### **Utility Segment Update**

OCTOBER 19, 2017, STB RETAC MEETING

### Overview

- Three year comparison (2015 2017) of Utility Industry Survey Results
- Summary of Observations from Survey
- National coal inventory data

### Utility Industry Survey

### Special Thanks to:

### National Coal Transportation Association

For conducting the Utility Segment survey and compiling the data

### Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc.

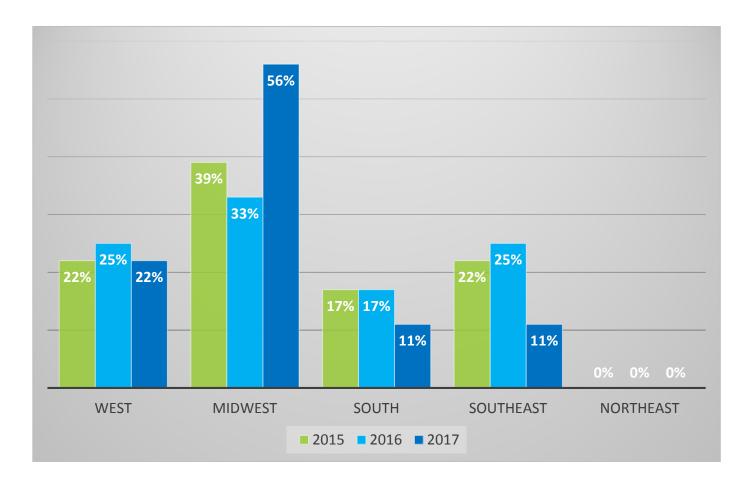
For permission to use data from August report

## Survey Participants

### Region the Majority of Your Coal-fired Generation Located

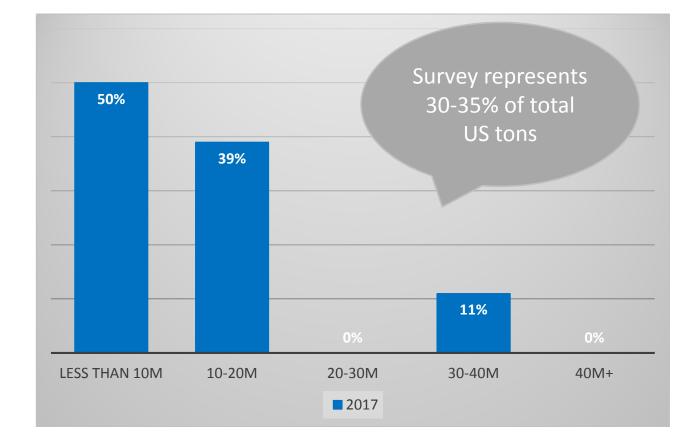
1. West

- 2. Midwest
- 3. South
- 4. Southeast
- 5. Northeast



### How Many Tons/Year Does Your Utility Burn?

- 1. Less than 10M
- 2. 10-20M
- 3. 20-30M
- **4**. 30-40M
- 5. 40M+

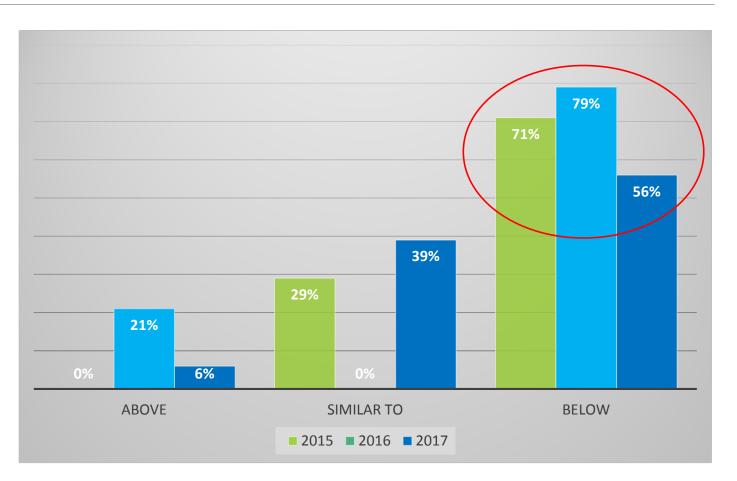


## Year-to-Date Results

3 YEAR COMPARISON

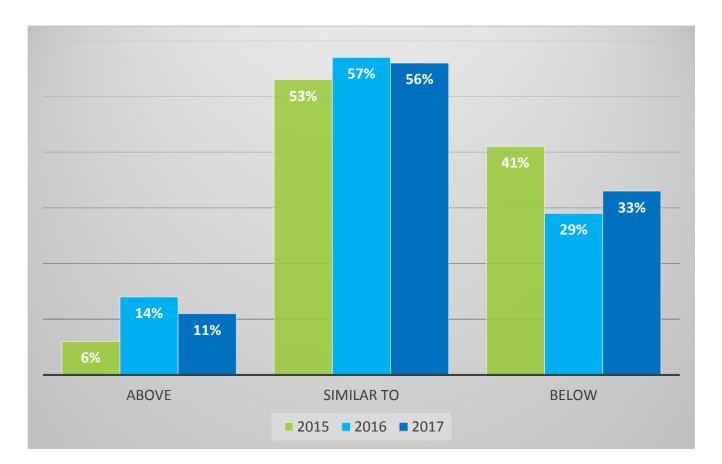
### YTD Actual Coal-fired Generation is...

- 1. Above Forecast
- 2. Similar to Forecast
- 3. Below Forecast



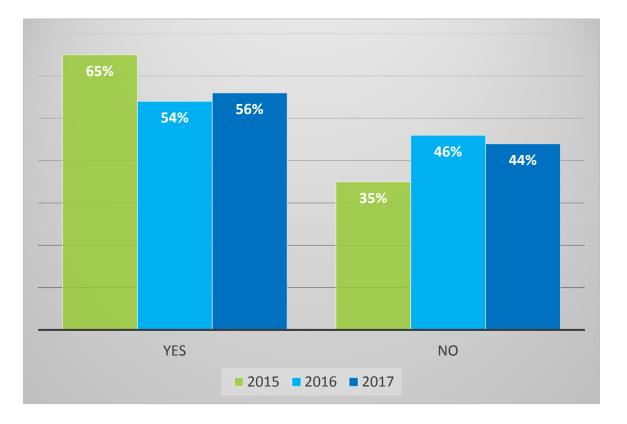
### YTD Actual Rail Deliveries are...

- Above forecast
  Similar to forecast
- 3. Below forecast



### Are You Currently Storing Railsets?

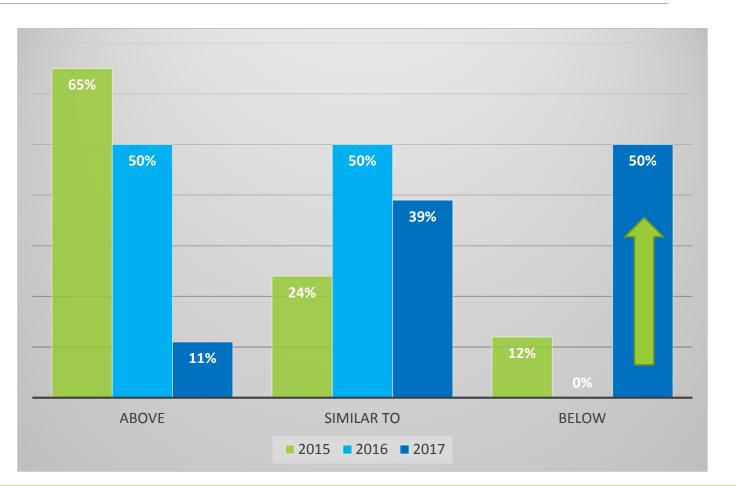
Yes
 No



### Year-over-Year Results

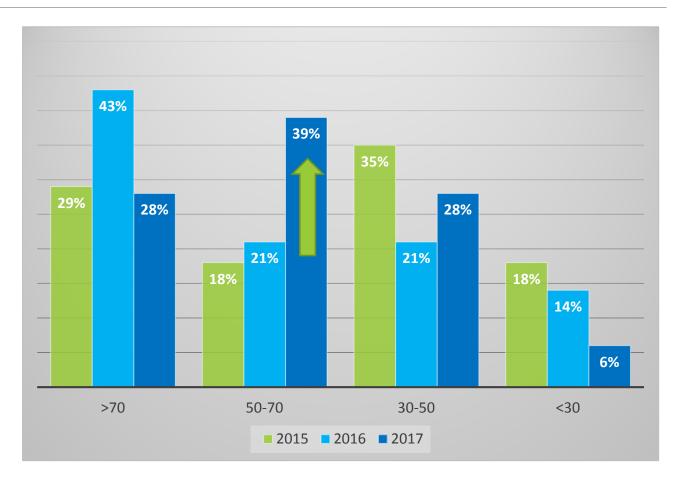
### YY Current Coal Inventory is...

- 1. Above previous year
- 2. Similar to previous year
- 3. Below previous year



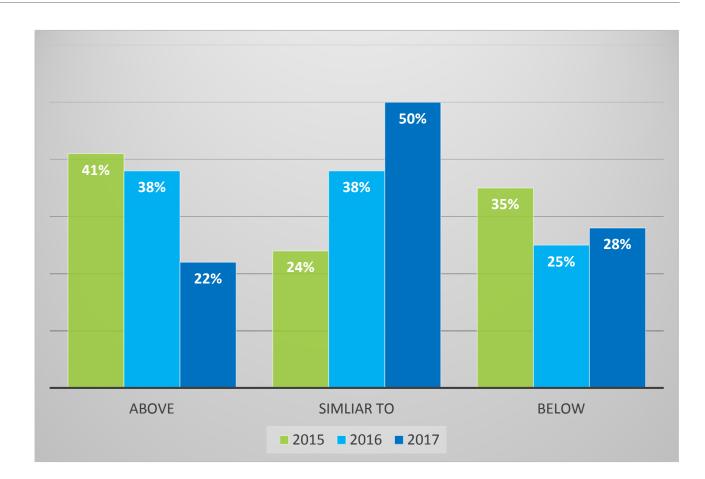
### Current Coal Inventory (average days of burn on hand for generators that run all year)

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 30 - 50
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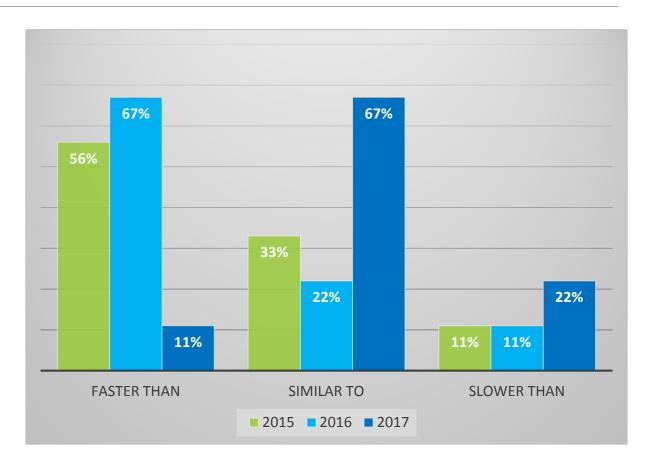
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- 3. Below previous year



### Rail Cycle Times are...

- 1. Faster than previous year
- 2. Similar to previous year
- 3. Slower than previous year



### Survey Observations

Generation from coal

• Higher in '17 than previous two years

Rail Deliveries

Consistent and fluid for Western shippers

#### Coal Inventory

Starting to decline compared to previous two years

Overall: Utilities seem to focus on reducing inventory while keeping their rail deliveries consistent

### Coal Inventory Data

#### National coal stocks are 142 Million tons

- 11% below compared to 2016
- Northeast generators have 26% less YoY
- National coal burn YTD at 460 Million tons
  - 1.2% higher compared to 2016
  - PRB coal burn was 7% higher YoY
  - Higher natural gas prices
  - Nuclear unit outages were longer than normal (MISO)

NCTA survey results consistent with national data

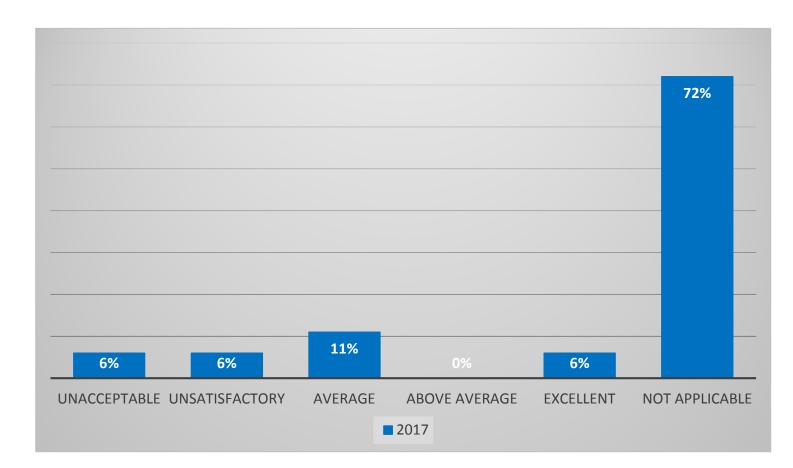
### Discussion, Questions, and Comments

## ADDITIONAL DATA

## Rail Service Experience

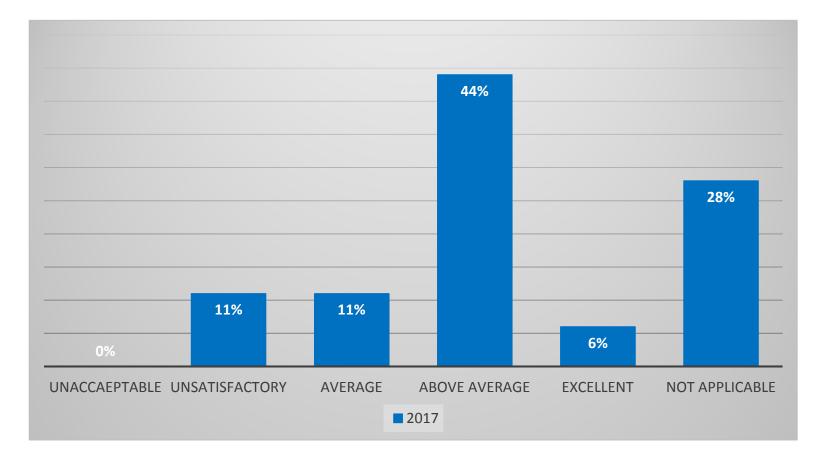
# Rate Your Recent Service Experience on the Norfolk Southern Railroad

- 1. Unacceptable
- 2. Unsatisfactory
- 3. Average
- 4. Above Average
- 5. Excellent
- 6. Not Applicable



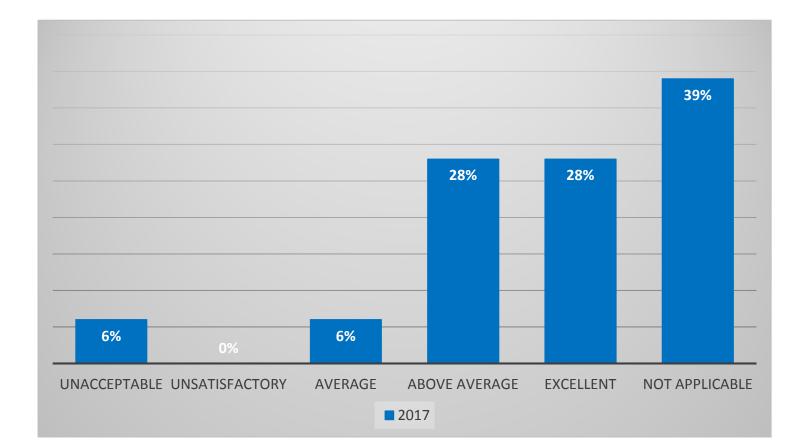
# Rate Your Recent Service Experience on the BNSF Railroad

- 1. Unacceptable
- 2. Unsatisfactory
- 3. Average
- 4. Above Average
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- 6. Not Applicable



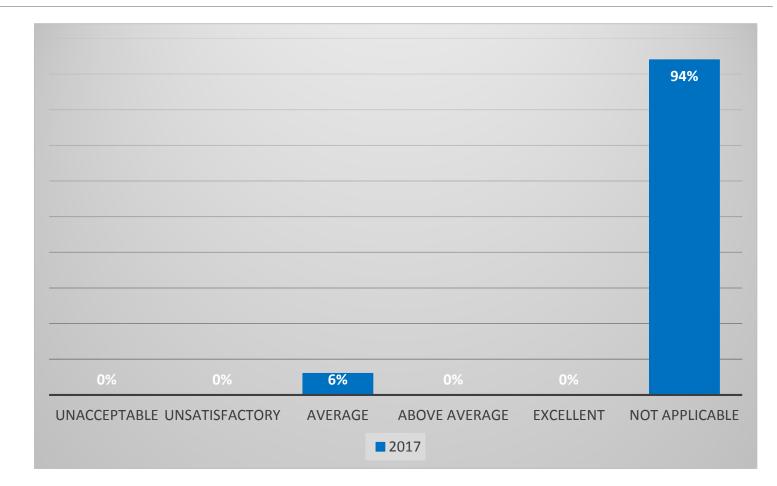
# Rate Your Recent Service Experience on the Union Pacific Railroad

- 1. Unacceptable
- 2. Unsatisfactory
- 3. Average
- 4. Above Average
- 5. Excellent
- 6. Not Applicable



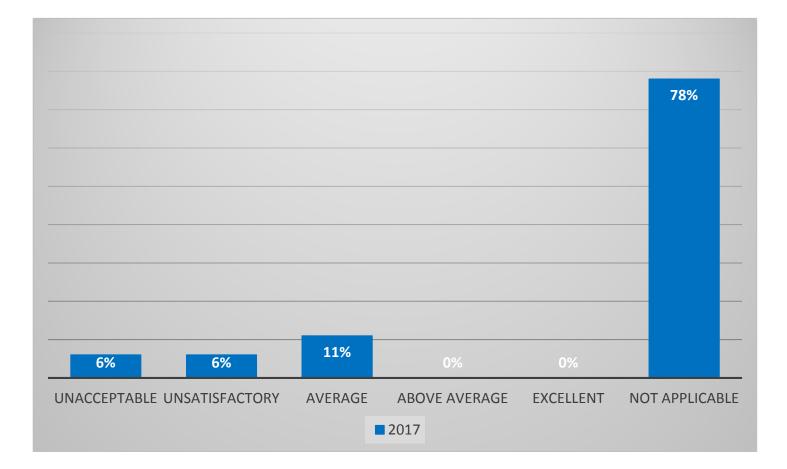
## Rate your recent service experience on the KCS Railroad

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- 6. Not Applicable



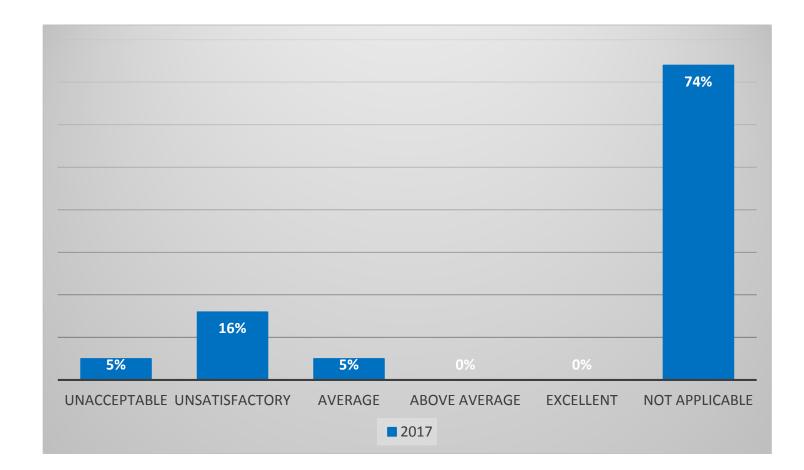
# Rate Your Recent Service Experience on the CN Railroad

- 1. Unacceptable
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- 5. Excellent
- 6. Not Applicable



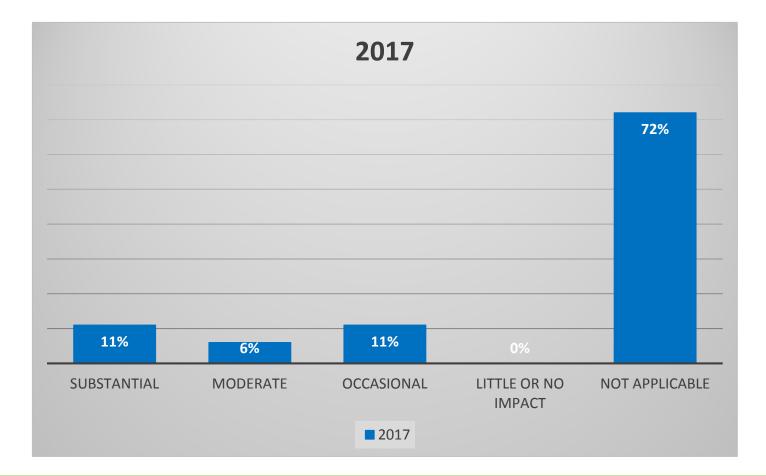
# Rate Your Recent Service Experience on the CSXT Railroad

- 1. Unacceptable
- 2. Unsatisfactory
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- 4. Above Average
- 5. Excellent
- 6. Not Applicable



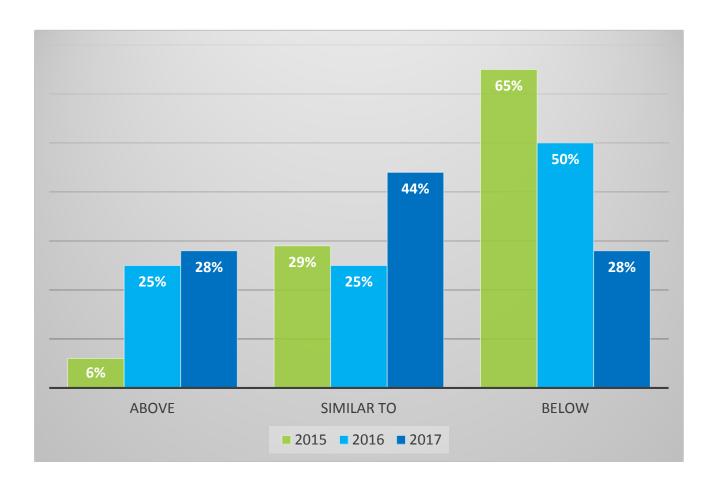
#### How Would You Describe the Recent CSXT Service Issues for Your Respective Utility in Terms of Impact?

- 1. Substantial
- 2. Moderate
- 3. Occasional
- 4. Little or no impact
- 5. Not Applicable



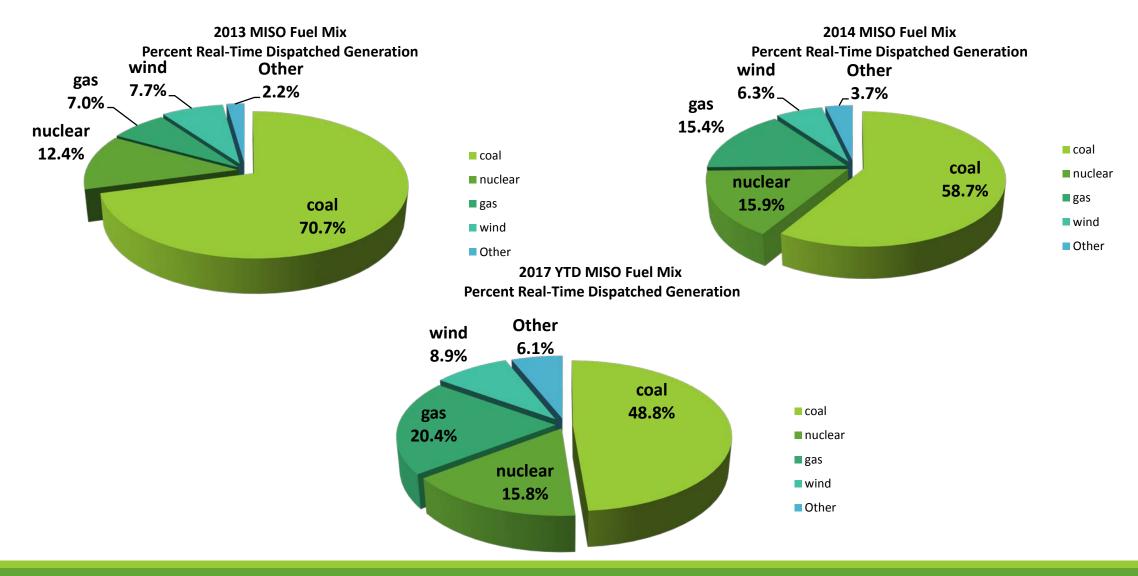
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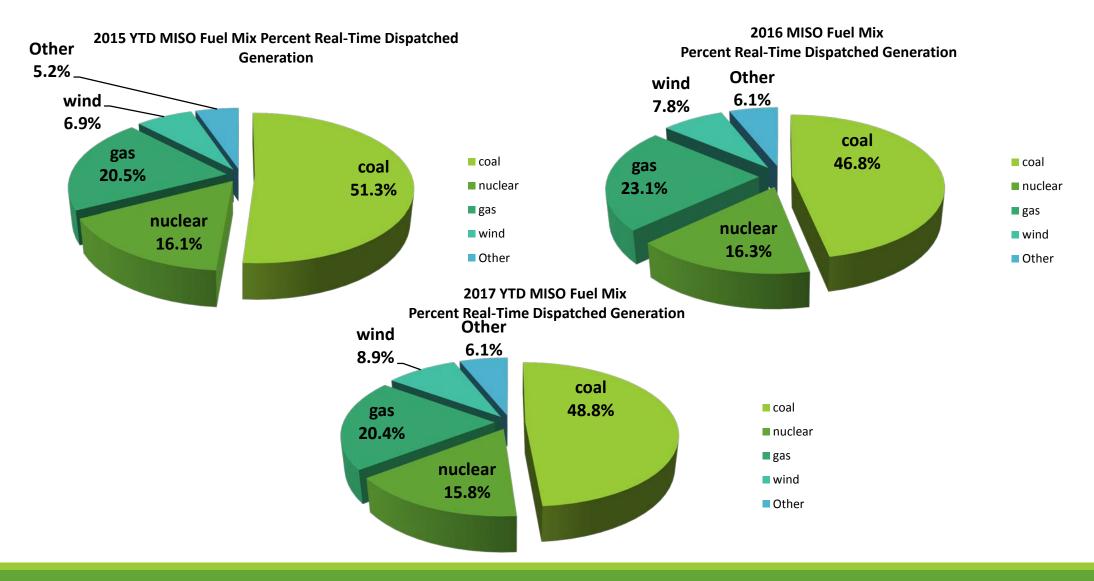


### Market Data & Summary

### Miso Fuel Mix 2013-2014 vs 2017



### Miso Fuel Mix 2015-2016 vs 2017



### Natural Gas Market

Nuclear capacity expected to decrease over next 8 years by 7.2 GW, announced builds at natural gas-fired power plants will offset some of lost capacity

- As of <u>July 2017</u>, natural gas-fired generation capacity slightly more than 40% of total U.S. operating capacity
- Over 2014–2016, Henry Hub spot price for natural gas averaged \$3.17 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) and reached its lowest annual price in seventeen years in 2016 at \$2.52/MMBtu

#### Natural gas spot prices (Henry Hub)

\$/MMBtu





### Coal

#### Coal Burn - August

National coal burn below 70 Million tons for the first time since EVA's survey started in 2003

- Cause was not low natural gas prices, but low power demand and increased generation from renewables that caused burn to drop 12.6% below last year
- NAPP coal burn was 22% lower YoY
- Northeast generators were 33% lower YoY

#### Coal Burn – YTD

National coal burn at 460 Million tons is 1.2% higher compared to 2016

- PRB coal burn was 7% higher YoY
- West South Central generators were 13% higher YoY

#### Coal Stockpiles - YTD

National coal stocks stay above 142mm tons or 11% below compared to 2016

- Average days on hand are 75 days on hand or 13% below YoY
- Northeast generators have 26% less YoY