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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Jeff King, Senior Resource Analyst

SUBJECT: Revised power price forecast for the final Sixth Power Plan

A number of factors affecting the forecast of wholesale power prices have changed since the preparation of the forecast used for the draft plan. These factors include a revised discount rate, a revised natural gas price forecast, a modified forecast of CO₂ allowance price, updated information regarding power plant outage rates, a revised forecast of renewables development to meet the renewable portfolio standards of the western states, revised demand forecasts for the western states, an updated inventory of power generation facilities in the West, newly available hourly production information for wind and solar resources and an expanded set of new generating resource options.

The combined effect of these factors is to reduce the 20-year levelized wholesale electricity price forecast from \$62/MWh in the draft plan to \$56/MWh.

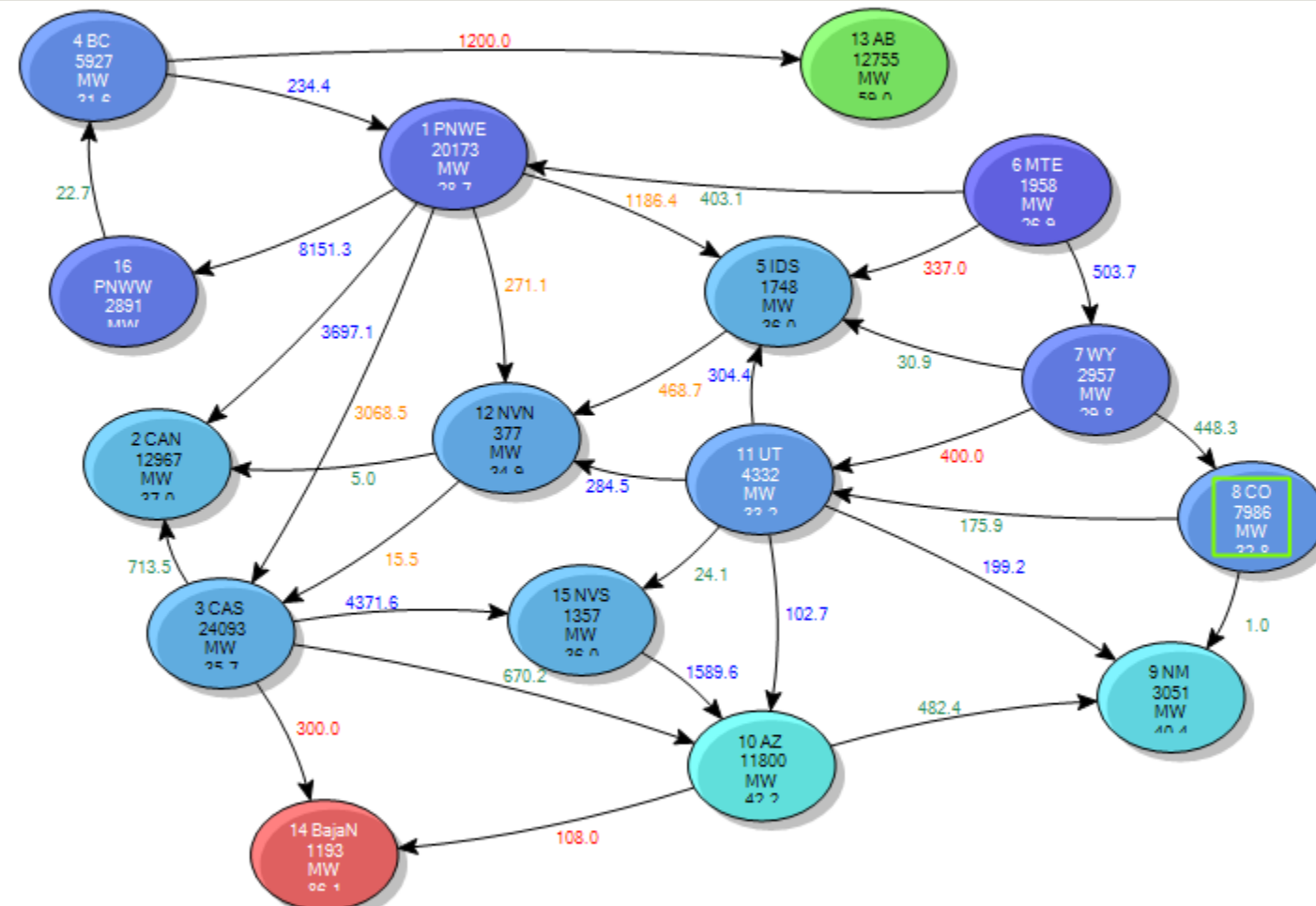
Staff will discuss the revised forecast at the January Power Committee meeting. Presentation materials will be provided later this week.

Final Wholesale Electricity Price Forecast

Jeff King
Power Committee
January 12, 2010

System Diagram for NPCC R5B11

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Recent Projects

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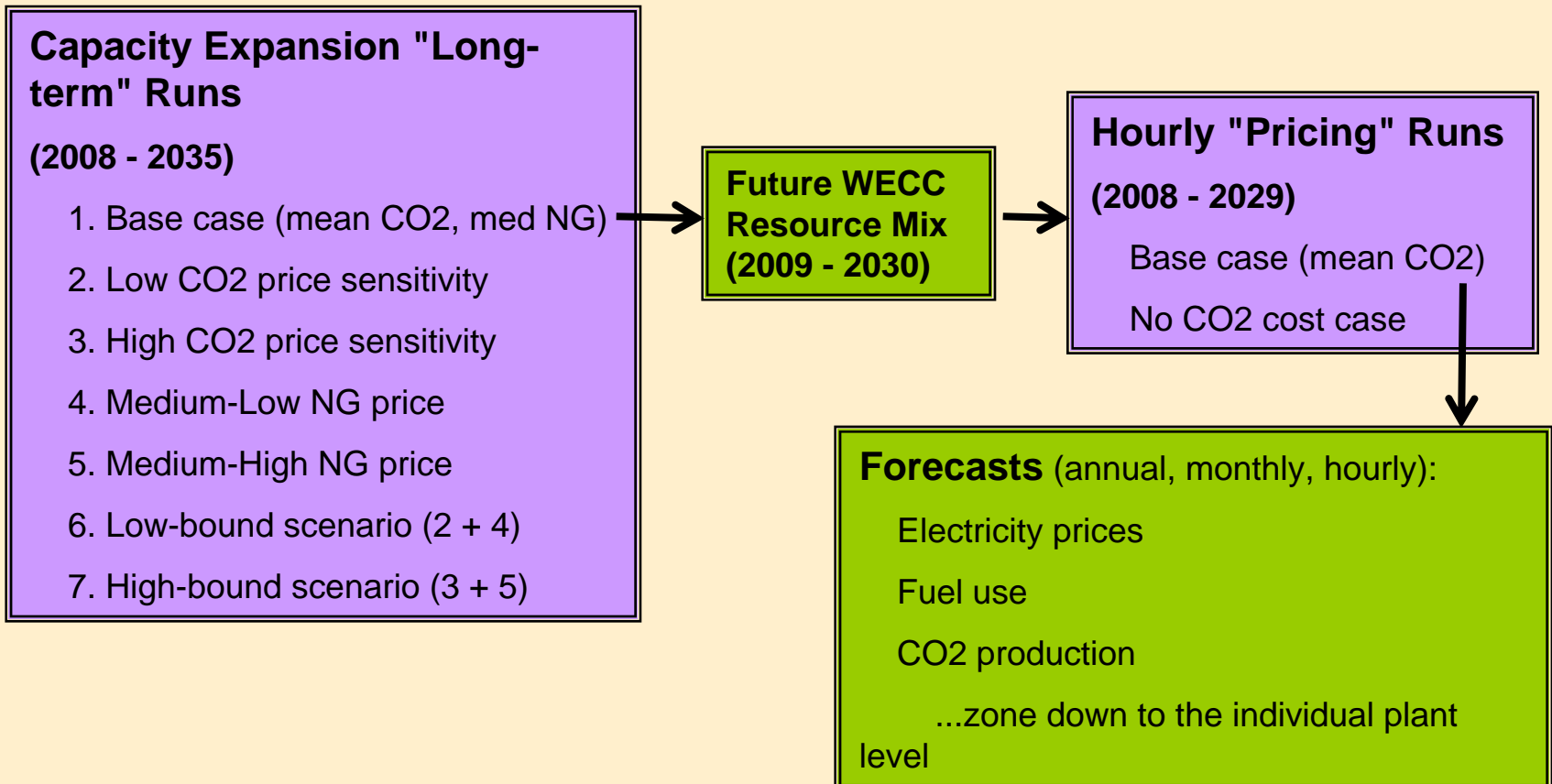
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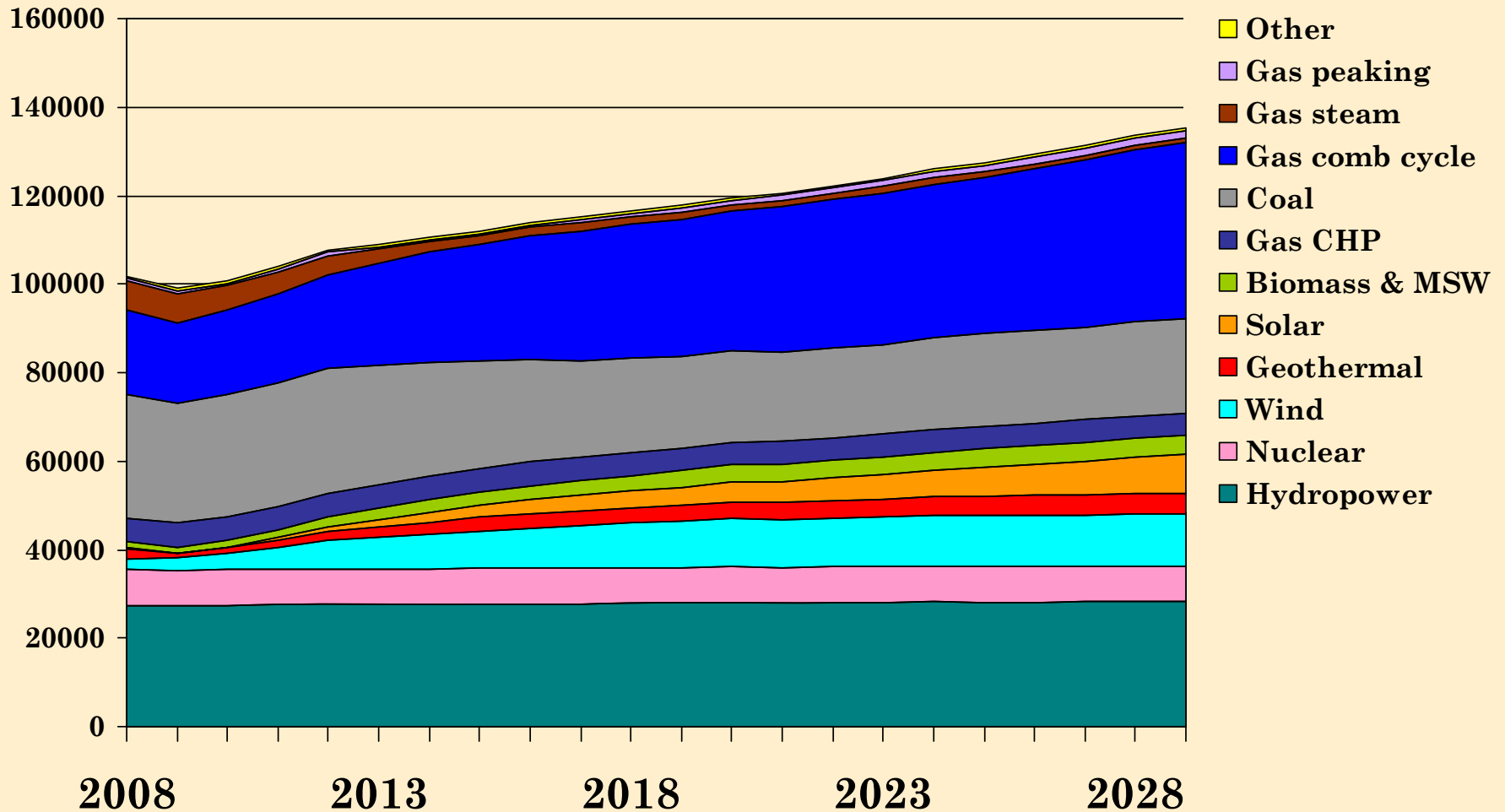
Developing the electricity price forecast



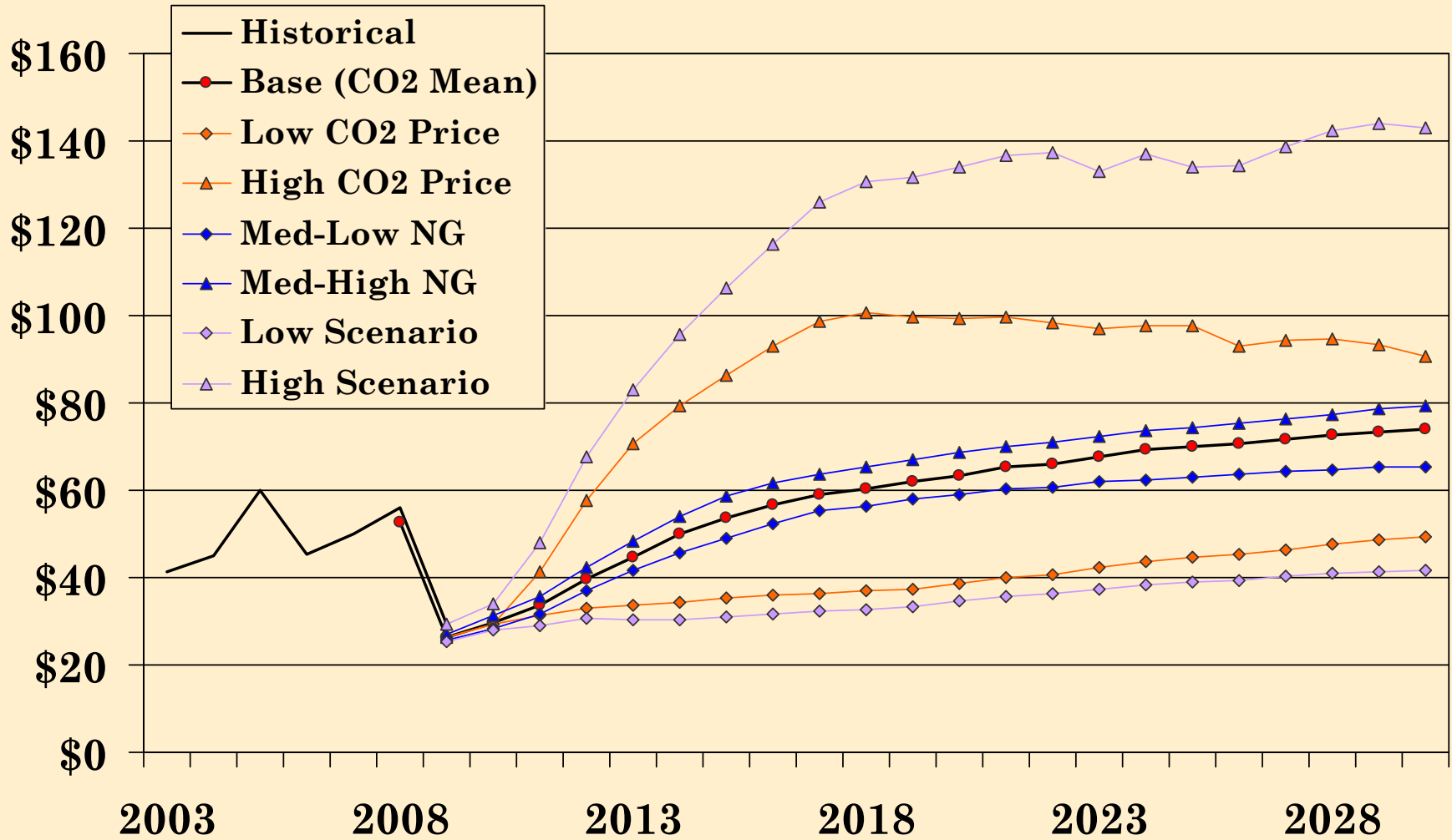
Updates to the draft price forecast (Feb 2009)

- Updated version of AURORA^{xmp}
- Updated forecast of general inflation
- Final discount rate and corresponding project financing assumptions
- Final CO2 allowance price forecast
- Updated plant outage assumptions
- Updated inventory of WECC projects
- Final natural gas price forecast
- Updated PNW & other WECC zonal loads
- Final RPS resource development forecast
- Hourly wind and solar output using representative values
- Expanded selection of new resource options

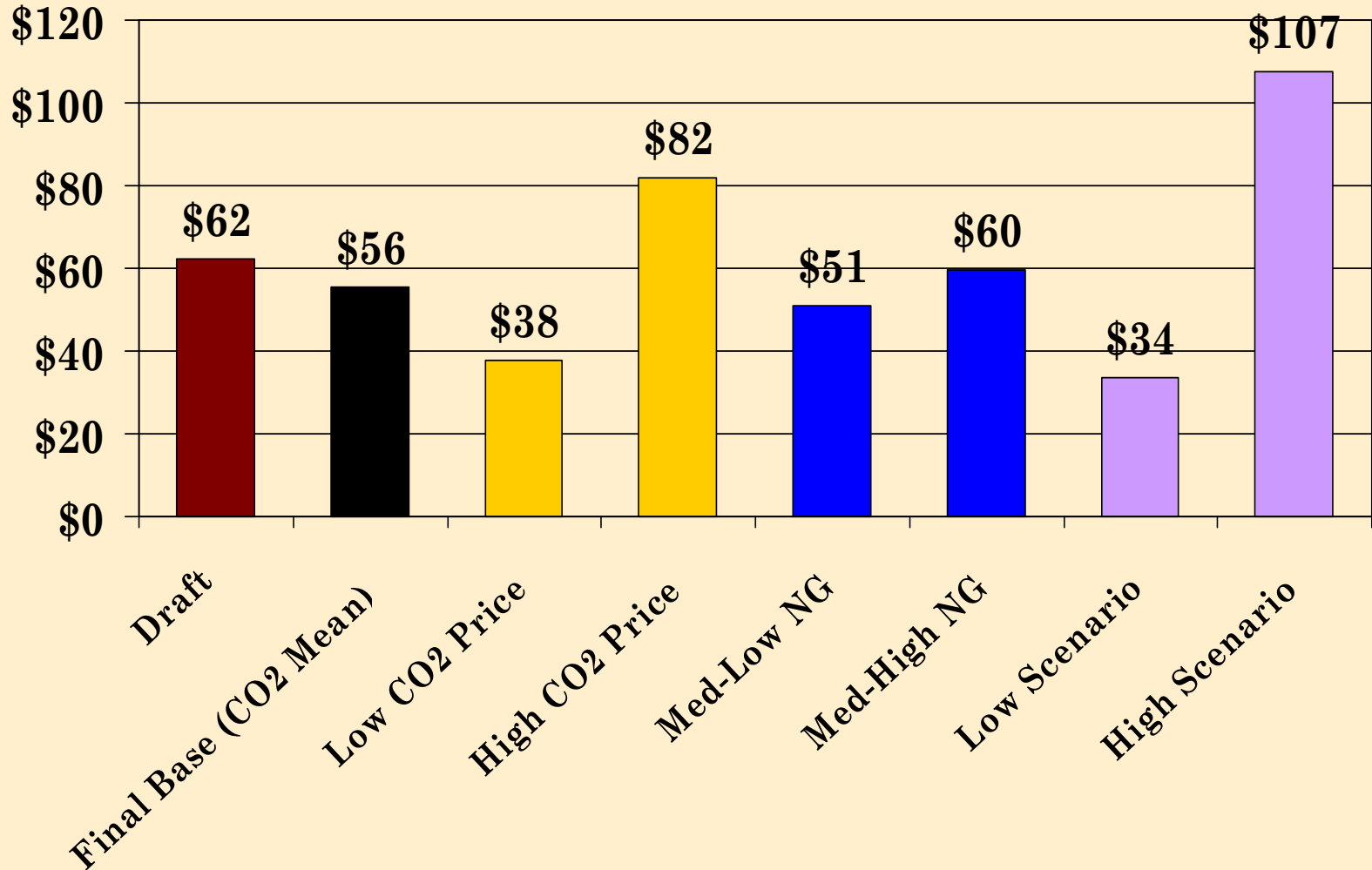
WECC Resource Output (Mean CO2 case)



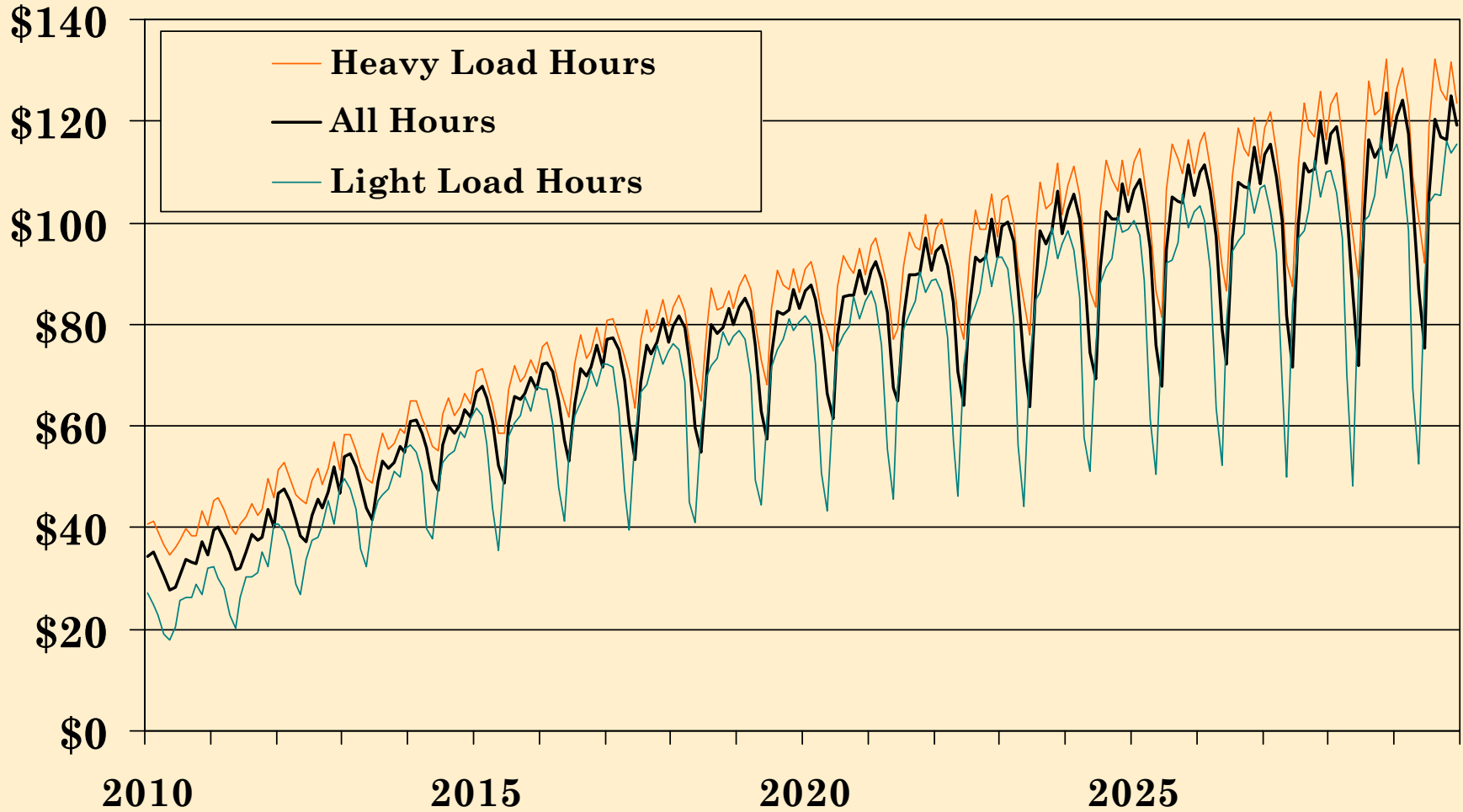
Mid-Columbia Electricity Price Forecast



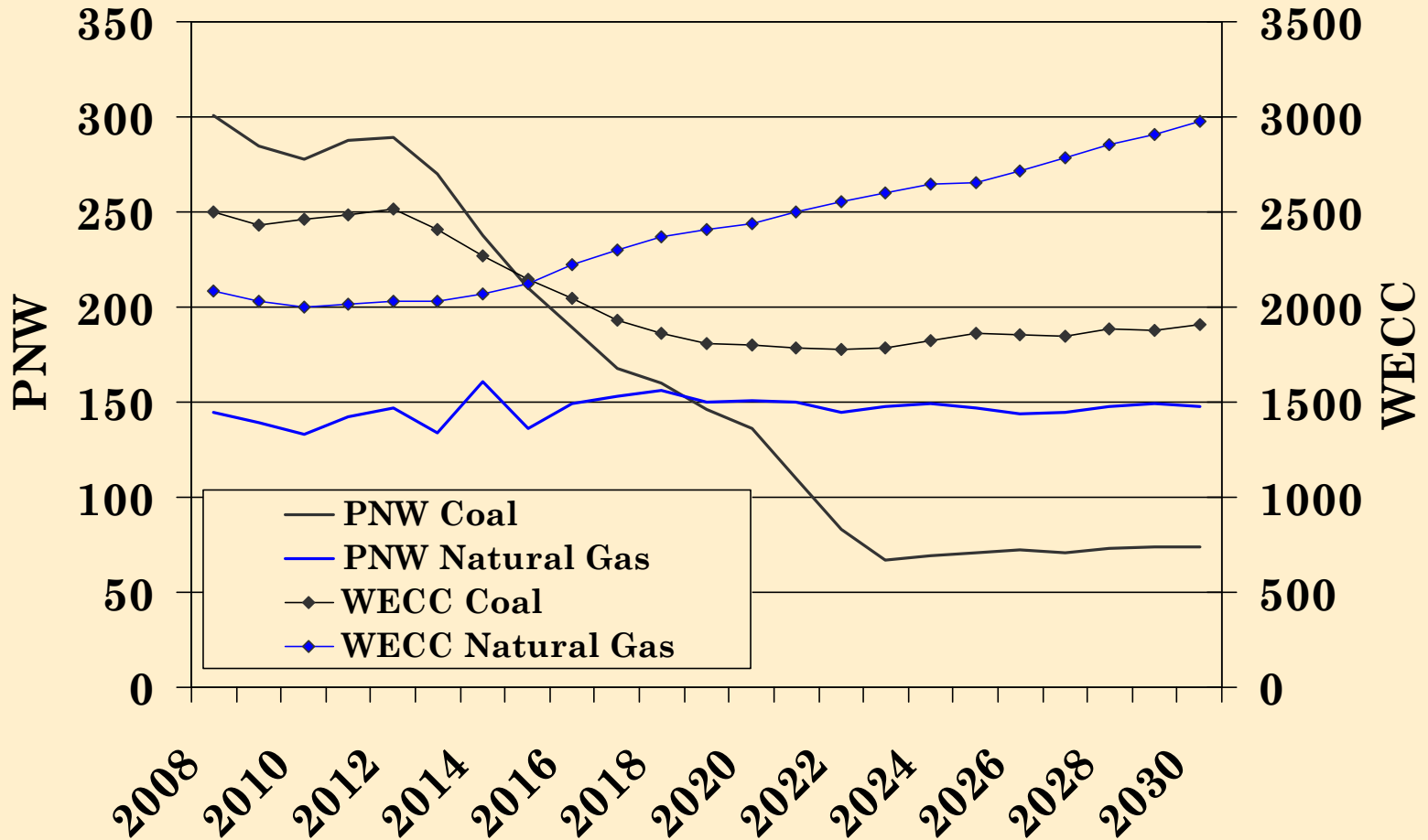
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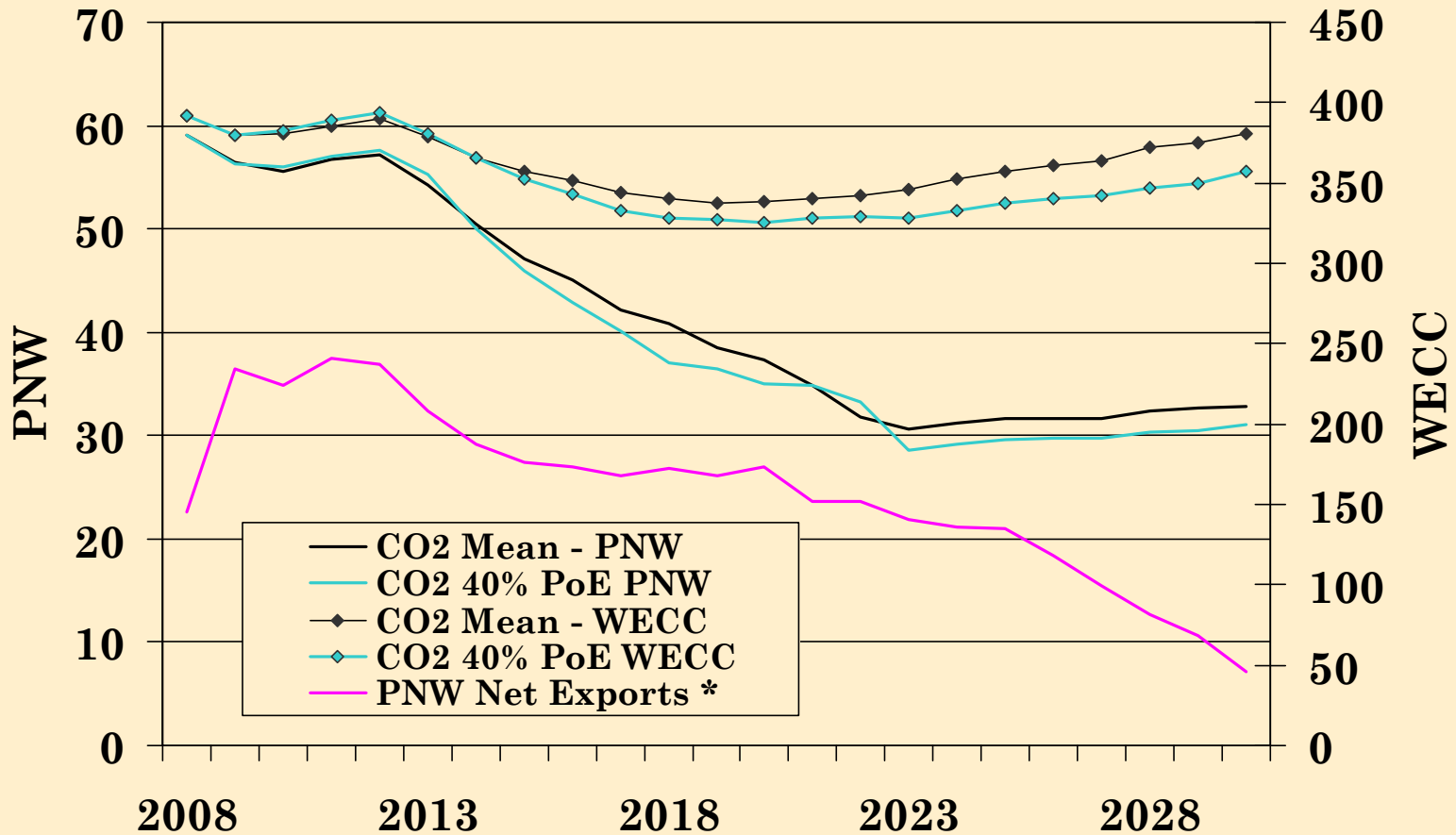
Base Forecast: Monthly Averages



Fuel Consumption (TBtu)



CO2 Production (MMtCO2/yr)



* GWh x 100