



# 2016-2017 Winter Outlook

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# About NGSA

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- Represents major producers and suppliers of domestic natural gas
  - Integrated and independent companies: 14 members
  - Founded in 1965
- Only DC-based natural gas association representing producers and suppliers with a dedicated focus on downstream issues
- Promotes benefits of competitive natural gas markets, resulting in reliable and efficient transportation and delivery, increased supply and demand
- Combined with the Center for LNG

# Understanding the Symbols

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Upward market pressure

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Flat market pressure

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Downward market pressure

# Last Year's Projection: How Did We Score?

Predicted	Actual	Score
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## Key Factor:

**Second Warmest Winter Heating Season on Record**



# 2016-2017 Winter Outlook: **Outline**

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- Looking ahead to Winter 2016-2017
  - Market pressure points:
    - Weather
    - Economy
    - Demand
    - Storage
    - Production
  - Wild card factors
  - Winter expectations
- Summary



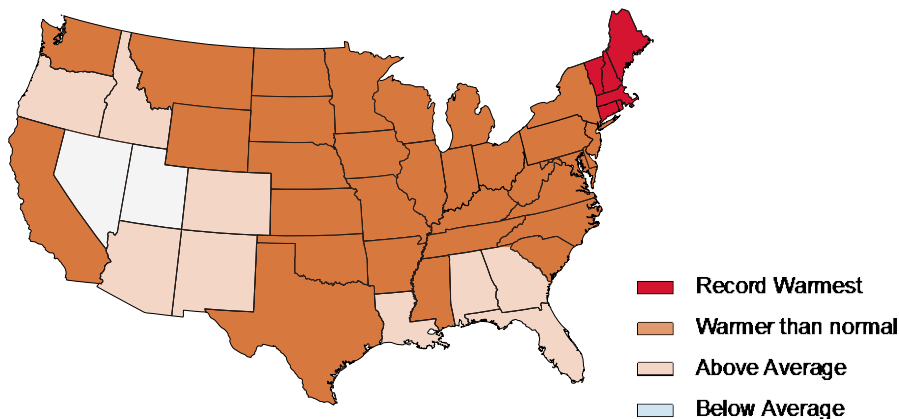
# Demand: Winter Weather

## Last Winter: Nov. – March

2015-2016 ACTUAL

### Actual season (NOAA):

17% warmer than previous winter and  
13% warmer than 30-year average



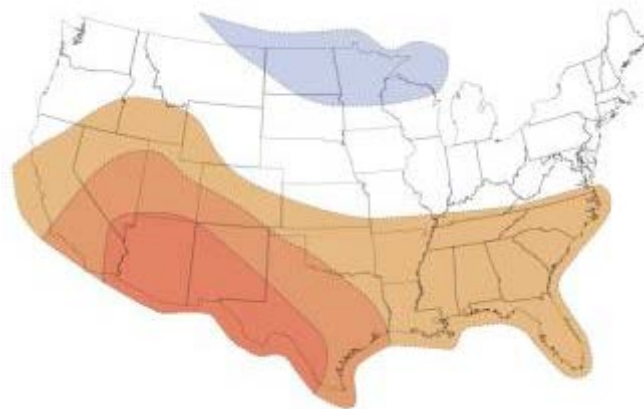
3,042 Heating degree days (NOAA)

## This Winter

2016-2017 FORECAST

### Forecast:

12% *colder* than last year,  
3% warmer than 30-year average



3,408 Heating degree days

Winter-to-winter pressure  
on natural gas prices





# Demand: Economy

Winter Season Period-to-period change	Last Winter 2015-2016 ACTUAL	This Winter 2016-2017 FORECAST
Economy	Slow	Still sluggish
GDP growth	1.7%	2.1%
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.9%
Manufacturing	0.2%	0.7%
CPI	0.7%	2.1%
Consumer Sentiment Index	91.4	91.9

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# Demand: Customer Demand

Winter Season Period-to-period change	Last Winter 2015-2016 ACTUAL	This Winter 2016-2017 FORECAST
<b>Customer Gas Demand*</b>	<b>89.1 Bcf/d</b>	<b>92.3 Bcf/d</b>
■ Electric	24.5 Bcf/d	21.2 Bcf/d
■ Industrial	22.2 Bcf/d	22.9 Bcf/d
■ Residential/Commercial	32.2 Bcf/d	36.2 Bcf/d
■ Mexican exports	3.2 Bcf/d	4.0 Bcf/d
■ LNG exports	NA	0.8 Bcf/d
Growth sector	Electric	Residential + 12%

**Winter-to-winter pressure on natural gas prices**

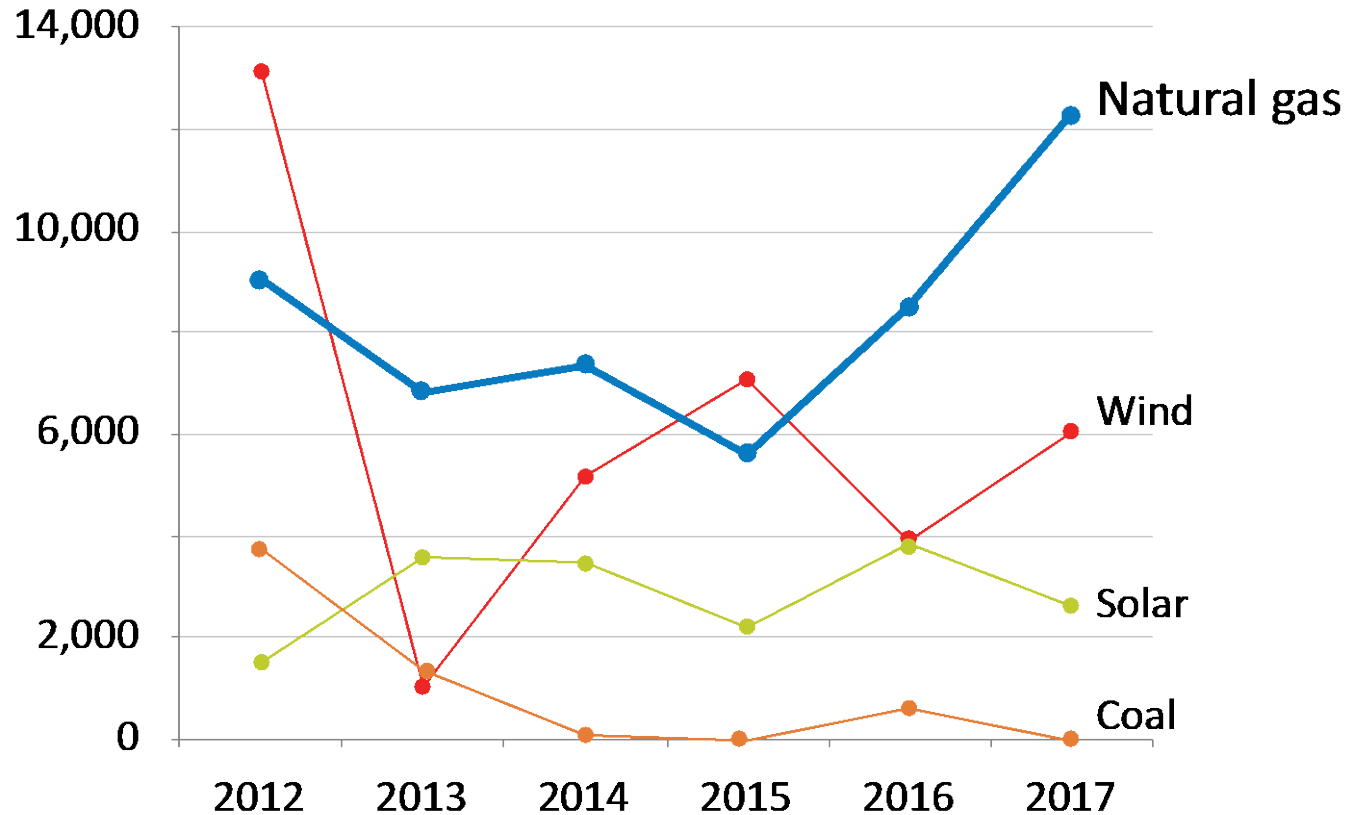


\*Includes "Lease, Plant and Pipeline Fuel"



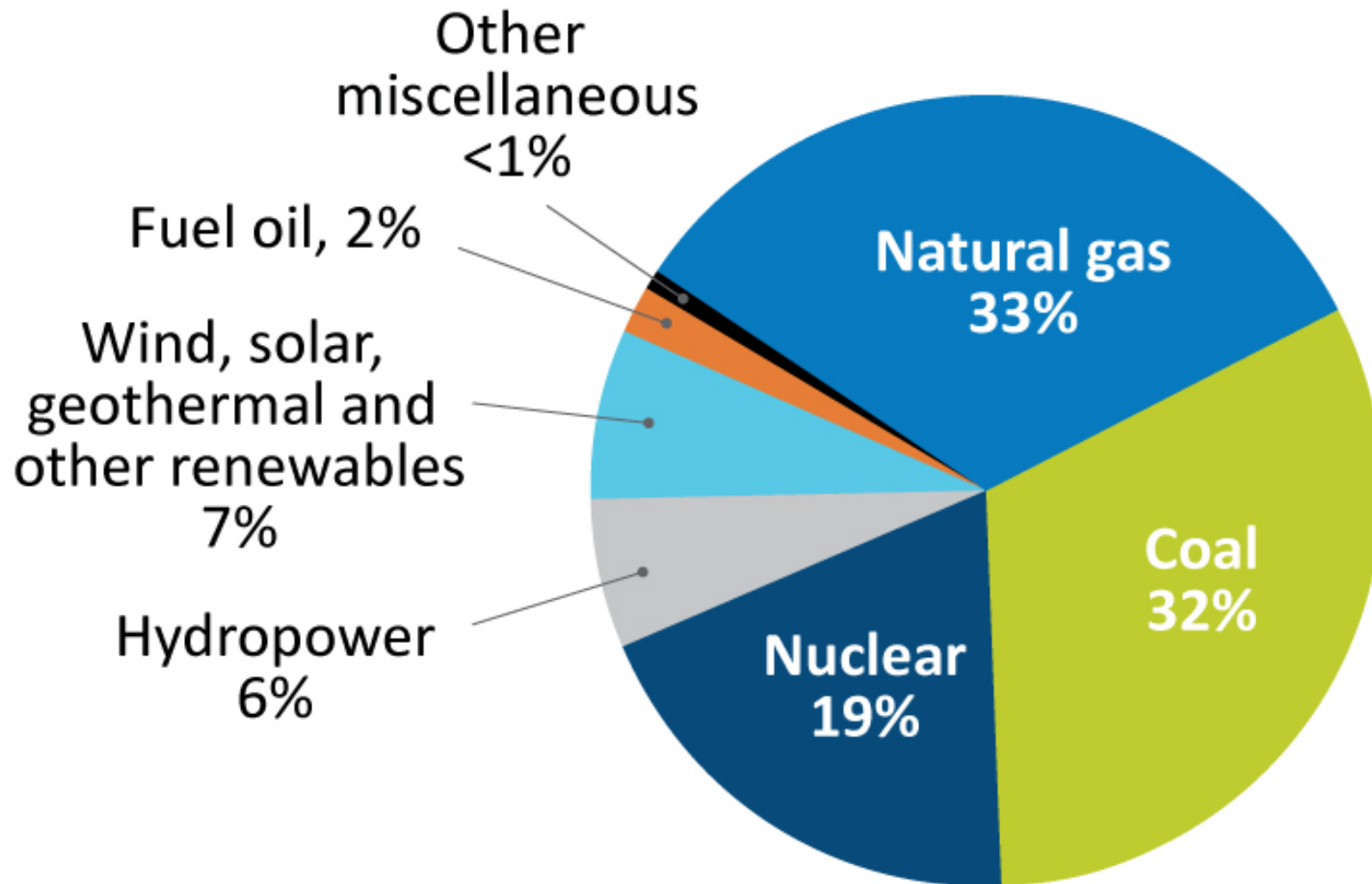
# Focus on New Electric Generation Capacity:

## New Electric Generation Mostly Natural Gas; Renewables Also on Rise



\*2016 and 2017 wind figures are conservatively estimated by EVA

# 2015 Electricity Fuel Mix



# Focus On Industrial Demand:

## Natural Gas Spurring 71 Major Industrial Projects 2015–2021

\$121 Billion  
Investment to Build

Increase of 3.7  
Bcf/d

57

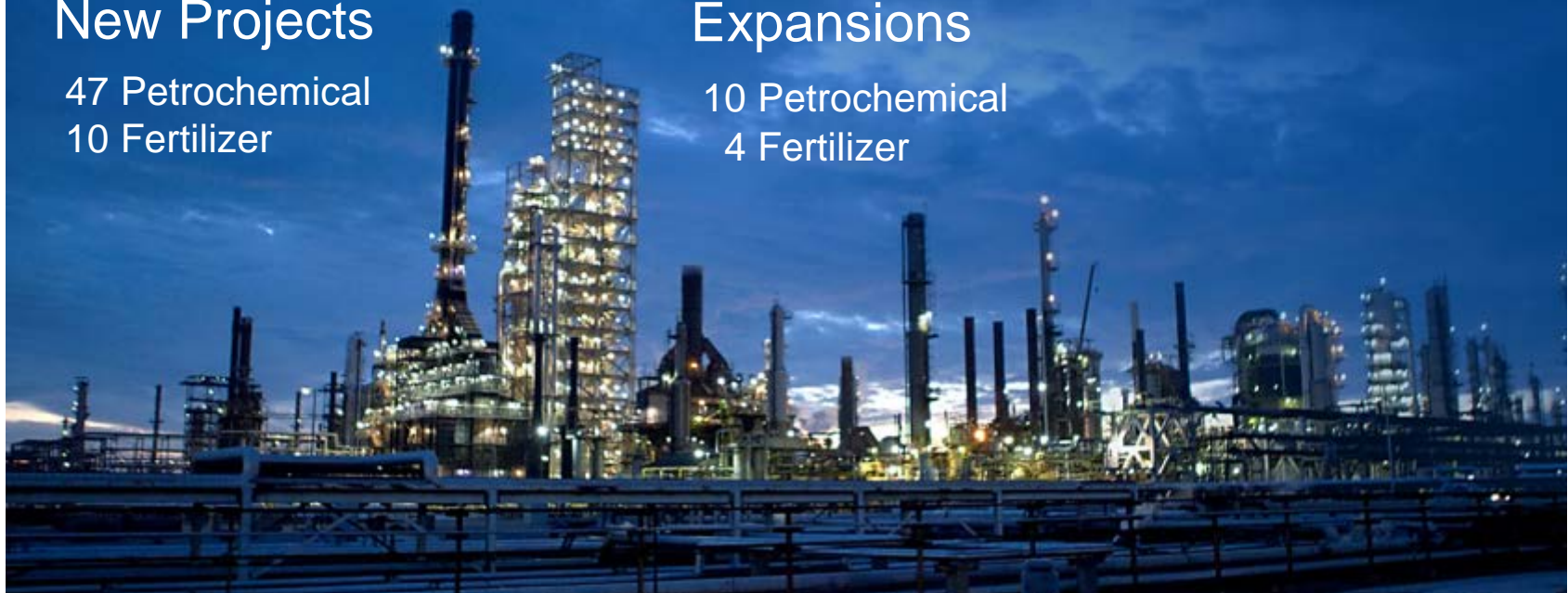
New Projects

47 Petrochemical  
10 Fertilizer

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Expansions

10 Petrochemical  
4 Fertilizer



# Supply: Winter Storage

Winter Season Period-to-period change	Last Winter 2015-2016 ACTUAL	This Winter 2016-2017 FORECAST
Start-of-winter inventory	3,950 Bcf	3,995 Bcf
Compared to 5-year average (Percent of total storage inventory)	1% greater	3% greater
New storage capacity	7 Bcf	Est. 0 Bcf

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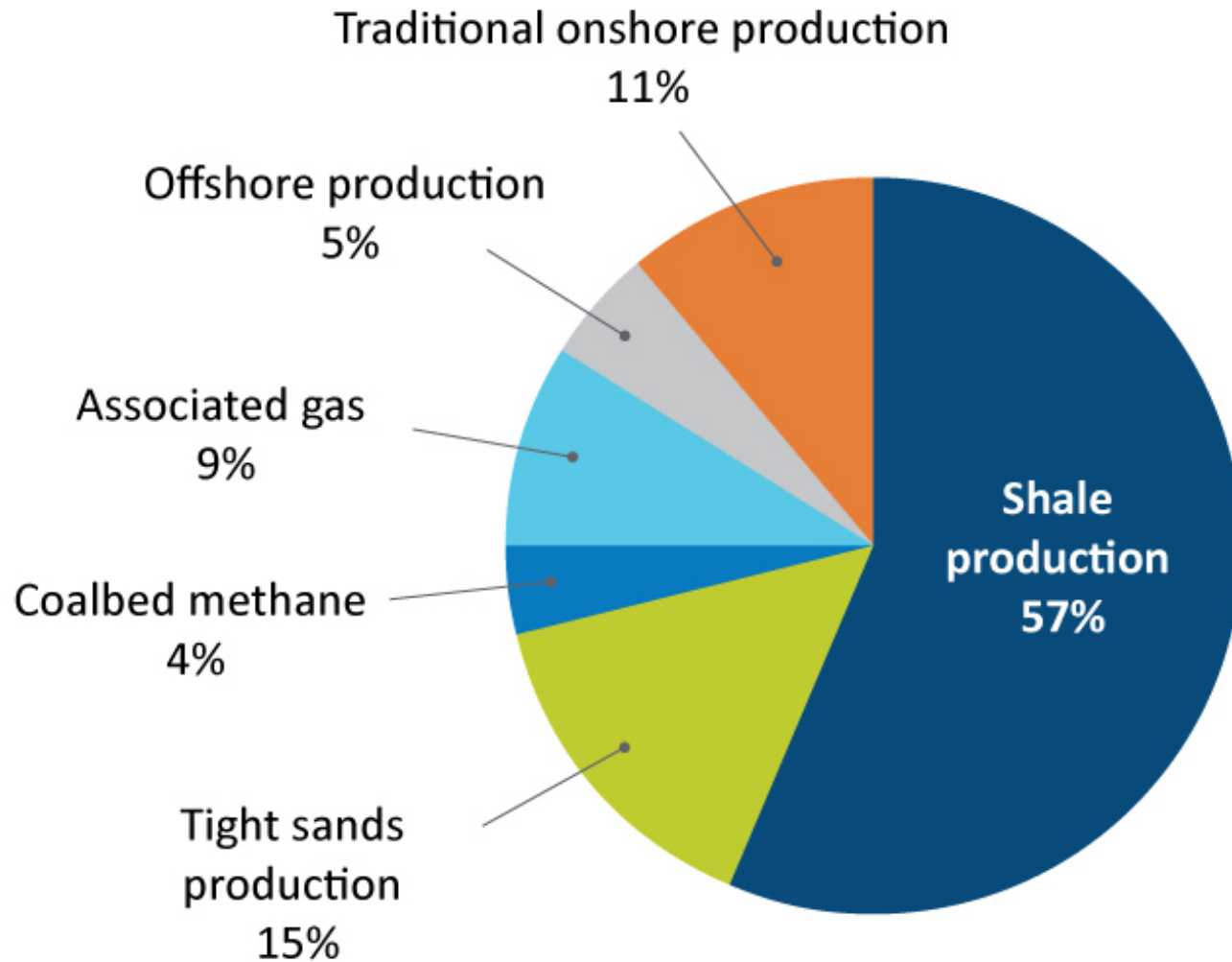
# Supply: Winter Sources

<b>Winter Season</b> Period-to-period change	<b>Last Winter</b> 2015-2016 ACTUAL	<b>This Winter</b> 2016-2017 FORECAST
Winter average production (Lower 48)	73.5 Bcf/d	73.0 Bcf/d
Canadian imports (net)	5.5 Bcf/d	5.5 Bcf/d

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on natural gas prices**



# Focus On Supply Flexibility and Responsiveness: Winter Production From Shale and Diverse Sources



# Winter Outlook: Wild Cards

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Weather?





# This Season's Winter Outlook

Winter Season Period-to-period change	This Winter 2016-2017 FORECAST
Weather	↑
Economy	—
Overall demand	↑
Storage	—
Winter supply	—
<b>Winter-to-winter pressure on natural gas prices</b>	↑

# Natural Gas Outlook: Responsive, Flexible Gas Market

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- Robust winter supply
  - Efficiencies in drilling and production continue to make wells more productive at lower cost
  - Diverse supply sources contribute to greater flexibility
  - Storage inventory forecast to reach record levels provides further flexibility
- Residential/commercial demand increases due to colder weather
- Industrial demand buoyed by new builds in petrochemical, fertilizer sectors



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