

# Today's Discussion:

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- What is risk management & why it is important
- The energy risk management process
- Benefits of various procurement strategies
- Constant assessment





# Risk Management & It's Importance



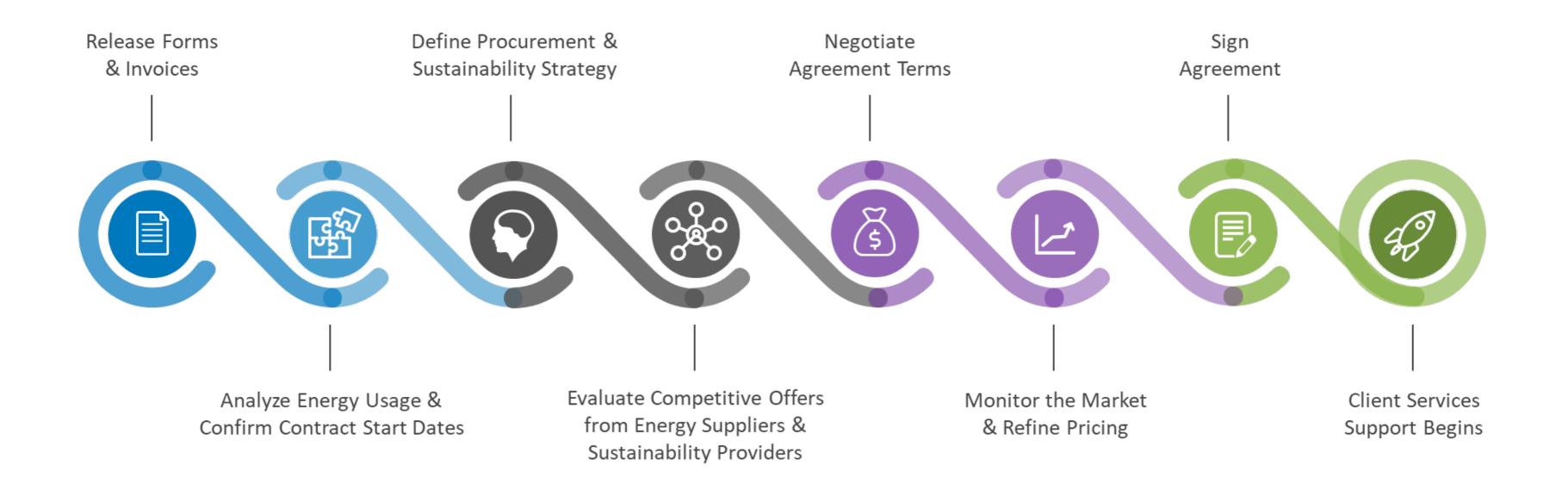
- Knowing risk allows for better planning
- Bigger risk = larger potential cost impact
- How a cost change impacts your business
- Finding a balance between risk avoidance and opportunity cost





## Process Overview

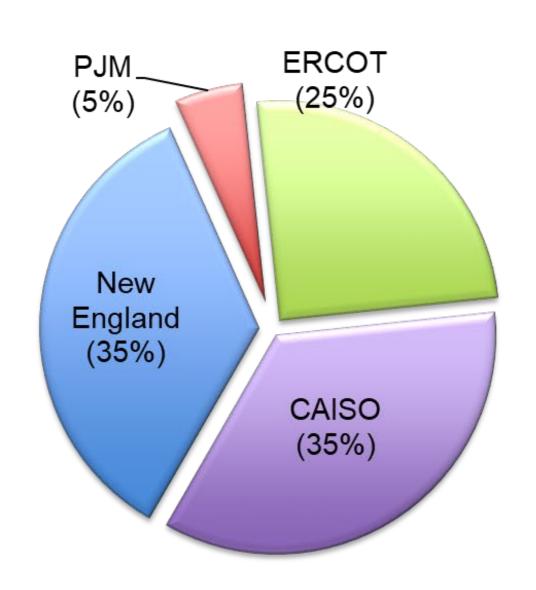


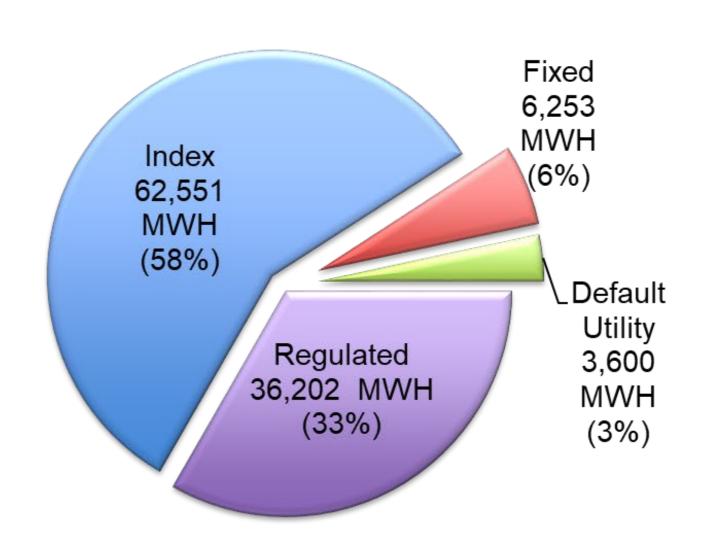




# Portfolio Exposure Assessment







Understanding WHERE you have exposure is key to assessing possible strategies to mitigate risk.



## Risk Management Process



## Establishing a Risk Profile

- Is there a corporate risk policy in place?
- Are there sustainability or carbon footprint reduction commitments?
- Are there corporate covenants regarding contract terms?
- Is budget certainty important?
- Is there a specific budget term (fiscal or planning year)?
- Can a business handle variation in costs from month to month?
- Is there operational flexibility around energy consumption?



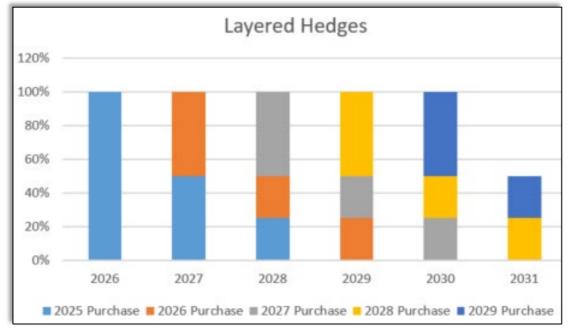
Different facilities in different markets might have different responses.

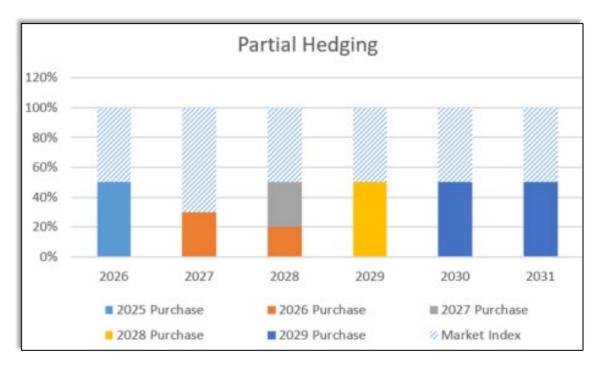


## Potential Strategies







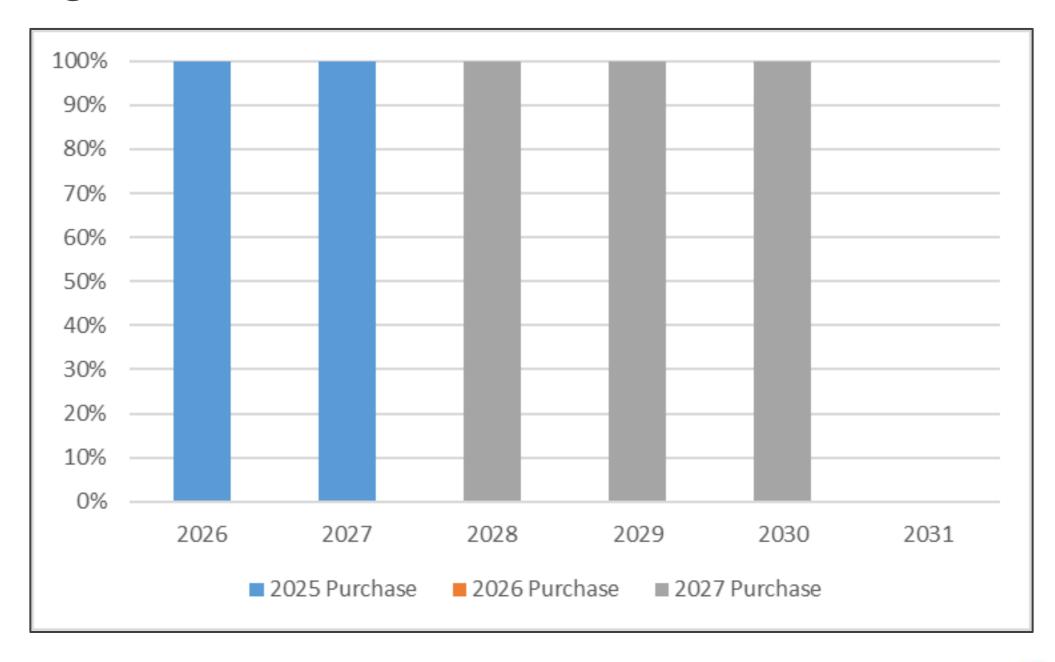


**RISKTOLERANCE LEVELS** 



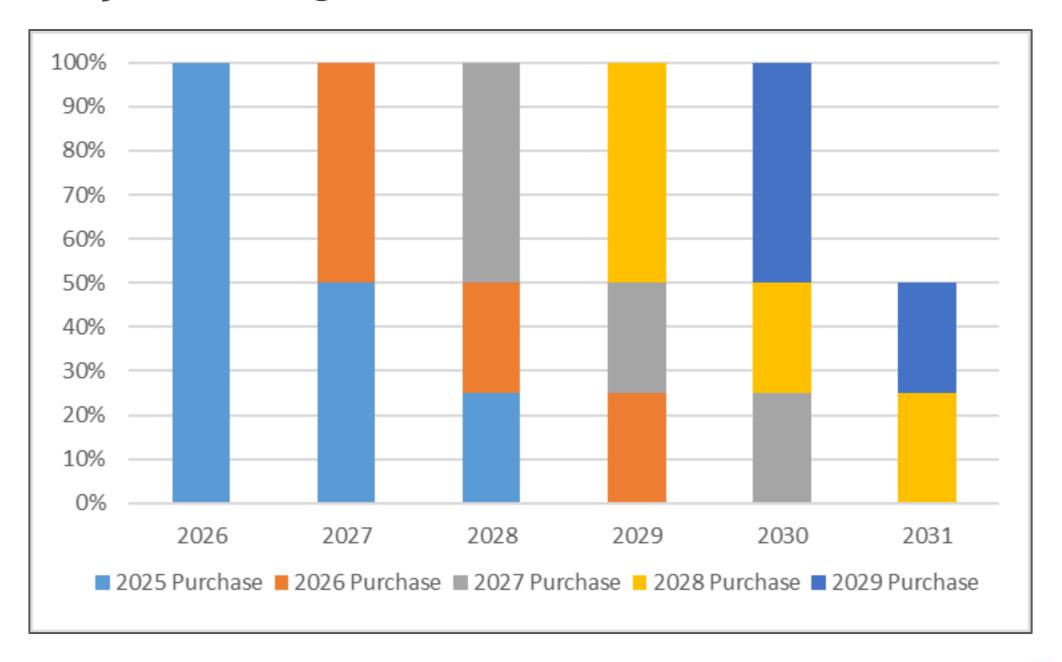


## #1) Fully-Fixed Agreements



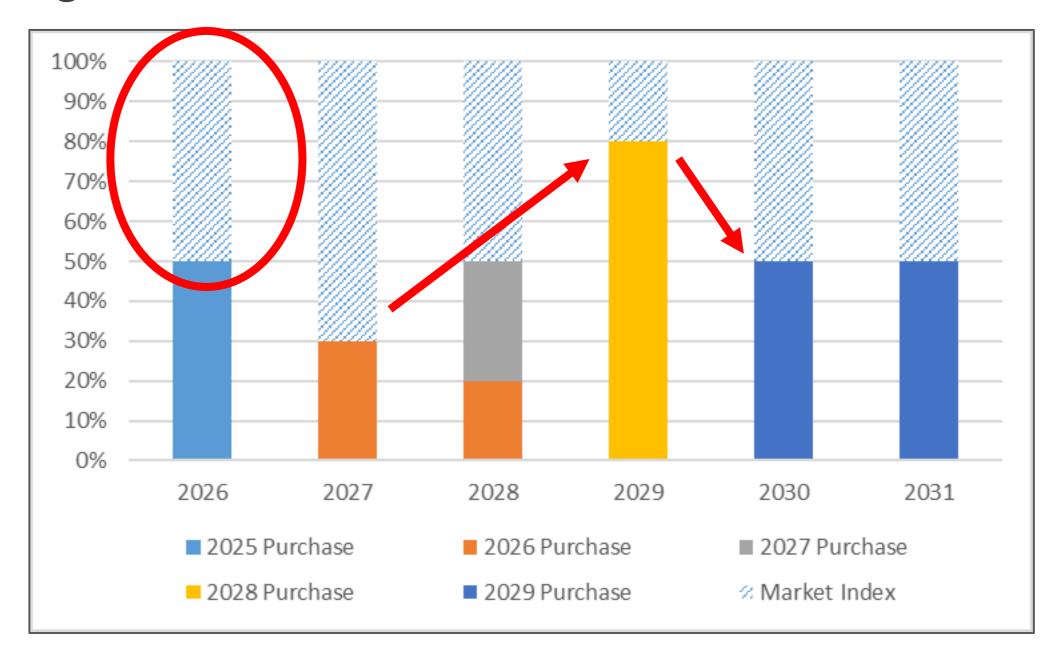


## #2) Mechanical Layered Hedges





## **#3)** Partial Hedges





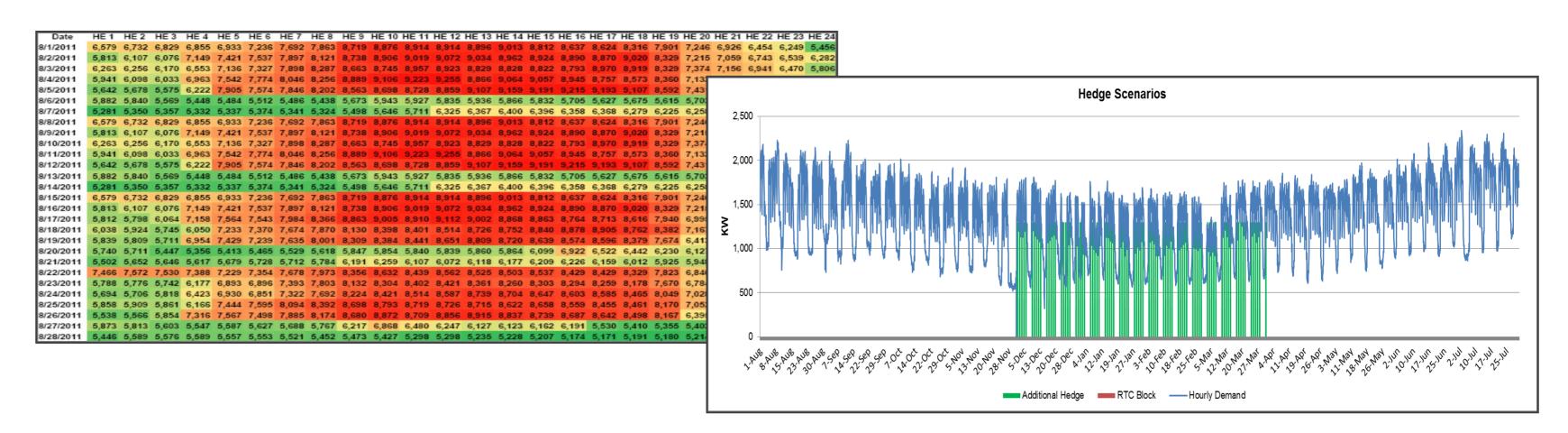
# Risk Management Process (Cont.)



## Exposure Analysis by Site

#### Assess current and future consumption patterns

- Allows for evaluation of products do they fit a certain load shape?
- Load-shifting opportunities discussed





# Risk Management Process (Cont.)

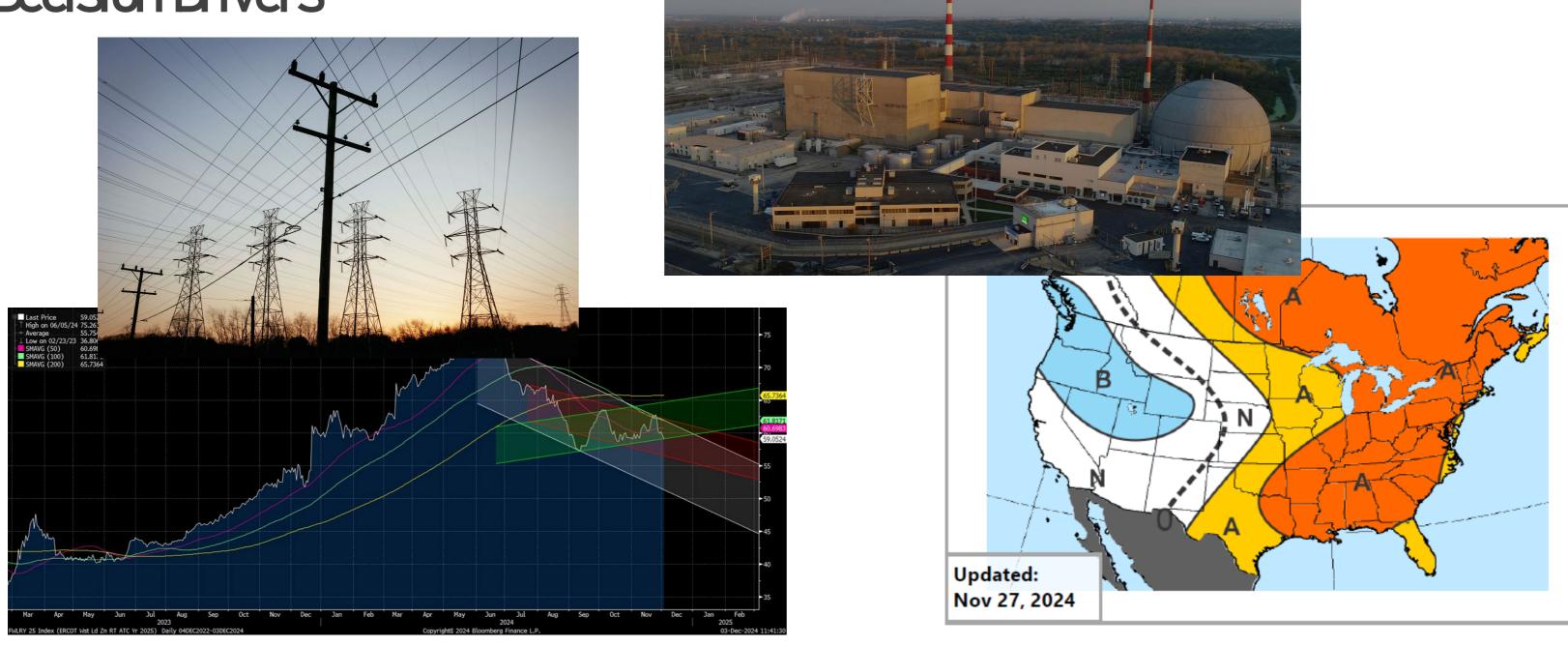


## Assess the Regional Market





### Decision Drivers



There are a lot of regional factors to consider.



# Go To Market: Strategy Implementation



#### Recommended Electricity Procurement Strategy

Compared to the Historical Utility Rate

Client Name - Site Name - City, State

Est. Average Historical Utility Rate (\$/kWh): Current Estimated Annual Spend: \$ 311.619

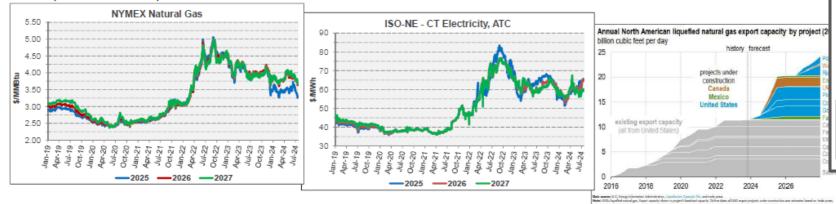
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#### Supplier Price Comparison

				Recommended Term	
Term:	12 MONTHS	24 MONTHS	36 MONTHS	48 MONTHS	60 MONTHS
Product:	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed
Start Date:	Apr-25	Apr-25	Apr-25	Apr-23	Apr-23
Supplier:	Constellation	Constellation	Constellation	Constellation	Constellation
Rate (\$/kWh):	0.11920	0.11770	0.11450	0.11920	0.11920
Annual Estimated Budget:	\$ 345,728	\$ 341,377	\$ 332,096	\$ 345,728	\$ 345,728
Est. Annual Difference (\$):	\$ 34,109	\$ 29,758	\$ 20,477	\$ 34,109	\$ 34,109
Est. Annual Difference (%):	10.9%	9.5%	6.6%	10.9%	10.9%
Swing %/MAC:	Unbanded	Unbanded	Unbanded	Unbanded	Unbanded
Payment Terms:	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility

1. Based on the forward electricity market remaining just above all-time lows and a forward view of rising prices, Tradition recommends a 36 month fixed, all-in rate with Constellation to lock in budget certain

- Natural Gas prices, which drive electricity prices in this region, are suppressed following an extraordinarily mild Winter 2022-2023, which was then followed by a mild Summer 2023. Forward markets antic winter due to El Nino conditions in the eastern Pacific, but should the coming winter actually turn out less mild than expected, energy markets will likely rebound from their current lows.
- 2. Limited gas pipeline infrastructure supplying New England necessitates the need for liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports to meet winter gas and electricity demands. Global demand for LNG is at an all-time infrastructure countries constructing new import facilities to increase their use of the fuel in coming years. Since New England relies on globally-sourced LNG to meet peak winter demands, the increases in LNG prices are reflected in the price of both natural gas and electricity in the region.
- 3. There are growing concerns about the future of both the Mystic Generating station and the Everett LNG terminal just north of Boston. Current expectations are that the existing funding agreement with the which is key to regional reliability, will be extended beyond its scheduled expiration of May 31, 2024, and that a similar agreement will be reached to keep the LNG terminal open. Should either of those fun to materialize, we anticipate uncertainty and prices for electricity in New England in late 2024 and all of 2025 to increase significantly and linger for several years.
- 4. The New England Clean Energy Connect, a 1,200 MW transmission line aiming to provide New England with hydroelectric energy from Canada, has recently had its suspension overturned after being susper November 2021. This line is viewed as key to reducing the region's reliance on natural gas for electricity generation and limiting price volatility especially during cold winter months, but construction is expec well beyond 2025 due to the delay

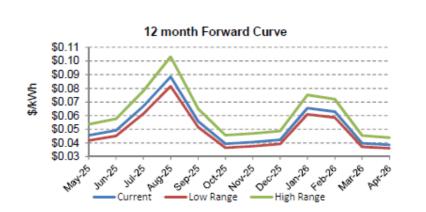


#### **Budget Sensitivity Analysis - Sample**

Volume

Fixed

Evaluated Term	May 25 to Apr 29
Estimated Term Usage (kWh)	191,817,000
Current Forward Wholesale Market	\$0.0499
Potential Range in the next 60 days: -8% to 18%	\$0.0476 - \$0.0549



		Budget Impact (\$)												
			Likely Range											
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	-8.4%	3 Standard Deviations	2 Standard Deviations	1 Standard Deviation	Base Case	1 Standard Deviation	2 Standard Deviations	3 Standard Deviations	17.7%					
0%	-\$597,278	-\$569,206	-\$436,013	-\$191,129	\$0	\$404,663	\$923,137	\$1,205,137	\$1,264,572					
25%	-\$400,176	-\$381,368	-\$292,129	-\$128,056	\$0	\$271,124	\$618,502	\$807,442	\$847,263					
50%	-\$298,639	-\$284,603	-\$218,006	-\$95,564	\$0	\$202,331	\$461,569	\$602,568	\$632,286					
75%	-\$199,491	-\$190,115	-\$145,628	-\$63,837	\$0	\$135,157	\$308,328	\$402,516	\$422,367					
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## Continued Assessment: Performance Analysis



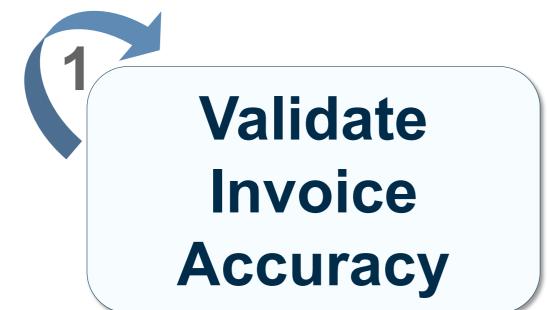
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Tradition Energy																		
Last Updated: 11/11/2024	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	FY 23/24					
SITE 1																		
Forecast (MWh)	20,435	21,822	20,365	19,662	19,852	18,457	19,222	19,138	20,045	19,543	20,011	20,450	5 239,007					
Actual (MWh)	20,632	21,890	21,540	19,750	19,750	19,240	19,250	19,010	19,975	-	-	-	181,037					
Total Block (MWh)	10,316	10,945	10,770	9,875	18,000	18,600	18,600	17,400	7,440	7,200	7,440	7,200	143,786					
% of Block	50%	50%	50%	50%	91%	97%	97%	92%	37%	37%	37%	359	60%					
Block Cost (\$/MWh)	\$ 38.45	\$ 38.45	\$ 38.45	\$ 38.45	\$ 96.53	\$ 96.53	\$ 96.53	\$ 96.53	\$ 83.21	\$ 83.21	\$ 83.21	\$ 83.21	\$ 70.3917					
Adder (\$/MWh)	\$ 24.32																	
Total Block Cost (\$/MWh)	\$ 62.77			\$ 62.77									\$ 113.00					
Market Cost (\$/MWh)	\$ 42.47			\$ 33.18									\$ 38.11283					
Total Unhedged Cost (\$/MWh)	\$ 66.79											\$ 91.27	\$80.72122					
Total Estimated Supply Cost (\$/MWh)	\$ 64.78	\$ 60.11	\$ 63.66	\$ 60.14	\$ 145.65	\$ 148.98	\$ 150.24	\$ 145.83	\$ 103.99	\$ 105.01	\$ 104.93	\$ 107.64	\$ 103.72					
08/16/21																		
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Block (MWh)	10,316	10,945	10,770	9,875														
Block Cost (\$/MWh)	\$ 38.45		\$ 38.45	\$ 38.45		08	/16/21											
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10/27/23										, ,								<del></del>
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Block (MWh) Block Cost (\$/MWh)	+				10,800 \$ 105.41	11,160 \$ 105.41	11,160 \$ 105.41	10,440 \$ 105.41										
Market on Sign Date (\$/MWh)	+				\$ 88.49													
Difference to Current Market (%)	+				60%													
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Average LMP (\$/MWh)*	\$ 42.47	\$ 33.13	\$ 40.23	\$ 33.18	\$ 35.02	\$ 32.82	\$ 71.05	\$ 34.32	\$ 29.36	\$ 31.33	\$ 30.92	\$ 36.70	\$ 38.11					
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2025 Member Meeting



### Energy Cost Optimization (ECO): Solutions





Leverage Energy Incentives

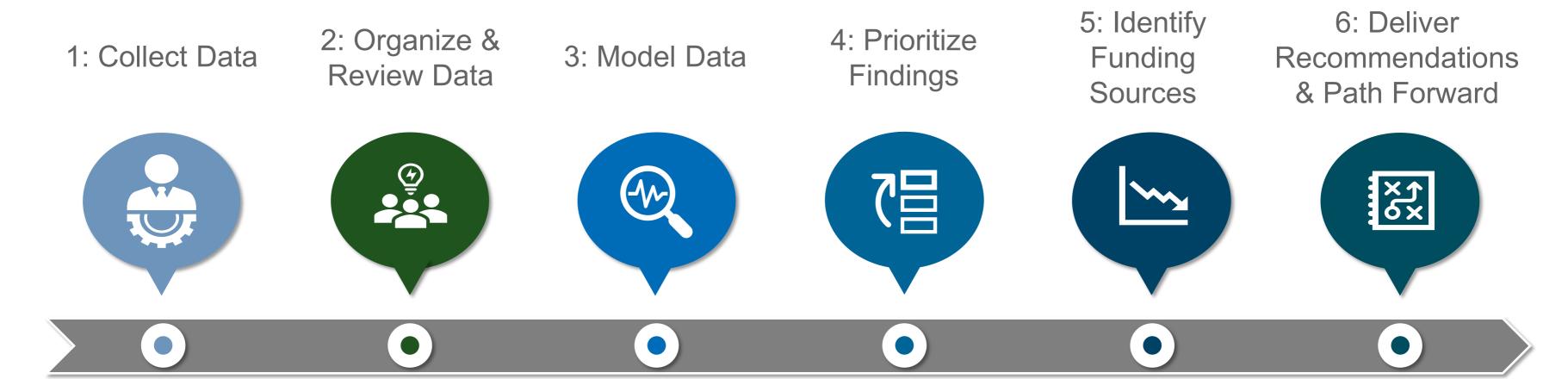
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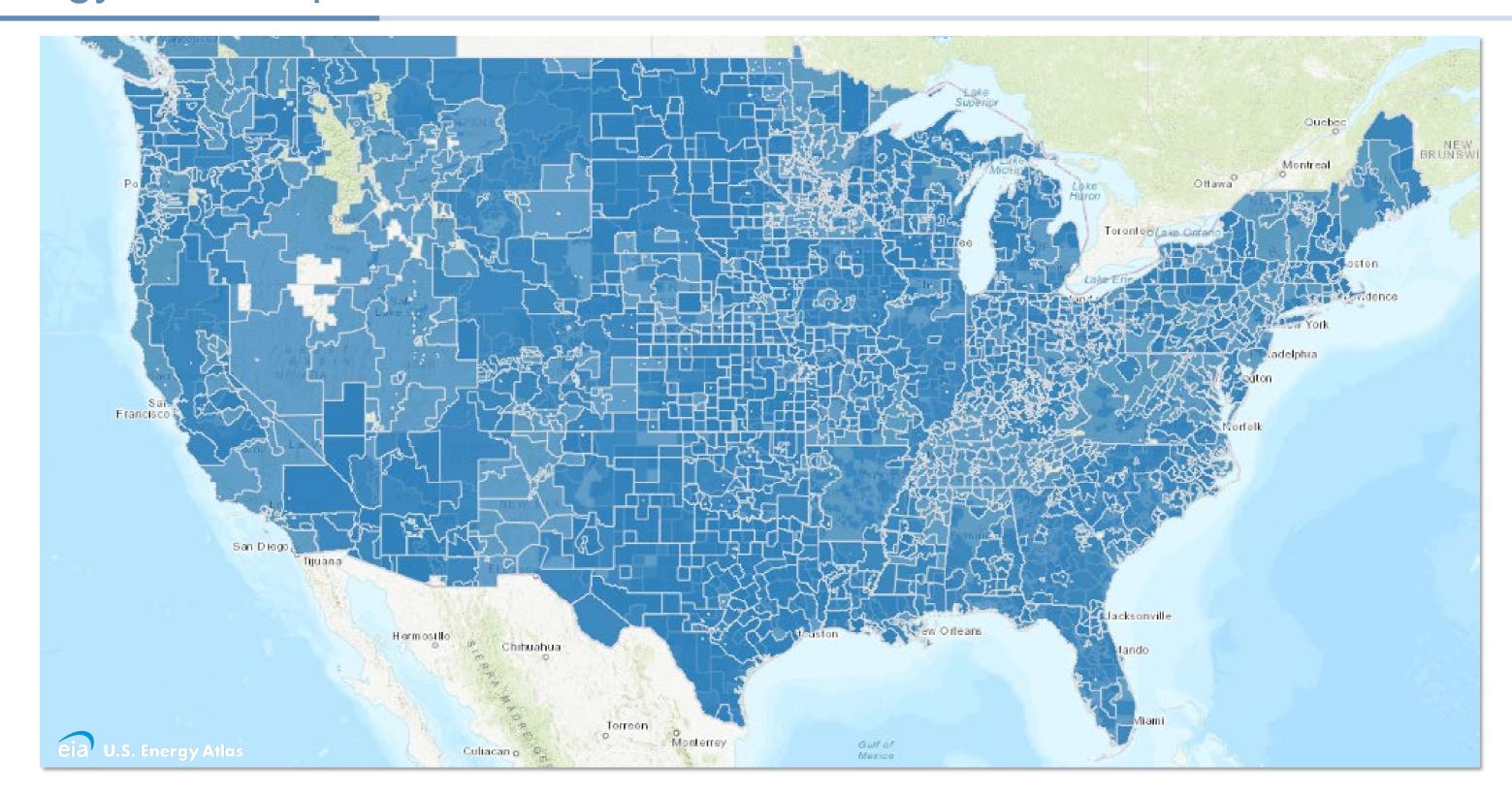
### Energy Cost Optimization (ECO): Program

### Free 2 Week Pre-Qualification

### Members Save an Average of 10-15% on Energy Costs



### Energy Landscape: ~3,000 Utilities and over 10,000 Distribution Rates in the U.S.



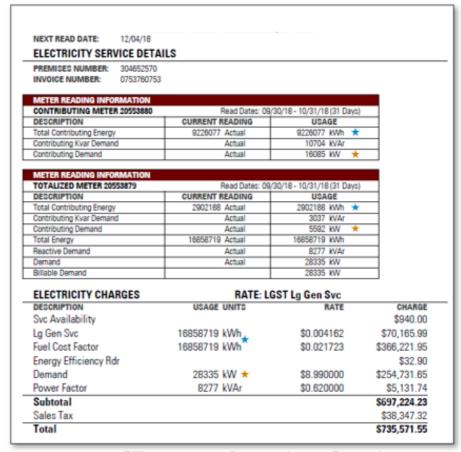
### Validate Invoice Accuracy

#### Invoice Analysis: Billing Errors

Verifying the accuracy of meter readings against billed usage is another way to identify billing errors.

#### **Utility Billing Error:**

- Incorrect values for electricity usage (consumption, demand, and reactive demand) were used to calculate the billing charges that month.
- Billed usage values were 40% higher than actual usage values from interval meter data. When corrected savings were ~\$193,000.



Billing errors: ★ - Consumption,★ - Demand



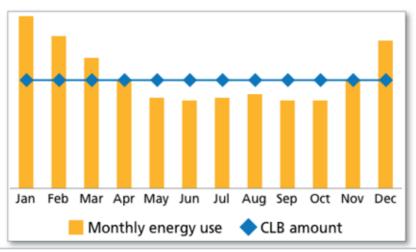
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### **Optimize Distribution Costs**

#### Rate Negotiation

Utility normalizes monthly energy charges leading to excessive liabilities and/or loans to the utility. Eliminating Comfort Level Billing will eliminate exposure caused by estimated charges. Additionally, a down payment/deposit may be on file with the utility, which can be secured to pay current invoices.

Risk Avoidance (Tax Liability / Billing Optimization) (in \$K)											
Opportunity Utility		Recurring An	nual Savings	Next Steps	Estimated Timing						
Оррогили	Ounty	Low	High	Next Steps	to Implement						
Comfort Level Billing	Avista	(\$120) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$100 <sup>(1)</sup>	Contact local utility and eliminate Comfort Level Billing to avoid building liability or loaning funds to the Utility	0 to 1 month						



If you have a current balance: We apply current energy prices to your energy usage over the past 12 months, then calculate an average. Next, we divide your current balance by 12. This 1/12th balance is added to the average and that total amount is your Comfort Level Billing plan amount. A down payment is required when enrolling with a balance.

Previous Balance Due		\$52,755.00		
Payment(s) Received through 03/21/2023		0.00		
Su	btotal	52,755.00		
Adjustment(s)				
Budget Plan Refund		84,315.01		
Budget Plan Annual True-Up		-137,070.01		
New Charge(s)				
Comfort Level Billing		33,894.00		
Total Amount Due This Month		\$33,894.00		
Due Date (Applies to new charges only):	A	pr 10, 2023		
Previous Actual Account Balance		-\$84,315.01		
Current Actual Account Balance		\$38,132.24		



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### Leverage Energy Incentives

#### **Energy Efficiency Study**

Energy Efficiency improvements to bring the top six facilities down to average would yield \$790k in Recurring Annual

Cost Avoidance

#### Action Items:

 Compare production processes across plants to establish accurate benchmarking

Analyze equipment lists for each facility

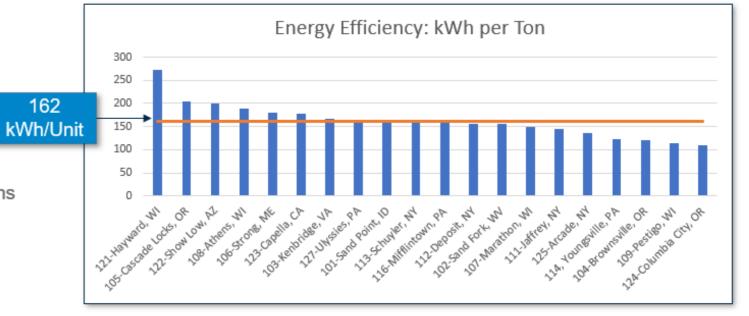
Identify eligibility for energy efficiency rebates

Perform Energy Audits

Implement energy improvement recommendations

Measure & Verify (M&V) savings

Make adjustment/improvements as needed



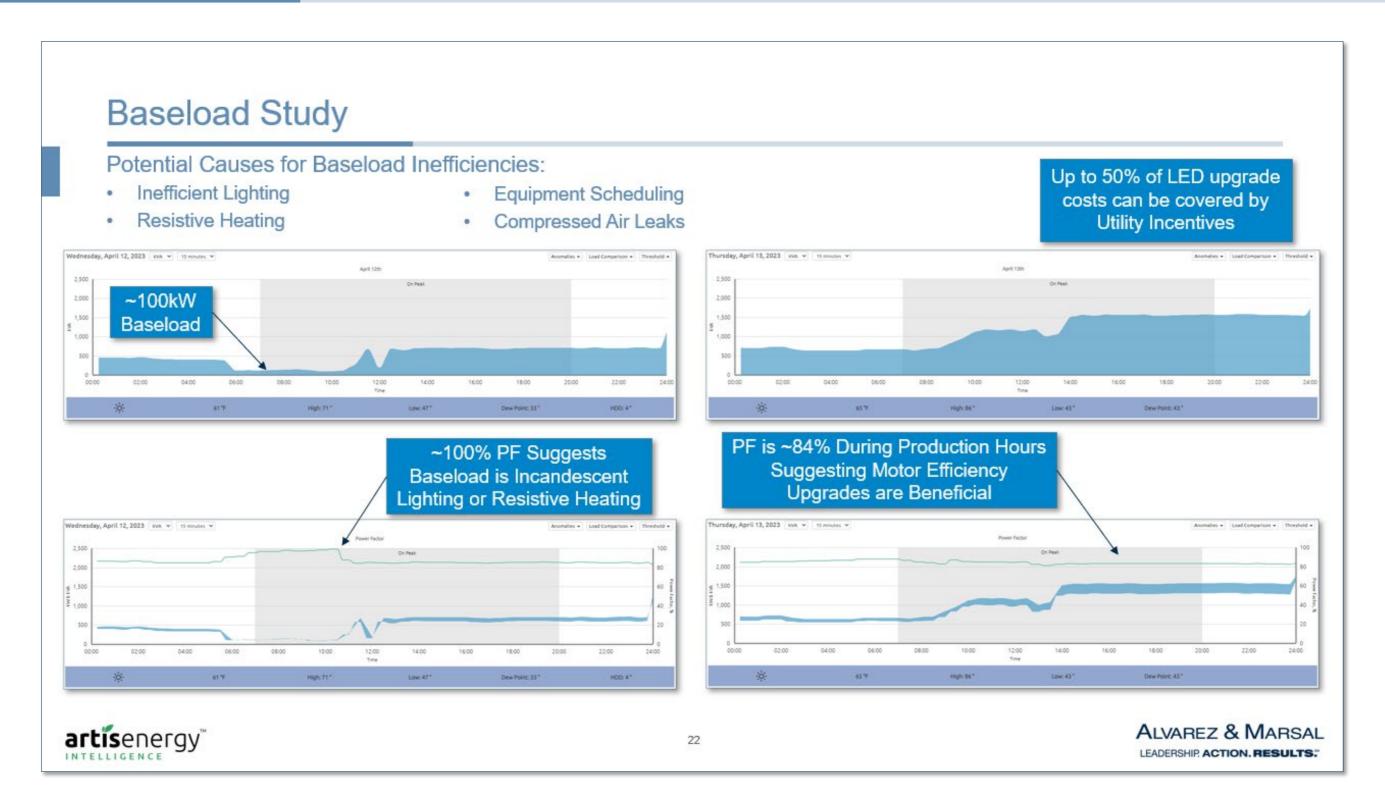
	E	Energy per Ton			Cost of Energy		kWh	Cost (\$)	
Location	kWh	MMBtu (Gas)	MMBtu (Total)	\$/kWh	\$/MMBtu	Tons Produced	vs. Average	vs. Average	Energy Efficiency Programs
Facility 1	273	0.16	1.092	\$0.09	\$11.15	22,258	2,470,638	\$216,354	EE Program 1
Facility 2	204	1.01	1.706	\$0.06	\$16.89	25,638	1,076,796	\$66,847	
Facility 3	201	-	0.686	\$0.12	-	29,041	1,132,599	\$130,725	EE Program 2
Facility 4	188	0.05	0.692	\$0.16	\$10.17	9,662	251,212	\$39,438	EE Program 3
Facility 5	180	-	0.614	\$0.27	-	52,731	949,158	\$253,520	EE Program 4
Facility 6	177	-	0.604	\$0.22	-	24,766	371,490	\$82,727	EE Program 5
Average:	204		0.899	\$0.15		Total:	6,251,893	\$789,610	



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### Improve Operational Performance



### Diversify with Renewable & Alternative Energy

#### California Solar Investment Overview:

Annual Usage: 132,000 kWh Annual Electric Costs \$40,500

	Solar	Spec	Investment Analysis						
Scenario	System Size (kW)	Battery Size (kW)	Investment Required	IRR	Payback (Years)	Lifetime Savings *			
Scenario 1	22	-	\$23,300	48%	2.2	\$503,400			
Scenario 2	86	65	\$95,671	42%	2.5	\$1,999,000			
Scenario 3	22	60	\$29,918	32%	3.3	\$478,800			
Scenario 4	-	60	\$6,000	146%	3.9	\$25,211			

Scenario 1: On-Site Solar

Scenario 2: On-Site Solar + Battery Storage of Solar Energy

Scenario 3: On-Site Solar + Battery Storage of Grid Energy

Scenario 4: Battery Storage (Off Peak Charging)\*

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#### **Power Factor Correction**

Utilities often charge for poor power factor. Power factor correction equipment is available, and payback can often be achieved in under two years.



#### **Power Factor Correction**

- An estimated range of \$45k to \$60k in savings is available through Power Factor correction
  - Power Factor correction equipment (Capacitors) are estimated to cost between \$40k to \$70k investment. Cost estimates are based on the required kVAr size and similar projects implemented in the past year.
- Power Factor correction equipment typically has a useful life of >20 years and requires minimal maintenance
- Next Steps: Contact a local provider to receive quotes for PF audit and/or turnkey installation



\*Note, power factor capacitors typically have a useful life of 20+ years

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<sup>\*</sup> Project length is 12 years for Scenario 4 vs 30 for other Scenarios

<sup>\*\*</sup>A TOU rate option was evaluated and turned out to be less attractive for solar

### **Key Takeaways & Contact Information**

- 1) Supply strategies need to be right sized to your risk profile and energy needs
- 2) TE can assist in finding a balance between risk avoidance and opportunity cost
- 3) AMEN's ECO program focus on savings and alternative energy opportunities
- 4) Pre-Qualification in less than 2 weeks at no cost
- 5) Target engagements are self-funded through savings

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