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# Energy System Opportunities that Support Environmental Objectives

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# Two things that are bad for people on hot days

1. Heat

2. Smog

### The Boston Globe

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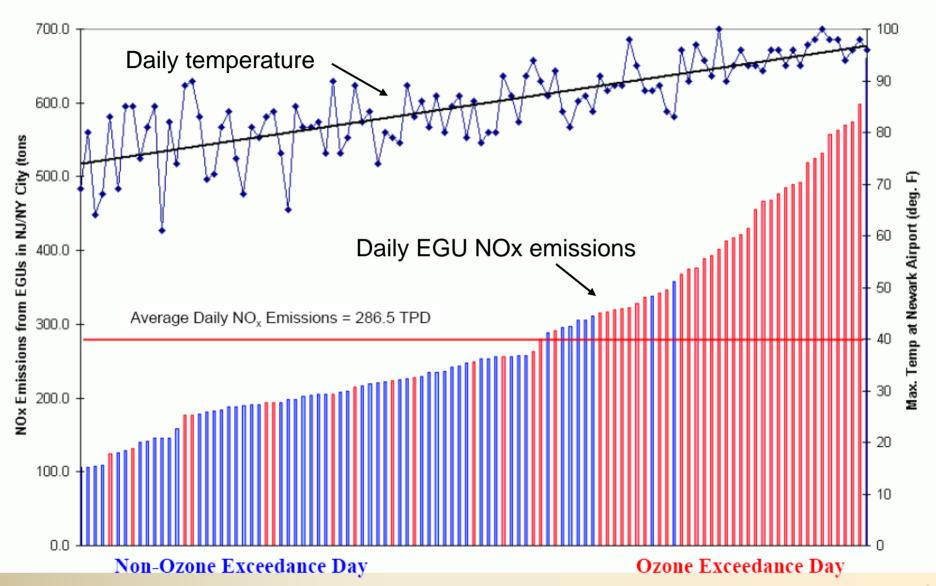
# A less power-hungry New England

[T]here is a simple answer to help this region control soaring power costs, avoid potential shortages during peak power use periods, and cut emissions: *Reduce the amount of electricity that is used.* 

- Gordon Van Welie, President and CEO, ISO-NE

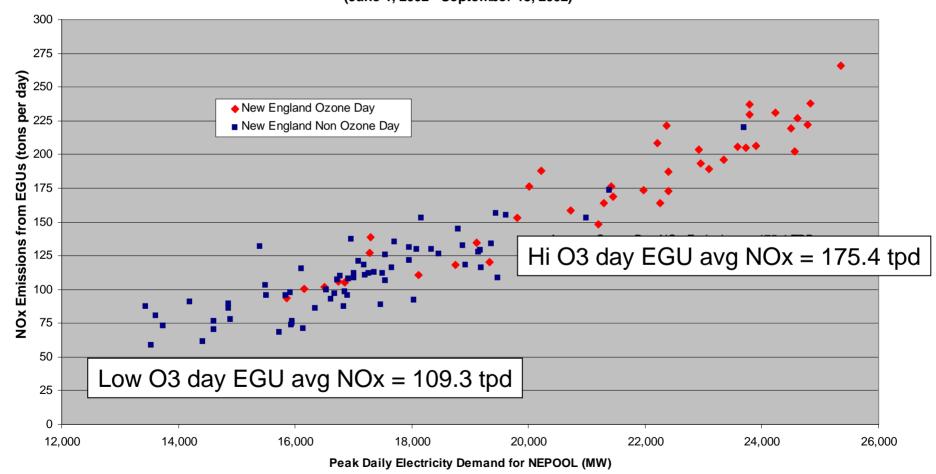
#### Daily NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from EGUs in NJ/NY City

(June 1 - September 15, 2002)



## EGU NOx higher on high ozone days

Daily NOx Emissions from EGUs vs. Peak Daily Electricity Demand (June 1, 2002 - September 15, 2002)

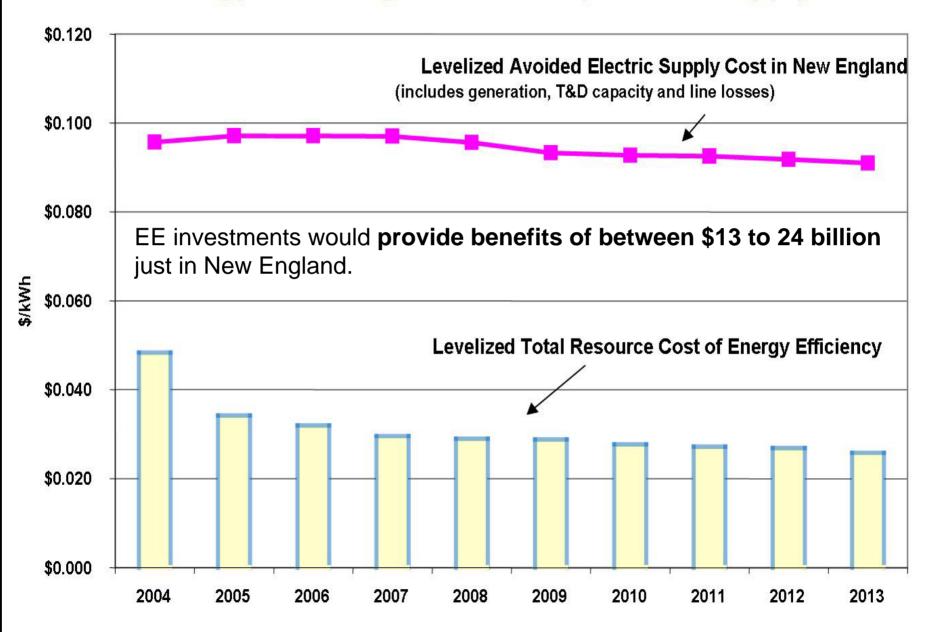


#### Choice is not whether, but how?

- More controls
- Hot day dispatching criteria
- Day-specific NOx budgets
- Other stuff, and...

- Opportunities on the demand side
  - reducing emissions by reducing consumption

#### **Energy Efficiency is 67% Cheaper Than Supply**



# And now even more incentives for demand-side resources

- Forward capacity market (FCM) "other demand-side resources" to compete for capacity payments:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Distributed generation
  - Demand response measures
  - Load management

## More Incentives (cont.)

#### EPACT05

 DOE with states to explore demand-side in new ways (e.g., real-time pricing)

#### • SIPs

- Ozone attainment deadlines looming
- Low hanging fruit long gone

#### **Cost Incentives**

- Rising fuel and electricity prices:
  - Natural gas prices ↑ 150% in 6 years
  - Oil prices \$ > 2x in 3 years
  - Electricity rates in Northeast highest in US
- RGGI will set CO<sub>2</sub> price signal

## The Thinking Challenge

• "Other demand-side resources" are resources

• They are not smokestack controls

# Mutual goals

- Every \$1 for fossil fuels leaves our region, but investing in demand-side resources generates economic benefits within ...
- ... and brings cleaner air

## Trends in State Energy Planning

States still control content and nature of service

Two retail competition states:

- Rhode Island's SB 2903
- Maine's Energy Independence Act

#### Rhode Island & Maine

- Rhode Island's SB 2903 now in effect
  - "Least-cost procurement" requires energy efficiency and conservation in addition to traditional generation
- Maine's Energy Independence Act
  - Favors "lowest cost" resources and prioritizes procurement of demand-side measures, EE, RE, and carbon-neutral capacity

### Existing Revenue Stream

~\$630 million/year ratepayer funded state EE programs

State	Funds/year
NY	\$264 million
MA	\$135 million
NJ	\$103 million
СТ	\$62 million
RI	\$22 million
NH	\$18 million
VT	\$17 million
ME	\$11 million

#### New Revenue Streams

- Forward Capacity Market settlement
  - Transition payments for EE 2006-2010
- RGGI
  - Minimum 25% allowance set aside req't for EE,RE, DG, other "public benefit purpose"
- New state energy funds
  - RI natural gas efficiency fund

# Potential Reductions in Peak Generation from Demand-side

- New England:
  - ~200 MW by summer 2010

 $\sim$ 75% from EE

- New York:
  - $-\sim$ 1,200 MW by summer 2012  $\sim$ 75% from EE
- NYSERDA estimates economically viable EE and RE could offset peak generation even more:
  - 12,300 MW 15,000 MW in 2012 >85% from EE

#### Where Do We Go from Here?

We need more progress in

dismantling market barriers

• standardizing measuring & verification of EE and AQ benefits

## Heat & Smog

- Do we just control more of what's out there?
- Or do we work at:
  - Including new resources akin to generation capacity?
  - Quantifying air quality gains?

#### In Sum

- Heat, smog, and reliability challenges have common solutions
- Leveraging demand-side reductions is a lowcost approach to improving air quality
- Reducing energy use = significant regional economic benefits

#### The Clean Air Association of the Northeast States



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