# Reducing Costs with Energy Efficiency

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# **Austin Energy**



- Municipally-owned
- 700,000 population
- Area > 400 sq. miles
- Generation 3,170 MWs



#### Demand-side Management's Role?

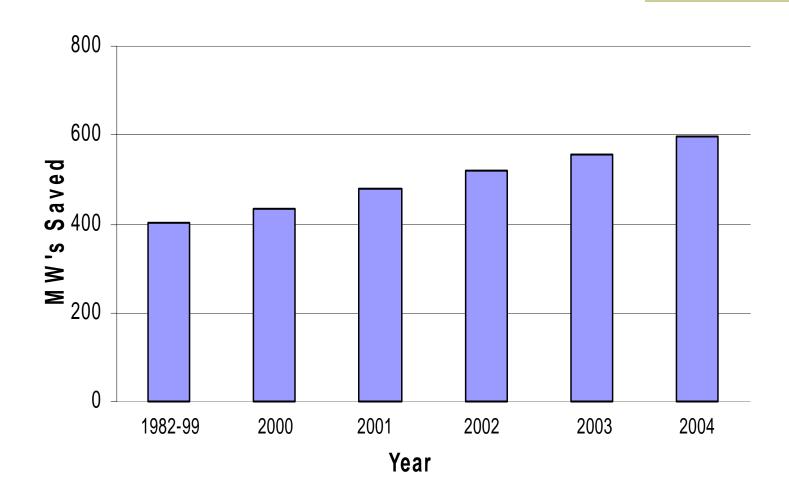


- Demand-side Management (DSM) are initiatives which modify the level and pattern of electricity use by customers.
- Provides cost-effective resources to defer the need for new capacity
- Enhances customer service



# Energy Efficiency Peak Demand Savings

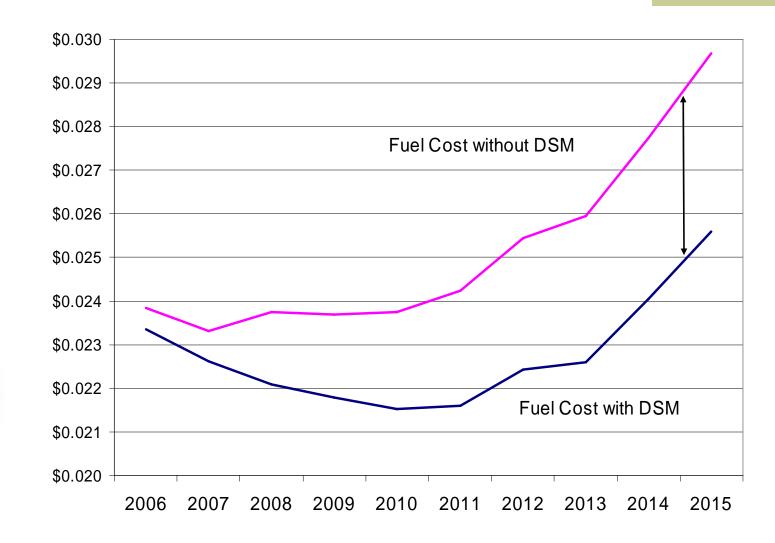






#### **DSM Reduction in Fuel Costs**









# **Austin City Council**

#### Resolution September 14, 1999

"Cost-effective conservation programs shall be the first priority in meeting new load growth requirements of Austin Energy."

#### Clean Energy Resolution August 28, 2003



... Austin Energy Strategic Plan to ensure Austin remains a national and international leader in the development and use of clean energy



# Austin Energy's Response

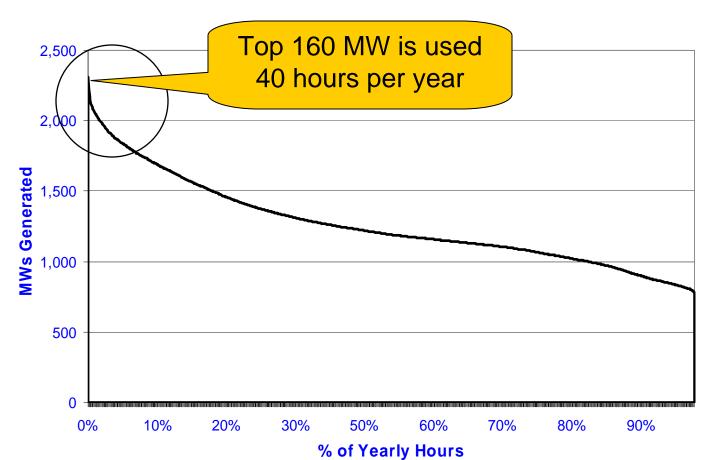
- Energy Efficiency is first priority
  - 15% Demand-Side Management by 2020
  - 20% Renewable Energy by 2020
  - 100 MWs of Solar by 2020
  - Commercial, Residential and Solar Energy Efficiency Programs







#### **AE System Load Duration Curve -2004**





# Promoting Commercial Energy Efficiency



- Cash rebates that pay 20 30% of cost
- Up to 70% buy-down incentives for Small Business
- Direct install measures
- Innovative electric rate tariffs
- Free energy audits
- Feasibility studies
- Inter-agency agreements



Newsletter / Mail outs



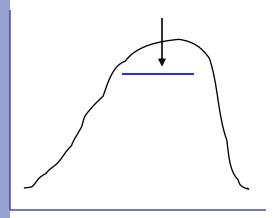


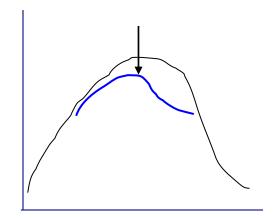
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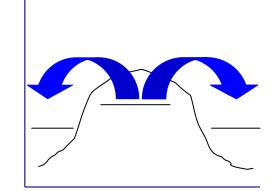
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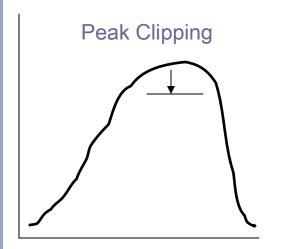


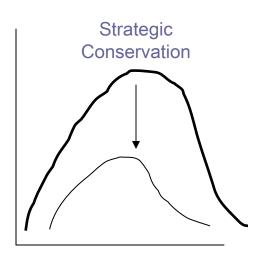


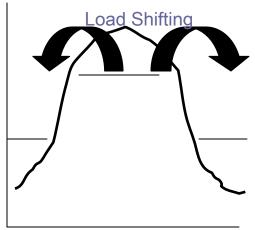




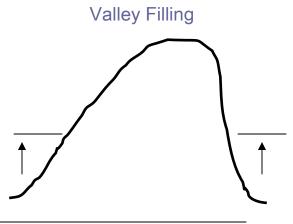
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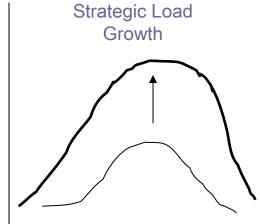


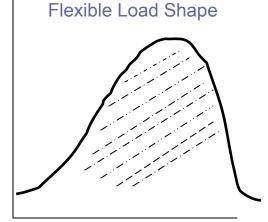








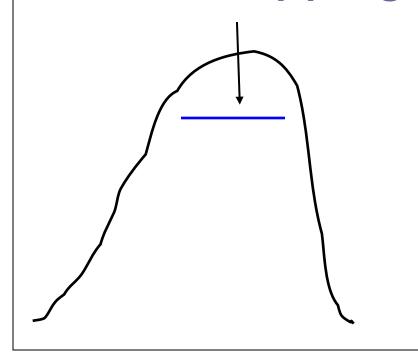






# **AE DSM Programs**

# **Peak Clipping**



- Power Partner
- A/C Cycling
- W/H Cycling
- Load Co-Op

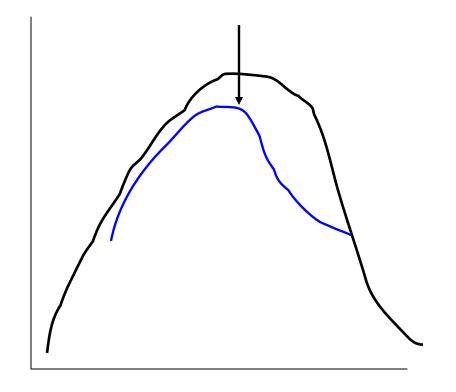


Represent 51% of new DSM program mix





## **Strategic Conservation**



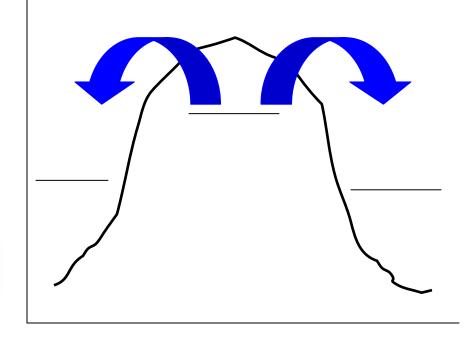
- Total Home Efficiency
- Small Business Efficiency
- Green Building
- Appliance Efficiency
- Multi-family Rebates
- Commercial Rebates
- Refrigerator Recycling
- Free Weatherization
- Municipal Conservation
- Air Duct Sealing



# **AE DSM Programs**



# **Load Shifting**



- Time-of-Use Rate
- Thermal Energy
- Storage Systems

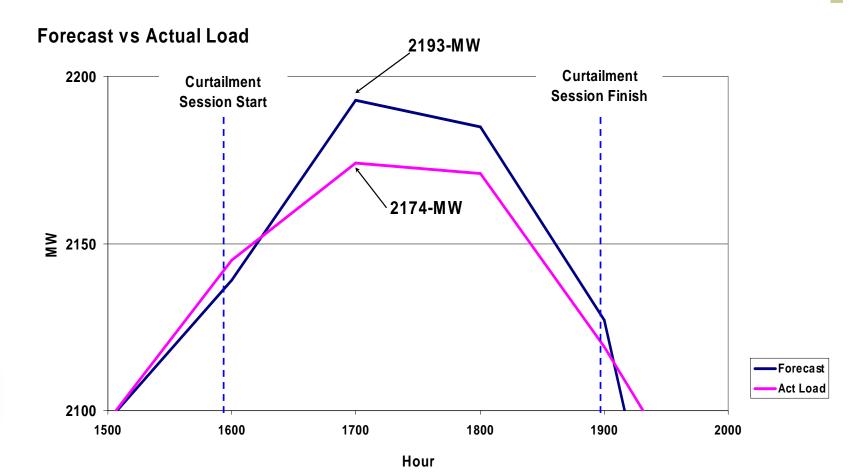


Represent 17% of new DSM program mix

## Peak Clipping – Power Partner



Cycling Session, June 15, 2005







# **Strategic Conservation**



- Municipal Energy Conservation Program
- Traffic Signal Conversion to LED
- 5,500 traffic signals

Existing incandescent lamps

New LED lamps

Energy savings per lamp

135 watts

15 watts

120 watts

90% energy reduction





# **Strategic Conservation**



- Municipal Energy Conservation Program
- Pedestrian Crossing Signal Conversion

Existing incandescent lamps 92 watts

New LED lamps <u>7 watts</u>

Energy savings per signal 85 watts

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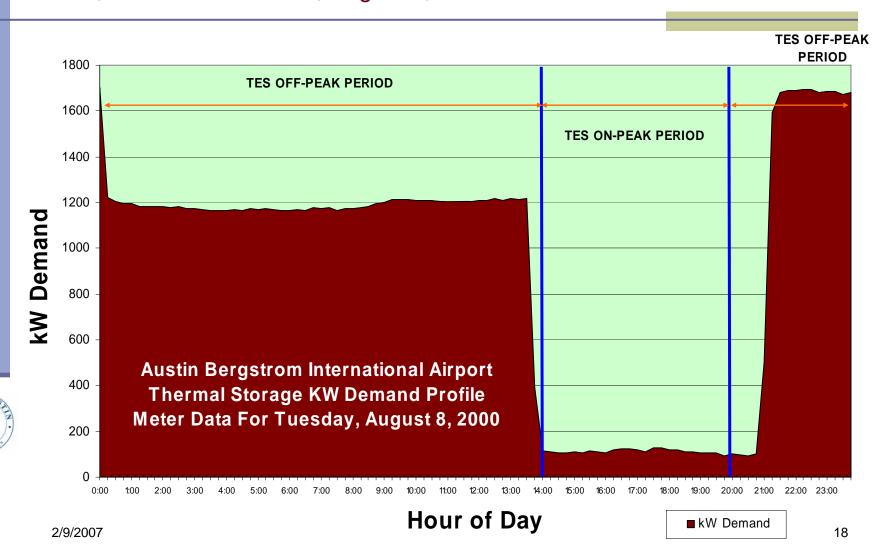
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# Load Shifting - Thermal Storage



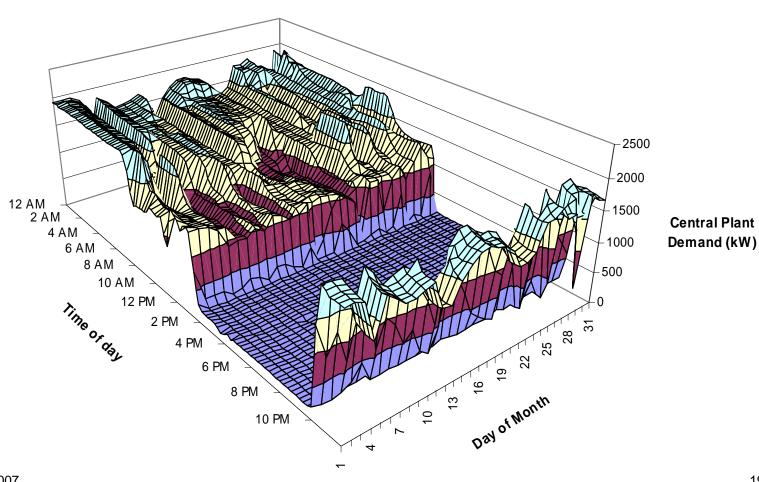
ABIA, kW Demand Profile, August 8, 2000



#### Central Plant Demand Profile



Austin-Bergstrom International Airport - July 1999

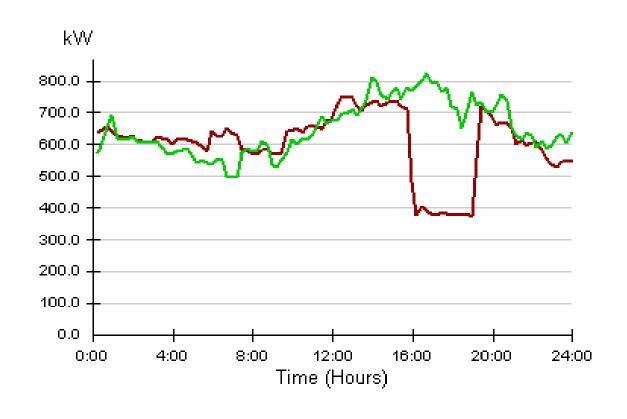




#### Load Shifting - Load Coop Curtailment



June 15, 2005 - Brown Distributing, Inc.





June 15, 2005 Peak Day: June 2, 2005

### **Building Retrofit-Commissioning**



# High Tech Industry Re-tuning & calibrating an existing building

- Savings estimate: \$260,000 per year
- Utility incentive: \$10,000 for initial assessment
- Total cost of project was \$149,000





### High Bay Fluorescent Retrofit



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#### Manufacturing Facility

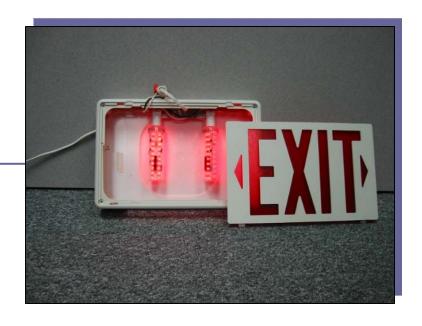
Converted (514) 400-watt HID lamps to 4-lamp 240-watt T5 HO Fluorescents

- Annual Cost Savings: \$43,812
- Project Cost: \$122,800
- Utility rebate: \$33,153 (27% of job cost)



Payback was 2 years

## LED Exit Sign Retrofit



#### **Energy Savings**

- 5000 units installed
- Cost Savings = \$84,350 per year.
- Maintenance Cost Savings = \$103,768 / year
- Peak Demand Savings = 137 kW
- Energy Savings = 1.2 million kWh / year







#### Vending Machine Energy Use

- Shuts-off refrigerated vending machines when no traffic in the area
- Cuts power costs by 1/3 (~\$100/yr)
- Does not affect product temperatures
- Installed over 4,400 VM over 3 year period.



### Reflective Roof Coating



# Target Commercial facilities with flat, dark colored roofs

- Rebate up to \$0.15/sq. ft.
- 300,000 sq. ft. roof
- Expected Savings
  - 192,000 kWh/year; total of 148 kW





#### **Cool Roof Market Penetration**



1,657,000

Market Transformation - Austin						
Year	Buildings	Sq. Ft.	kWh Savings			
2001	1	31,000	13,000			
2002	10	223,000	126,000			
2003	27	909,000	460,000			
2004	23	347,000	289,000			
2005	42	707,000	769,000			



Total

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2,217,000

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#### **Demand Controlled Ventilation**



Regulates supply of outdoor air to match fresh air needs of building's occupants.

- Saves energy & delivers good indoor air quality
- New sensors
  - Less expensive
  - More reliable
  - Require less maintenance



### **Technology Evaluations**

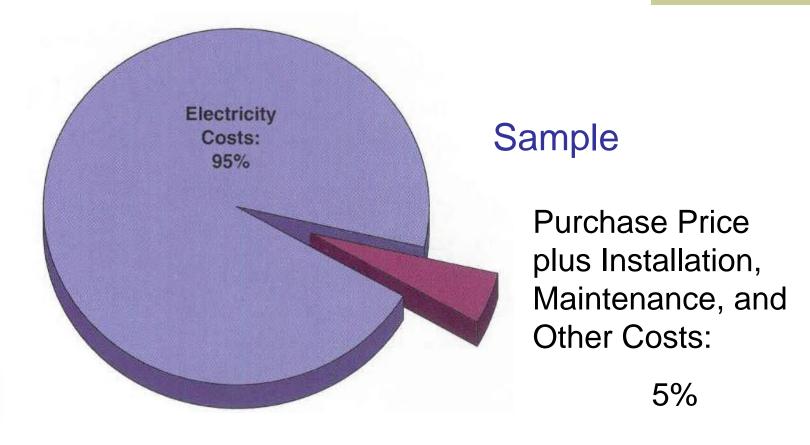


- Polarized Refrigerant Oil Additives
  - Liquids mixed w/ refrigerant oils in a/c units
  - Claimed savings from 5 30% have <u>not</u> yet been substantiated.



## Lifetime Motor Operating Costs







## Electronically Commutated Motors (ECM)



- **Emerging Technology for Refrigeration Fans**
- Replaces Shaded Pole and Permanent Split Capacitor
- Reduced energy consumption to 60%
- Relatively Simple Retrofit
- Typical Paybacks Range from 2 to 3 years



### Large Grocery Chain Retrofit



- Retrofit currently underway
- 22 Locations in Austin area
- Fans per location store ~ 200 fan/motors
- Energy Cost Savings ~\$10,000 /location/yr



# Commercial Rebate Program Summary of Lighting Technologies

- T-8 & T-5 High Efficiency Lighting Systems
- Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's)
- LED (Light Emitting Diode)Exit Signs
- Incandescent to Fluorescent Conversions

- New building designs
- Relamping & Reballasting of Existing Fluorescent Fixtures
- High-Bay Fluorescent Systems
- Lighting Controls (occupancy sensors)



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# Commercial Rebate Program Summary of Technologies



- Air Conditioning (Direct Expansion)
- Air Conditioning (Chillers)
- Solar Film/Screens
- Ceiling/Roof Insulation
- Reflective Roof Coatings

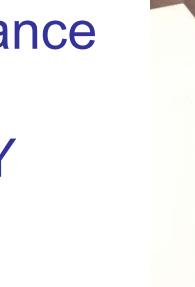
- Premium Efficiency Motor
- Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's)
- Re-tro commissioning
- Thermal Cool Storage
- Custom technologies







# Home Performance with ENERGY STAR







MADE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

THAT MEET THE STANDARDS OF

AUSTIN ENERGY'S HOME PERFORMANCE

WITH ENERGY STAR" PROGRAM

#### Date Completed:

December 14, 2005

Location:

15687 Barton Springs Rd

Austin, Texas 78731







#### Homes by Decade – Sq. Ft & kWh Usage

Year <u>Built</u>	Avg. <u>Sq. Ft</u>	kWh Usage <u>per Sq. Ft.</u>	Annual <u>Usage</u>	Annual <u>Cost</u>
1950's	1395	8.9	12,415	\$1,303
1960's	1625	8.5	13,812	\$1,450
1970's	1642	9.1	14,942	\$1,568
1980's	1871	8.8	16,464	\$1,728
1990's	2509	7.5	18,817	\$1,975
2000's	2501	7.4	18,507	\$1,943
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Retrofit Home kWh/Sq. Ft.

Difference kWh/Sq. Ft.

8.98 per Sq. Ft.

7.68

1.3 kWh/Sq. Ft. Improvement

2000 Sq. Ft.

Base Home = 17,960 kWh Annual Usage

Retrofit Home = 15,360 kWh Annual Usage

kWh Savings = 2,600 kWh

Cost Savings = \$273



#### Air Duct System



- Average Home Has 27% Duct Leakage
- Sealing, Repairing or Replacing Can Save Up to \$300
- Reduces Dust, Humidity, Outdoor Allergens
- Improves Indoor Air Quality of Home

#### **Check Ducts for Leakage**

- Turn Thermostat to "On" Position
- Check Duct Connections in Attic
- Pull Off Room Vent Check Vent for Gaps
- Gray Flex Duct? Is it Disintegrated? Brittle?

#### Air Duct – Air Flow



 Average Austin Home – Duct Air Flow 69% of A/C Equipments Rated Capacity

#### Example:

1 Ton of A/C = 400 CFM of Air Flow

3 Ton System = 1200 CFM of Air Flow

69% Air Flow = 828 CFM

#### Common Problem/Solutions



- Some Rooms Don't Get Enough Air
- Have Contractor Balance the Duct System
- Add Additional Room Registers, Return Air Grilles

# AUSTIN

#### **Attic Insulation**

- Lack of Insulation Big Energy Waster
- 30% of Homes Heat Gain Comes from Attic
- Most Homes Have 4 inches of Insulation, or R-11
- Recommend 10 12 inches of Insulation, or R-30

# Types of Insulation R-Value/Inch





#### Solar Shading



- Most Solar Heat Gain East, South & West Windows
- Can Reduce Sizing of A/C by ½ Ton
- Reduce Indoor Temperature by 20 Degrees
- Protects Against Glare & Fading

#### Types of Solar Shading

- Solar Screens
- Window Film
- High Efficiency Low E Windows

#### Homes

Used in New Homes 80's & 90's

Used as Retrofit in Existing Homes

Used in New Homes Since 2000



#### **DSM Cost-Effectiveness Tests**



- Participant Test
  - Benefits to the customer
- Utility Revenue Requirement Test
  - Net costs of DSM program incurred by the utility
- Total Resource Cost Test
  - Net costs of DSM based on total costs to all participants and the utility

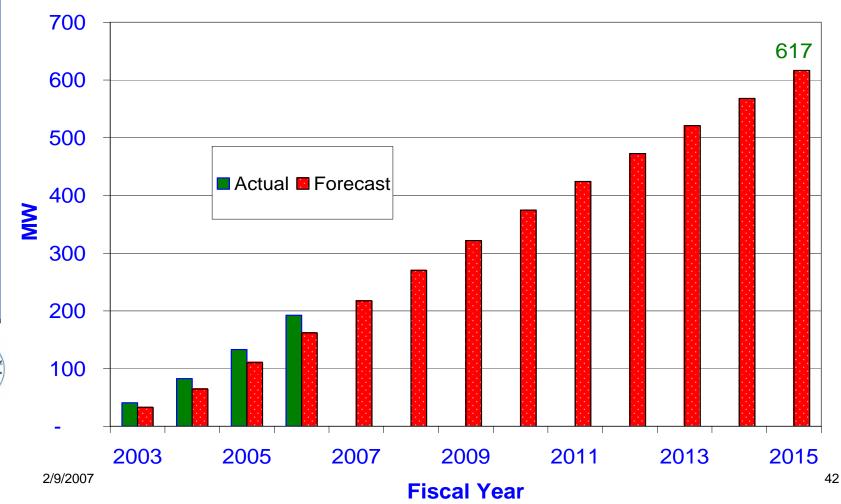


- Rate Impact Measure Test
  - Impact to customer rates due to DSM program

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# Strategic Goals Demand Reduction and Savings







# FY2007 Budget and Goals



Program Area	Budget	Goal MW	
Commercial	\$ 4,024,170	14.49	
Residential	\$ 6,078,991	11.25	
Load Management	\$ 4,683,672	15.04	
Solar	\$ 3,500,000	.50	
Grand Total	\$ 18,286,833	41.28	





# Questions?

