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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Charlie Grist

SUBJECT: Incorporating Energy Efficiency Technology Improvement Forecasts into the

Seventh Northwest Power Plan

The power planning process requires making assumptions about the future. Forecasting electricity demands and conservation resource potential both require estimates of end user equipment choices and behavior. Technology change is an important factor to consider when making these estimates because it impacts the cost, performance and penetration of energy using equipment and practices.

At the Power Committee meeting, staff will:

- provide a briefing on the Council's past approaches to estimating impacts of technology change in power planning
- outline the consequences of those approaches, and
- identify potential alternative approaches.

To date, Council conservation potential assessments have been based on costs and performance of technologies available at the time the power plan is developed. One of the chief items for the Council to consider is the question of whether to forecast changes in the cost and performance of energy efficiency using equipment beyond levels available today. This is important due to rapid changes for certain existing technologies as well as emerging new technologies. The briefing will also touch on the impact of these analytical choices on electric resource strategies.

Staff is not seeking a decision on this topic now. Instead, the discussion is intended to set the stage for future Council decisions that will need to occur during the development of the Seventh Northwest Power Plan.

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Incorporating Energy Efficiency Technology Improvement Forecasts into the Seventh Plan

Power Committee January 14, 2013



Outline

- End use technology trends inherently uncertain
- A challenge for planning
- Council approach in past plans
 - What the Act says
 - Past practice for EE and for Generation
- The challenges of "fast" markets
 - TV examples
 - Lighting examples
- Treatment technology trends in Seventh Plan
 - Choices and implications



What the Act Says

- What makes a resource **cost-effective** under the Act? "Cost-effective" defined in Section 3(4):
 - To be cost-effective a resource must:
 - be reliable and available
 - meet or reduce demand of the "consumers of the customers" at "an estimated incremental system cost no greater than that of the leastcost <u>similarly reliable and available</u> alternative measure or resource"



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Council's Analysis of Available & Reliable Differs for EE & Generation Northwest Conservation

Available & Reliable Generation

- Commercially available & proven technology
- Forecast changes in cost & performance
 - Capital costs decline for wind, gas-fired, solar
 - Transmission & integration costs are forecast
 - Some cost elements go up some down
- Resource costs based on forecast in-service date





Available & Reliable EE



- Available in the market <u>at time plan developed</u>
 - No measures not yet invented or not reliable
- Demonstrated to reliably produce savings
 - Field tests, pilot programs, lab tests
- Load forecast & conservation mechanics
 - Load forecast & conservation assessment must use same assumptions – same baseline



Typical Power Planning Methods for Emerging Tech in EE & Load Forecast

- Baseline
 - Federal standards or State codes **OR** better
- Stock Turn-Over Rates
 - Equipment turnover rates play key role
 - Frequency of appliance replacement, lamp burnout, fixture replacements & system remodels
- Frozen Efficiency Baseline
 - Replacements are <u>frozen</u> at today's efficiency levels & costs



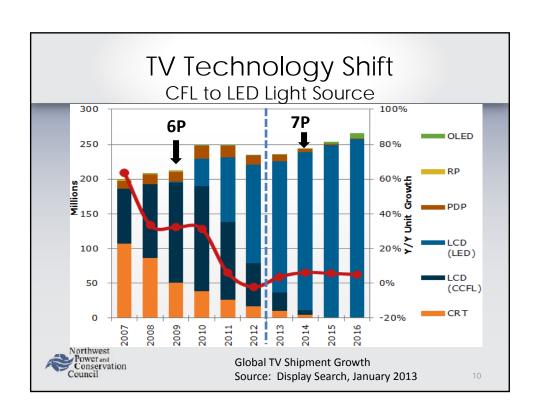
Challenged by Fast changing technology or markets

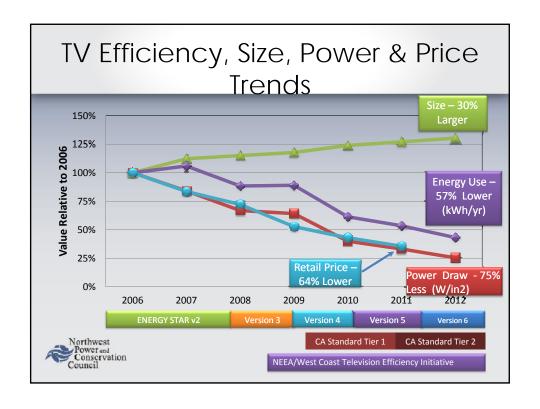
Consequences of EE Approach

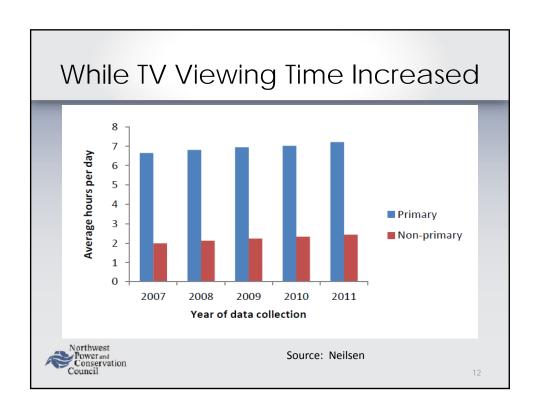
- Good near-term estimates EE cost/kWh
- Likely conservative for EE in long term
 - Not capture improvements EE cost/kWh
 - Not capture out-year market changes loads
- Miss out on emergent technology
- But re-estimate every five years or so
 - New Plan = new baseline for
 - Price, Performance, Penetration
 - A lead-time issue with regard to resources

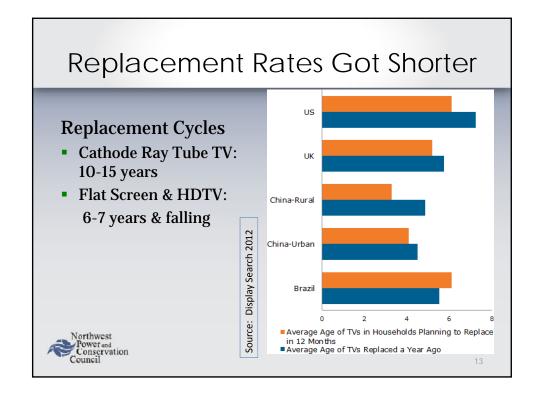








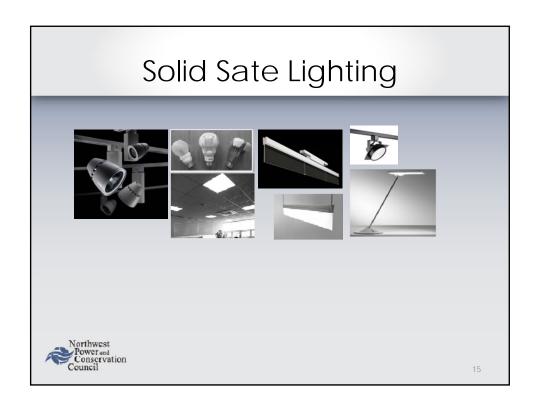


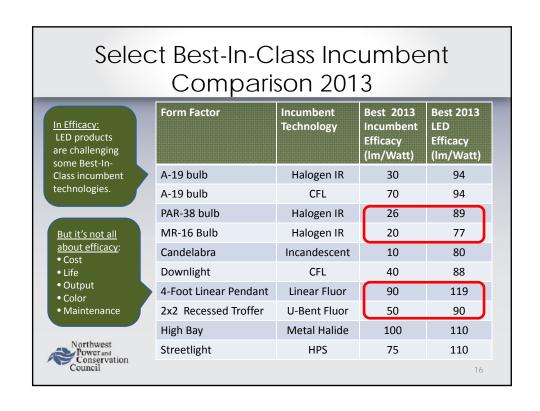


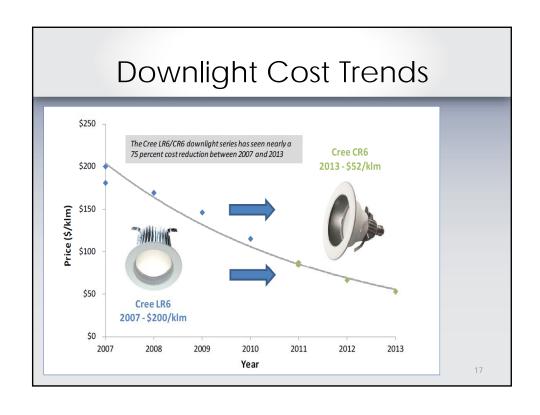
TV Example Take-Aways

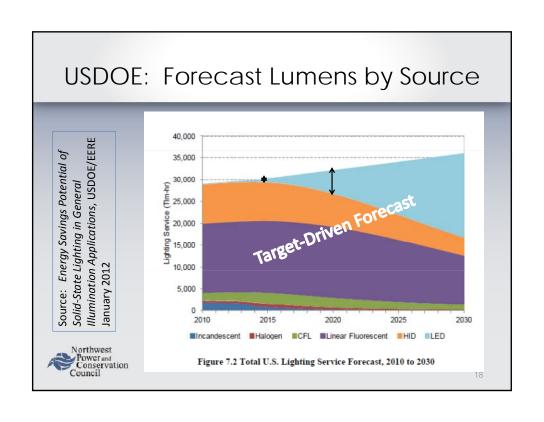
- Many factors influence TV energy use
 - Technology, size, consumer behavior
- Reality & forecasts can depart quickly in fast markets
- Load forecast & conservation assessment must use same forecast assumptions
- Frequent updates required for planning and for conservation implementation

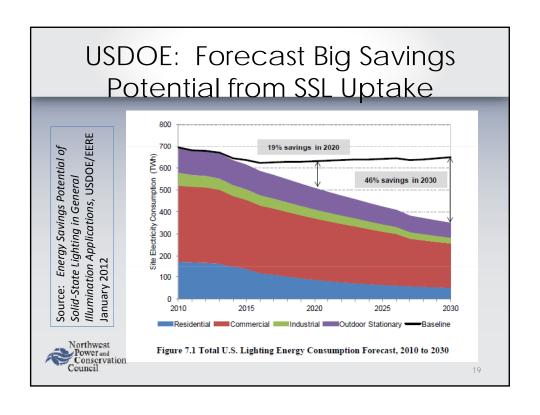


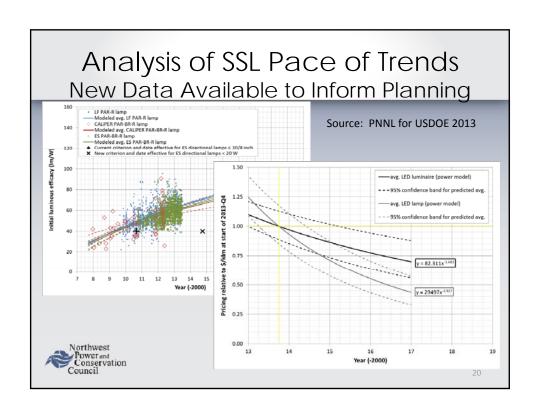












Not Soley EE & Emerging Tech

- Forecast <u>all</u> end user equipment & behavior
- Forecast models:
 - Use cost & performance estimates for all major components for new & replacement stock
 - Consider behavioral & market uptake too
- Efficiency models:
 - Estimates based on forecast baseline
 - Savings and cost above baseline



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Potential Fast Markets for Seventh Plan

- Solid state lighting
- Cheap digital controls
 - IP addressable hardware, smart phone apps
- Roof-top solar PV
- Information technology
 - Data centers, servers, storage
- Information revolution impact on behavior
 - Electronic info displaces physical behaviors

Key Planning Decisions for Seventh Plan

- Identify near-term innovation trends
- Include end use forecast cost trends beyond 2015?
 - Forecast price & performance
 - Forecast pace of market uptake
 - Forecast turnover rates in face of new tech
- Impact on resource strategies near-term/long term

Get advice from Demand Forecasting (DFAC) and Conservation Resource Advisory Committee (CRAC)

