Electricity and the Economy
A Co-op’s Perspective

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TRI-STATE G&T

- Consumer-owned, not-for-profit wholesale power supplier to 44 member co-ops
- Member systems serve approximately 1.5 million customers
- 200,000 square miles of service territory
- 5,200 miles of transmission
- Own all or part of 12 generation plants in 4 states
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- Capital assets = $4.2 billion
- Annual revenues = $1.2 billion
- Full-time employees = 1,200
Supply resources:

- Base load coal resources - 1,867 MW
- Intermediate and peaking load natural gas resources - 757 MW
- Renewable energy - 845 MW
- Contracts, non-resource specific - 467 MW

Total - 3,936 MW
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- Affordability
- Reliability
- Economic sustainability
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- Initiatives
  - Improving existing fleet
  - Future generation planning
  - Transmission development
  - Renewable energy
  - Energy efficiency
  - Managing regulatory risk
    - GHG
    - Utility MACT
    - Coal ash
CHALLENGES

- Maintaining balanced portfolio
- Transmission siting
- Tightening environmental regs
- Complex public processes
- Keeping electricity affordable
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• Since Tri-State’s board members, system managers and employees live in rural America, they understand the value of, and relationship to, affordable electricity and economic sustainability.
Affordability Campaign

- Board committed resources for five years to emphasize importance of affordable electricity
- Several facets
  - Advertising
  - Education
  - Developing and leveraging new relationships and partners
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ENERGY EFFICIENCY