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2025 California Energy Demand Annual Consumption and Sales Forecasts

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Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations

AAEE – Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency

AAFS – Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution

AATE – Additional Achievable Transportation Electrification

AGWP – Agriculture and Water Pumping

BTM – Behind-the-Meter

CEC – California Energy Commission

CED / CEDU – California Energy Demand Forecast [Update]

DG – Distributed Generation

FZ – Forecast Zone

IEPR – Integrated Energy Policy Report

ITC – Investment Tax Credit (for Solar PV)

GW – GigaWatt [power]

GWh – GigaWatt hours [energy]

kW – KiloWatt [power]

kWh – KiloWatt hours [energy]

MAPE – Mean Absolute Percentage Error

MKRP – Mojave-Kern River Pipeline

MW – MegaWatt [power]

MWh – MegaWatt hours [energy]

PA – Planning Area

PCA – Principal Components Analysis

PV – Photovoltaic

QFER – Quarterly Fuel and Energy Reports

Selfgen / SG – Self Generation

SL – Streetlighting

TCU – Transportation, Communication, Utilities

TWh – TeraWatt hours [energy]



Forecasting Process: Critical Inputs



Changes to Forecast Inputs

Input	Directional Change from CEDU 2024	Electricity Sales Impact	Gas Sales Impact
Demographics			
• Population	↓	↓	↓
• Households	↑	↑	↑
Economics			
• Short-Term (2024-2028)	↓	↓	↓
• Long-Term (2028-2045)	≈	≈	≈
Rates			
• Electricity Rates	↑	↓	N/A
• Gas Rates	↑	N/A	↓
Self-Gen (ITC Removal)	↓	↑	N/A



Changes to Forecast Inputs (*continued*)

Input	Directional Change from CEDU 2024	Electricity Sales Impact	Gas Sales Impact
Data Centers	↑	↑	N/A
Known Loads	↑	↑	N/A
Cannabis	↓	↓	N/A
Baseline Transportation (EV tax credit removal)	↓	↓	N/A
Committed Savings	↓	↓	↓
AA Load Modifier Updates			
• AAEE	↑	↓	↓
• AAFS	↓	↓	↑
• AATE	↓	↓	↓



Comparison of Statewide Economic and Demographic Drivers

Changes in Growth Rates in Economic and Demographic Drivers

Economic/ Demographic Driver	2024-2028			2028-2045			2024-2045		
	2024 IEPR	2025 IEPR	<i>change</i>	2024 IEPR	2025 IEPR	<i>change</i>	2024 IEPR	2025 IEPR	<i>change</i>
Gross State Product	1.8%	1.6%	-0.1%	1.8%	1.9%	+0.1%	1.8%	1.8%	+0.1%
Per Capita Personal Income	1.9%	1.6%	-0.3%	1.7%	1.9%	+0.2%	1.7%	1.8%	+0.1%
Manufacturing Output	2.5%	1.7%	-0.7%	2.6%	2.7%	+0.1%	2.6%	2.5%	-0.1%
Commercial Employment	0.4%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	+0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%
Population	0.3%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Number of Households	0.6%	1.0%	+0.3%	0.6%	0.8%	+0.2%	0.6%	0.8%	+0.2%

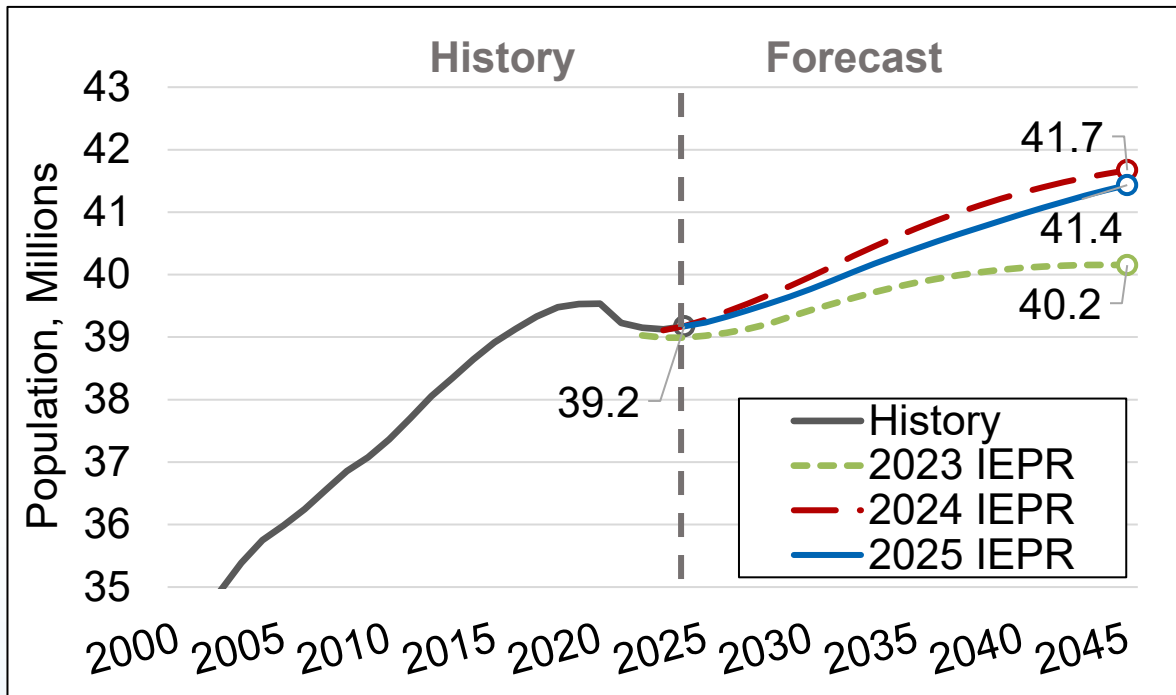
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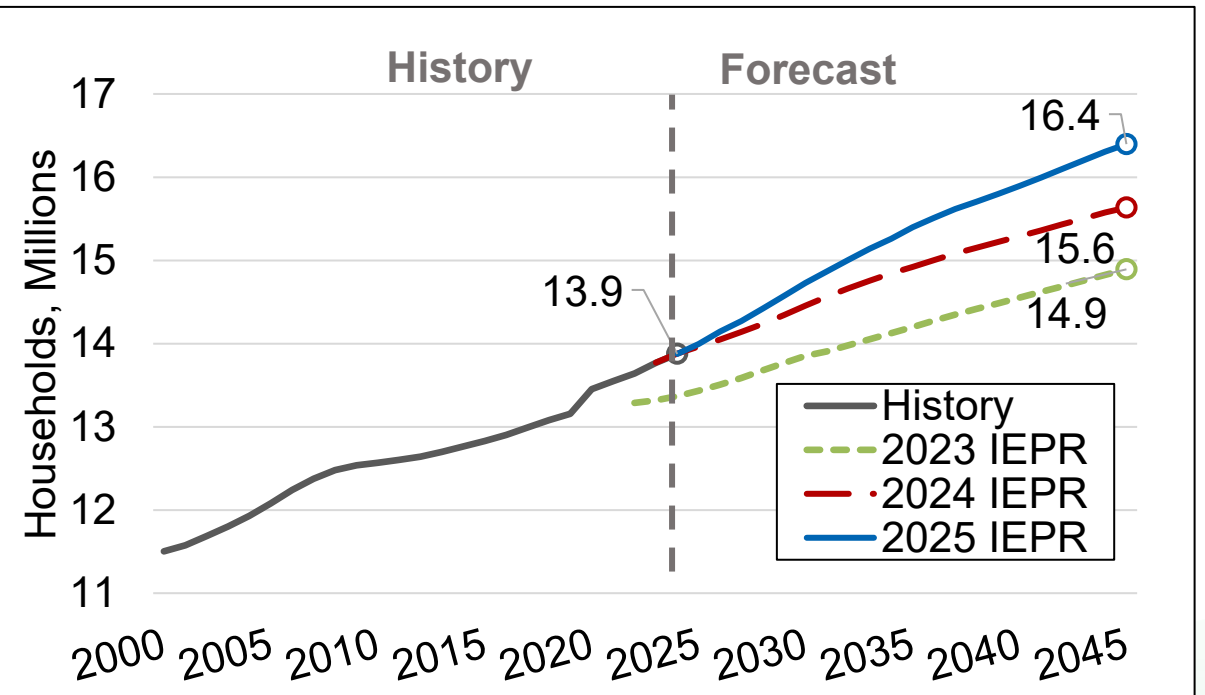
Comparison of Statewide Households and Population

- Decrease in persons-per-household

Population



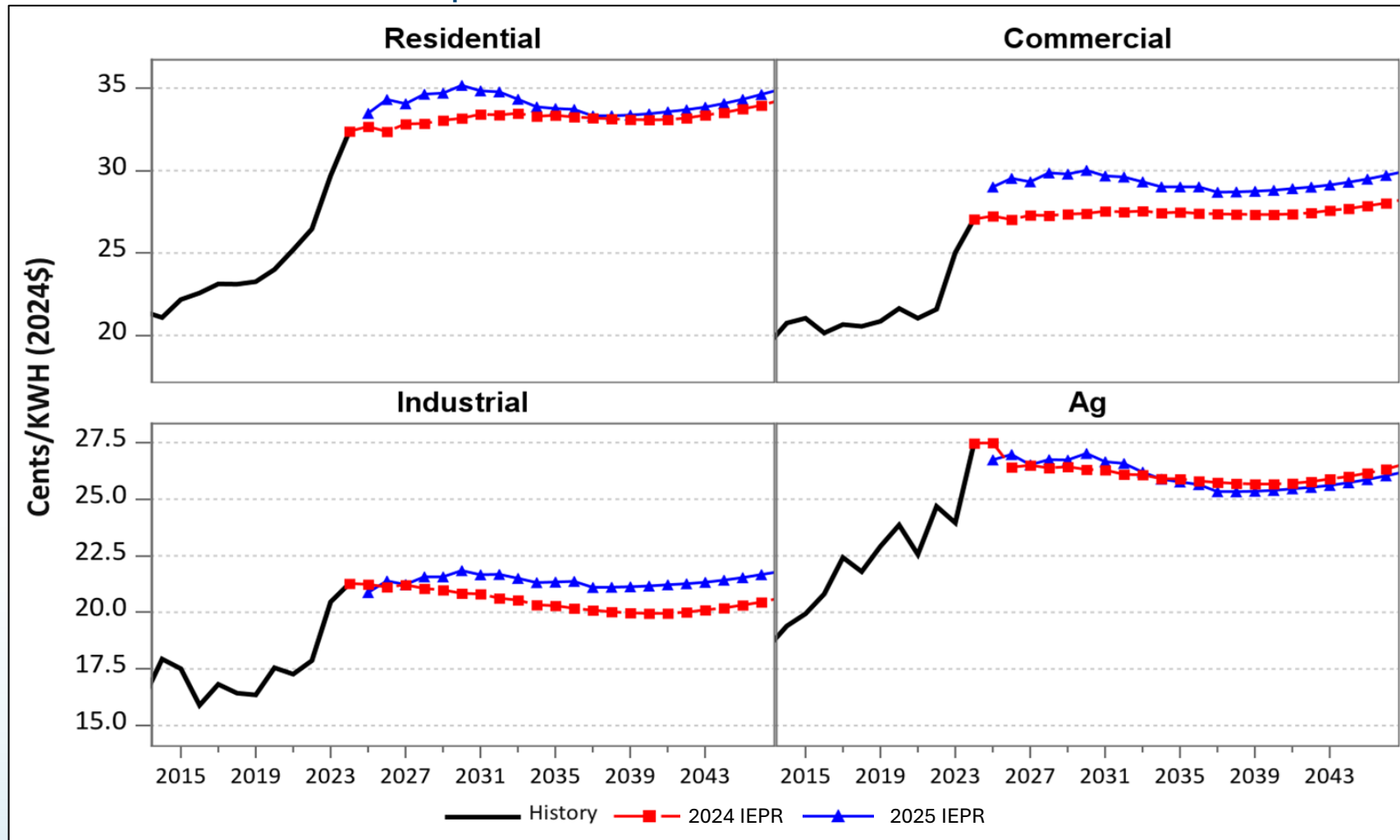
Households





Comparison of Statewide Average Electricity Rates

- Rates are calculated using updated revenue requirement projections and the sales forecast from the previous demand forecast iteration.



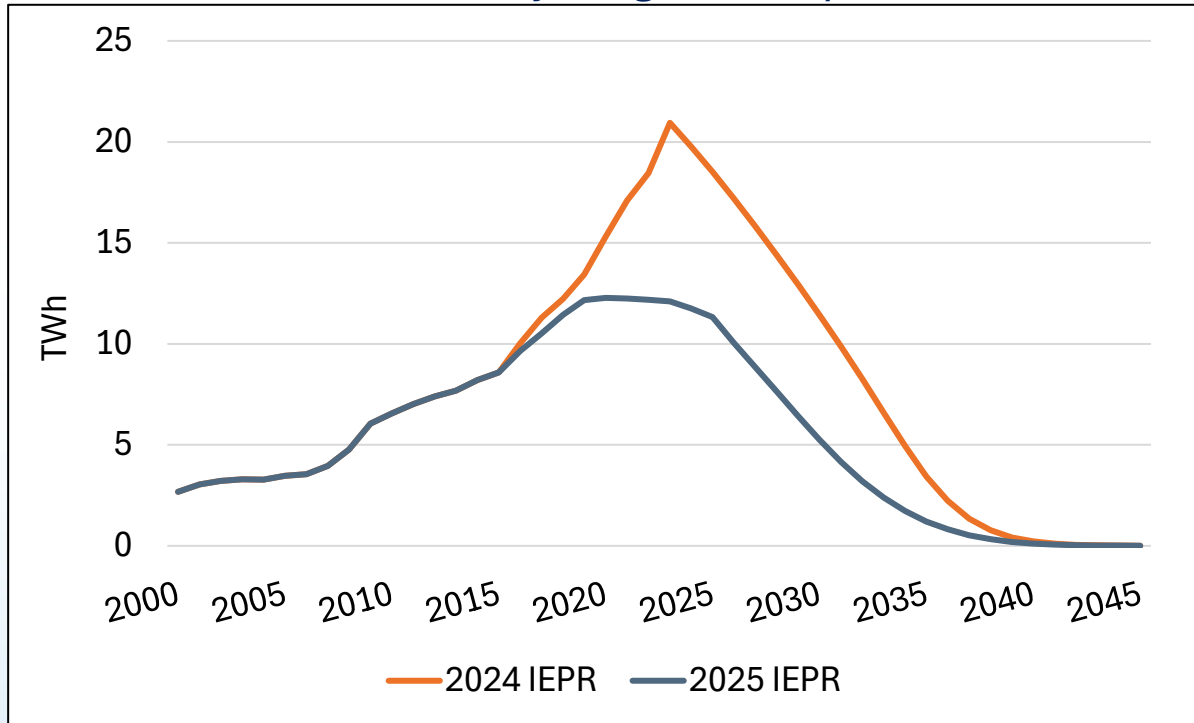
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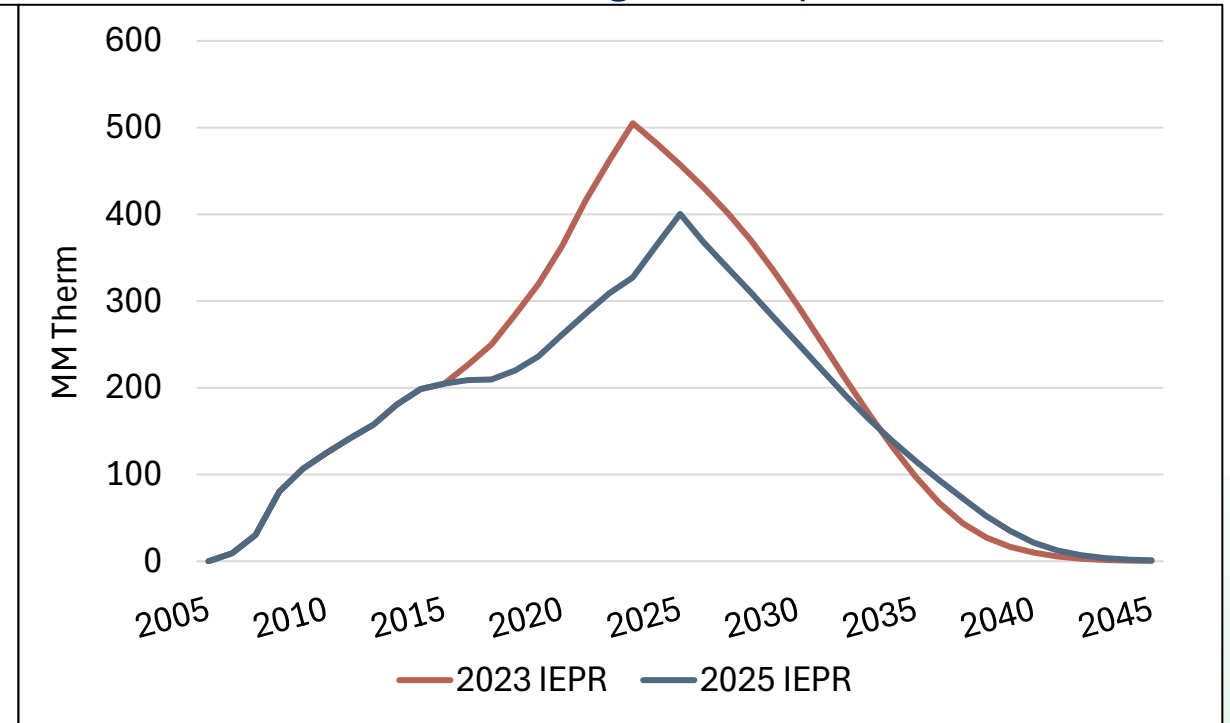
Statewide Committed Programs Savings

- Many programs will expire over the forecast period, which causes demand to increase.
- Correction to Committed Programs Savings resulting in slower decaying efficiency savings, leading to less load growth.
- No exogenous adjustments for Committed Standards Savings this cycle.

Electricity Programs Impacts



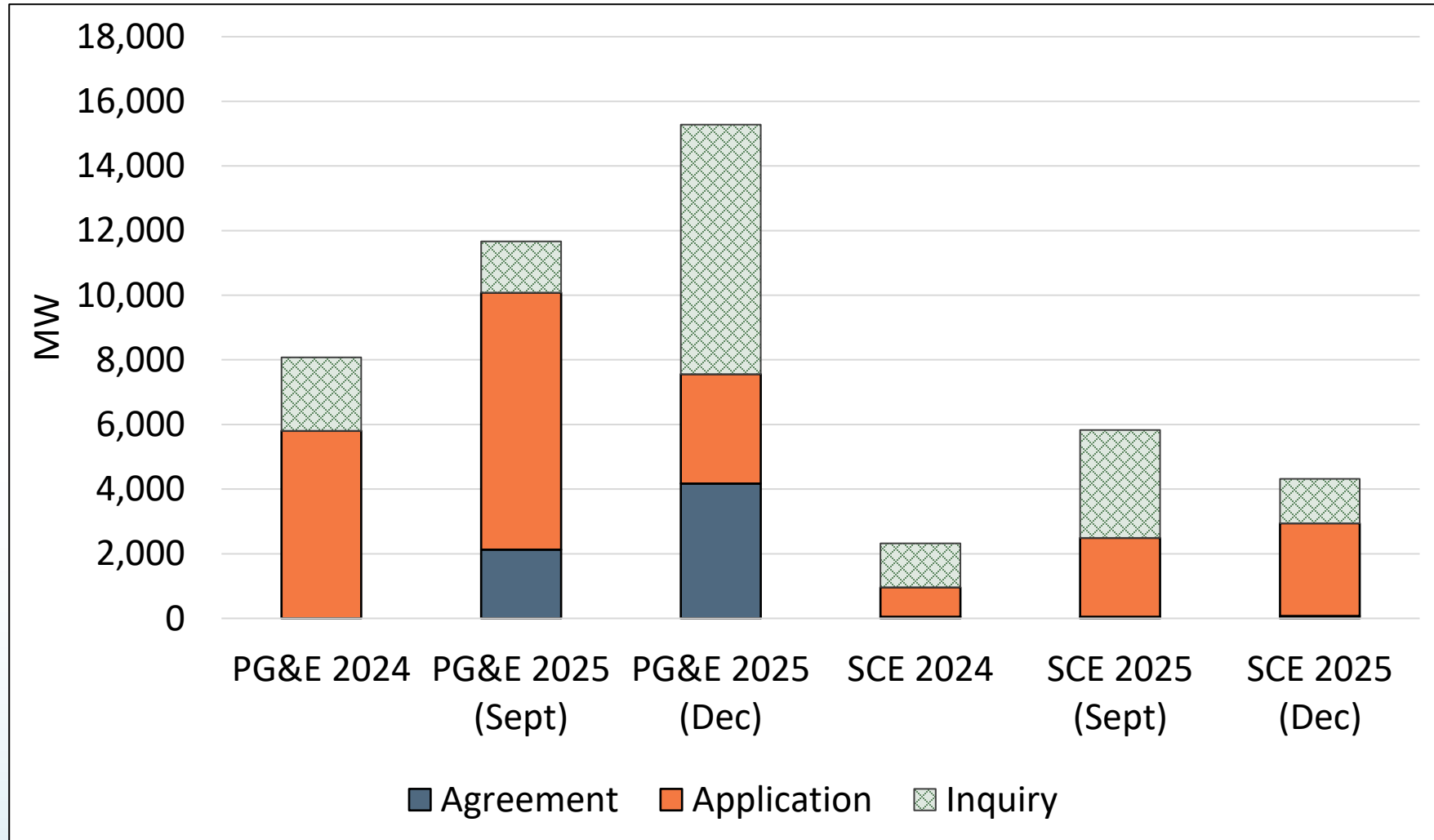
Gas Programs Impacts





Data Center Update

- Current forecast results use the September data from all utilities.

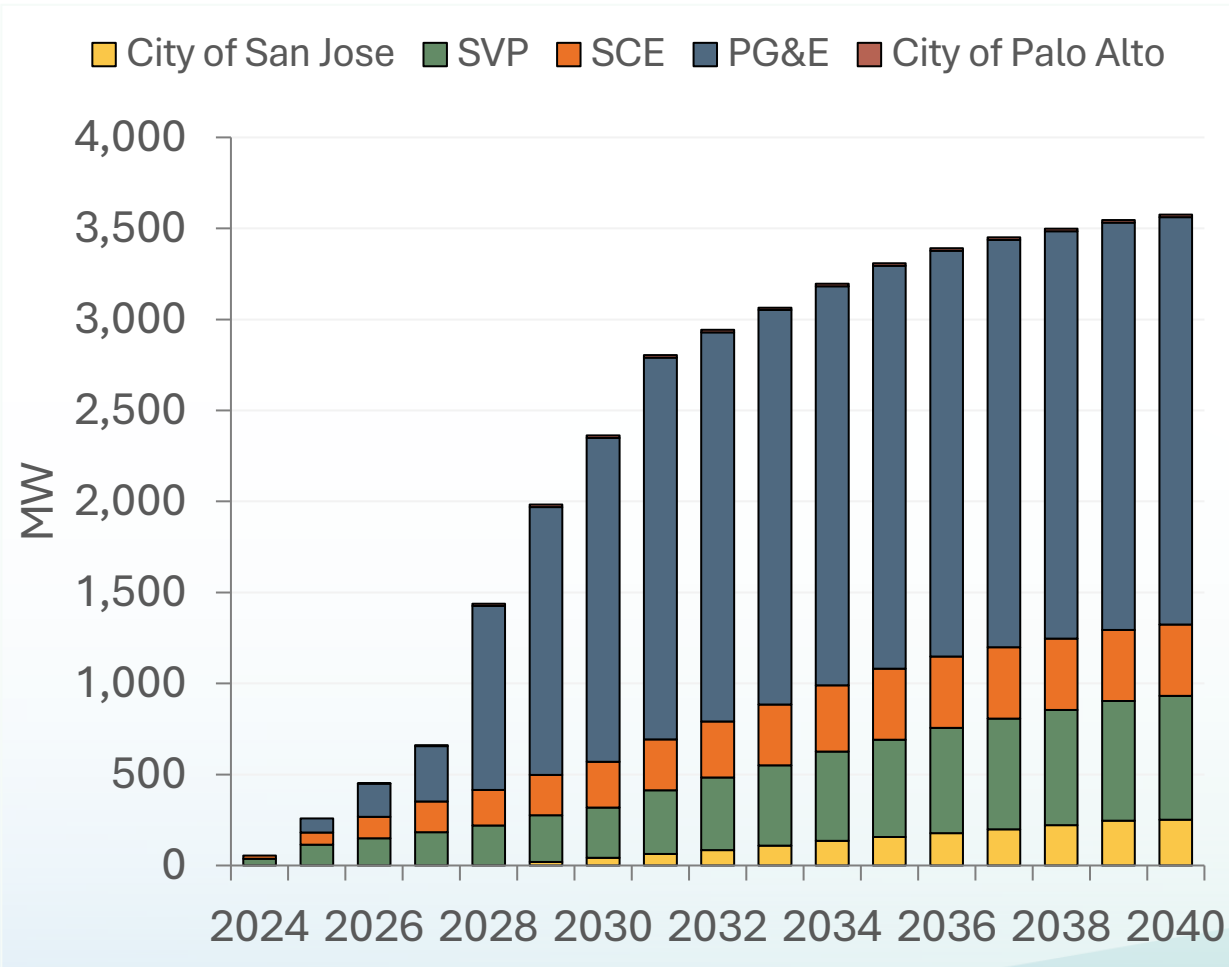


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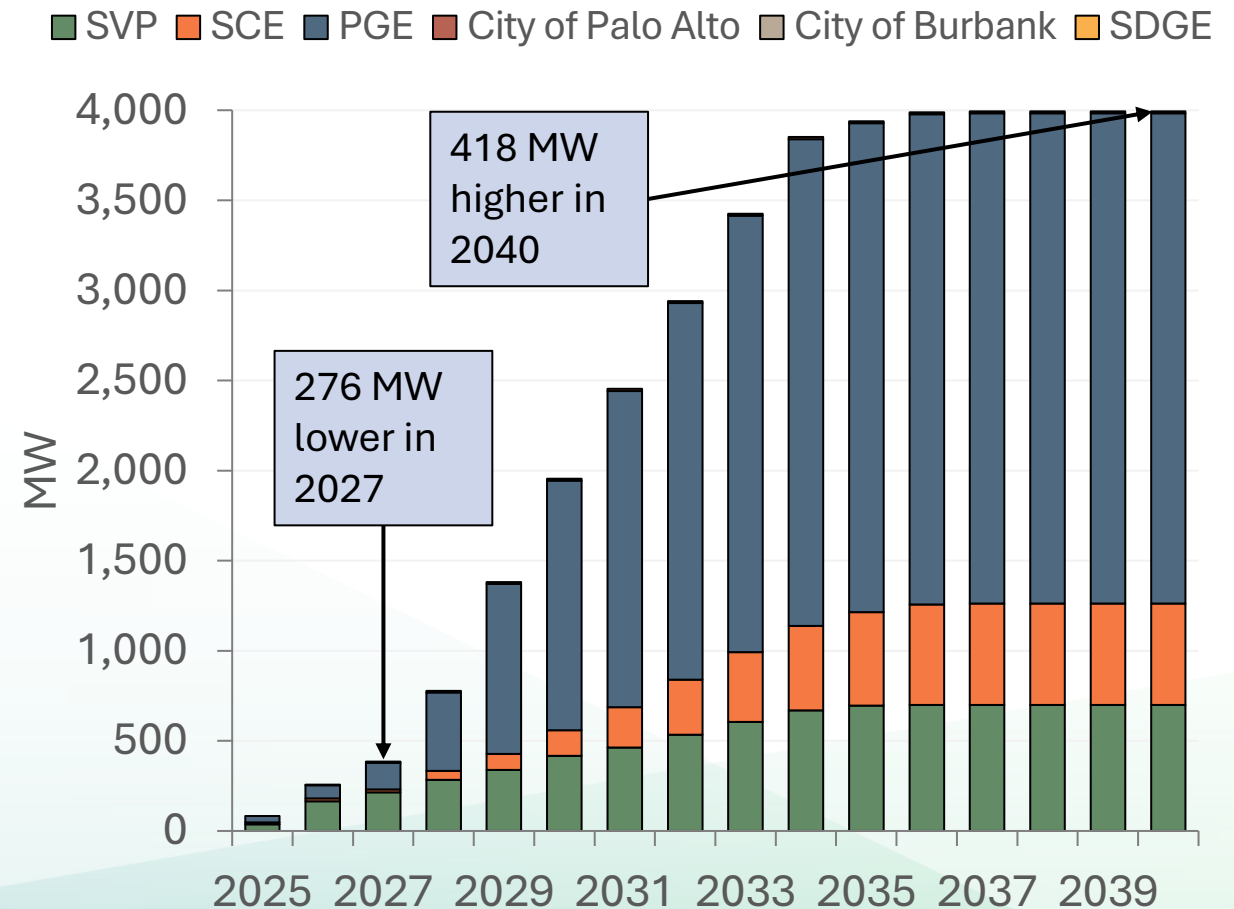


Statewide Data Center Max Demand Mid Case

2024 IEPR Mid Case



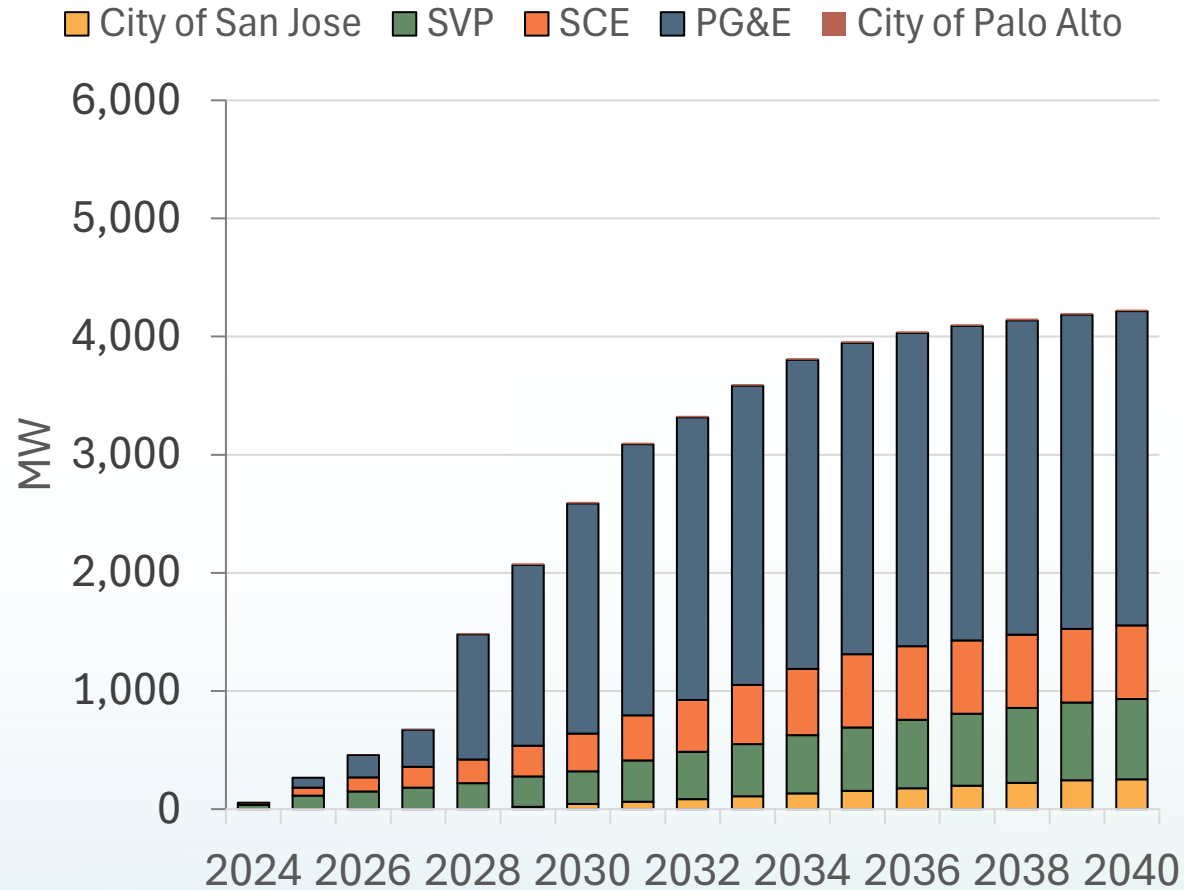
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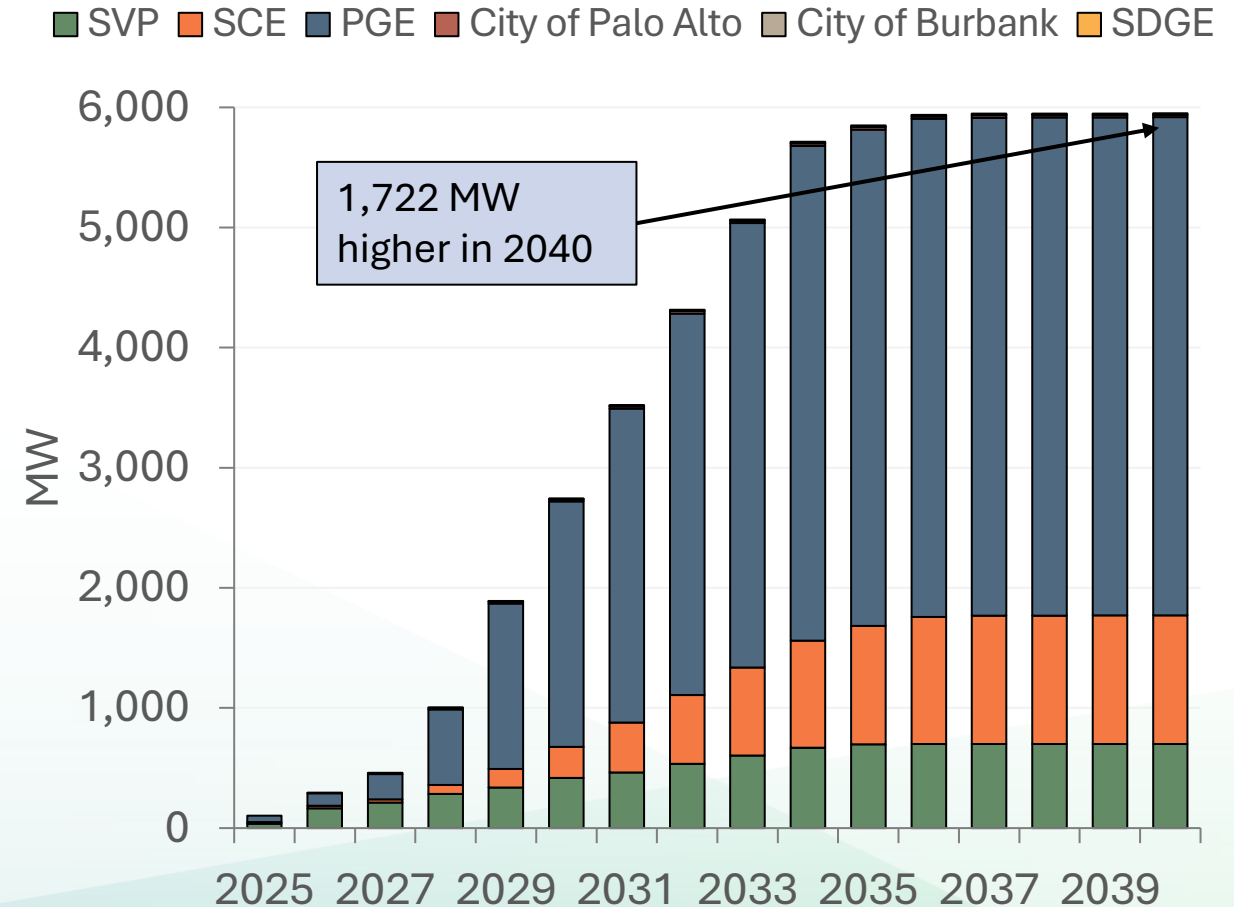


Statewide Data Center Max Demand High Case

2024 IEPR High Case



Draft 2025 IEPR High Case





Baseline Demand Forecast: Statewide Electricity Consumption and Sales



Baseline Electricity Cases

- Mid Case used as a basis for Planning Scenario
- High Case used as a basis for Local Reliability Scenario

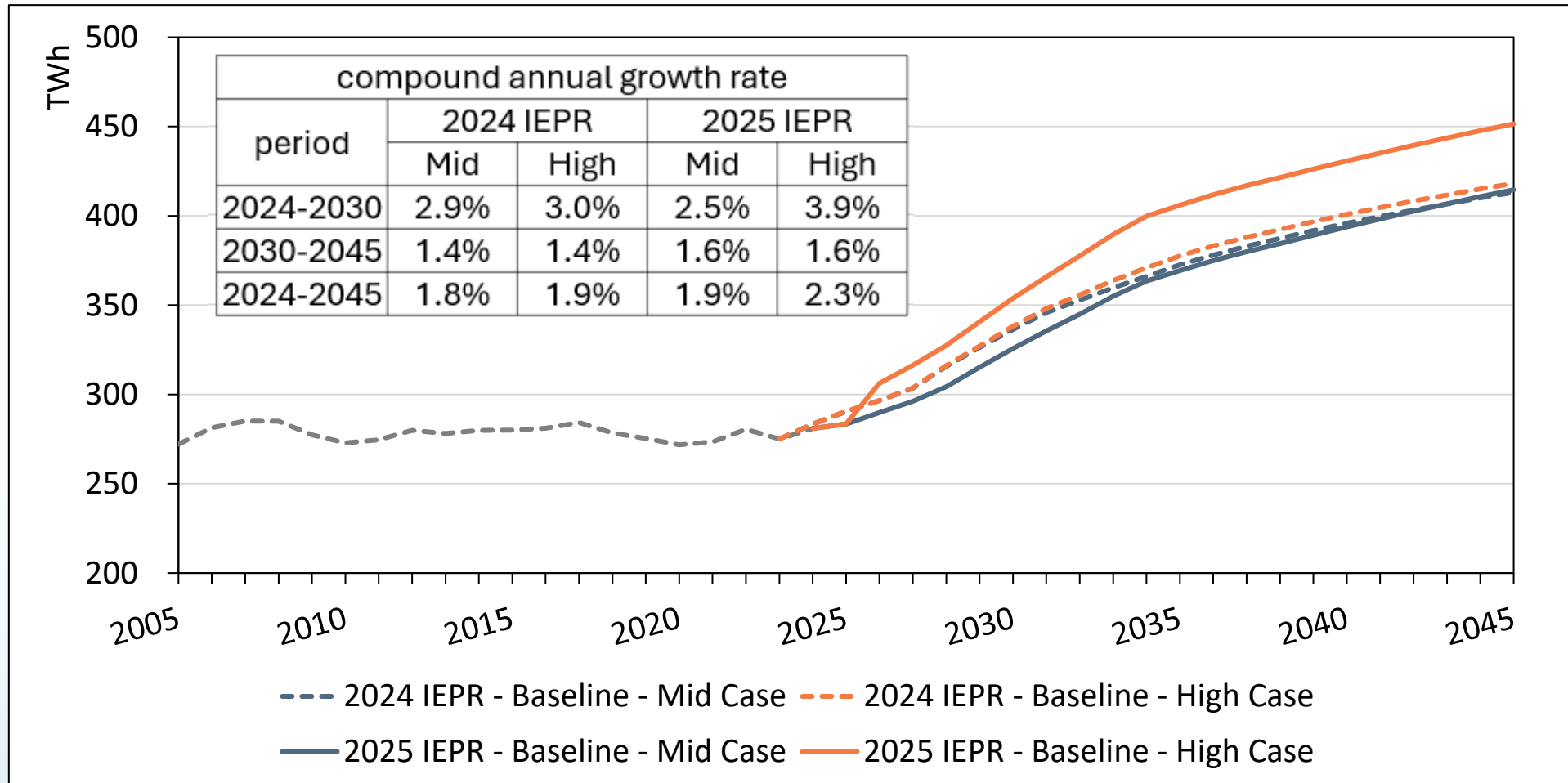
Components of Baseline Forecast

Input Variable	Mid Case Baseline	High Case Baseline
Econ/Demo	Mid	Mid
Data Center scenario	Mid	High
Known Loads included	No (<i>TBD</i>)	Yes
Self-Generation scenario	Mid	Low



Statewide Baseline Electricity Consumption

- Lower economic growth projections cause the forecast to be initially lower than the 2024 IEPR.
- Known loads and data centers cause the high case to exceed the 2024 IEPR (33 TWh in 2045).

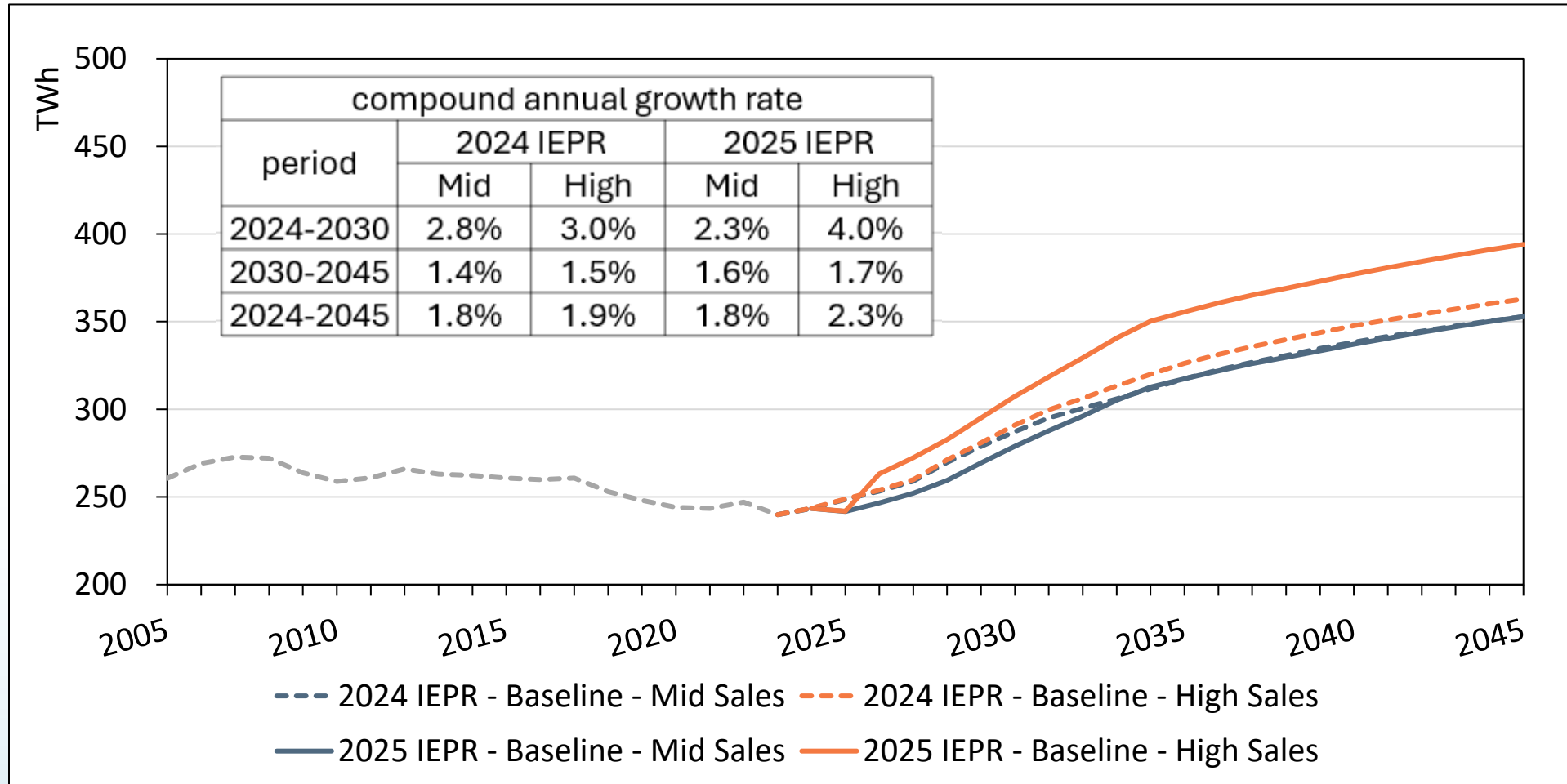


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Statewide Baseline Electricity Sales

- Similar trends as consumption chart, although self-gen is lower than in the 2024 IEPR.
- Mid Case Sales in 2045 is almost identical to the 2024 IEPR, High Case Sales are 31 TWh higher.



Source: CEC staff



Baseline Demand Forecast: Statewide Electricity Consumption by Sector



Forecasting Process: Sectors and Models

Sector Model Types

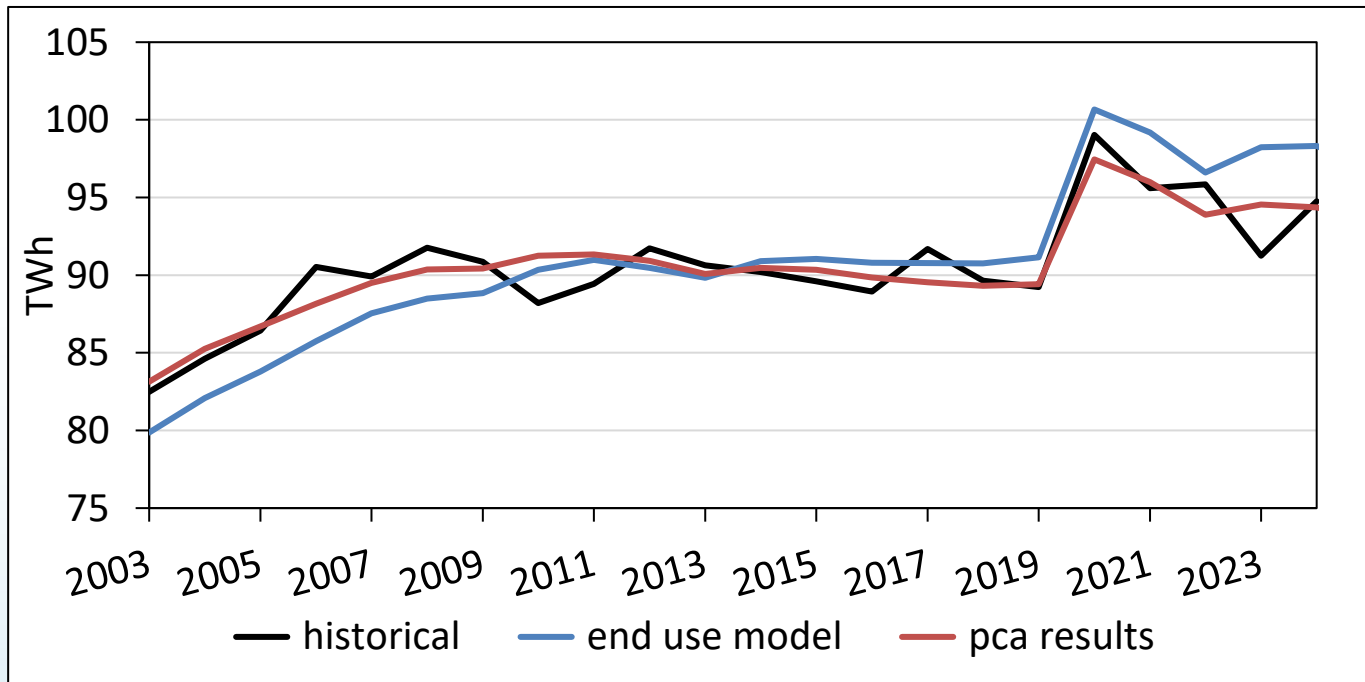
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Industrial (Mfr + Mining & Cons)	Econometric by NAICS code (2023 results calibrated with 2025 inputs)
Ag / Cannabis / Water Pumping	Econometric by NAICS code New Cannabis data
TCU / Streetlighting	Trend Analysis by NAICS code

Source: CEC staff



Residential Calibration with PCA

- Principal components analysis (PCA) enables adjustment of individual end-use consumption estimates from the residential models.
- End use data is translated into uncorrelated components, so that meaningful adjustment factors can be estimated via regression.
- As a result, the sum of all end uses better matches historical consumption data for each forecast zone.
- Refer to: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/12061>



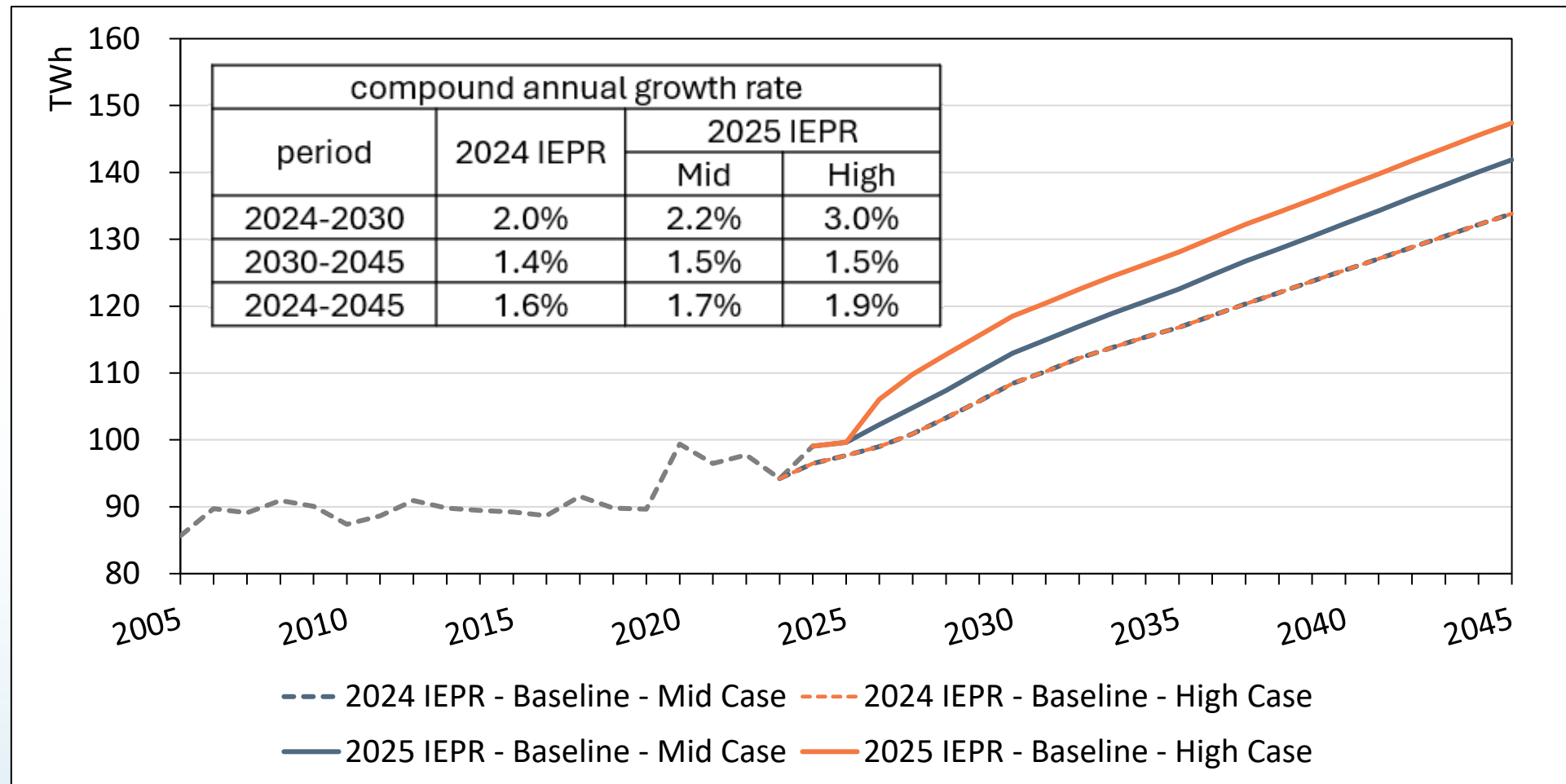
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PA Name	PA	Zone	MAPE	
			Res Model	PCA
PGE	1	1	3.3	1.2
PGE	1	2	7.8	1.1
PGE	1	3	3.0	1.3
PGE	1	4	3.7	1.3
PGE	1	5	6.6	1.1
PGE	1	6	5.6	0.9
SCE	2	7	8.6	1.6
SCE	2	8	9.9	2.1
SCE	2	9	3.5	2.2
SCE	2	10	4.5	2.7
SCE	2	11	5.4	2.4
SDGE	3	12	7.2	1.7
NCNC	4	13	2.9	1.8
NCNC	4	14	10.5	1.8
NCNC	4	15	6.2	1.7
LADWP	5	16	10.0	1.7
LADWP	5	17	2.1	1.8
BUGL	6	18	5.7	2.4
IID	7	19	14.8	3.6



Statewide Baseline Residential Electricity Consumption

- 2025 IEPR residential electricity consumption is higher compared to 2024 IEPR, due to a decrease in persons-per-household, and to the addition of known loads to the high case.

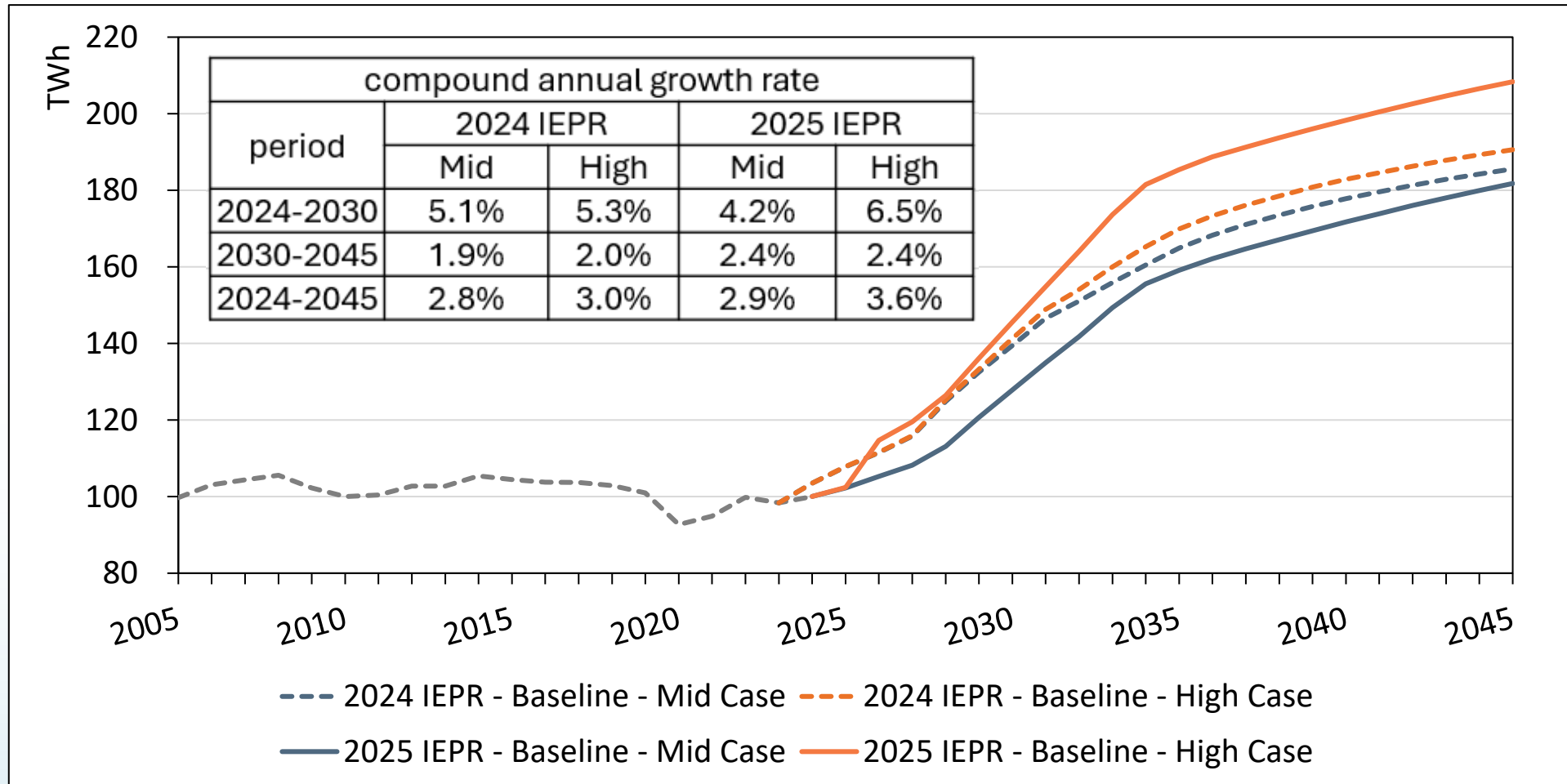


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Statewide Baseline Commercial Electricity Consumption

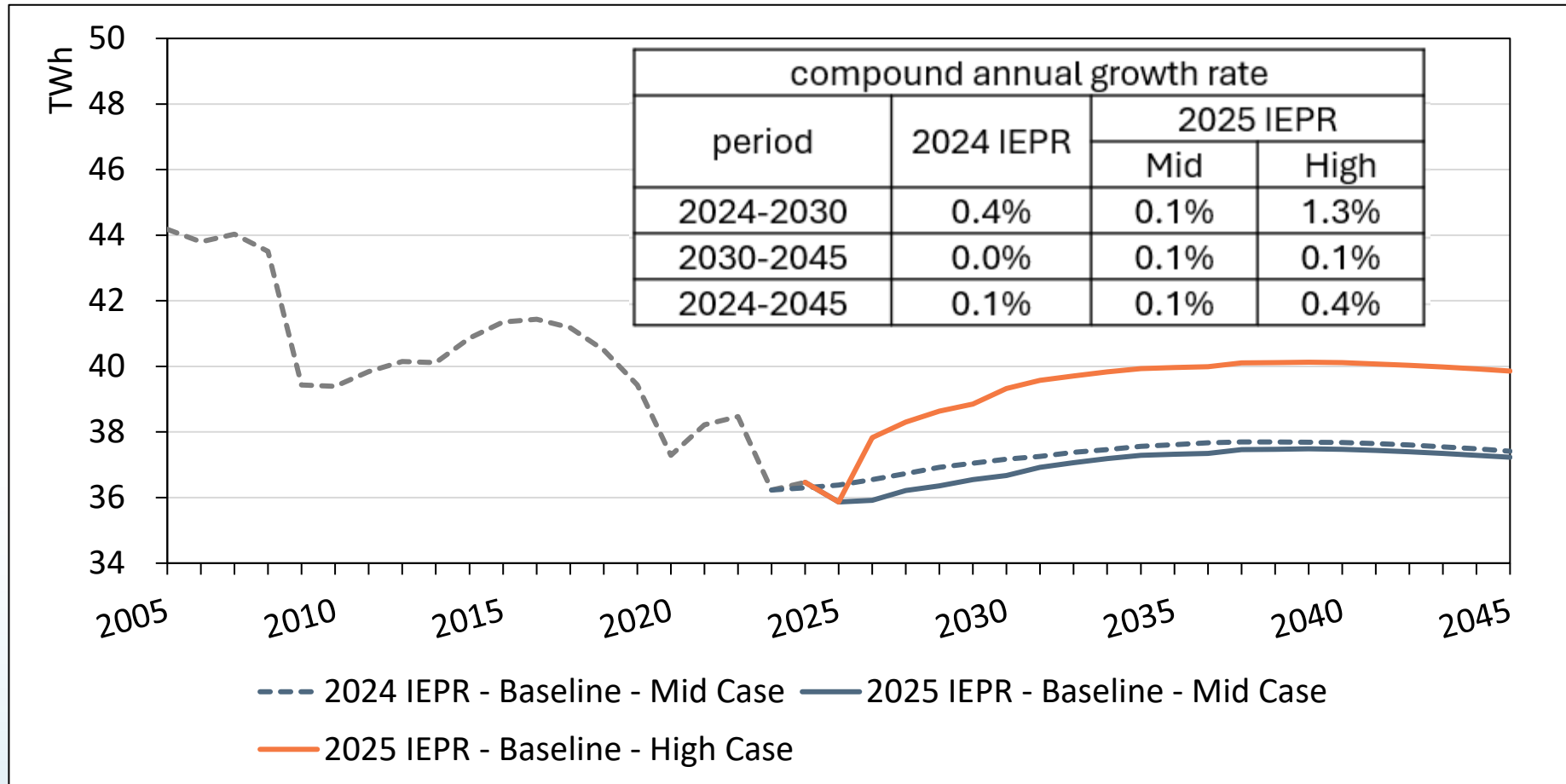
- Economic uncertainty bring the forecasts down compared to last year.
- Data Centers and Known Loads cause the high case to be much higher.





Statewide Baseline Industrial Manufacturing Electricity Consumption

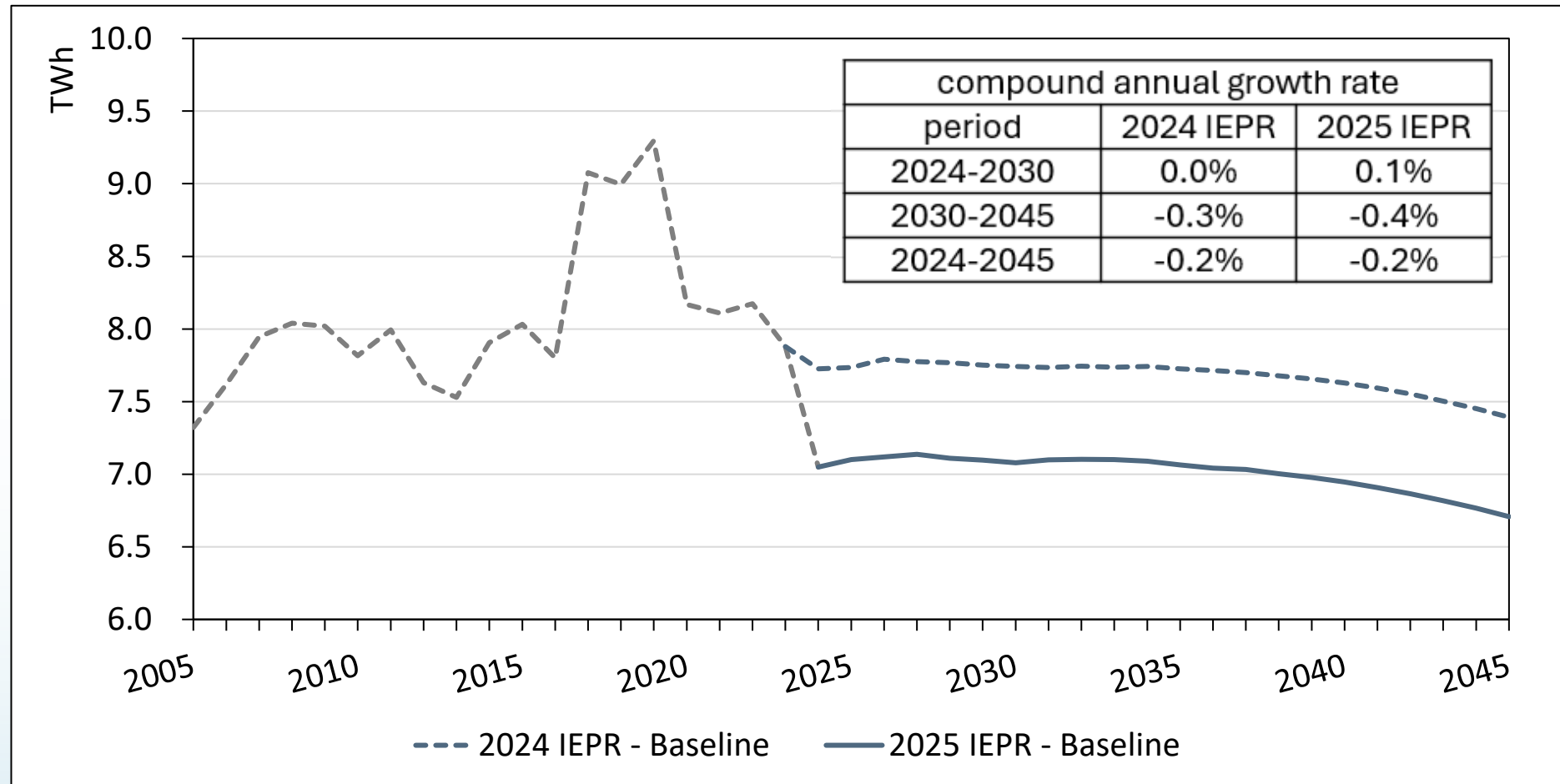
- Small decline in consumption compared to 2024 IEPR, due to economic outlook and rates.
- Addition of known loads to the high case.





Statewide Baseline Industrial Mining & Construction Electricity Consumption

- Decline in historical consumption in year 2024.
- No known loads – all are assumed to be in Industrial Manufacturing

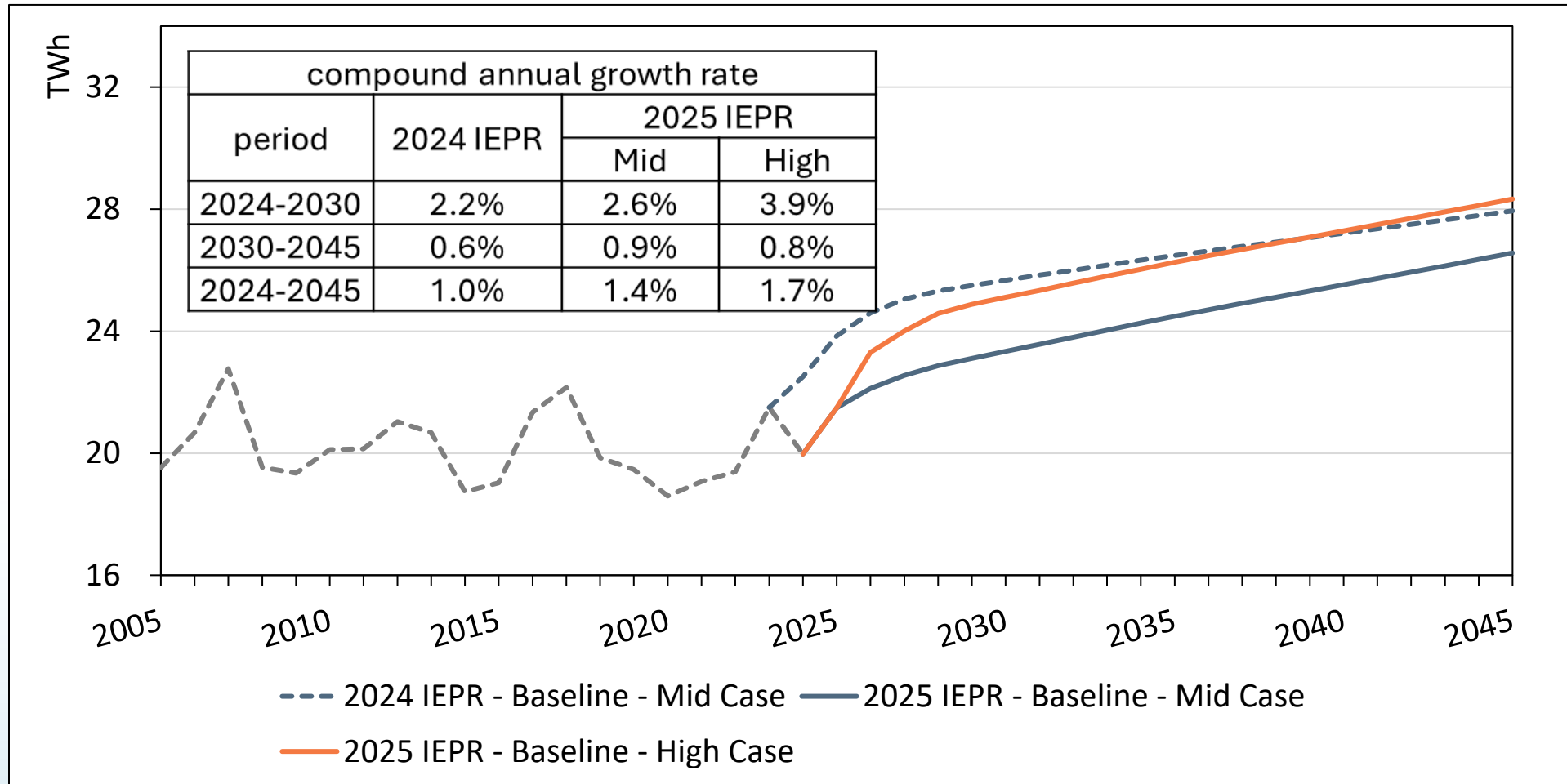


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Statewide Baseline Ag and Water Pumping Electricity Consumption

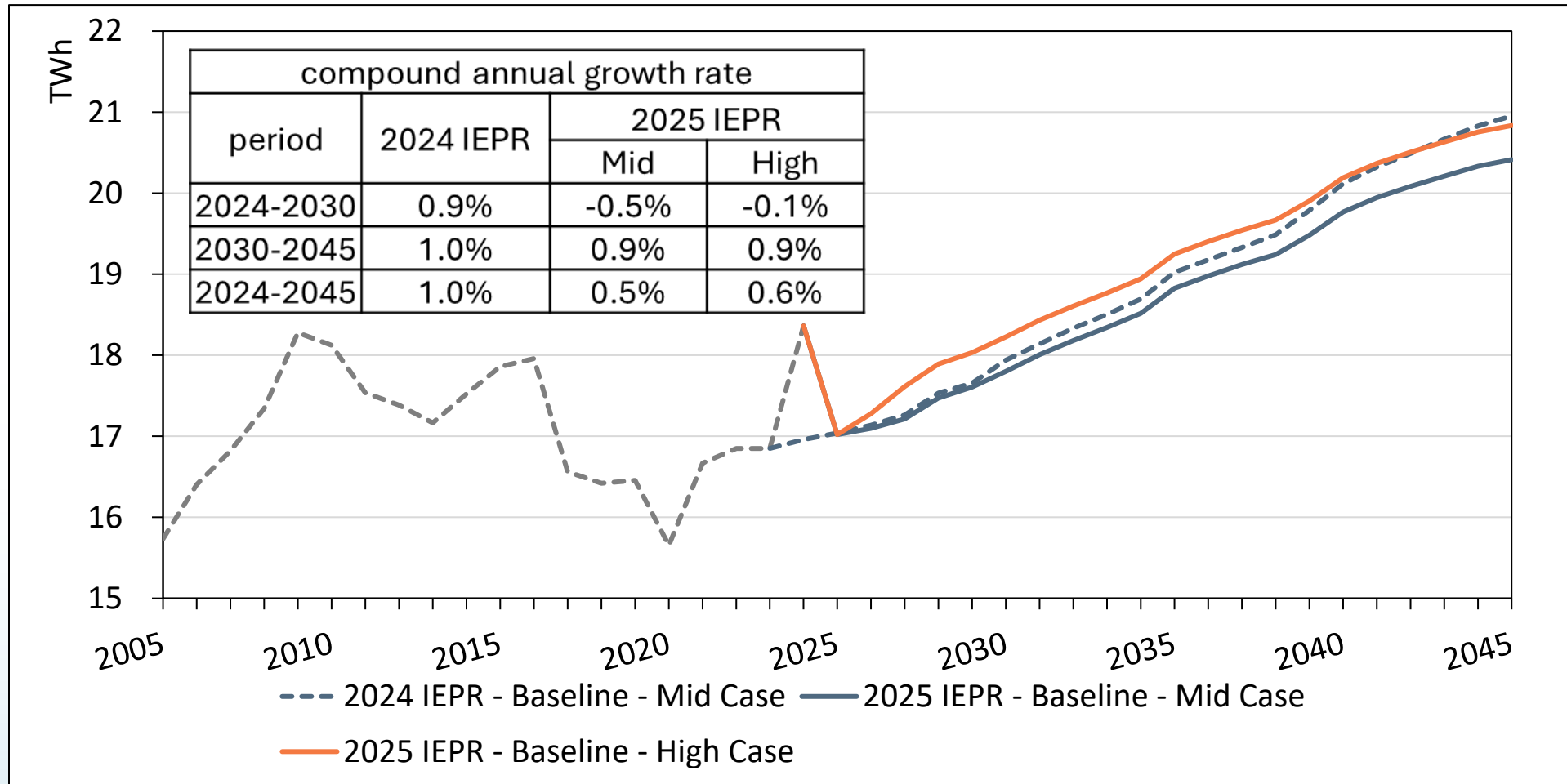
- 2024 IEPR was higher due to cannabis cultivation and water pumping.
- 2025 IEPR is lower due to improvement in the cannabis methodology and updated sales data.





Statewide Baseline TCU & SL Electricity Consumption

- 2025 IEPR baseline TCU and Streetlighting forecast has a similar growth rate to the 2024 IEPR.

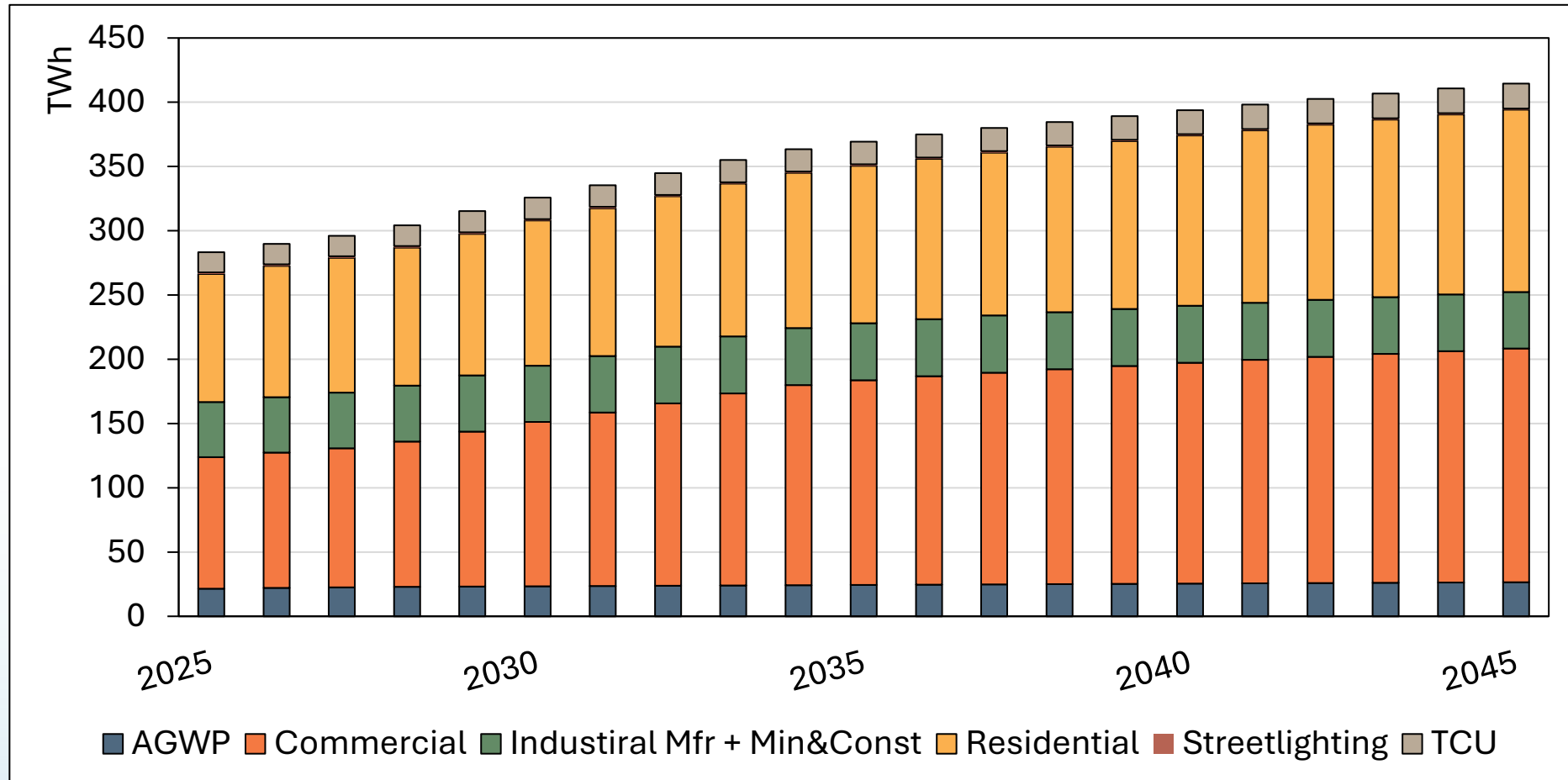


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Statewide Baseline Mid Case Electricity Consumption Forecast by Sector

- The share of commercial electricity consumption grows the most over the forecast period, from 36% in 2025 to 44% in 2045.
- Industrial consumption is relatively flat, therefore the share declines from 15% to 11%.



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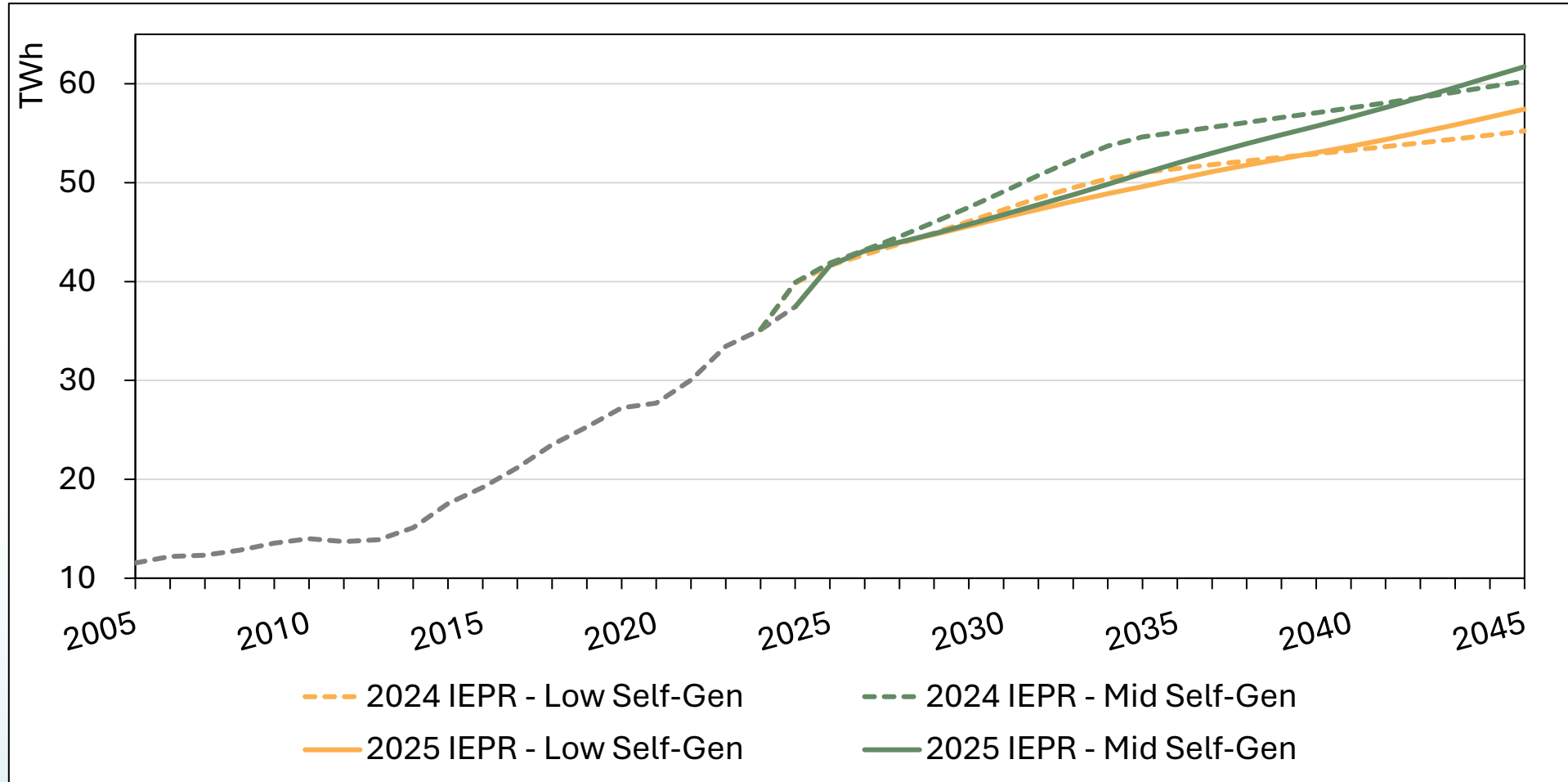


Baseline Demand Forecast: Statewide Self-Generation



Statewide Electricity Self-Generation Forecasts

- Self generation in 2025 IEPR shows slower growth than 2024 IEPR.

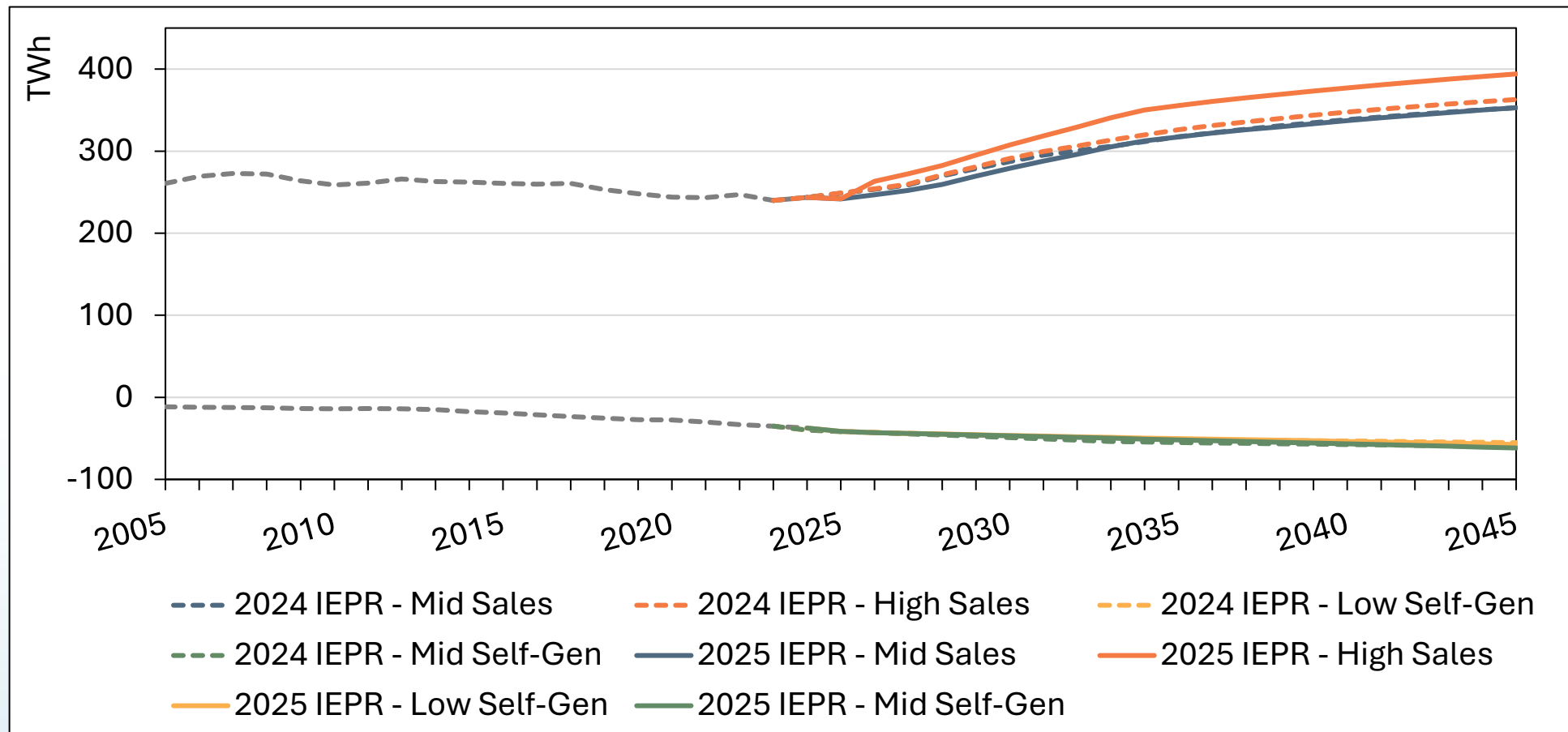


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Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Baseline Sales and Self-Gen

- In 2045, 2025 IEPR baseline mid case sales are 353 TWh, almost identical to 2024 IEPR. High case baseline sales are 394 TWh, about 31 TWh (8.6%) higher than the 2024 IEPR.
- Without self-generation, forecasted sales in 2045 would be 456 TWh, about 16% higher.



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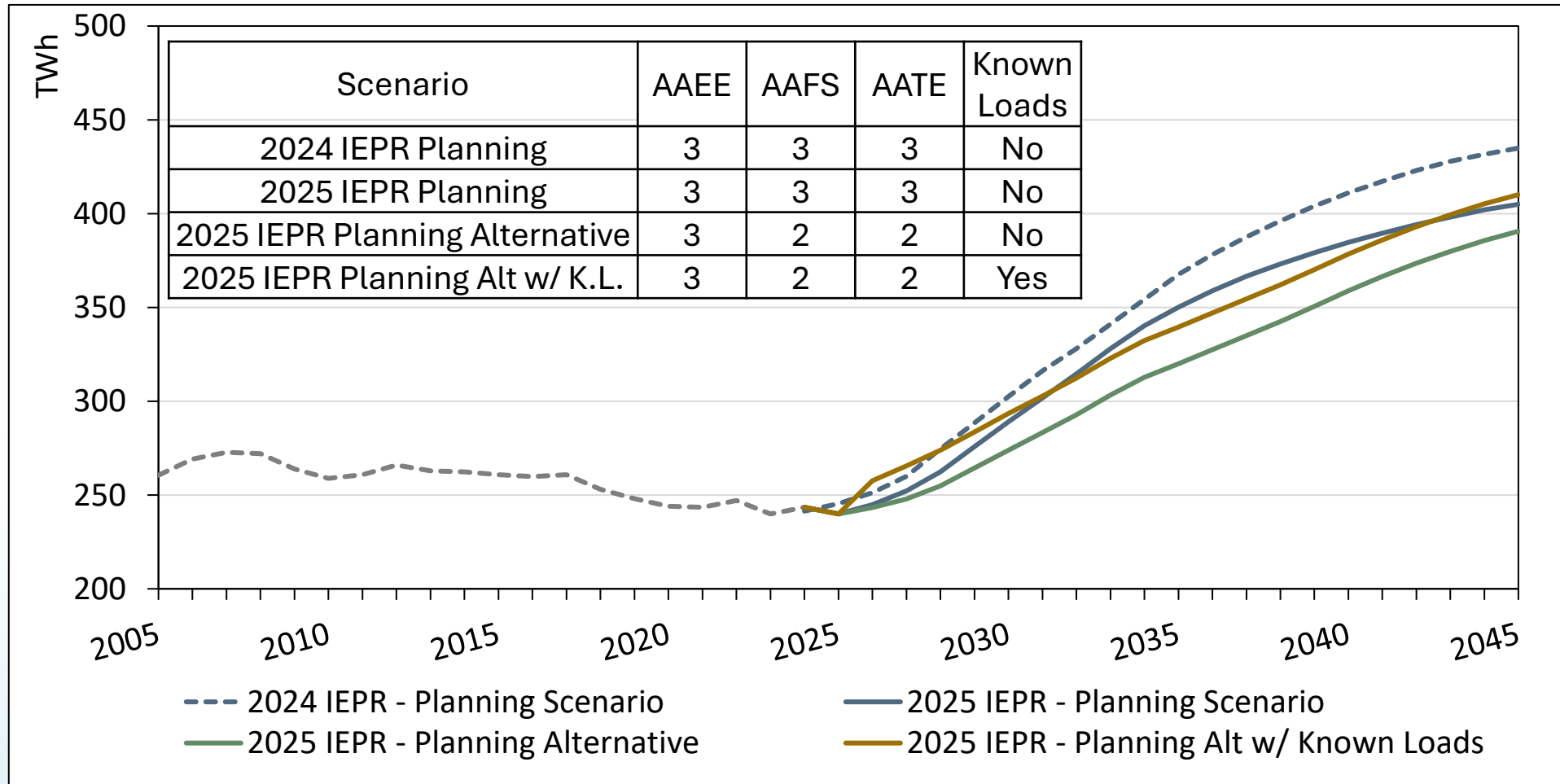


Managed Demand Forecast: Statewide Electricity Sales Scenarios



Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Managed Sales – Planning

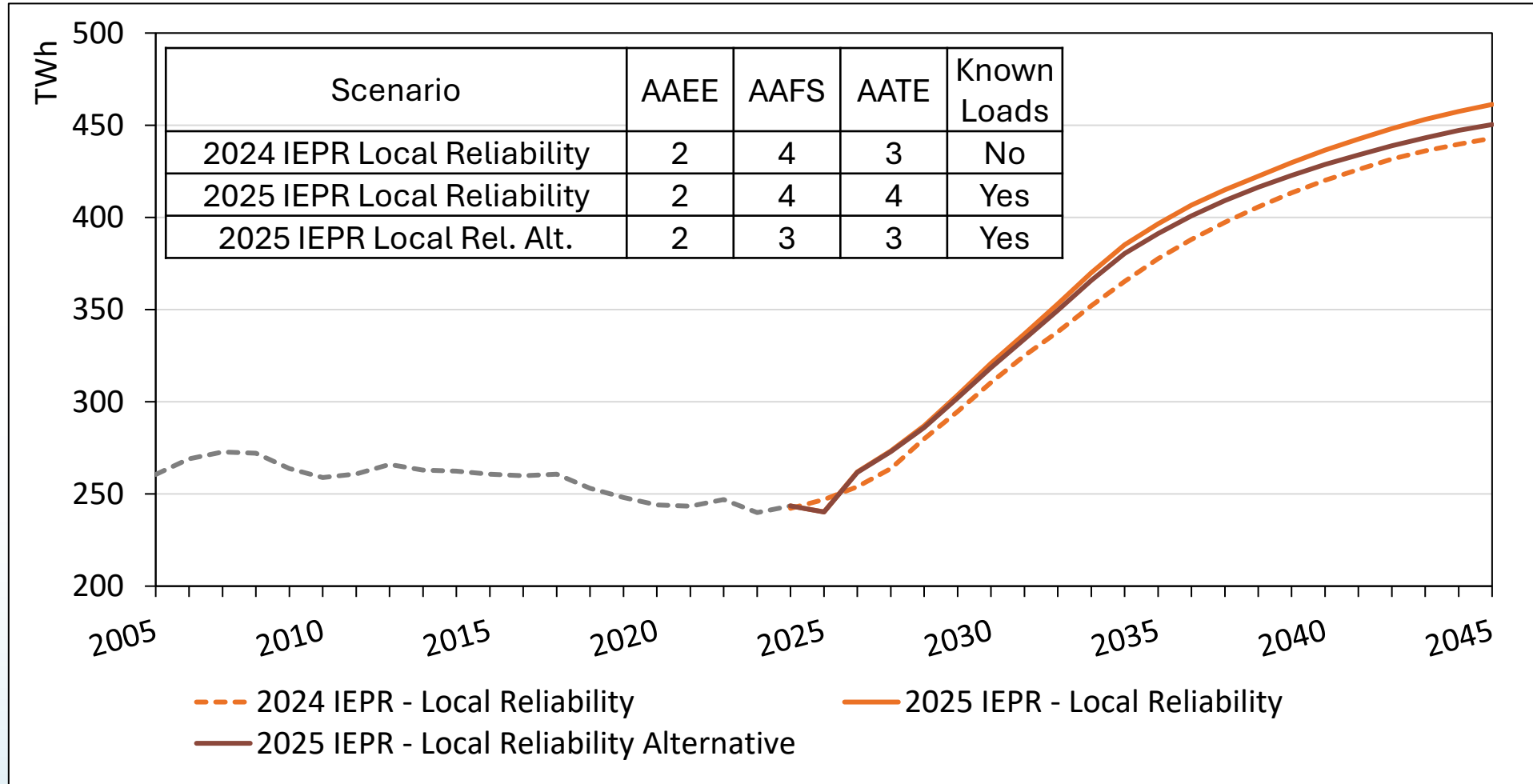
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Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Managed Sales – Local Reliability

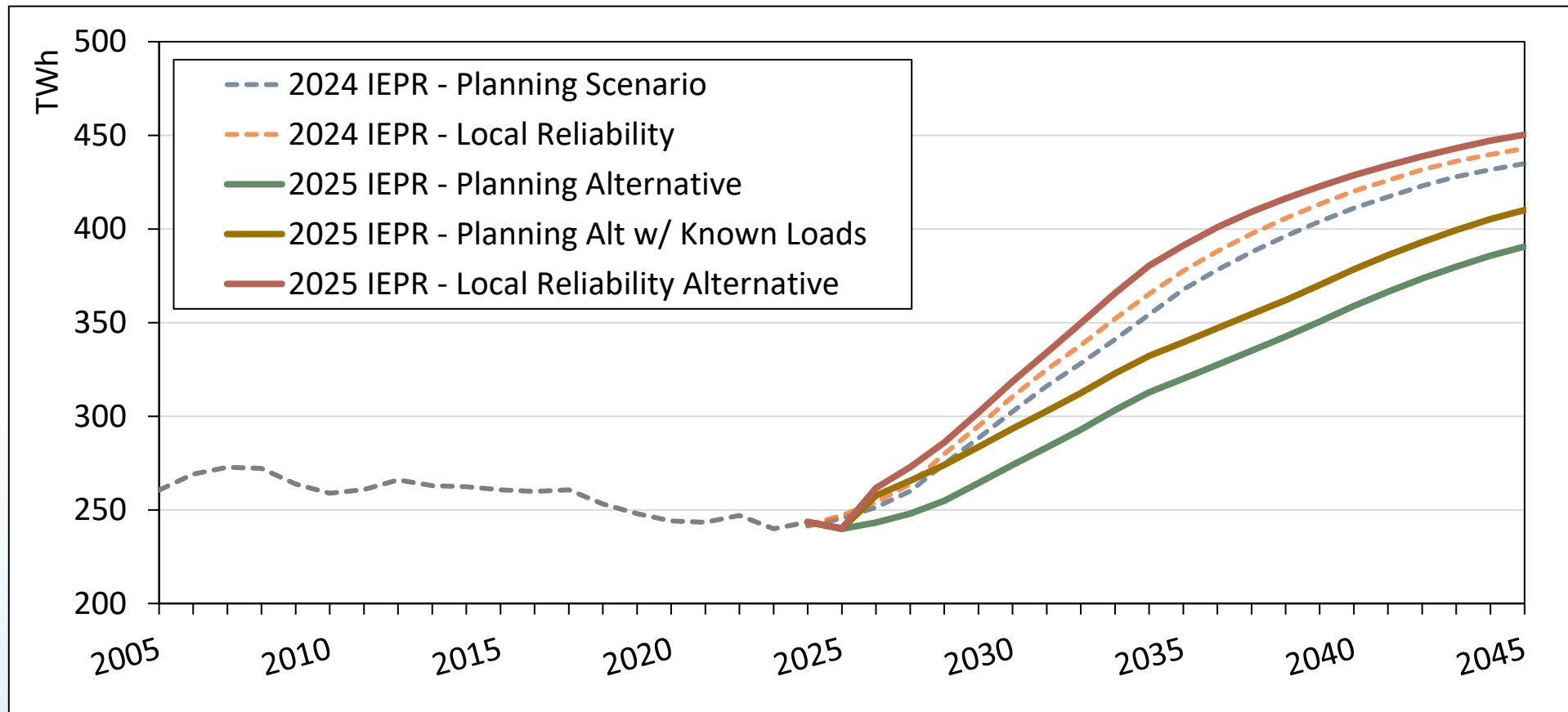
- Scenarios considered for 2025 IEPR Local Reliability Forecast





Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Managed Sales Compared

- The Alternative Local Reliability Scenario is 25 TWh higher (10%) than the Alternative Planning Scenario in 2027, and 60 TWh higher (15%) in 2045.
- With known loads added to Alternative Planning Scenario, the difference is 7.4 TWh (3%) in 2027, and 40 TWh (10%) in 2045.

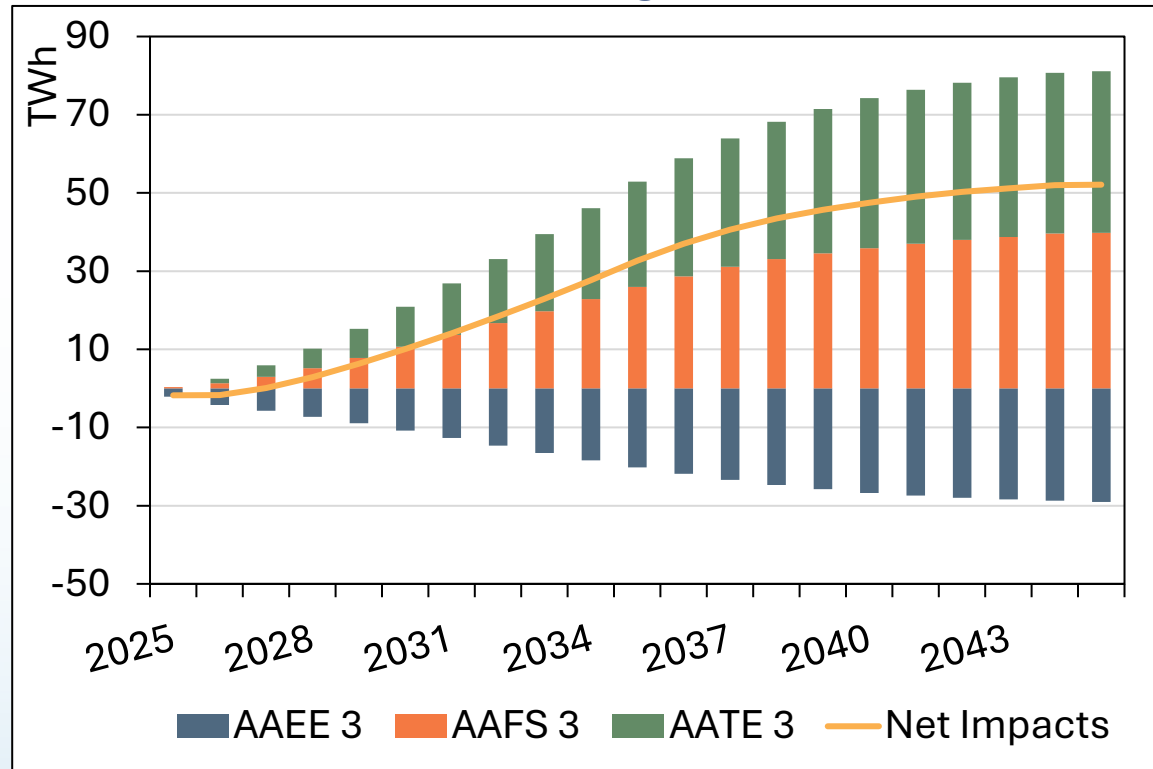




Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Load Modifying Scenarios – Planning

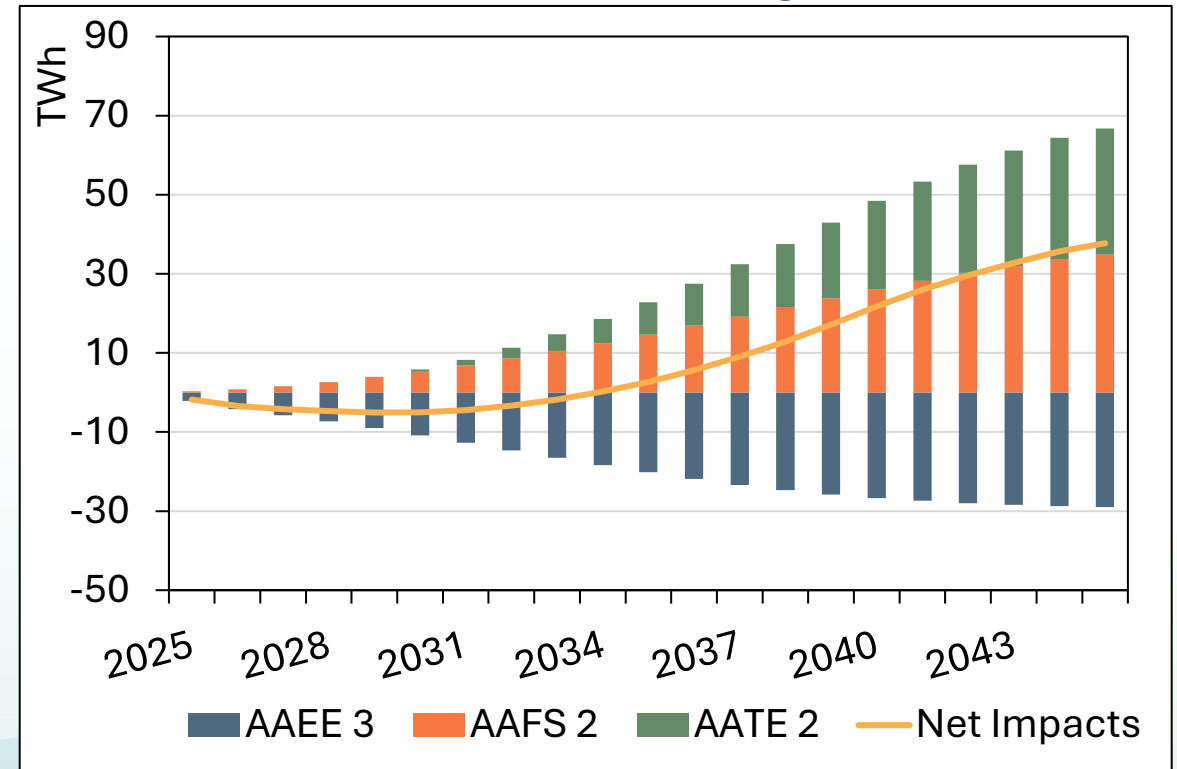
- Planning net impacts reach 52.1 TWh in 2045, 15% increase to Baseline mid case.
- Alternative Planning net impacts reach 37.7 TWh in 2045, 11% increase to Baseline mid case.

2025 IEPR Planning Load Modifiers



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2025 IEPR Alternative Planning Load Modifiers

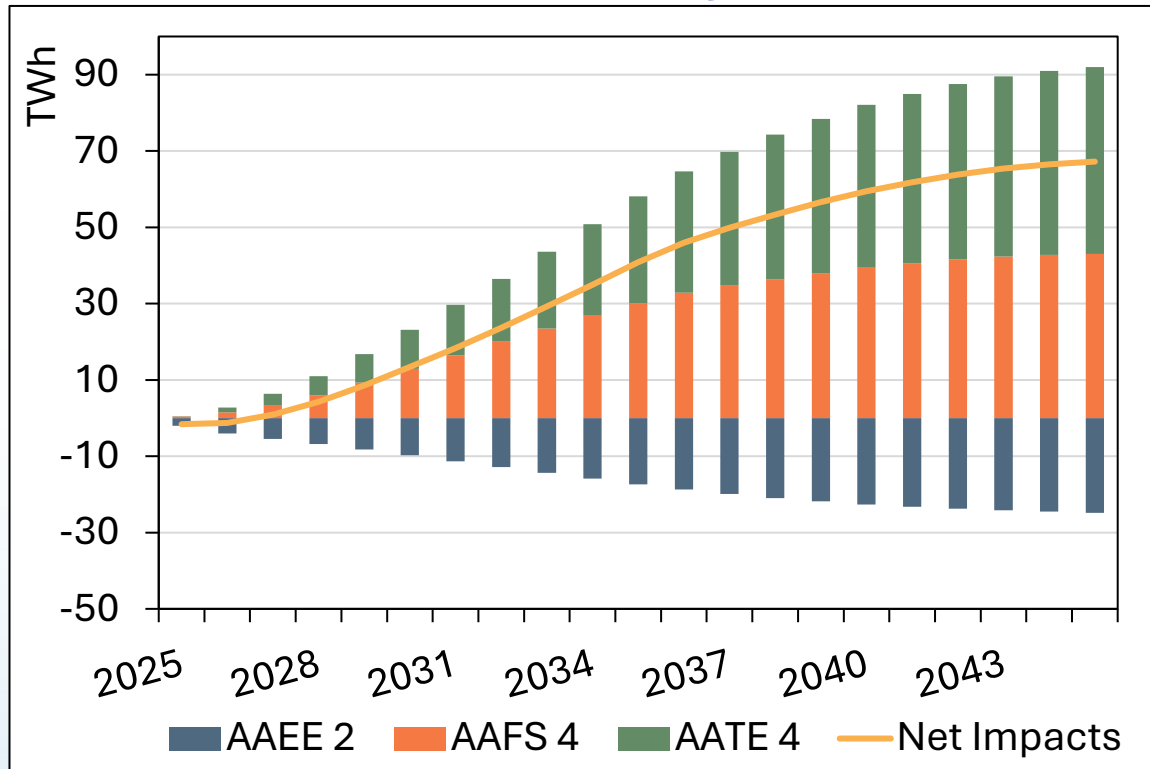




Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Load Modifying Scenarios – Local Reliability

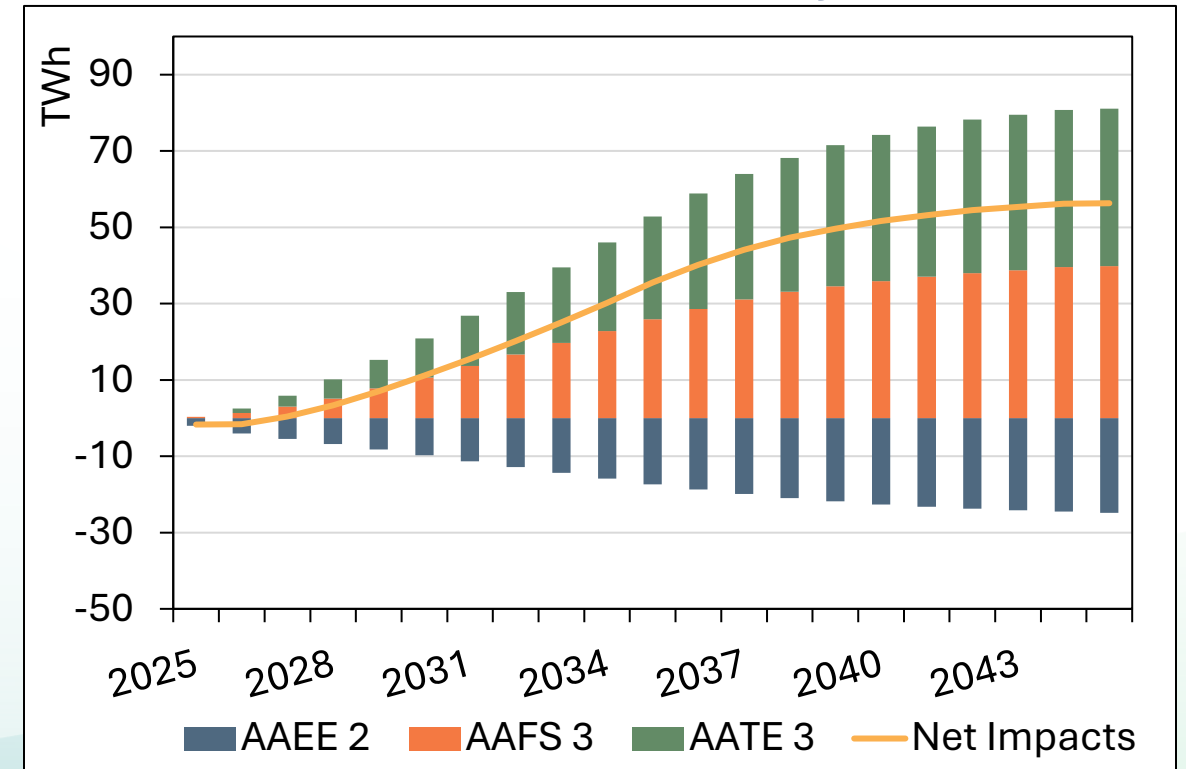
- Local Reliability net impacts reach 67.2 TWh in 2045, 17% increase to Baseline high case.
- Alternative Local Reliability net impacts reach 56.3 TWh in 2045, 14% increase to Baseline high case.

2025 IEPR Local Reliability Load Modifiers



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2025 IEPR Alternative Local Reliability Load Modifiers



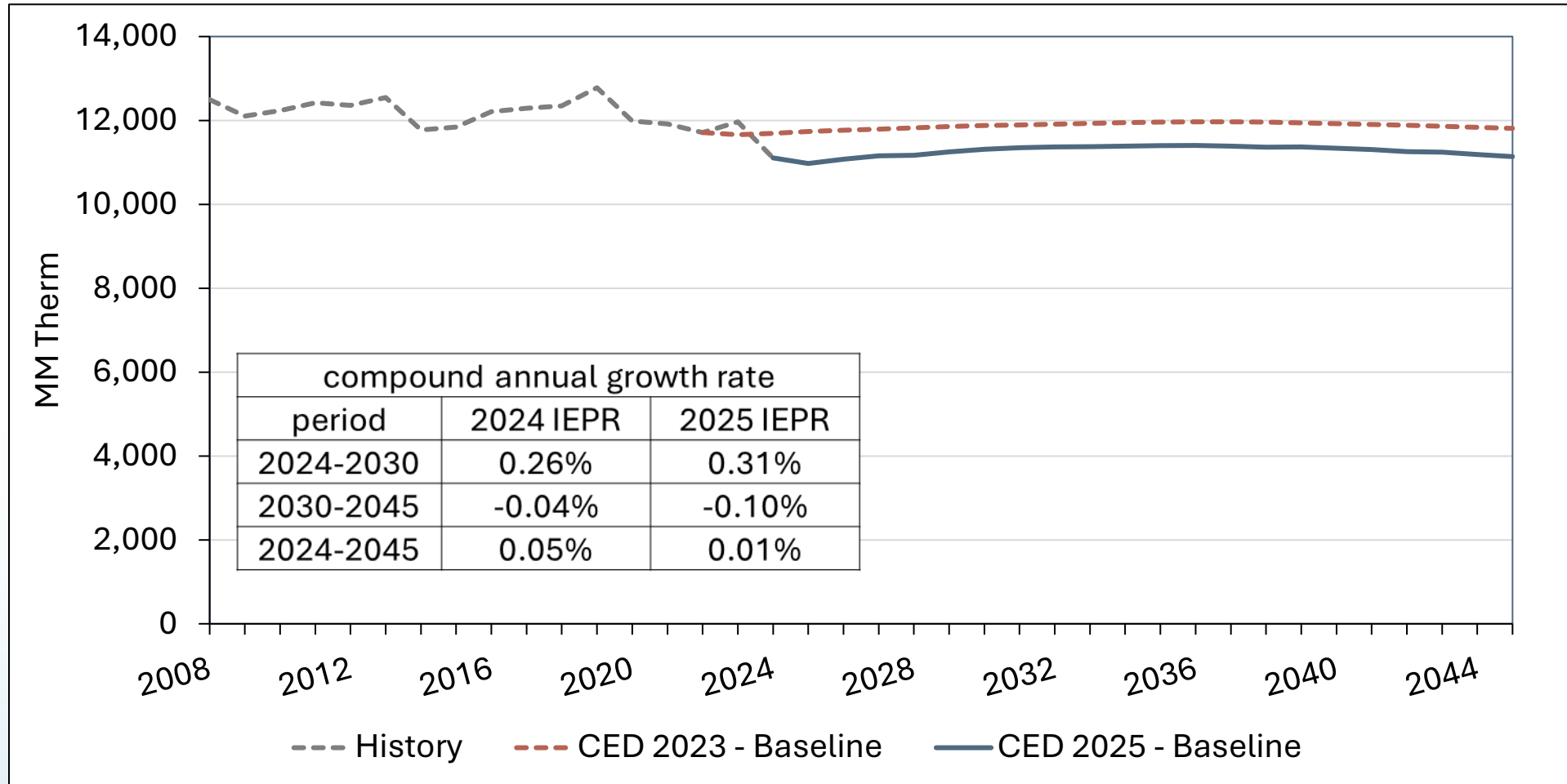


Baseline Demand Forecast: Statewide Gas Sales by Sector



Statewide Baseline Gas Sales

- Lower recent historical data and lower economic growth projections cause the forecast to be lower than the 2024 IEPR.





Gas Forecasting Process: Sectors and Models

Sector Model Types

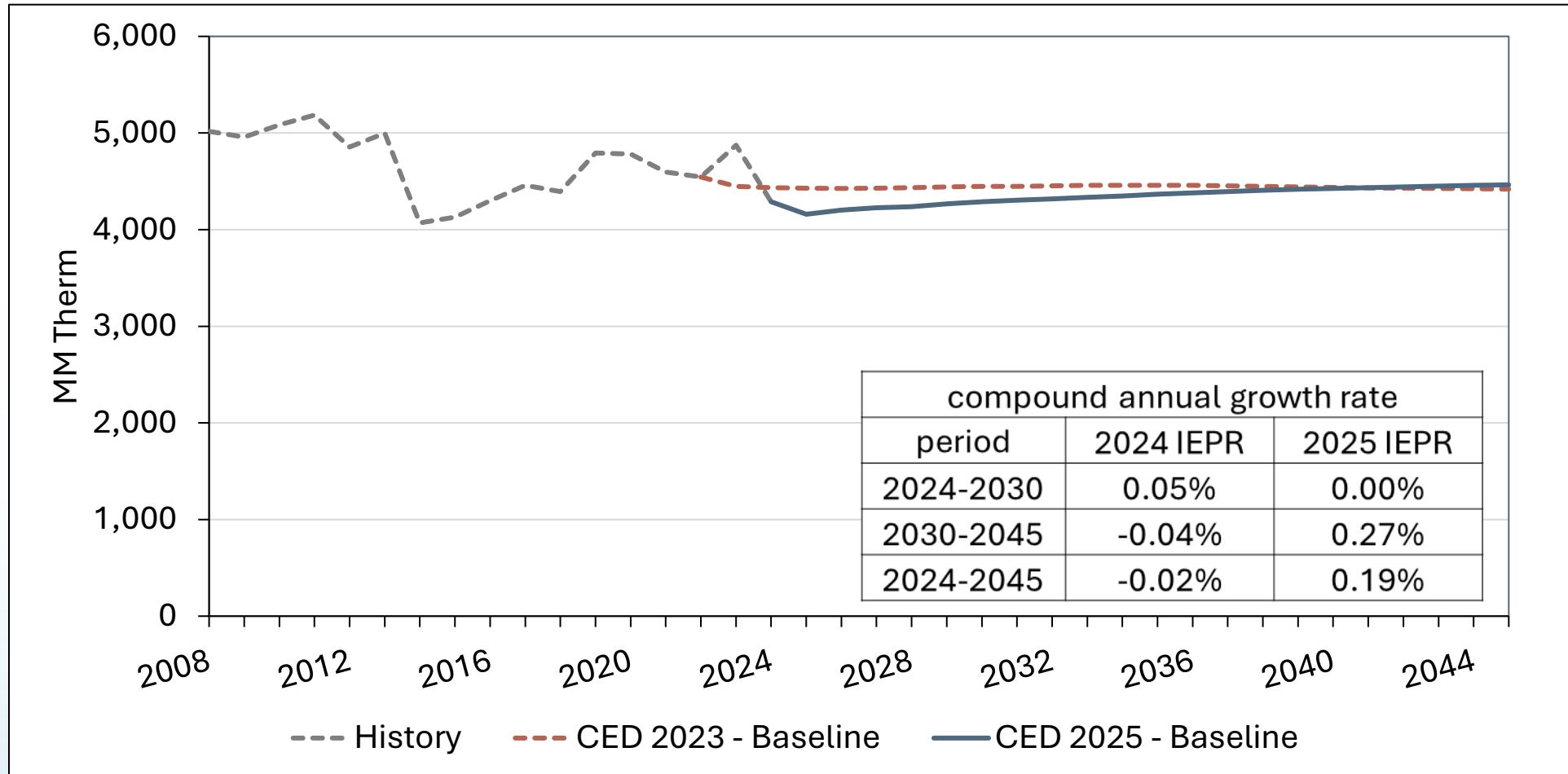
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Statewide Residential Gas Sales

- Initial decrease due to economic conditions, later increase due to increase in household.

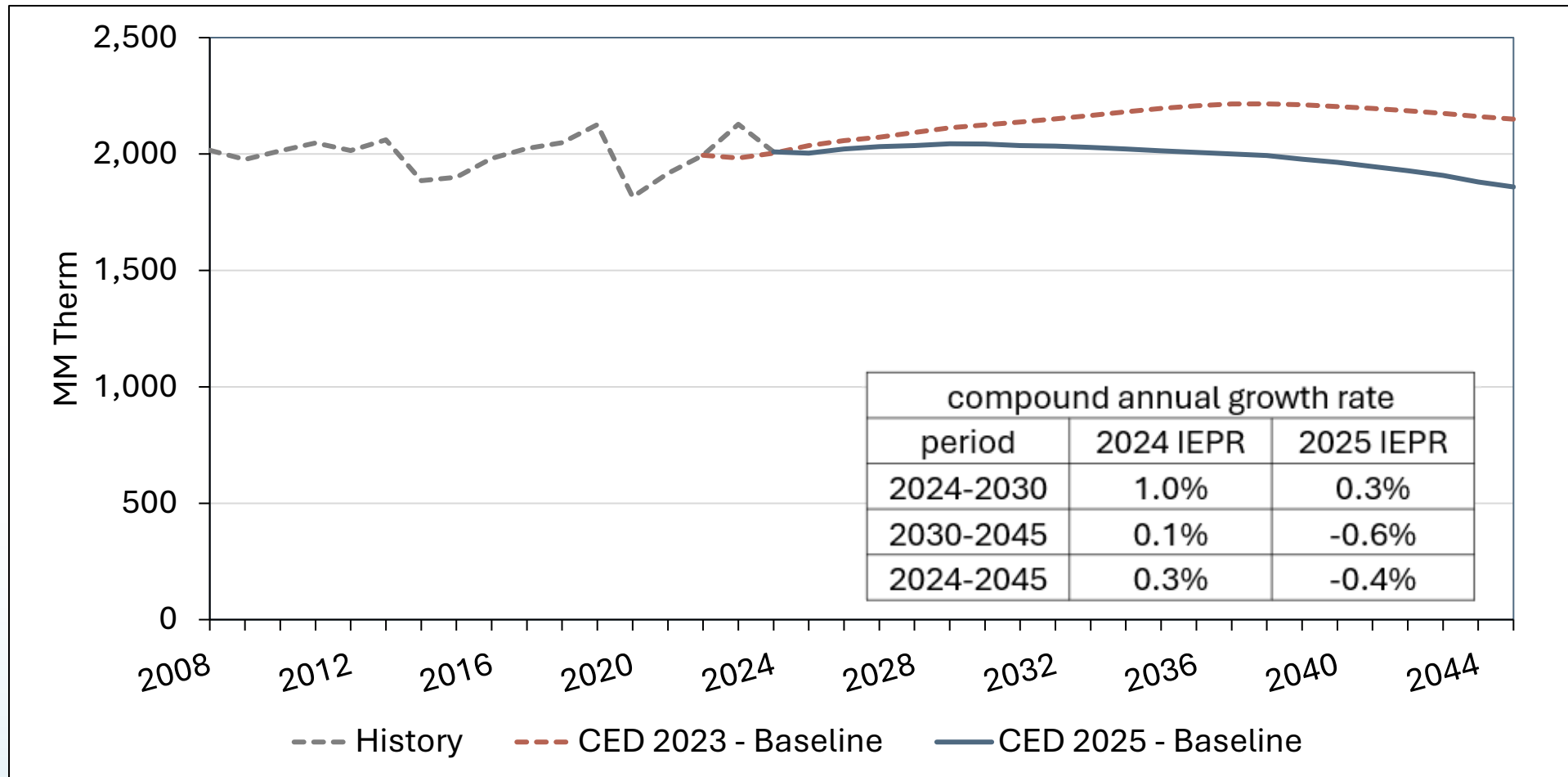


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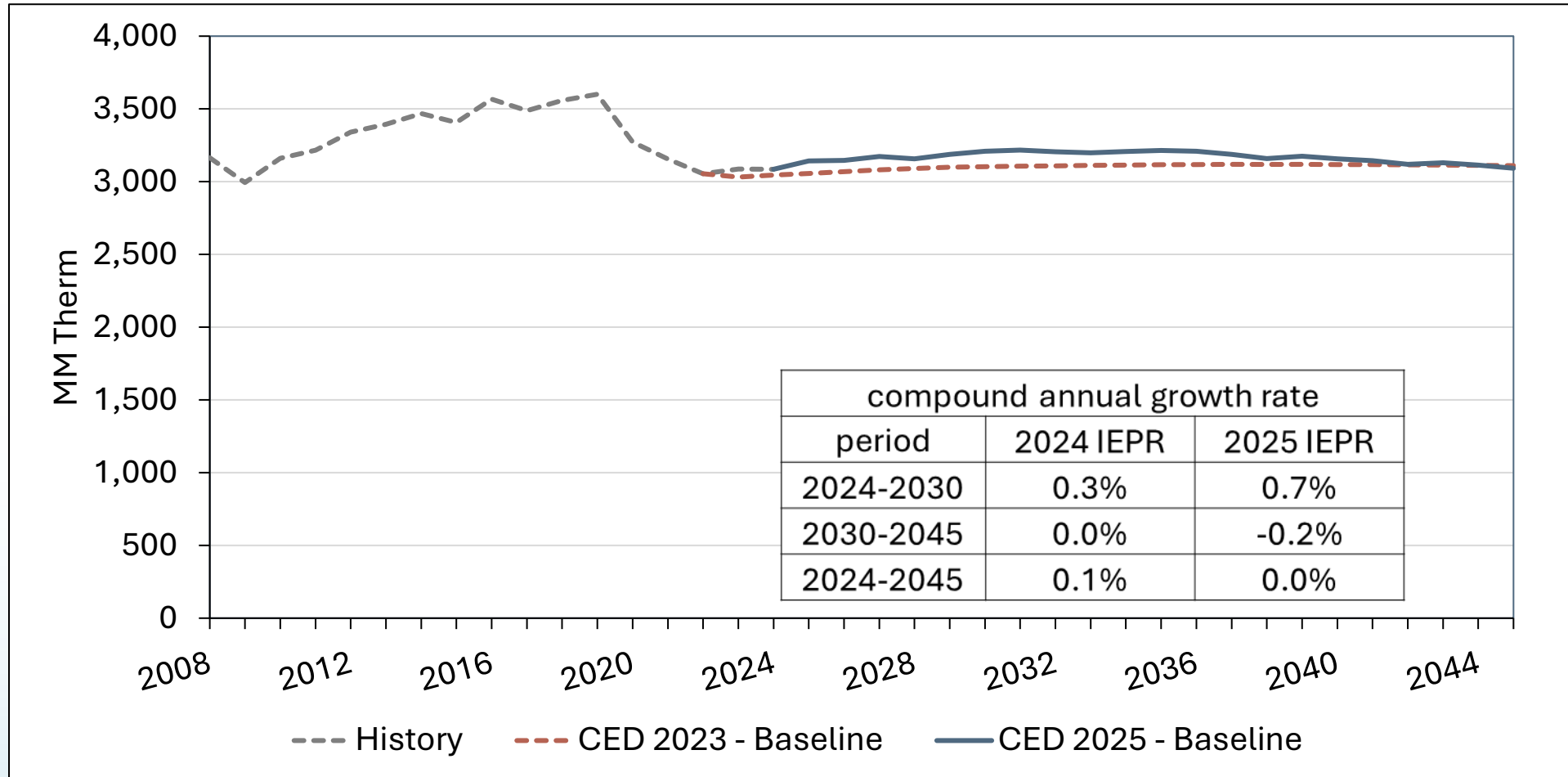
Statewide Commercial Gas Sales

- Decrease in economic conditions, increase in rates.





Statewide Industrial Manufacturing Gas Sales

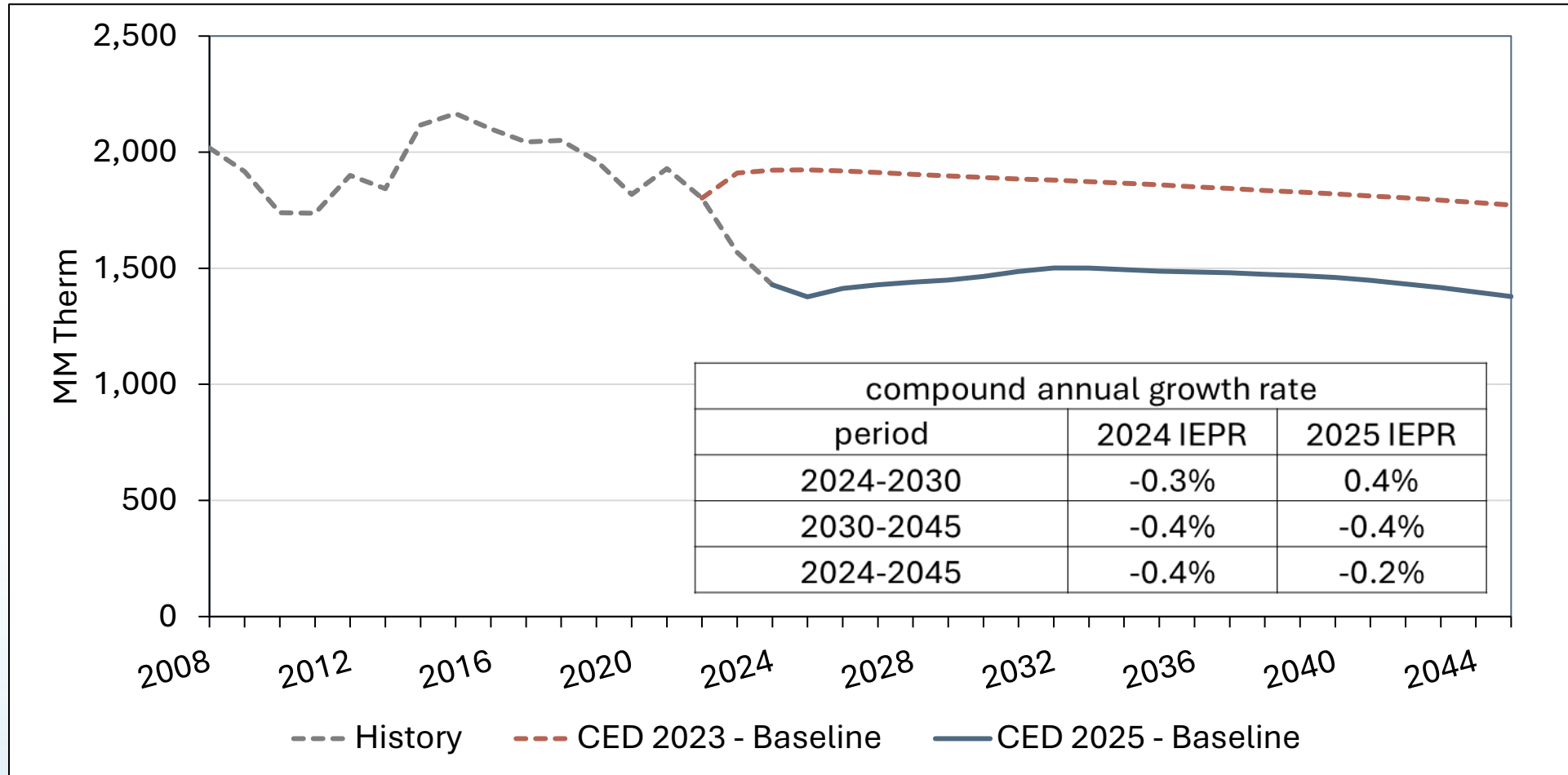


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Statewide Industrial Mining & Construction Gas Sales

- Decrease in oil and gas projects

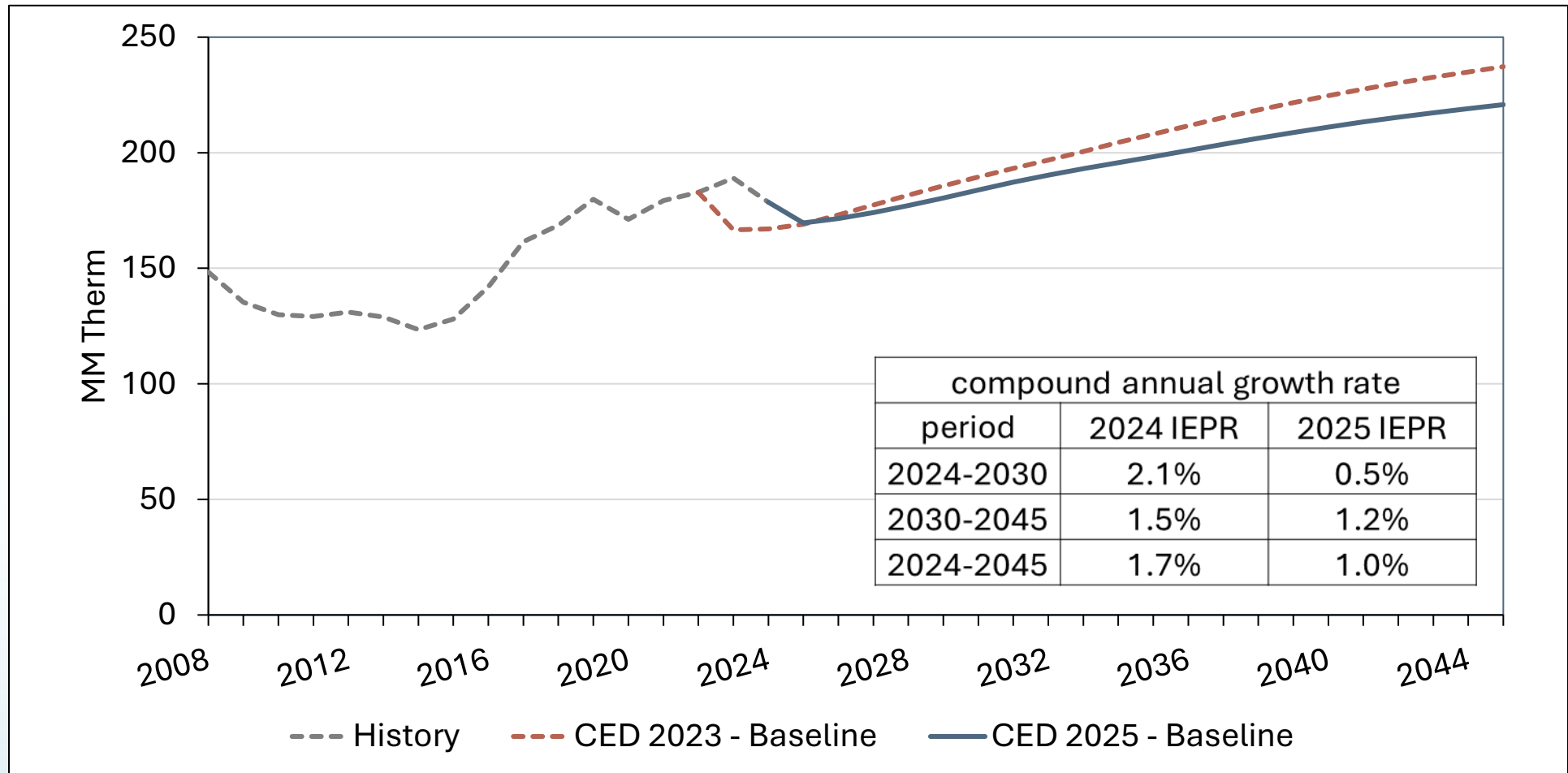


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Statewide TCU Gas Sales

- Increases with population



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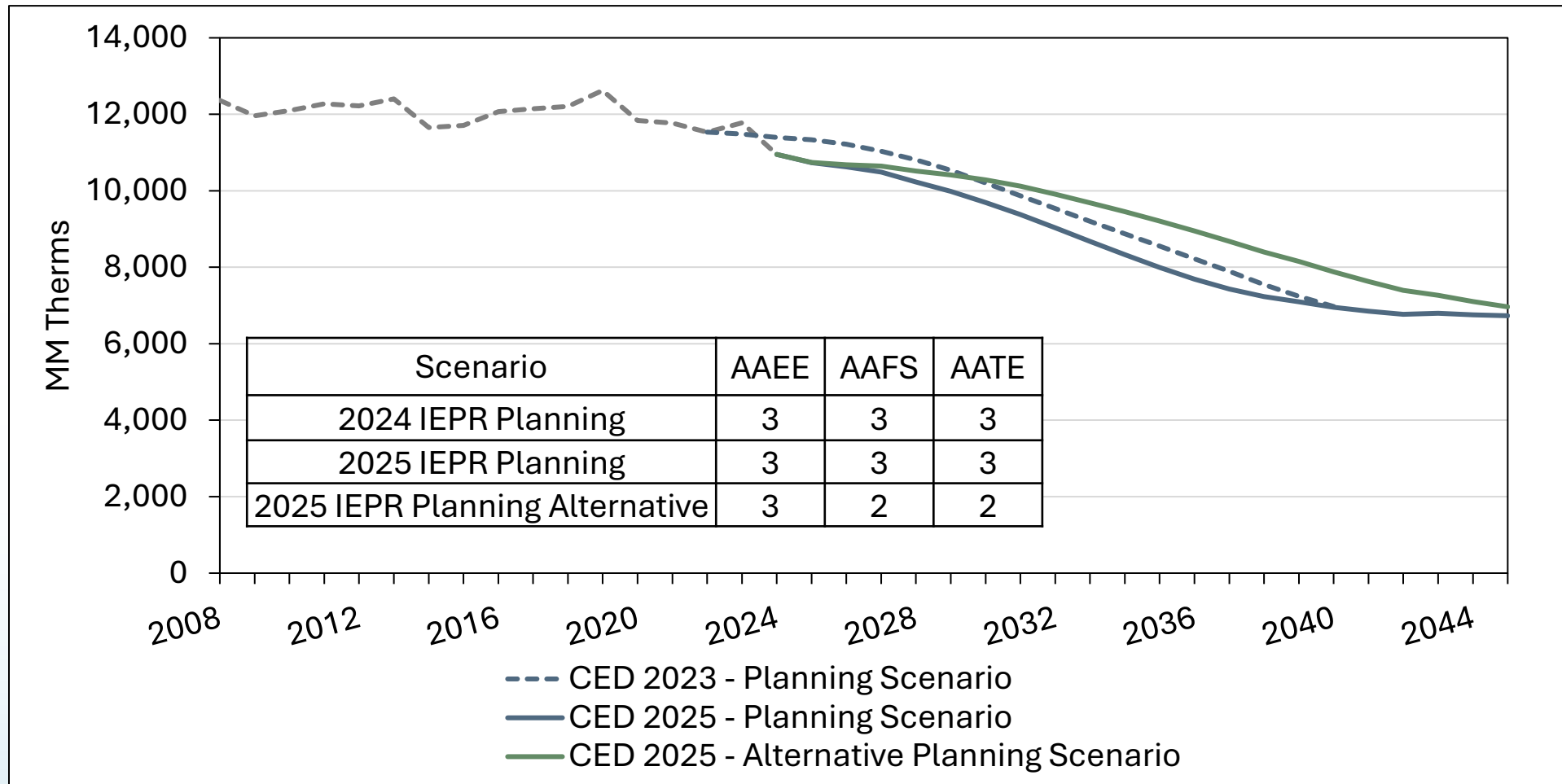


Managed Demand Forecast: Statewide Gas Sales Scenarios



Statewide Gas Forecasts: Electricity Planning Scen. applied to Gas Sales

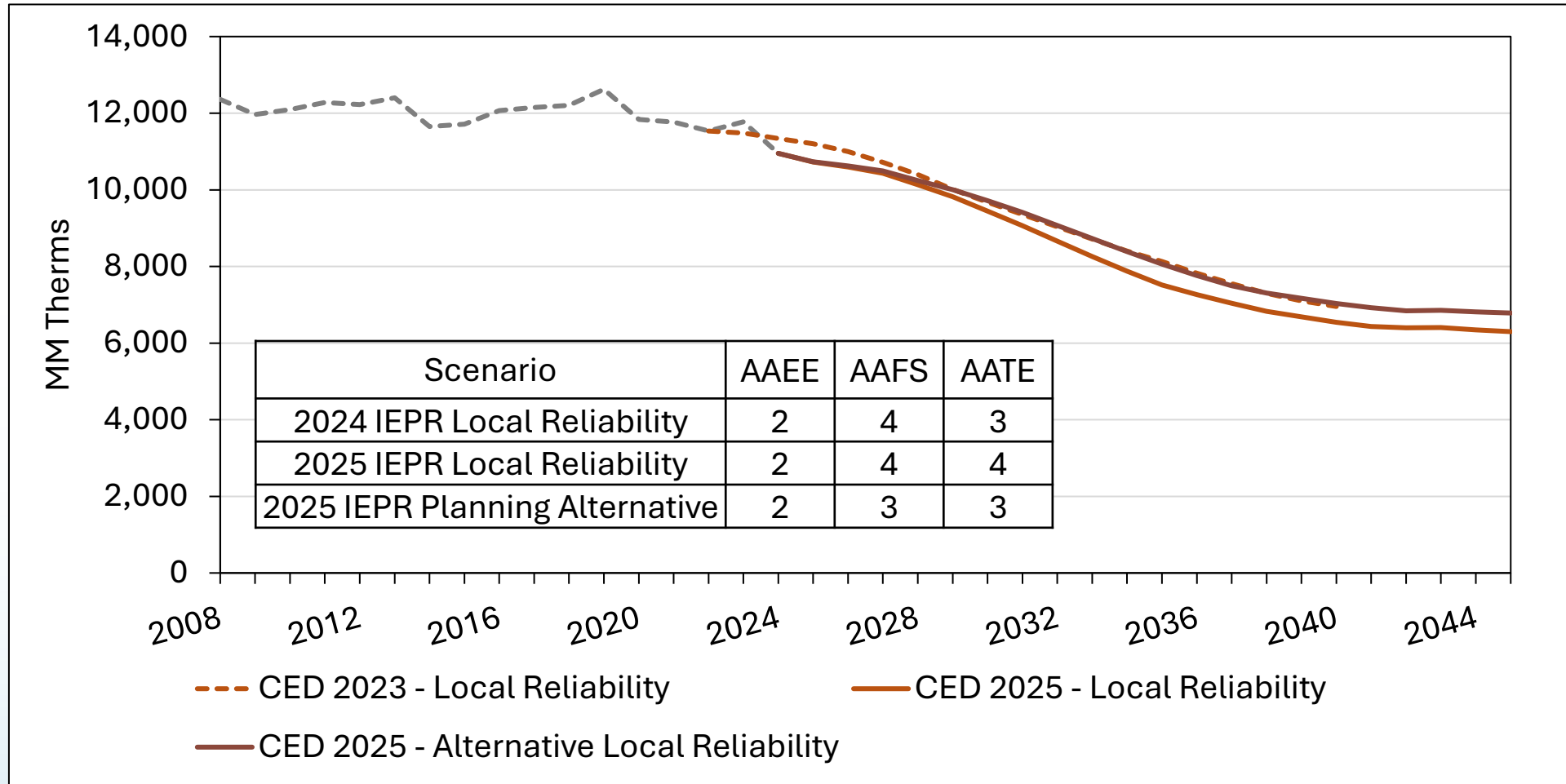
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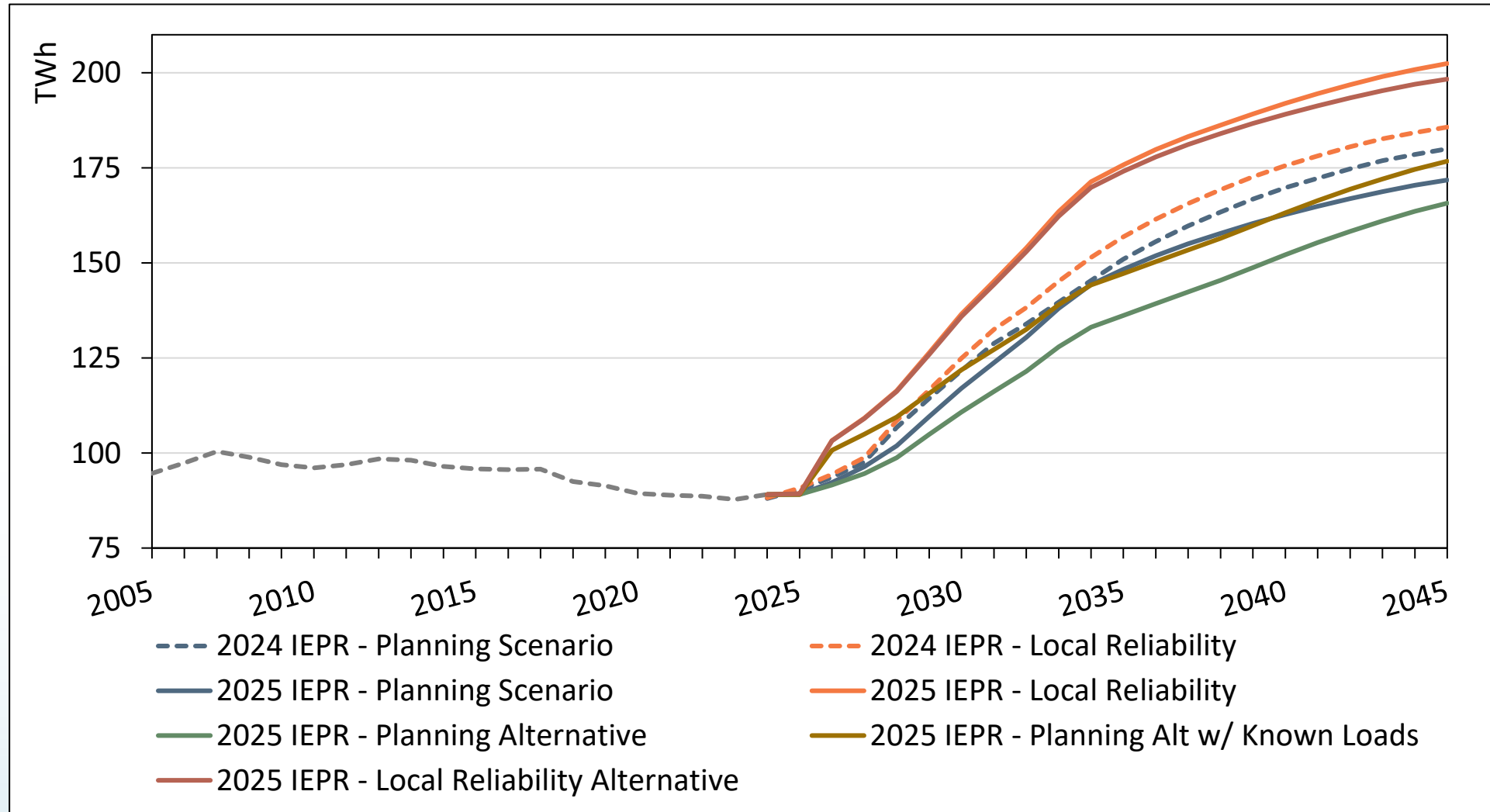
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Appendix – Managed Electricity Sales Forecasts by Planning Area

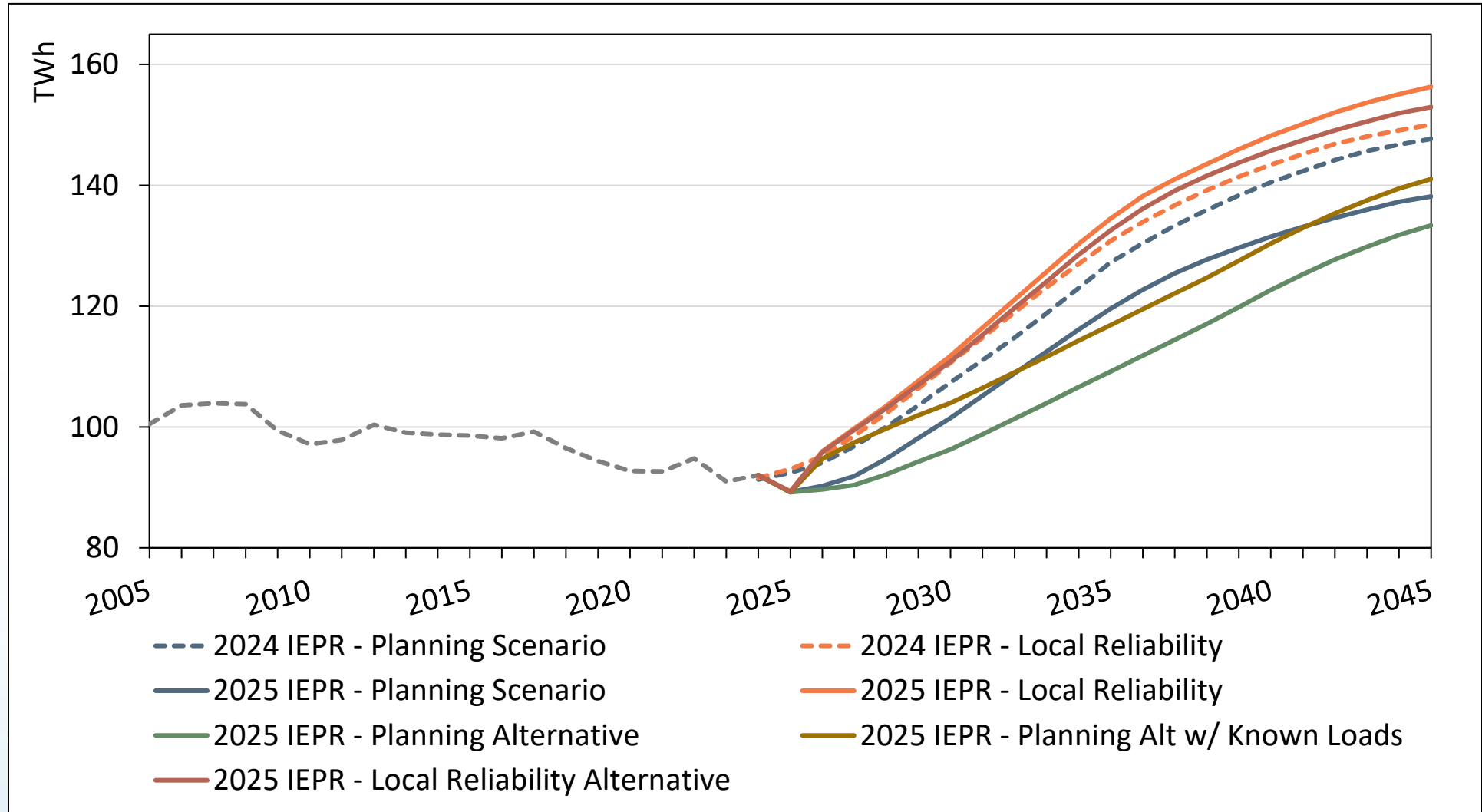


Electricity Sales Forecast: PG&E Planning Area



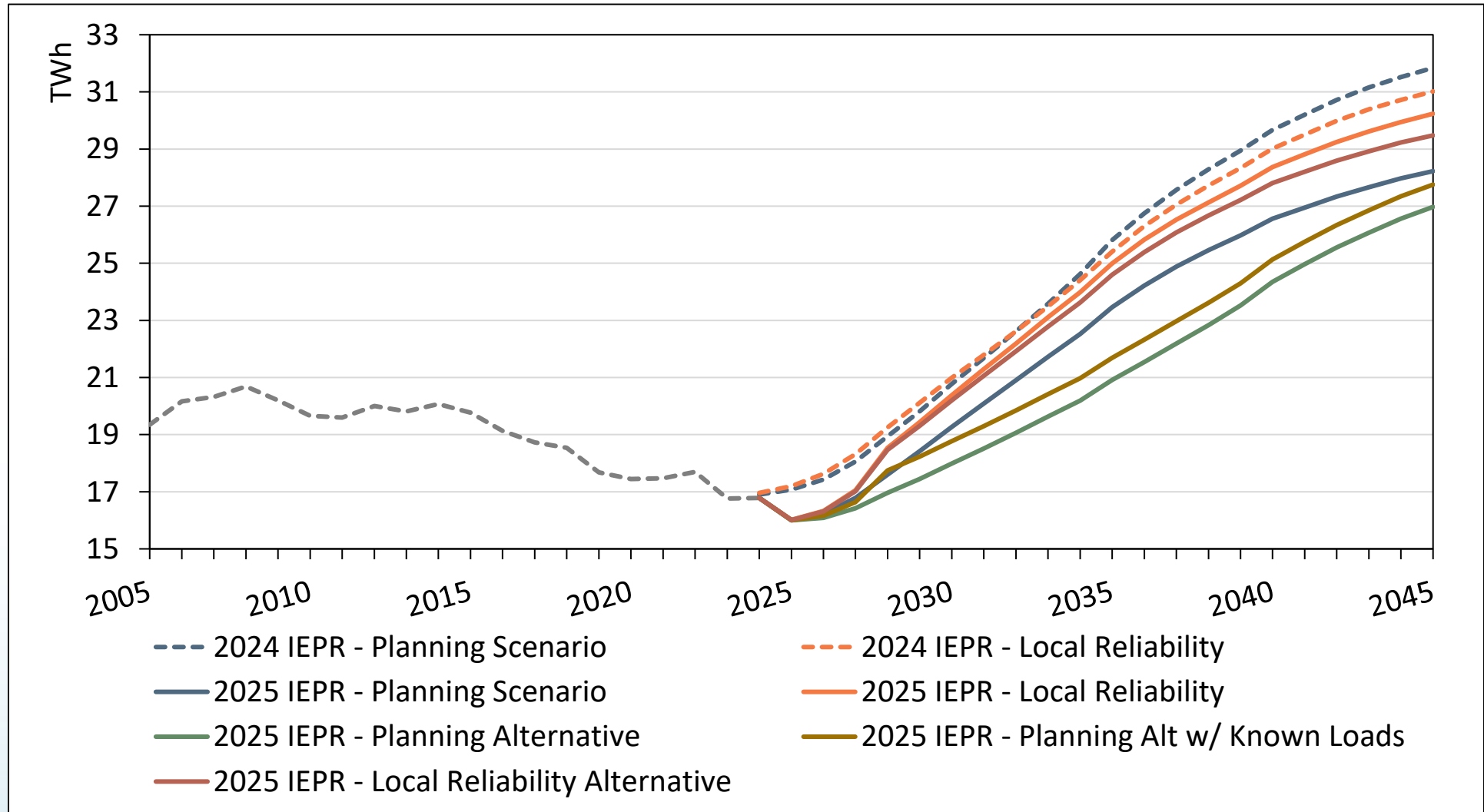


Electricity Sales Forecast: SCE Planning Area





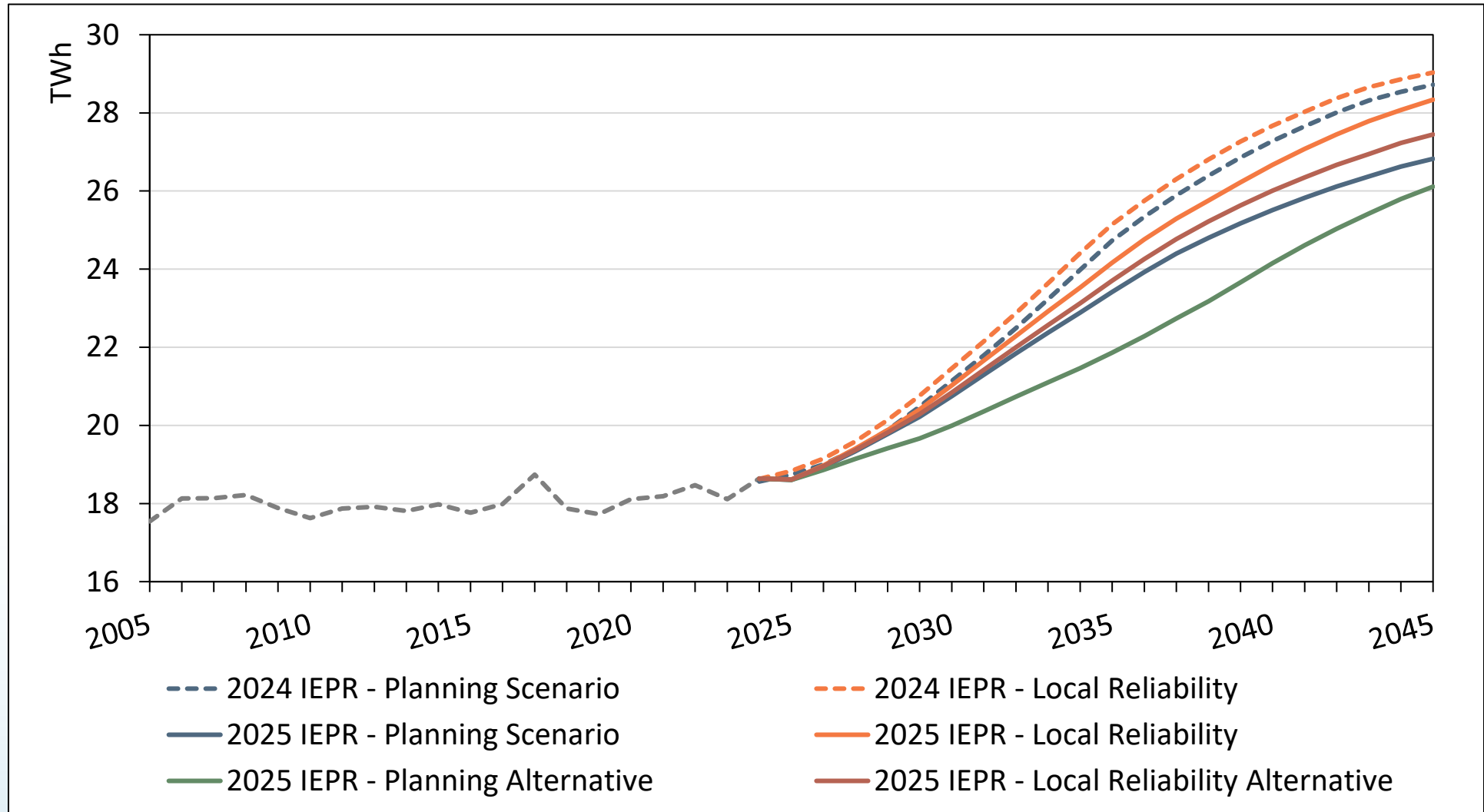
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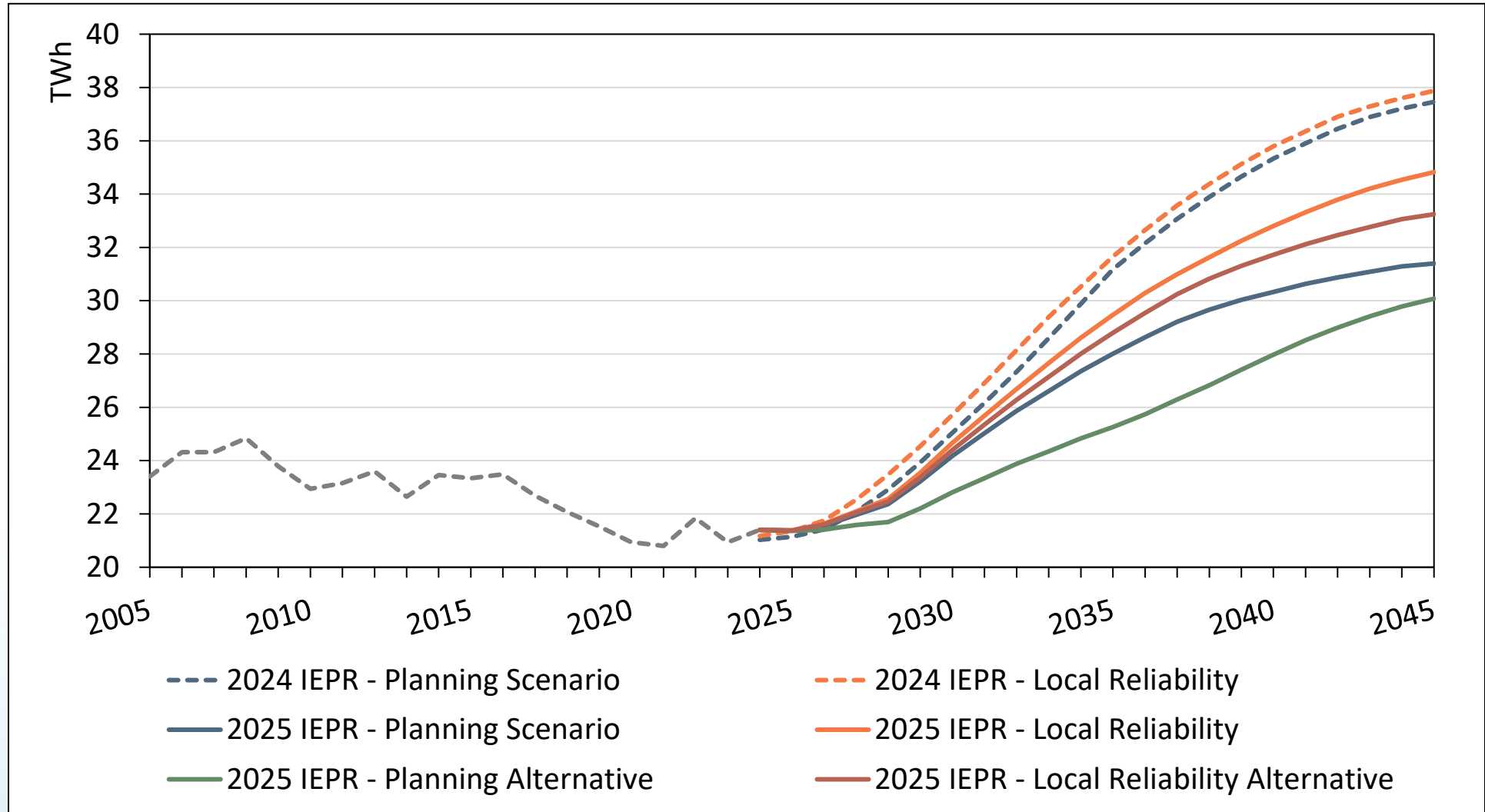
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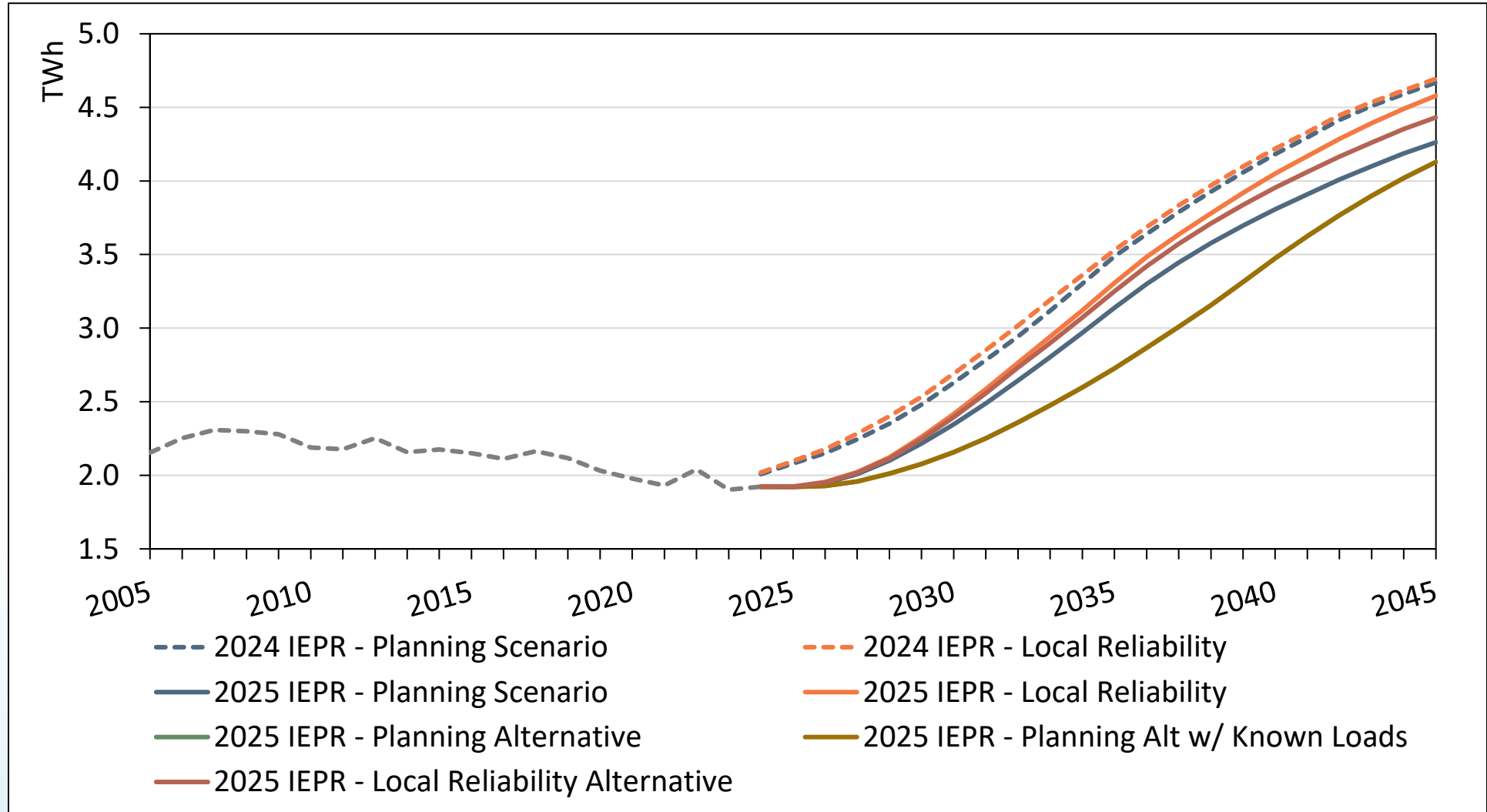
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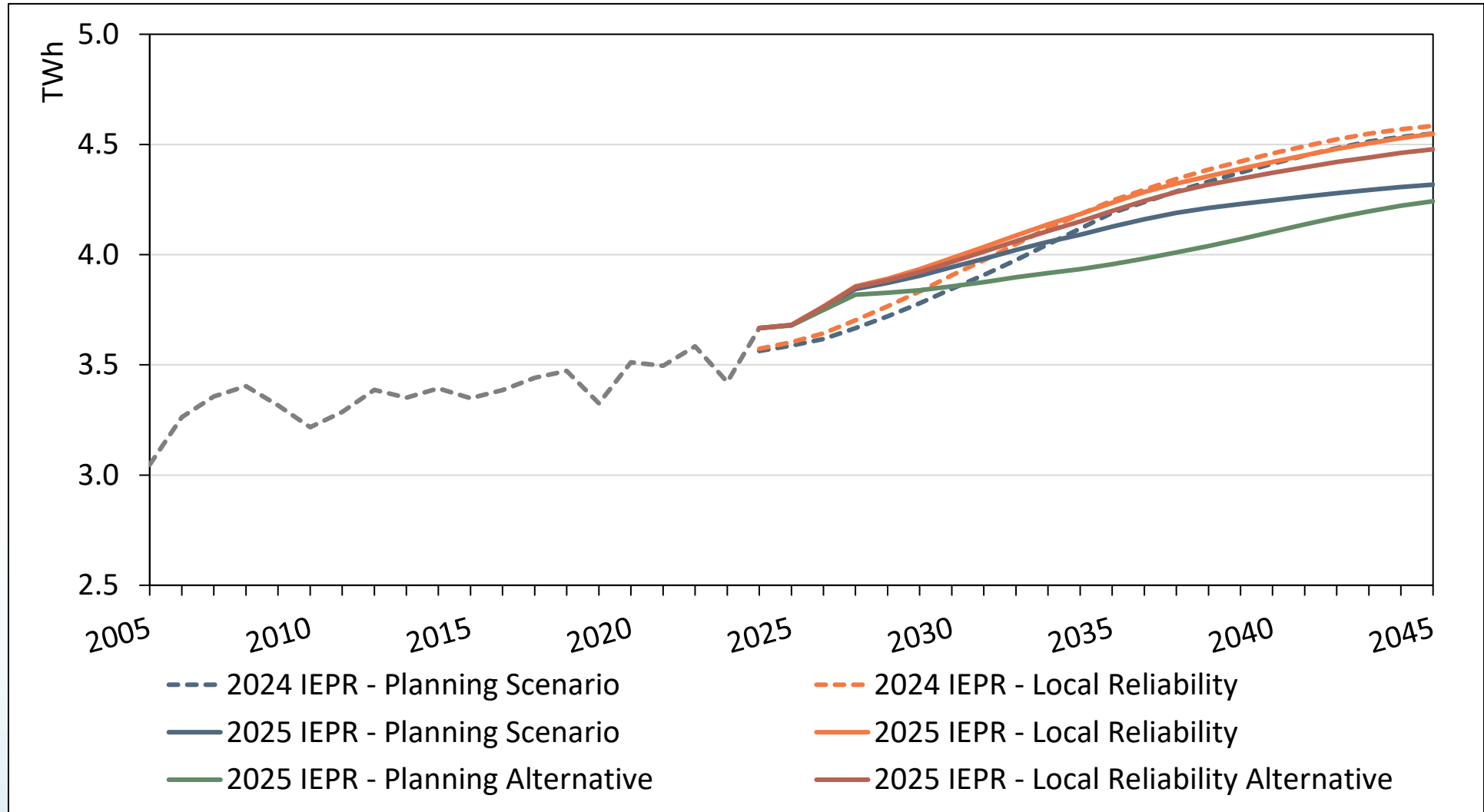


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Electricity Sales Forecast: IID Planning Area



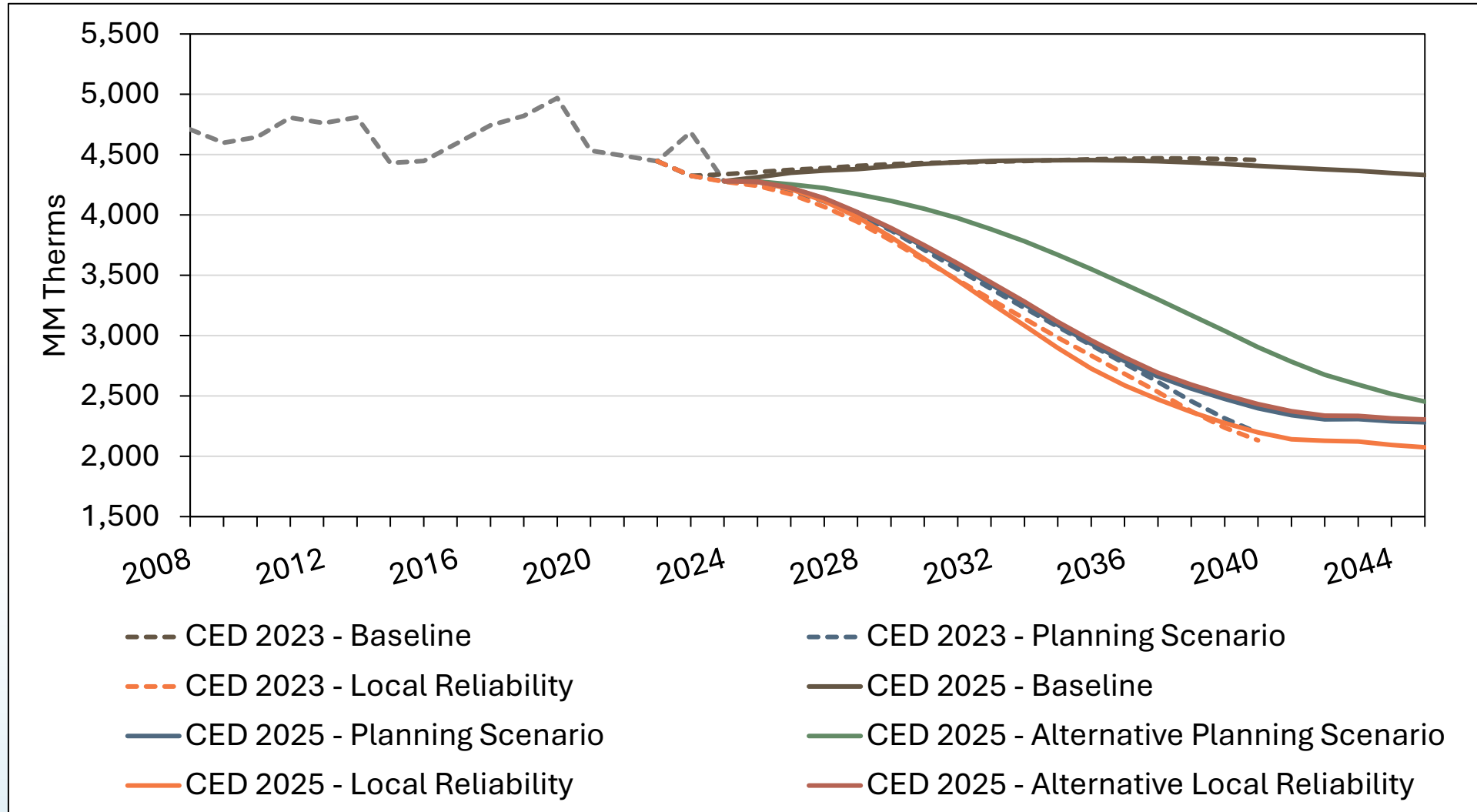
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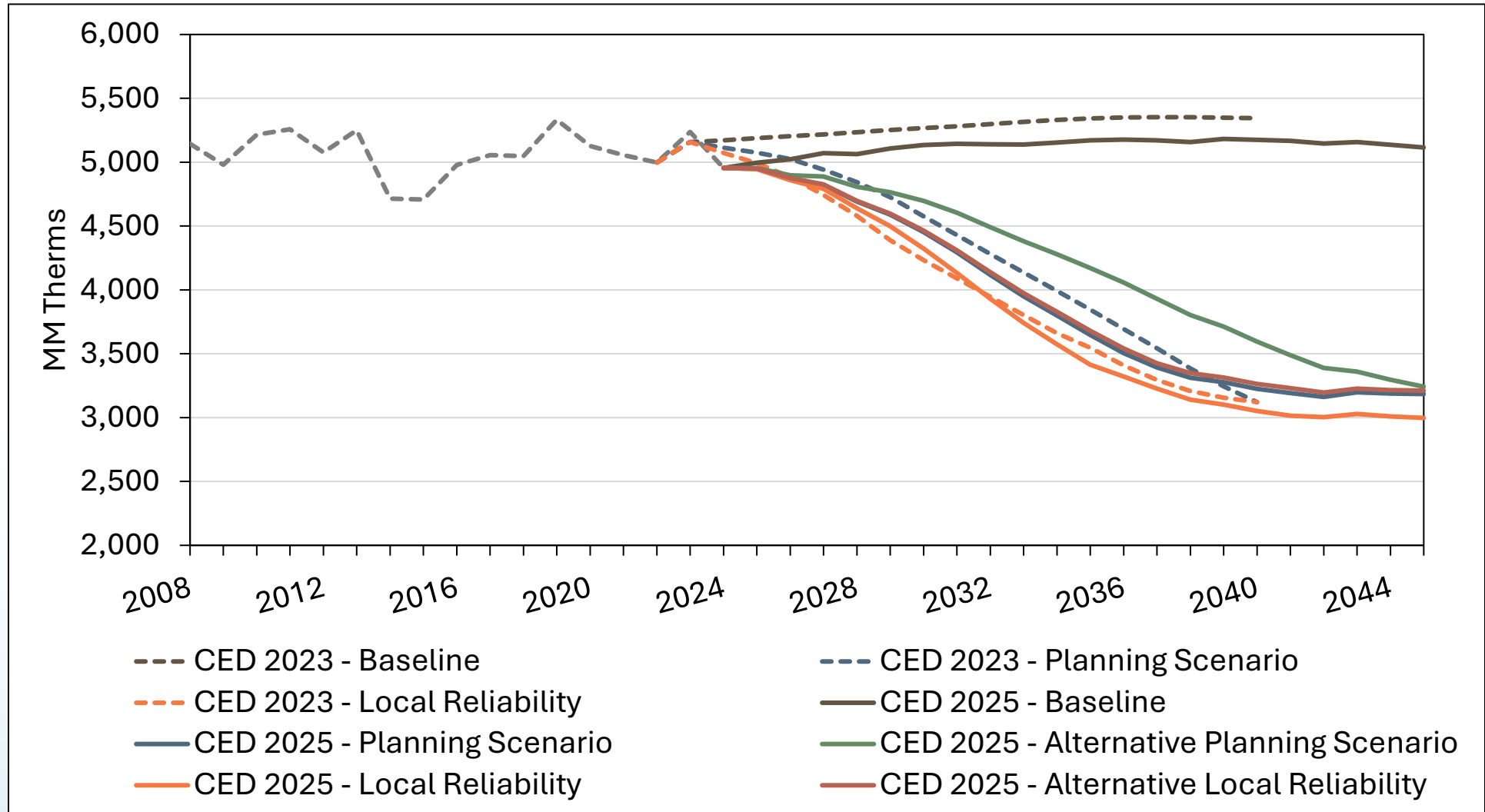
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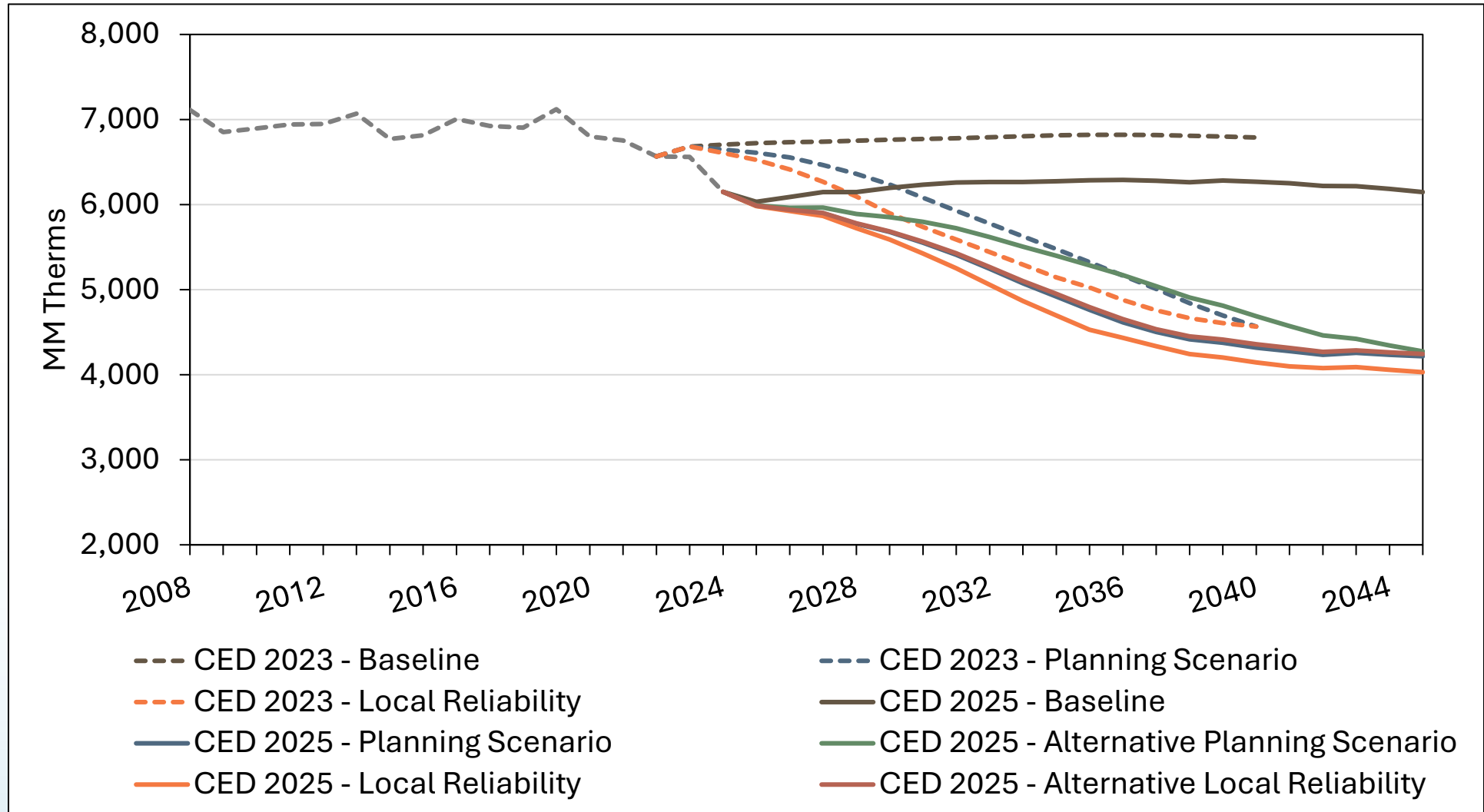
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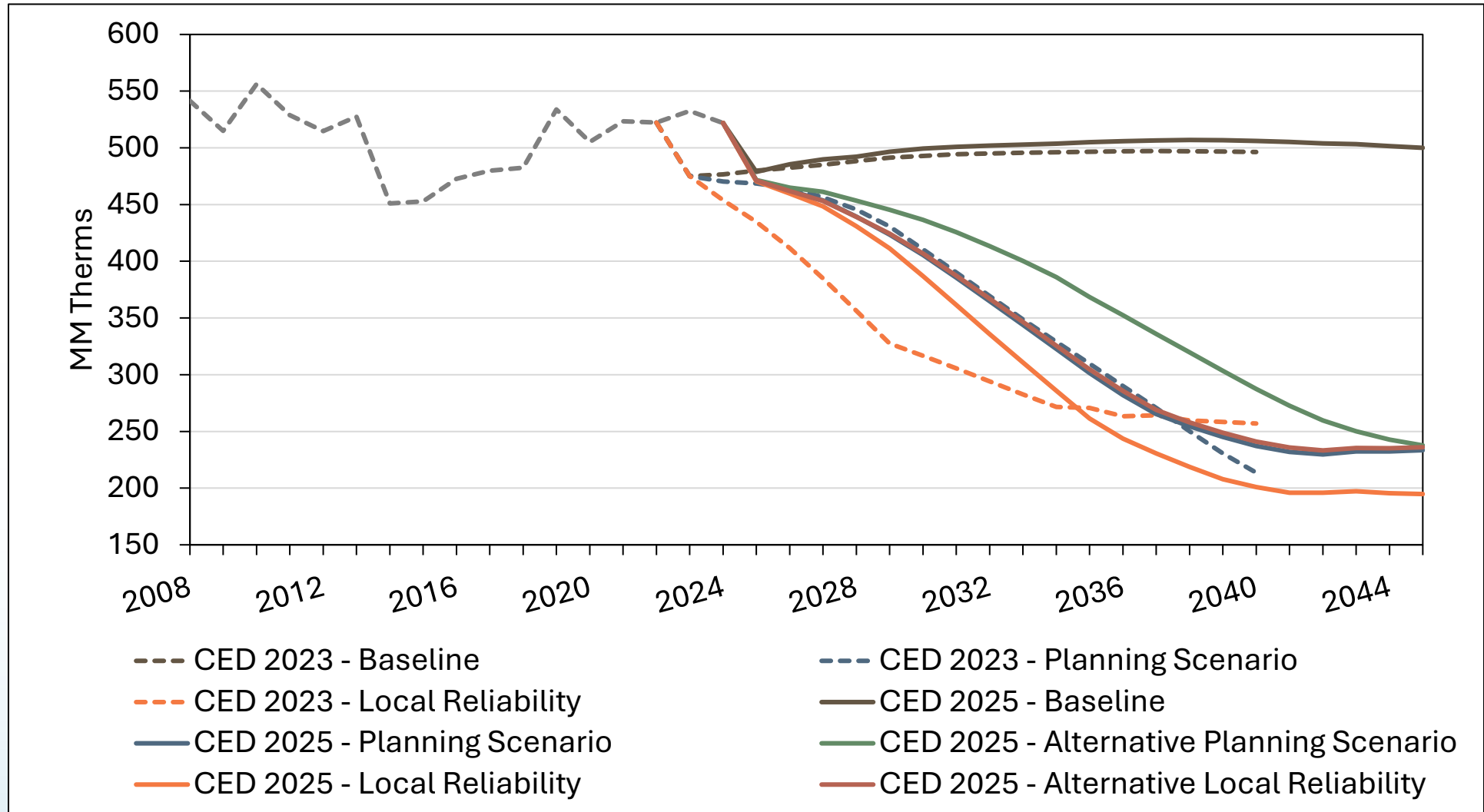
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Gas Sales Forecast: SDG&E Planning Area



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