# ABAG POWER Executive Committee Meeting

Staff Report
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# **Agenda**

- Introduction
- Gas Market Overview
- Program Overview
- Progress Update



# **ABAG AND ABAG POWER**



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.



### **ABAG POWER JPA**

### **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

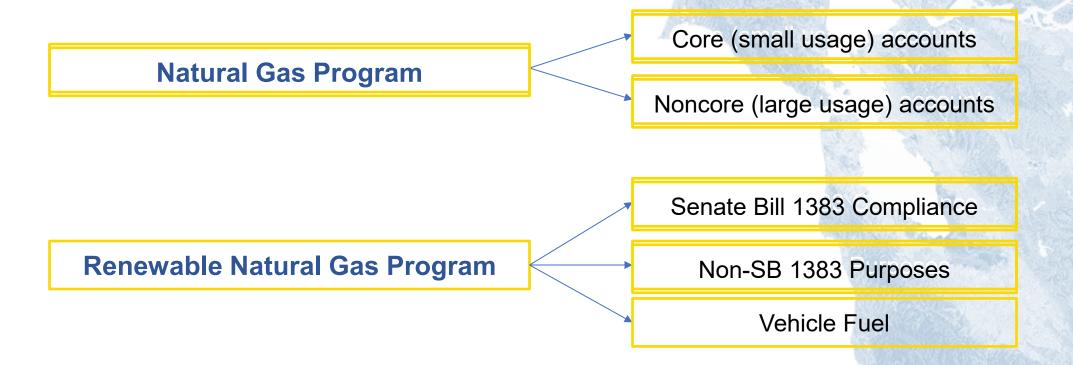
- Budget and operations
- Gas purchasing strategy
- Sustainability initiatives
- Regulatory proceedings





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# **ABAG POWER Programs**



# **ABAG POWER Natural Gas Service Model**



### **ABAG POWER**

- Develops and implements aggregated purchasing strategy for core & non-core
- Conducts consolidated billing
- Provides value-added activities (customer service, rate analysis, regulatory updates, etc.)

### PG&E

- Owns and maintains transmission and distribution infrastructure
- Responsible for meter data

### **PROGRAM PARTICIPANT**

- Receives gas for use in facilities or fueling stations
- Governs ABAG POWER

# **ABAG POWER Benefits**

### **Public Ownership**

- Trustworthy and transparent
- Adaptable to changing energy landscape

### **In-house Customer Service**

- "CTA Consolidated Billing"
- Usage and cost reporting
- Rate analysis

### **Regulatory Involvement**

• Monitoring, participation, and updates

### **Regional Structure**

- Knowledge sharing and elevation of local priorities
- Potentially attractive for grant funding opportunities





# **Gas Market Overview**





# **Natural Gas Price Drivers**

Supply and Demand

Weather

Production Levels

Storage Levels

Transportation Infrastructure

Global Market Dynamics

Geopolitical Events

Regulations and Policies

Economic Factors

Market Speculation

# Natural Gas Market Outlook for 2025

- Unpredictable year for U.S. Natural Gas with respect to Supply, Demand and Output.
  - New administration declared a national energy emergency.
  - LNG Exports increased. Major driver of demand.
  - Natural gas storage is strong. However, concerns remains about the storage level heading into winter, and the soaring demand from the LNG export.
  - Infrastructure support is needed to continue production growth.
  - Mexico decreased its domestic gas production in 2024, and rising demand will increase it reliance on US natural gas in 2025.



# **Natural Gas Storage Report**

|               |                                 |          |            |              | Historical Comparisons     |          |                             |          |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
|               | Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf) |          |            |              | <b>Year ago</b> (04/04/24) |          | 5-year average<br>(2020-24) |          |
| Region        | 04/04/25                        | 03/28/25 | net change | implied flow | Bcf                        | % change | Bcf                         | % change |
| East          | 296                             | 284      | 12         | 12           | 362                        | -18.2    | 326                         | -9.2     |
| Midwest       | 373                             | 364      | 9          | 9            | 512                        | -27.1    | 422                         | -11.6    |
| Mountain      | 165                             | 165      | 0          | 0            | 165                        | 0.0      | 109                         | 51.4     |
| Pacific       | 206                             | 202      | 4          | 4            | 229                        | -10.0    | 174                         | 18.4     |
| South Central | 789                             | 758      | 31         | 31           | 1,011                      | -22.0    | 838                         | -5.8     |
| Salt          | 233                             | 218      | 15         | 15           | 298                        | -21.8    | 249                         | -6.4     |
| Nonsalt       | 557                             | 540      | 17         | 17           | 712                        | -21.8    | 589                         | -5.4     |
| Total         | 1,830                           | 1,773    | 57         | 57           | 2,280                      | -19.7    | 1,870                       | -2.1     |

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

Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum billion cubic feet 4,400 4,000 3,600 3,200 2,800 2,400 2,000 1,600 1,200 800 Jun-23 Mar-24 Jun-24 Sep-24 Dec-24 Mar-25 Sep-23 5-year maximum - minimum range -Lower 48 ——5-year average

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Released: April 10, 2025

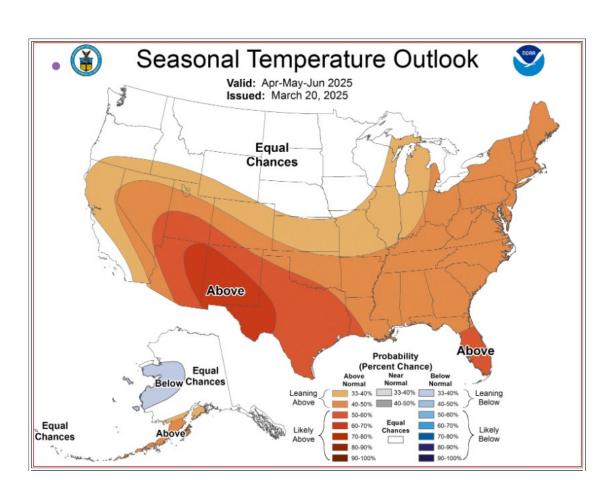


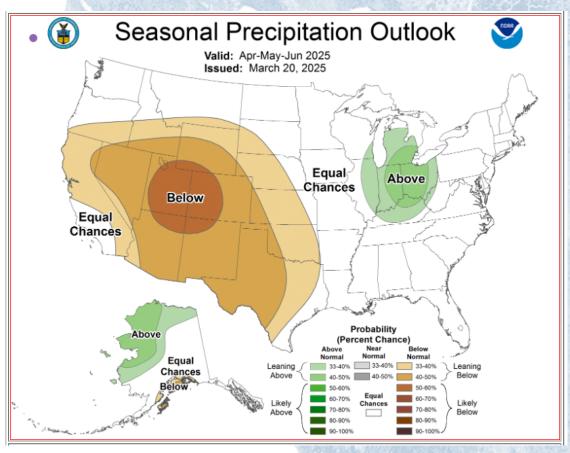
# U.S. Natural Gas Consumption in 2024

# Average Annual U.S. Natural Gas Consumption NGI Bcf/d 140 120 100 80 60 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

 According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Natural gas consumption in the United States hit summer and winter records last year and kept rising year/year in 2024.

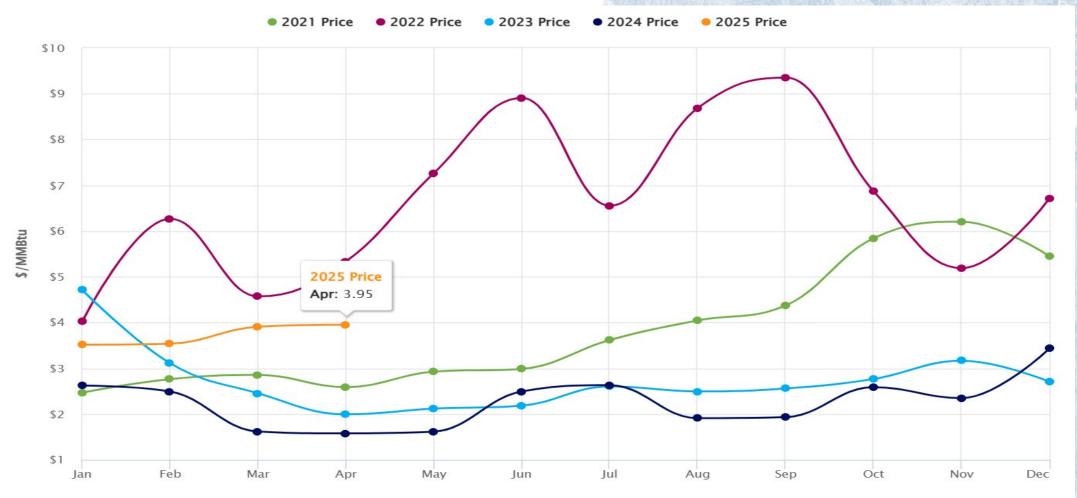
# Weather – Climate Prediction

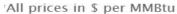






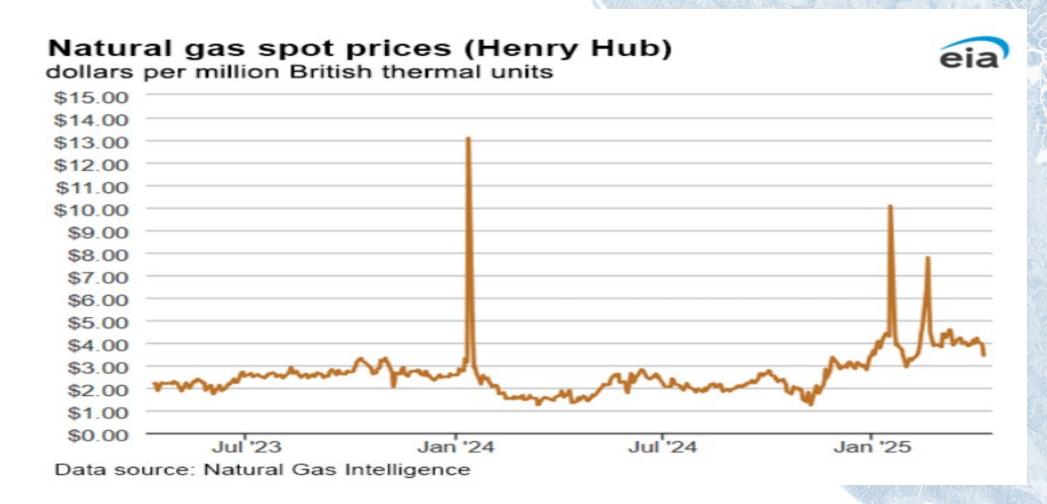
# NYMEX Natural Gas Monthly Settlement Pricing







# **Henry Hub Prices**



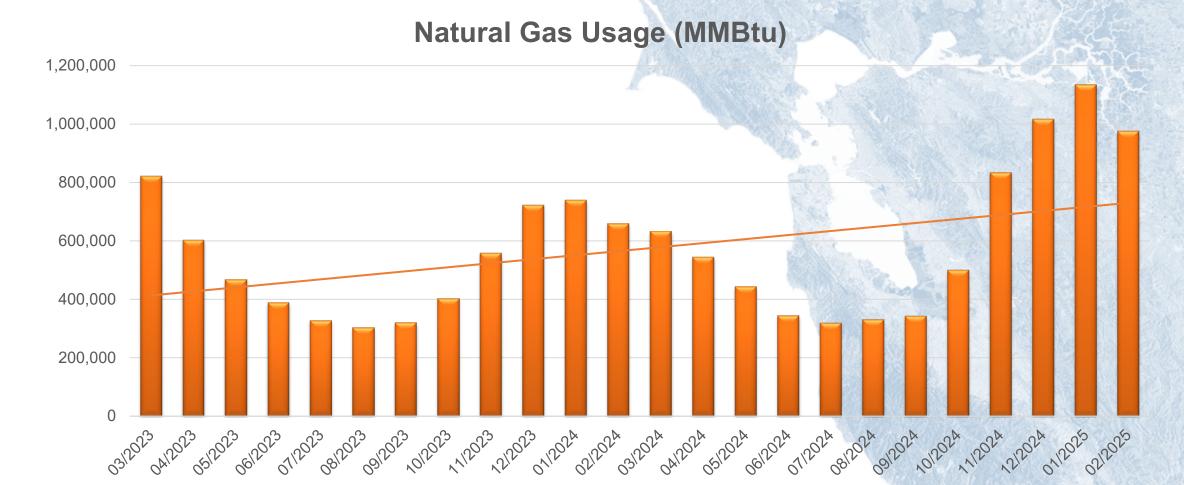


# **Program Overview**



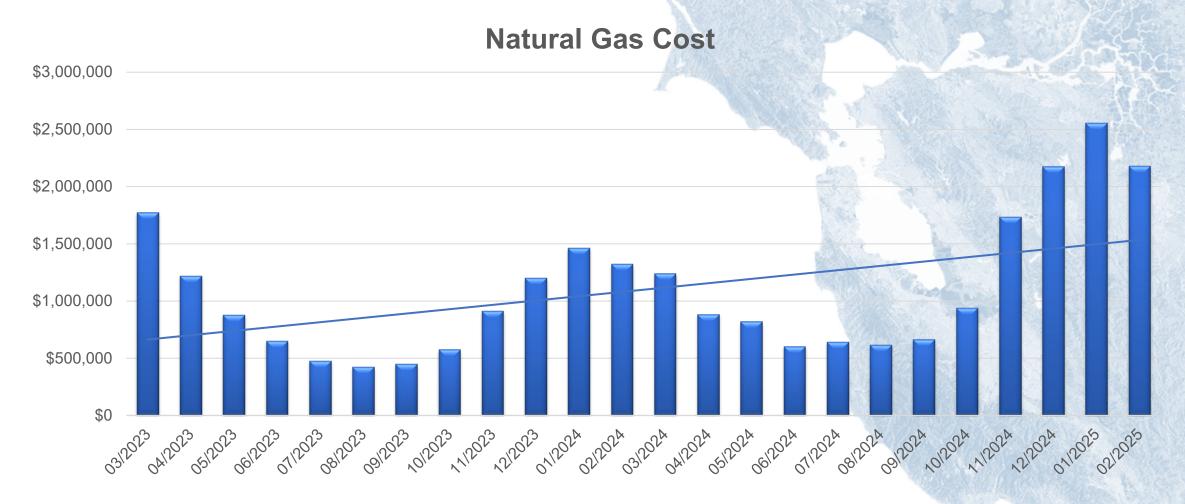


# **POWER Gas Usage**





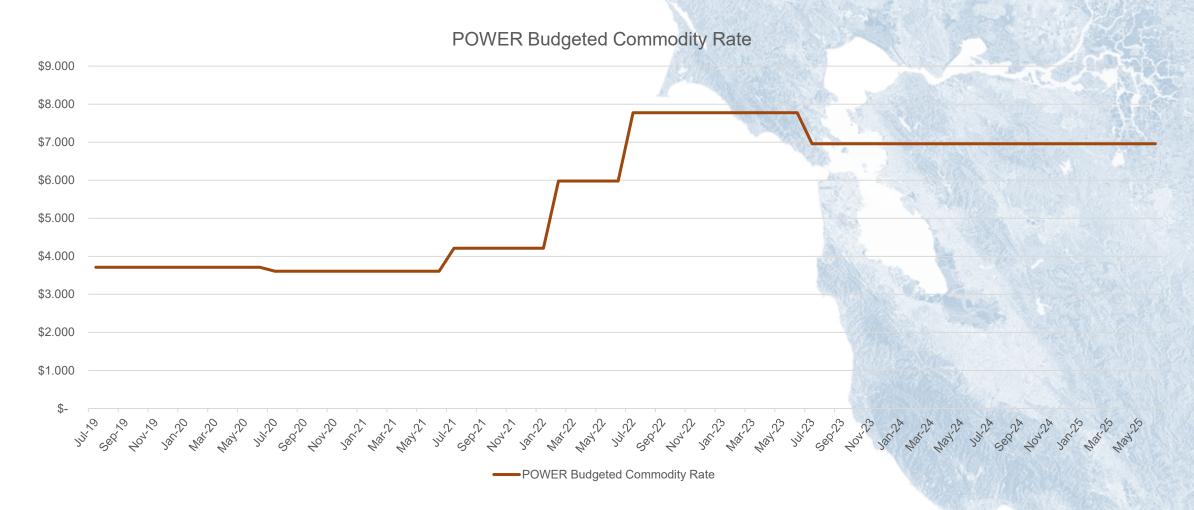
# **POWER Natural Gas Cost**





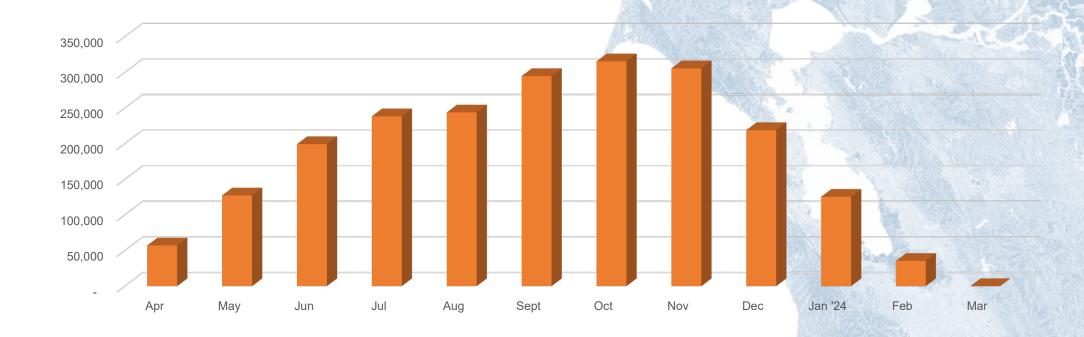


# **POWER Budgeted Commodity Rate**





# **POWER Gas Storage**



■ Actual Cummulative Balance (Dth)





# **Progress Update:**

- Canadian gas import tariff.
- 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget.
- Updating POWER SOP.
- Discussion with potential members.
- Increasing the number of suppliers.
- Maximizing pipeline capacity.
- Maximizing storage capacity.



# Q&A

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