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Meeting Agenda - Final

ABAG POWER Executive Committee

Chair, Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa

Vice Chair, Brendan Havenar-Daughton, County of Contra Costa

Thursday, February 13, 2025

11:00 AM

CR-112 Claremont - 1st Floor

**ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources
Executive Committee
Meeting No. 2025-01**

Teleconference Locations:

Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room, 455 East Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas CA 95035

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Clerk: Cindy Chen

**Committee Representative Roster,
Chair, Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa
Vice Chair, Brendan Havenar-Daughton, County of Contra Costa
Aaron Zavala, City of Pleasanton
Elaine Marshall, City of Milpitas**

1. Welcome / Call to Order

Doug Williams, ABAG POWER Executive Committee Chair, City of Santa Rosa

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Cindy Chen, Clerk of the Board, ABAG/MTC

A quorum of the ABAG POWER Executive Committee shall be a majority of its regular voting members (3).

3. Public Comment

The public is encouraged to provide comment at Committee meetings. This public comment period is intended for items not agendaized.

4. Consent Calendar

- 4.a. [25-0178](#) Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2024, Executive Committee Special Meeting

Action: ABAG POWER Executive Committee Approval

Presenter: Cindy Chen, Clerk of the Board, ABAG/MTC

Attachments: [4.a ABAG POWER EC Summary Minutes of June 28, 2024](#)

- 4.b. [25-0180](#) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Amendment #1 between ABAG and ABAG POWER

Staff will present an updated MOU between ABAG and ABAG POWER.

Action: ABAG POWER Executive Committee Approval

Presenter: Eyas Abdeen, Principal Program Manager, ABAG/MTC

Attachments: [4.b.1 Summary Sheet of MOU Amendment](#)
[4.b.2 MOU Amendment No.1](#)
[4.b.3 MOU between ABAG and ABAG POWER](#)

5. Information

- 5.a. [25-0179](#) POWER Program Manager's Report - Natural Gas and Renewable Natural Gas Programs

Staff will provide an overview of POWER operation that includes market condition, gas purchase, winter hedging strategy, and other miscellaneous items.

Action: ABAG POWER Executive Committee Information

Presenter: Eyas Abdeen, Principal Program Manager, ABAG/MTC

Attachments: [5.a. ABAG POWER Staff Report](#)

6. Other Business

Committee to provide update on items within member agencies relevant to ABAG POWER and/or the ABAG/MTC energy programs.

7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting is the ABAG POWER Executive Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on April 17, 2025.

Public Comment: The public is encouraged to comment on agenda items at Committee meetings by completing a request-to-speak card (available from staff) and passing it to the Committee secretary. Public comment may be limited by any of the procedures set forth in Section 3.09 of MTC's Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 1058, Revised) if, in the chair's judgment, it is necessary to maintain the orderly flow of business.

Meeting Conduct: If this meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by one or more persons rendering orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be arrested. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Committee may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue.

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Attachments are sent to Committee members, key staff and others as appropriate. Copies will be available at the meeting.



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Presenter:
Cindy Chen, Clerk of the Board, ABAG/MTC

Recommended Action:
ABAG POWER Executive Committee Approval

Attachments: List any attachments.



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375 Beale Street
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ABAG POWER Executive Committee

Chair, Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa
Vice Chair, Brendan Havenar-Daughton, County of Contra Costa

Friday, June 28, 2024

11:00 AM

Redwood CR 5150 - 5th Floor (REMOTE)

ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources Executive Committee Special Meeting No. 2024-01

Teleconference Locations:

Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room, 455 East Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035

Committee Representative Roster:

Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa
Brendan Havenar-Daughton, County of Contra Costa
Aarón Zavala, City of Pleasanton
Elaine Marshall, City of Milpitas

Staff Roster:

Brad Paul, Jane Elias, Cindy Chen, Matt Lavrinets, Theresa Chiong, Oscar Quintanilla Lopez,
Ferawati Chandra

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Committee Member, County of Contra Costa

On behalf of Chair Williams, Committee Member Havenar-Daughton called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Cindy Chen, Clerk of the Board, ABAG/MTC

Present: 3 - Vice Chair Havenar-Daughton, Committee Member Marshall, and Committee Member Zavala

Absent: 1 - Chair Williams

Committee Member Marshall was present at the teleconference location. Quorum was present.

3. Public Comment

Committee Member Havenar-Daughton invited any member of the public in attendance to provide public comment on items not on the agenda. None was provided.

4. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Committee Member Zavala and seconded by Committee Member Marshall, this Consent Calendar was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Havenar-Daughton, Committee Member Marshall, and Committee Member Zavala

Absent: 1 - Chair Williams

- 4a. [24-0774](#) Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting.

Attachments: [4.a.1. - ABAG POWER EC Summary Minutes of April 18, 2024](#)

- 4b. [24-0775](#) Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Lodi Gas Storage, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$932,152 for natural gas storage services for the period July 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027.

Attachments: [4.b.1. – Summary Sheet – Lodi Gas Storage LLC](#)

[4.b.2. – Summary Approval – Lodi Gas Storage LLC](#)

- 4c. [24-0776](#) Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract with GPT Secure LLC in an amount not to exceed \$738,000 for natural gas scheduling and operational consulting services for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027.

Attachments: [4.c.1. – Summary Sheet–Natural Gas Scheduling & Operational Consulting RFQ](#)

[4.c.2. – Summary Approval – GPT Secure LLC](#)

5. Information

- 5a. [24-0777](#) Report on Natural Gas and Renewable Natural Gas Programs

Staff will review recent gas operations, including gas purchases; the program's long-term hedge position; gas imbalances; regulatory updates; and other miscellaneous program items.

Attachments: [5.a.1. – Report on Natural Gas and RNG Programs Presentation](#)

[5.a.2. – Summary Sheet - Monthly Summary of Operations](#)

Jane Elias presented a report on natural gas and renewable natural gas programs.

6. Action

6a. [24-0779](#) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budget

Authorization of fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 Operating budget in the amount \$18,010,520 for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and approval of 1) accompanying levelized charges as shown in agenda item 6.a.4. for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025; and, 2) assessment of working capital deposits as shown in agenda item 6.a.5., in the amount of \$1,528,561, for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Attachments: [6.a.1. – FY 2024-25 Operating Budget Presentation](#)
[6.a.2. – FY 2024-25 Operating Budget Summary Sheet](#)
[6.a.3. – FY 2024-25 Operating Budget](#)
[6.a.4. – FY 2024-25 Operating Budget Levelized Charges](#)
[6.a.5. – FY 2024-25 Working Capital Deposit Assessment by Member](#)
[6.a.6. – FY 2024-25 Operating Budget Summary Approval](#)

Upon the motion by Committee Member Zavala and seconded by Committee Member Marshall, this Action Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Havenar-Daughton, Committee Member Marshall, and Committee Member Zavala

Absent: 1 - Chair Williams

Jane and Oscar presented the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget. Committee Member Havenar-Daughton asked questions about the staff versus consultant costs breakdown, accrued interest treatment, and RNG program updates.

7. Other Business

Committee Member Havenar-Daughton asked if there was any member of Committee who wished to provide an update on items within member agencies relevant to ABAG POWER or the ABAG/MTC energy programs. None was provided.

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next regular governance meeting of ABAG POWER Executive Committee was scheduled to be held on August 15, 2024. Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.



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Presenter:

Eyas Abdeen, Principal Program Manager, ABAG/MTC

Recommended Action:

ABAG POWER Executive Committee Approval

Attachments: List any attachments.

Association of Bay Area Governments Publicly Owned Energy Resources

ABAG POWER

Executive Committee

February 13, 2025

Agenda Item 4.b.1

MOU AMENDMENT NO. 01

Subject:

AMENDMENT NO. 01 to Memorandum of Understanding Between Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources

Background:

In 2018, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources (POWER) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a framework for mutual understanding and cooperation between the two entities. In specific sections of this MOU, including Article 7 and Appendix D, individuals and their responsibilities were listed by name, rather than by position and/or title. In light of recent retirements and staff changes, this Amendment serves to modify these sections by replacing the names of personnel with the appropriate position and/or title. Additionally, this Amendment would also update Appendix C to allow the POWER program manager to enter into gas purchasing contracts up to five (5) years, instead of three (3).

Issues:

None.

Recommended Action:

ABAG POWER Executive Committee is requested to accept Amendment No. 01

Attachments:

- Amendment No. 1
- MOU between ABAG and ABAG POWER

Reviewed:

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Daniel Saver
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AMENDMENT NO. 01
To MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
And ABAG PUBLICLY OWNED ENERGY RESOURCES

THIS AMENDMENT, effective as of March 20, 2025, is Amendment No. 01 to the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), a joint powers authority and ABAG Publicly owned Energy Resources (POWER), a joint powers authority, dated April 3, 2018 (collectively, “Memorandum of Understanding”).

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to modify the Memorandum of Understanding as indicated below.

1. Article 7 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 7. The former ABAG staff members who currently implement and support POWER's programs are members of the Consolidated Staff.
 - (a) ABAG expects that they will continue to perform those functions and will take steps to ensure that this occurs.
 - (b) POWER will exercise its power of appointment of its officers to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in its use of the Consolidated Staff. ABAG's preference in this regard are:
 - (i) MTC’s Deputy Executive Director for Housing & Energy will serve as ABAG POWER President;
 - (ii) MTC’s Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, will serve as ABAG POWER Chief Financial Officer and
 - (iii) MTC’s Section Director for Energy Programs will serve as ABAG POWER Secretary.
2. Appendix C, POWER Business Practices for Discussion with Consolidated Staff/MTC is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix C, POWER Business Practices for Discussion with Consolidated Staff/MTC (Revised via Amendment No. 1), attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
3. Appendix D, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix D, Notices (Revised via Amendment No. 1) attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

4. Retention of Contract Provisions. Except as provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been executed by the parties hereto as of the Effective Date written above.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA
GOVERNMENTS

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA
GOVERNMENTS PUBLICLY OWNED
ENERGY RESOURCES

Andrew B. Fremier, Metropolitan
Transportation Commission Executive Director
Acting pursuant to the Contract for Services
dated May 30, 2017

Douglas Williams, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

APPENDIX C
POWER Business Practices
For
Discussion with Consolidated Staff/MTC
(Revised via Amendment 1)

1. POWER program manager has authority to enter into natural gas purchase contracts in amounts that are not bounded and for durations up to five (5) years. Any limitations or controls on such authority must allow for decisions to occur in a timely manner that includes, but are not limited to, immediate purchases to meet load requirements, response to changing market conditions and time limited offers. To the extent that any limitations or controls are based on potential financial risks, they will be evaluated in light of (a) the risk being limited to POWER and its assets and (b) the risk being exercised by the Consolidated Staff on behalf of POWER.
2. POWER performs an annual ‘true up’ of amount paid by POWER members in a given fiscal year and the actual costs of the natural gas and services provided. Any changes to the process for performing this function will first be presented to POWER for its approval.

EXHIBIT 2

**APPENDIX D
Notices**

(Revised via Amendment No. 1)

1. Notices or other communications to ABAG for any matter other than those covered by section 12 -14 of the MOU shall be sent to:

Deputy Executive Director for Housing & Energy
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

2. Notices or other communications to ABAG for matters covered by section 12 -14 of the MOU shall be sent to:

President
Association of Bay Area Governments
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

3. Notices or other communications to POWER shall be sent to:

Secretary
ABAG POWER
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
and
ABAG PUBLICLY OWned ENERGY RESOURCES

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), a joint powers authority and ABAG Publicly OWned Energy Resources (POWER), a joint powers authority.

RECITALS

- A. Background. By resolution 97-19, the Executive Board of ABAG caused the formation of POWER in 1997 to provide energy services to public entities in the service territory of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Section 7(a) of the joint powers agreement (JPA) creating POWER appoints ABAG to implement the programs authorized by POWER. Generally, ABAG has done so through the use of ABAG staff and ABAG'S operating procedures and protocols. The POWER Bylaws provides that the POWER Board of Directors or Executive Committee appoint President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary and those positions are currently filled by designated ABAG staff.
- B. ABAG – MTC Staff Consolidation. ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), a regional planning agency created by state statute and the designated metropolitan planning organization/regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay area, decided to consolidate their respective staffs (Consolidated Staff) under the terms of a Contract for Services dated May 30, 2017 (CS), between ABAG and MTC which is attached hereto as Appendix A. The CS recognizes that ABAG remains as an independent legal entity with its own assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.
- C. Contract for Services and POWER. The CS identifies and describes Local Collaboration Programs (LCPs) carried out by ABAG, including ABAG POWER. ABAG employees who performed work to implement and support POWER programs are now members of the Consolidated Staff. Further, the CS includes provisions that, on their face, appear to commit the LCPs to specific courses of action or to affect how ABAG provides services to the LCPs. None of the LCPs, including POWER, is a signatory to, or a third party beneficiary of, the CS.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

1. ABAG and POWER acknowledge that POWER is not a party to the CS. POWER acknowledges that the inclusion of POWER in ABAG's budget and work plan (B&WP) for FY 2017-18, attached hereto as Appendix B, obligates MTC to provide services to POWER and obligates ABAG to pay for such services in FY 2017 -18 and a B&WP that includes POWER will be prepared for subsequent fiscal years. The parties will use the processes described in this MOU to ensure the satisfactory performance of services for POWER and timely payment for the same in FY 2017-18 and in subsequent fiscal years.
2. ABAG proposes to meet its obligations described in section A through services and functions provided to ABAG, and through ABAG to POWER, under the CS. POWER acknowledges this arrangement, accepts it as meeting the terms of the JPA and agrees to fund the portion of the POWER budget in the applicable approved B&WP.
3. Through the Consolidated Staff, ABAG will work with all the LCPs, including POWER to develop a schedule for the preparation of the B&WP for each fiscal year that coordinates with the schedules for each of the LCPs to develop their complete budget for that fiscal year.
4. ABAG and POWER acknowledge that ABAG serves as POWER's fiscal agent, including holding and managing POWER's assets of which the primary component is POWER's operating capital in the approximate amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$2,000,785) as of June 30, 2017.
 - (a) Under section 3.3 of the CS, ABAG assigned this function to the Consolidated Staff effective July 1, 2017.
 - (b) This did not change the fact that POWER's assets and liabilities remain POWER's.
 - (c) POWER has worked, and will continue to work with the Consolidated Staff to take steps necessary to implement section 3.3, including authority to open accounts on behalf of POWER, as needed and to invest funds in accordance with an adopted investment policy.
 - (d) Provisions in the CS that allow the LCPs, including POWER, to use LCP assets to provide financial support to ABAG and/or its programs, do not affect in any way POWER's authority over its assets and revenues. Any such support requires the consent of POWER and authorization by its Board of Directors or Executive Committee.
 - (e) Through the Consolidated Staff, ABAG will consult with POWER to determine the type, detail and timing of financial reports to POWER in carrying out the fiscal agent functions. These reports will be provided to POWER through ABAG's Finance and Personnel Committee.
5. Section 3.3 of the CS also provides that the Consolidated Staff will use MTC's rules for business operations in implementing the services to the extent they are compatible with

ABAG policies. ABAG anticipates that some of MTC's standard business practices may differ from ABAG's. Where such differences have the potential to impact POWER, they will be identified in due course and POWER will be consulted to determine the best solution to accommodating POWER's programmatic needs. A preliminary list of such business practices is set forth in Appendix C. Based on such consultation, ABAG will consult with MTC to identify a procedure that meets POWER's programmatic and policy needs and is compatible with MTC's business practices.

6. The CS provides for creation of the position of Deputy Executive Director for Local Government Services and that the person occupying that position will be the primary liaison between POWER and MTC and the consolidated staff. ABAG and MTC have agreed that Brad Paul has been appointed to that position.
7. The former ABAG staff members who currently implement and support POWER's programs (Jerry Lahr and Ryan Jacoby) are members of the Consolidated Staff.
 - (a) ABAG expects that they will continue to perform those functions and will take steps to ensure that this occurs.
 - (b) POWER will exercise its power of appointment of its officers to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in its use of the Consolidated Staff. ABAG's preference in this regard are:
 - (i) Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director of MTC for Local Government Services as President;
 - (ii) Brian Mayhew, Chief Financial Officer of MTC, or his designee, as Chief Financial Officer and
 - (iii) Jerry Lahr, Assistant Director of MTC for Energy Programs as Secretary.
8. Upon receipt of notice from MTC that any of the persons described in sections 6 and 7, or any of their successors, is leaving the position ascribed to him/her, ABAG will consult with POWER regarding the process, timing and criteria for filling the position and will work with MTC to ensure that ABAG's and POWER's concerns and expectations are met.
9. Section 3.4 of the CS states that the MTC Legal Department will provide general legal support services to the Consolidated Staff in their implementation of the B&WP for ABAG and the LCPs, including POWER. The Consolidated Staff will work with POWER to retain specialized legal services for POWER to be provided at POWER's expense.
10. ABAG and POWER acknowledge that section 9 of the CS provides for MTC to conduct a governance study of all LCPs, including POWER. This study will be conducted at no cost to POWER. Further, neither POWER or ABAG will be bound by the recommendations or results of the study and will retain all authority regarding its governance structure.
11. ABAG and POWER acknowledge that section 9 of the CS provides for the ABAG, MTC and the LCPs, including POWER, to mutually indemnify and hold each other harmless and to release claims arising out of the CS. The Consolidated Staff will carry out the requirements

- of section 11 of the CS regarding insurance and risk allocation and present the results of that process that includes a strategy for insurance and risk allocation that covers POWER. ABAG expects that this strategy will induce POWER to forego any of POWER's claims against ABAG or MTC described in section 9 of the CS.
12. Pursuant to section 3.5 of the CS, ABAG will receive quarterly progress reports from MTC regarding the services provided by the Consolidated Staff under the CS, including services to POWER. ABAG will forward such reports to POWER.
 13. Pursuant to section 2.4 of the CS, ABAG will provide written reports to the governing board of MTC regarding the quality and manner in which services, programs and work products are delivered, observations on the potential reasons for any deficiencies and suggestions for improvements. The governing board of MTC is required to respond within 60 days. ABAG will consult with each LCP, including POWER, regarding service delivery to each LCP and include their opinions of same in its report to the governing board of MTC. ABAG will share with each LCP, including POWER, the governing board of MTC's response.
 14. Section 14 of the CS provides a process for the resolution of disputes arising out of the CS. ABAG and POWER acknowledge that the processes described in sections 12 and 13 of this MOU and the referenced section of the CS are designed to identify and remedy any shortcomings in services provided to ABAG or the LCPs. If POWER has noted such a shortcoming and ABAG has transmitted the concerns to the governing board of MTC and the governing board of MTC's response described in section 13 of this MOU is not satisfactory to POWER, ABAG will submit POWER's concerns through the dispute resolution process in section 14 of the CS.
 15. Section 15 of the CS provides a process for termination of the CS. ABAG will consult with all the LCPs, including POWER, prior to terminating the CS or immediately upon receiving notice of an actual or potential termination of the CS. ABAG and POWER will use their best efforts to reach agreement on a mutually acceptable course of action. ABAG acknowledges that under the section 7(a) of the JPA POWER has the right to remove ABAG as the administering Member for POWER and that POWER may exercise that right due to termination of the CS or concerns regarding services provided under the CS, or for POWER's convenience.
 16. All notices or other communications to the parties shall be made in writing which may include electronic communications such as email or digital documents attached to such email. The physical and email addresses for parties are set forth in Appendix D which may be revised from time to time without amending this MOU.
 17. This MOU may be modified in writing executed by both parties.

18. This MOU may be terminated effective July 1 of any year upon written notice by either party submitted on or before January 1 of the year the termination is effective.

19. This MOU may be executed in counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be effective with the approval of their legally authorized representatives on the dates indicated below.

Association of Bay Area Governments

Date: 3/29/18



Steve Heminger, Metropolitan
Transportation Commission Executive
Director, Acting Pursuant to the Contract
for Services dated May 30, 2017

ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources

Date: 4/3/2018



Tonya Gilmore, Chair

APPENDIX C

POWER Business Practices For Discussion with Consolidated Staff/MTC

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2. POWER performs an annual 'true up' of amount paid by POWER members in a given fiscal year and the actual costs of the natural gas and services provided. Any changes to the process for performing this function will first be presented to POWER for its approval.

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Julie Pierce, President
Association of Bay Area Governments
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San Francisco, CA94105
Email: JPierce@ci.clayton.ca.us

3. Notices or other communications to POWER shall be sent to:

Tonya Gilmore
City of Orinda
22 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563
Email: tgilmore@cityoforinda.org



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Executive Committee Meeting

Eyas Abdeen, Principal Program Manager
February 13, 2025



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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

- Introduction
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- Progress Update



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ABAG supports regional planning and cooperation among the cities and counties of the San Francisco Bay Area.

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- ABAG POWER was **formed in 1998** by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and local governments to provide **aggregated electricity and natural gas procurement for municipal facilities**.
- ABAG is the program administrator of ABAG POWER.
- Current offerings include a natural gas aggregation program and renewable natural gas program.
- Goals of price stability and cost savings.



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Membership and Governance

52 Participating Entities

Each public agency assigns a voting delegate to the Board of Directors which meets annually

4-member Executive Committee

- Meets bi-monthly to oversee
- Budget and operations
 - Gas purchasing strategy
 - Sustainability initiatives
 - Regulatory proceedings



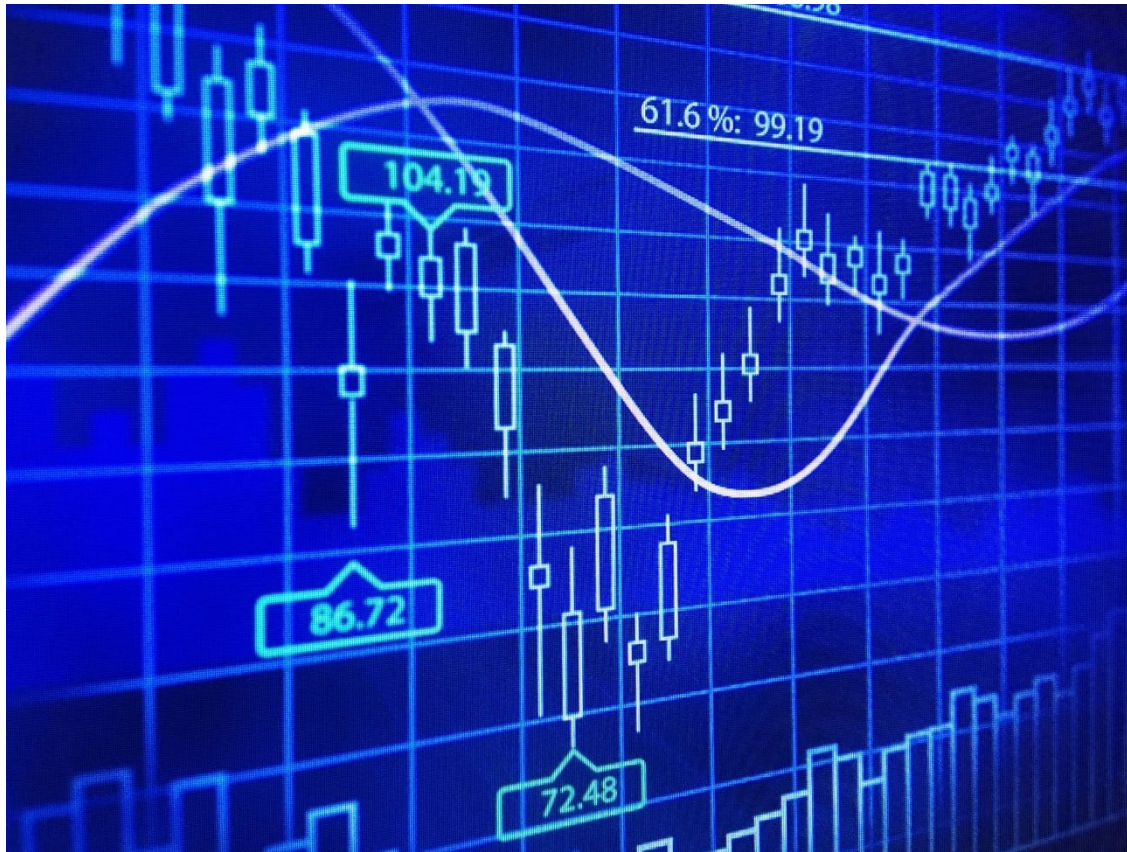
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Gas Market Overview



Natural Gas Cost Drivers



Supply and Demand

Weather

Production Levels

Storage Levels

Transportation Infrastructure

Global Market Dynamics

Geopolitical Events

Regulations and Policies

Economic Factors

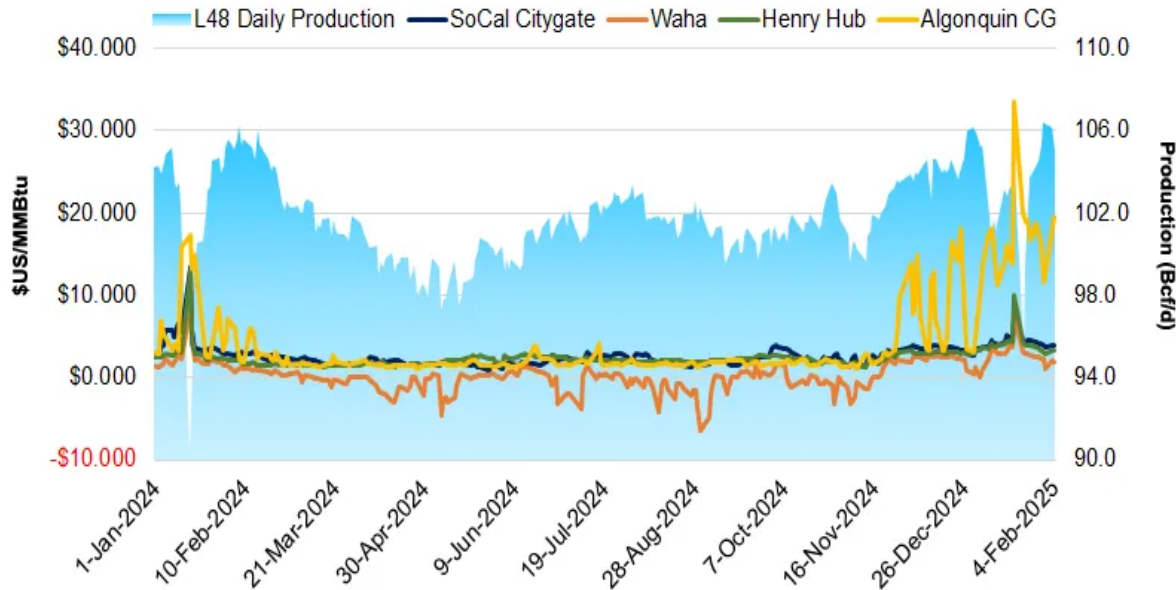
Market Speculation



Tariffs on Energy

NGI's Algonquin Citygate, Henry Hub, SoCal Citygate & Waha Daily Natural Gas Prices vs L48 Gas Production

NGI



Note: Price for 4-Feb-2025 based on MidDay price data.

Source: Compiled by NGI from Wood Mackenzie data, NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, NGI's MidDay Alert

- Campaign Trail: 25% Tariff on all imports from Mexico and Canada starting on Feb1, 2025
- In January, tariff reduced to 10% on Energy from Canada
- In February Canadian, Mexican tariffs delayed for 30 days.



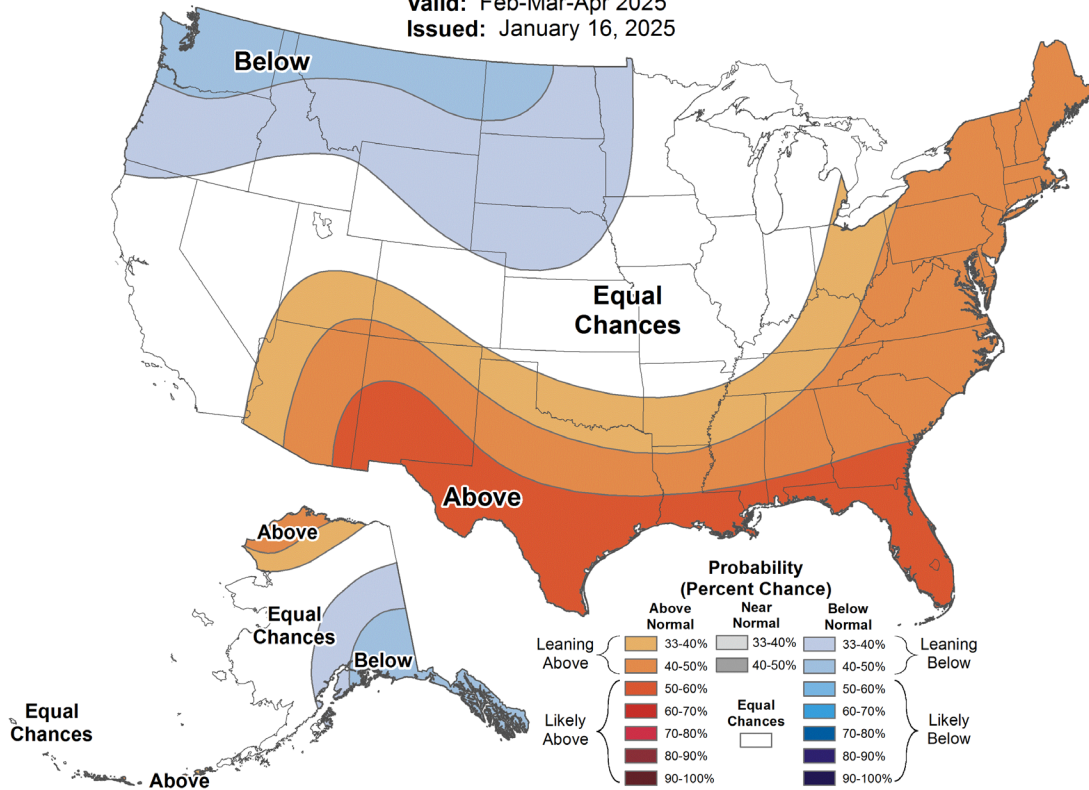
Weather – Climate Prediction



Seasonal Temperature Outlook



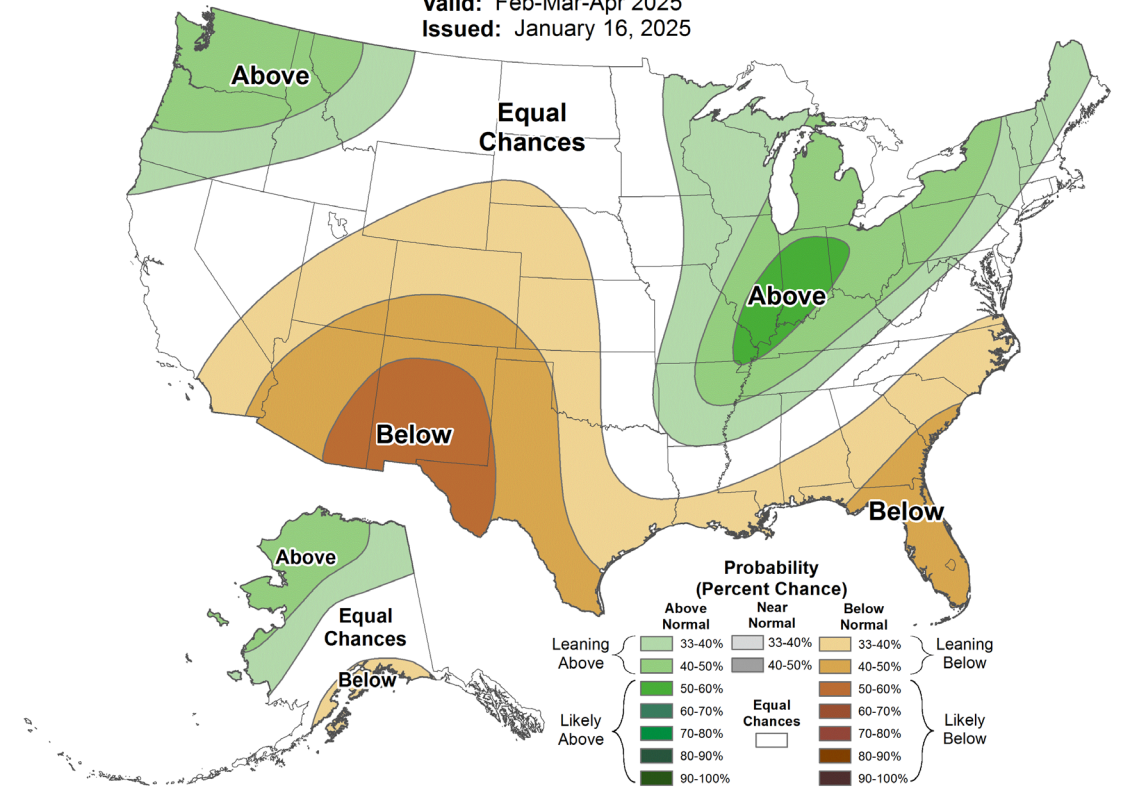
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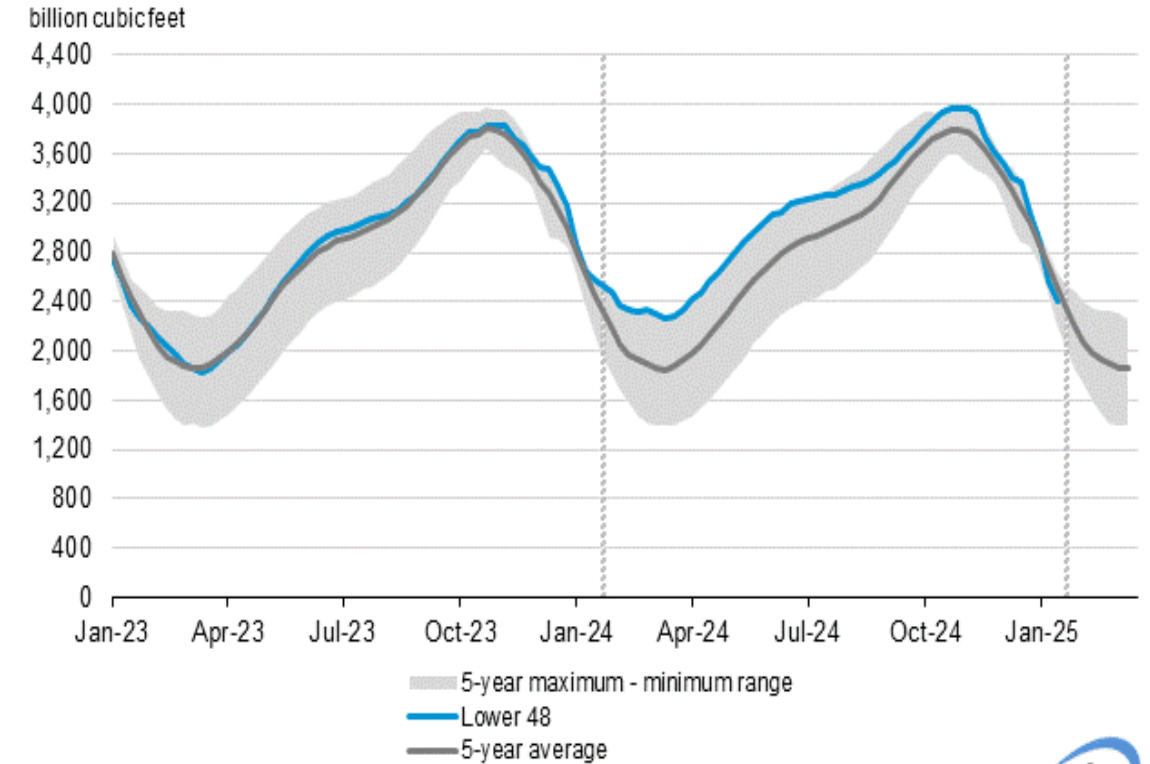


Natural Gas Storage Report

Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Historical Comparisons			
	01/31/25	01/24/25	net change	implied flow	Year ago (01/31/24) Bcf	% change	5-year average (2020-24) Bcf	% change
East	507	552	-45	-45	579	-12.4	562	-9.8
Midwest	605	661	-56	-56	700	-13.6	677	-10.6
Mountain	200	212	-12	-12	184	8.7	146	37.0
Pacific	230	246	-16	-16	227	1.3	203	13.3
South Central	854	901	-47	-47	917	-6.9	920	-7.2
Salt	217	229	-12	-12	254	-14.6	263	-17.5
Nonsalt	638	672	-34	-34	663	-3.8	657	-2.9
Total	2,397	2,571	-174	-174	2,605	-8.0	2,508	-4.4

Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum

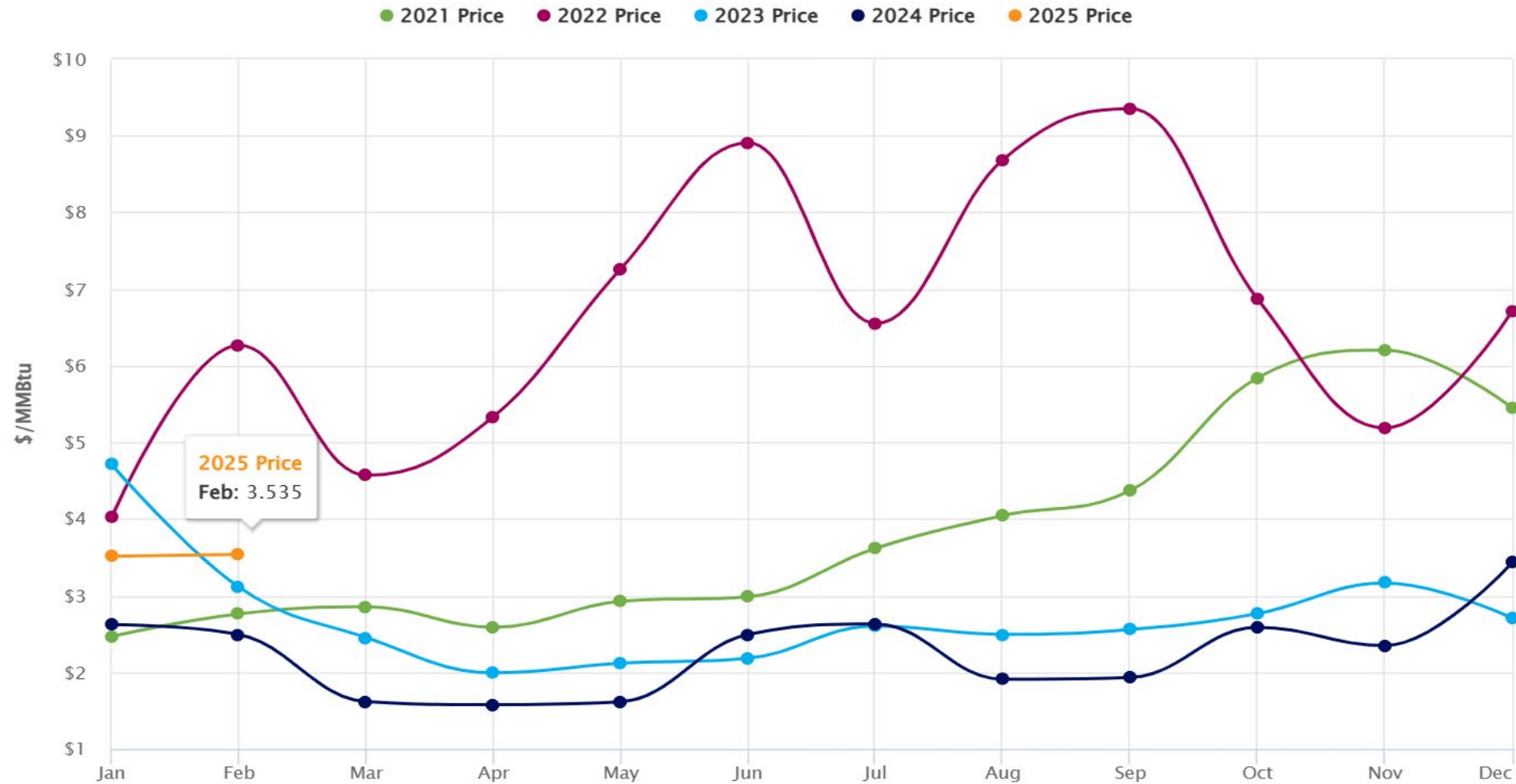


Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



Released: February 6, 2025

NYMEX Natural Gas Monthly Settlement Pricing



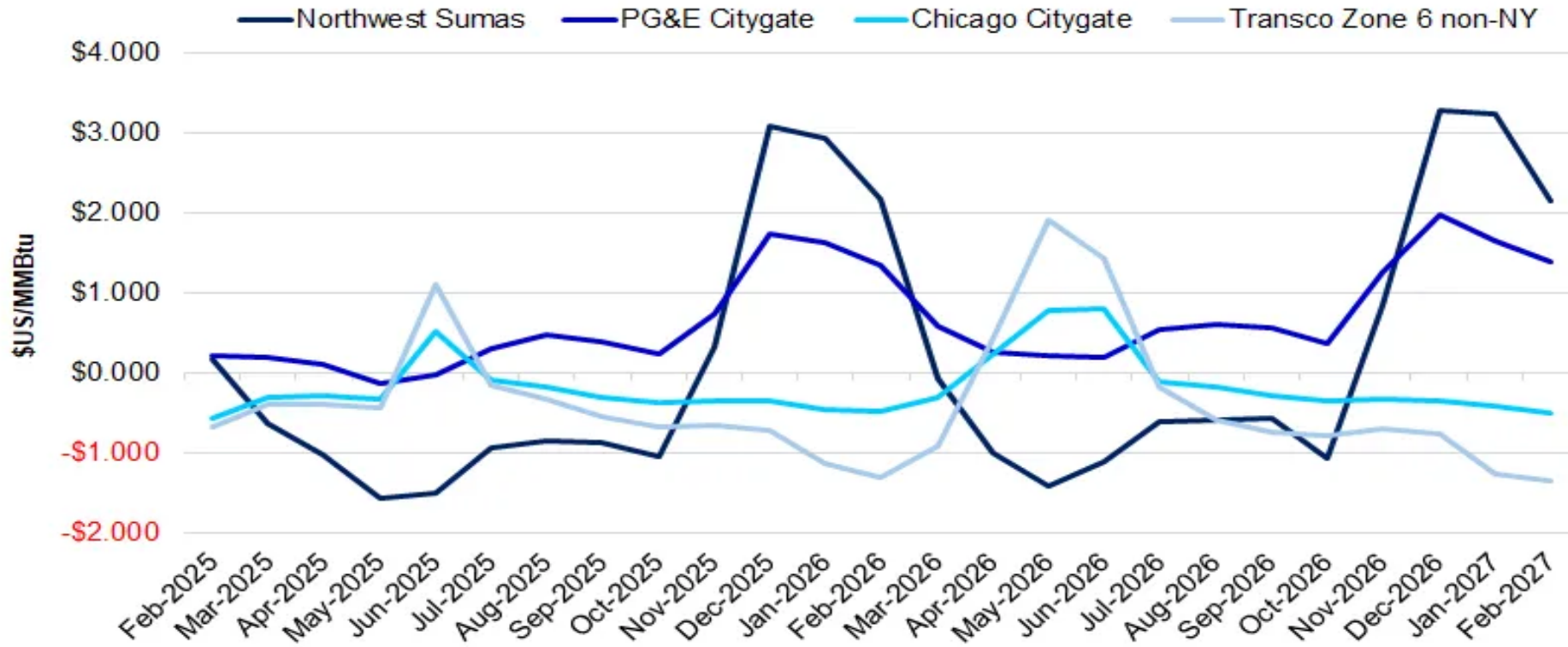
*All prices in \$ per MMBtu



Forward Basis Curves

Select NGI Forward Basis Curves

NGI



Source: NGI's Forward Look

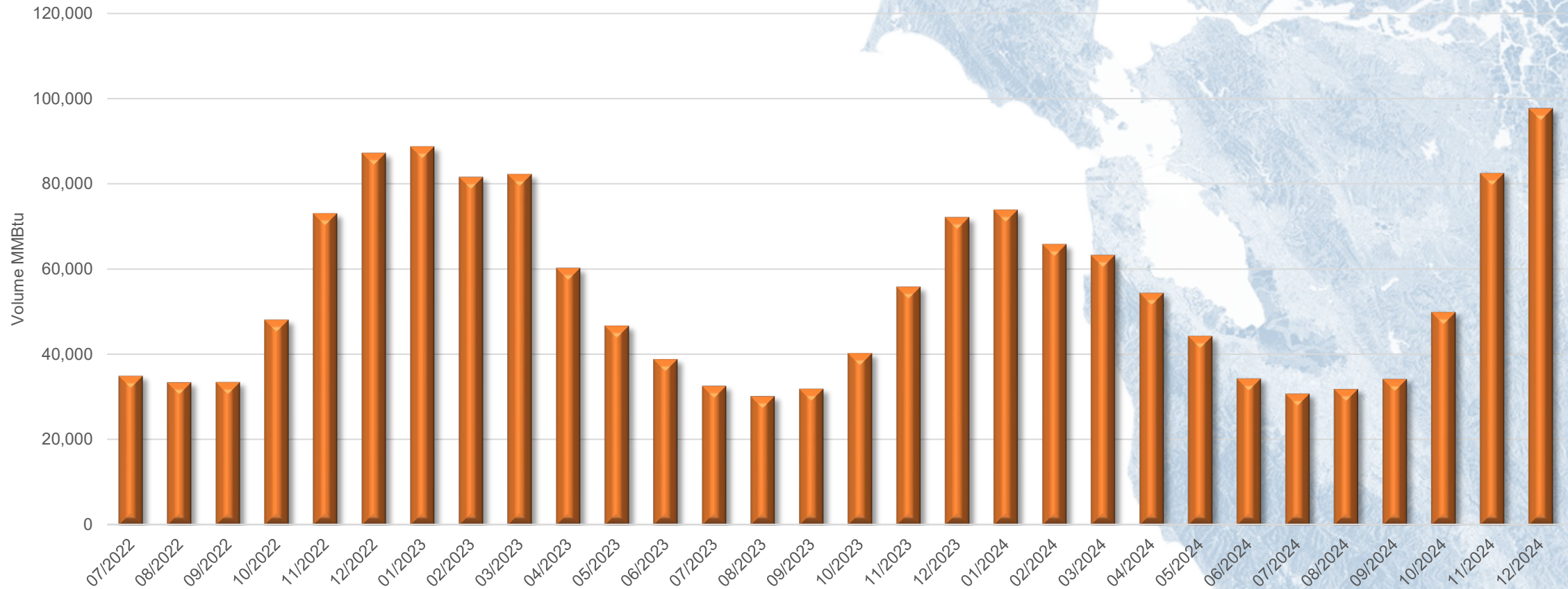


Program Overview

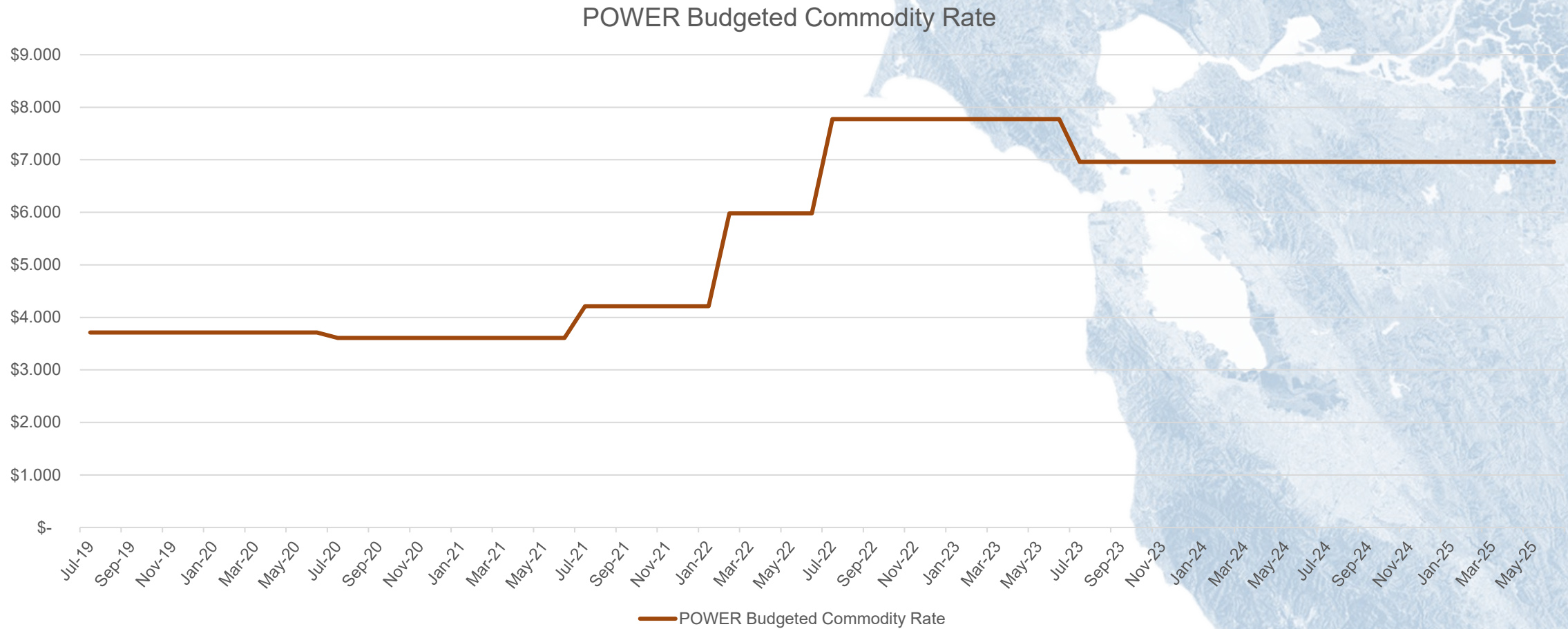


POWER Gas Usage

Natural Gas Usage (MMBtu)

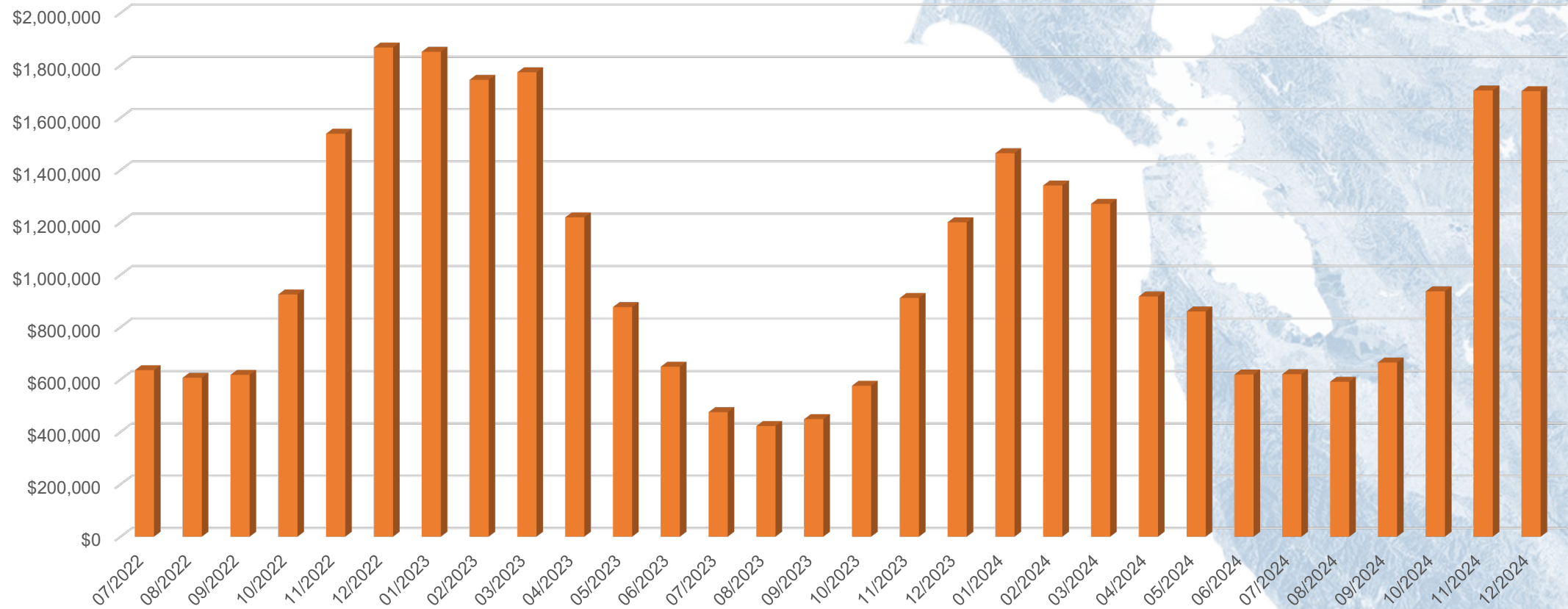


POWER Budgeted Commodity Rate

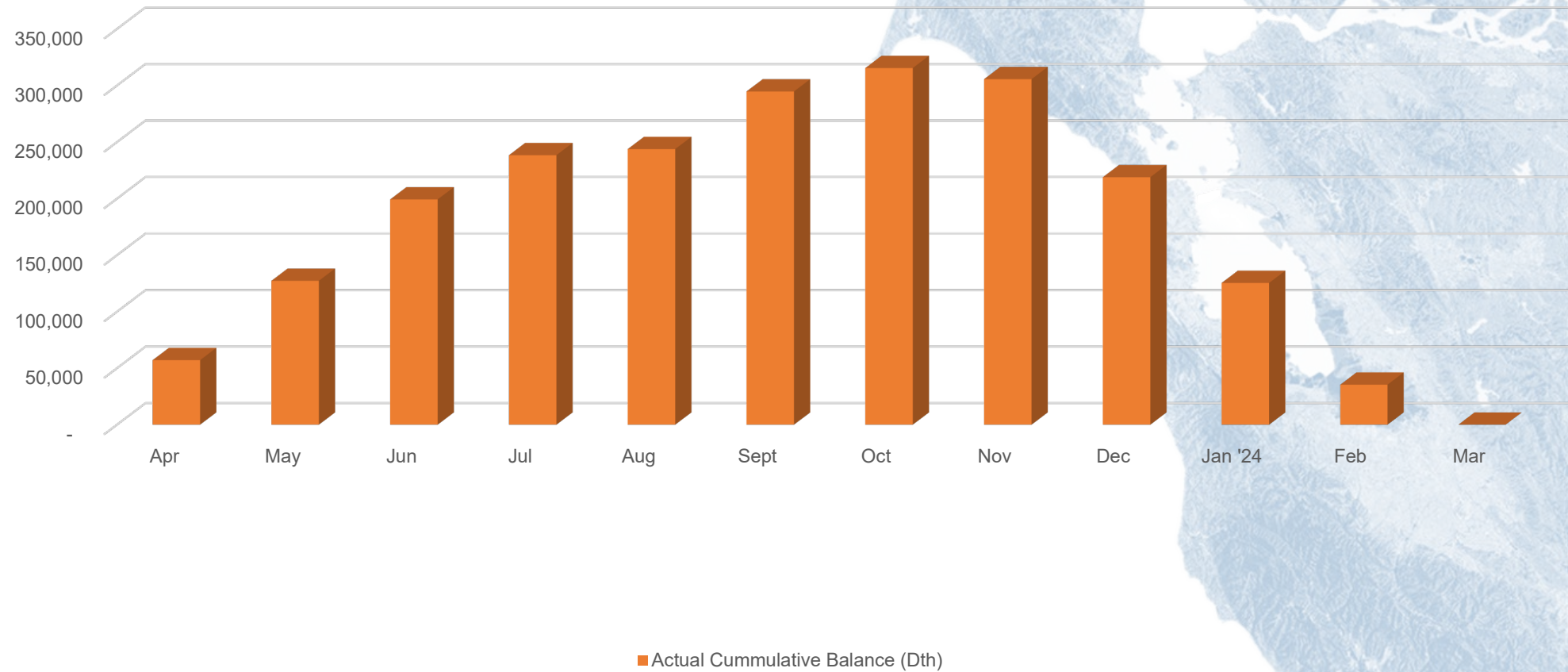


POWER Natural Gas Cost

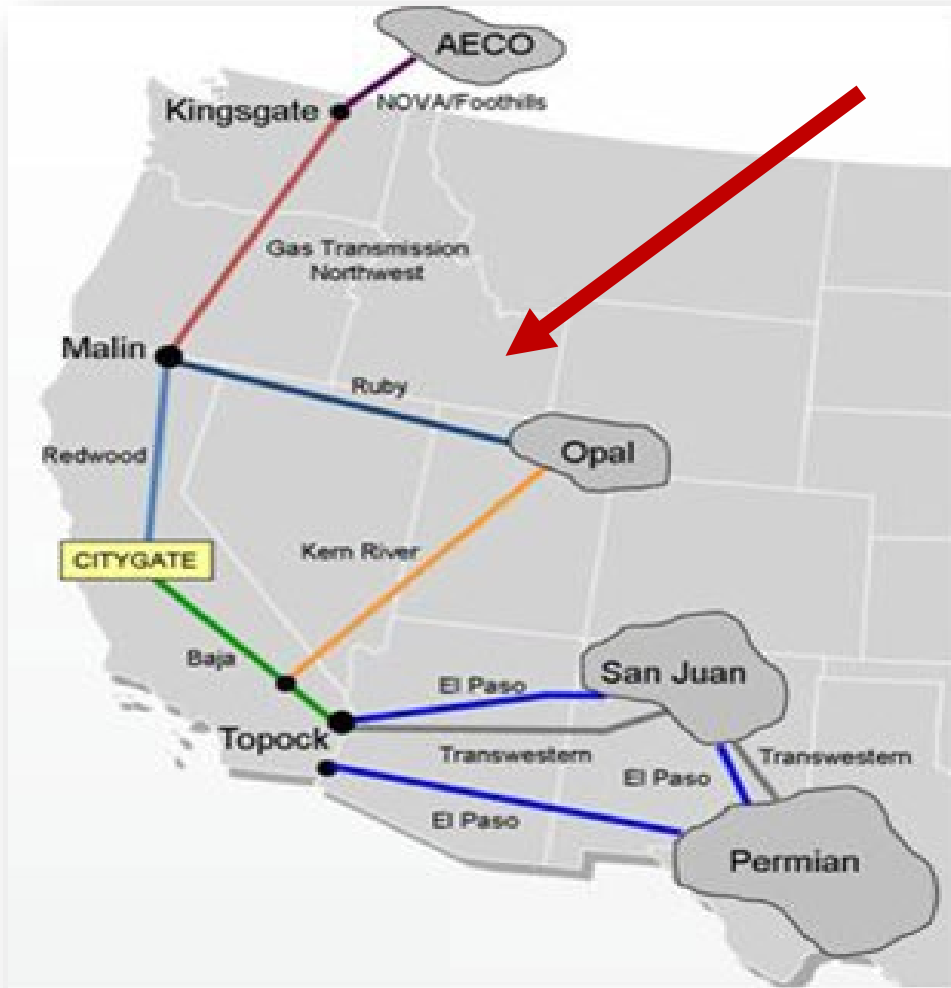
Natural Gas Cost



POWER Gas Storage



Pipeline Capacity



Strategic Planning – RoadMap



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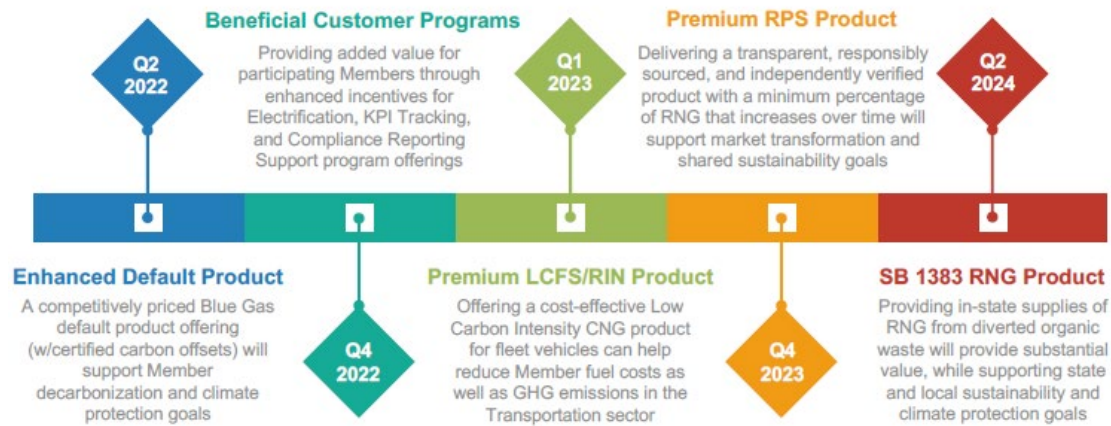


Figure 3 Projected timeline of the Strategic Implementation Roadmap, including anticipated timing of key milestones

Current State:

- Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) program has been formed.

Action Items:

- Reset the implementation timeline to Q2 2025



Progress Update



Progress Update:

- Internal Review
 - Updating POWER SOP
 - Improving members usage reports
 - Improving monthly and quarterly government reporting
 - Assessing Consultants
 - Vine Advisors Consultant was terminated
 - Reaching out to SPURR's members who did not join the program.
 - Two potential members
- Managing market volatility
 - Increasing the number of suppliers of NG & RNG
 - Maximizing pipeline capacity
 - Maximizing the benefit of storage capacity
- Staff finalized True-up for 2023-2024
- Staff are working on FY 2025-2026 Budget.
- Staff will engage with members each quarter to gather gas projections.



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