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Issues Affecting Production and Refining

- Encouraging Combined Heat and Power as an energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction measure for producing and refining
- Removing pipeline access barriers to maximize California natural gas production

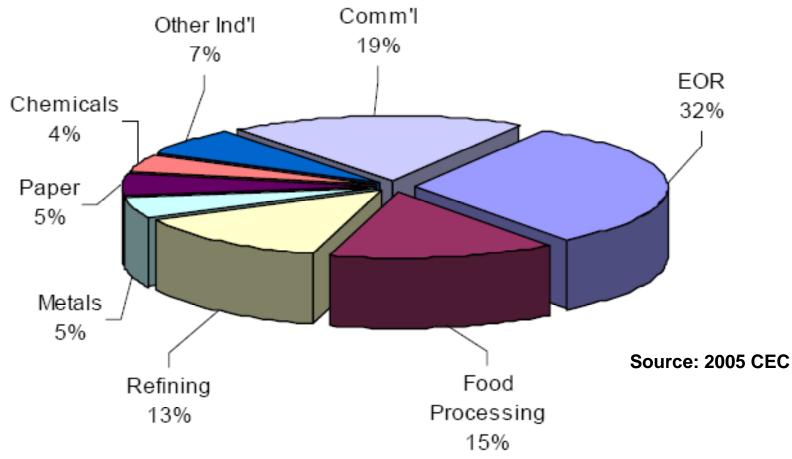


Combined Heat and Power



Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

- CHP is a key strategy in meeting AB 32 goals
- AB 32 Scoping Plan proposes to increase CHP
- CEC should continue to support polic that:
 - Retain existing CHP facilities
 - Promote new CHP development
 - Ensure that changes in renewable portforms standard do not impair CHP policy

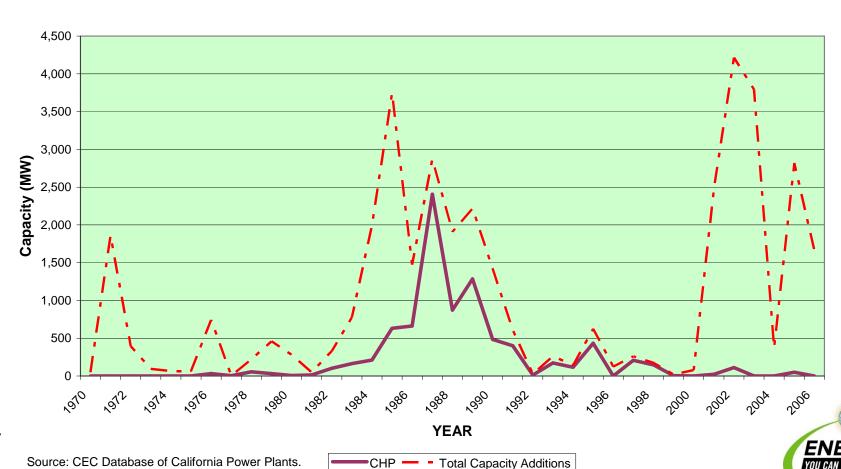




WSPA CHP Facilities

- >~2650 MW CHP capacity
 - ■PURPA response: mid-1980s to mid-1990s
 - Energy crisis response: 2002-03
- Roughly half of electricity exported
- Additional industry potential
 - •2000 MW thermally matched
 - •200 MW electrically matched
- ➤ EOR and Refinery CHP among most efficient
 - General range from 60-80% HHV (higher on LHV basis)

California Capacity Additions CHP vs Total Capacity Additions 1970 Through 2006 (in MW)



CHP Barriers

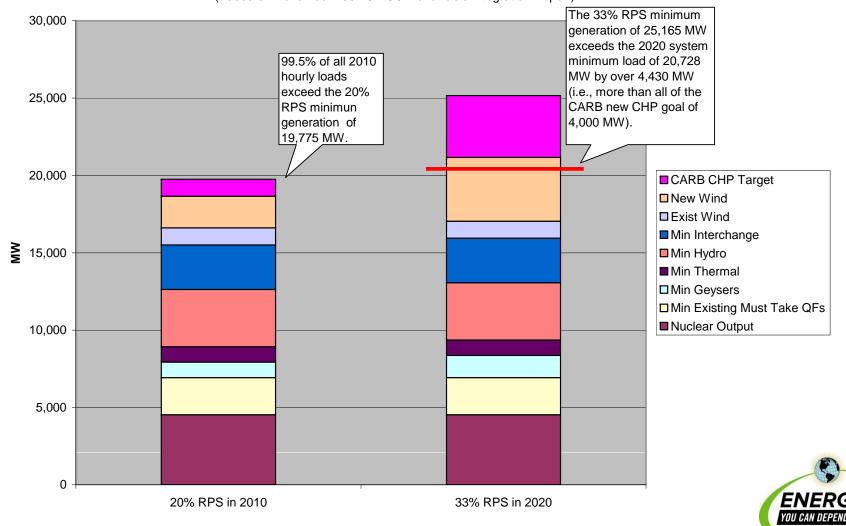
- Limited sales opportunities for excess power
 - PURPA eviscerated by EPAct 2005
 - CPUC pricing under PURPA won't bring new MWs
 - No real "market" alternatives
- ➤ Unknown GHG costs; no recovery assurance
- Utility exit fees added to customer capital costs
- Complex grid interface and interconnection rules
- >AQMD restrictions



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Illustrative Impact of Increased RPS on CAISO Over-Generation

(Based on November 2007 CAISO Renewable Integration Report)



Agency Support: CEC

- "Combined heat and power in particular offers low greenhouse gas emissions rates for electricity generation taking advantage of fuel that is already being used for other purposes...."
- "Because combined heat and power systems are located close to the load, transmission and distribution line losses are minimized, further reducing greenhouse gas impacts."



Agency Support: CPUC

- "We support the treatment of CHP as an emission reduction measure and the goal to encourage cost-effective, fuelefficient, and location-beneficial CHP."
- "In addition, new combined heat and power applications could play a large part in avoiding future greenhouse gas emissions due to the combined efficiency of the heat and power portions of the project."



Agency Support: ARB

- "ARB recommends that California take steps to encourage the development of new CHP facilities, with a target of an additional 4,000 MW of installed CHP capacity by 2020."
- "Achieving the proposed 4,000MW goal by 2020 will require that immediate and aggressive steps are taken to address [our recommendations]."
- "[T]he combination of combined heat and power (CHP) systems and energy efficiency 'makeovers' can significantly reduce the carbon footprint of existing commercial



Retain Existing CHP Generation

- Stop Utility Efforts to Unwind CHP Prices Retroactively
- Protect Existing Generation Against EPAct 2005 Termination
- Provide a Commercially Viable Standard Offer Contract
 - Include greenhouse gas cost recovery



Promote New CHP Generation

- Establish new state CHP policy
 - Supply-side energy efficiency portfolio standard
 - ■PURPA-like program
 - Feed-in tariff
- Ensure prices support new development
- Minimize exit fees for CHP



Coordinate RPS and CHP

- Policies

 Many CHP plants must deliver 24/7 to meet thermal demand
 - ➤ CAISO data suggests growing overgeneration during minimum load hours as RPS mandate increases
 - Need to examine "must take" stack during minimum load in coordination with enhancing RPS policy

Natural Gas Pipeline Access





California Natural Gas: Pipeline

- Access Long history of dialogue over quality issues for California produced gas
 - After years of debate, producers and SoCalGas are still unable to resolve two key quality issues
 - ■Sampling interval for non-H₂S constituents
 - CARB NGV standard as pipeline specification
 - Lack of resolution creates uncertainty and can result in lower production levels and increased flaring

Non- H₂S Constituent Quality

- Sampling
 Historically SoCalGas used monthly composite sampling
 - In recent years SoCalGas installed gas chromatographs at most interconnections
 - If two 4-minute samples show deviation from specifications, the producer is shut-in
 - No materiality standard
 - > The result is increased, unnecessary flaring to avoid shut-in

Application of CARB 6 NGV Standard

- Standard

 CARB 6 NGV standard, to the extent applicable, was intended to address the quality of natural gas dispensed at the pump
 - CARB provided and renewed "Research Exemption Waivers" allowing methane number spec
 - CPUC declined expressly in 2006 and 2007 to apply CARB 6 as a pipeline specification
 - Despite CPUC ruling, SoCalGas has applied one element of CARB 6 to California producers: 6% ethane limit

Application of ethane limit restricts delivery flexibility