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VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

RATE DESIGN INITIATIVE / DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES STUDY

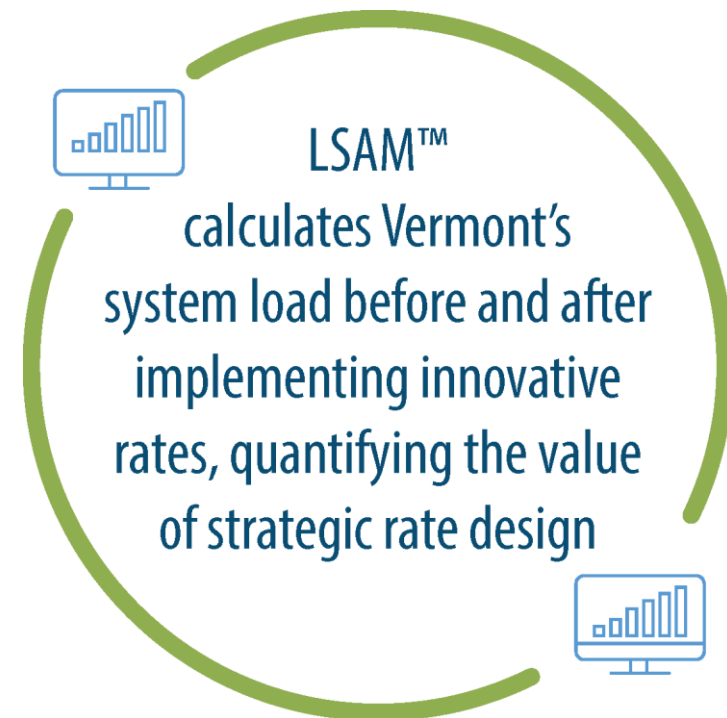
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING #3

NewGen
Strategies & Solutions

VERMONT RATE DESIGN INITIATIVE

LSAM™ AND THE VT RATE DESIGN INITIATIVE

- LSAM™ allows iteration of input assumptions to evaluate a multitude of future states of the electric market in Vermont
 - Future electric usage will vary vis-à-vis market forces, decarbonization, and technology adoption
- LSAM™ allows the user to manage system peaks through
 - Electric rates to send price signals to manage load
 - Static and dynamic rate design
 - Behavioral change, technology adoption, or both
 - Directly manage load through flex capacity
 - Controllable flex load “calls”, timing and duration



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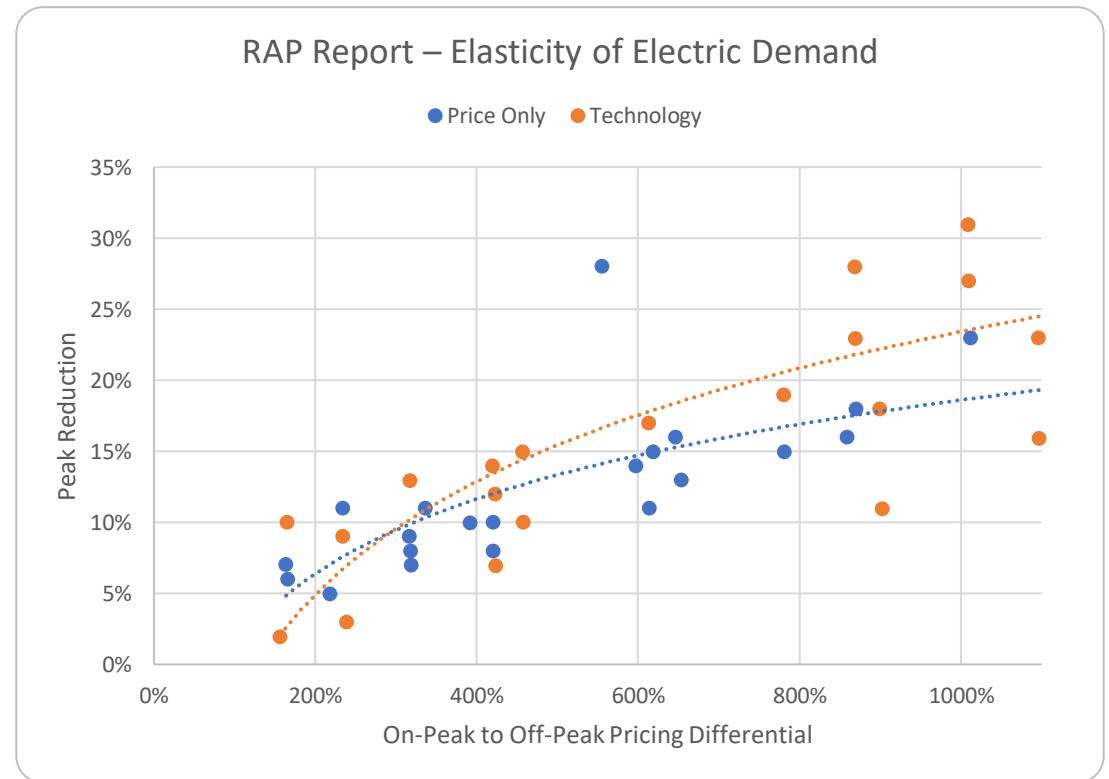
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- Updated demand elasticity
- Carbon accounting refinement
- “Dynamic” rate design
- Increased detail on Utility Cost Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Increased model functionality from stakeholder feedback

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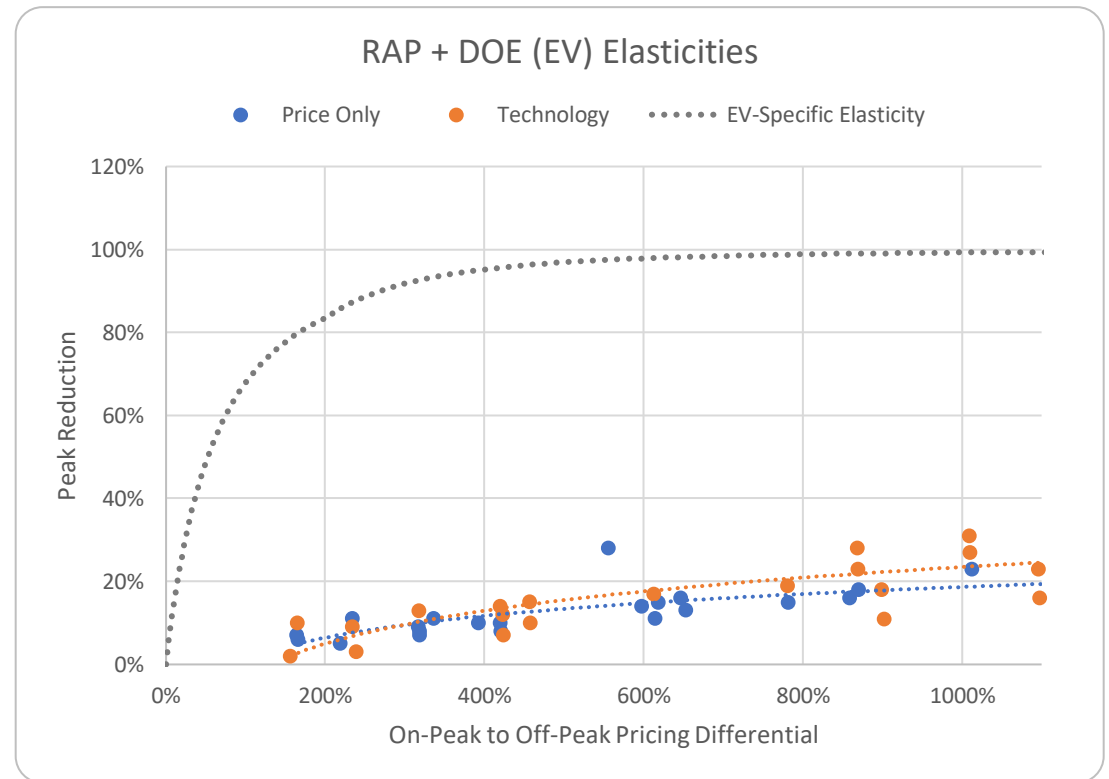
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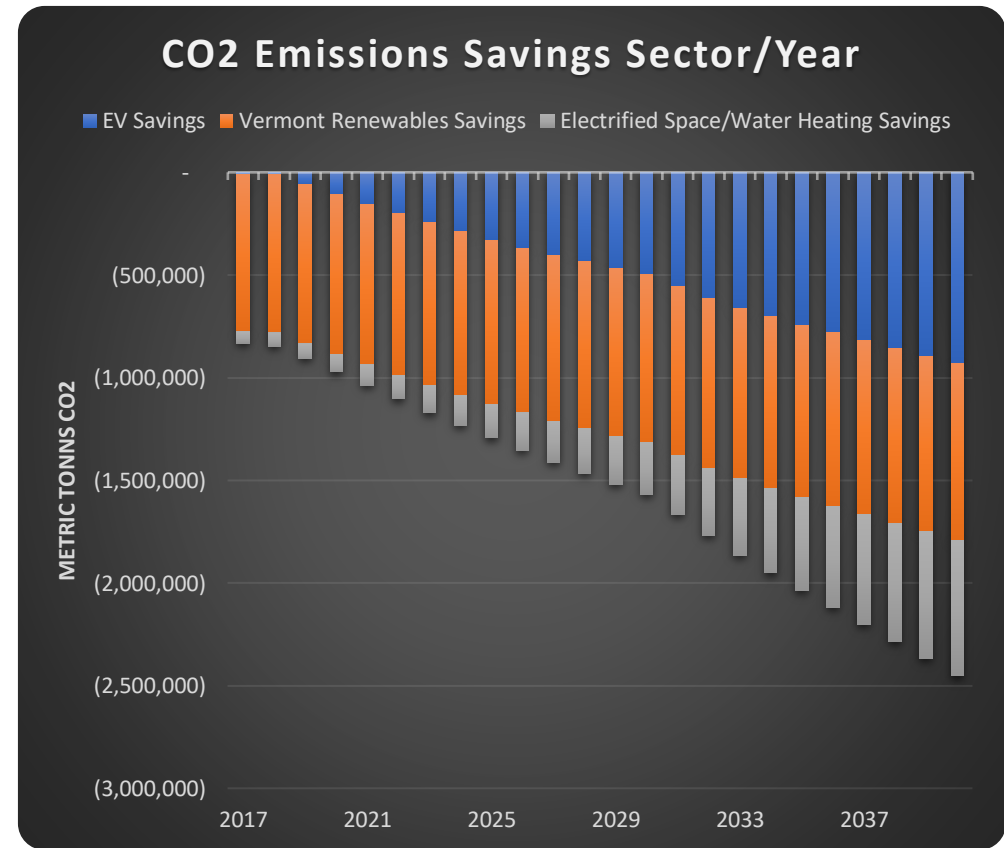
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 - EV short-run elasticity is assumed to be substantially greater, per Department of Energy (DOE) EV Project



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- Carbon accounting refinement
 - Feedback from EAN Vermont
 - Increased detail on accounting for current space / water heating fuel portfolio
 - Feedback from Biomass Energy Resource Center (BERC)



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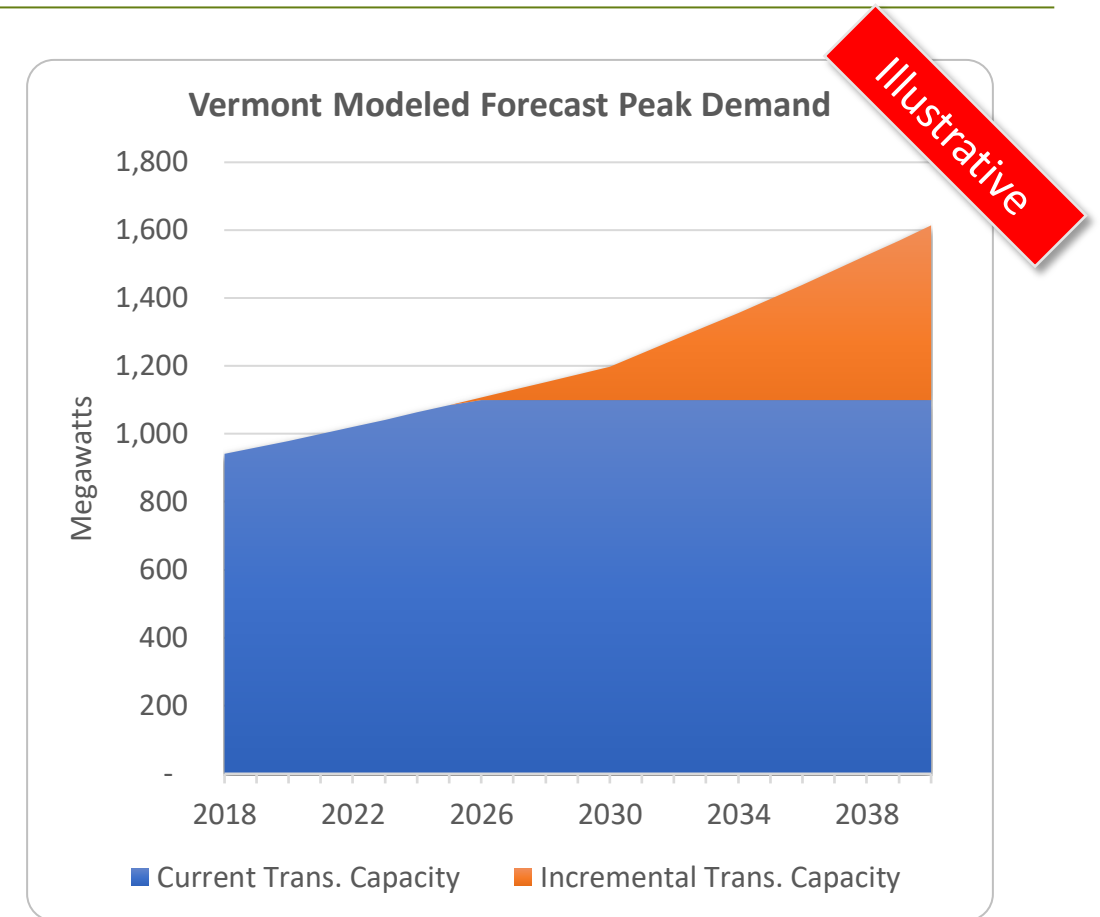
- Dynamic rate design
 - Critical Peak Pricing (CPP)
 - Regional Network Service (RNS) annual capacity costs moved into an energy rate to be “called” by the model user up to 60 times in a modeled year
 - Real-Time Pricing
 - Passes-through 2018 actual ISO-NE hourly Day-Ahead energy charges to the customer
- Rate design is separated for EV and non-EV load

Rate Design Policy		Rate Design Policy Options		
Non-EV Rate Strategy	Current	Current	Static/TOU	RTP
EV Rate Strategy	Static/TOU	Current	Static/TOU	
Critical Peak Pricing	On	On	Off	

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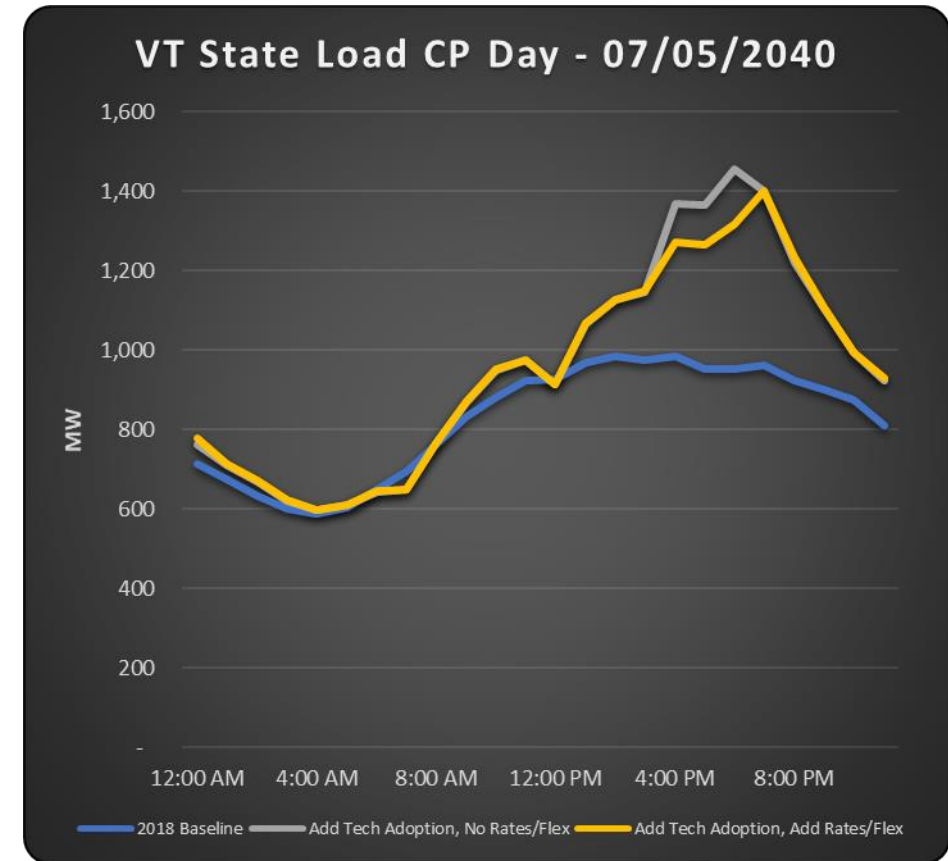
- Increased detail on Utility Cost KPIs
 - RNS-Related Bulk Transmission Costs
 - Embedded costs – current RNS rate forecast from Vermont Department of Public Service (PSD)
 - Marginal costs – for incremental system peaks above 1,100 MW
 - VELCO providing feedback on \$/MW of new capacity above embedded costs / RNS rate
 - Incremental Distribution Capacity Costs
 - Feedback from GMP and VEC on costs of substantial new load on distribution system



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- Increased model functionality from stakeholder feedback
 - New inputs
 - New rate implementation assumptions: % of customers participating in new rate
 - Discrete EV adoption inputs, % of vehicles that are EV in 2030 and 2040
 - Discrete electric combined cooling, heat and power (CCHP) and heat pump hot water inputs (kWh/yr and % adoption)
- Incremental impacts of rates / flex load:
 - 2018 baseline
 - Including Tech but no rates / flex load
 - Including Tech but with rates / flex load



VERMONT RATE DESIGN INITIATIVE – WORKSHOP 3

- Introduction
- Panel Discussion 1
 - Policymaking and planning in the context of VT electric market evolution
- NewGen presentation on LSAM™ modeling and innovative rate design
- Panel Discussion 2
 - Implementation challenges of electric rate innovation



PANEL DISCUSSION 1

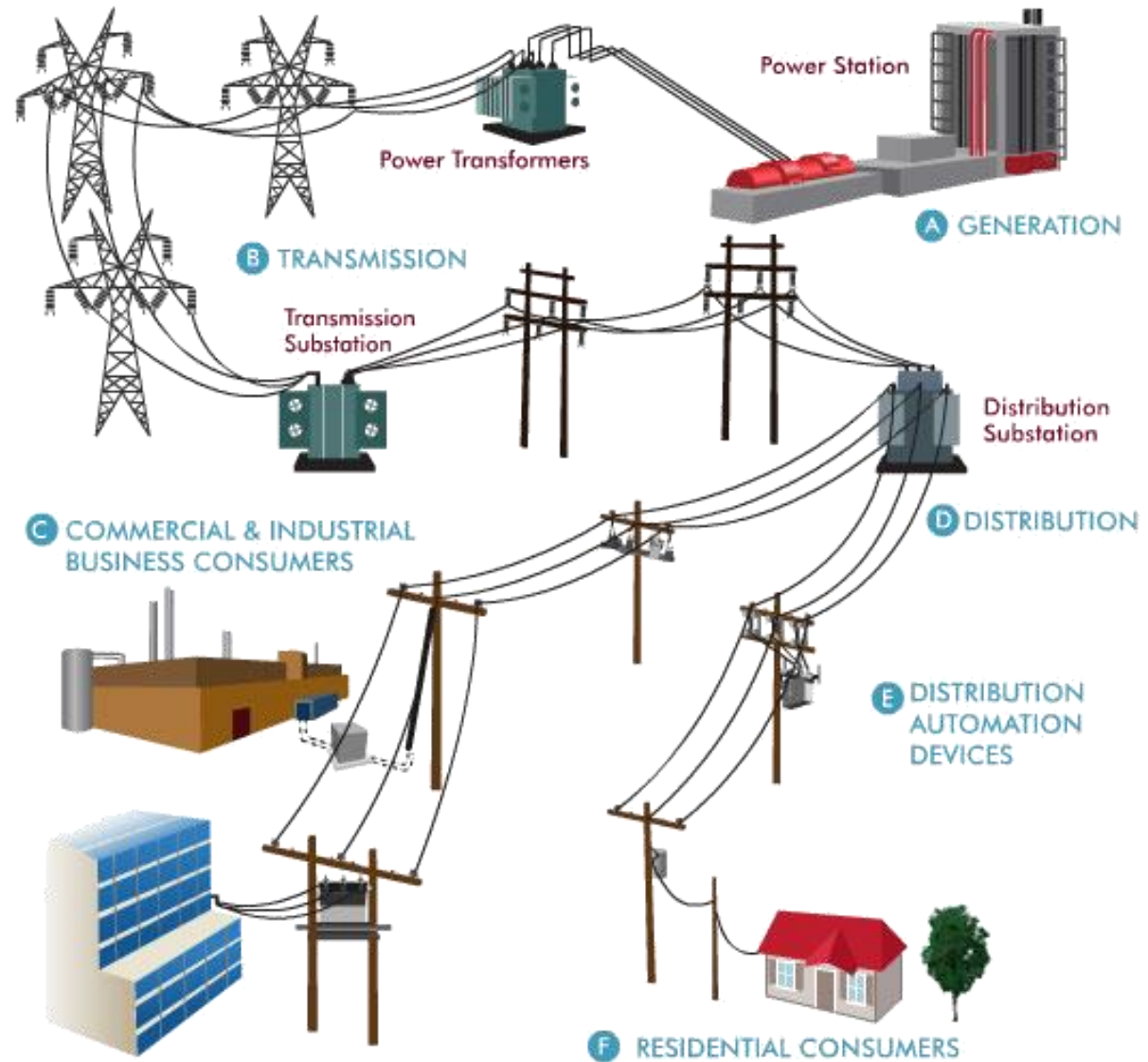
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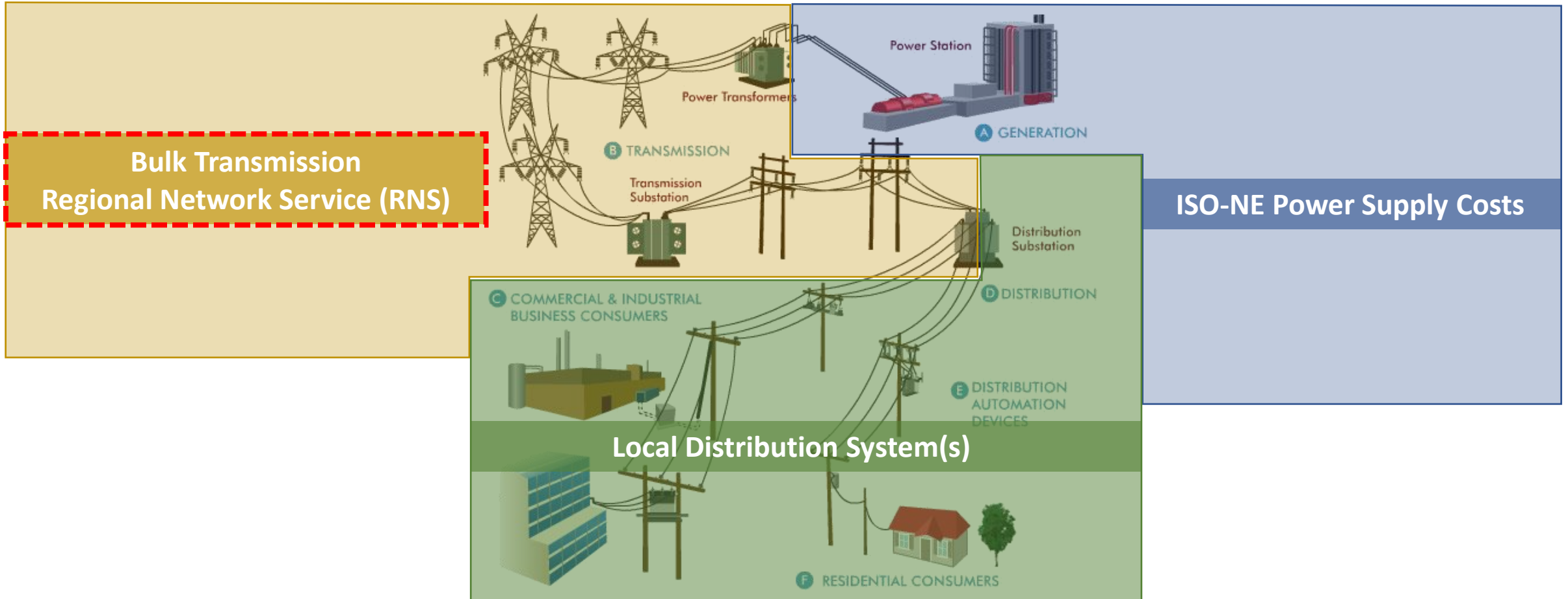
DYNAMIC RATES AND FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING FUTURE OPTIONS

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UTILITIES INCUR COSTS DIFFERENTLY BY UTILITY FUNCTION

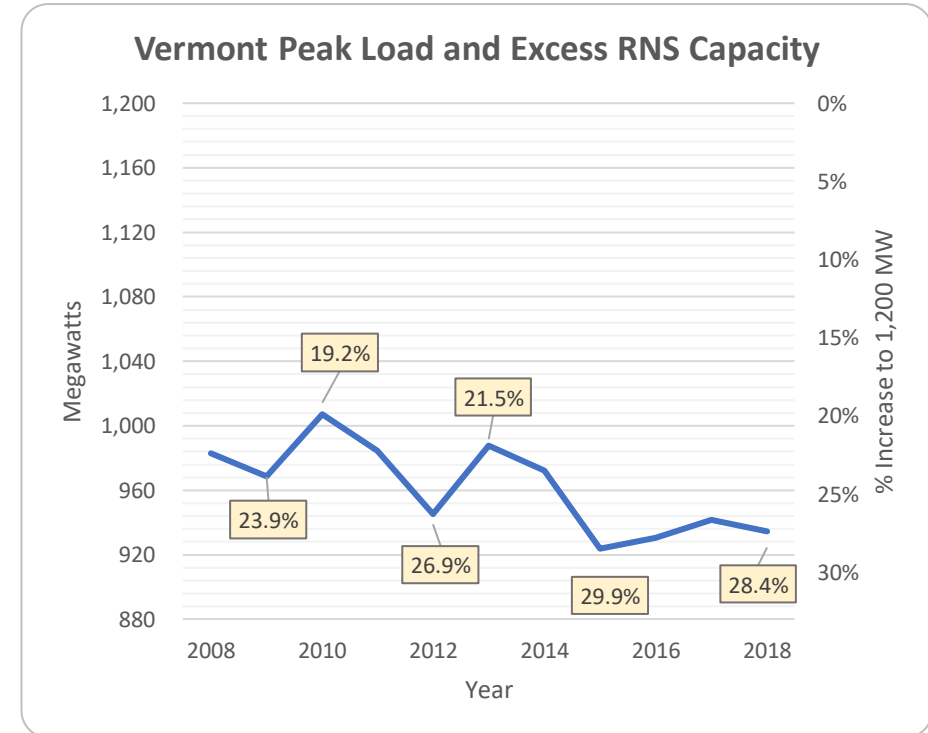


OVERVIEW OF LSAM™ “UTILITY COST KPIS”



REGIONAL NETWORK SERVICE (BULK TRANSMISSION)

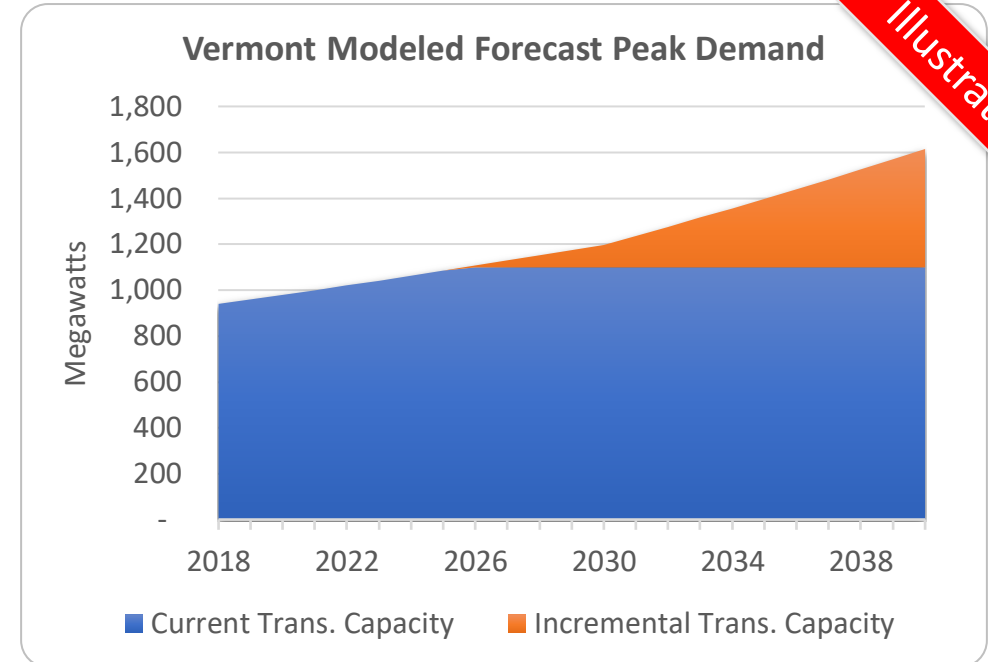
- Bulk Transmission is pooled in New England
 - Vermont is charged for average of state's aggregate peak load per month
- Future RNS costs depend on several factors:
 - Total transmission costs in pool
 - Regional transmission rate design
 - Vermont load



VELCO: Vermont's system can handle ~1,200 MW without new investment, but for long-term planning, new investment is needed in the 1,100-1,150 MW range

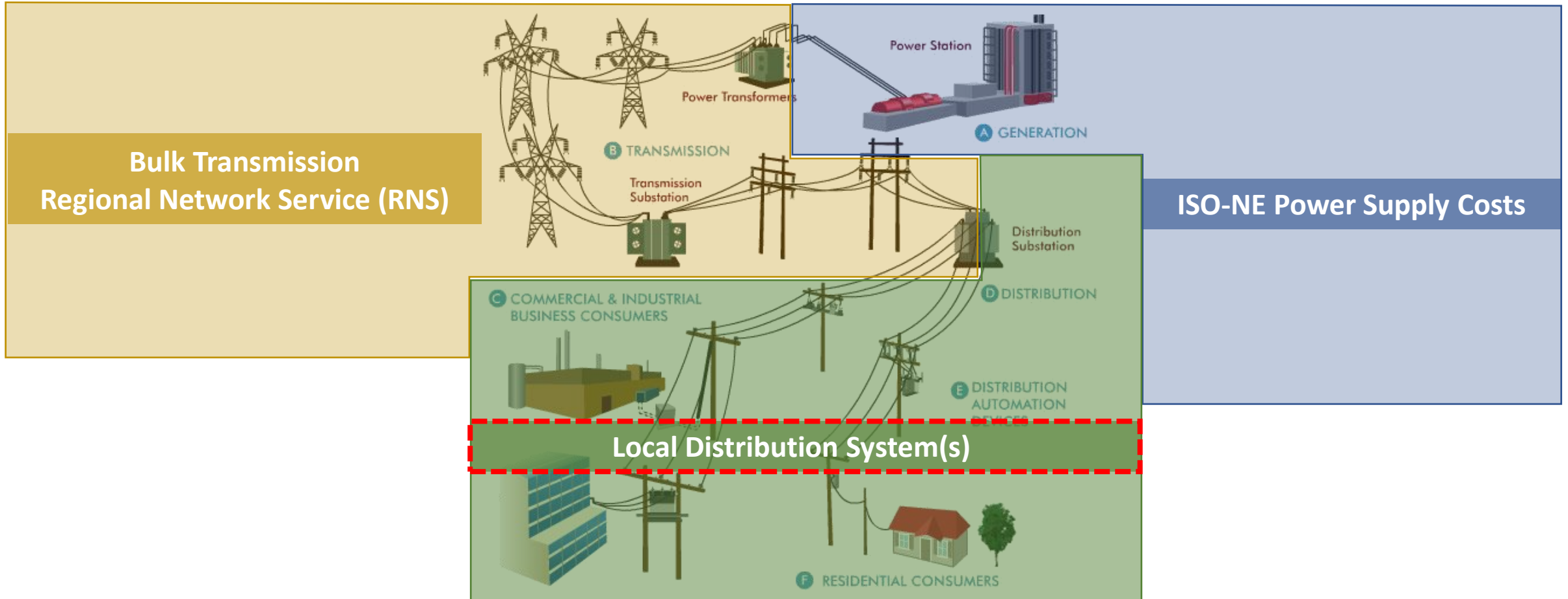
REGIONAL NETWORK SERVICE (BULK TRANSMISSION)

- For this study, we assume the regional transmission pool = Vermont
 - Capacity has headroom (~28%)
 - Transmission rate design remains constant
- Vermont load incurs transmission costs in two ways:
 - Load <1,100 MW billed forecast RNS rate
 - Load >1,100 MW billed incremental \$/MW
 - Assumed \$94/kW-year from updated screening tool values used for Efficiency Vermont, which was comparable to VELCO levelized cost



VELCO: Vermont's system is built for ~1,200 MW without new investment, but due to long-term nature of transmission planning, new transmission costs would begin in the 1,100-1,150 range

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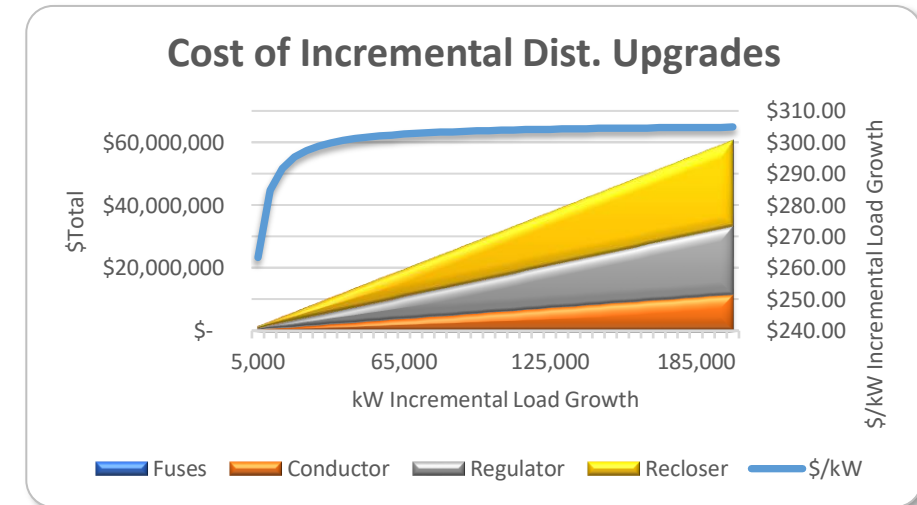
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GMP Data

Dist. Element	\$/Overload
Fuses	\$400
Conductor ¹	\$9,470
Regulator	\$130,000
Recloser	\$50,000

1. Conductor is priced \$200k/mi, with each overloaded conductor event equating to 250 ft. of conductor



- Cost estimate currently under further review
- Cost does not currently include cost of upgrading nearly all poll transformers, currently <10 kVA
 - ~\$1,400/transformer, ~1,000 transformers on 10 evaluated circuits

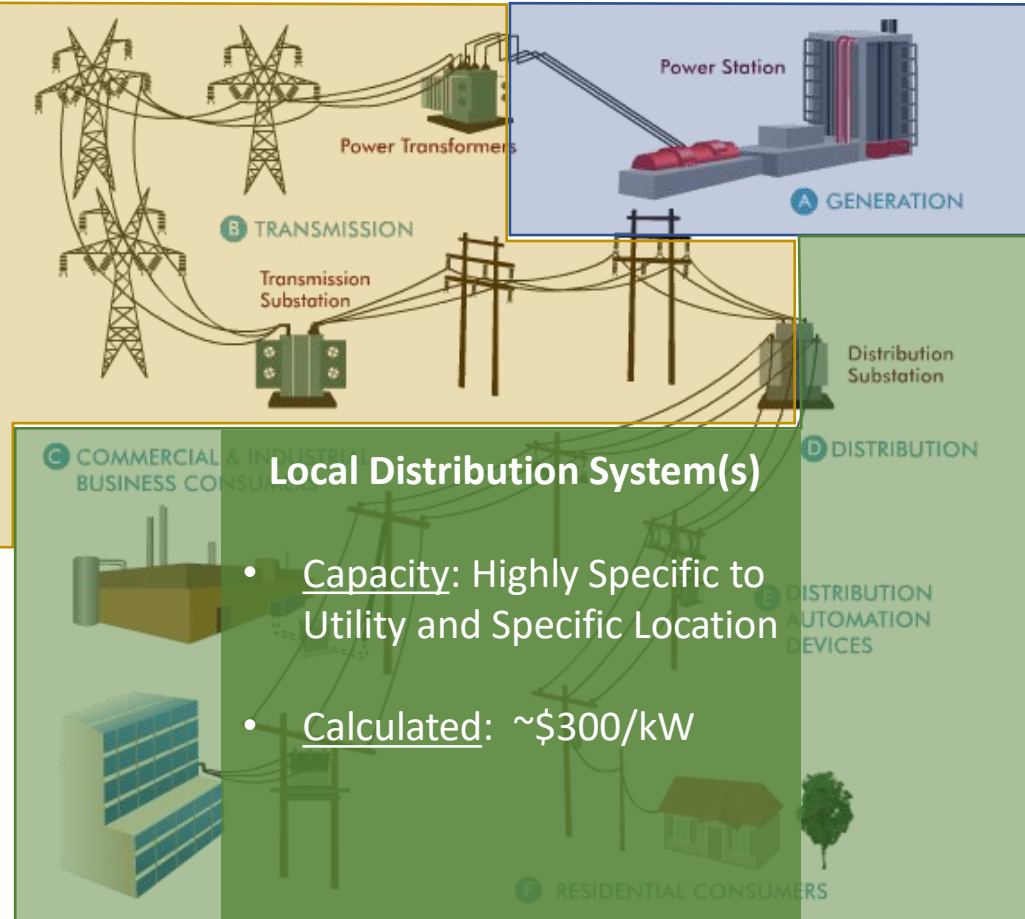
REFINED “UTILITY COST KPIS” FOR LSAM

Bulk Transmission Regional Network Service (RNS)

- Embedded Capacity:
~\$110-\$200/kW-yr
Avg. of 12 Monthly Peaks
- Incremental Capacity:
\$94/kW-yr >1,100 (2020)

Important Note:

LSAM Utility Cost KPIs
do not make up the
entirety of VT utilities’
revenue requirements



ISO-NE Power Supply Costs

- Energy: ~\$0.03-\$0.07/kWh
Depending on Timing
- RES Compliance: ~\$1.50-\$12.00/MWh over period
- Capacity: ~\$6-\$7/kWh
During 1 ISO-NE CP Hour

CALCULATING “UTILITY COST KPIS” FOR LSAM

Component	Billing Determinants and Forecast Cost Basis
ISO-NE Capacity	VT Demand during ISO-NE CP Time x Forecast Forward Capacity Price
ISO-NE Energy	All Purchased Energy from ISO-NE x Forecast All-In Energy Rate
RES Compliance Costs	All Purchased Energy from ISO-NE x RES % x Forecast REC Price
RNS Capacity (Embedded Costs)	Average Total VT Monthly Peak Demand x Forecast RNS Capacity Rate
Incremental Bulk Transmission Cost	Incremental Annual Peak Demand (>1,100MW) x Incremental Trans. Cost
Incremental Distribution Cost	Incremental Annual Peak Demand (>2018 Baseline) x ~\$300/kW + infl.

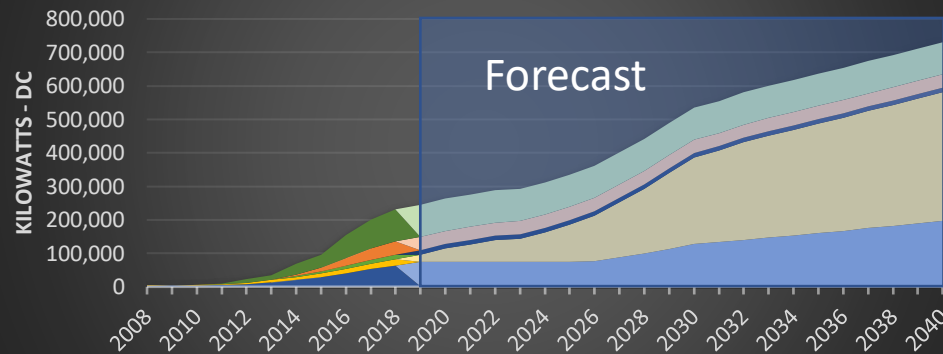
LSAM™ SCENARIO ANALYSIS – KEY ASSUMPTIONS/OUTPUTS

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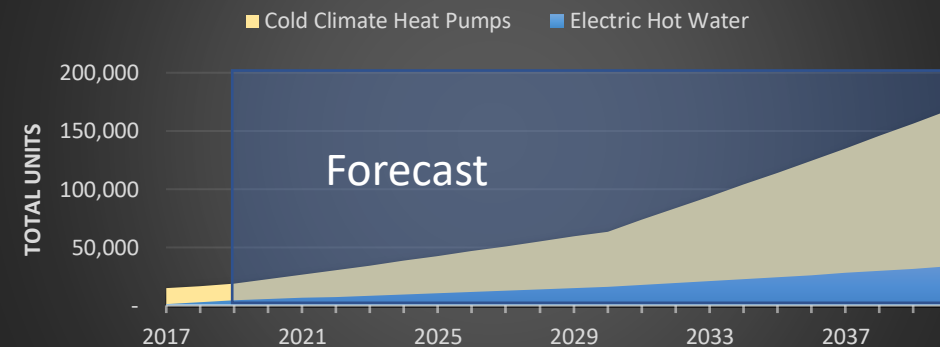
PV Policy:

Offsetting onsite load credited at retail;
Excess generation credited at \$0.09/kWh, trued-up hourly

PV Adoption (Actual + Forecast)



Electrification Adoption Forecast



Elec. Adoption:

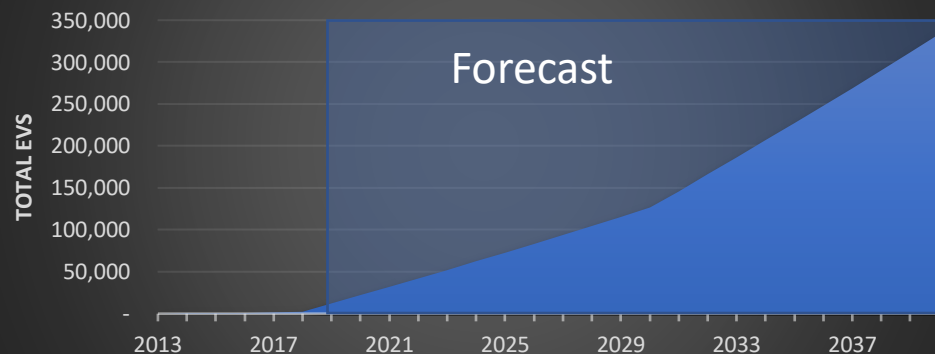
CCHP: 20% by 2030
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Illustrative Scenario

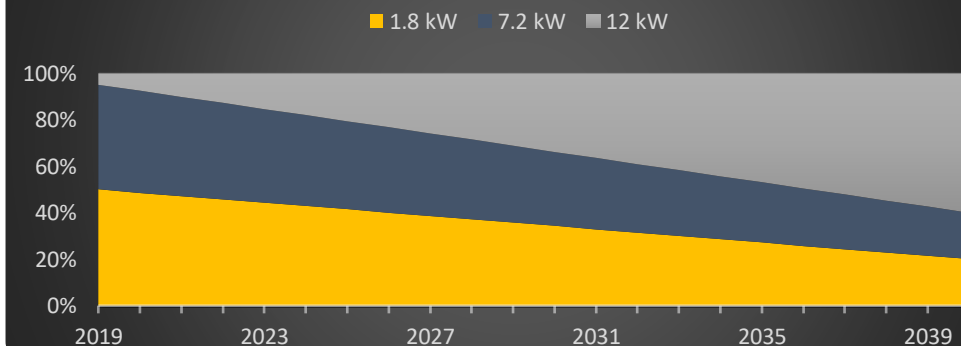
EV Adoption:

20% of all consumer vehicles by 2030
50% of all consumer vehicles by 2040
10% of vehicles have access to at-work charging

EV Adoption Forecast



Assumed EV Chargers by Voltage

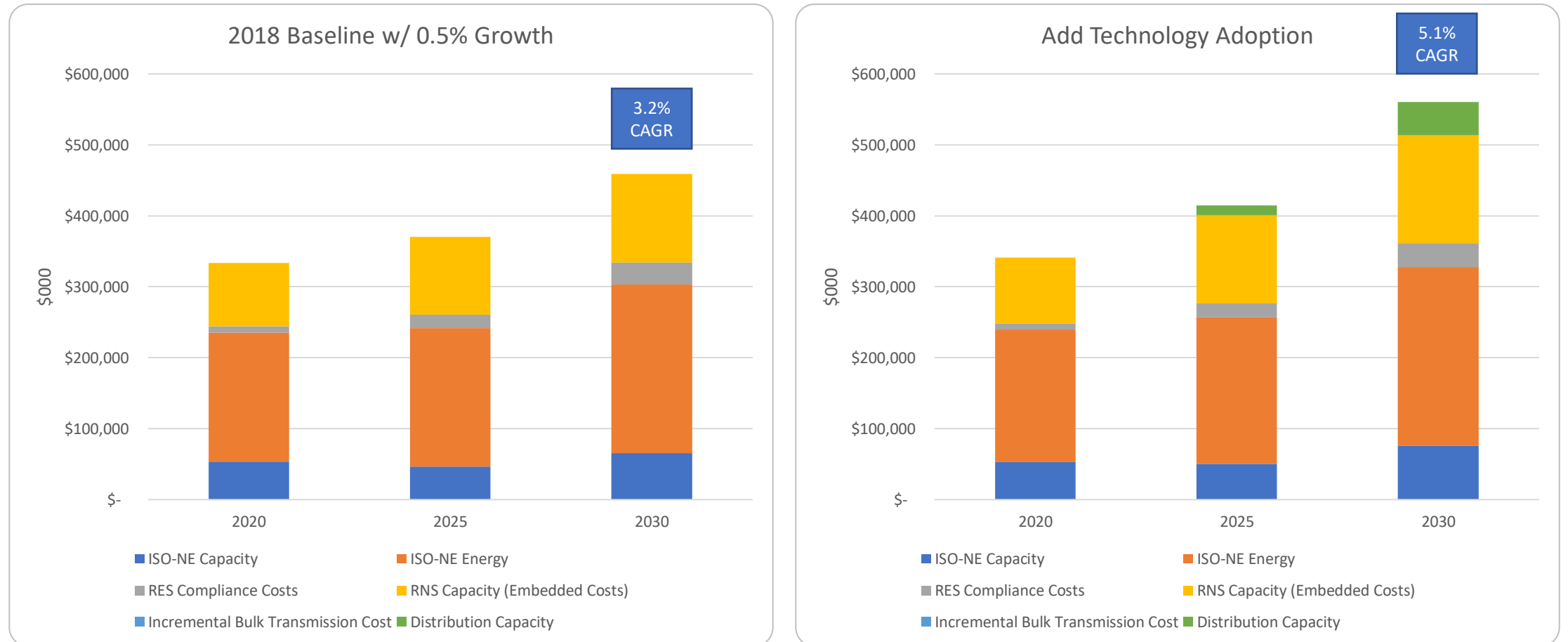


EV Charger Voltage:

Reasonable assumptions based on currently available models, assumed to increase in voltage over time

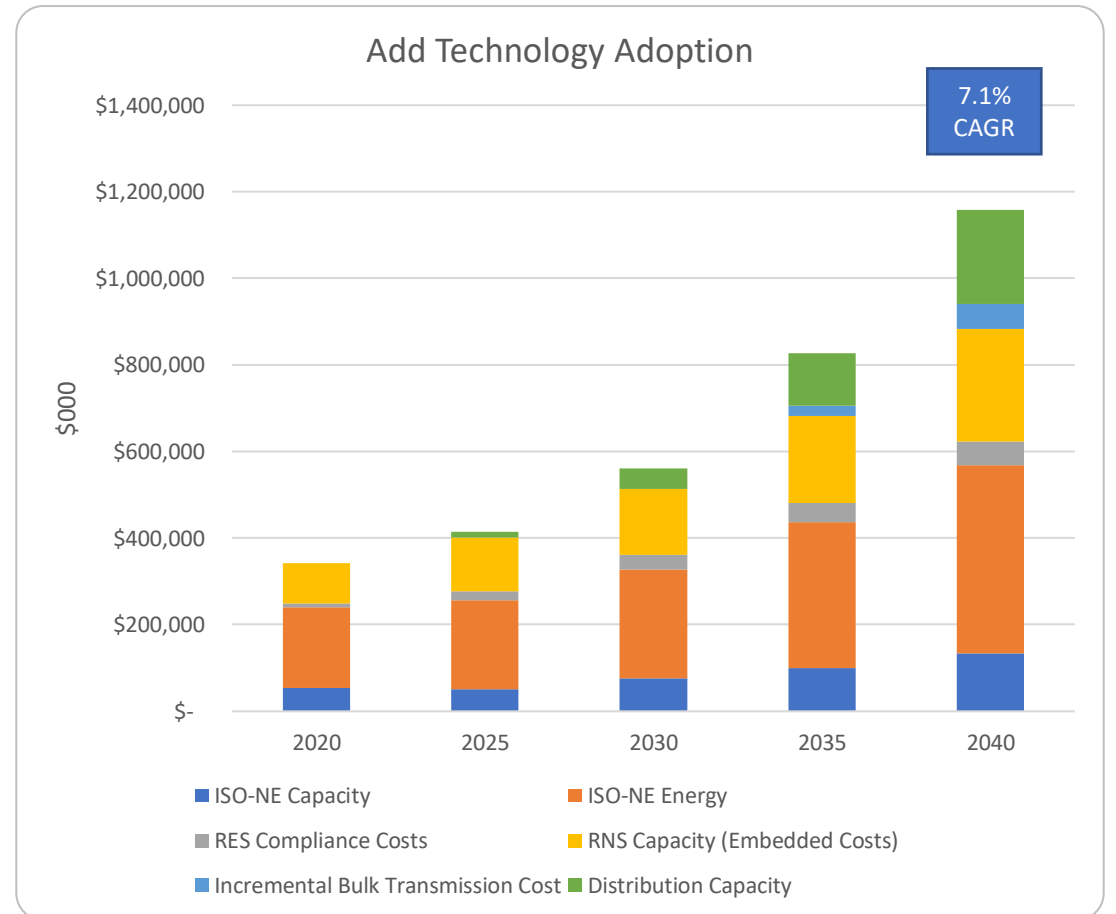
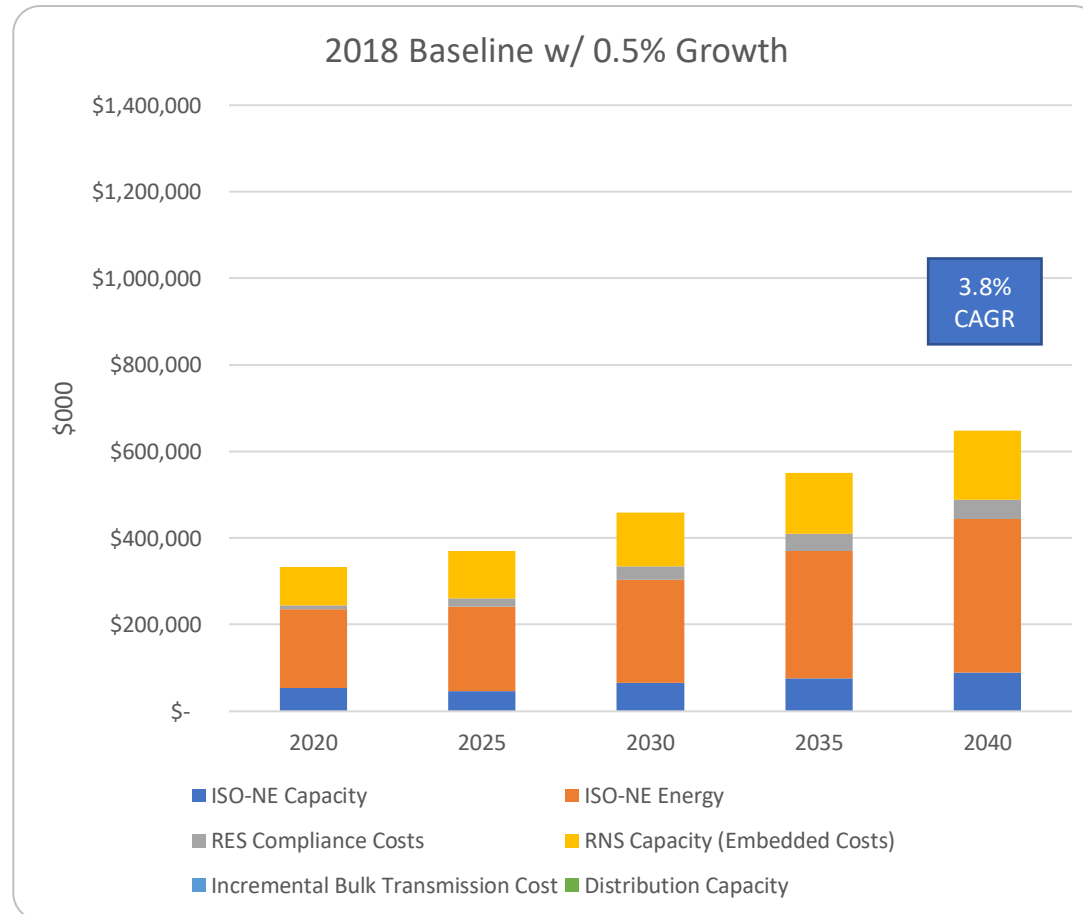
COMPARISON BETWEEN MODELED SCENARIOS

BASELINE VS. INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION - 2030



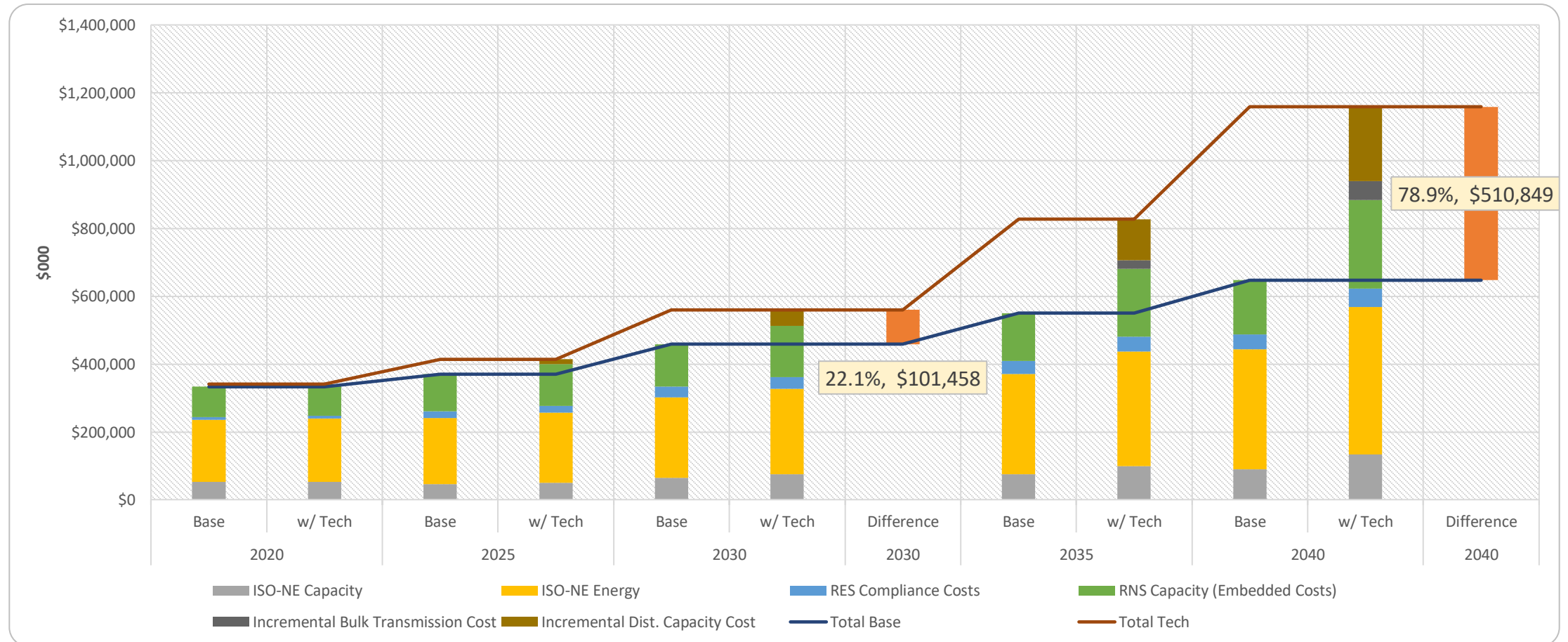
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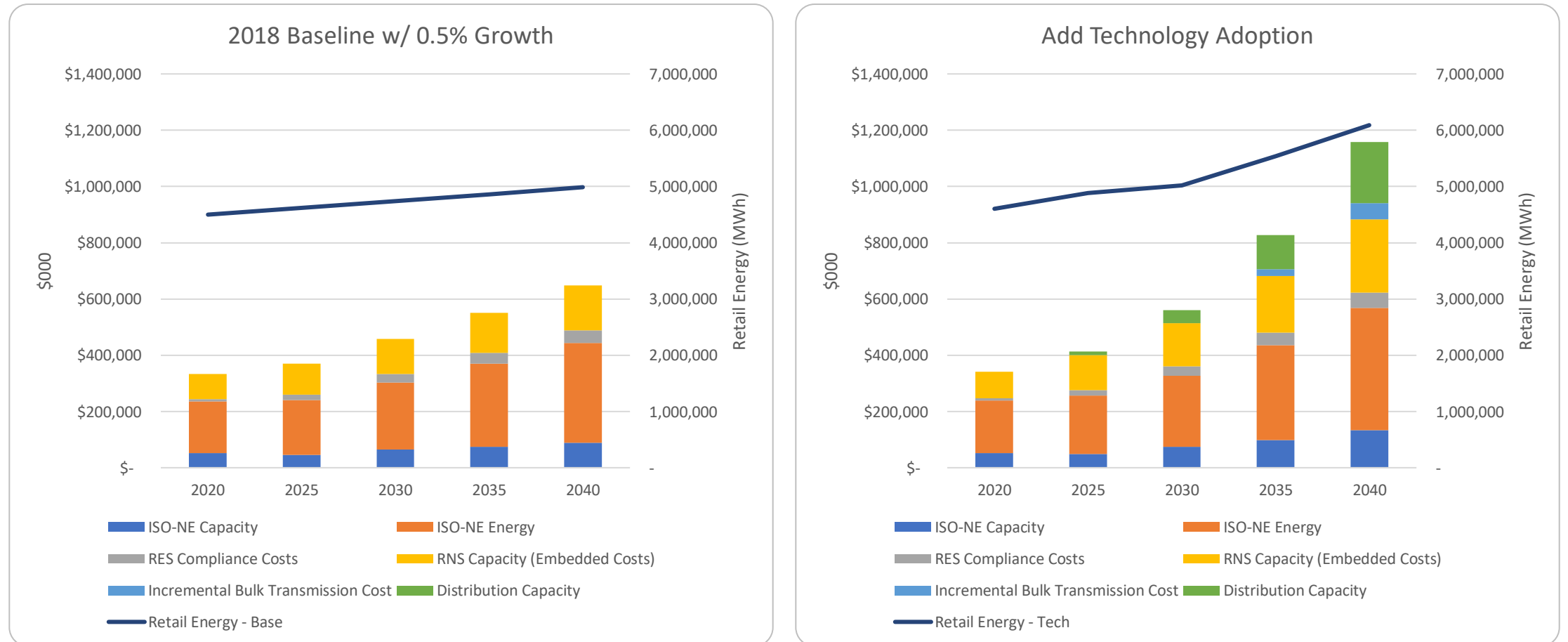
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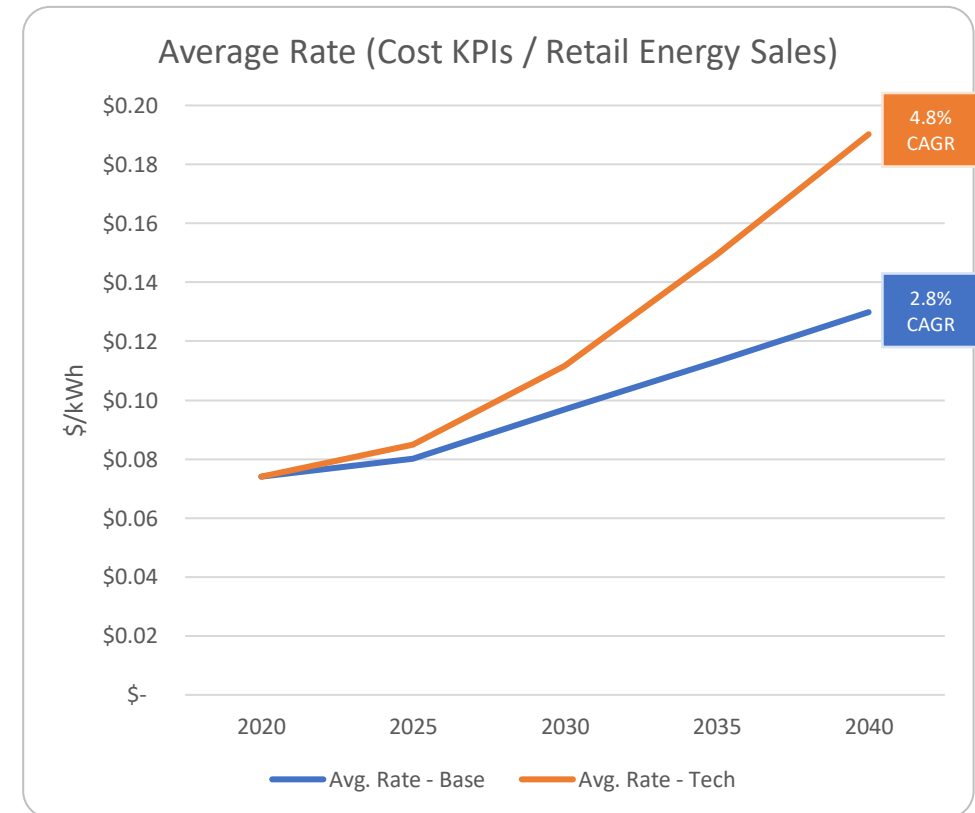
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OPTIONS TO MANAGE UPWARD RATE PRESSURE

- Increasing electrification drives both new utility revenues and costs
 - LSAM™ modeling suggests costs outpace revenue growth
- Options to manage upward rate pressure:
 - “Pay the bill”
 - Continue to buy capacity/energy from the “market”
 - “Acquire” capacity and energy in other ways



FUTURE VERMONT CAPACITY PROCUREMENT

Wholesale-Side Management

- Generation
 - ISO-NE Capacity
 - VT Utility-Owned Gen/Storage
- Transmission
 - RNS Capacity Cleared in Market
 - VT Utility-Owned Gen/Storage

Load-Side Management

- Sources of controllable load
 - EV
 - Industrial/Lg. Commercial
 - Residential
 - Energy storage
- Control
 - Direct: Utility, Third-Party
 - Indirect: Customer (Rate Design)

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Customer Load Control – Rate Design

- Static Rate Design
 - Non-TOU
 - TOU
 - Demand, Energy
 - Seasonal
 - Tiered
- Dynamic Rate Design
 - Real-Time Pricing (RTP)
 - Critical Peak Pricing (CPP)



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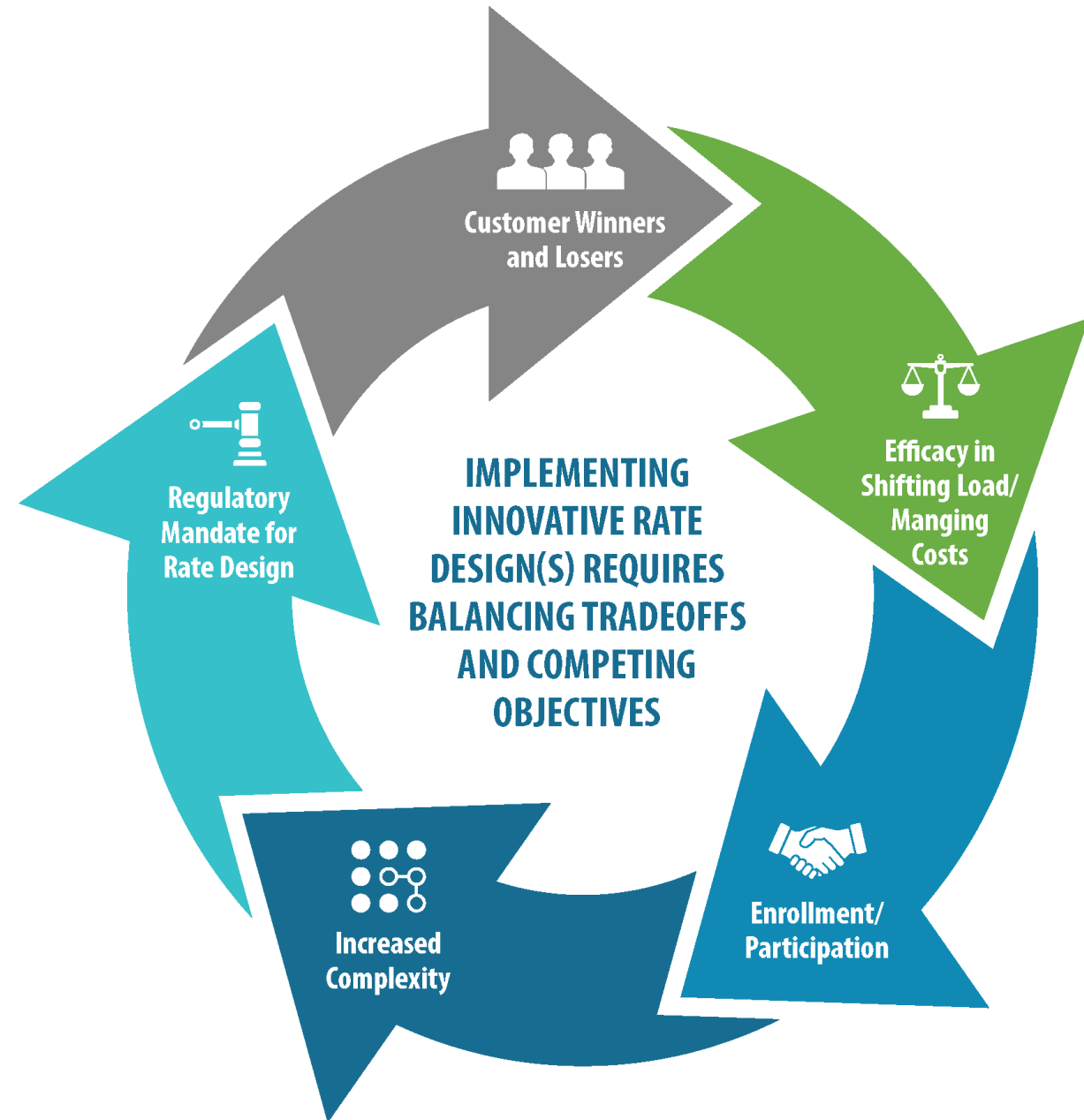
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DYNAMIC RATES AND FLEXIBLE LOADS TO MANAGE UTILITY COST KPIS

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INNOVATIVE RATE DESIGN











INNOVATIVE RATE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

CHALLENGES

- Without management, increasing electrification will drive an increase in capacity costs outpacing increased revenue
- Rates can serve as a resource in managing loads, but challenges exist:
 - Efficacy in managing loads requires:
 - Higher enrollment in innovative rates / programs
 - Regulatory mandates
 - Self-selecting enrollment
 - Other options?
 - Customers changing usage patterns
 - Third-party and/or technology facilitation

RATE DESIGN

COMPLEXITY, EFFICACY & RESPONSIVENESS STATUS

Rate Design	Enrollment	Pricing Strategy	Complexity to Customer	Efficacy in Managing Load	Responsiveness to Rapid Market Evolution
Static Rate Design					
Non-TOU	Status Quo	Status Quo			
TOU	High	Aggressive			
	Mid	Less-Aggressive	 / 		
	Low	Less-Aggressive			
Dynamic Rate Design					
Real-Time Pricing	High	Market pass-through			
	Low	Market pass-through		 / 	
Critical Peak Pricing	High	Aggressive			
	Mid	Less-Aggressive	 / 		
	Low	Less-Aggressive			

RATE DESIGN

COMPLEXITY, EFFICACY & RESPONSIVENESS STATUS – FILTERED FOR EFFICACY

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TOU	High	Aggressive	● / ●	●	●
Dynamic Rate Design					
Real-Time Pricing	High	Market pass-through	●	● / ●	●
Critical Peak Pricing	High	Aggressive	● / ●	●	●

Aggressive pricing in which there are substantial customer “winners and losers” will not result in high rates of voluntary enrollment

Higher enrollment can stem from:

1. Regulatory mandate
2. “Opt-Out” structure
3. Third-Party load management

Mandates are challenging with more aggressive pricing/greater efficacy

“Opt-Out” and Third-Party unlikely to get as much enrollment



PANEL DISCUSSION 2

UTILITY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AND THE STATE'S OBJECTIVES

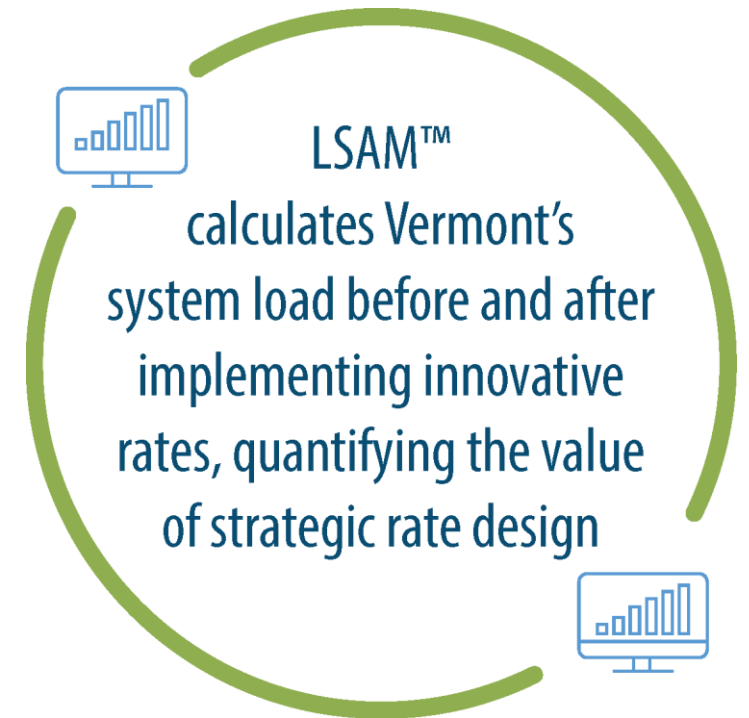


ADDITIONAL SCENARIO MODELING: THE MODELED VALUE OF INNOVATIVE RATES

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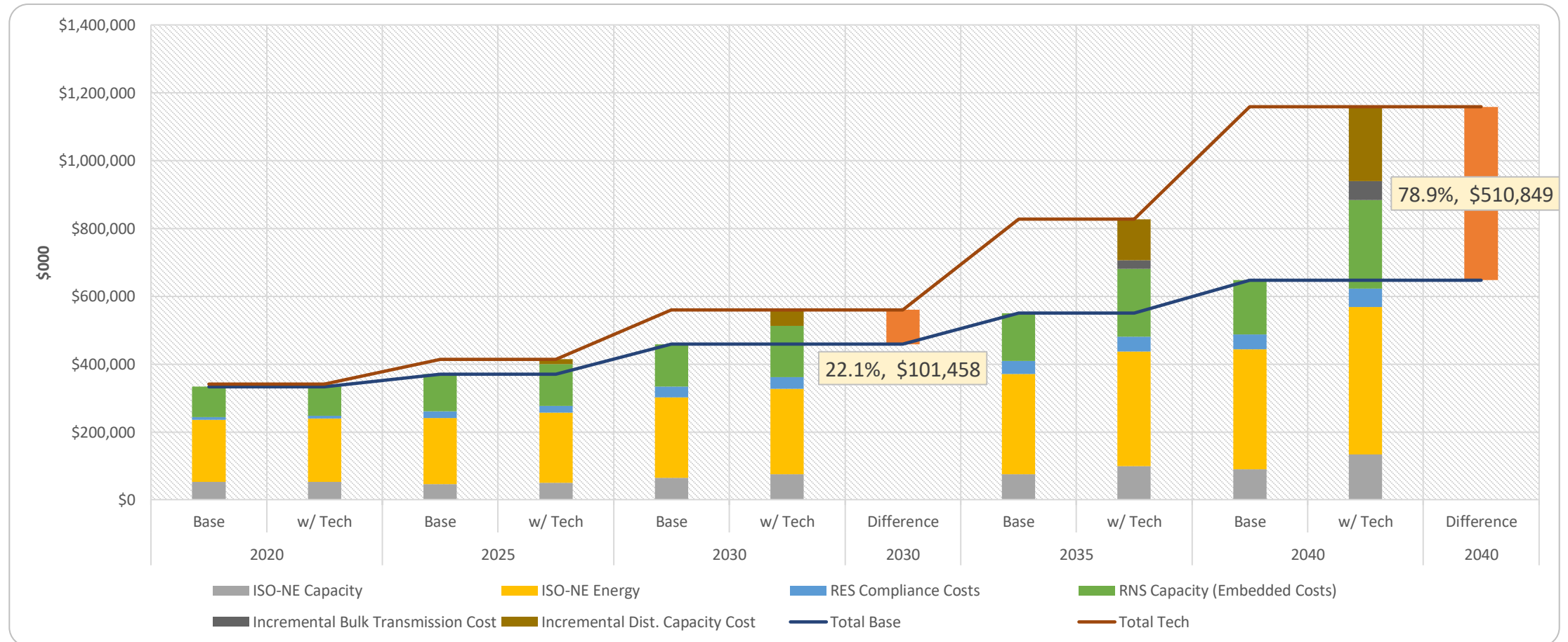
LSAM™ MODELED SCENARIO

- Tech adoption assumptions previous employed
 - PV adoption based on updated NM policy
 - EV adoption
 - 20% of vehicles by 2030; 50% by 2040
 - Electric space and water heating
 - CCHP: 20% of Residential by 2030, 50% by 2040
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Upward Pressure

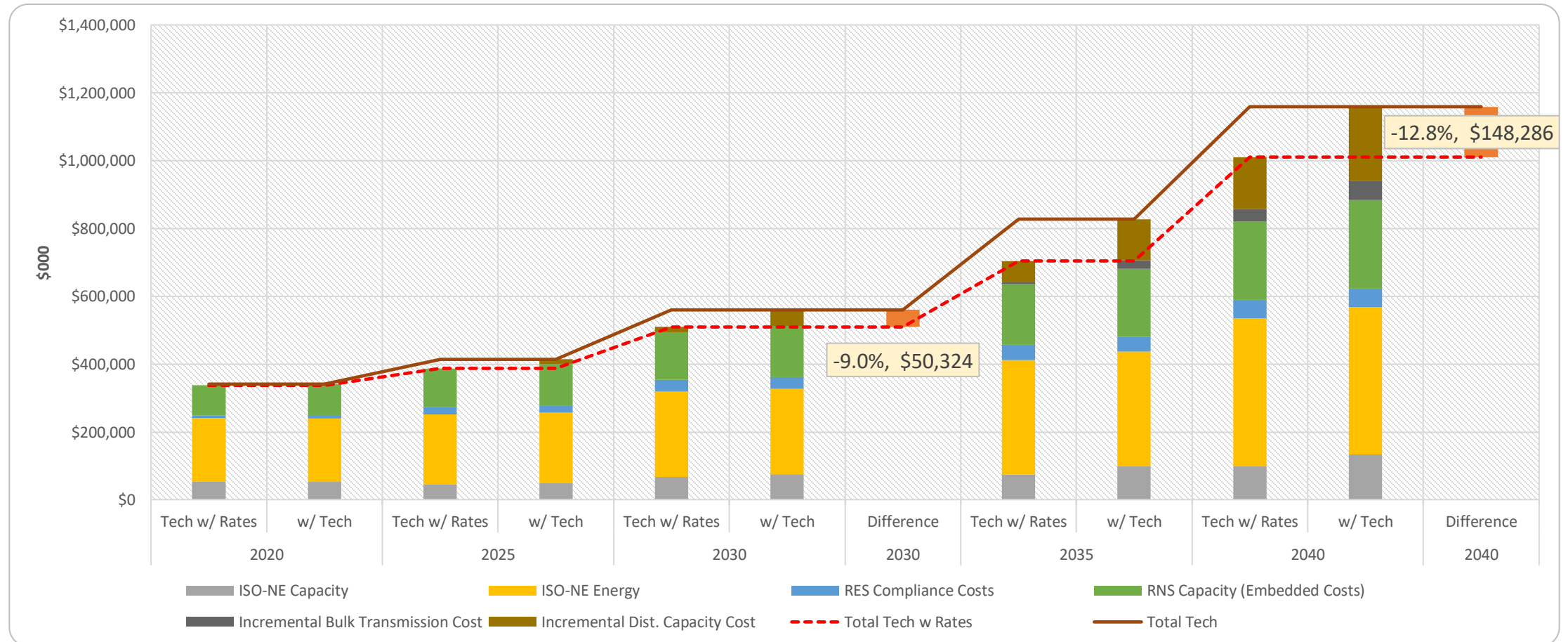
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STRATEGIC RATE DESIGN

- Static TOU Rates
 - EV charging rates set with 3-4 hour on-peak evening window
 - On-Peak rate is current otherwise effective energy rate
 - Off-Peak rate is set to 2/3 of On-Peak rate
- Up to 24 flexible load events “called,” with capacity $\frac{1}{2}$ max EV load
 - Duration of 4 hours, limited at one/day
- RNS capacity costs recovered through Critical Peak Events
 - Up to 5x per month, with duration of 4 hours, limited at one/day

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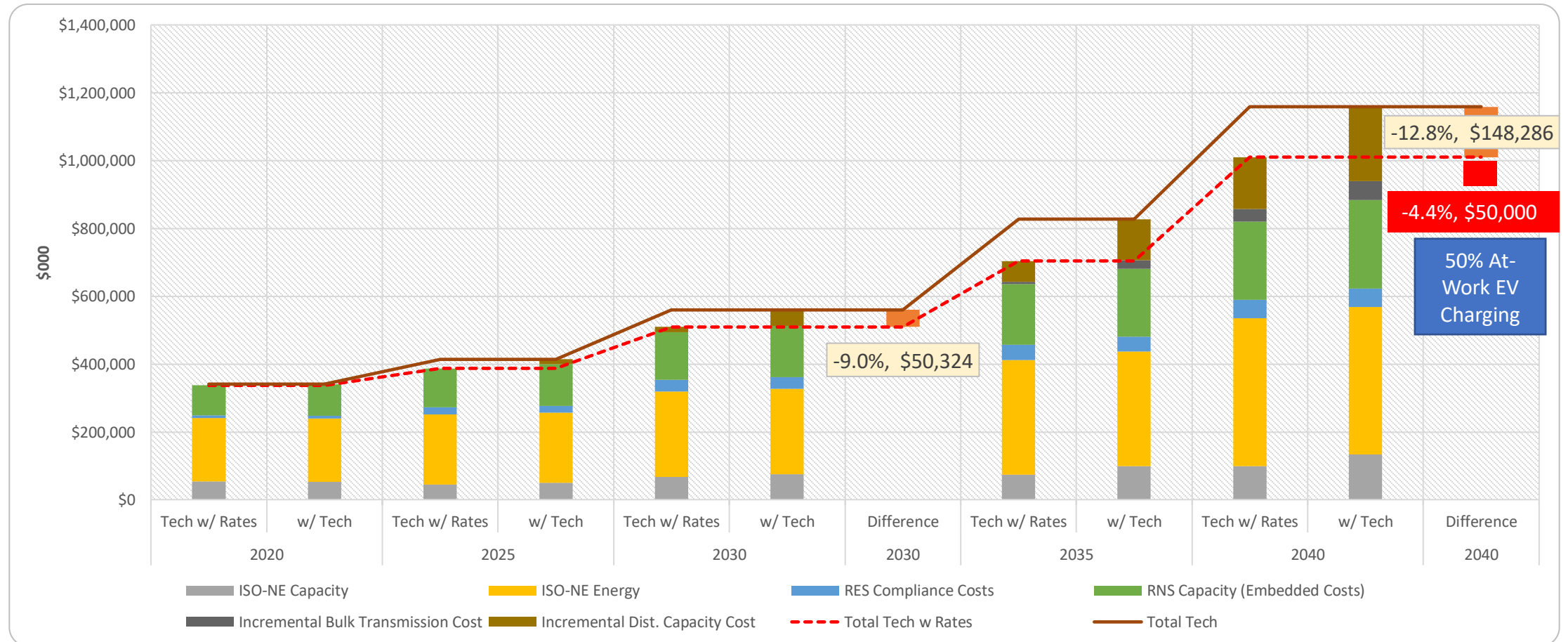
TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION FUTURE VS. TECH W/ RATES - 2040



Downward Pressure

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TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION FUTURE VS. TECH W/ RATES, AT-WORK EV - 2040



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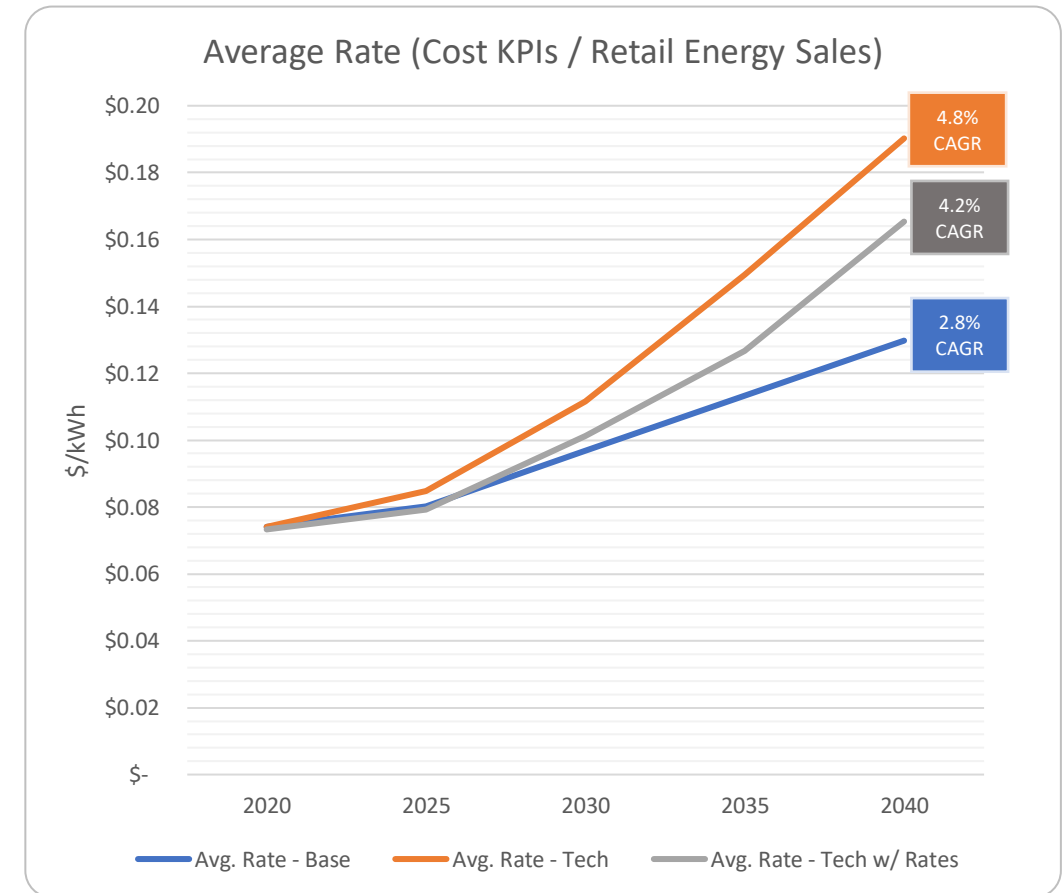


CONCLUSIONS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

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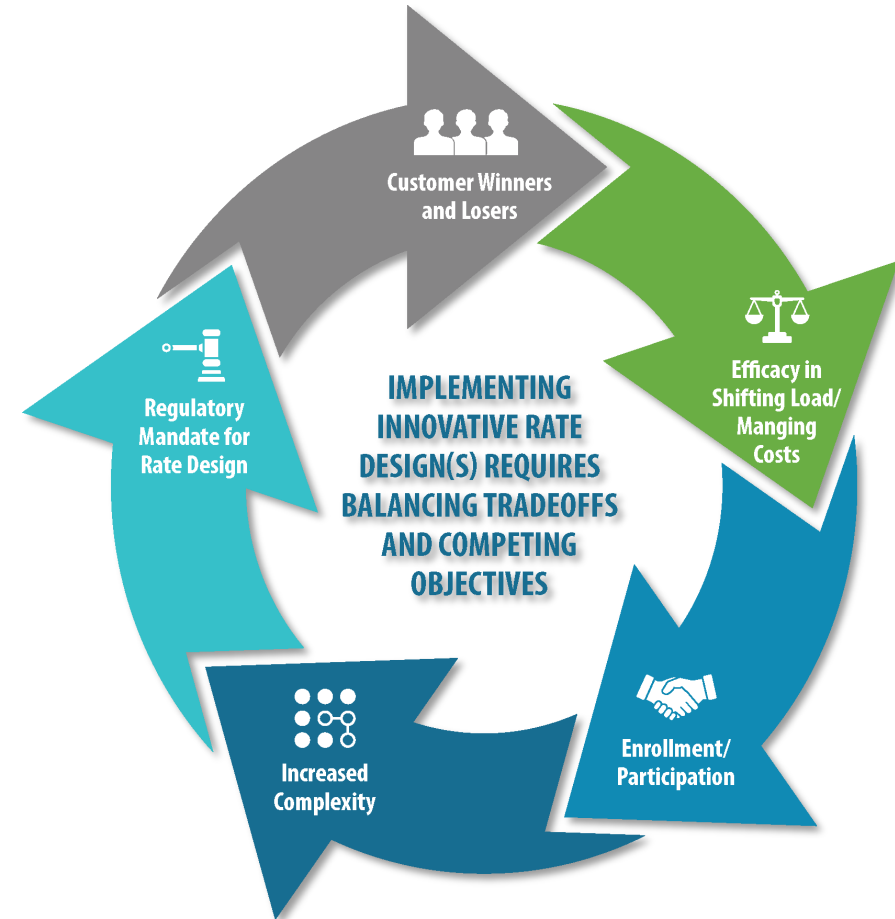
CONCLUSIONS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Electric market evolution will exert upward rate pressure
 - CAGR of 4.8% vs. 2.8% (Base)
- Innovative rates can send price signals for customers to change usage and manage costs
 - Initial modeled savings \$150M-\$200M



CONCLUSIONS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

- There are challenges in implementing innovative rates:
 - Increased complexity to the customer
 - Efficacy in reducing peaks
 - Program enrollment
 - Regulatory approval
 - Third-party participation



NEXT STEPS

**May 21st -
Draft Results
Online Workshop**



"Unconstrained" 2030 and 2040 Utility Cost KPIs

A recommended set of innovative rates /
programs to manage cost pressure

Recommendations on managing
implementation challenges

**June 25th -
Final Results and
Draft Report
Online Workshop**



**Revise the
LSAM™ Technical
Working Group**



A supplemented version of LSAM™ to be
made available for use and review

Contact Riley, if interested



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

