

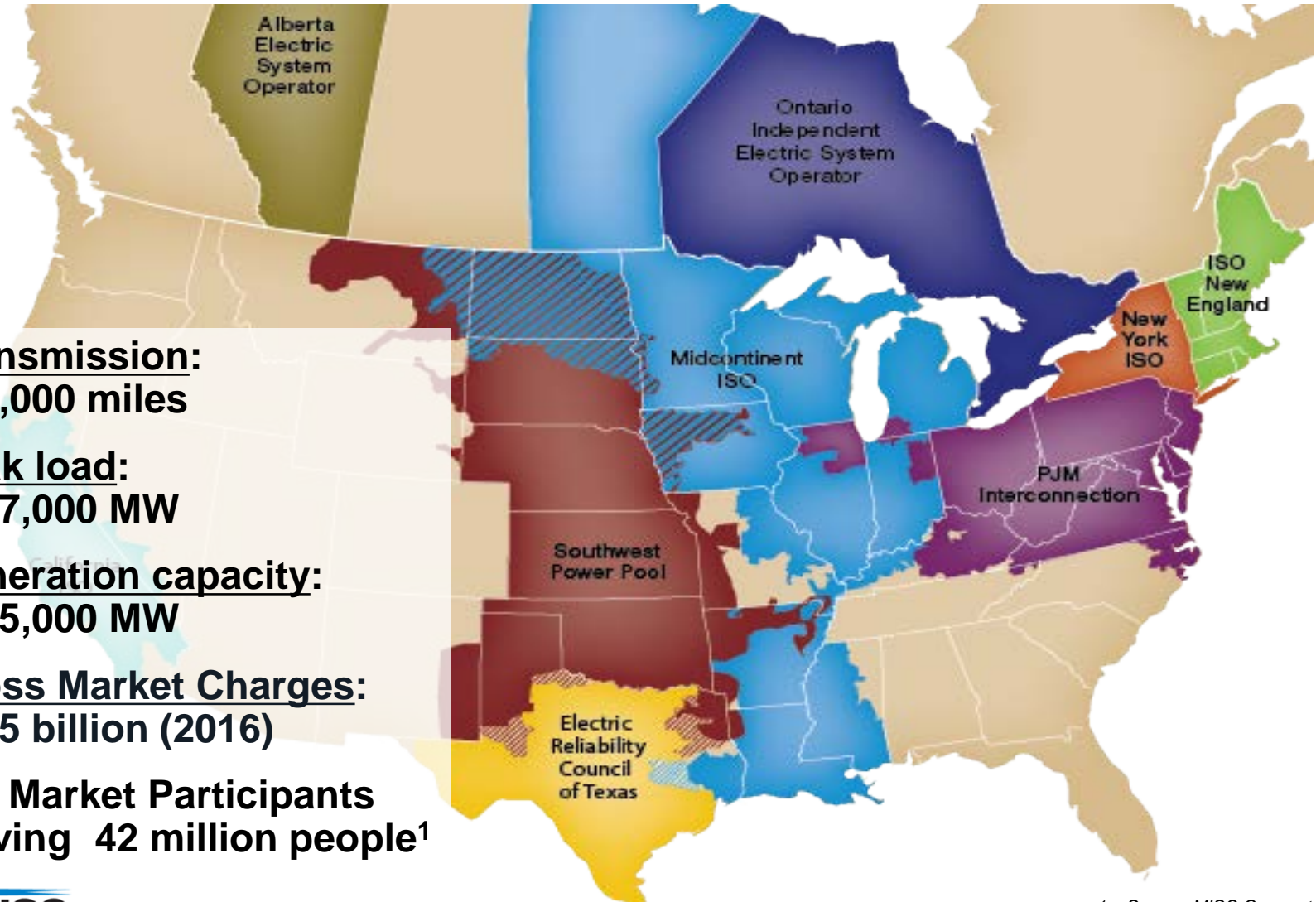
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# Reliability of the Gas-Electric System

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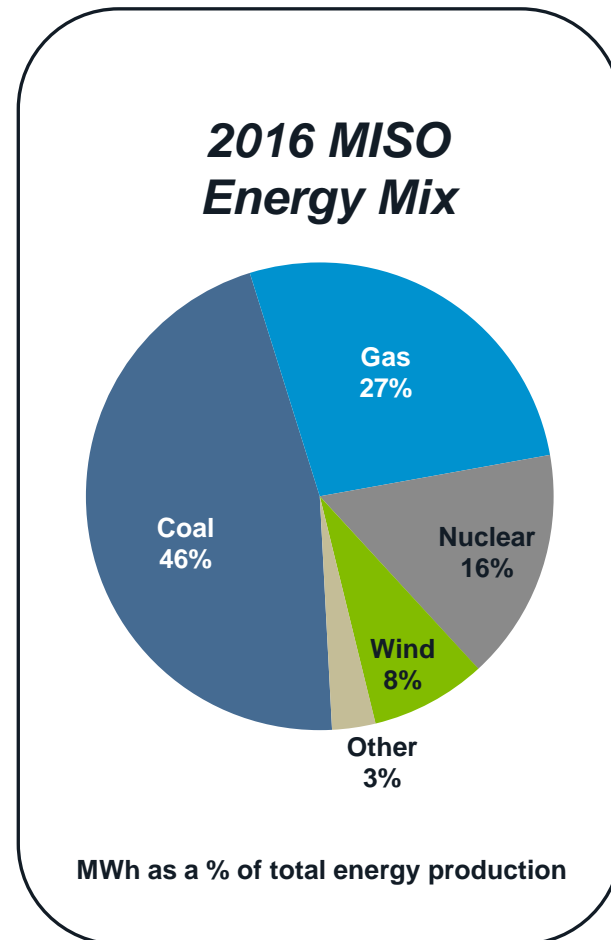
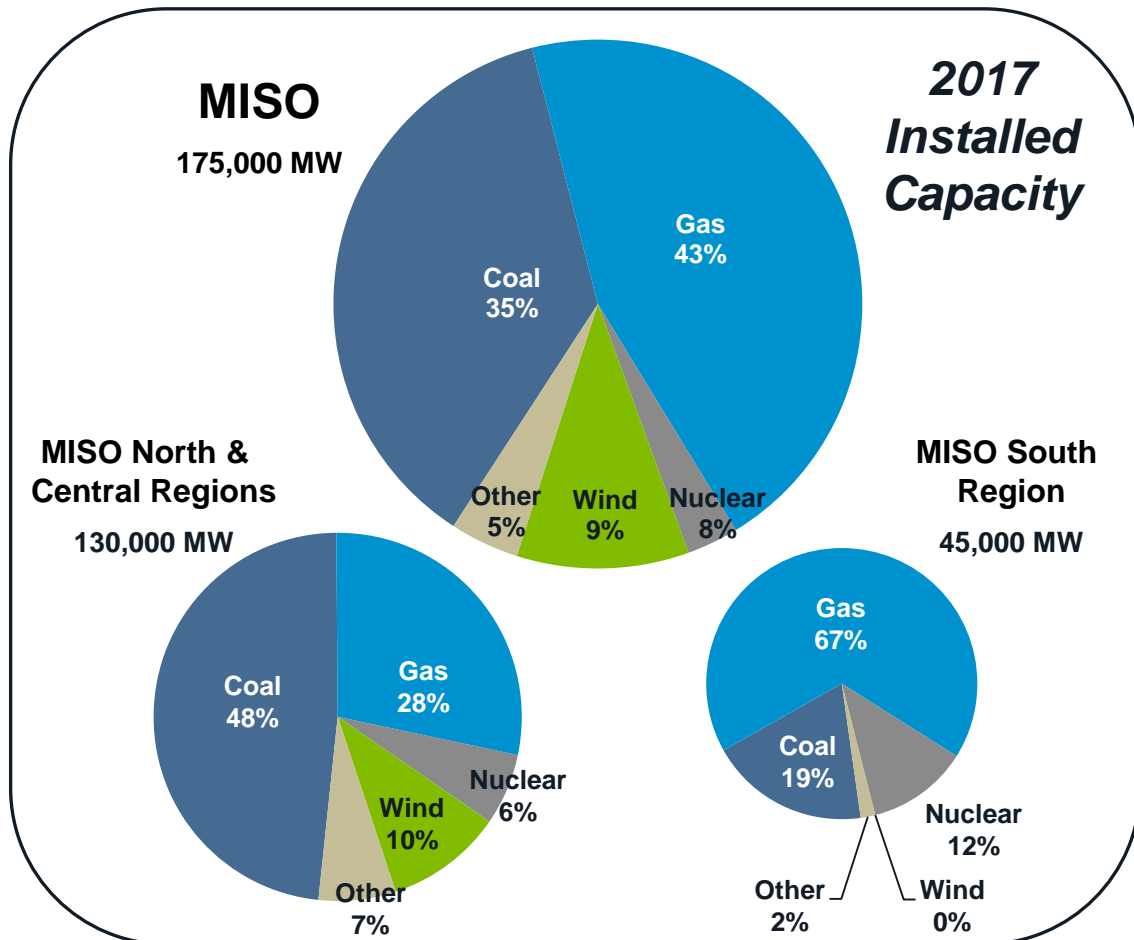
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# Geographically, MISO is the largest Independent System Operator in North America



- **Transmission:**  
~66,000 miles
- **Peak load:**  
~127,000 MW
- **Generation capacity:**  
~175,000 MW
- **Gross Market Charges:**  
~\$25 billion (2016)
- **437 Market Participants**  
serving 42 million people<sup>1</sup>

# The current resource mix in MISO is largely coal and gas, supplemented by nuclear and renewables

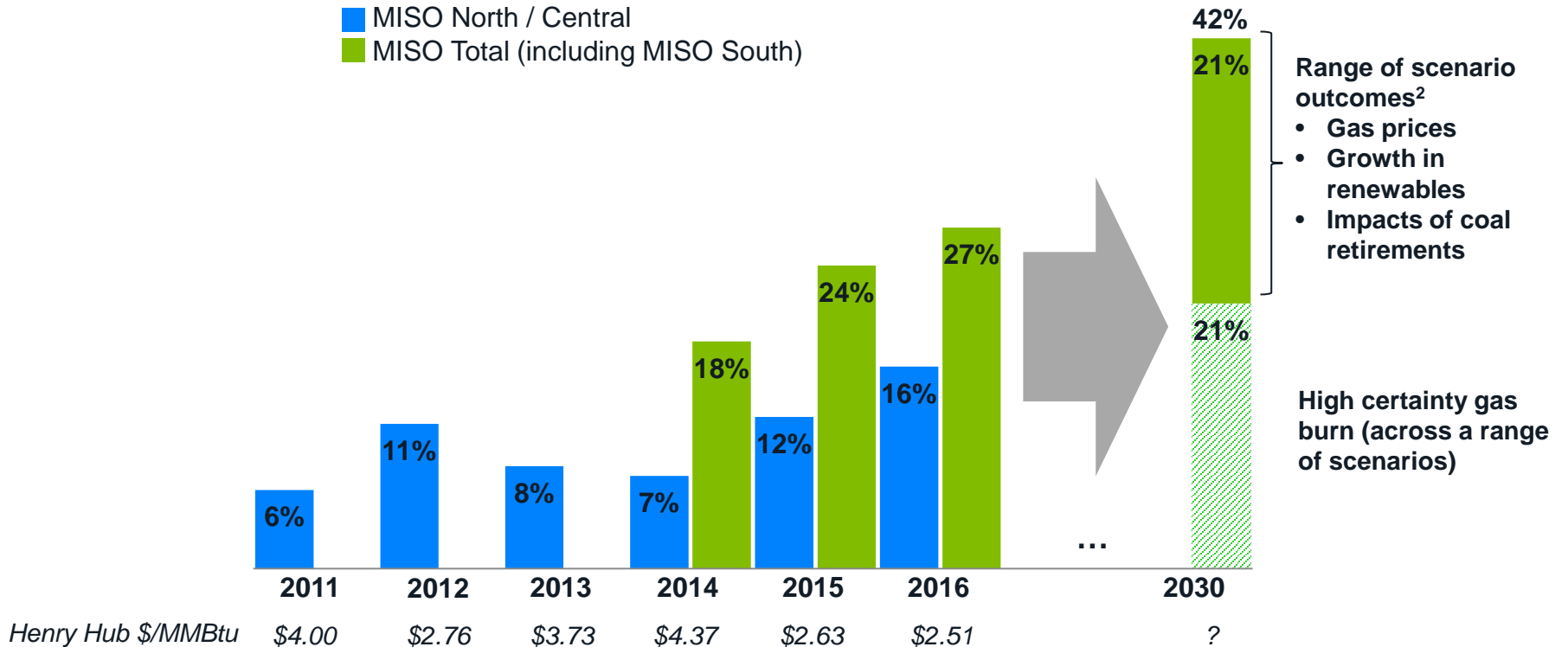


"Other" category includes hydro, pumped hydro, oil, solar, and others

# Gas demand has grown and MISO's evolving fleet will propel gas demand even higher

## Gas Share (%) of MISO Electric Generation (MWh)

■ MISO North / Central  
■ MISO Total (including MISO South)



**Installed gas capacity is projected to increase 8,000 MW in the queue through 2020<sup>3</sup>**

(Signed interconnection agreements 3,700 MW; final definitive studies 4,300 MW)



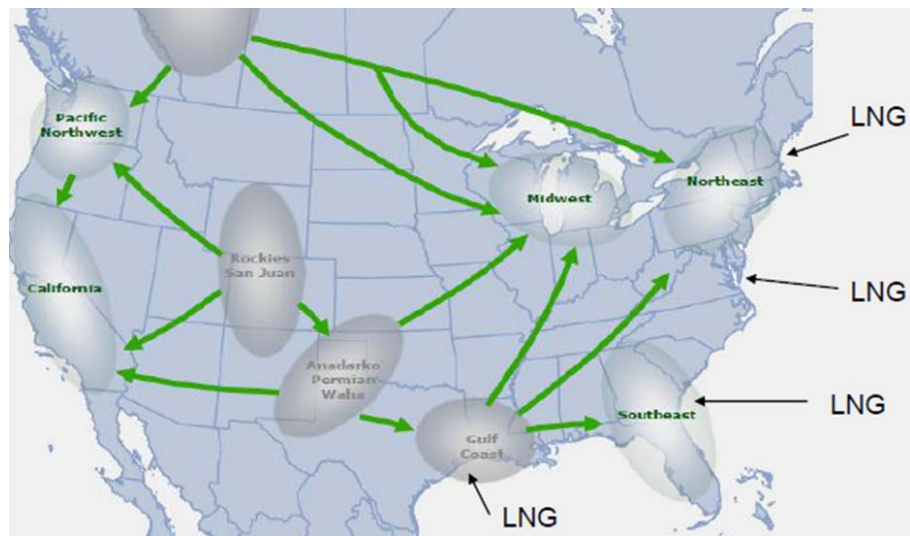
<sup>2</sup> - MISO MTEP17 sensitivities with range of gas prices (mid-case +/- 30%)

<sup>3</sup> - MISO Interconnection Queue as of Dec, 2016

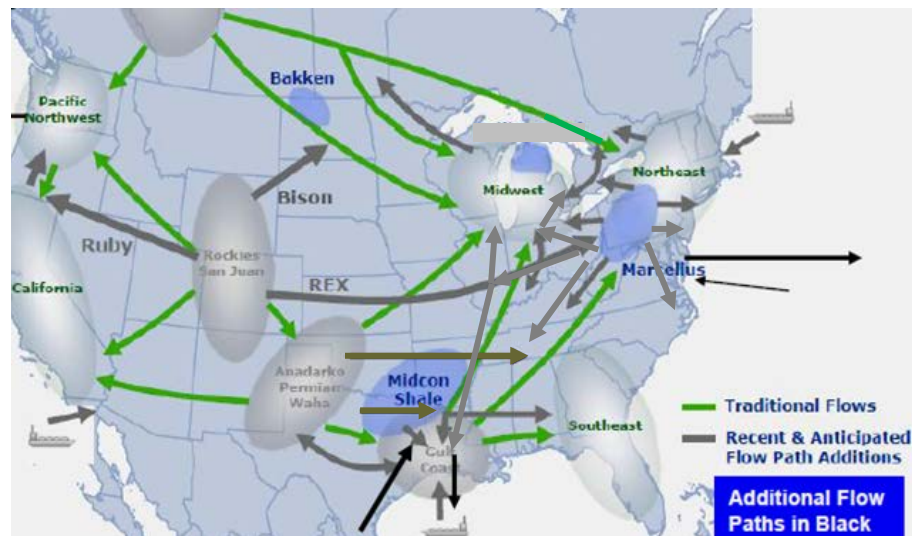
# Significant changes in the gas industry are driving impacts in both MISO and the Southeast

- Increased flows from Marcellus/Utica on new-build pipelines and pipeline reversals are improving supply diversity
- U.S. gas production gains continue to be favorable, causing lower (and flatter) prices
- Perceived long-term abundance is driving LNG exports from facilities like Sabine Pass in MISO South (and soon Elba Island in Georgia)

## Historic Flow Patterns and LNG Imports



## Developing “Grid” Flow Patterns & LNG Exports



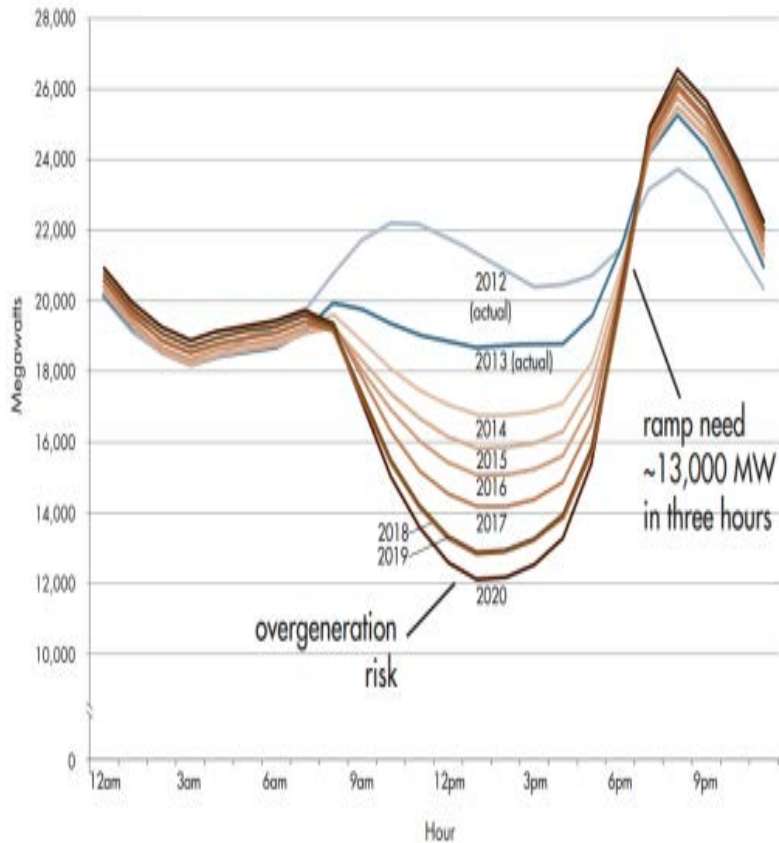
# Gas/Electric reliability comes in many flavors, and requires coordination with a variety of stakeholders





# Gas-fired capacity is important during ramping periods, especially as renewable generation drives ramp requirements even higher

## CAISO Load – March 31



## MISO Load – Feb 12, 2015

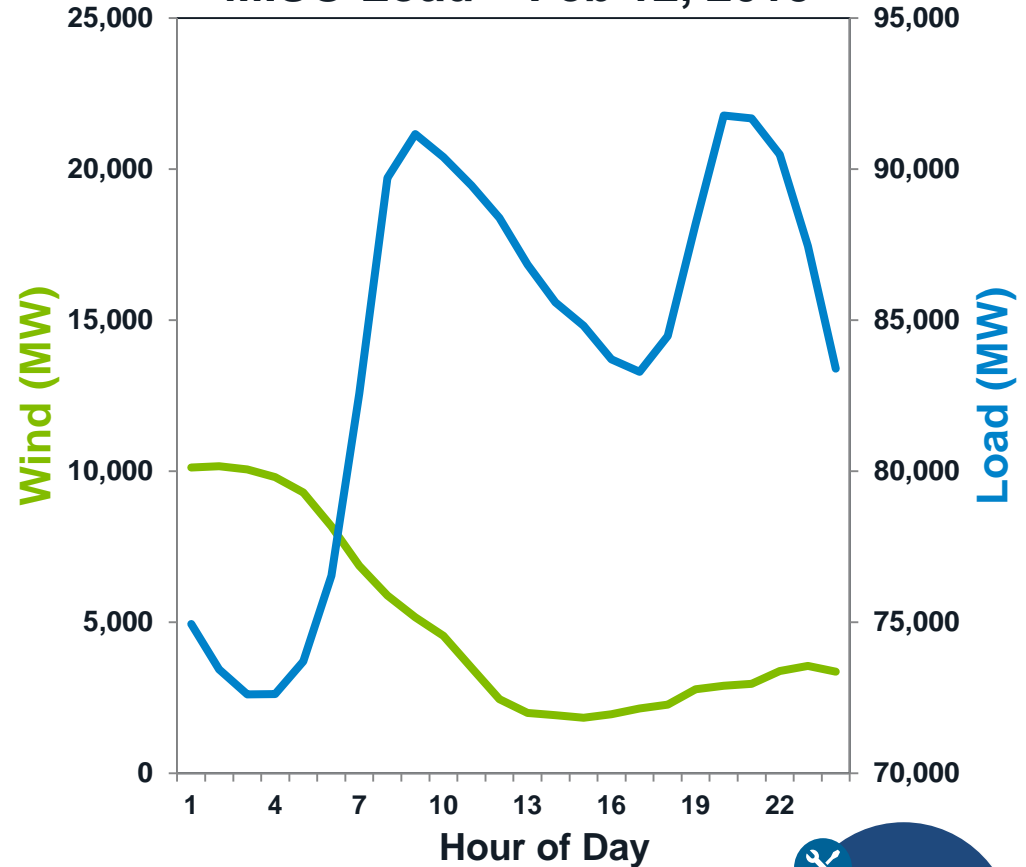
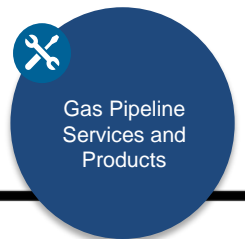
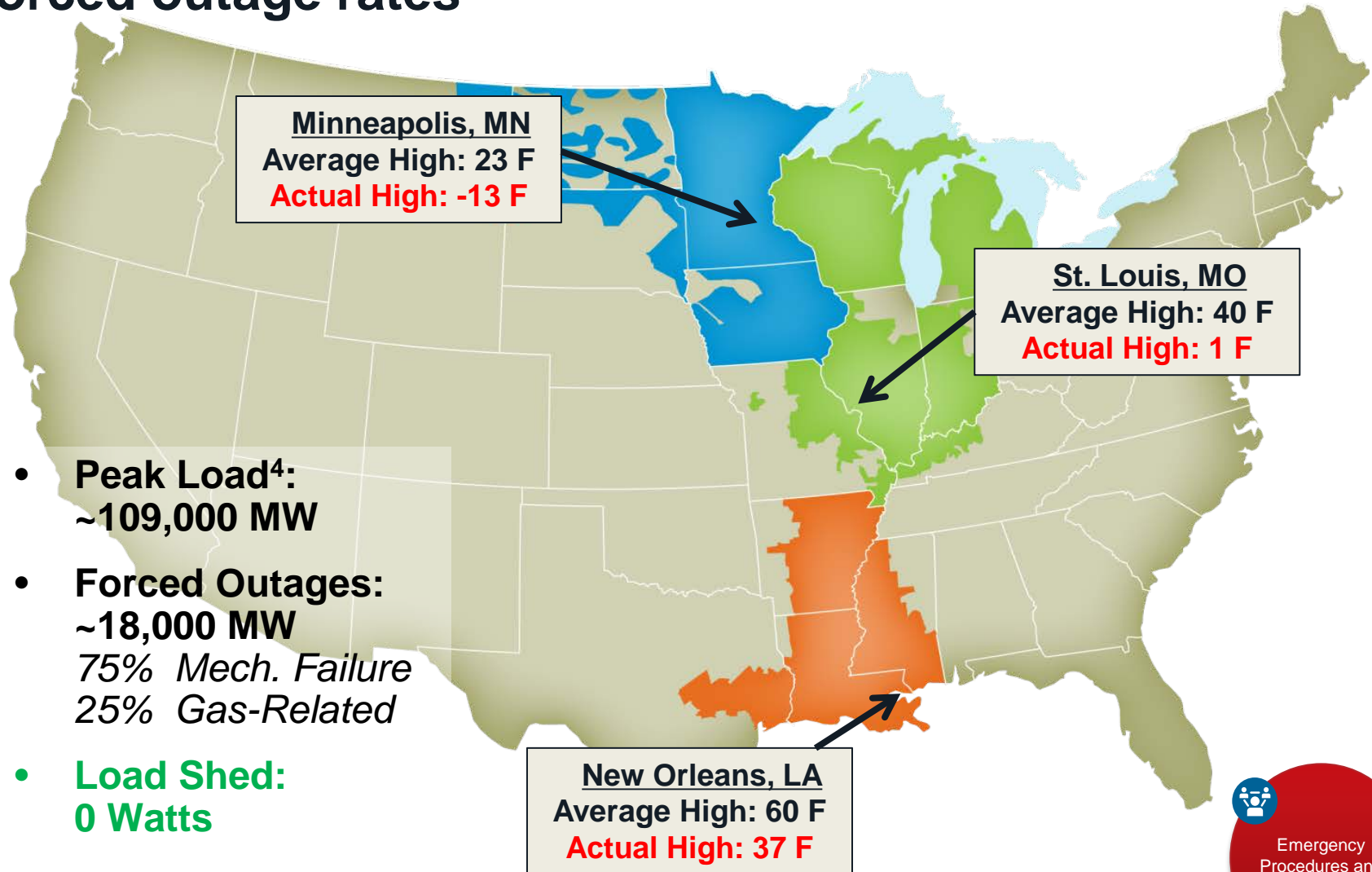


Chart source: CAISO



# The Polar Vortex event on January 6-7, 2014 stressed MISO's system with record peak demands and high forced outage rates



- **Peak Load<sup>4</sup>:**  
~109,000 MW
- **Forced Outages:**  
~18,000 MW  
75% Mech. Failure  
25% Gas-Related
- **Load Shed:**  
0 Watts

**New Orleans, LA**  
Average High: 60 F  
Actual High: 37 F

**St. Louis, MO**  
Average High: 40 F  
Actual High: 1 F

**Minneapolis, MN**  
Average High: 23 F  
Actual High: -13 F



# MISO's Winter Fuel Survey provides a regional view on winterization and fuel supply practices

- **2016 survey included responses from ~87% of MISO's gas-fired generators (representing 63,500 MW of capacity)**
- **Responses further the optimization of operational tools: pipeline notification website, fuel impact report, and electric/gas pipeline control room display**
- **Key Results**
  - Survey participants reported an increased utilization of flexible gas services, such as no-notice (42%) and non-ratable subscriptions (66%)
  - 83% of Combined Cycle units in MISO North/Central and 100% in MISO South utilize Firm Transportation or a blend of Firm/Interruptible, but only 23% of MISO capacity has dual fuel capability
  - 70% of MISO North/Central generation is connected to one of 5 pipelines, either directly or via LDC/Gas Utility

# It is critical for MISO's operators to know what is happening on the gas system



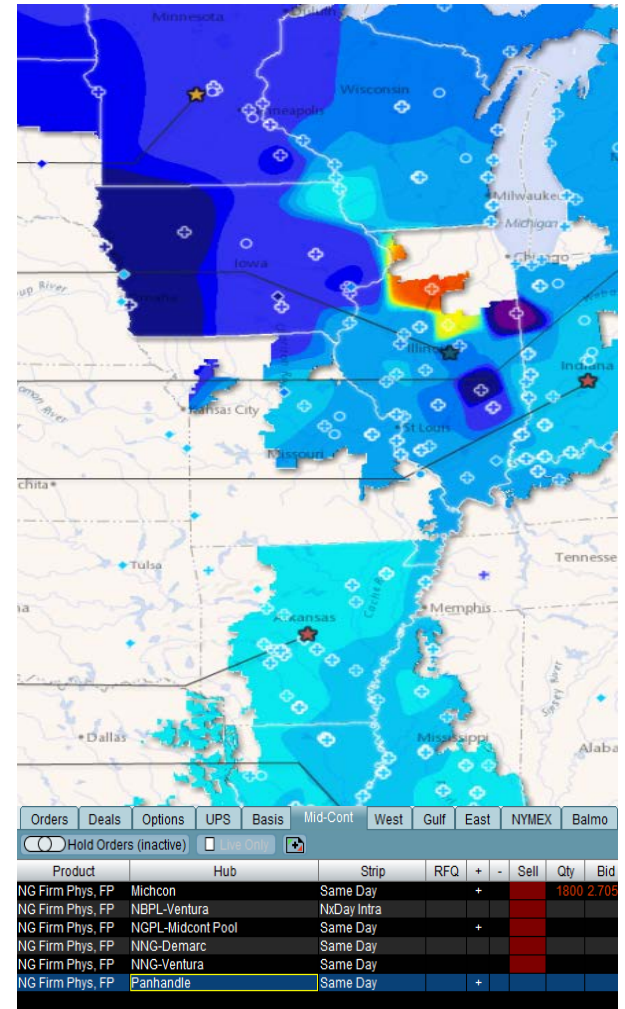
## Communication Coordination

- Operational contact list established with all pipelines in the MISO footprint
- Monthly—and as-needed—operational calls with major pipelines
- Sharing of MISO public data with pipelines
  - DA Wind Forecast & RT Wind Generation
  - LMP Contour Map



## Gas Market/Situational Awareness

- MISO pipeline notification website
- Monitoring market condition
  - Intercontinental Exchange subscription
- Gas industry internal training
- Daily gas outage report tracking – CROW monitoring



# Reliability of the integrated gas-electric system is a hot topic, with interest from a wide array of groups

- **2015 EIPC study<sup>5</sup> investigated gas-electric contingency events**
- **NERC transmission planning standards (TPL-001-4) came into effect 2015/2016**
  - Extreme Events analysis includes “Loss of two generating stations resulting from...loss of a large gas pipeline into a region”
- **NERC Single Point of Disruption (SPOD) special assessment**
  - Aims to identify potential risks to BPS as a result of disruptions on major natural gas infrastructure facilities
- **Federal Task Force – *Ensuring Safe and Reliable Underground Natural Gas Storage***
  - Established in the wake of Aliso Canyon incident, identifies large gas storage facilities where an outage could affect on gas-fired generation reliability

# New modeling tools allow for a view into the interactions between the gas and electric systems

## GPCM

### **About:**

- Standalone natural gas model, built on MS Access database foundation
- Used for long-term look into pricing and pipeline flow trends

### **Pros:**

- Well-regarded in gas industry
- Benchmarked against historical data
- Forecast dataset (included) is accurate and easily modified

### **Cons:**

- Monthly data granularity
- No integrated electric model

## PLEXOS

### **About:**

- Co-optimized Gas/Electric production cost modeling platform
- Electric model has been used for many MISO studies, including CPP analysis

### **Pros:**

- Capable of very granular detail
- Integrated gas/electric co-optimization
- Familiar tool for MISO

### **Cons:**

- Minimal support for gas model
- No gas model dataset included

# As gas-fired generation continues to grow in MISO, we're considering the following with our stakeholders:

- **Understanding changes in gas flows patterns and infrastructure utilization**
- **Future infrastructure requirements**
- **Implications of gas generation in winter**
- **Gas supply flexibility**
  - Hourly variations (including gas takes during short or specific portions of the day)
  - Load following and ability to ramp up/down for varying load or renewable energy changes
  - Short-notice ability to make changes
- **Capabilities/limitations of pipeline/LDC services and terms**
- **Regulators' role as we move forward**

# Thank you!

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# Appendix

# Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Facts & Functions

- **MISO:**
  - Is an independent, not-for-profit entity
  - Does not own any electric transmission or generation assets
  - Manages one of the world's largest energy and operating reserves markets using security-constrained economic dispatch of generation
  - Ensures reliable operation of the bulk electric transmission system
  - Coordinates long-term regional planning of the transmission system
- **MISO's mission:**
  - Work collaboratively and transparently with our stakeholders to enable reliable delivery of low-cost energy through efficient, innovative operations and planning

# The Gas Pipeline Notifications Page on MISO's website compiles notices from our region's pipeline EBBs

Home > Markets and Operations > Gas Pipeline

## Gas Pipeline

Search:  5,879 records (1 to 10) [csv](#)

Pipeline	ID	Type	Subject	Posted	Effective	End
TGP	355596	Pipeline Conditions	<a href="#">Restrictions For 4-21-15 Ec</a>	04/20/2015 19:14	04/20/2015 19:14	12/31/2049 09:00
TGP	355595	Pipeline Conditions	<a href="#">Restrictions For 4-20-15 Id2</a>	04/20/2015 18:06	04/20/2015 18:06	12/31/2049 09:00
NGPL	35207	Pipeline Conditions	<a href="#">Current Pipeline Conditions</a>	04/20/2015 16:26	04/20/2015 16:26	12/31/2049 09:00

Generators with Potential Fuel Limitations				
Condition	Generator	Operator	Pipeline	Potential Impacts
	Unit X	XXXX	ABC	Extended Run's may be limited Early morning dispatch may be limited -- Give advanced notice

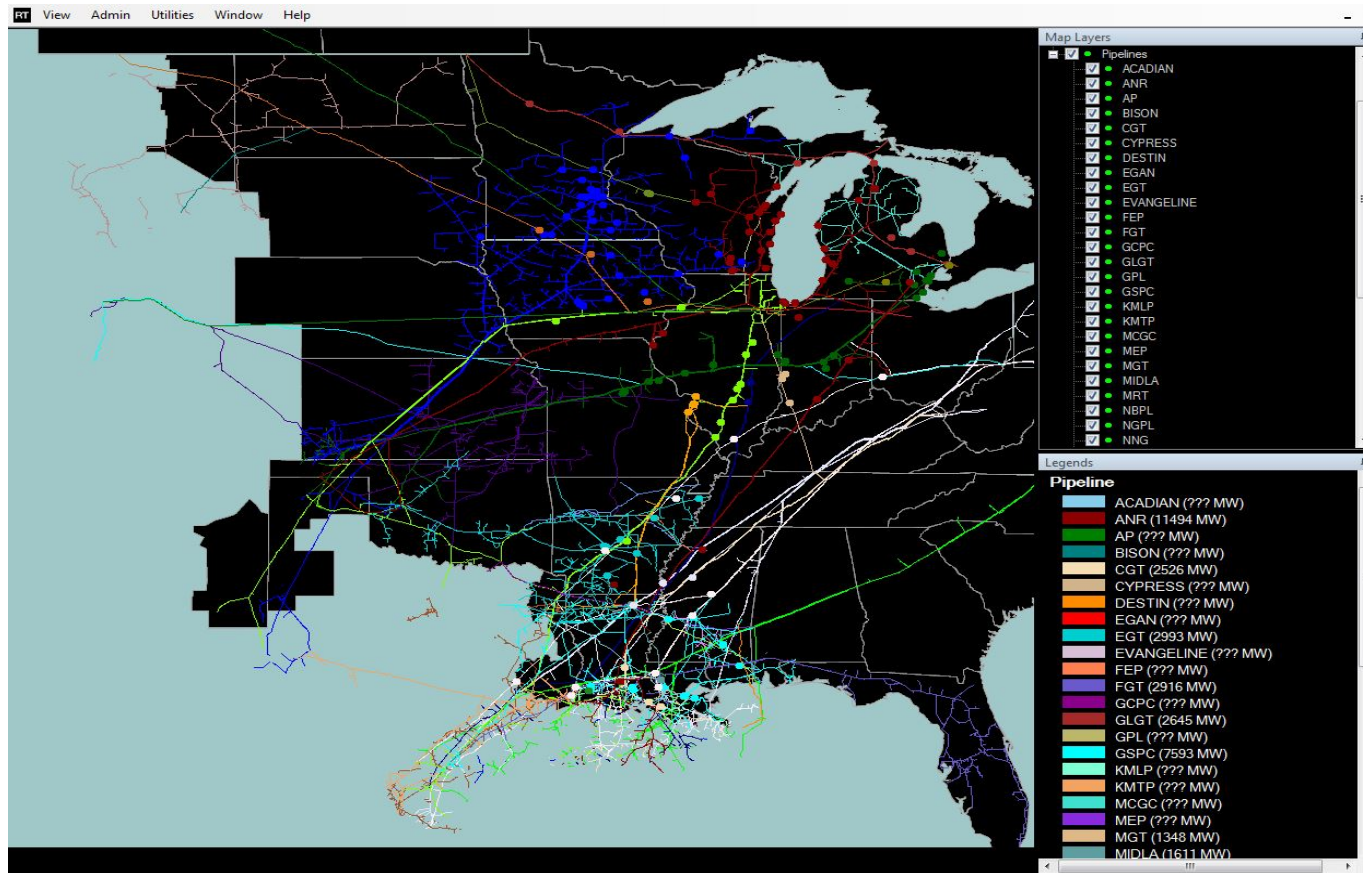
Pipeline Condition
Moderate
Caution
Critical



# Pipeline maps in our control rooms give operators a sightline into the gas system

## MISO Control Rooms / Real Time Display

Internal Tool for Real Time Operations



Operational Awareness and Coordination