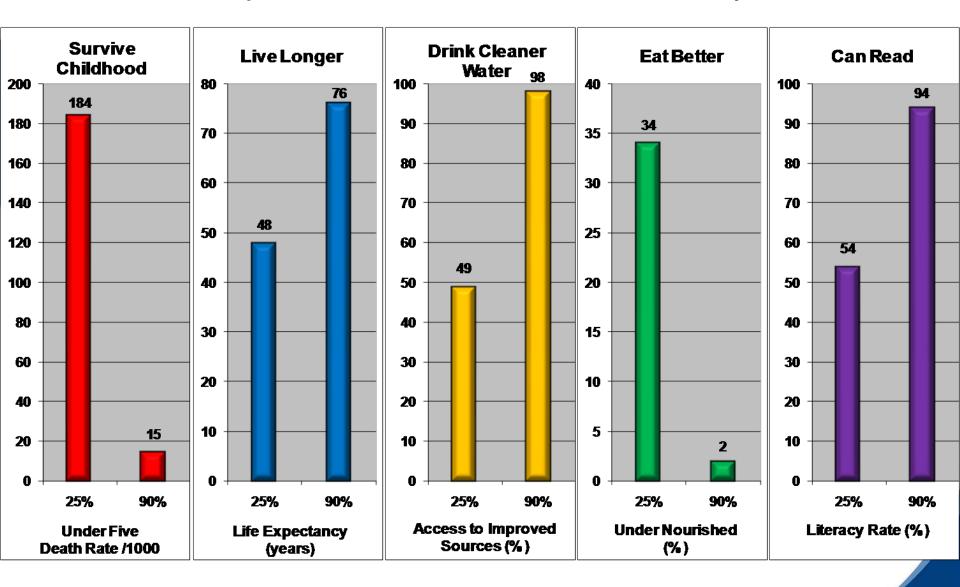
## Why We Need More Coal Based Electricity: Energy Realities Facing the United States

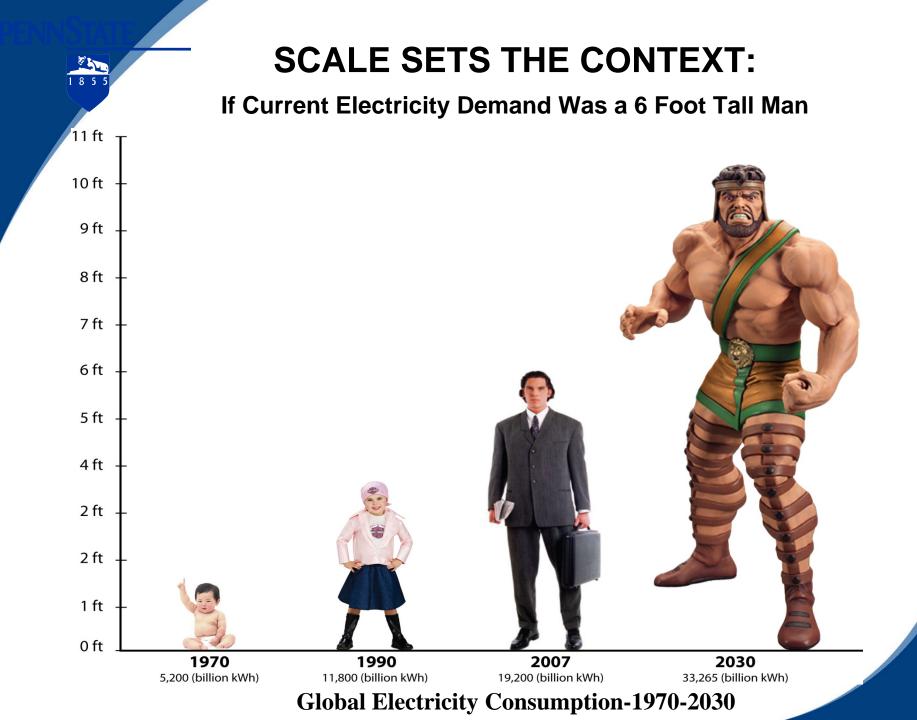
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# Energy is Good

People in Societies with Greater Access to Electricity:



25% 90% average percent of population with access to electricity





## **Everything, Everywhere, All the Time:** Increases needed by 2030 to meet demand

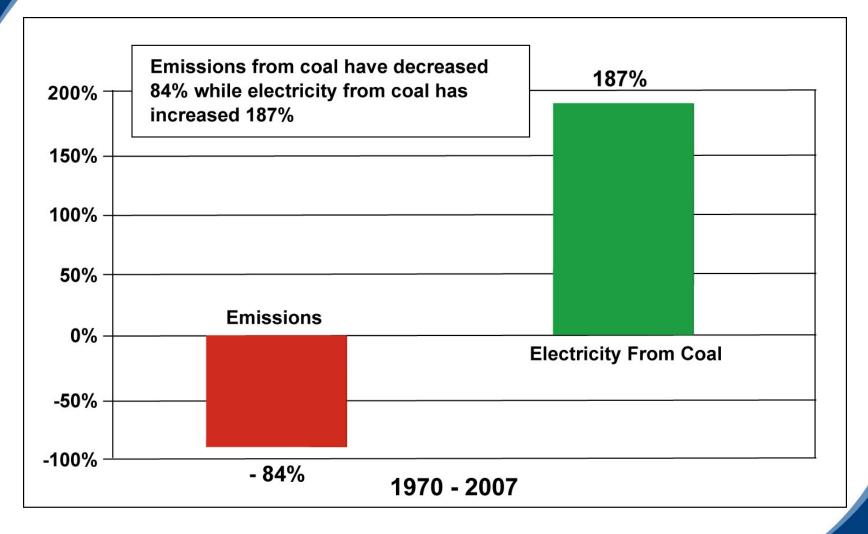
<ul> <li>Nuclear power</li> </ul>	38%
<ul> <li>Oil production</li> </ul>	43%
<ul> <li>Renewable energy</li> </ul>	61%
<ul> <li>NG production</li> </ul>	64%
<ul> <li>Coal production</li> </ul>	74%

# **Five Basic Premises**

- Worldwide growth in energy demand is unprecedented and will continue for decades
- Coal is the primary resource able to meet this demand in terms of scale, time, reliability, cost and versatility
- **Coal conversion** to electricity, liquid fuel and NG equivalents can greatly alleviate supply problems across the globe
- Carbon capture and storage (CCS) is the technological pathway to both meeting climate change goals and unlocking the full economic value of our greatest energy resource- coal
- The U.S. can both reduce global poverty and contribute to climate change policy by rapidly developing CCS and making it available, affordable and deployable to the global community

## **That Was Then**

#### The Dramatic Success of Clean Coal Technology

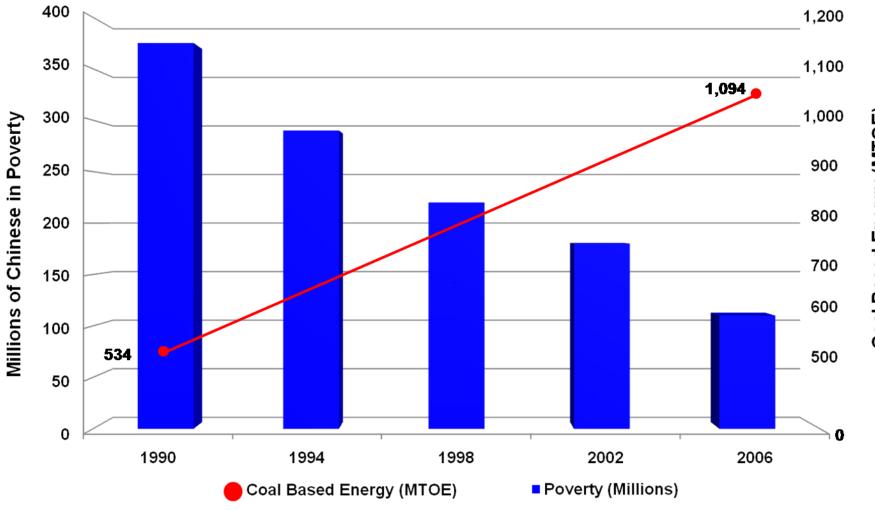


# **Two Different Worlds**

"There is no such thing as clean coal"
 – National Resources Defense Council.

 When asked how China would ever meet the growing demand for electricity, liquid fuel and NG, Du Minghua, Director of the Beijing Research Institute replied: "Coal is the solution to all three".

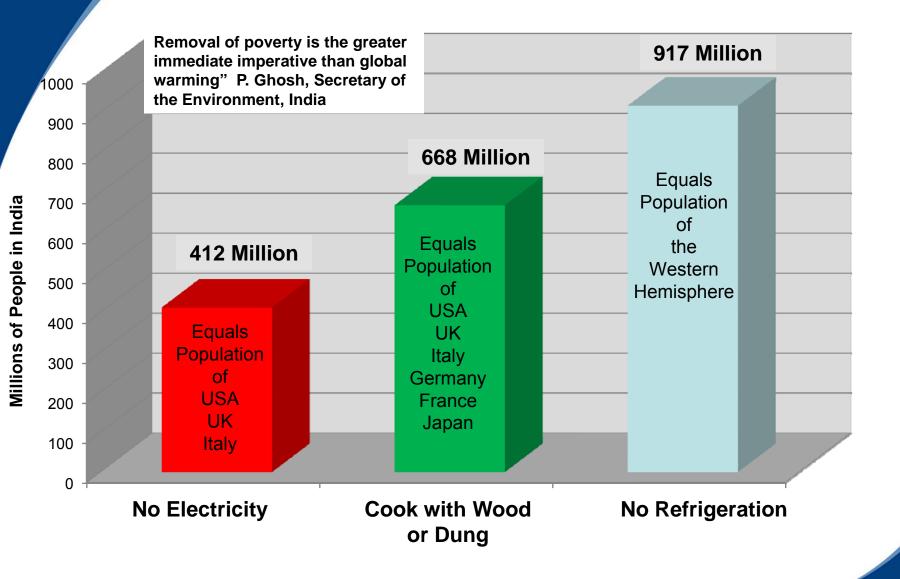
# Out of Poverty: Coal Based Energy has Propelled China Forward



Note: Poverty measure follows World Bank Definition of \$1 per day income Source: IEA, 2007; EIA, 2008

Coal Based Energy (MTOE

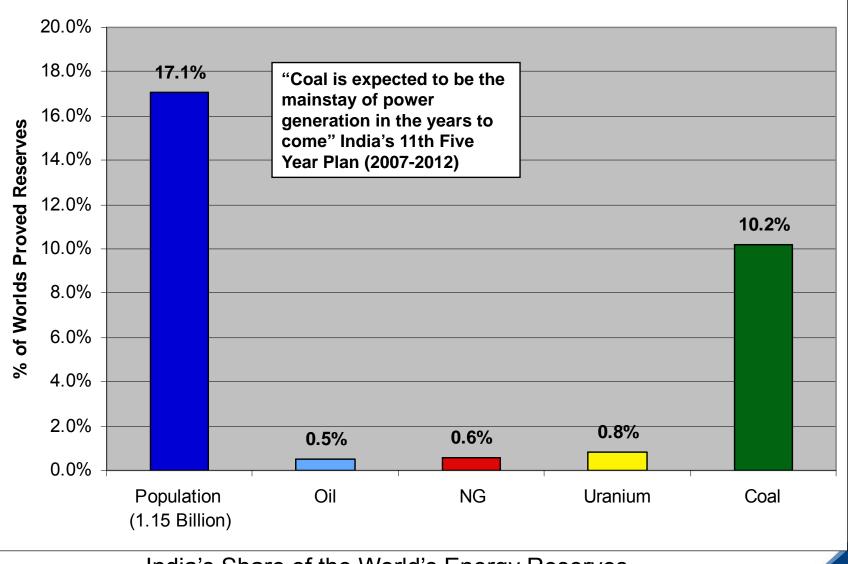
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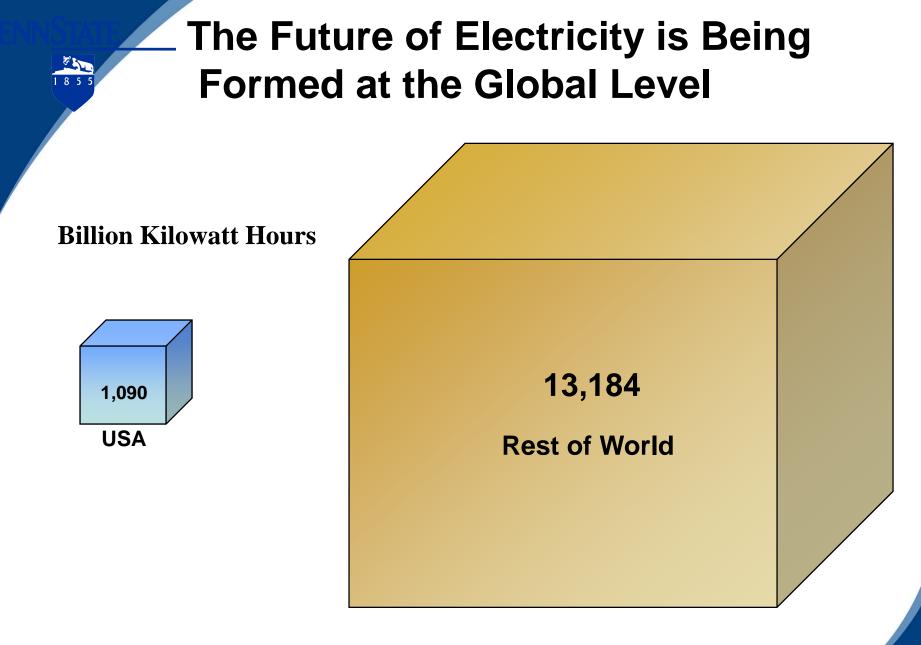
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## **Coal is India's only Energy Advantage**



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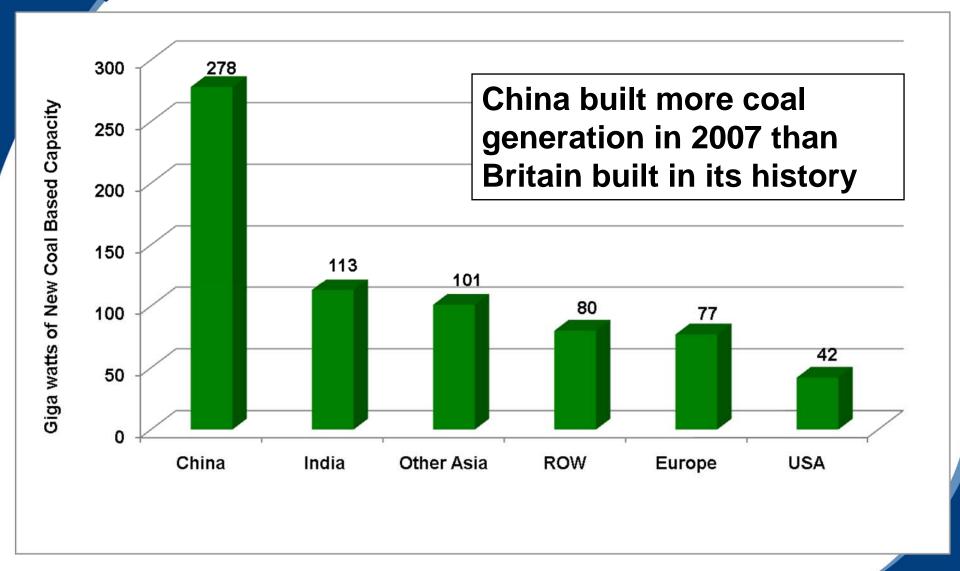
India's Share of the World's Energy Reserves



Increase in Billion Kilowatt Hours 2006 - 2030

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# And that Future is Based on Coal



Source: Data Derived from Platt's Proprietary Database, 2009

# A Transmission Line for Much of the World

1855



In Africa, women typically carry 20 kilograms of fuel wood an average of 5 kilometers <u>every day</u> – it takes 5 hours



# WHERE WILL THE ELECTRICITY COME FROM IN THE UNITED STATES?

# Scale Sets the Context: If Power Plants Were Draft Animals





Mule Natural Gas- 21%





Sled Dog Hydro- 6%

Carrier Pigeon Wind- 1%

Workhorse

Coal- 49%

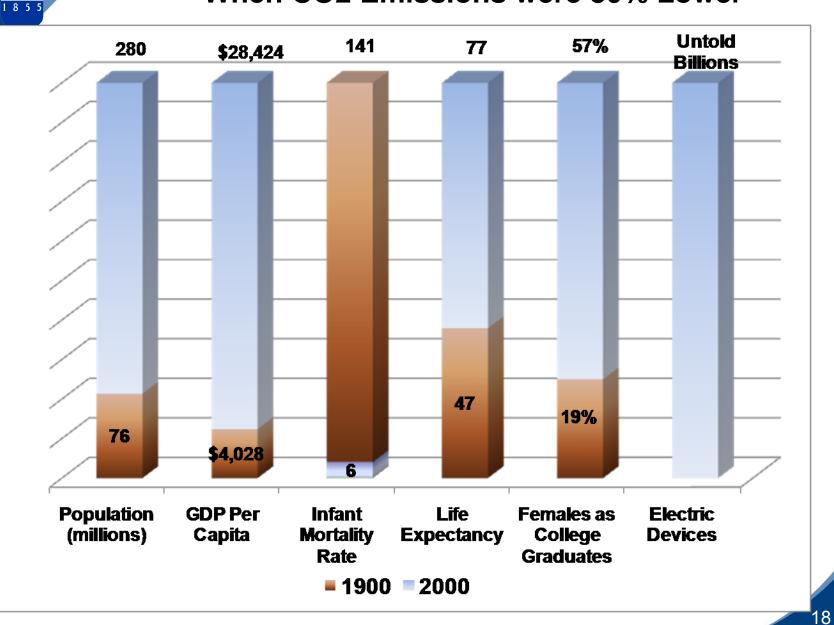
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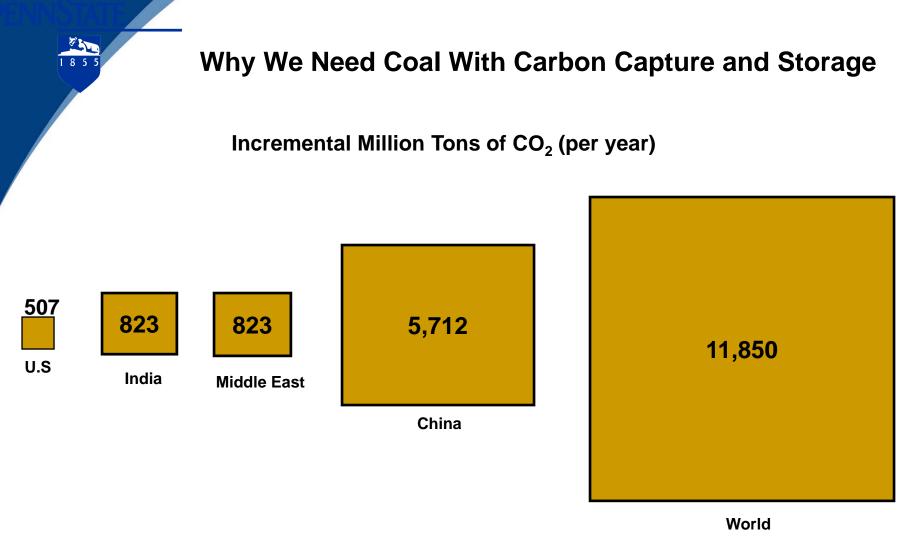
Nuclear—19%

# 36 States Obtain at Least 30% of **Electricity from Coal** 1 8 5 Add tesxt here Add tesxt here

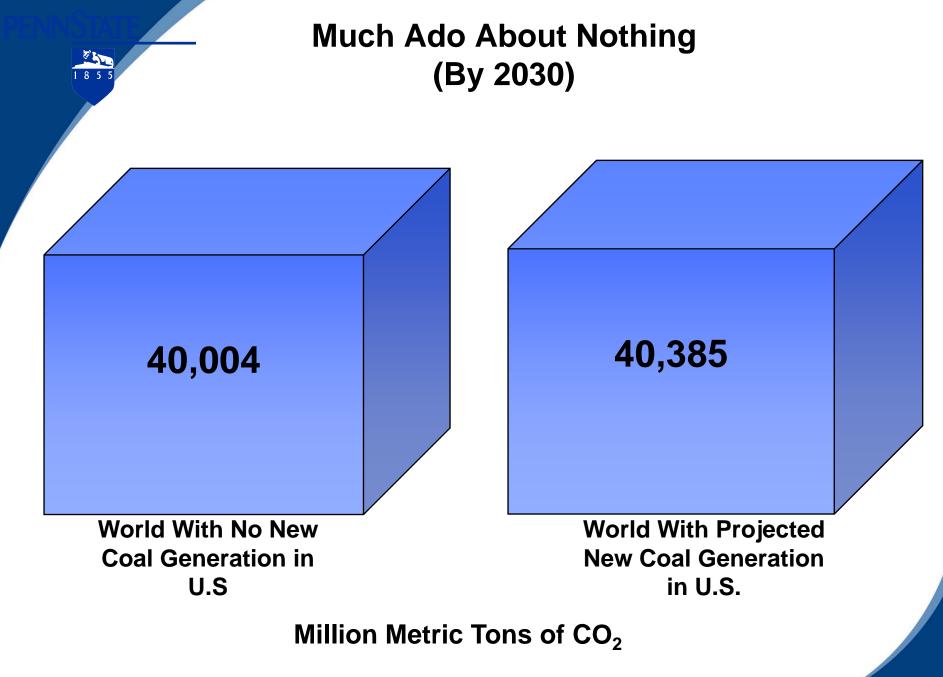
#### What America Looked Like Before Electricity and When CO2 Emissions were 80% Lower

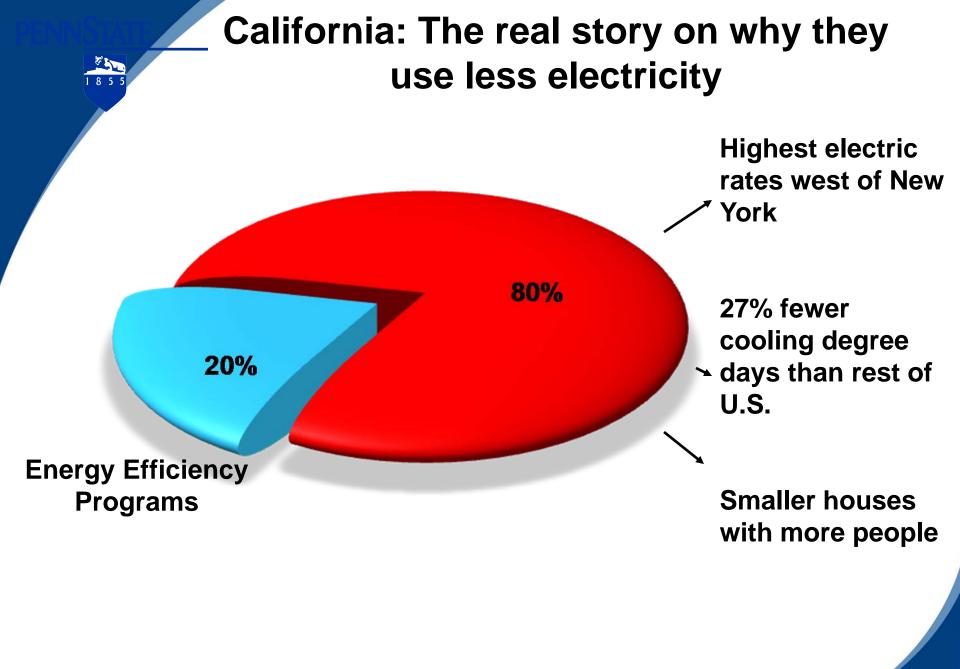
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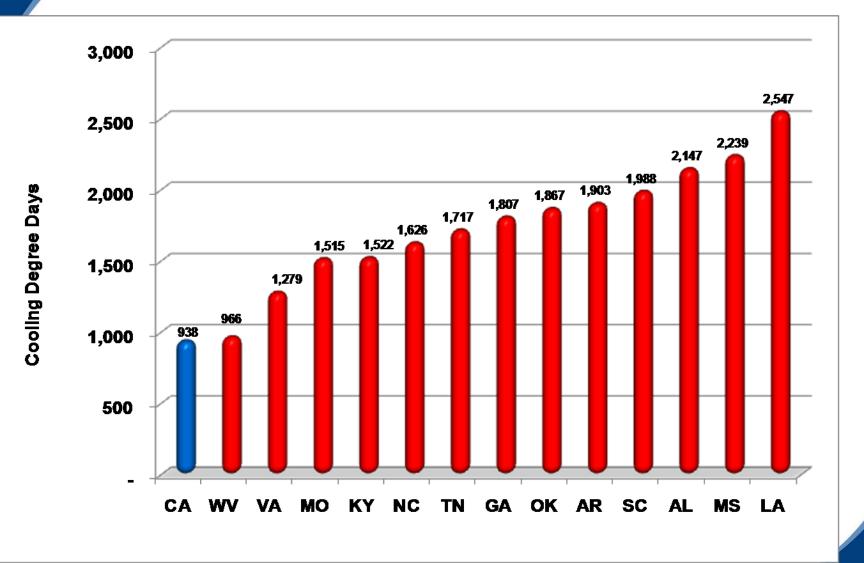




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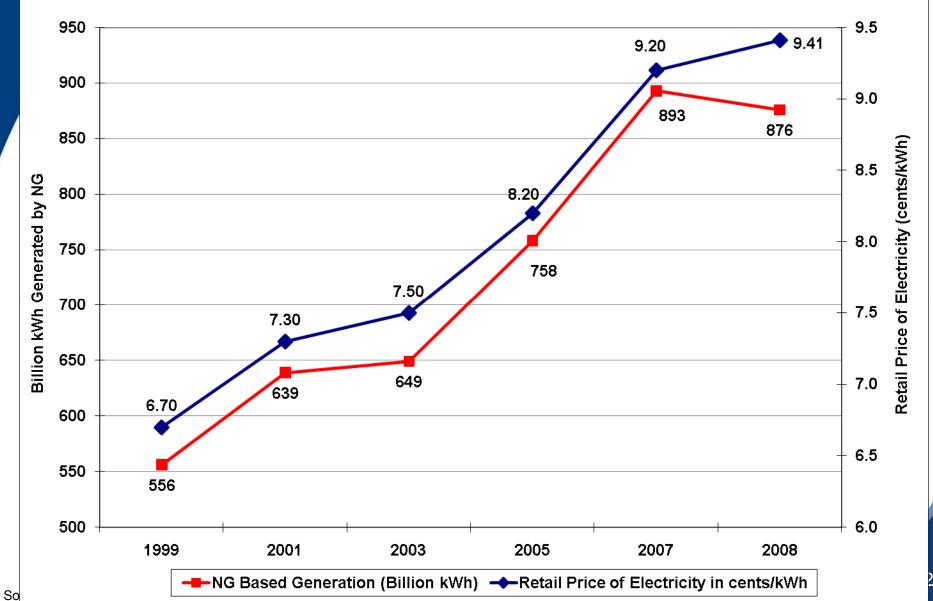
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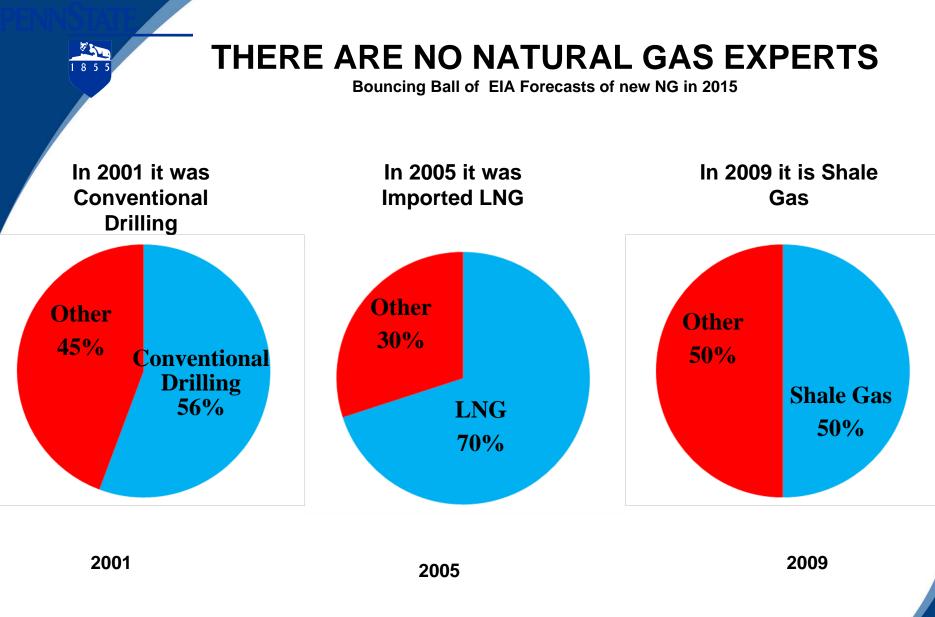
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#### **More NG Means Higher Electric Rates**

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# EIA forecast of what the major source of incremental NG will be by 2015



# Why the Validity of EIA Forecasts is Crucial

#### **EIA Data Projections are Used**

1. By energy policy makers throughout the U.S. and other countries

2. To estimate the impact of climate change policy

3. To develop renewable portfolio standards

4. To justify cancelation of coal based generation



- Increase time NG sets the price of electricity
- Significantly increase NG consumption
- Increase NG prices over 175%
- Have minimal impact on CO2 emissions
   from the electricity sector



# ALTERNATIVE FUELS: The Scale Needed to Replace Coal in the U.S.

- NUCLEAR: 250 more reactors
- NATURAL GAS: 17 more Trillion Cubic Feet
- HYDRO: 500 facilities size of Hoover Dam.

The reality of physics is that electricity cannot be stored in large quantities – an inevitable constraint on solar and wind generation.

## **Not All Power Plants Are Created Equal**

#### The Power Of One Coal Plant



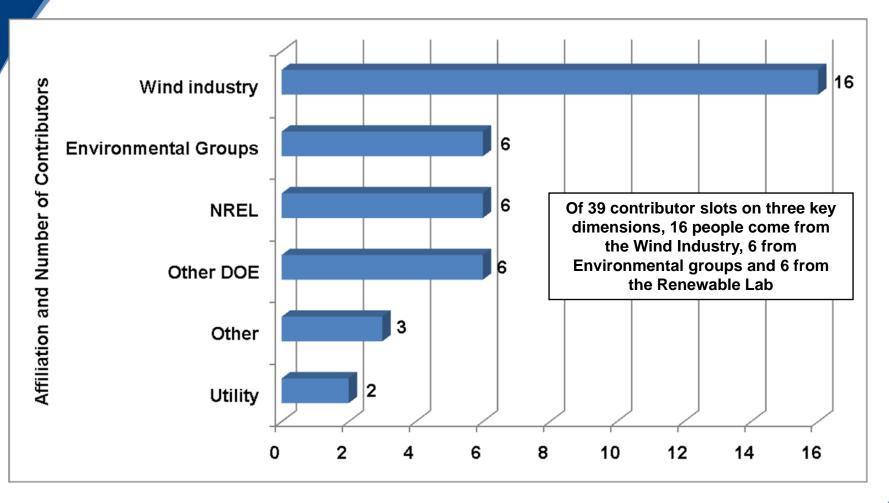
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Roxboro, NC Coal Power Plant 2,462 MW The True Cost Of Wind Generation

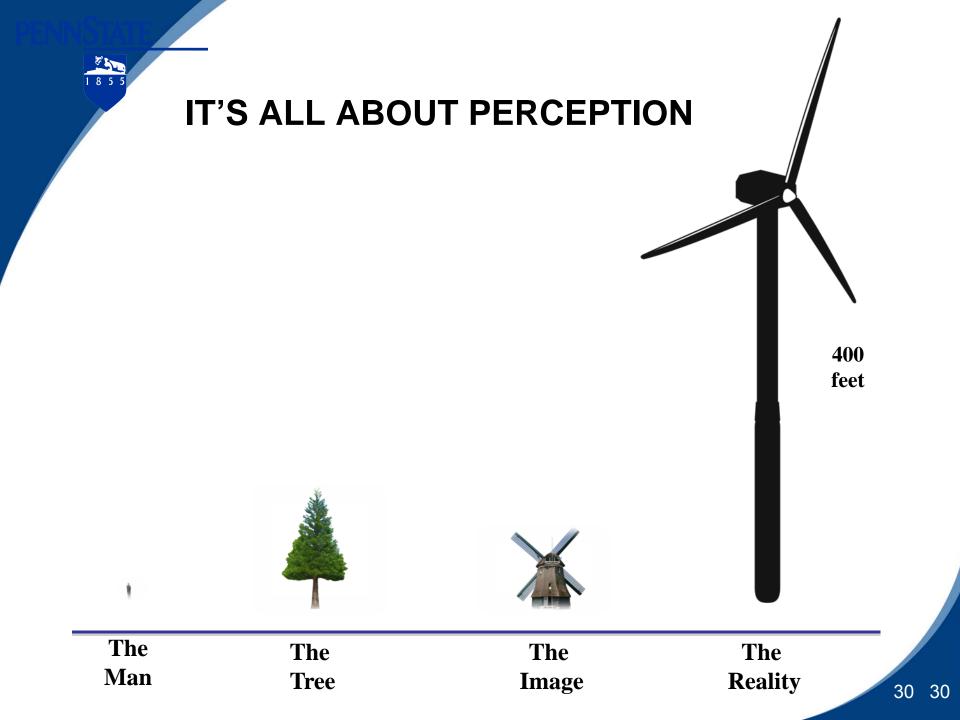
- 1. 4500 turbines at 1.5mw and each 400 feet high
- 2. 120,000 acres of wind turbines
- 3. 1,500 or more MW of NG plant to back up wind
- 4. More than 1,000 miles of ridgeline consumed.

#### Stacking the Deck: Affiliation of Key Contributors to DOE Report "20% Wind Energy by 2030"



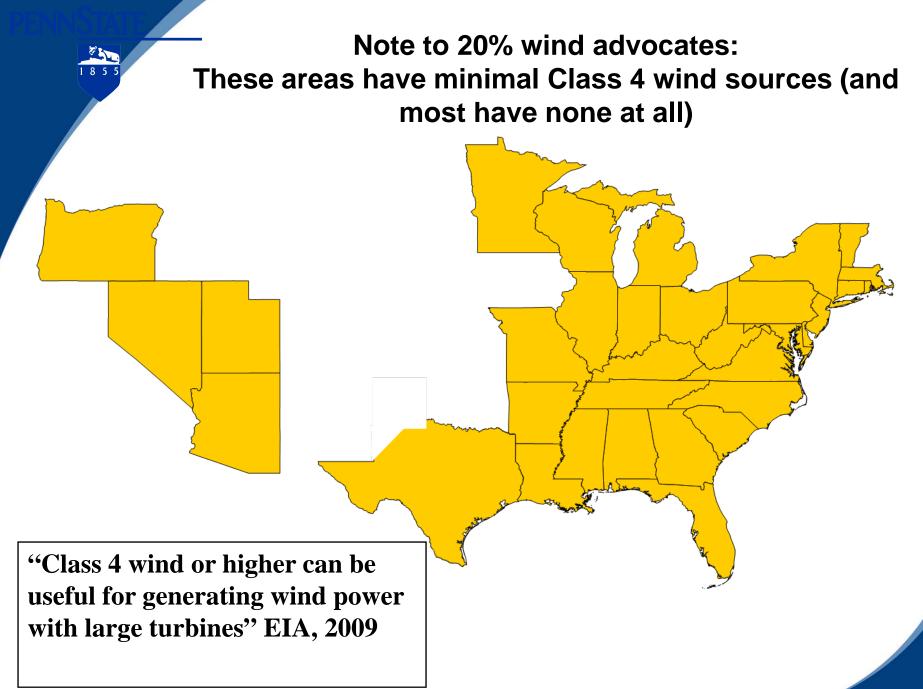
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Affiliation of Contributors to three key dimensions of DOE's "20% Wind Energy by 2030" (a) Strategic Guidance Group, (b) Executive summary and (c) Environmental

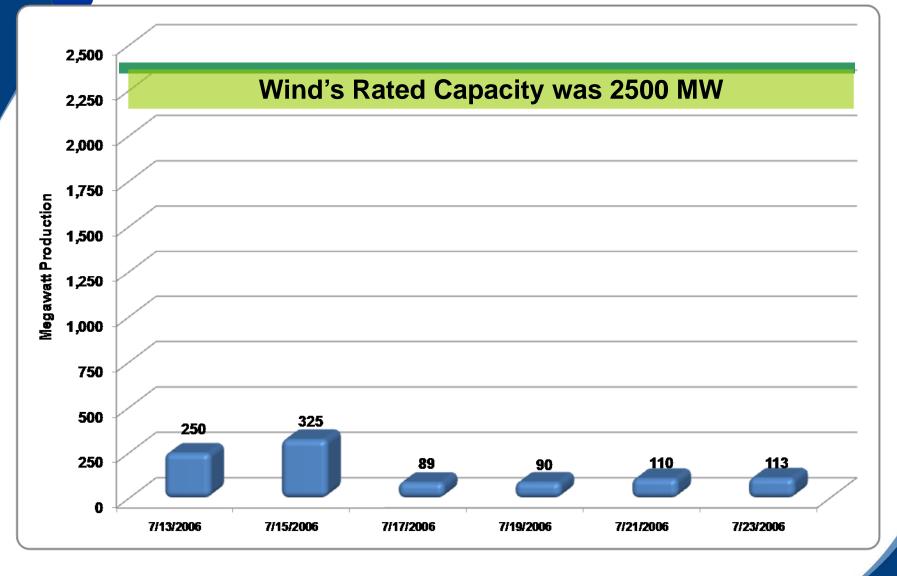




Thousands of miles of ridgeline for wind turbines and associated high voltage transmission.



#### Wind Generation's Performance During 2006 California Heat Wave



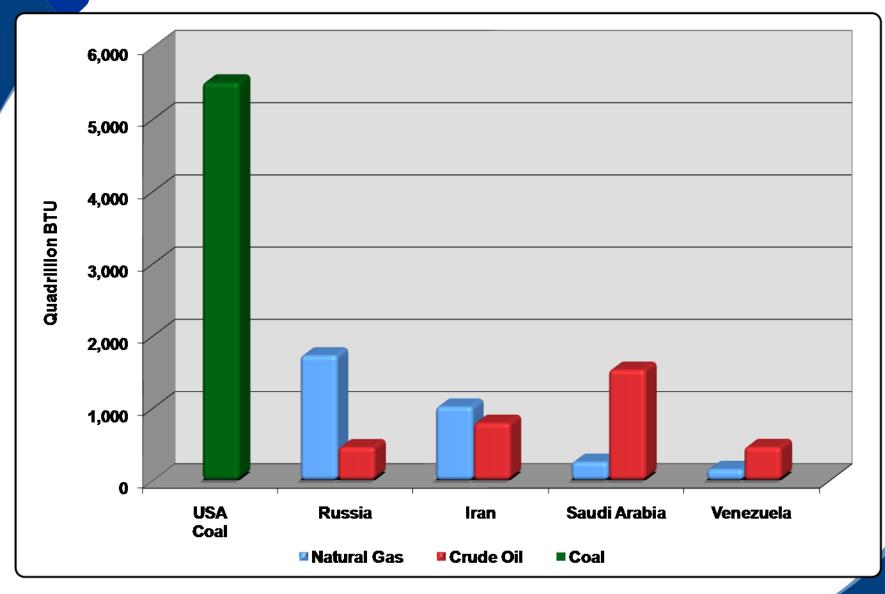
\* Adapted and estimated from Dixon, U.S. DOE (2006)

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### Lest We Forget :

**US Coal Reserves vs. Oil and NG Reserves** 



# Electricity Makes the Difference: Korea

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South Korean preschool children average 3 inches taller and 7 pounds heavier than North Korean Children

The Infant Mortality Rate in North Korea is 12 times higher than South Korea

South Korea ranks 32<sup>nd</sup> in GDP/capita. North Korea ranks 156th

Only 20% of North Koreans have access to electric power. South Korean access approaches 100%



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