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# **Integrated Energy Policy Report Commissioner Workshop: Highlights of the Natural Gas Outlook Report**

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# Overview

- **Changes from last workshop**
- **California Prices/ Demand**
- **National Prices/ Demand**
- **Imports, Exports, and LNG**
- **Conclusions**



# Revised Assumptions Since September 21

- Paired high costs with low demand and low costs with high demand
- Coal retirement aligned with 111(d)
- State RPS goals met on time
- September Bidweek forward price curve used
- Adjustments to deal with minor issues
- Adjustments to national demand to align with US Energy Information Administration



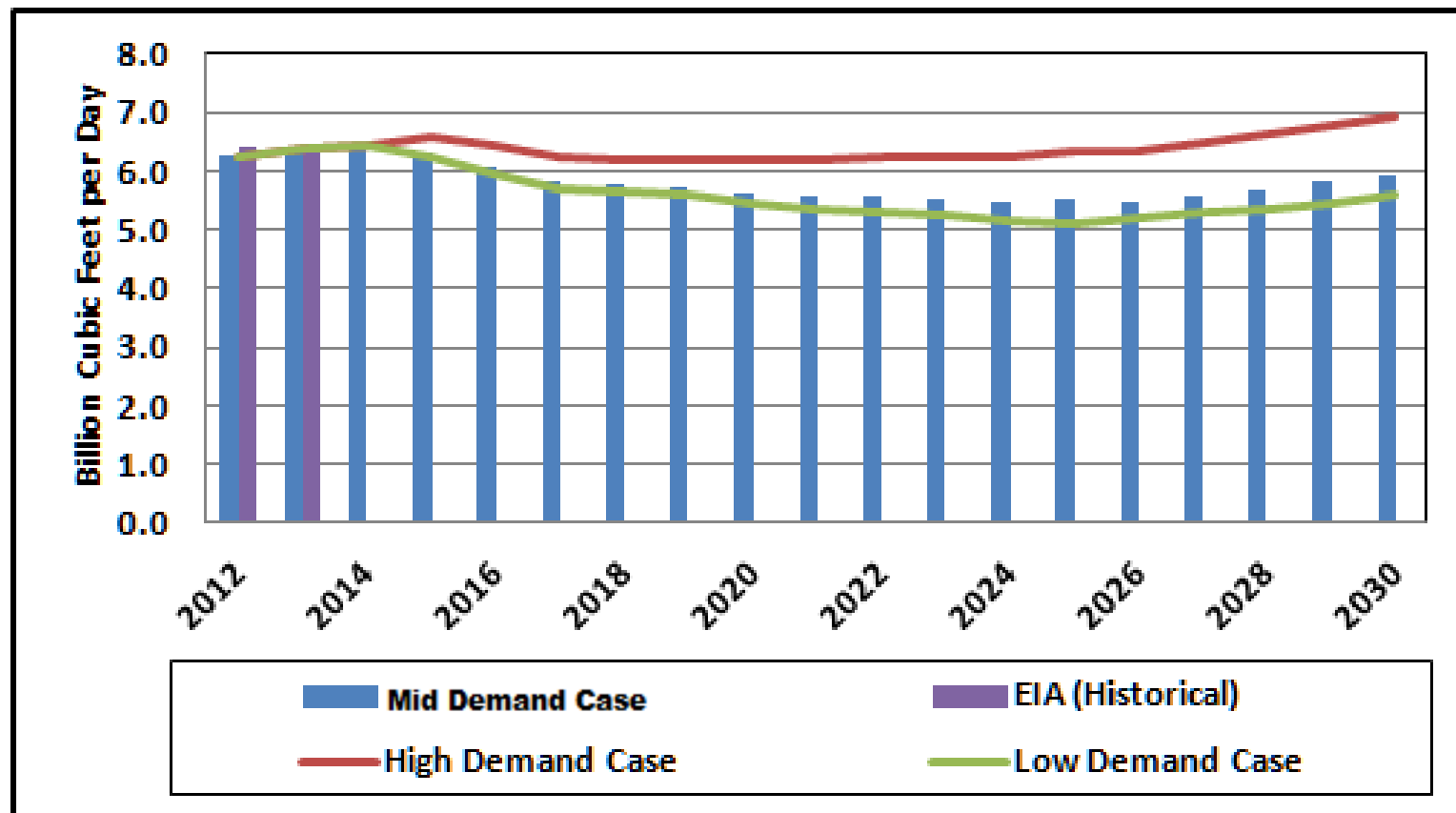
# CALIFORNIA PRICES AND DEMAND



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# CA Total Natural Gas Demand:

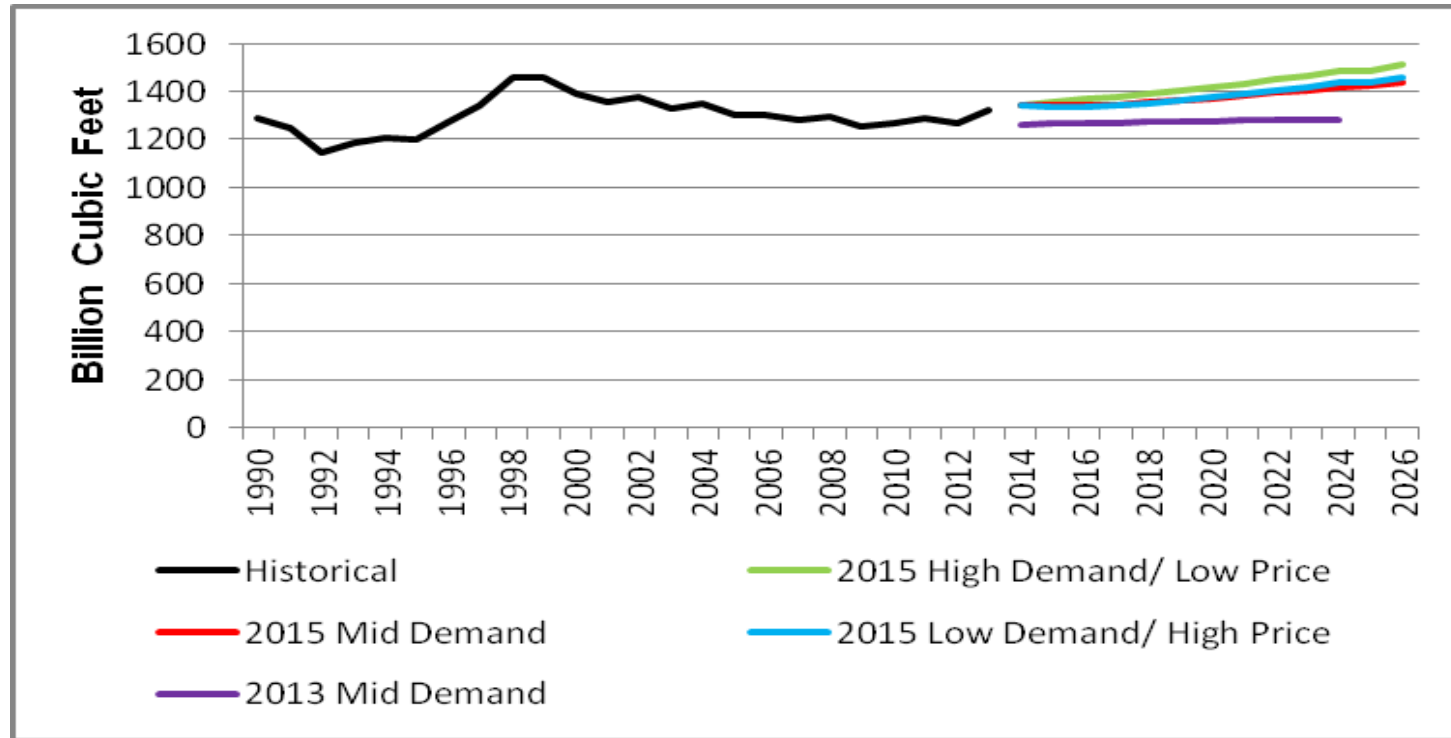
Implementation of renewable generation dampens California's demand





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### California End-Use Natural Gas Demand: Higher than 2013 Forecasts

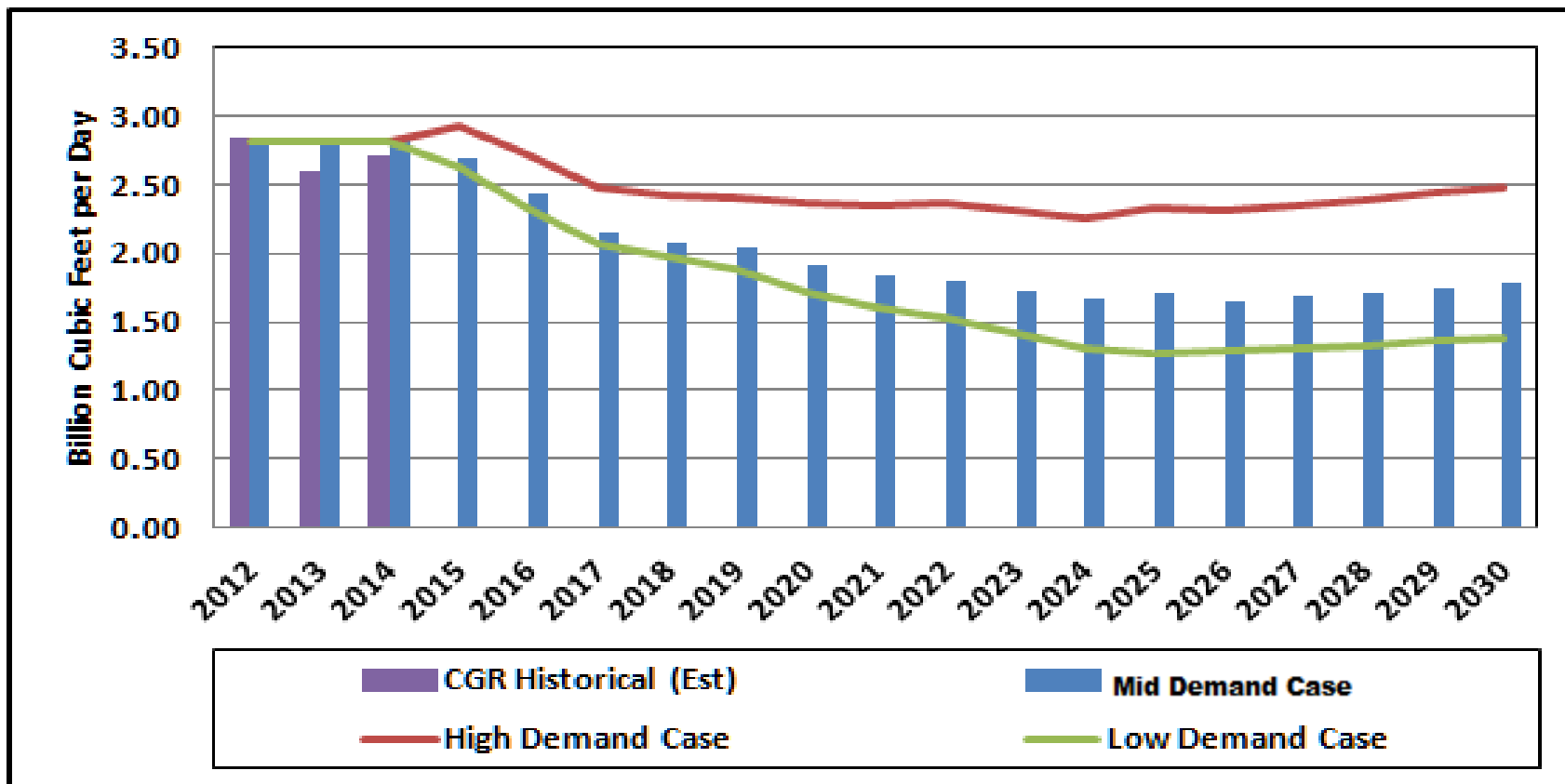


- Starting point higher than 2013 CED forecasts
- Actuals differ from 2013 forecasts - price increases in 2013 did not materialize
- Transportation sector growth rate driving demand growth rate higher



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### Natural Gas Demand (CA) for Power Generation: Power Generation Demand Falls as Renewable Generation Increases







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## California Supply Portfolio (2025)

In-state Production Expected to Provide About 2% of Demand Requirements

Canadian & Rockies Imports  
(Malin):  
2.63 Bcf/d



Rocky Mountain:  
0.85 Bcf/d

Southwest:  
2.01 Bcf/d

### Mid-Demand Case

- Demand satisfied by:
  - Imports (Malin)
  - Rocky Mountain Supplies
  - Southwest Supplies
  - Local Production

### California

Production: 0.13 Bcf/d

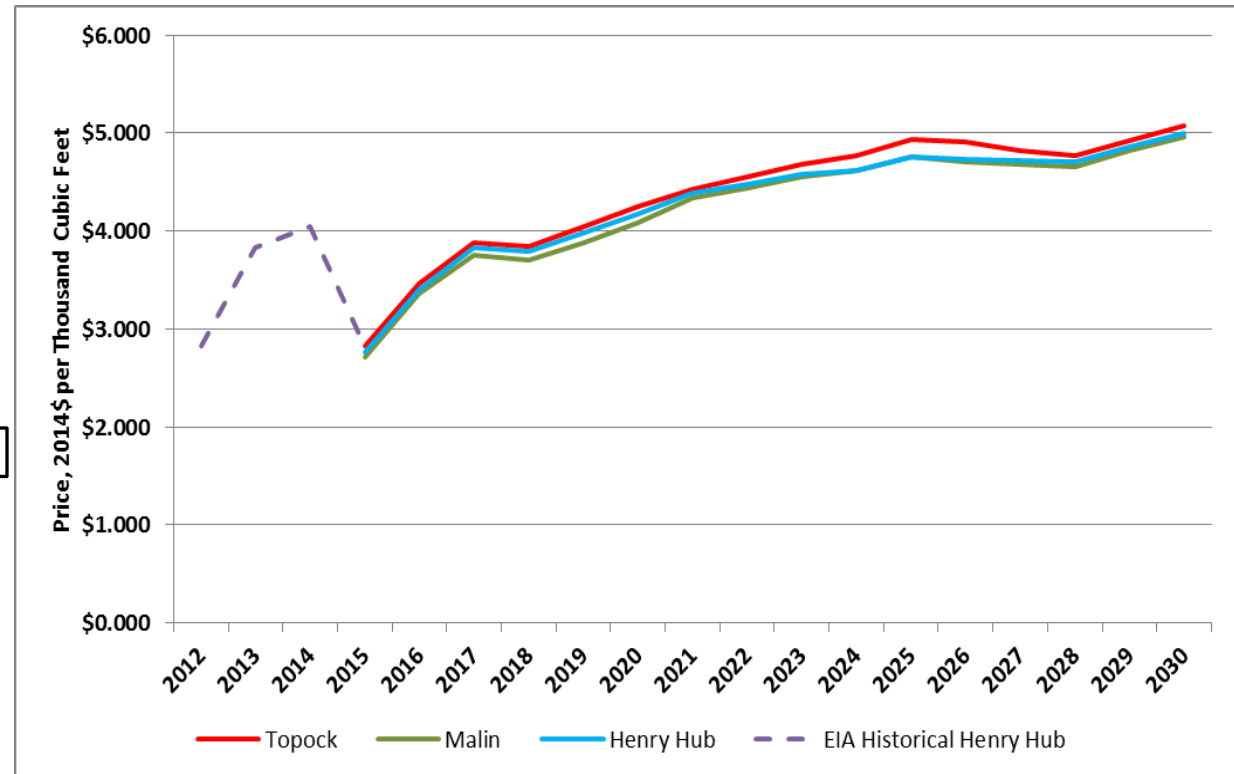
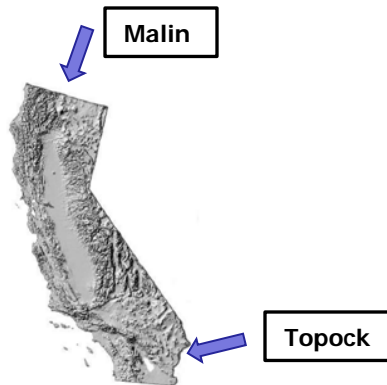
Demand: 5.52 Bcf/d



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# California Price Performance

### Price Growth Rate at Topock and Malin Hubs Parallels Henry Hub

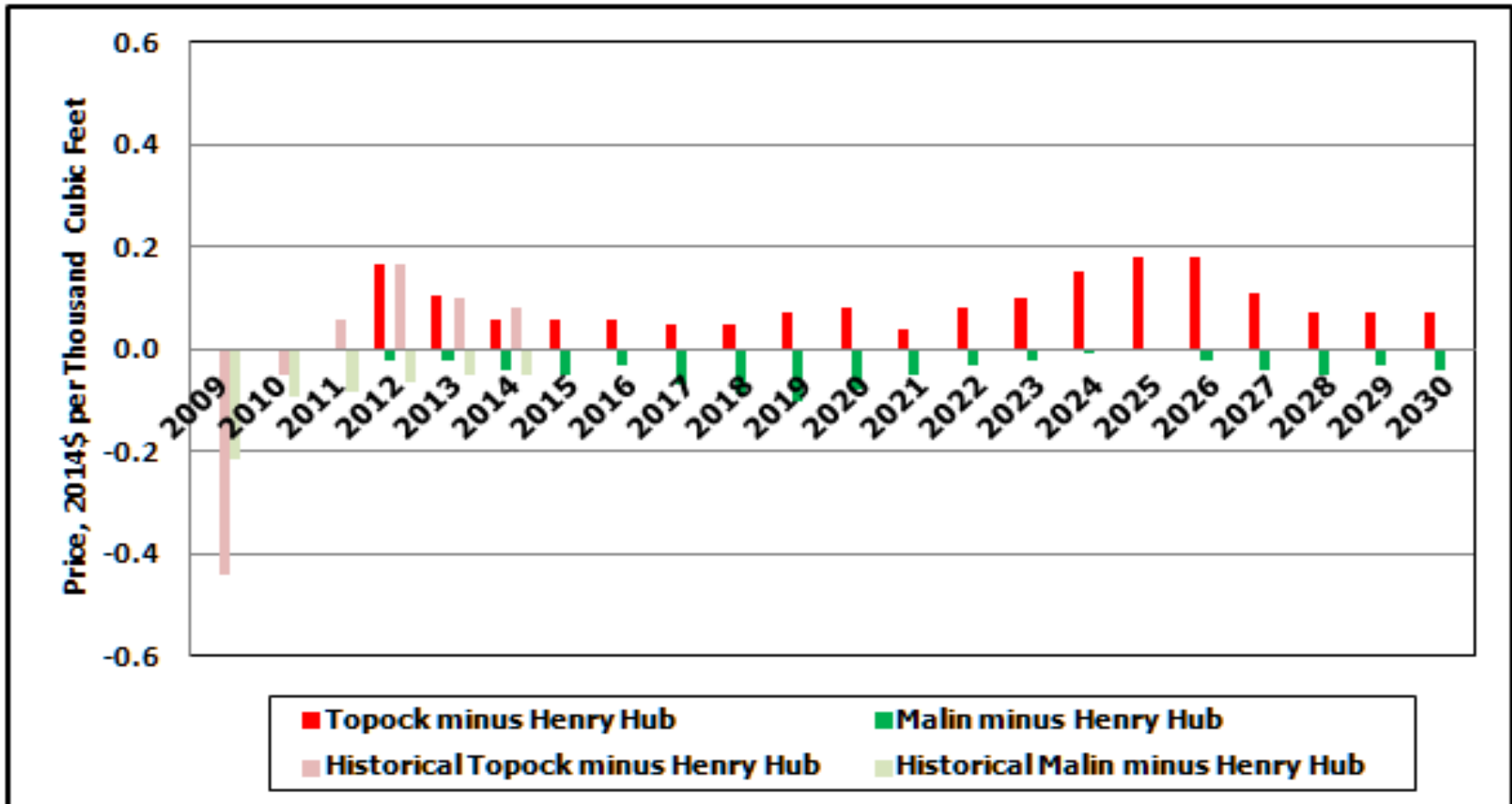


- California's gas sources and Henry Hub gas are physically separate but linked by the market influence Henry Hub has in the larger United States market.



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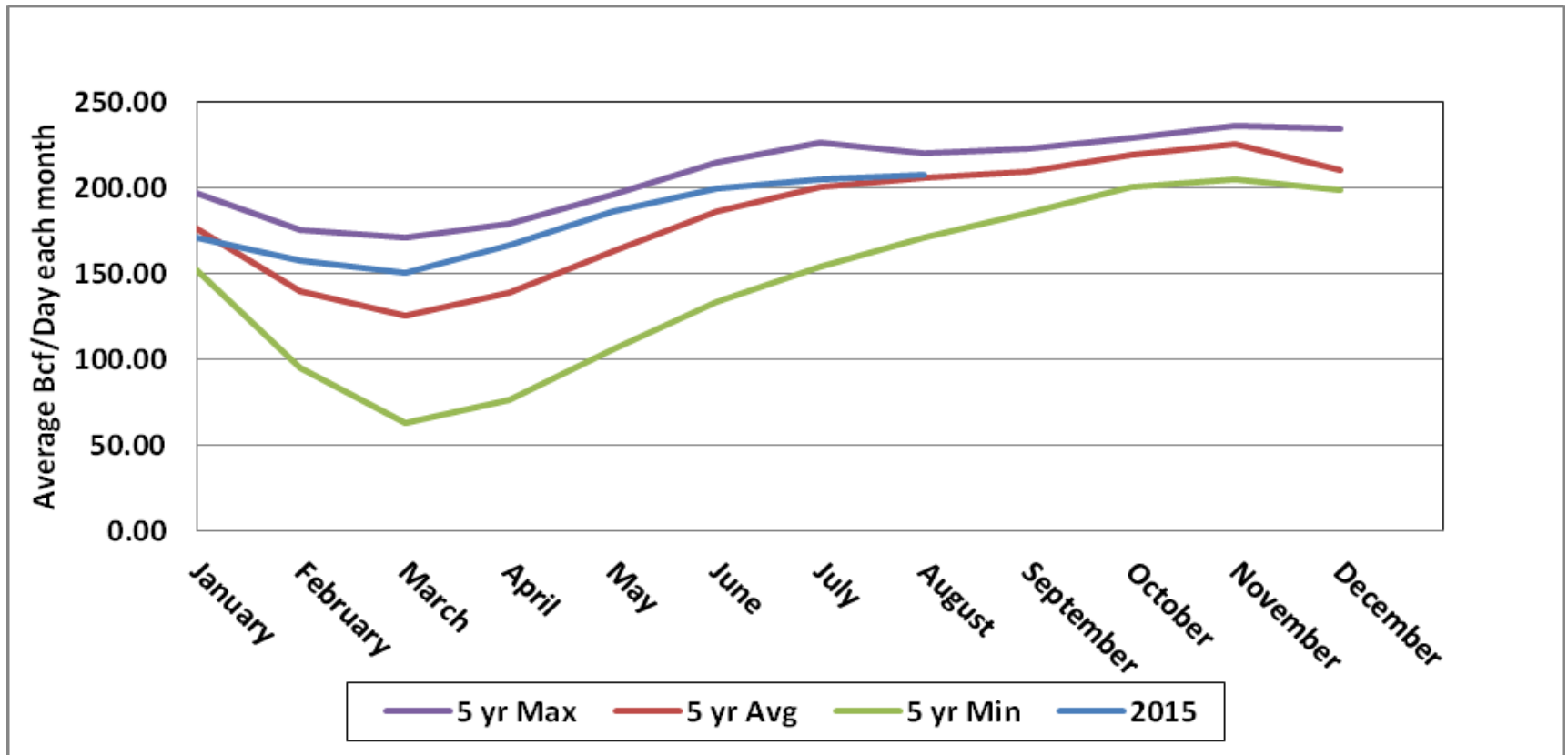
# California Price Points: Prices at Southern Border Slightly Higher Than Northern





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### California Natural Gas Storage: Aligns with the 5 Year Average for August



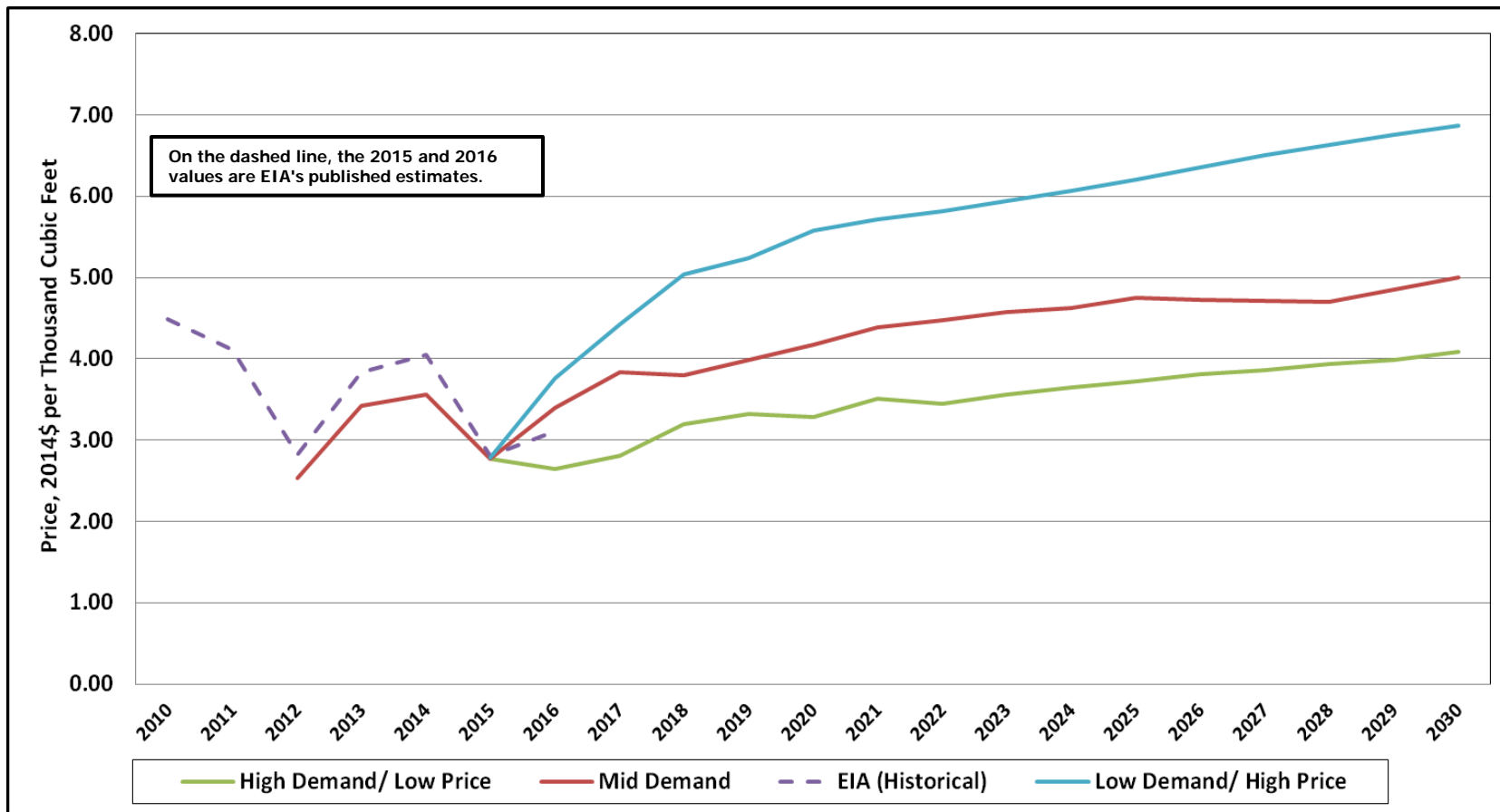


# NATIONAL PRICES AND DEMAND



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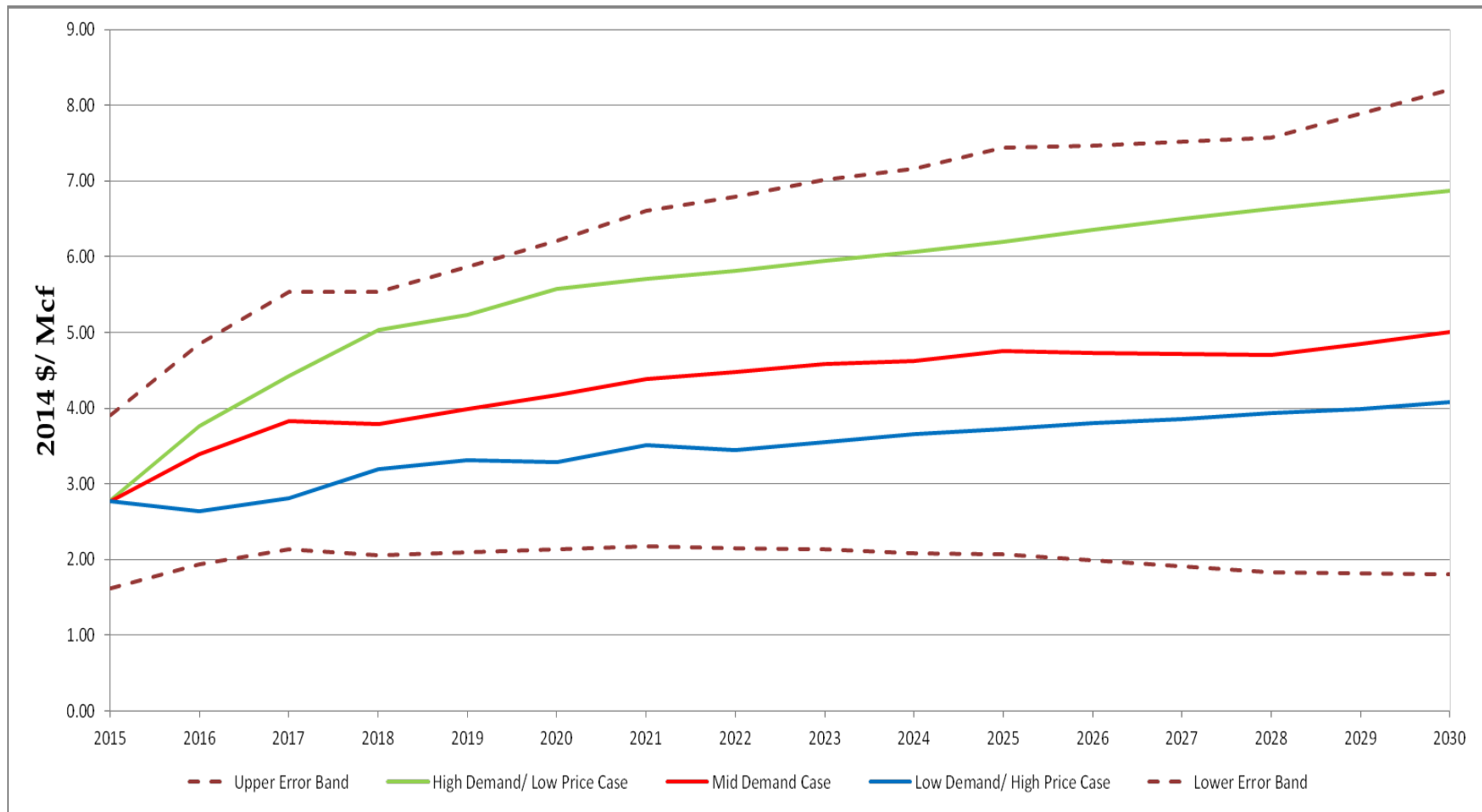
# Revised Price Results: Long term Henry Hub Prices Grow at About 2.6%





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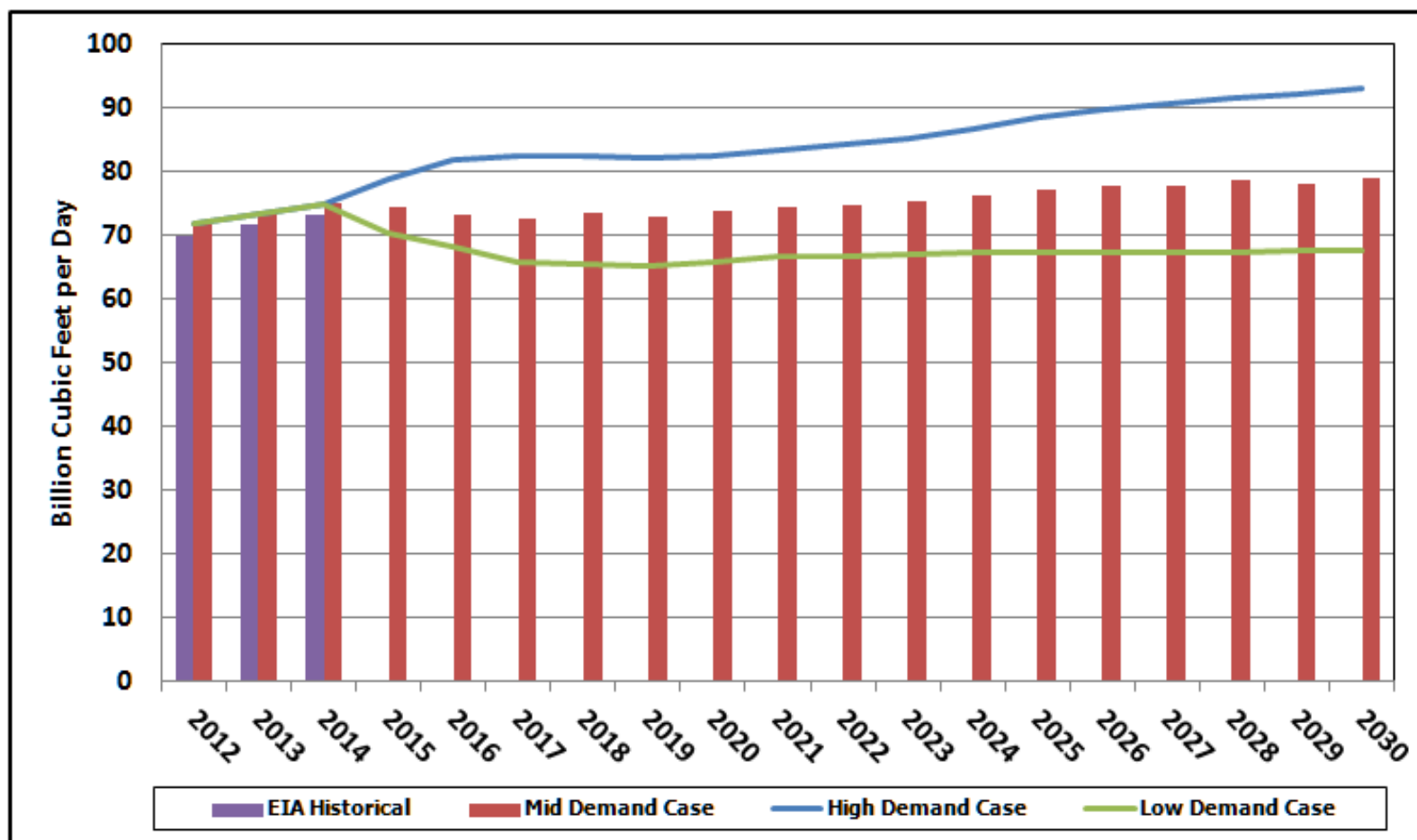
## Price Uncertainty: Single Year Prices May Range from \$8.21 to \$1.80 Mcf in 2030





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# US Total Natural Gas Demand: Cost Environment Pushing Demand Growth

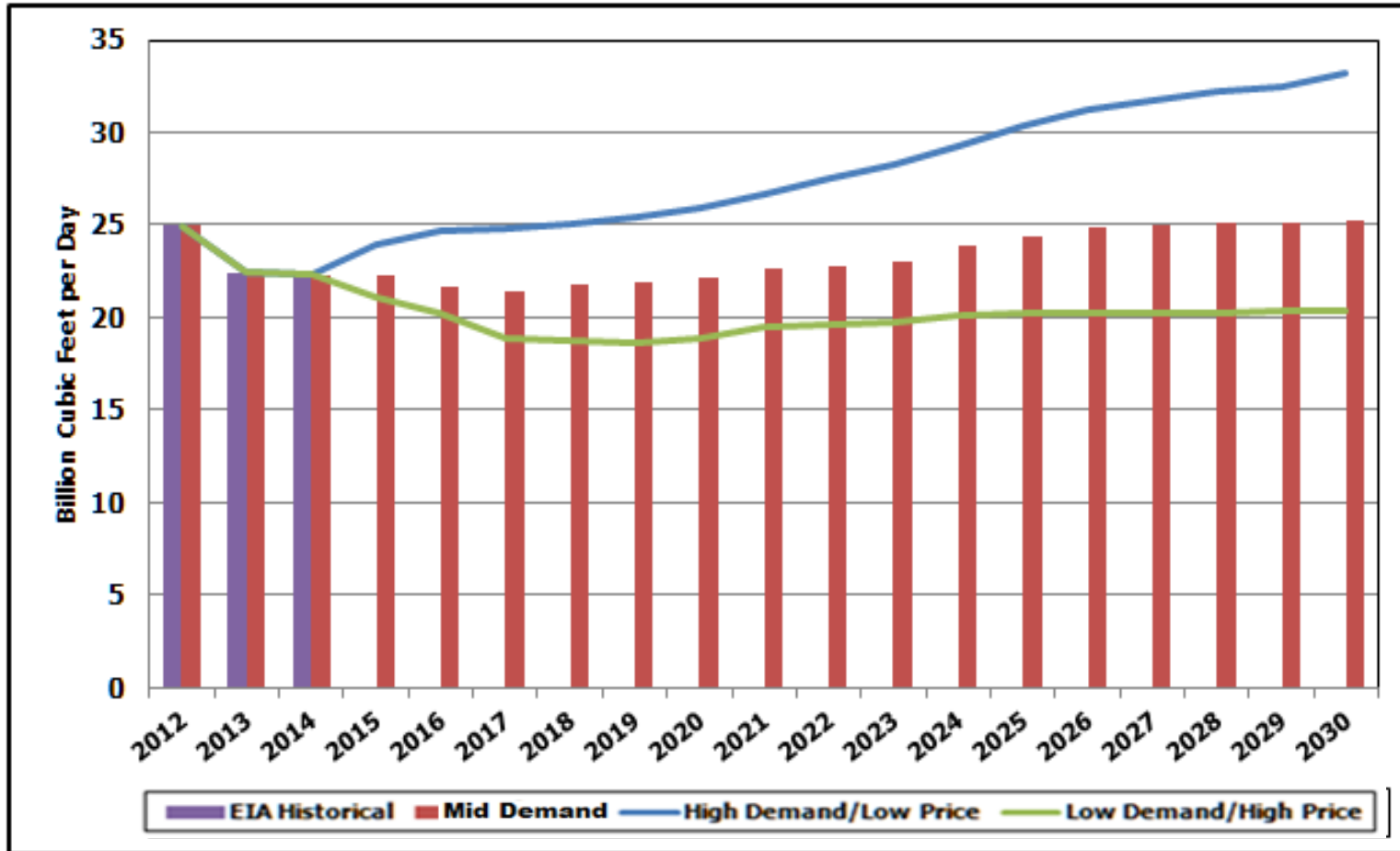






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# US Power Generation Demand for Natural Gas: Coal Switching to Gas Offset by Renewables

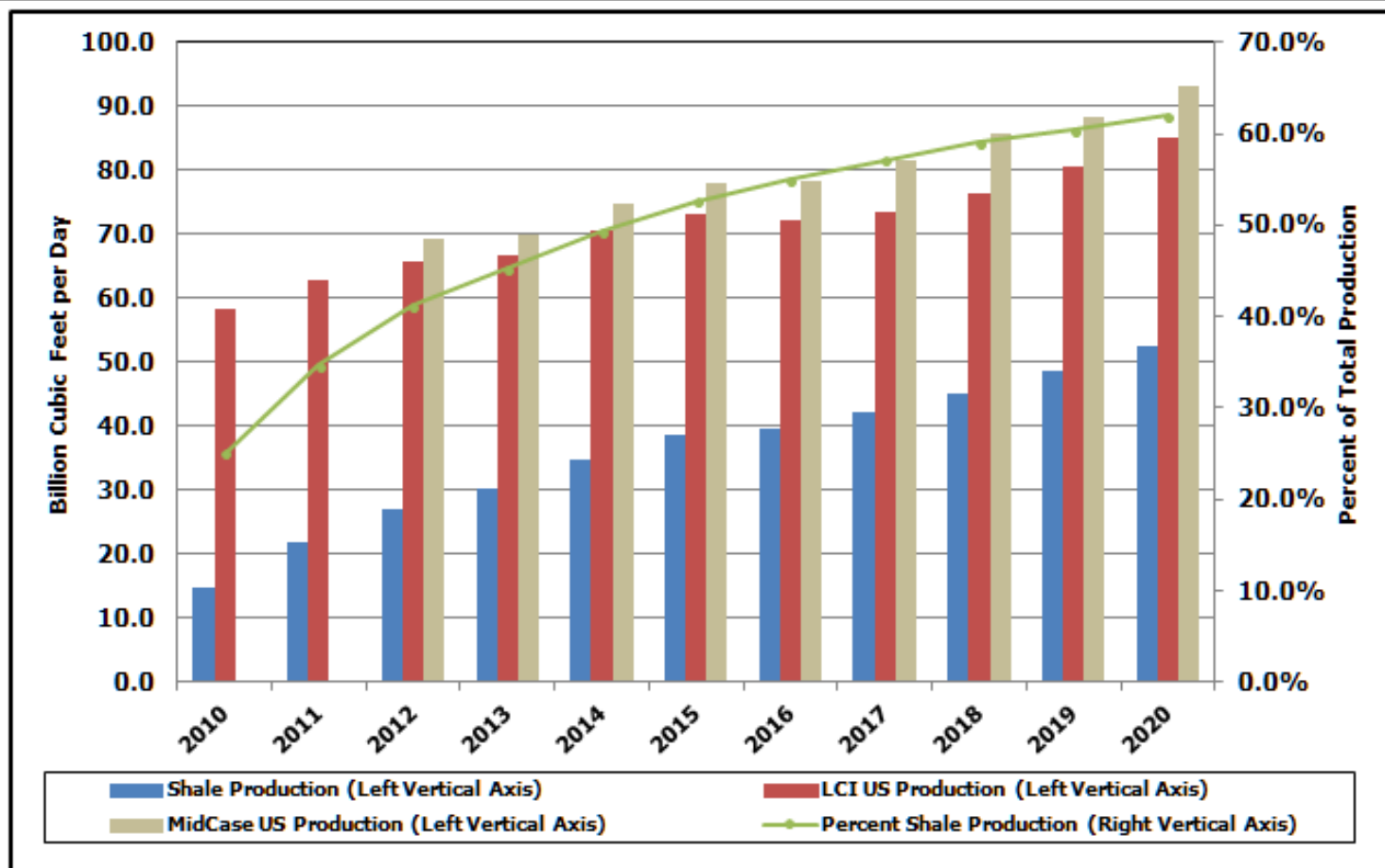




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# US Shale Gas Production:

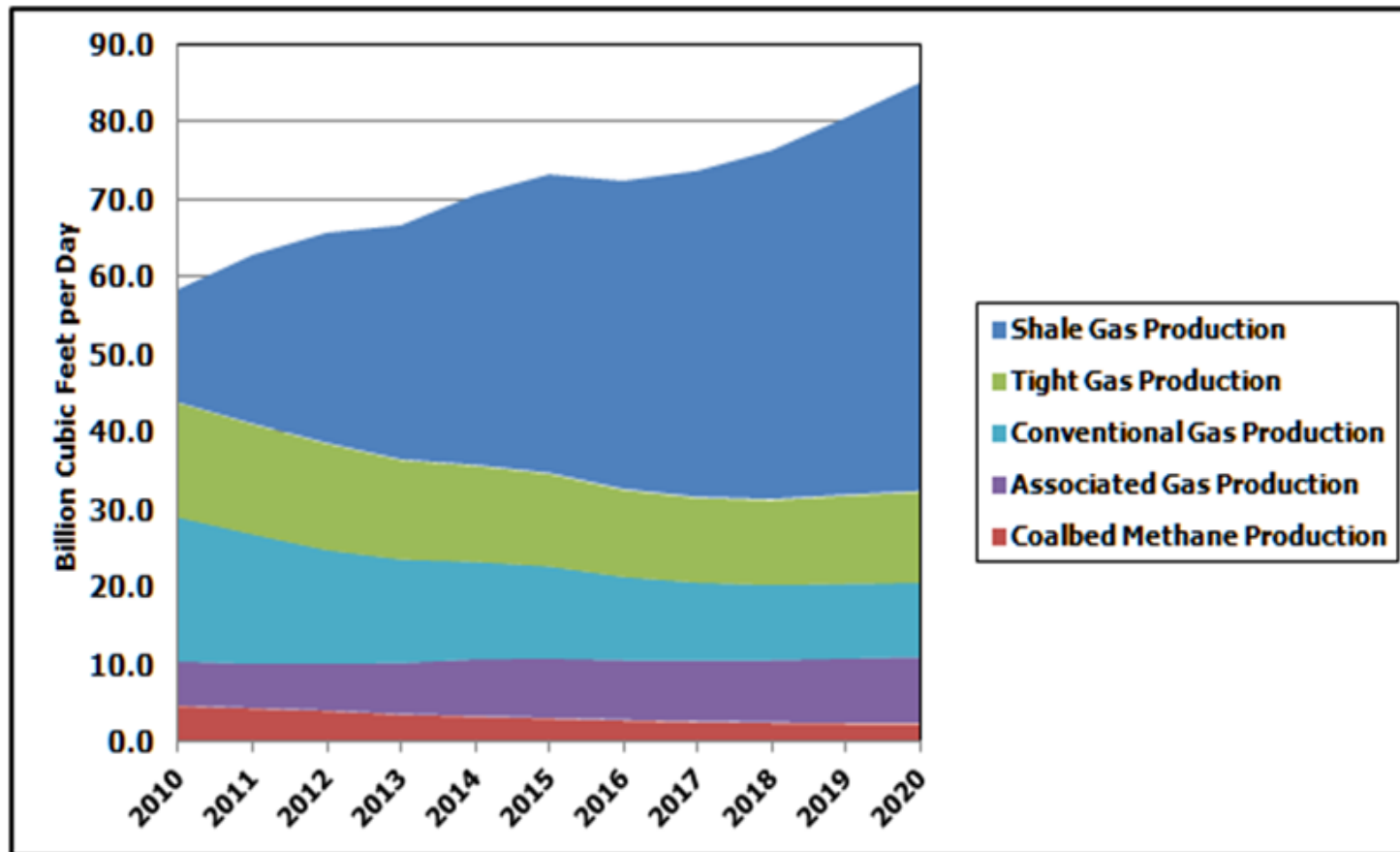
US Natural Gas Production Rising - Shale Becomes Larger Percentage of Supply Portfolio





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# Natural Gas Resources and Infrastructure: Expanding Resource Base



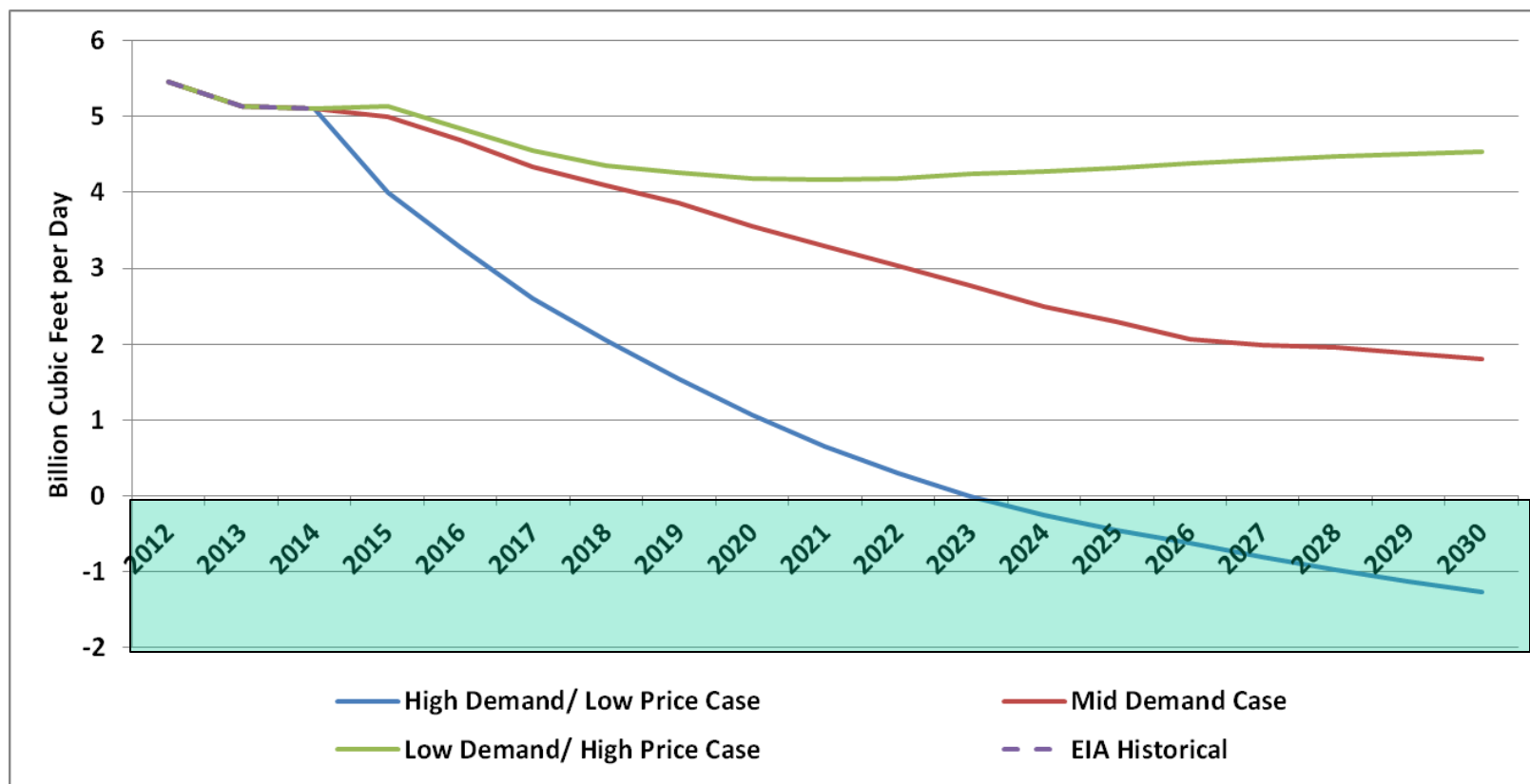


# IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND LNG



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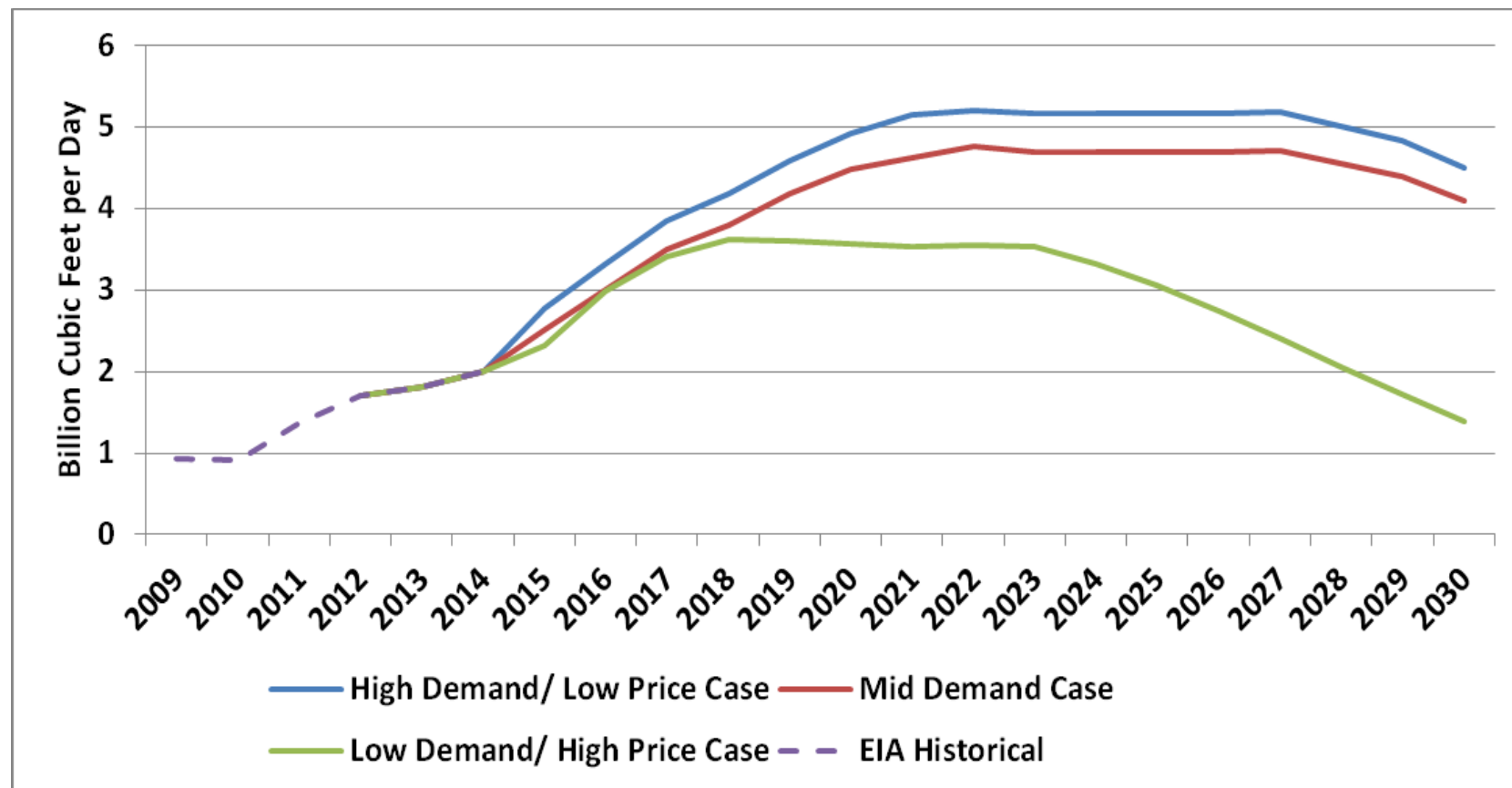
# Net Canadian Natural Gas Imports: In Low Price Case, US May Become Net Exporter to Canada





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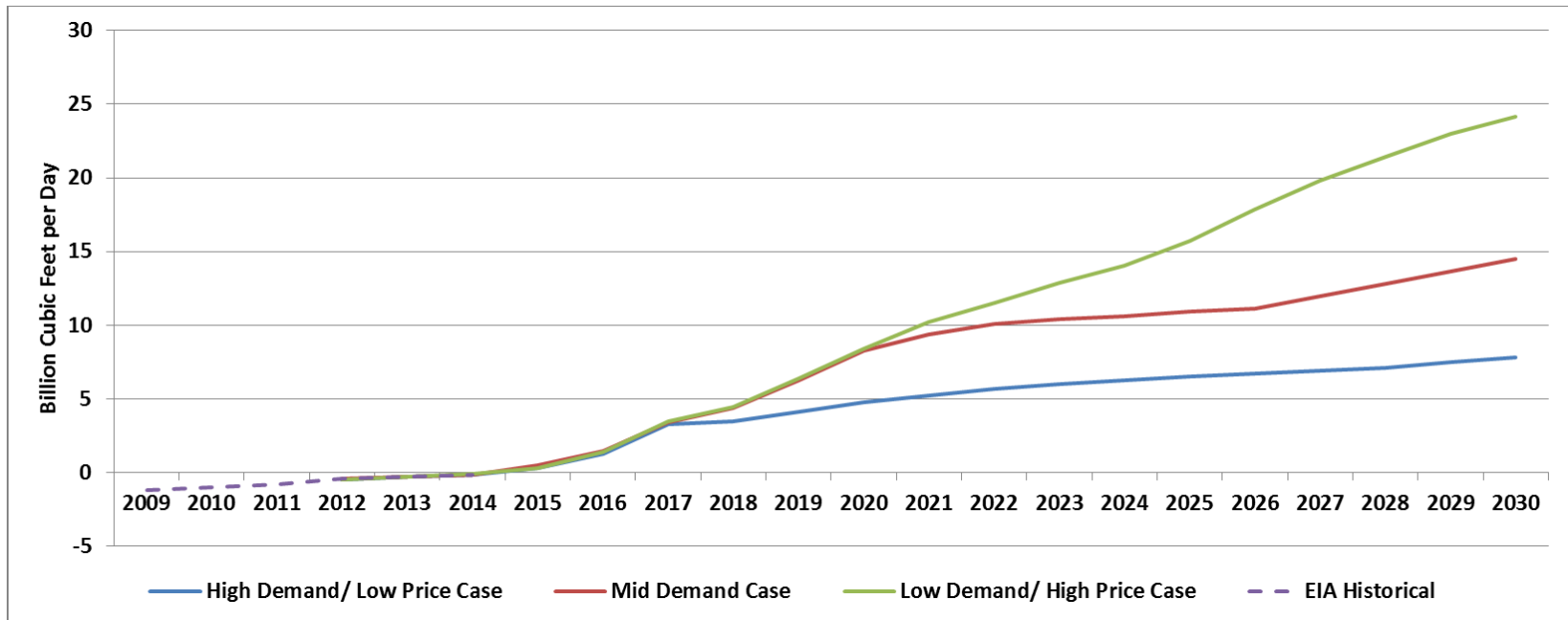
# International Results: Gas Development in Mexico Reverses US Export Trend





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### International Results: Net LNG Exports Expected to Increase



- 14 LNG liquefaction terminals approved by U.S. DOE.
- Jordan Cove LNG expecting final FERC approval by end of the year.
- Sabine Pass expected to export LNG early next year.
- Cameron LNG filing to expand LNG export capacity.



## CONCLUSIONS





# Revised Results Conclusions

- Total US natural gas demand grows at an annual rate of 1.4% between 2015 and 2030, reaching about 80 Bcf/d in the mid-case.
- Total California natural gas declines to about 5.8 bcf/d by 2030, remaining below the 2015 level.
- Implementation of renewables and energy efficiency suppresses California's total natural gas demand, declining at annual rate of 0.63% between 2015 and 2026.
- Henry Hub prices range between \$4.08 and \$6.87 (2014\$)/Mcf by 2030, representing an annual growth rate of 2.6% between 2020 and 2030.
- Coal retirements outside of California contribute to higher natural gas demand and prices.
- US exports expected to grow, including LNG, Mexico, and even possibly Canada.



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# Revised Results Common Cases

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**Questions and Comments**