



# Case 1: Industrial District Energy

H2O2 Plant

Pulp & Paper Mill 2

Pulp & Paper Mill 1

Chemical Plant

310 MW CCCT

## Dispatchable generation and load (in development)

- Existing district steam network (hog fuel, natural gas)
- Grid power supply to be integrated with local cogeneration
- Economic dispatch of CHP as hedge to market power price
- Connected customers benefit from fuel flexibility, carbon
- Features turbines, electrode boilers, fuel boilers, controls
- +/- 100 MW dispatchable co-generation
- +/- 20 MW up / down regulation

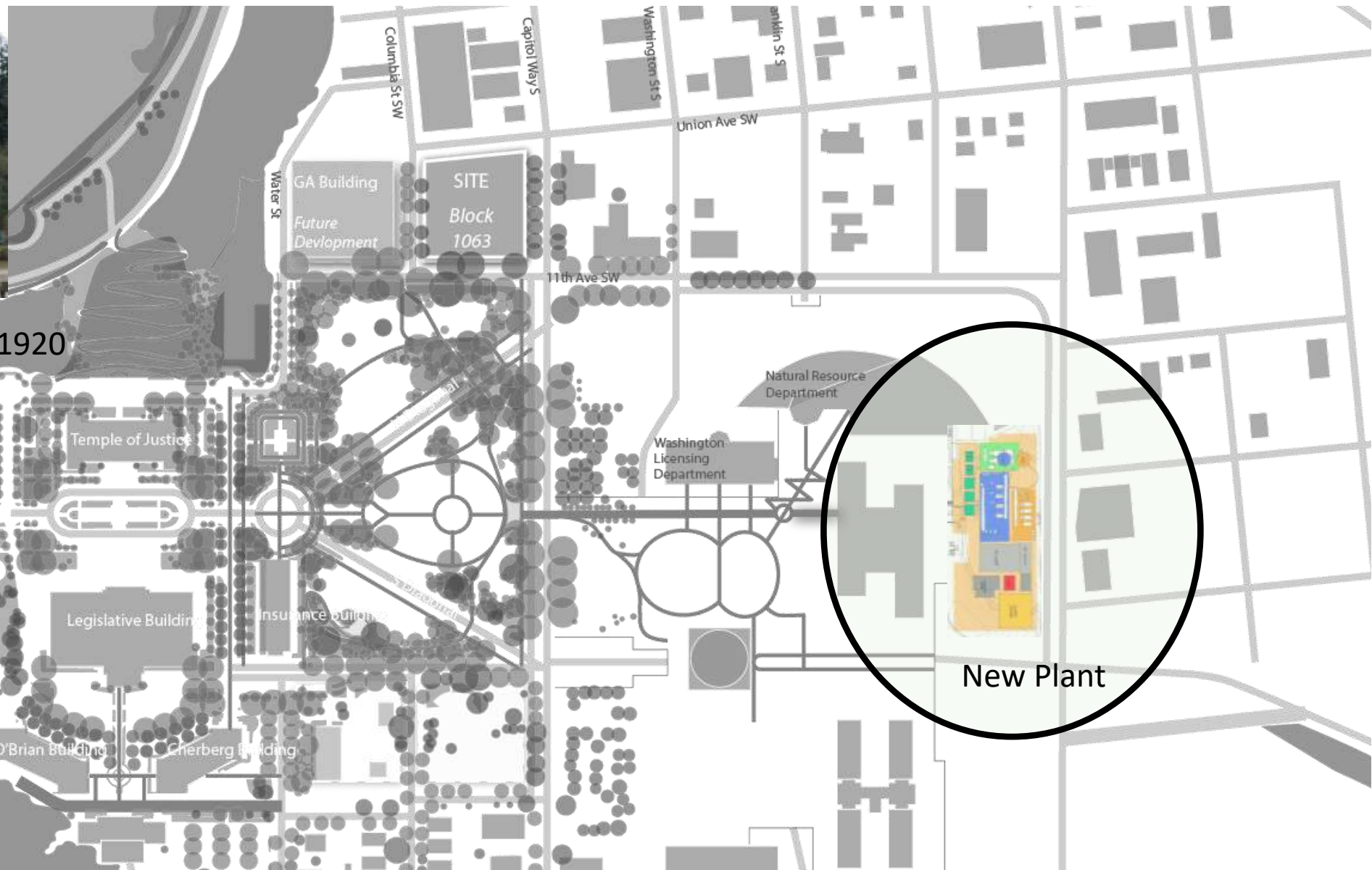
# Case 2: Next Century Campus

- WA State Capitol Campus
- Currently operated as a cost center (no revenue)
- Aging steam and condensate infrastructure
- Safety, efficiency, carbon, and comfort issues
- Not competitive in service to new buildings
- Limited chilled water distribution network
- Located at base of a known landslide zone



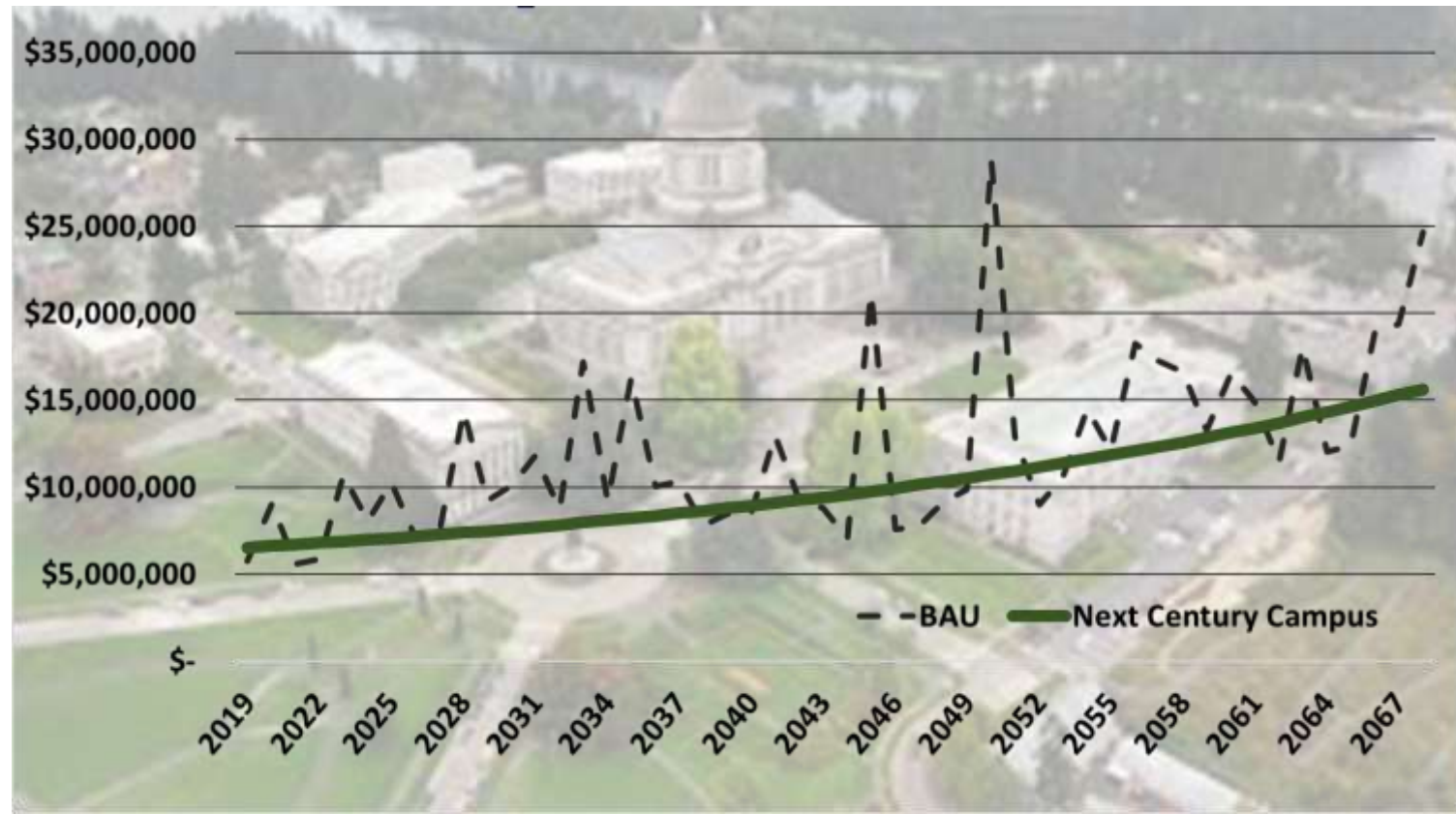


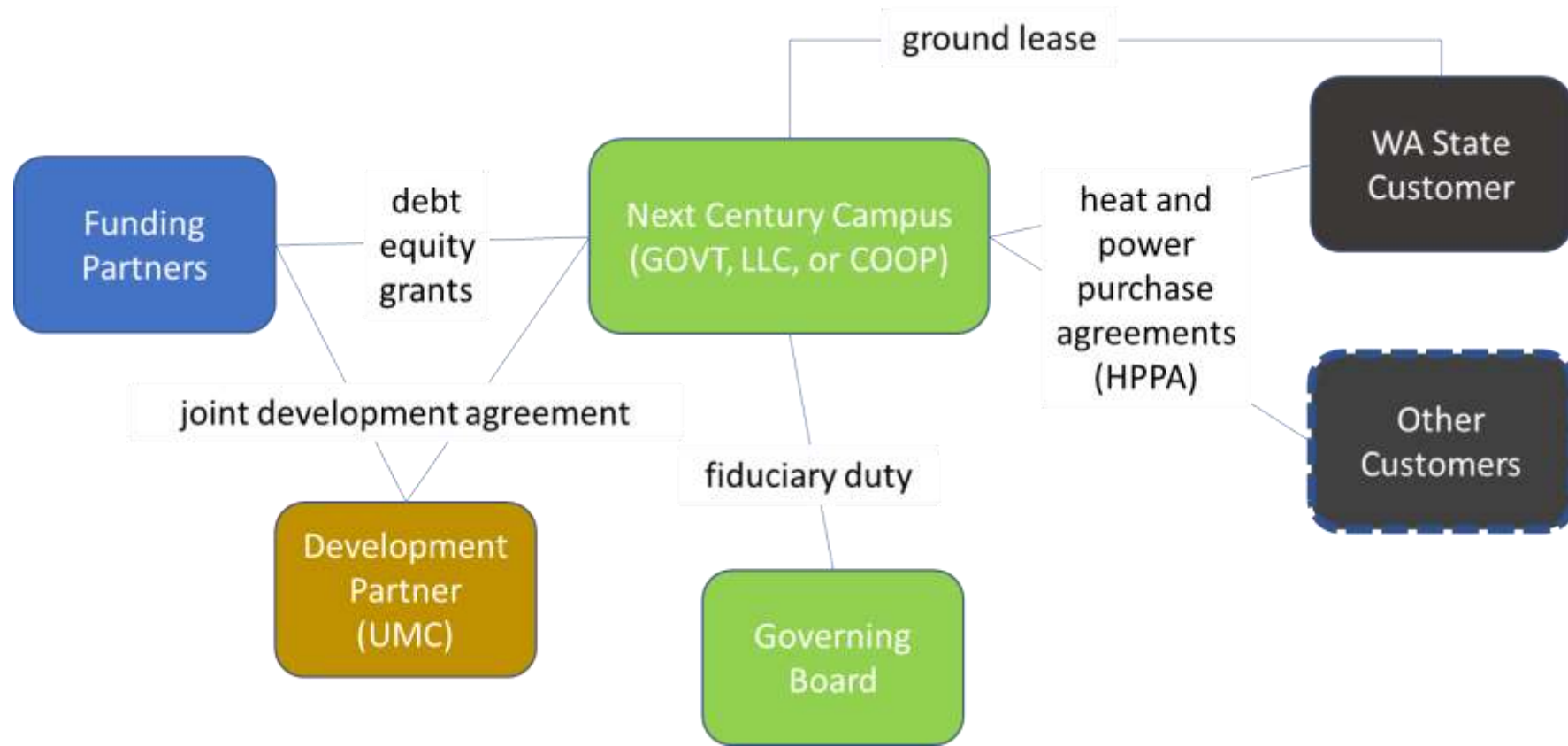
Old Plant circa 1920



New Plant

modernization,  
renewal, and  
growth requires  
a different  
funding strategy

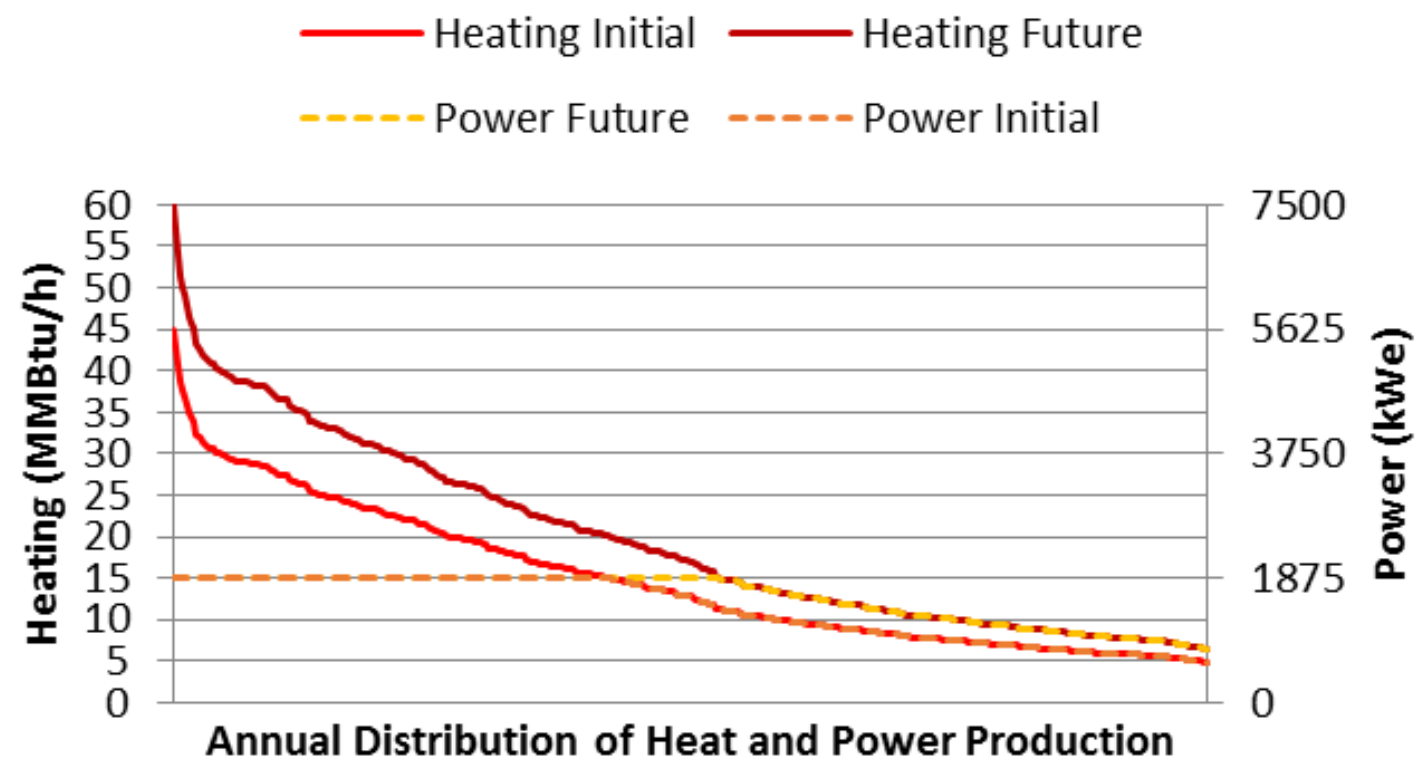




new district (thermal) energy enterprise structure to  
facilitate investment, renewal, operation, and growth

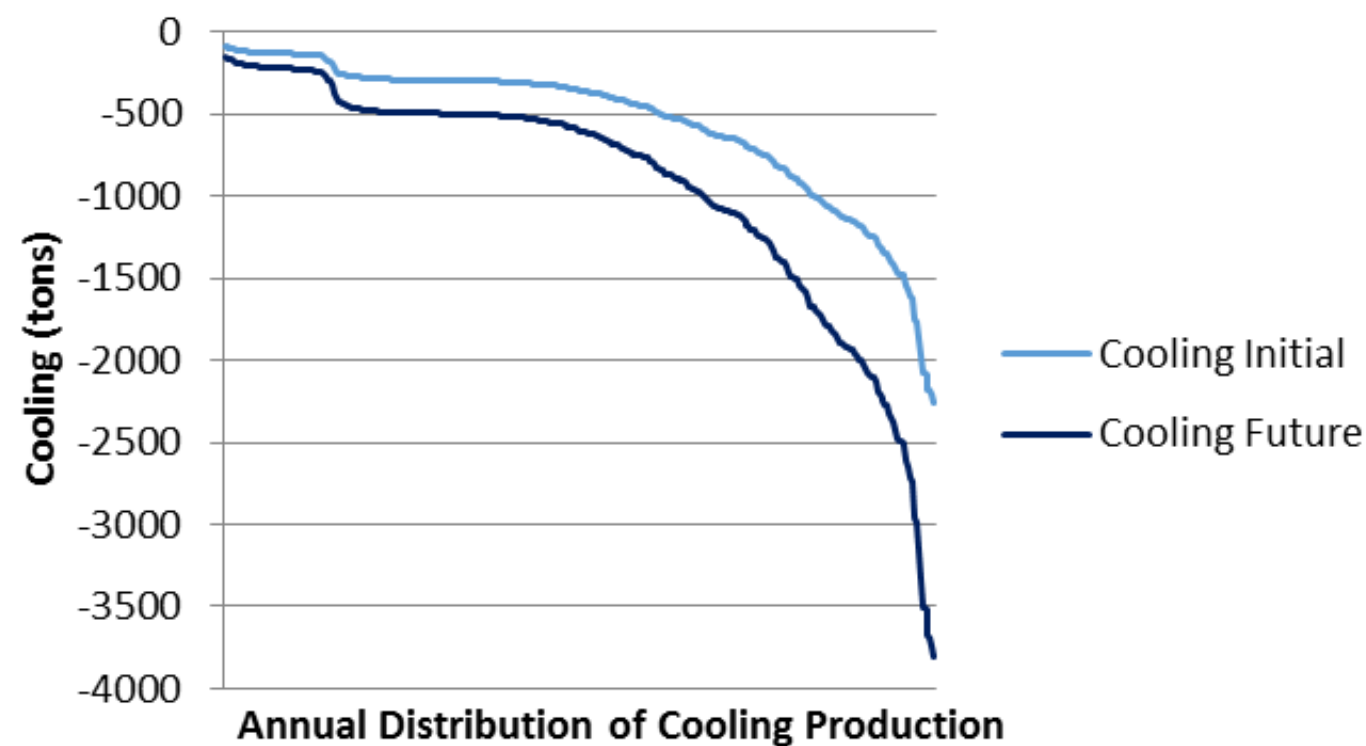
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District heating infrastructure features steam to hot water conversion, thermal storage, and 2.5 MW dispatchable cogeneration

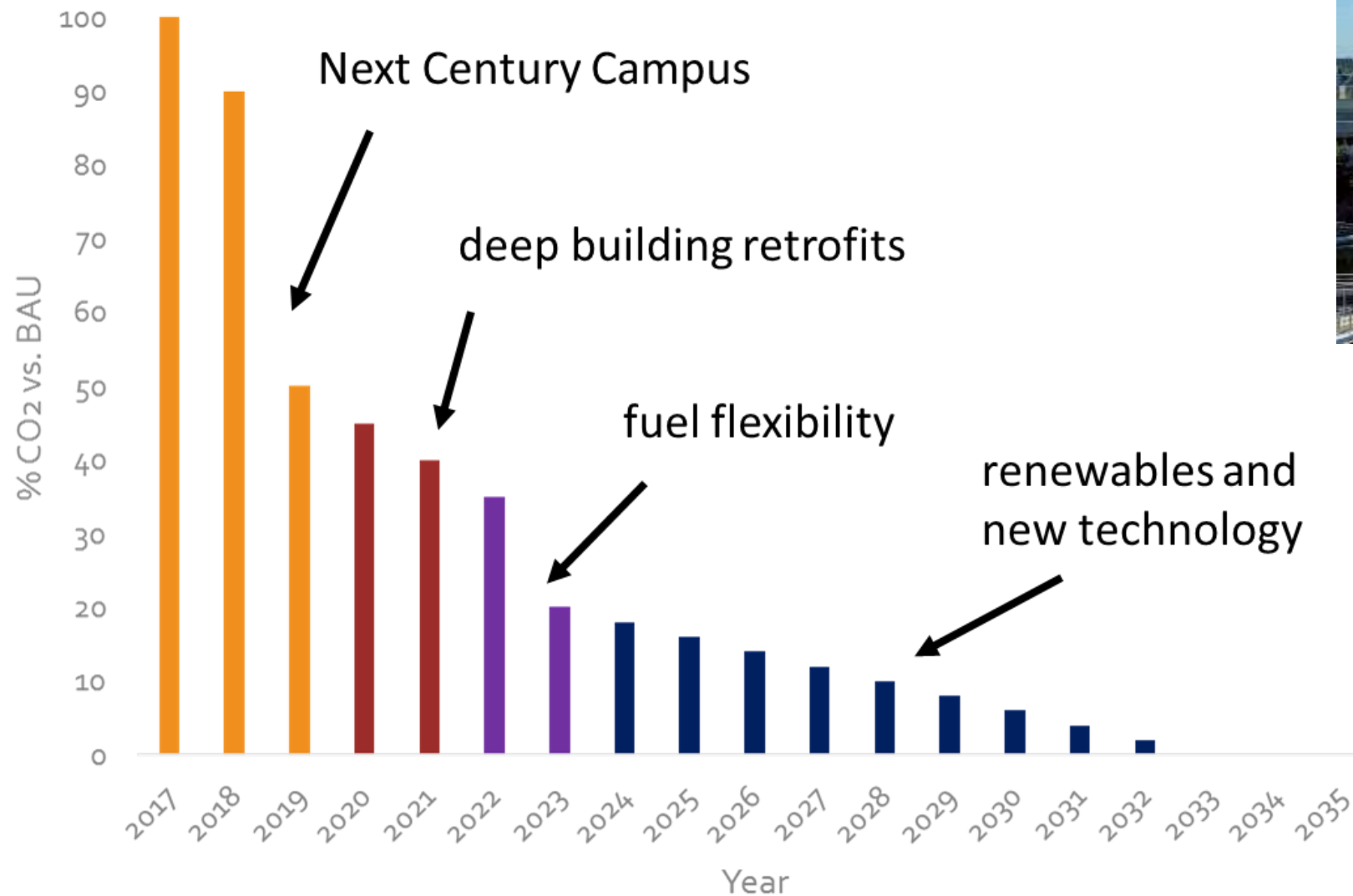


Initial	Future	Description
12	21	Buildings (#)
1,670,217	3,474,823	Connected space (sqft)
45	60	Diversified peak heating (MMBtu/h)
60	75	Installed capacity (N+1) excluding TES
26.9	17.3	Peak intensity (btu/h/sqft)

District cooling infrastructure features expansion to full campus, thermal storage, and provisions for chilled water heat recovery

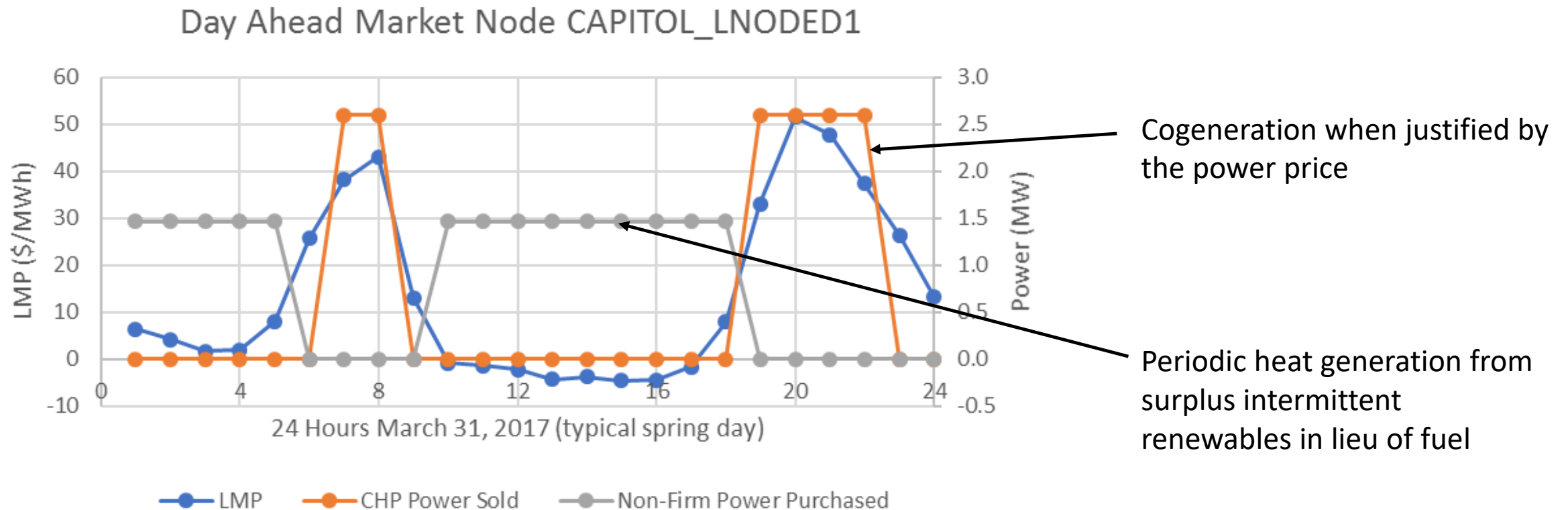


Initial	Future	Description
9	13	Buildings (#)
2,440,423	3,521,017	Connected space (sqft)
2,255	3,806	Diversified peak cooling (MMBtu/h)
3,200	5,000	Installed capacity (N+1) including TES
1,082	925	Peak intensity (btu/h/sqft)



LOTT Wastewater Treatment  
(biogas, purple water supply)

# Dispatchable generation and load to reduce operating cost and carbon



# Questions?

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