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### LNG Development in the US and North America: January 2008 Update

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### Agenda

Domestic gas supply

- Rising electric power demand
- Emerging carbon and GHG emission limitations
- LNG demand, trading, contracting
- Conclusions



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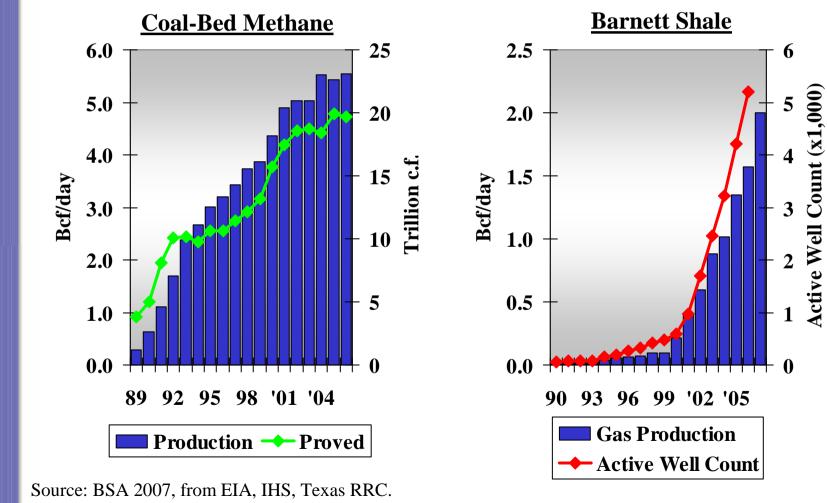


# Snapshot of the North American gas market.

- US and Canada, respectively, produced 525 Mcm and 186 Mcm – US highlights for 2006:
  - US production supplied 81% of gas demand.
  - Remaining 19% mostly imported from Canada.
  - Proved reserves rose to 6.0 Tcm, continuing up-trend.
  - LNG supplied 3.4% of US market (2007); six new receivingimport terminals are presently under construction.
- Electricity generation is fastest growing US gas market, 288 new gas-powered plants since 1992.
- Practically uniform gas quality specifications throughout North America, e.g., 950-1050 Btu/cf.

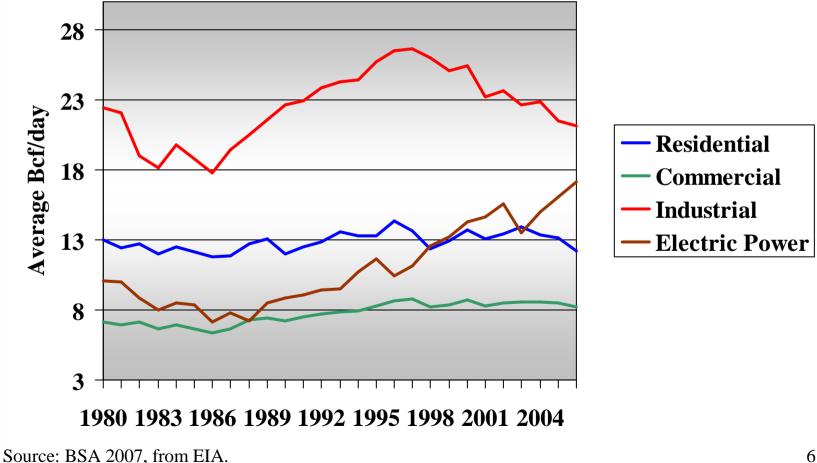


# Unconventional gas is driving the growth in US proved reserves.





#### Electricity generation will soon be the largest US gas demand sector.





### Few new coal-burning power plants will be built in North America.

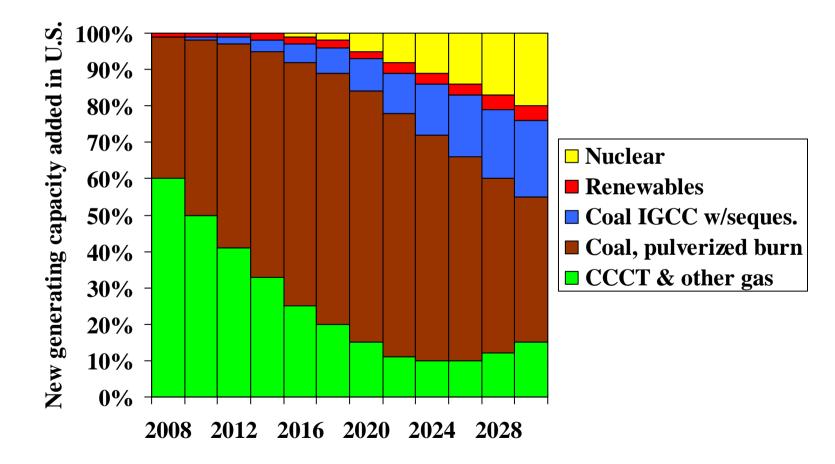
- Investors and states have begun preparing for major limitations on emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases (GHG).
- Most proposed new coalfired electric power plants in the US have been <u>cancelled</u>, e.g., TXU's 9.1 GW of planned projects in Texas.
- Natural gas will fill most of the immediate gap, raising demand significantly.

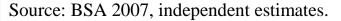


New Conventional Coal Plants are "Over the Cliff."



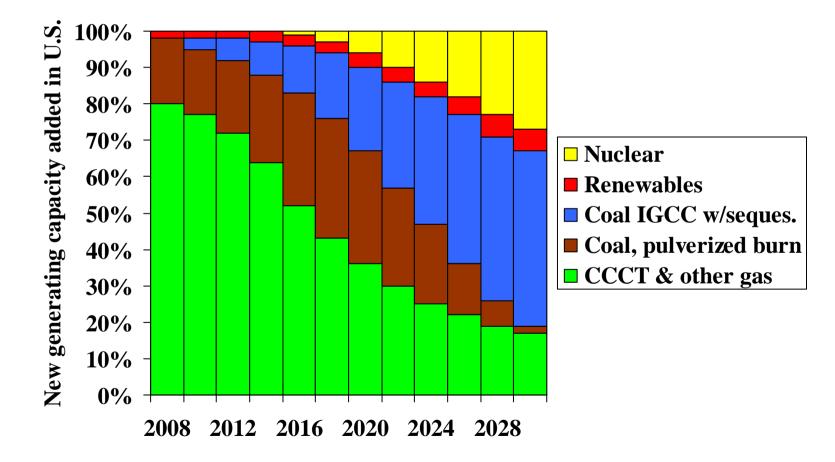
## Without GHG controls, 56% of new power plants will be coal-fired.

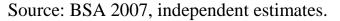






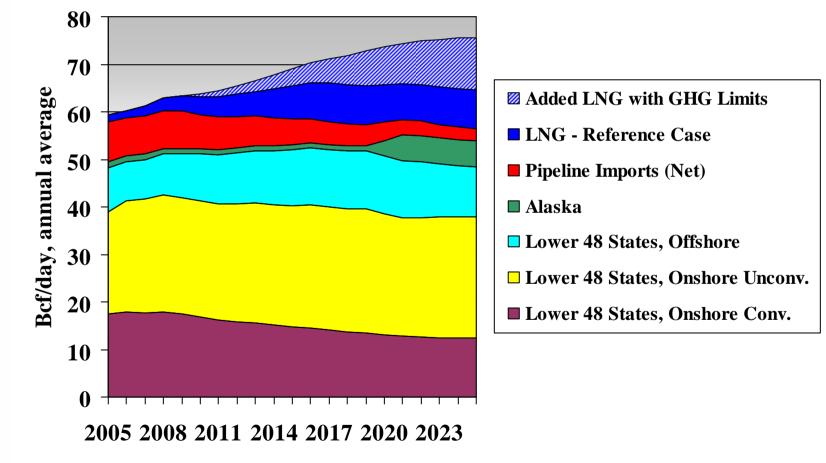
## Strict GHG controls would reduce coal-fired plant additions to 21%.







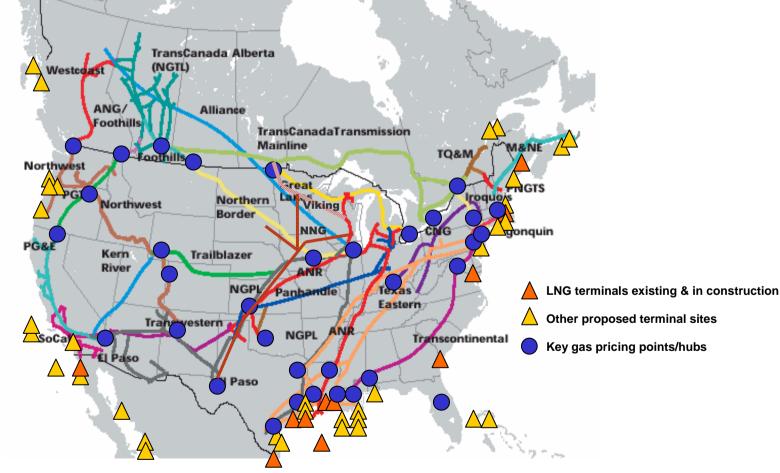
## Added GHG gas demand in the US will come mostly from LNG.



Source: BSA 2008, from AEO2008, BSA estimates of added gas demand.



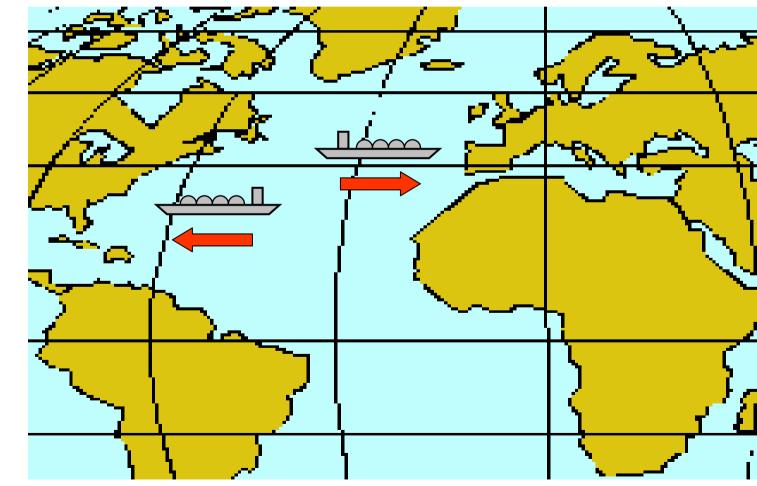
# North American LNG import capacity will triple by 2010, to 18 Bcf/d.



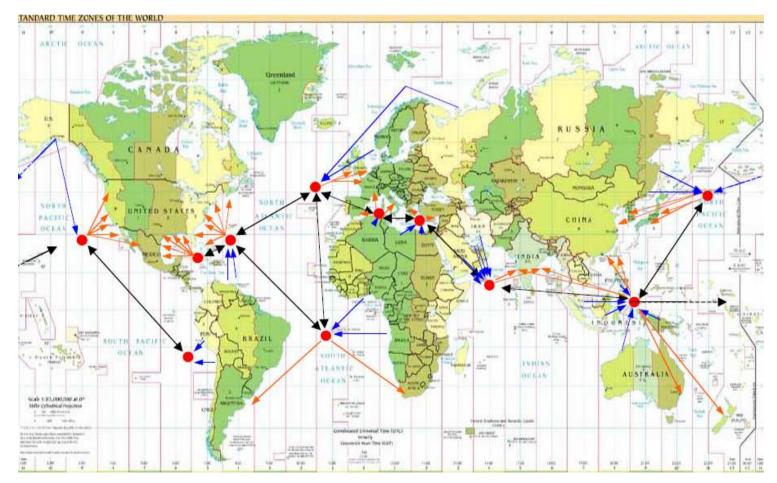
Source: BSA 2008, from industry estimates, base-map from Intelligence Press.



#### LNG diversions will drive out price arbitrage in the Atlantic Basin.





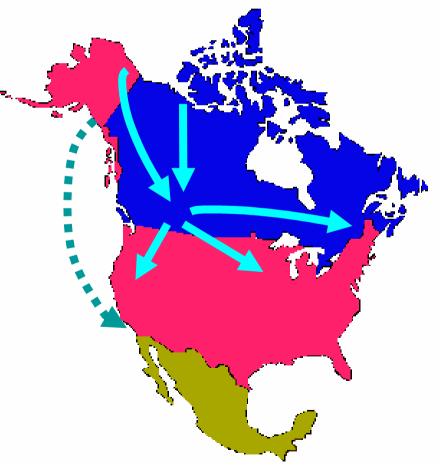


Source: Altos Management Partners, 2005.



#### Arctic gas: Rising demand will enable supplies to enter markets.

- Arctic gas pipelines will enter service in the next decade.
- Alberta's importance as a hub will grow.
- Arctic gas won't have a major effect on reducing LNG import volumes.





#### NGVs are encountering competitors in North America.









- Current growth in:
  - Gasoline-electric hybrids
  - Ethanol vehicles
  - Biodiesel usage
- ...is supplanting much of the enthusiasm for CNG vehicles, despite NGVs' total lack of petroleum demand.



#### Conclusions

- Recent high North American gas prices have:
  - Stabilized continental gas production and increased reserves.
  - Reduced demand in buildings and industries
  - Not prevented rising gas demand for electricity generation.
- The US will enact GHG emission limits in 2008-09; many CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration sites are available in aging oil wells.
- North American reliance on LNG will rise to 15-20% within a decade – mostly into Gulf of Mexico ports.
- LNG will bring international gas market pressures to North America, reinforcing the oil price correlation and changing internal basis relationships.
- The Alaskan gas pipeline will ease prices in the late 2010s





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