In the PNW We Do More Than Plan!

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What Happened After Lewis and Clark Left?





The First Three "Eras" of Power Planning in the PNW "New Deal" Mysticism (1930-1950) - Politicians plan using "chicken entrails and crystal balls" legislate what's needed and when Engineering Determinism (1950-1970) - Engineers, using graph paper and rulers schedule the next power plants **Economic Determinism** (1970 to April 27, 1983) - Economist, using price elasticity <u>slow</u> the engineer's construction schedules



Actions Taken in Response to "Engineering and Economic Determinist's" Forecasts

- Utilities planned and/or started construction on 28 coal and nuclear power plants to be completed over a 20-year period.
- Native American tribes sued the state and federal government over loss of salmon
- Environmental groups sued Bonneville Power Administration over plans to turn the Columbia River into "Wave World"





Reaction to Impact of Actions Taken in Response to "Engineering and Economic Determinist's Forecasts and Plans

Terminate or mothball 9 nuclear and 5 coal plants at a cost to the region's consumers of more than <u>\$7 billion</u>.

Motivated the region's politicians, utilities, larger industries and public interest groups to accept the "deals" embodied in the <u>Northwest Power and</u> <u>Conservation Planning Act of 1980</u>



The Fourth Era -Northwest Power and Conservation Planning Act of 1980 (PL96-501)*

- Authorized States of ID, OR, MT and WA to form an "interstate compact" (aka, the "Council")
- Directed the Council to develop 20-year load forecast and resource plan ("The Plan") and update it every 5 – years
 - Plan shall call for the development of the <u>least cost</u> mix of resources
 - Plan shall consider <u>conservation (energy efficiency) its</u> <u>highest priority resource</u> equivalent to generation with a 10% cost advantage over power generating resources
- Mandated *public involvement* in Council's planning process.



Power Act Priorities Served As Precedent for California's "Loading Order"

Northwest Power Act Enacted - December 1980

23 Years Later

- Priority shall be given:
 - First, to conservation;
 - Second, to renewable resources;
 - Third, to generating resources utilizing waste heat or generating resources of high fuel conversion efficiency; and
 - Fourth, to all other resources.

California Energy Action Plan Adopted - April/May 2003

The Action Plan envisions a "loading order" of energy resources

- First, conservation and energy efficiency;
- Second, renewable energy resources and distributed generation; and
- Third, clean fossil fuel, central-station generation.



How A Kilowatt-Hour Is Saved in the PNW



Has The Region Followed "The Plans"?



Utility Reaction to Council's First Plan Was "Mixed"



Nevertheless – Over Three Decades We Made Significant (If Uneven) Progress



Hood River Proof of Achievable Potential

Hood River Conservation Project

- Research Objective: Test the maximum market penetration of "deep" (as of 1983) residential efficiency retrofits
- Program Design: Direct installation of residential weatherization measure in <u>all</u> electrically heated dwellings in Hood River County, OR
- Result: Achieved over 90% participation rate and 92% of recommended measures installed <u>within two years</u>



Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)



 Formed in 1996 to carry out regional market transformation intitatives

 <u>Voluntarily</u> funded by BPA, utilities and Energy Trust of Oregon ~ \$40 million/yr

Achieved 4,380 GWH/yr savings since formation

Ductless Heat Pump Contractor Training



Enhanced Building Codes



Power Act Required Council to Promulgate Model Conservation Standards

- First Plan's MCS (1983) were equivalent to 2006 IECC
- Achieved 40% improvement in building code for new residential construction by 1992
- Accomplished through a strategic combination of <u>utility funded</u> research & demonstration (600 homes), a new construction program (Super Good Cents) and energy code support





- Formed at the request of Congress in 1999
- Create and maintain standardized methods for quantifying energy savings
- Established and maintains a regional data base of *peer reviewed* "deemed" savings estimates and protocols
- Voluntarily funded by regions utilities, BPA and Energy Trust of Over ~ \$1.5 million/yr



Other Highlights from the Past Three Decades of Accomplishments

- End Use Load and Conservation/Consumer Assessment Program (ELCAP)
 - First (and still only) large scale short-interval end-use load research project
- Manufactured Housing Acquisition Program (MAP)
 - Region wide "resource acquisition program"
 - BPA acted as central purchasing agent (this was pre-NEEA)
 - <u>All PNW Utilities agreed</u> to contract with all 18 manufactured housing plants in the PNW to produce 100% of the electrically heated homes at efficiency levels equivalent to the Model Conservation Standards
 - Over 50,000 homes built under the program





Now to the "Score Card"



Since 1978 Utility & BPA Programs, Energy Codes & Federal Efficiency Standards Have Produced Over <u>40,000 GWH/yr</u> of Savings*





So What's 40,000 GHW/yr?

 It's enough electricity to serve the <u>entire</u> <u>states of Idaho</u> and <u>Montana</u>
– (or all of Kansas)

It saved the region's consumers nearly than <u>\$2.5 billion</u> in 2010

It lowered 2010 PNW carbon emissions by an estimated <u>18.2 million</u> MTE.



Efficiency Met Over 50% of PNW Load Growth Since 1980





Energy Efficiency Is The PNW Region's Third Largest Resource







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PNW Utility System Levelized Acquisition Cost of Energy Efficiency Savings 1991-2010





Annual PNW Utility Energy Efficiency Investments 1991 - 2010





Historical PNW Utility Energy Efficiency Investments as a Share of Regional Revenues 1991 - 2010





Annual PNW Utility Energy Efficiency Investments Per Capita 1991 - 2010





Electricity Use Per Capita





Electricity Use Per Dollar GDP









6th Plan Meet's 90% of Load Growth with Energy Efficiency



PNW Regional Energy Efficiency Achievements and Goals





Energy Efficiency Savings from 1978 - 2029 Could Equal the Annual Firm Energy Output of the 30 Largest Hydroelectric Projects in the Region



So Our Job Is Making the *Inefficient* Use of Energy in the PNW ...

Immoral Illegal Unprofitable



Background Slides



Let's Be Clear: Utility Acquired Energy Efficiency Have Been <u>A % *&?! BARGAIN!</u>





Meeting the 6th Plan's Efficiency Goals Decreases Consumers' Bills



6th Plan Meet's 28% of Load Growth with Wind & Other Renewable Resources





Meeting These Goals Drops Carbon Emissions 15% Below 1990 Levels by 2020



Initial Response of 6th Plan's Efficiency Assessment & Targets

