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## **The Future of Energy: Choices for Japan and the United States**

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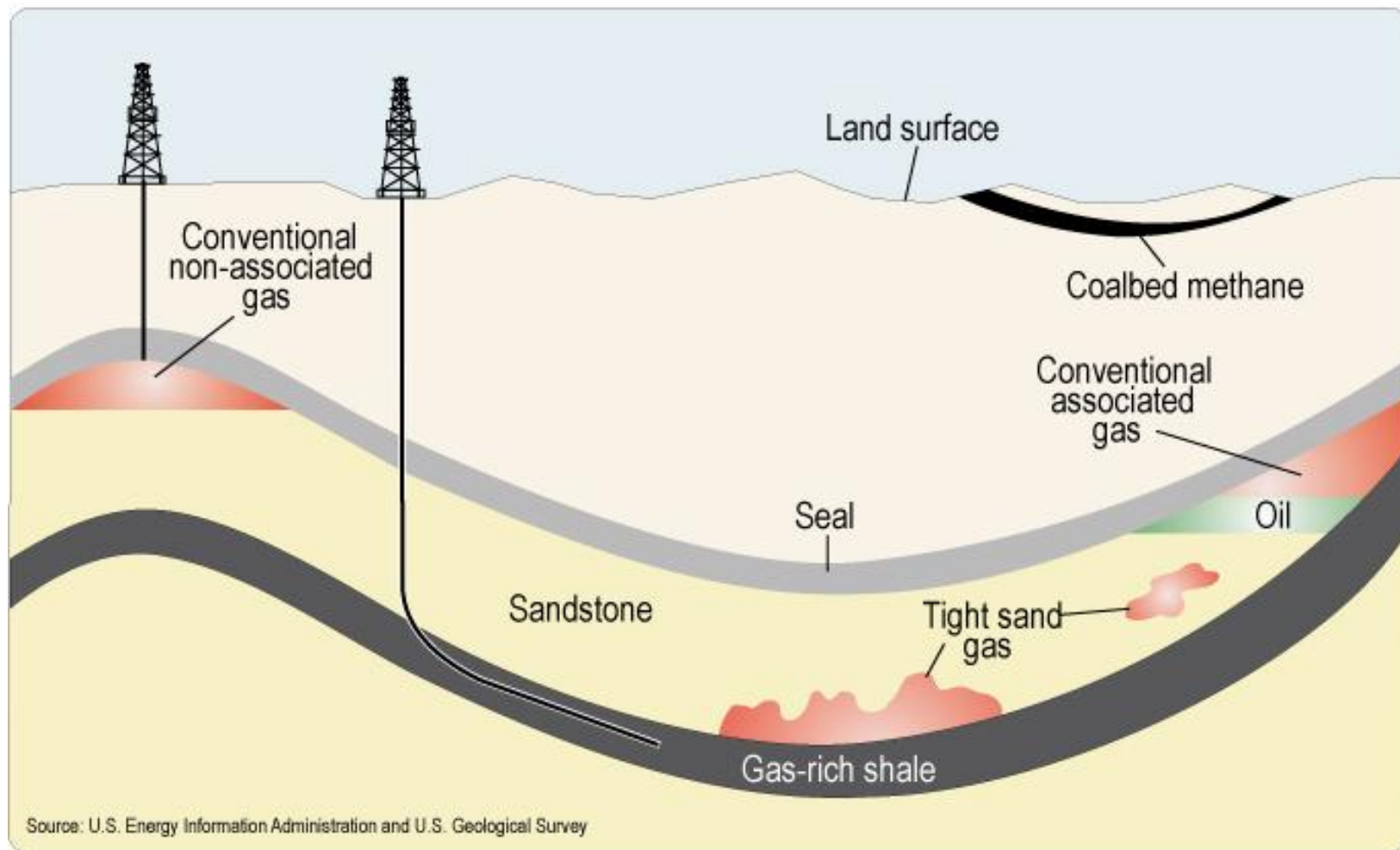
# U.S. Energy Policy has Emphasized Transformation to Clean Energy

- Economic stimulus package 2009 included \$80 Billion to clean energy investments. Tax incentives maintained
- Vehicle Fuel Efficiency standards increased. Faster implementation of other efficiency standards.
- EPA began process to regulate greenhouse gases and moved on additional regulations affecting coal.
- Climate legislation failed.
- Copenhagen commitment to 17% reduction in 2020 from 2005 baseline.
- Unexpected increases in natural gas and oil production now driving U.S. energy sector.



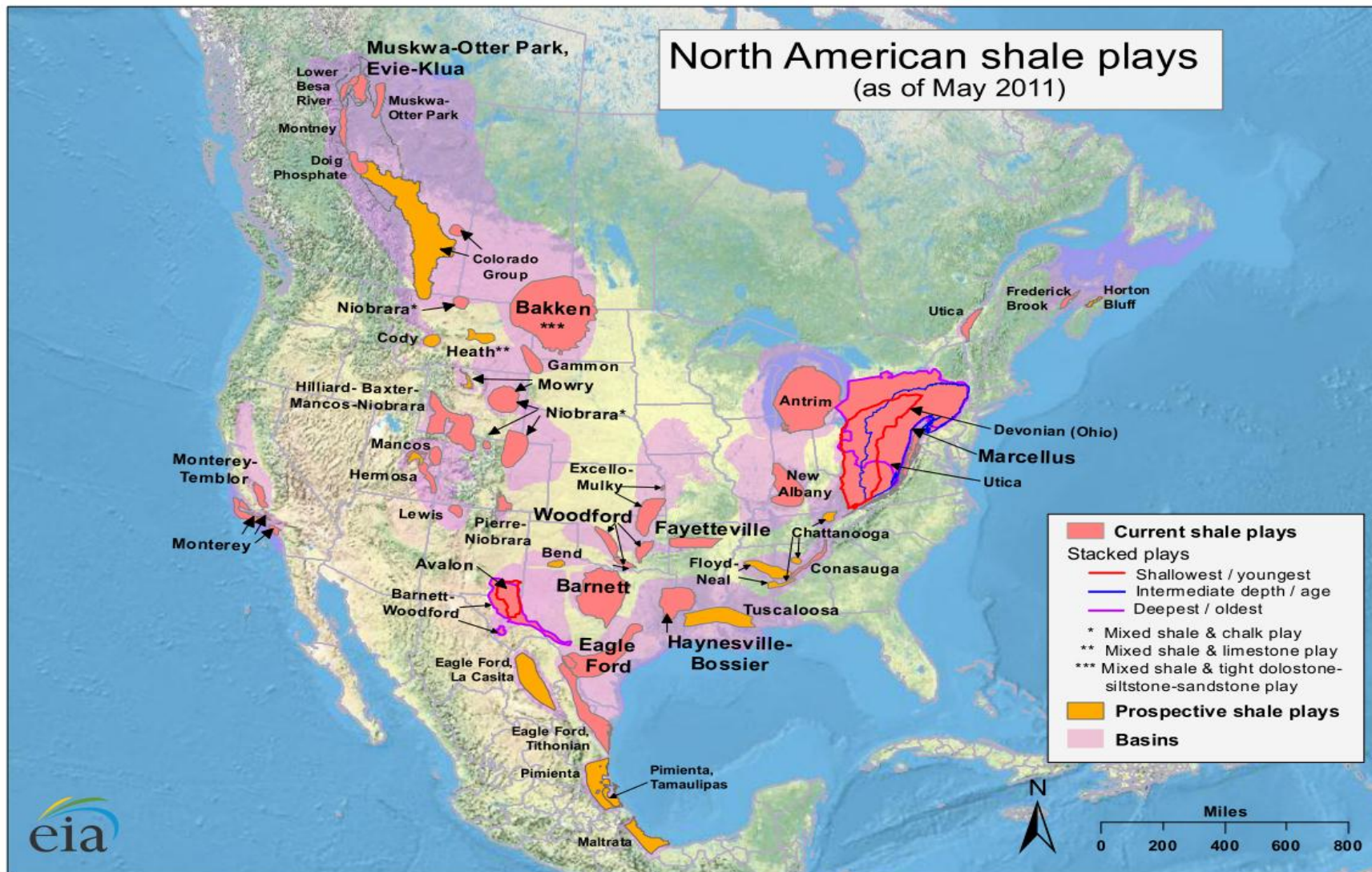
**“The nation that leads the world in creating a new clean energy economy will be the nation that leads the 21st century global economy” – President Obama**

## New Technologies and Practices Drive Production from Shale and other Unconventionals Deposits



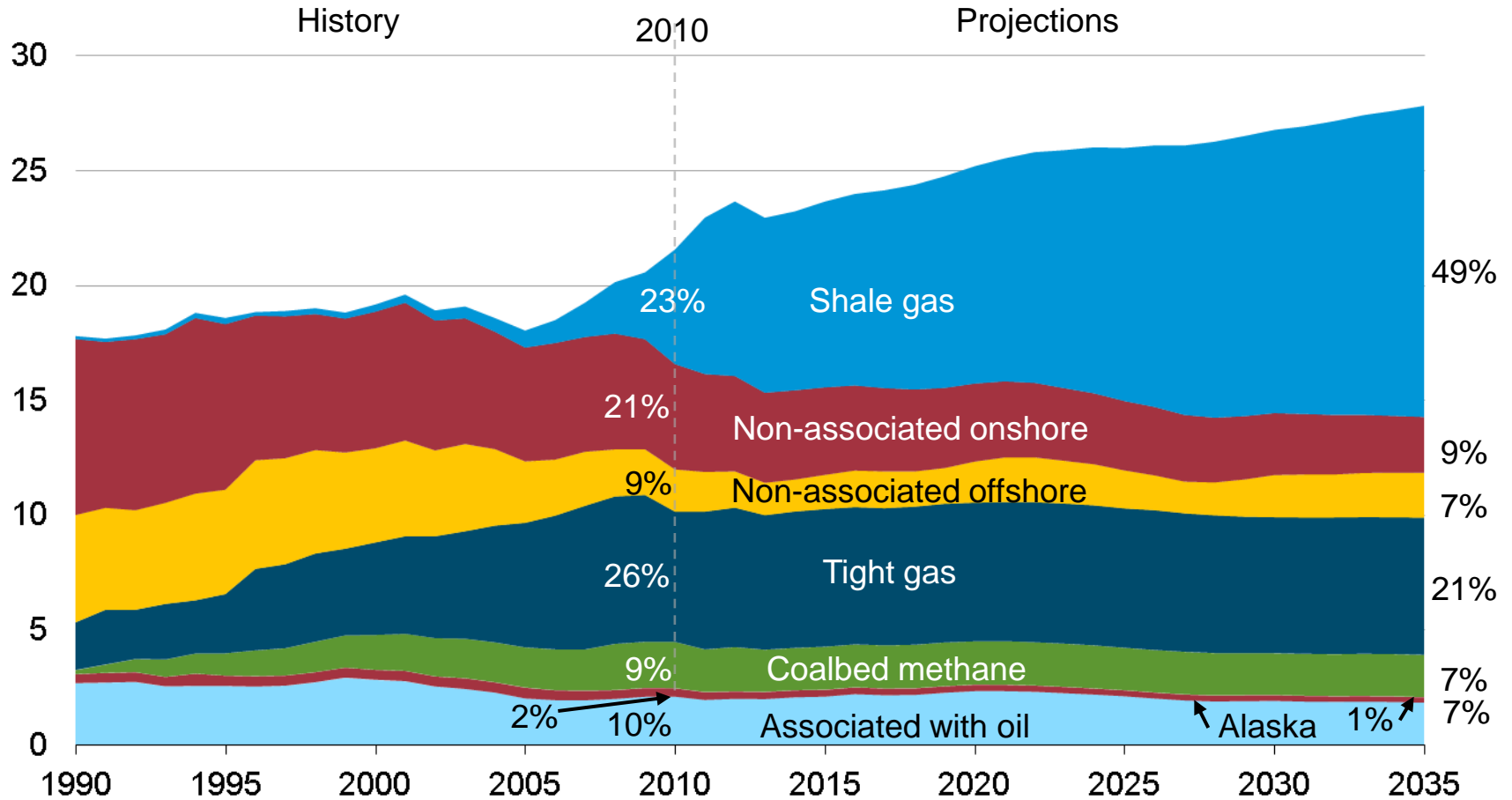


# Unconventional Resources are Extensive



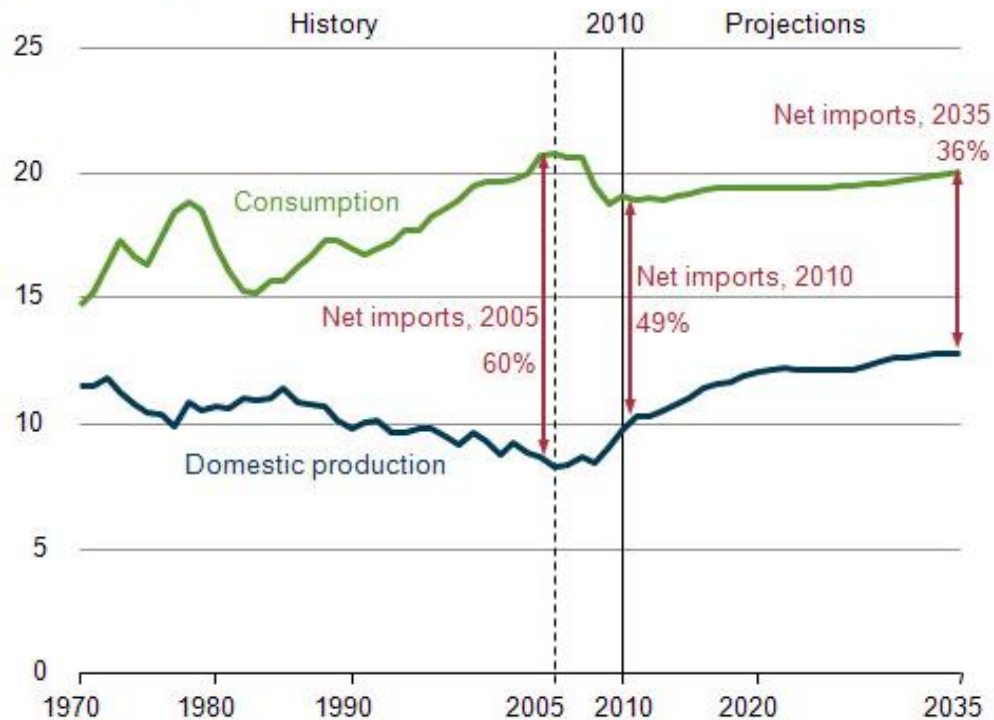
# Increased Contribution of Shale Gas to Total US Supply

U.S. dry gas production  
trillion cubic feet per year



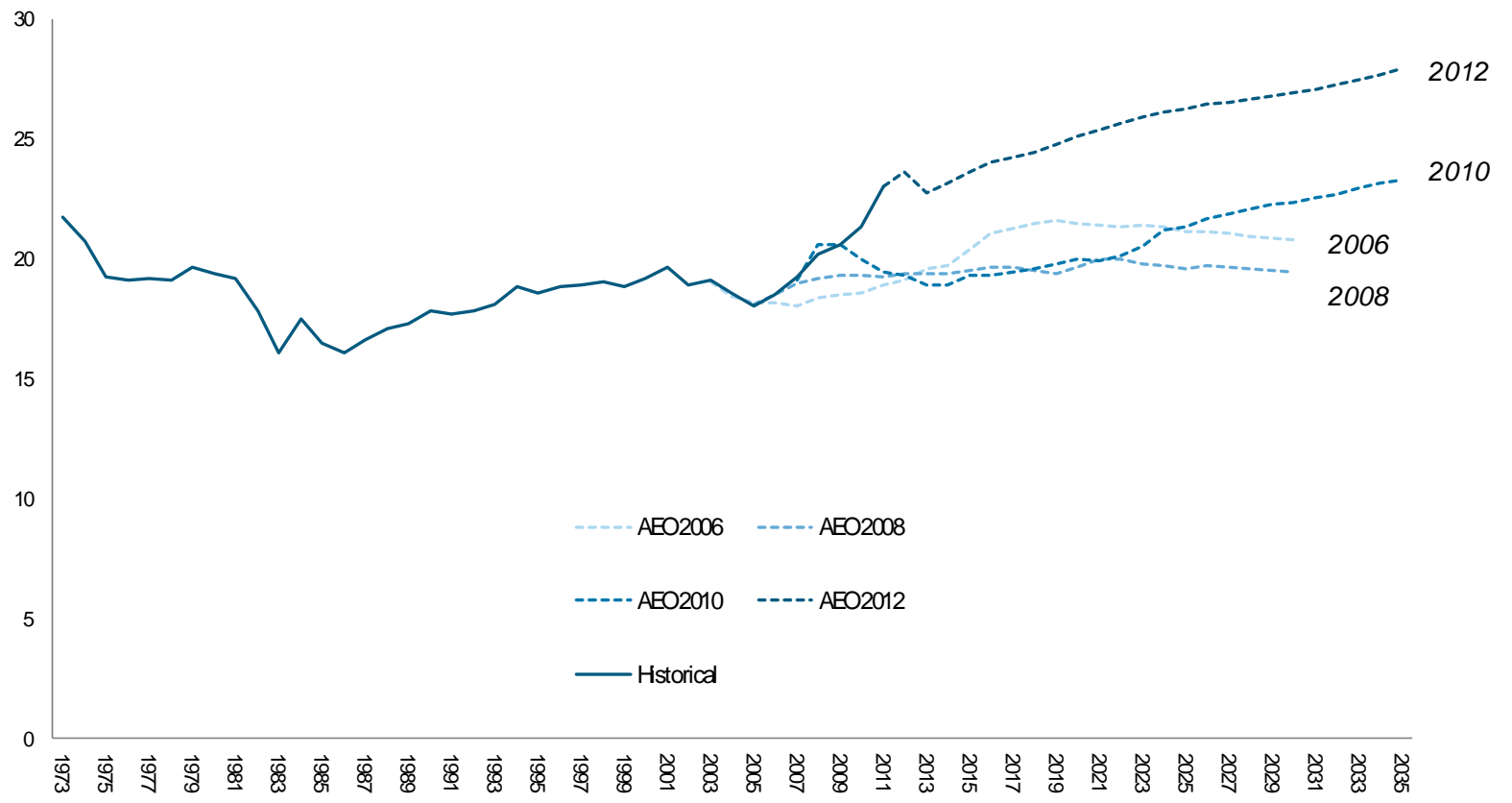
# U.S. Oil Outlook also being Reshaped by Unconventionals as well as Efficiency means lower imports

Figure 3. Total U.S. petroleum and other liquids production, consumption, and net imports, 1970-2035  
(million barrels per day)



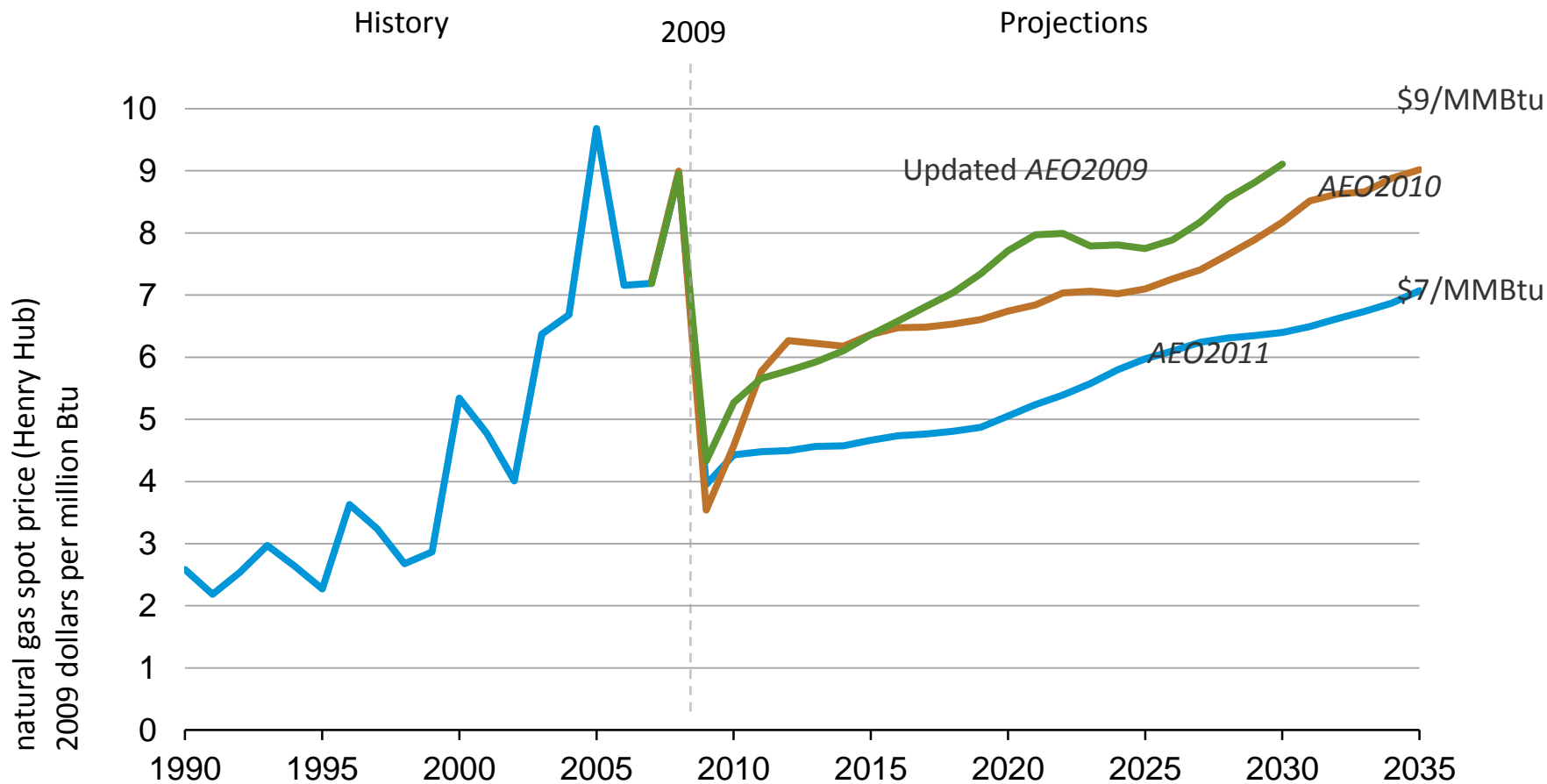
# Expectations of Natural Gas Production Have Increased Significantly

EIA US natural gas production projections, tcf/year



Source: EIA AEO Forecasts from Trevor Houser, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Unpublished Manuscript

# And Natural Gas Price Expectations are Significantly Lower

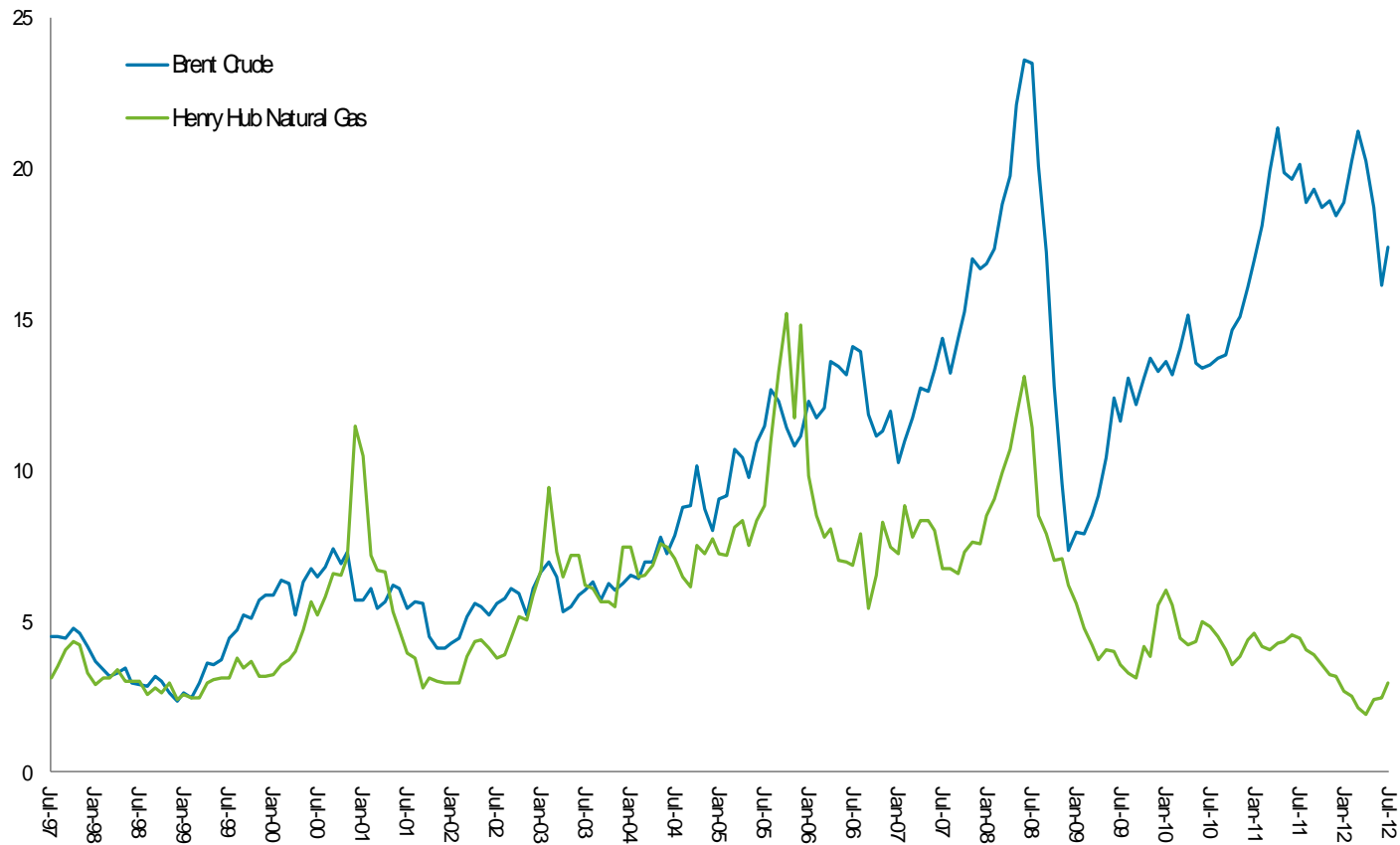


Sources: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2011; EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2010; and EIA, An Updated Annual Energy Outlook 2009 Reference Case



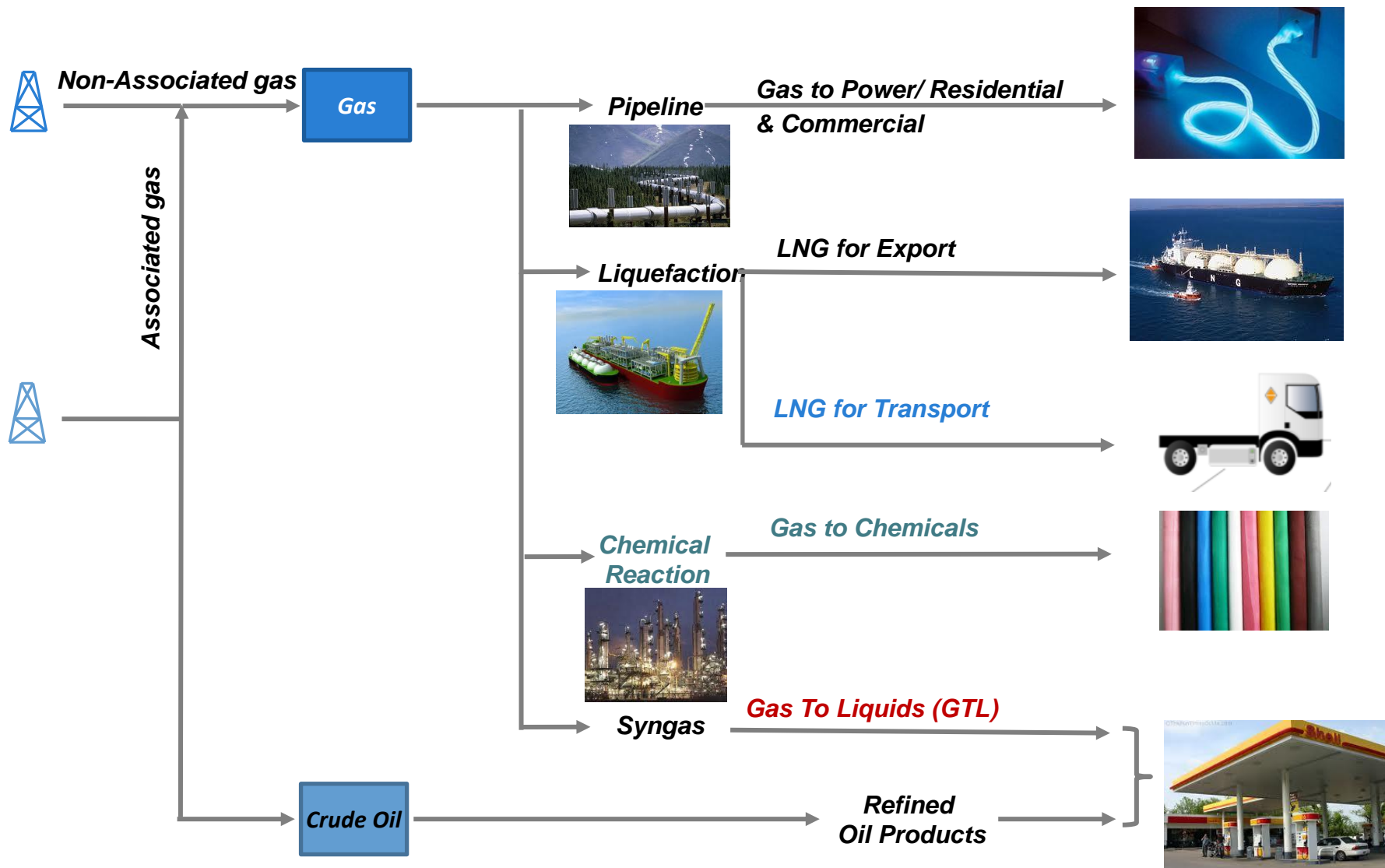
# Oil and Gas Prices have Disconnected

## Crude and Natural Gas Prices, 2011 USD per MMBTU

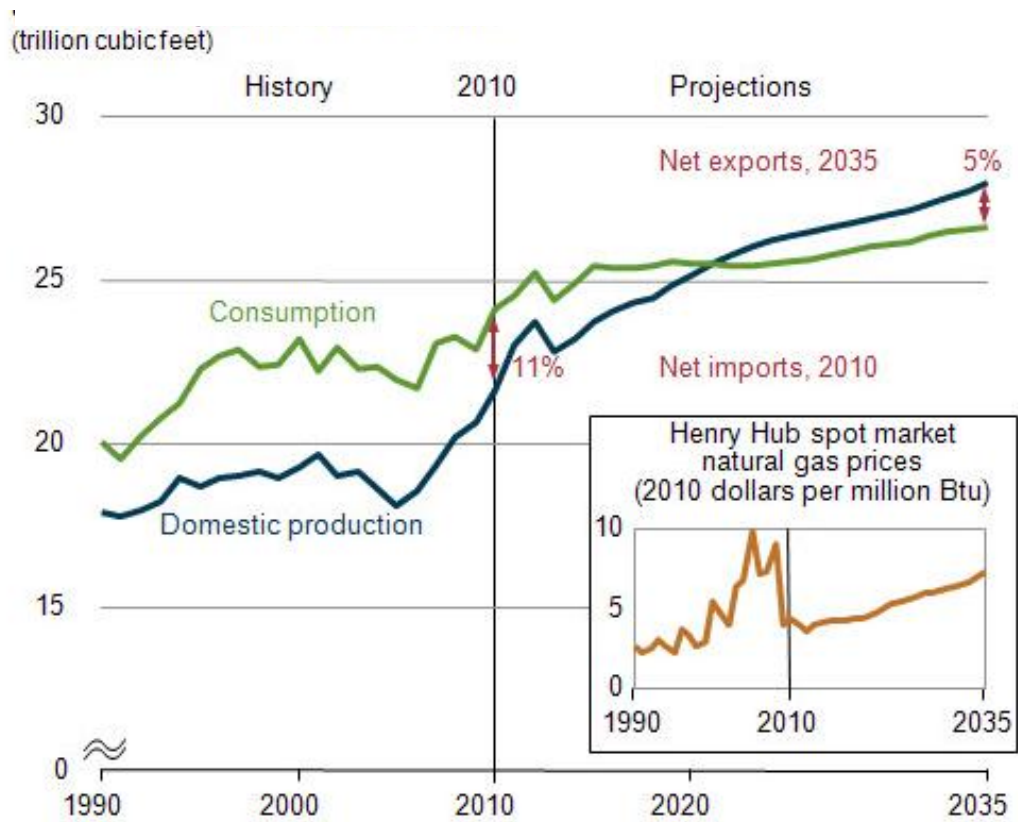


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# An Overview of Natural Gas Pathways



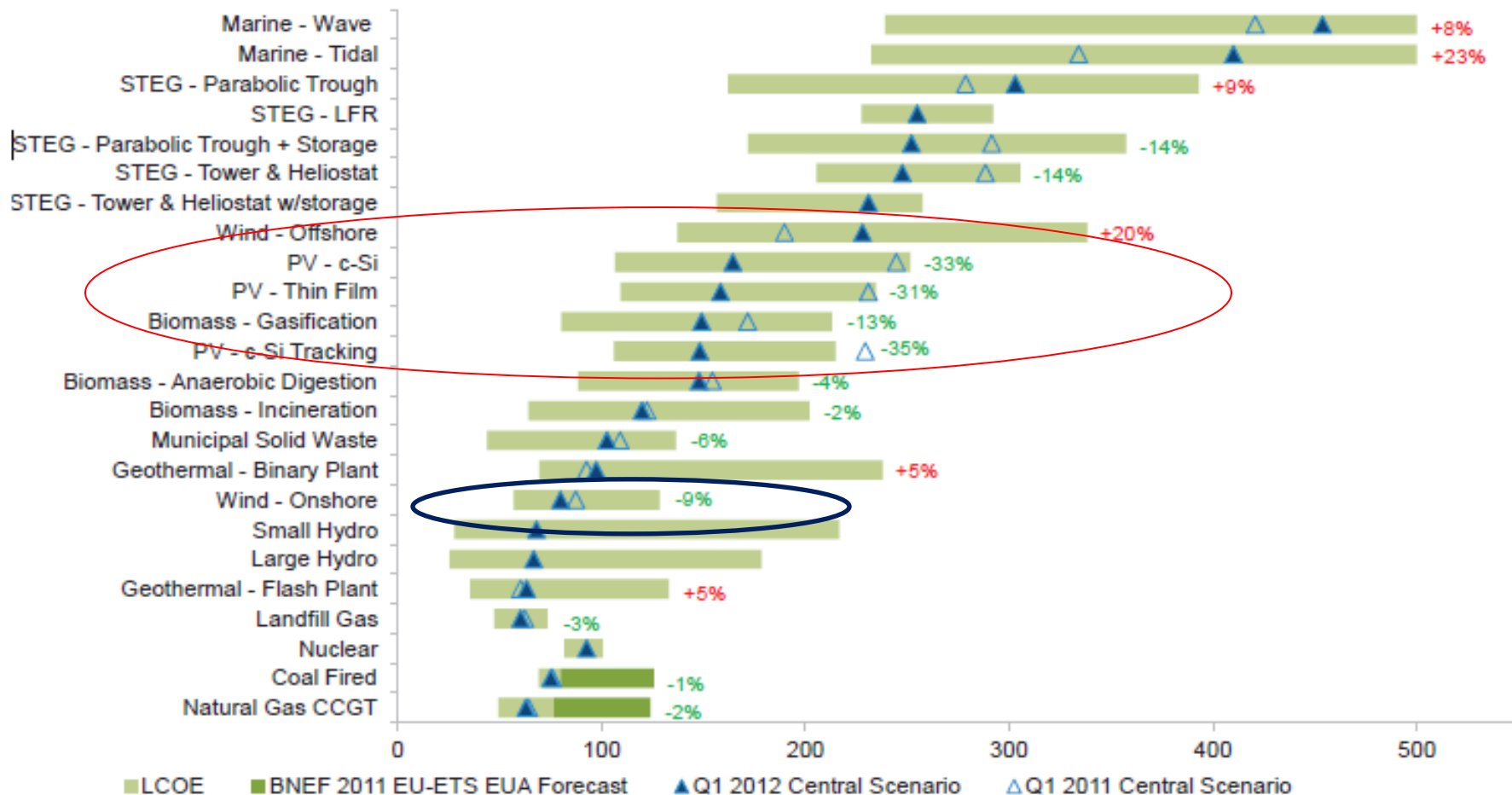
# Increasing Natural Gas Production Allows U.S. to Transition from Net Importer to Net Exporter of Natural Gas



# Shale Gas has Major Implications for Electric Power Sector

- Utilities switching to gas fired capacity rather than coal. Coal share of power generation reduced.
- Cheaper gas combined with new environmental rules will accelerate closer of older coal power plants.
- Investment in new nuclear power plants will likely not happen except for protected markets or with substantial government support.
- Existing nuclear power plants under competitive pressure.
- Investment in renewable energy will also be challenged though state renewable standards and tax credits will provide support.

**FIGURE 28: LEVELISED COST OF ELECTRICITY FOR DIFFERENT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES, Q1 2012 V Q1 2011 \$ PER MWH**

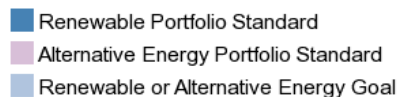
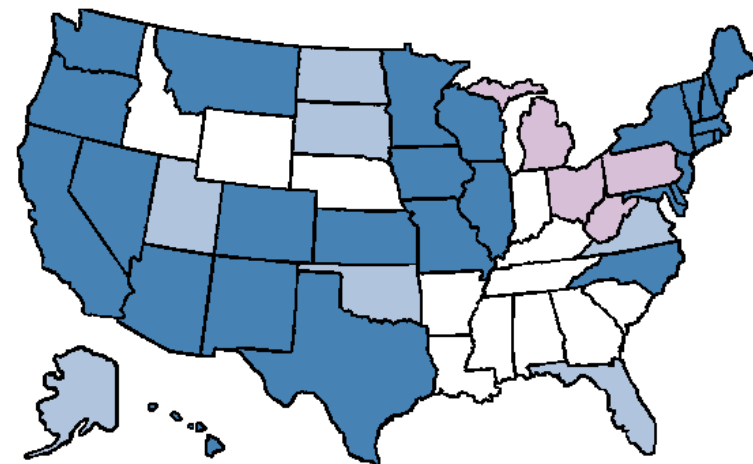
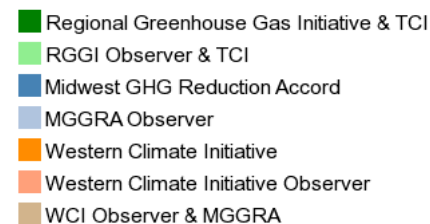
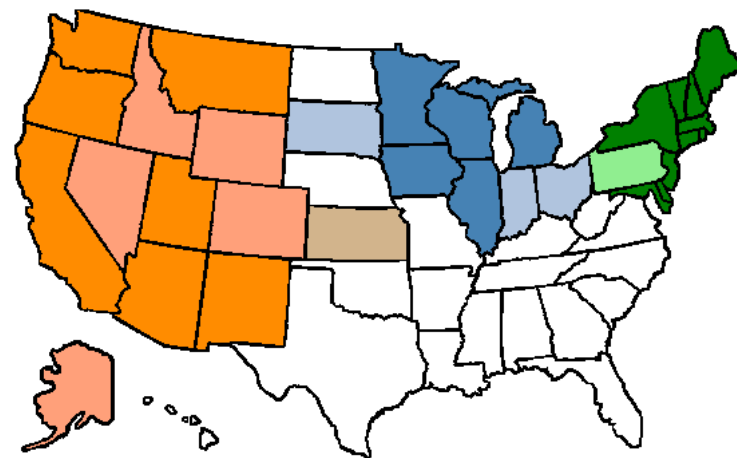


Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance estimates



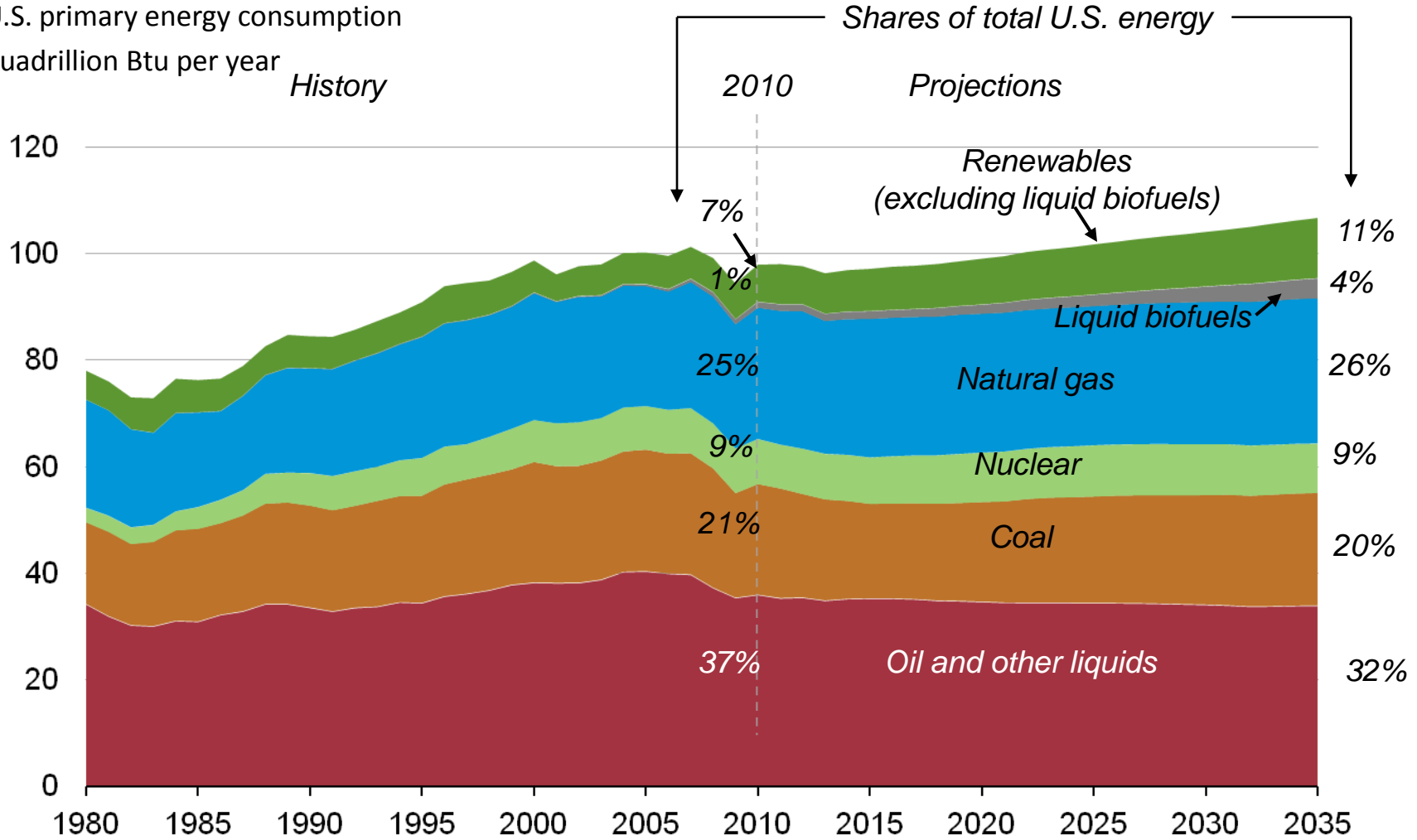
## Federal and State Actions Supporting Renewable Energy

- Federal production tax credits supporting solar and wind energy.
- No progress on national clean energy standard.
- 36 states have some sort of renewable or alternative electricity standard (27 States have mandatory renewable RPS, 5 states have RE goals, 4 states have alternative portfolio standards that include CCS)
- 42 states offer green pricing - 11 have made it a mandatory utility offering
- One fully operational cap and trade market and one to begin soon



# Energy use grows slowly. Efficiency improves and mix shifts toward renewables and natural gas

U.S. primary energy consumption  
quadrillion Btu per year  
*History*

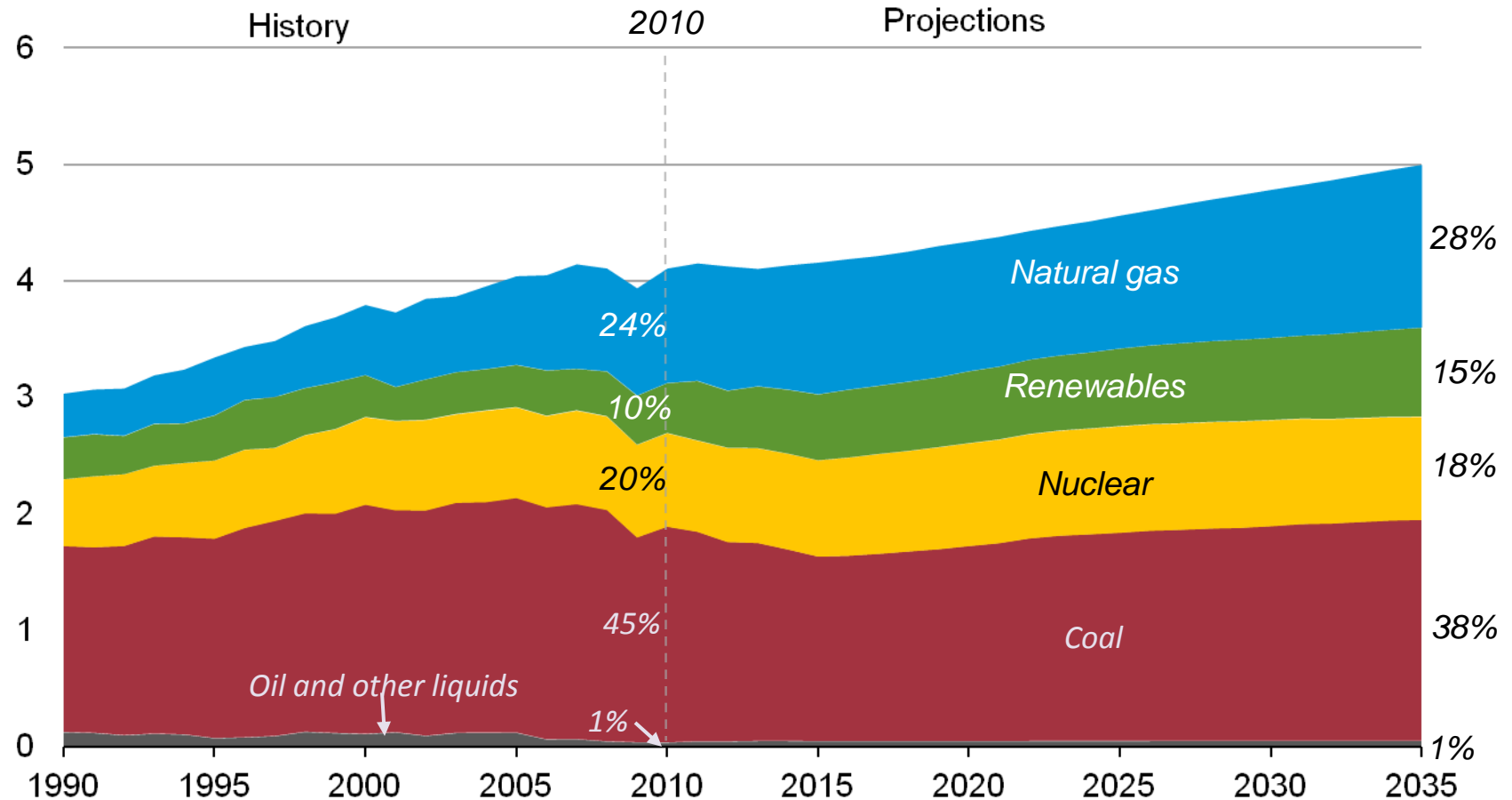


Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2012

# Electricity Generation Shifts to Natural Gas and Renewables in Reference Case

electricity net generation

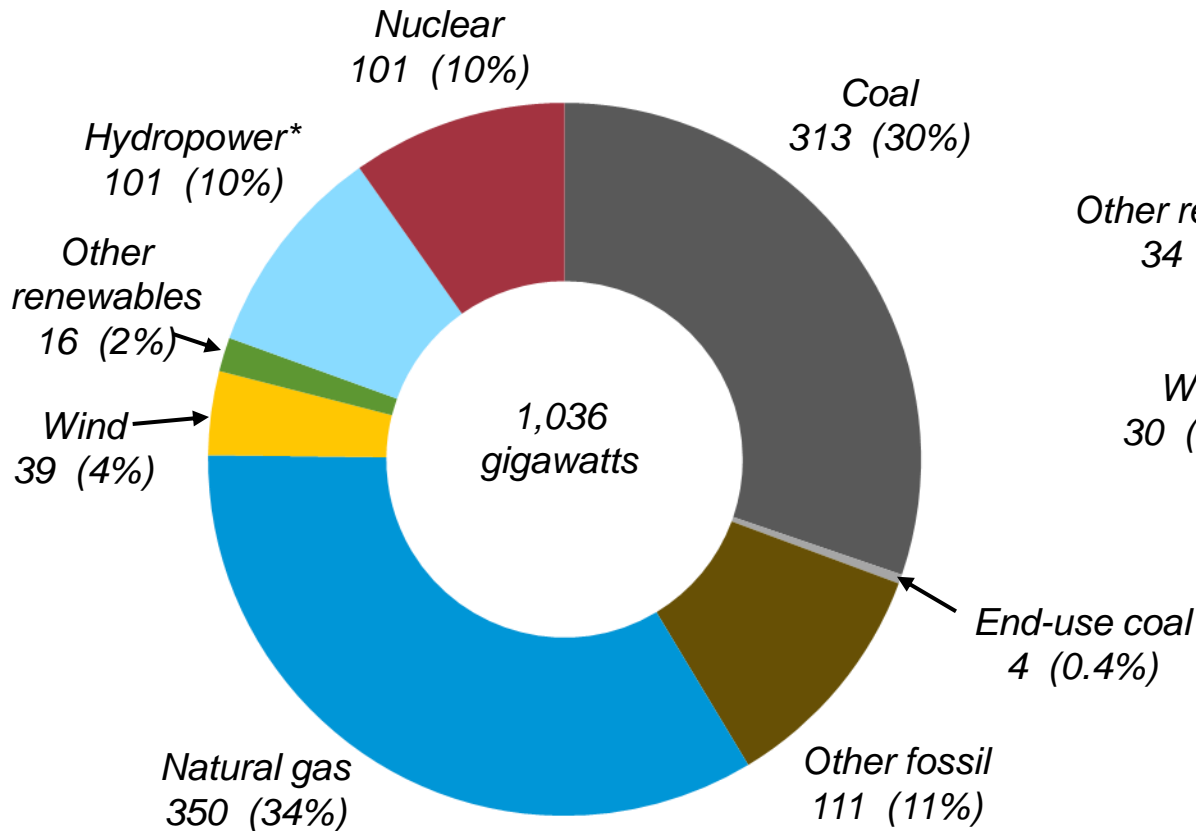
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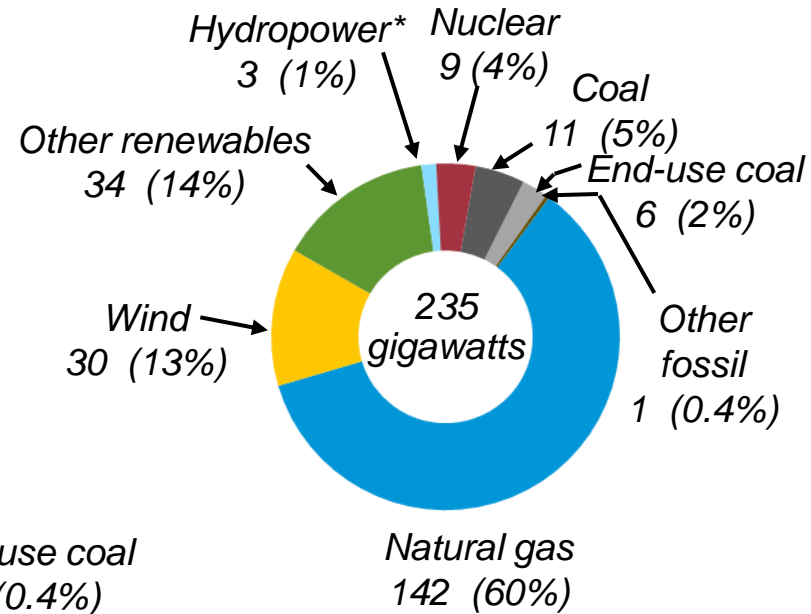
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# Natural gas and Renewables May Account for More than 90% of New Capacity to 2035

**2010 capacity**



**Capacity additions 2010 to 2035**



\* Includes pumped storage

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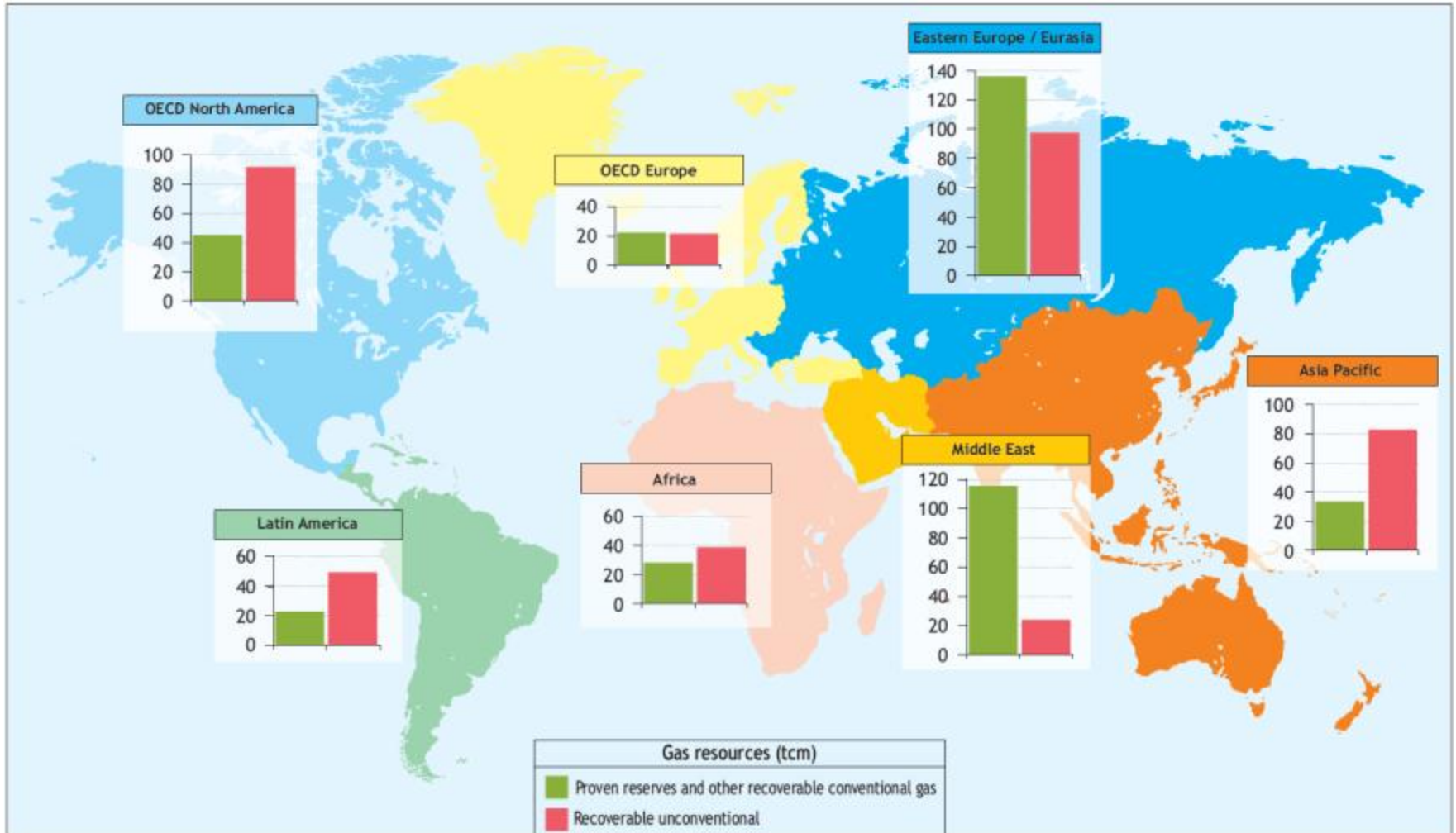
Issue	Obama	Romney
<b>LNG Exports</b>	Under study; likely approval with volumetric/economic considerations	Under study; likely approval with volumetric/economic considerations
<b>CAFE Standards</b>	Increase mileage requirements (54.5 mpg by 2025)	Oppose mandates, could roll back
<b>Nuclear</b>	Supportive, economic/safety challenges	Improve NRC process, Yucca?*
<b>Renewables</b>	Supports tax credit extension*	Opposes tax credits
<b>Climate</b>	Continue GHG regulation by sector	Stop EPA regulations; repeal CAA requirements*
<b>Alternative Fuel Vehicles</b>	Continue to support credits*	“Not picking winners”
<b>Energy Taxes</b>	Favors reallocation of \$/credits*	Thought to retain preferences though debate notion of all on the table?*
<b>Oil Exports</b>	Products permitted; no decision on crude	Opposes crude exports
<b>Oil and Gas Access and Transport</b>	GOM and Alaska, no ANWR. Stringent OCS permit rules. Likely approval of Keystone XL with conditions.	Streamline permits, relax rules, open more (federal) areas, increase states’ role. Approval of Keystone XL.

\*requires Congressional action



# Extra Slides

# Unconventional Resources are Distributed Globally



## Prospects for Shale Gas Development in China

- Shale gas development among government priorities.
- Shale resource estimates vary. Knowledge of the geology is limited.
- Desire to develop as indigenously as possible. The role of foreign companies uncertain.
- Access to technologies a key driver behind Chinese investments in N. America.
- Bottlenecks to the Development include:
  - Lack of geological data; Technologies and Expertise; Fiscal regimes; Pricing regimes; Infrastructure; and Water.
- Chinese shale gas production may not eliminate import needs, but may serve as a bargaining leverage with gas exporters on price.
- Successful shale gas development in Asia may eventually affect global gas trade, primarily as LNG, but its scale may largely depend on the future trajectory of overall energy demand in China and India.