

# Treating Energy Efficiency As A Resource

## Three Decades of Northwest Experience

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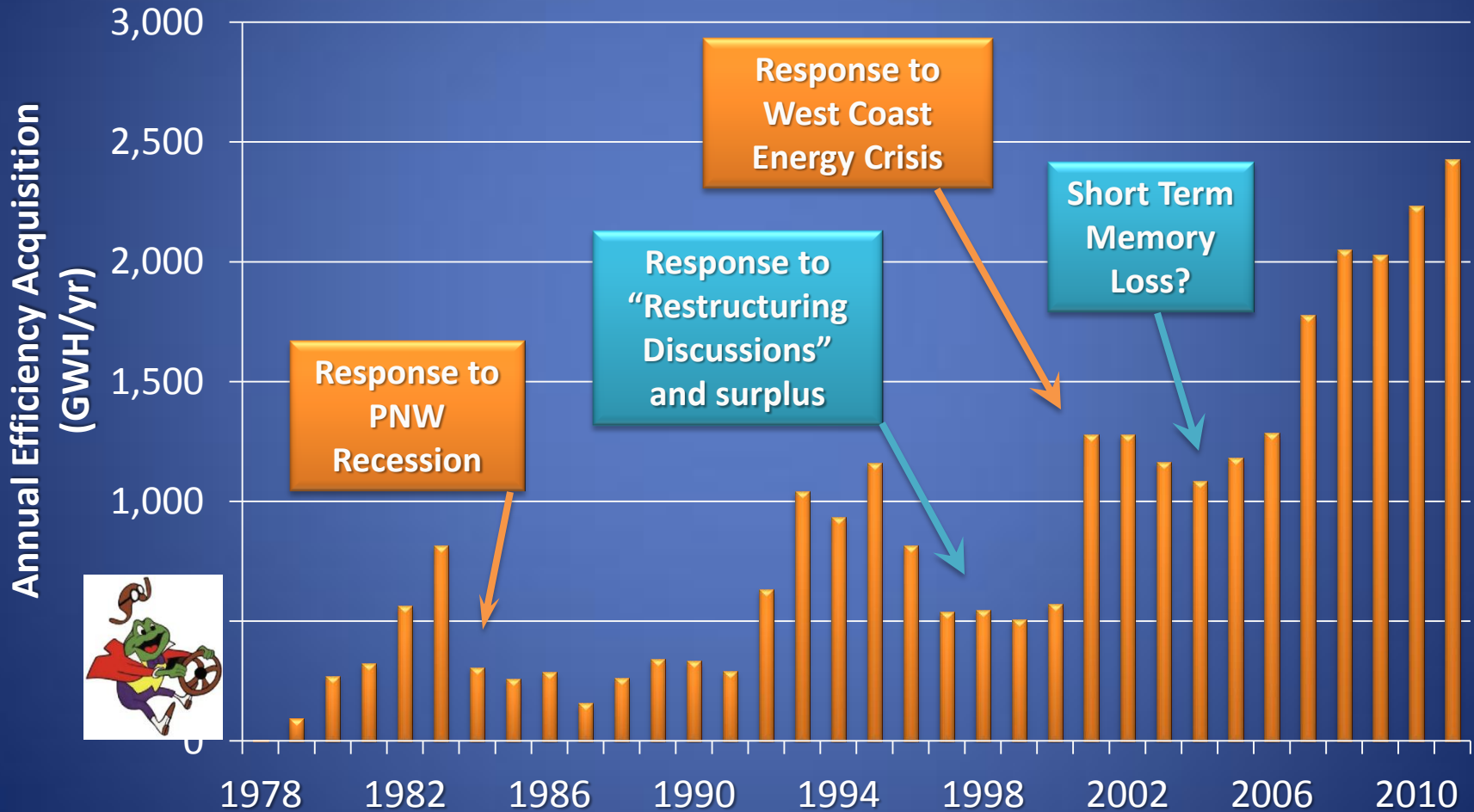
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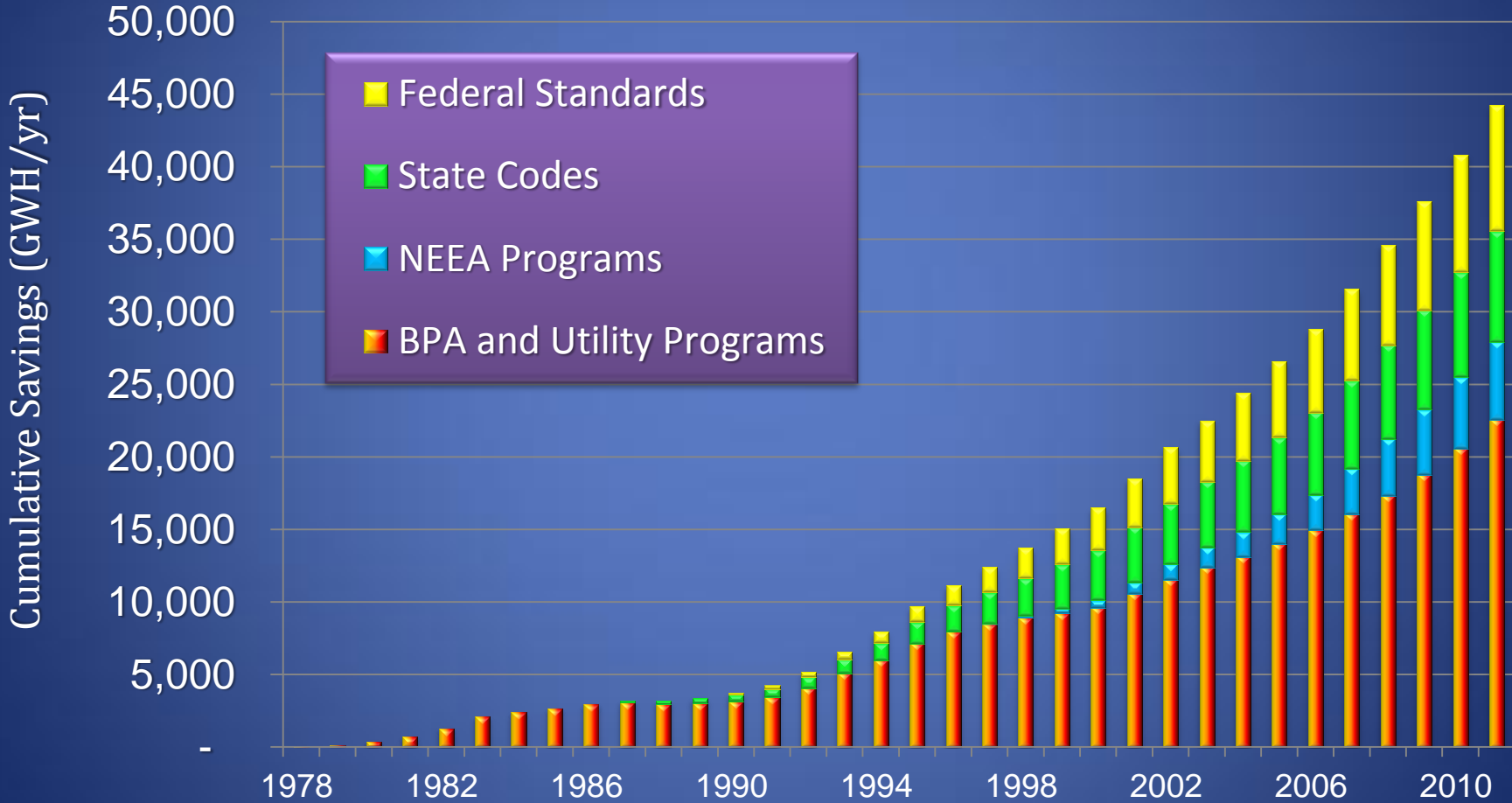
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# Northwest Efficiency Development Has Historically Been Tied To Current Market Conditions

*The Result Has Been Mr. Toad's Wild Ride*



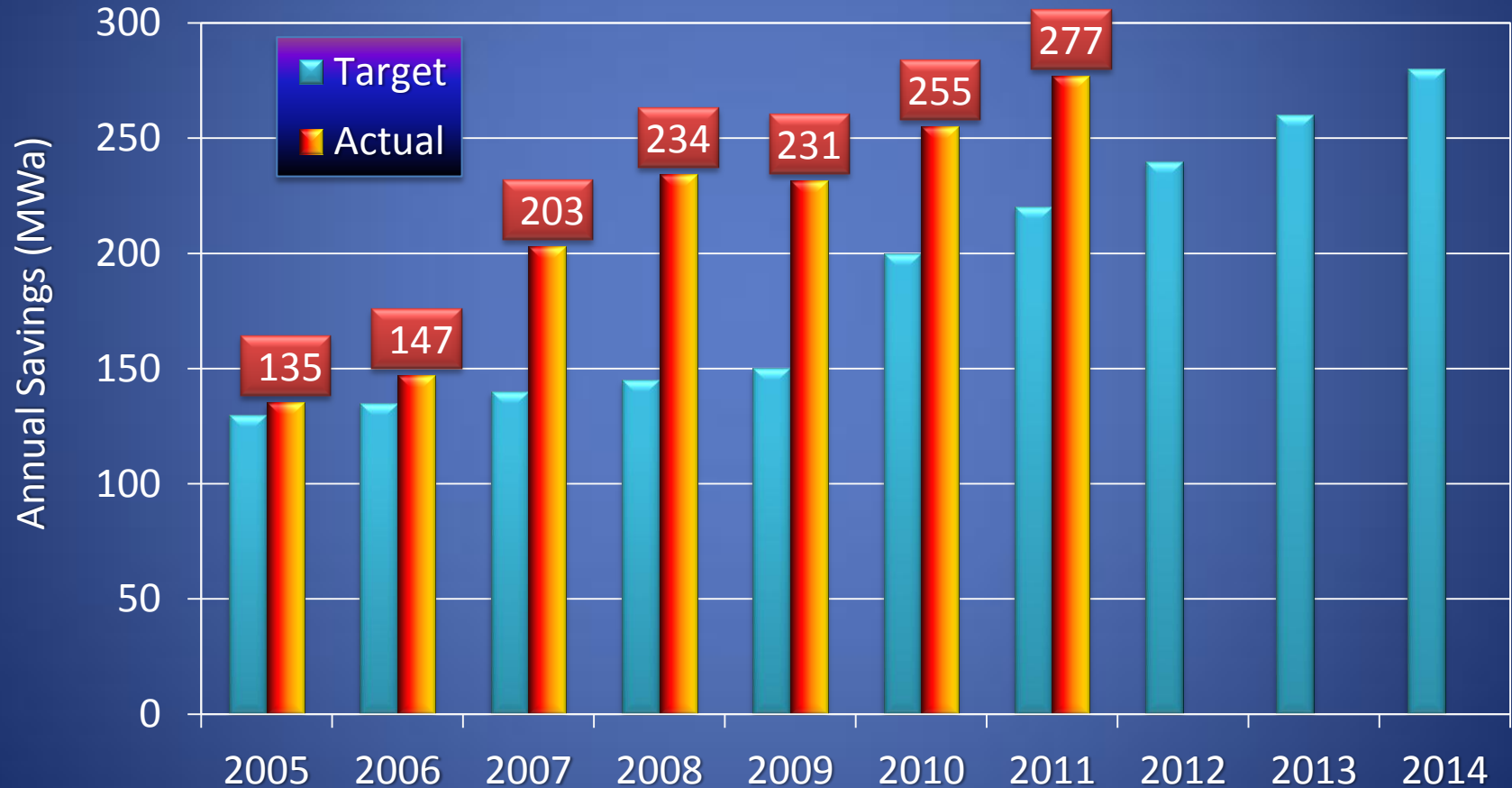
# Nevertheless, Since 1978 Utility & BPA Programs, Energy Codes & Federal Efficiency Standards Have Produced Over 45,000 GWH/yr of Savings



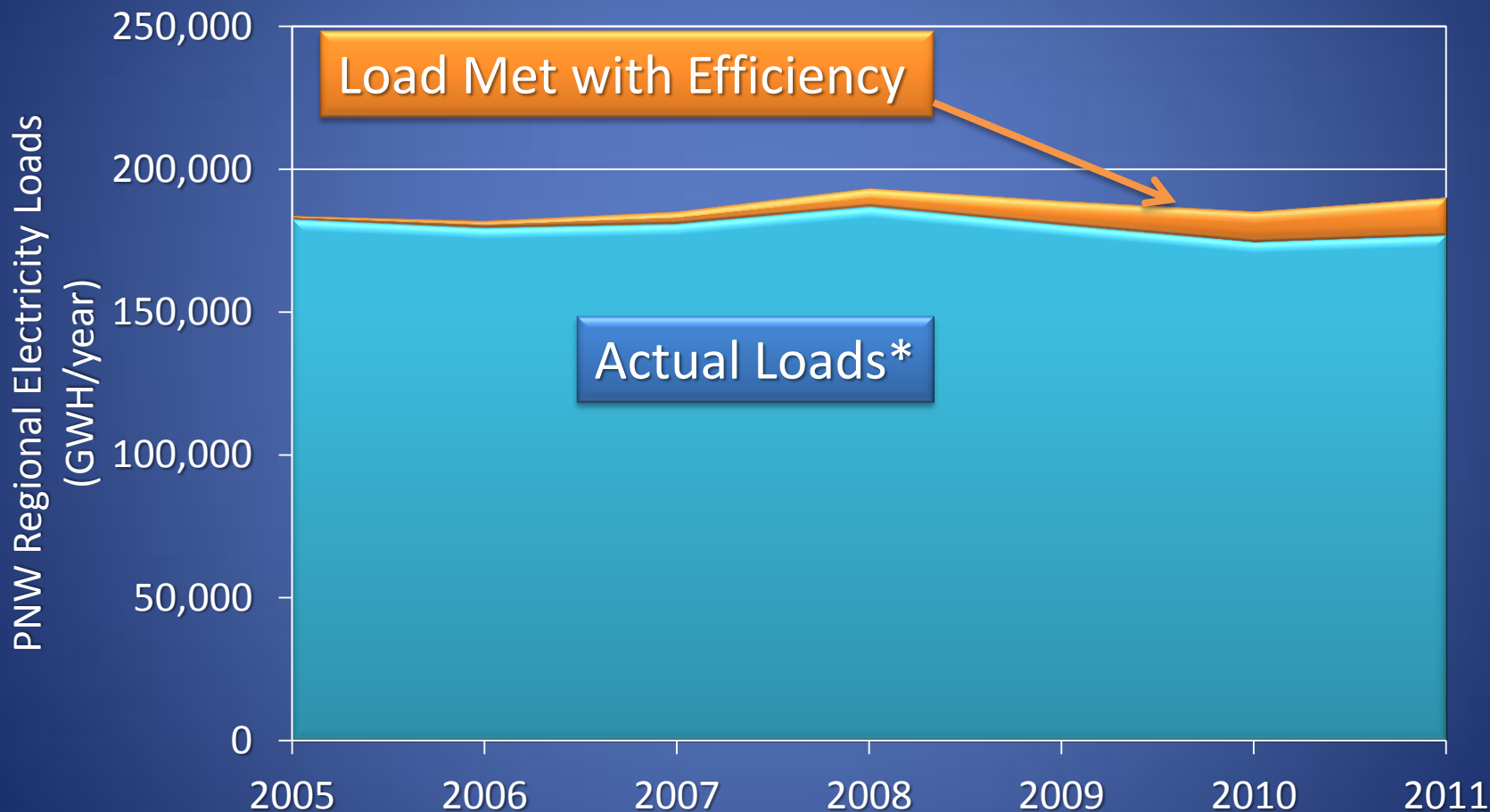
# So What's 45,000 GWH/YR?

- It's enough electricity to serve nearly the entire state of Oregon
- It saved the region's consumers nearly \$3.1 billion in 2011
- It lowered 2011 PNW carbon emissions by an estimated 19.8 million MTE.

# Since 2005 Energy Efficiency Resource Acquisitions Have Exceeded Plan Targets Every Year

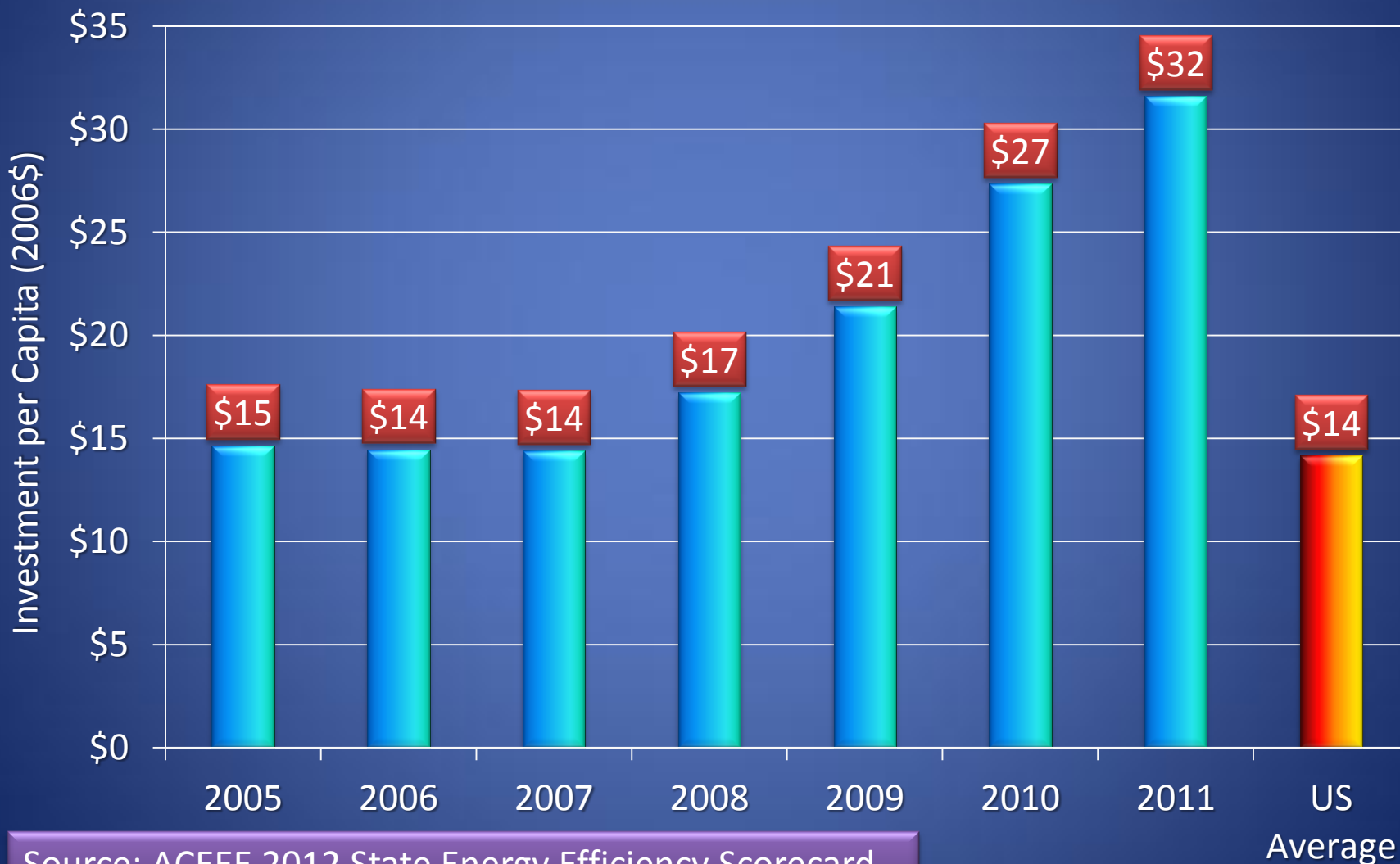


Since 2005 Energy Efficiency Has Reduced Northwest Load  
Growth by 1.2%/year  
Result = No Net Load Growth for Seven Years

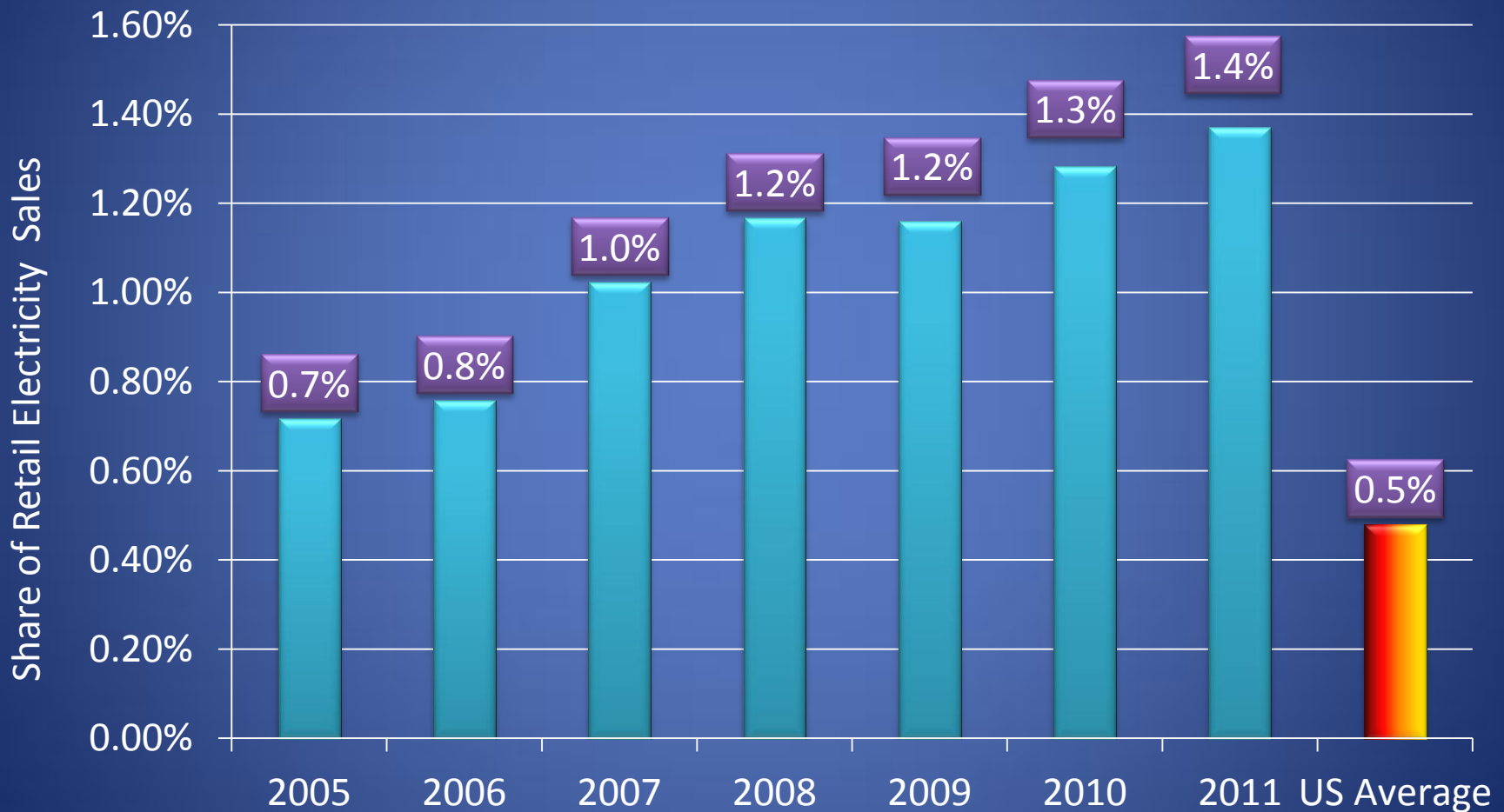


\* Approximate impact only, since PNW Actual Loads are not weather adjusted.

# Northwest Ratepayer Funded Energy Efficiency Investments Per Person Are Slightly More Than Double the US Average



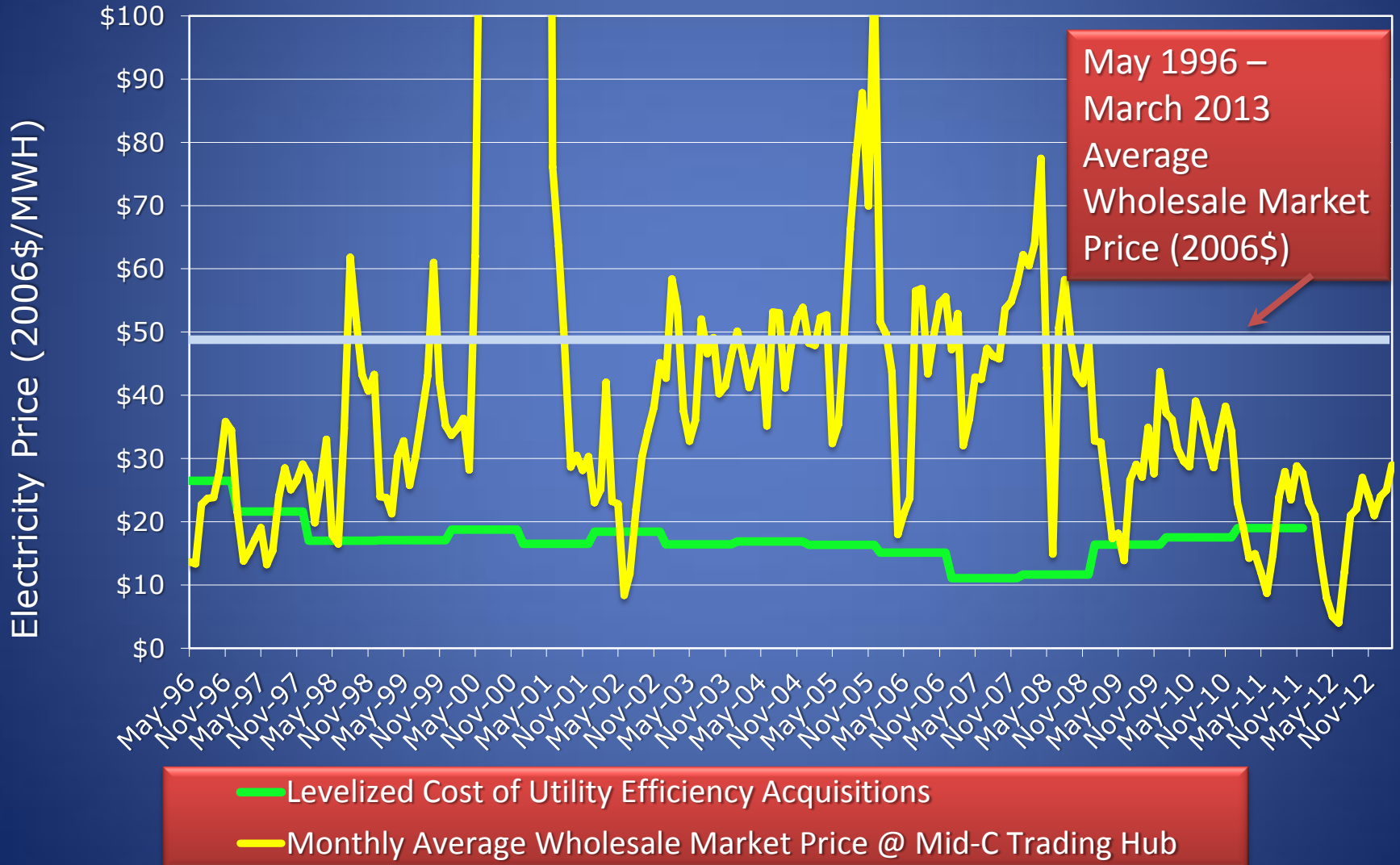
# Northwest Ratepayer Funded Savings Equaled Just Under 1.4% of Regional Electricity Sales in 2011 Almost *Three* Times the US Average



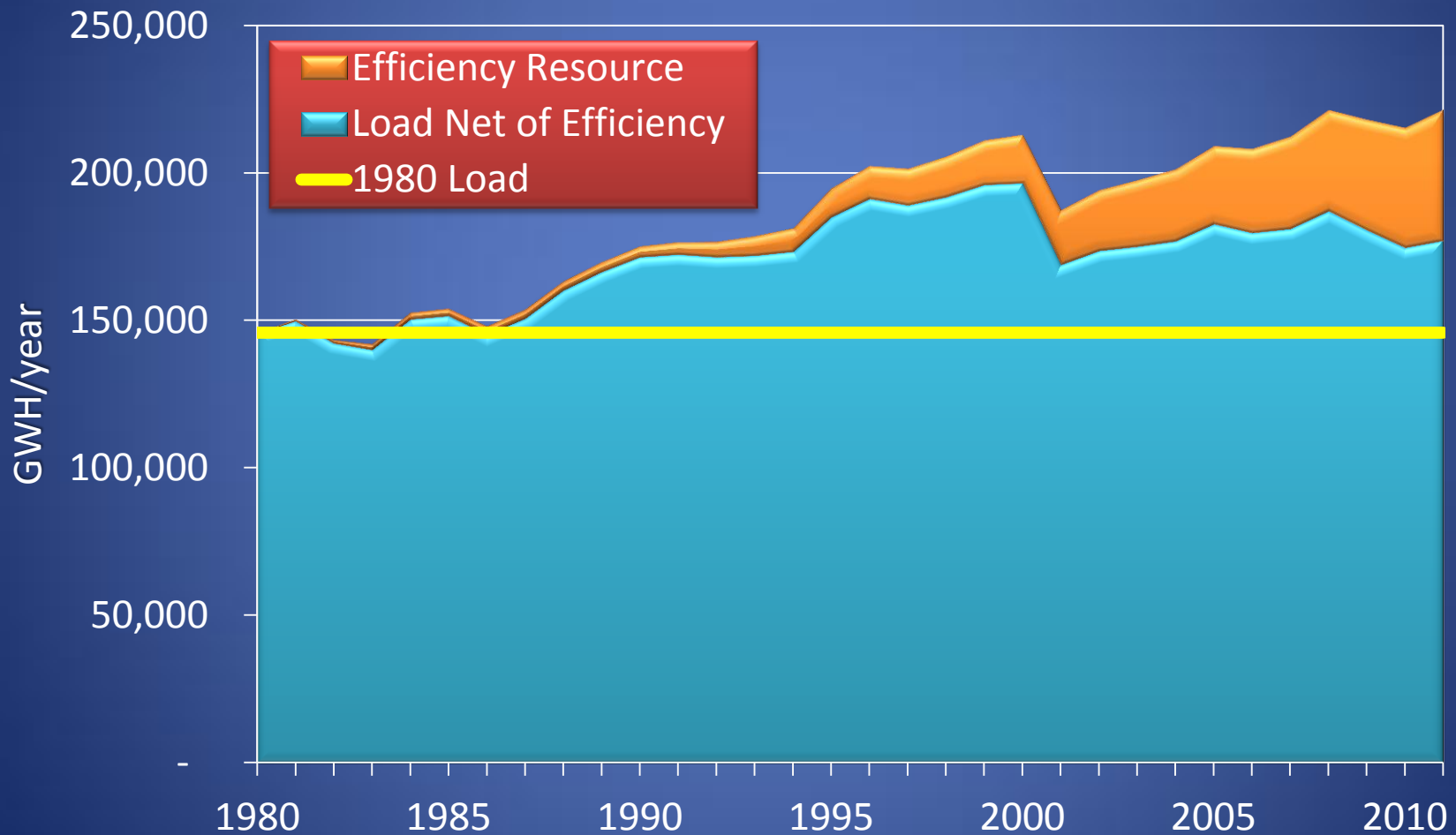
Source: ACEEE 2012 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard



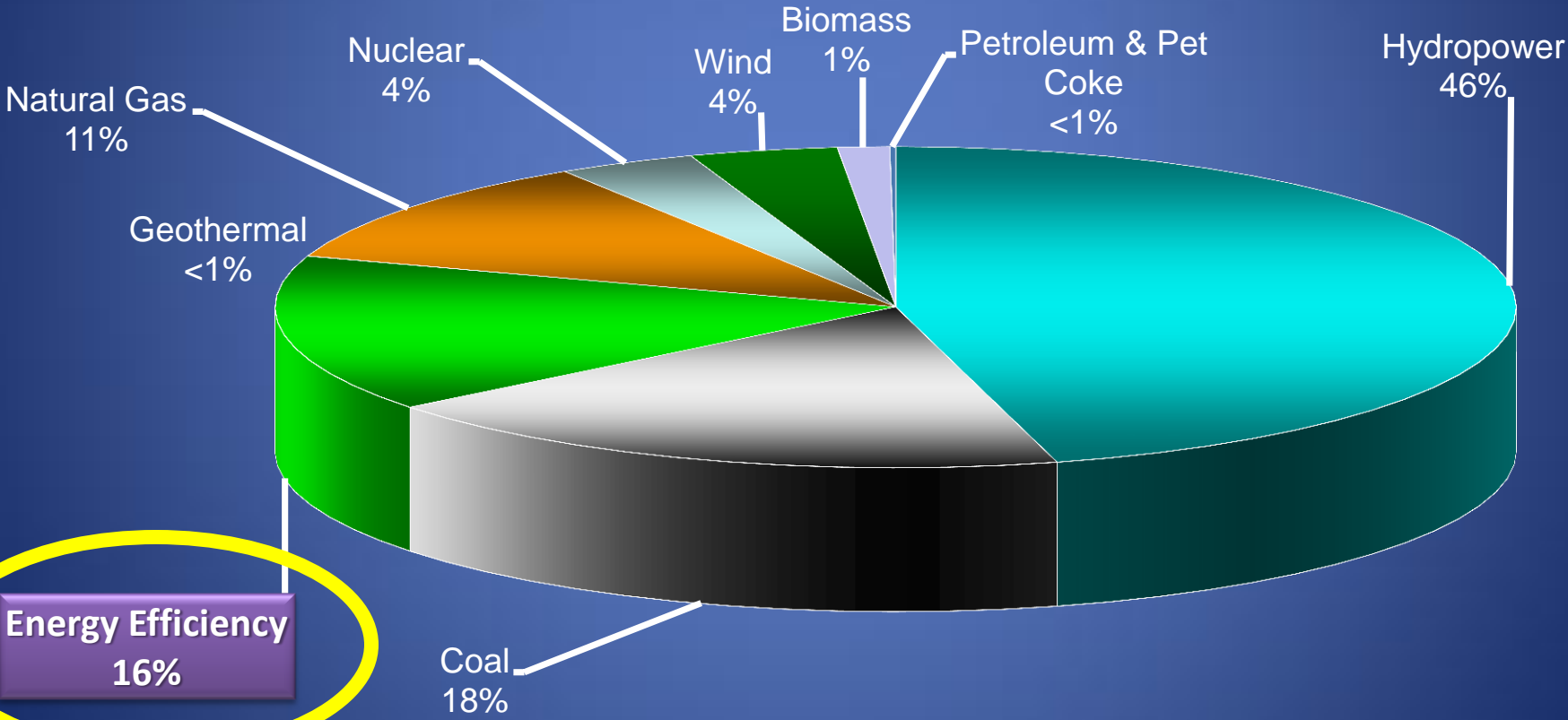
# Average Cost of Utility Acquired Savings Continues to Be Lower and Less Volatile Than Wholesale Market Electricity Prices



# Since 1980 Efficiency Has Met Almost 60% of Northwest Load Growth



# Energy Efficiency is Now the Northwest's Third-Largest Resource



Based on Estimate of 2010 Actual Resource Dispatch/Contribution

# Why We Do What We Do: Events

- 1970's > Irrational ly Exuberant load forecast lead to the overbuilding of coal and nuclear generation
- Mid-1990's – 2000 > California Market Dreamin' reduces resistance to ENRON fever which infects entire West Coast Electricity Market

# Why We Do What We Do: Policies

- Under federal statute energy efficiency is defined as a “resource” and is the first priority for acquisition
- State laws and commission orders require utilities to 1) prepare and submit integrated resource plans (IRPs) and 2) treat energy efficiency as a resource in their IRPs
- Cost-recovery for IOUs is available for prudent investments in energy efficiency
- De-coupling “experiments/pilots” have been and are being tried, but are not the “norm”
- Oregon has an System Benefits Charge covering all IOU service areas (80% of state) & Washington has a “acquire all cost-effective efficiency” resource standard (EERS) for all utilities serving more than 25,000 customers

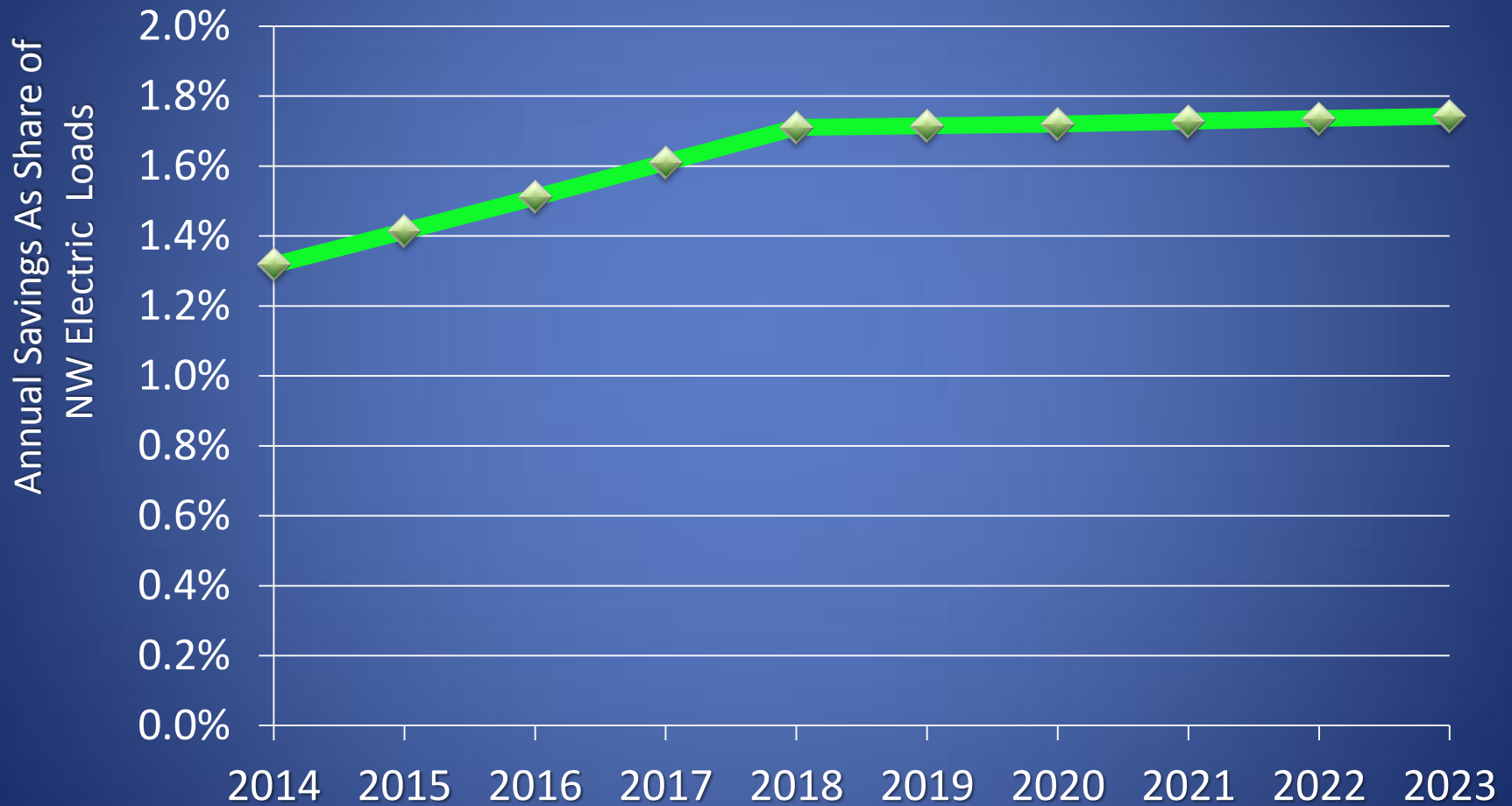
# Why We Do What We Do

- The Northwest Has Some of the Lowest Electricity Cost In The Nation
- We Want To Keep It That Way!

State	Average Monthly Bill/Customer Rank (1=Lowest)
Idaho	2
Montana	5
Washington	6
Oregon	7

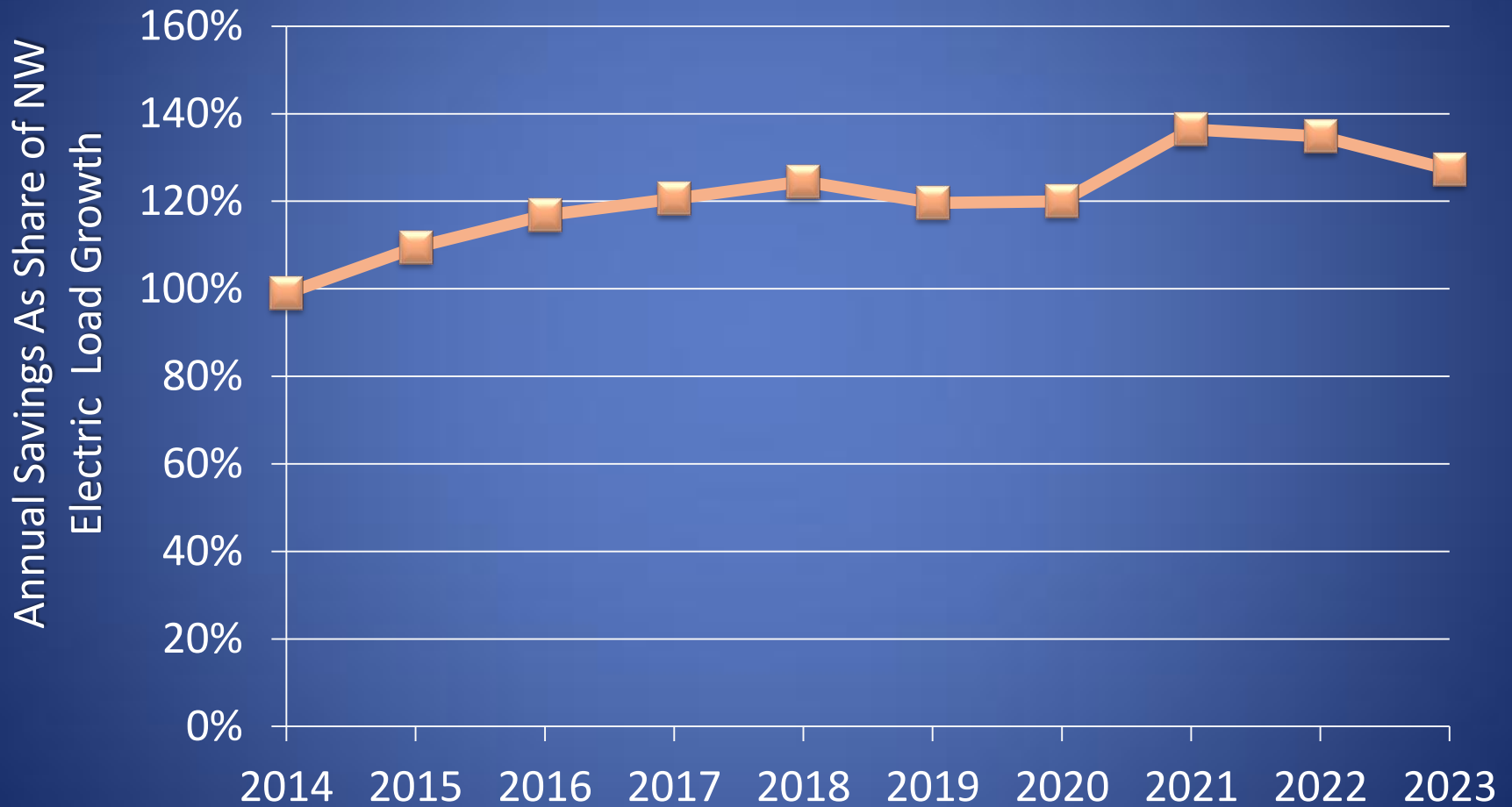
# The “Marker”

# Energy Efficiency Development As A Share Northwest Loads



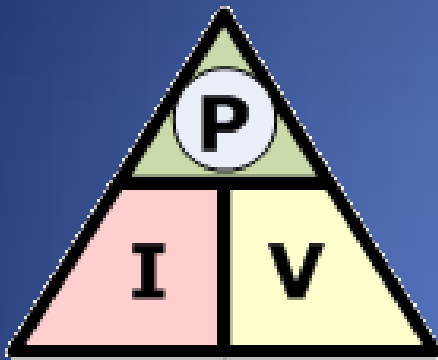


# Energy Efficiency Development As A Share of Load Growth

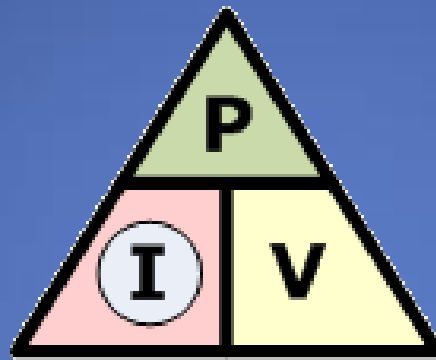


# Getting' There

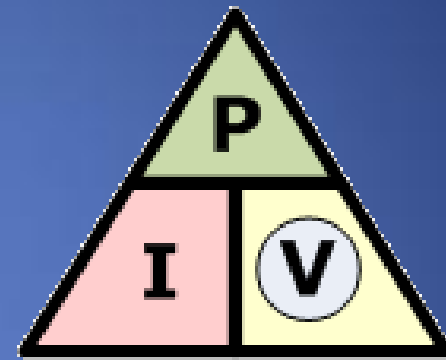
# Ohm's Law - The Power Triangle



$$\text{P} = I \times V$$



$$I = \frac{P}{V}$$



$$V = \frac{P}{I}$$

**To find the Power (P)**

$$[ P = V \times I ] \quad P \text{ (watts)} = V \text{ (volts)} \times I \text{ (amps)}$$

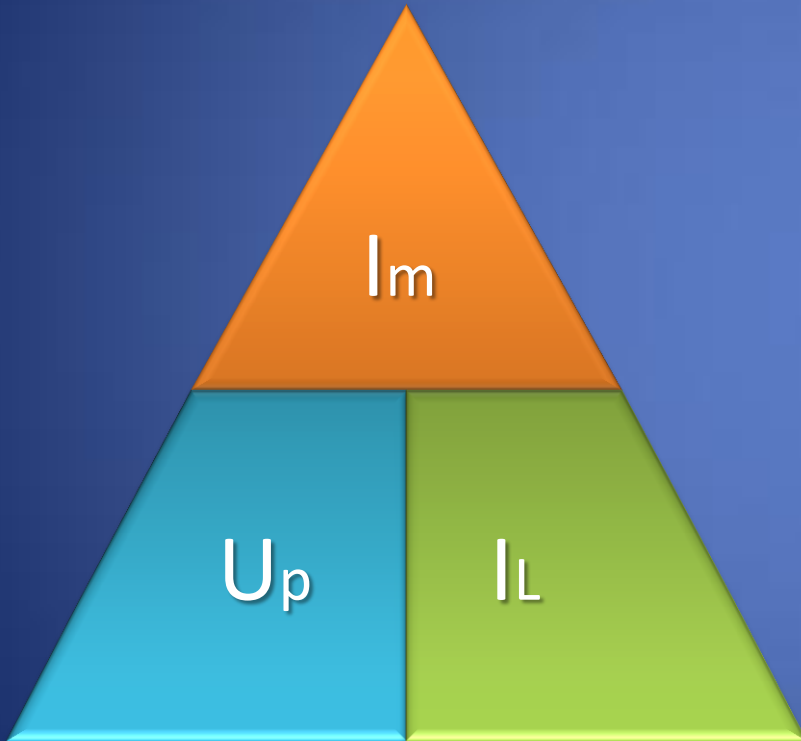
**To find the Current (I)**

$$[ I = P \div V ] \quad I \text{ (amps)} = P \text{ (watts)} \div V \text{ (volts)}$$

**To find the Voltage (V)**

$$[ V = P \div I ] \quad V \text{ (volts)} = P \text{ (watts)} \div I \text{ (amps)}$$

# Eckman's Law: The Efficiency Triangle



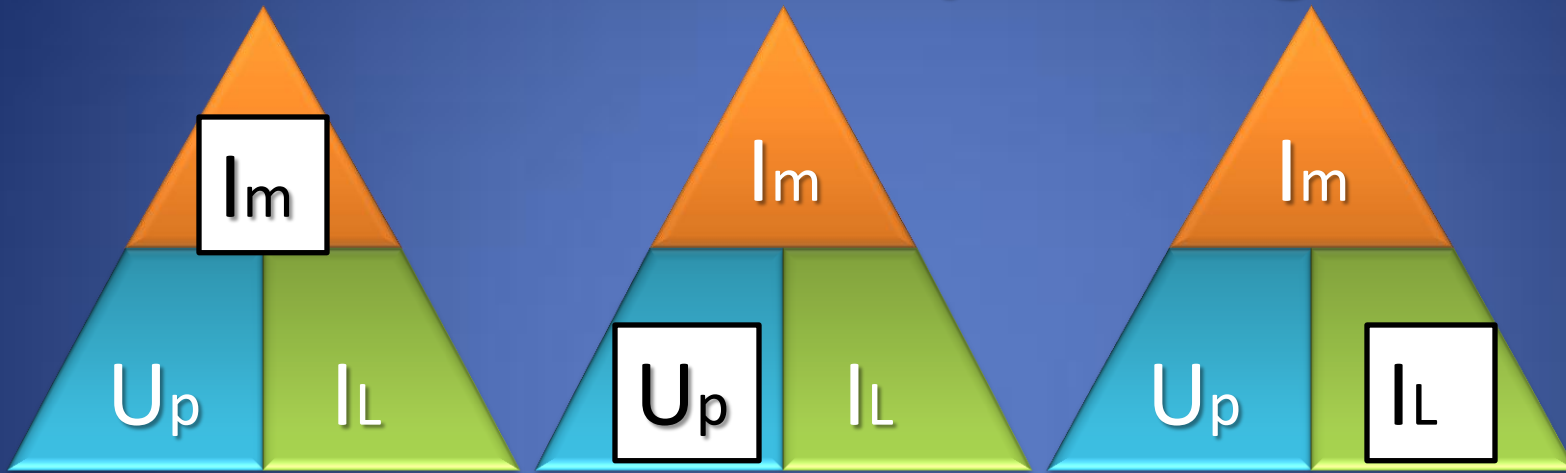
Where:

$I_m$  = Immoral  
(units = guilt)

$I_l$  = Illegal  
(units = time served)

$U_p$  = Unprofitable  
(units = money)

# Eckman's Law: The Efficiency Triangle



To find the Immoral ( $I_m$ )

$$[I_m = U_p \times I_L] \quad I_m \text{ (guilt)} = U_p (\$) \times I_L \text{ (yrs)} = \text{Wasted Time and Money}$$

To find the Unprofitable ( $U_p$ )

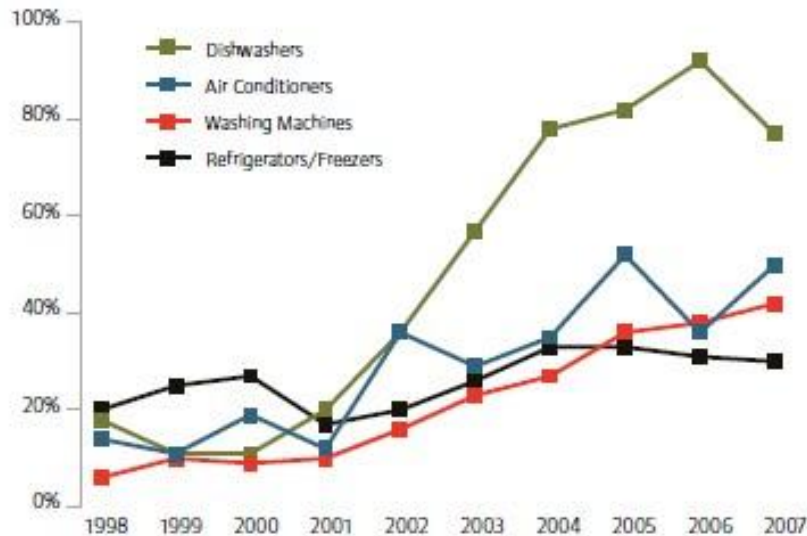
$$[U_p = I_m \div I_L] \quad U_p (\$) = I_m \text{ (guilt)} \div I_L \text{ (yrs)} = \text{Guilt per Unit of Time}$$

To find the Illegal ( $I_L$ )

$$[I_L = I_m \div U_p] \quad I_L \text{ (yrs)} = I_m \text{ (guilt)} \div U_p (\$) = \text{Guilt per Unit of Money}$$

# Immoral – All Efficiency Programs Are Intended to Change “Bad” Behavior

Figure 2.2: U.S. Market Share of ENERGY STAR Appliances



Source: ENERGY STAR, National Appliance Sales Data, 1998-2007

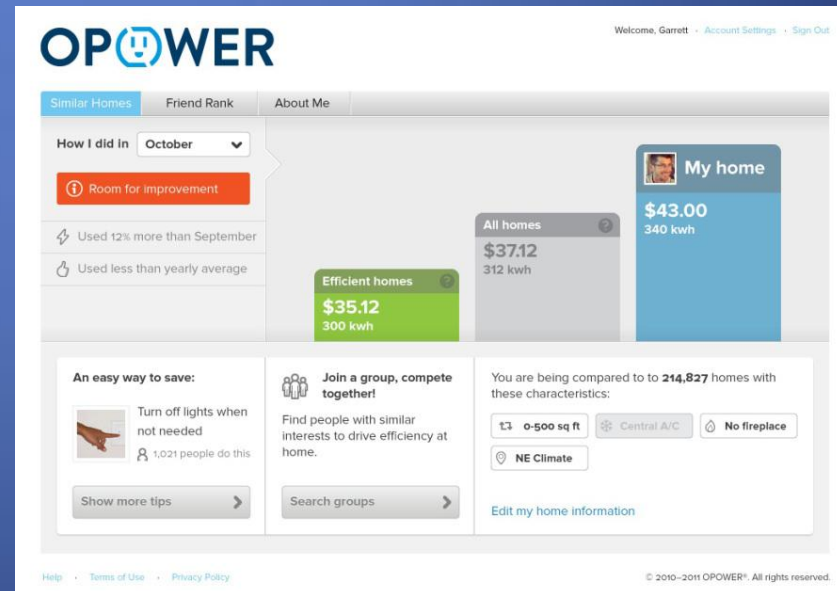
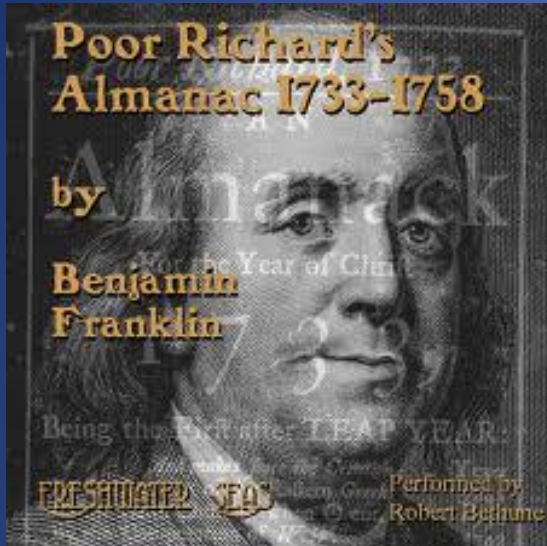
If consumers were already choosing the efficient option we wouldn't be trying to alter their decisions

“Right and Wrong” are generally defined by social norms (i.e., behaviors)

“Immoral behaviors” are actions that do not conform to social norms



# The Message Hasn't Changed, but Our Ability to Target Message Has





# Unprofitable – It's Gotta Be More Affordable Than The Alternative

Two Broad Program Strategies Are Used Overcome Economic Barriers:

“The Price is Right” => Initiatives, usually market transformation, designed to make the efficient option more cost-competitive than the inefficient option (i.e., lower its cost)

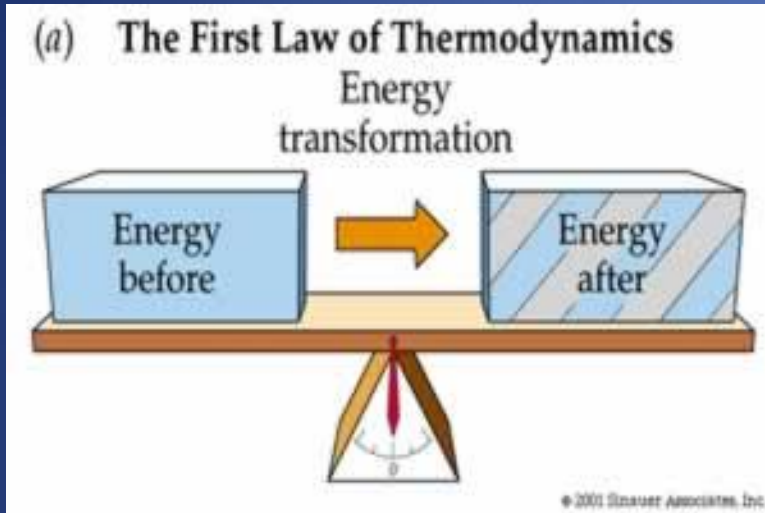


“Let's Make A Deal” => Initiatives, usually locally delivered programs, designed to acquire the savings through direct purchase (remember it's not a subsidy)





# Illegal – First, We Must Obey The Laws We Don't Control



1. You Can't Win, You Can Only Break Even

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The entropy of a closed system shall never decrease, and shall increase whenever possible.

2. You Can Only Break Even At Temp = Absolute "0" (273.15° C)

ABSOLUTE ZERO  
-273.15° C  
IS THE COOLEST

3. You Can't Reach Absolute "0"

# To Be Credible We Must Enforce Those Laws



Cat always lands on her feet.



Bread with butter always fall buttered side down



Fasten the bread with butter to cats back



Cat will keep rotating and never fall on the ground.



Attach the Cat-Bread to the generator

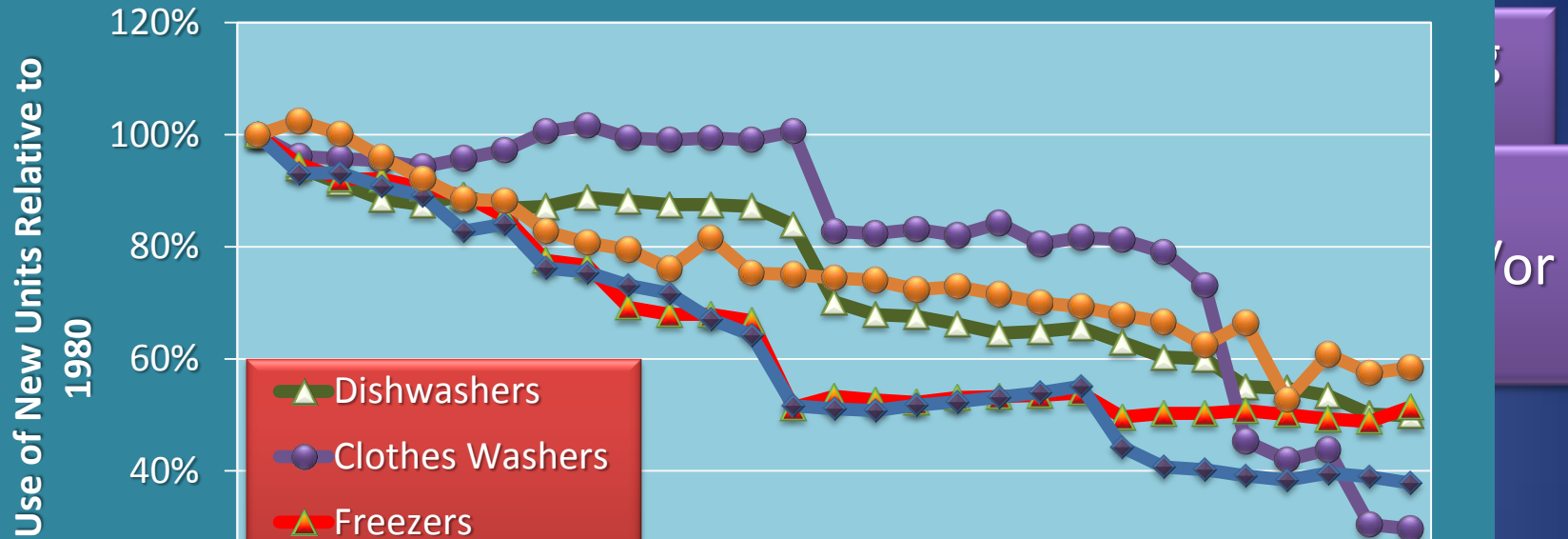


Infinite energy!

Why Can't This Be True?

Because You Must feed the Cat!

# Illegal – Second, We Must Take Advantage of The Laws We Do Control



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WASHINGTON MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION, ET AL,  
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# The Lesson: It's Not Just A Good Idea, It's The Law!

