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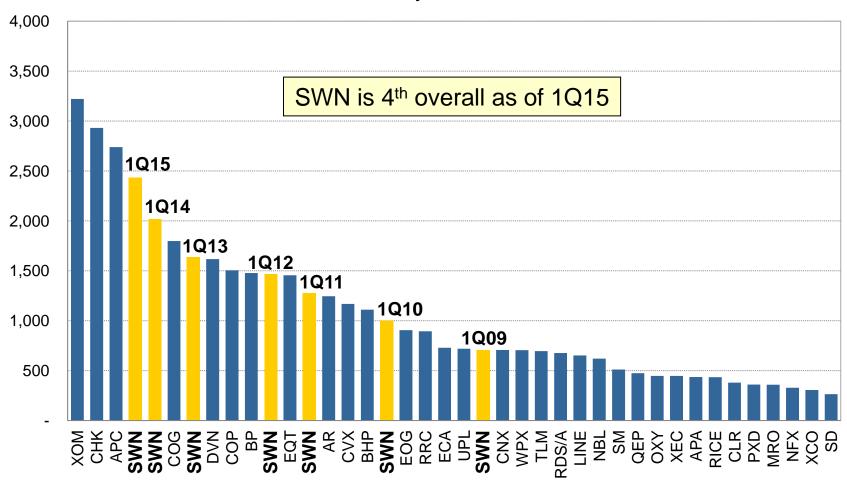
Natural Gas for
BaseLoad Power —
"A Natural Gas Producers Perspective"

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About Southwestern



US Lower 48 Gas Production Sorted by 1Q15 (MMcf/d)



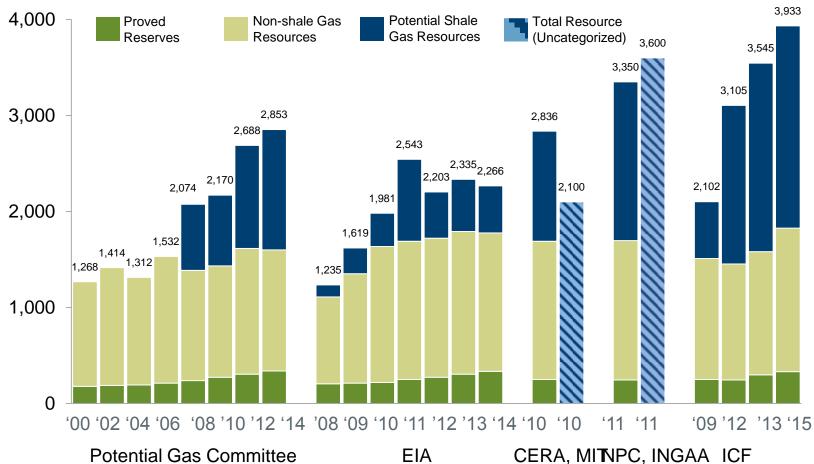
Strategy built on the Formula: The Right People doing the Right Things, wisely investing the cash flow from the underlying Assets will create Value +.

Abundant Supply



Estimates of U.S. Recoverable Natural Gas

(trillion cubic feet)

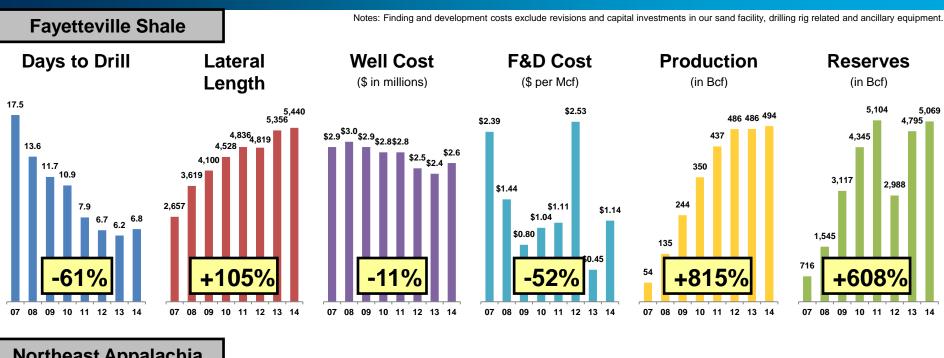


CERA, MITNPC, INGAA ICF



Continuous Improvement





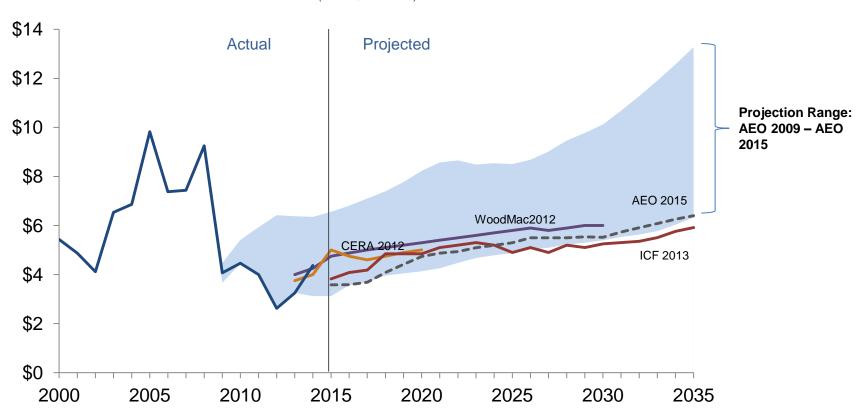


Abundance = Affordability



Henry Hub Spot Natural Gas Price

(2011\$/MMBtu)



Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

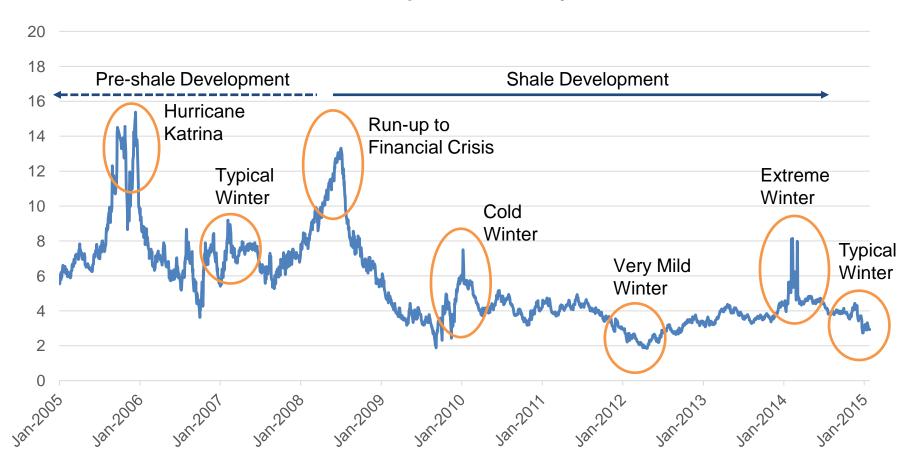
Henry Hub Spot prices (Actual prices: 2000 to 2014)



Spot Price Response Over Time



Natural Gas Spot Price: Henry Hub





Goal of Long-Term Arrangements



A long-term gas contract is not an attempt to beat the spot market on any one day.

Rather, a long-term gas contract should be considered as part of a portfolio strategy designed to deliver price stability and predictability for a portion of a utility's gas needs, while providing the producer with a stable and credit-worthy customer.



Why Long-Term Arrangements?



- LTAs are a tool to manage fuel price exposure adding stability and certainty to utility fuel costs and consumer rates
- LTAs are a tool to enhance supply security
- LTAs provide utilities incentive to engage in risk reduction on behalf of their customers by providing the utilities the ability to earn a return on investment or providing pre-approval of purchasing options
- Rules or guidance on LTAs can help ensure a gaspurchasing portfolio that minimizes customer risk by encouraging a variety of market transactions and structures



Pathways for Long-Term Hedging



Recent Louisiana model covers all three:

- Soliciting bids through a request for proposal process
- 2) Entering into bilateral negotiations for a longterm contract or reserve investment
- 3) Relying on long-term financial hedges or futures contracts



Final Thought



Utilities follow the lead of their PUC's on acceptable purchasing practices; therefore it is very important for the PUC's to send strong signals on the acceptance of Long-Term Contracts.



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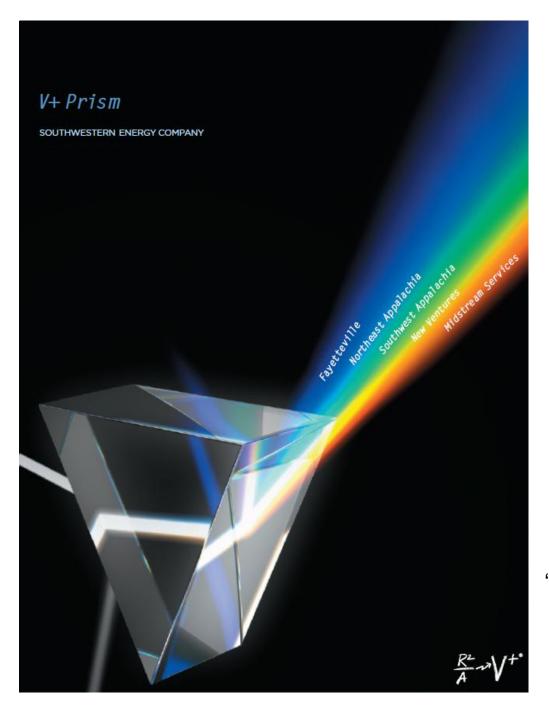
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