



# MISO Futures Series 2

Introduction to MISO Futures Redesign Series 2

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# Executive Summary



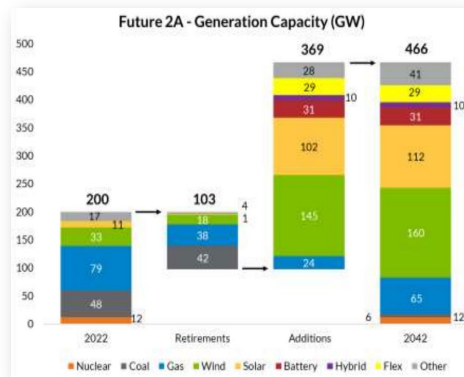
- MISO creates future scenarios (Futures) to capture a range of potential system conditions in a 20-year horizon
  - These Futures have historically formed the basis for long-term transmission efforts such as LRTP
  - The new series will also be used to inform states and load serving entities in resource planning discussions
- In recent years, changes in load growth and shifts in risks around what generation may be constructed have driven the need to update the Futures and create a new scenario
- Today, we will review the Futures framework and the high-level outline of the four scenarios for Series 2
  - We will then seek feedback on the variables within the Future Scenario Definitions which drive differences between scenarios

# MISO translates member goals into planning scenarios, or Futures, to bookend future outcomes

- Long-term planning analyses require the application of sufficient resources throughout the study period
- The amount of resources needed typically exceeds what's currently known or publicly planned by members
- MISO Futures help fill the resource gap and showcase areas for focus throughout MISO

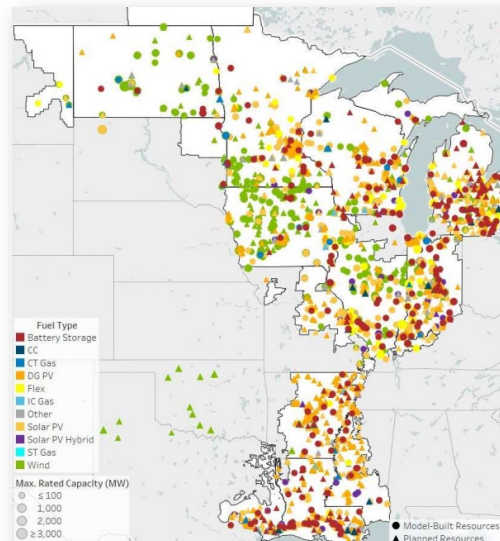
## Resource Expansion

- Apply Futures assumptions
- Incorporate member plans – clean energy goals, resource additions, retirements
- Perform resource expansion to economically determine type, magnitude, and timing of new resources



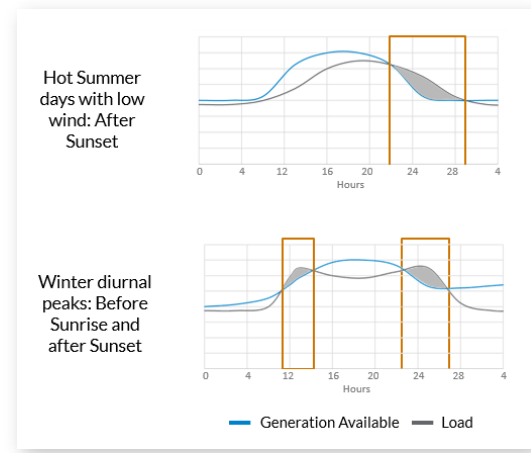
## Siting

- Determine location to place each new resource in the transmission system



## Resource & Energy Adequacy

- Ensure all hours meet energy requirements
- New: ensure DLOL accredited capacity requirements are met



# The Series 2 update, which began with the December 2024 load forecast, will extend the use of these futures from transmission planning to also inform resource planning discussions

**What Are They:** Futures establish a range of power system outcomes over a 20-year period related to economic, policy, and technology drivers (e.g. load growth, carbon policy, generation retirements, State and LSE resource plans)

**Where Are They Used:** Long Range Transmission and Interregional Planning, Market Efficiency Planning, and inform State and Member resource planning

**Why Are We Redesigning Them:** To reflect recent changes to load and supply, identify transmission needs, and inform State and LSE resource plans that will lead to efficient, reliable, least-cost grid development

*It's very difficult to accurately predict the future*

## Develop Futures

- Create multiple scenarios to simplify planning for the uncertain future
- Scenarios hedge uncertainty and “bookend” a range of economic, political, and technological possibilities
- Cover a 20-year span



Narrow & less useful

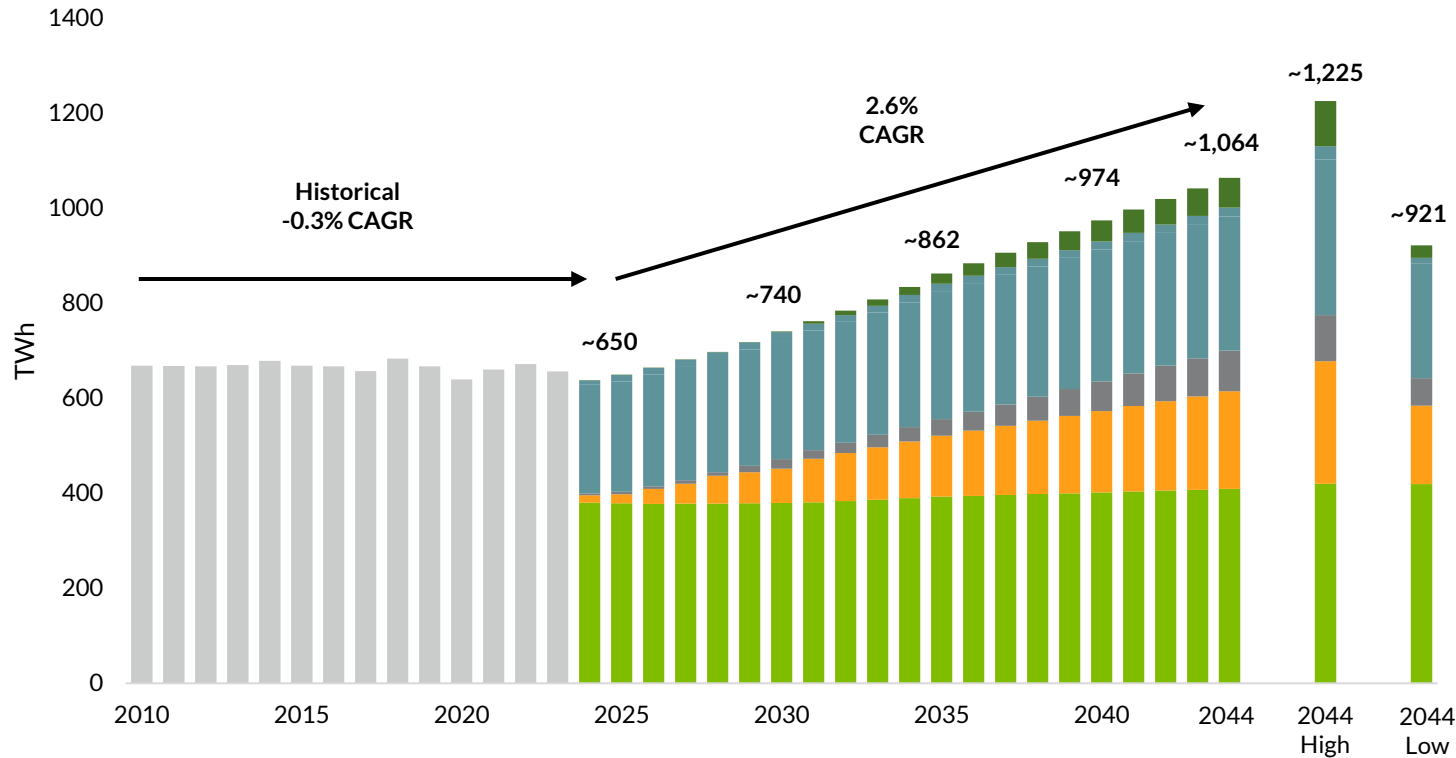


Broad & more useful

# Artificial Intelligence-driven acceleration in data center loads, reshoring of industry and electrification are materially increasing expectations for load growth

## Current Trends Outlook

Historical<sup>1</sup> and Future<sup>2</sup> Potential Load Demand by Sector



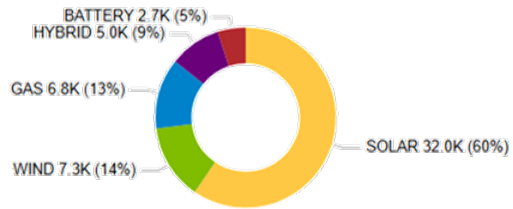
<sup>1</sup> Net Load <sup>2</sup> Gross Load

\* Expected likelihood of load growth materializing

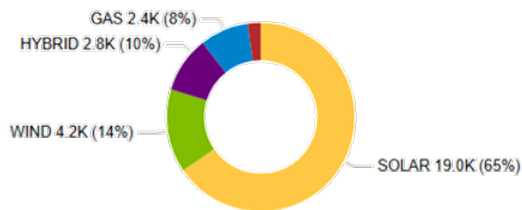
	CAGR % Low-High (2024-44)	Growth TWh Low-High (2024-44)	Level of Certainty*
Hydrogen	27-32	26-95	Low
Industry Development & Reshoring	3-7	21-105	Medium
EVs	14-17	54-91	Medium- High
Data Centers	12-15	149-241	Medium- High
Building Electrification	0.45-0.54	36-43	High

# Increasing current and the potential for future frictions in bringing on new generation capacity online may shift the velocity of supply growth

## WAITING PROJECTS

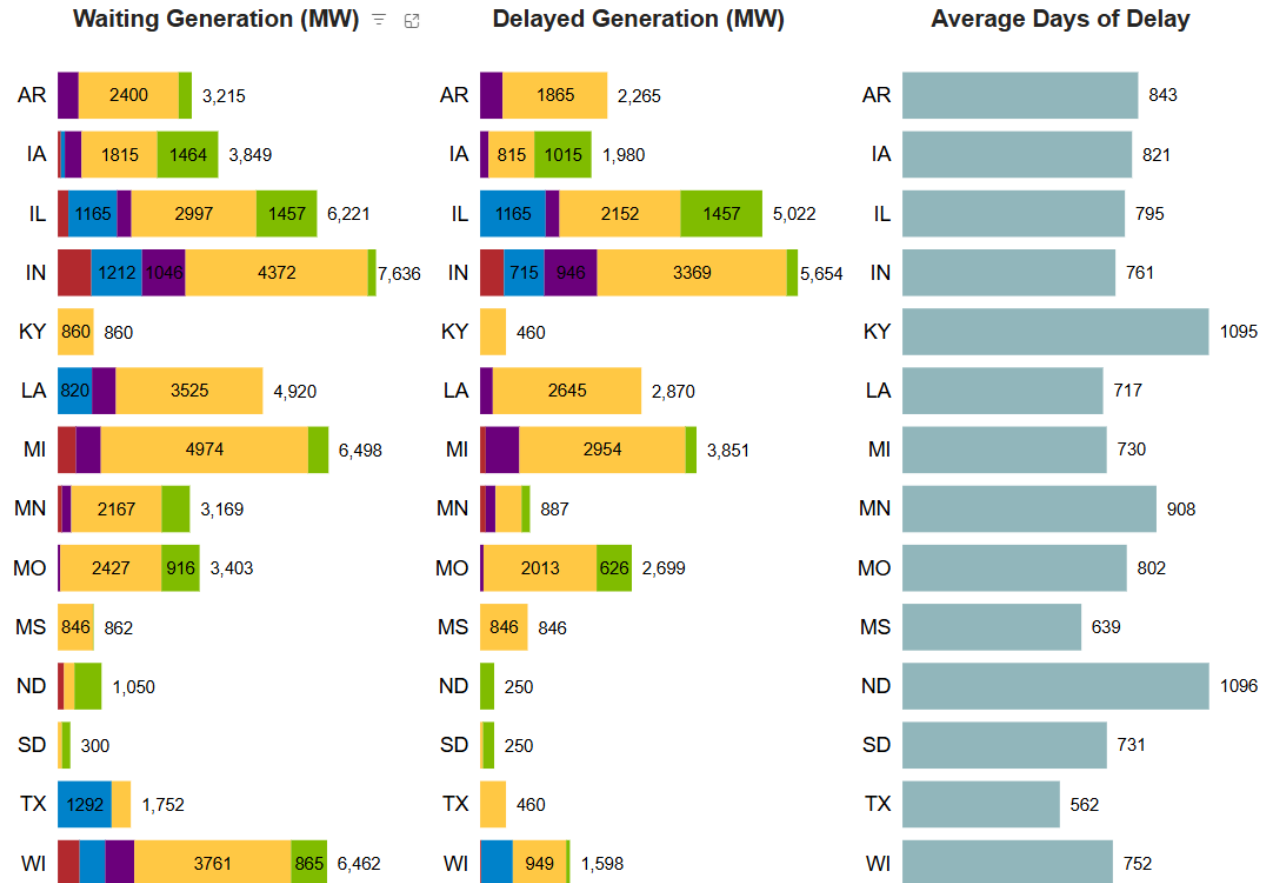


## DELAYED PROJECTS



[Click here to access the COD tool](#)

## BREAKDOWN OF DELAYED PROJECTS\*



Supply chain, permitting, labor and interconnection delays are limiting the rate of generator additions

■ Coal ■ Gas ■ Wind ■ Solar ■ Hybrid ■ Nuclear ■ Storage

\*Data as of 1/21/2025. CP = Commercial Pricing.

Changing Future Scenario Definitions creates a redesign and new series (Series 1 and Series 2) while updating Future Data Assumptions constitutes a refresh (Series 1A, Series 1B)

## Future Scenario Definitions

### *Footprint Development*

- Integrated Resource Plans
- Discounted Announcements

### *Emissions*

- Footprint-wide Decarbonization Floor

### *Load Growth*

- Demand and Energy growth by Future

### *Generation Retirements*

- Planned Retirements
- Age-Based Generation Retirements (if no date provided)

## Future Data Assumptions

Planning Reserve Margin

Inflation Reduction Act and CEJA Incentives

Resource Type & Cost Modeling

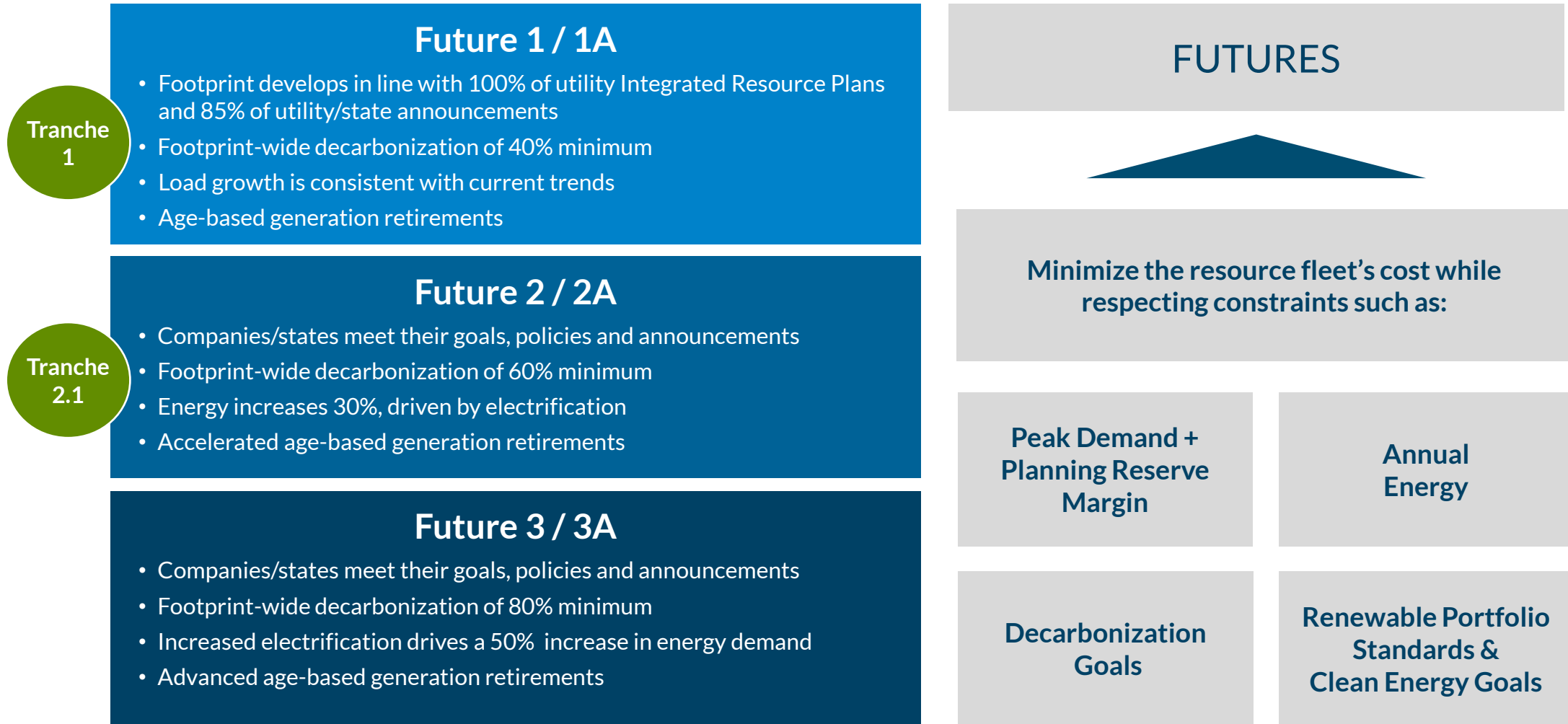
Resource Accreditation

Existing and Planned Resources

DERs/DSM Application

Resource Siting

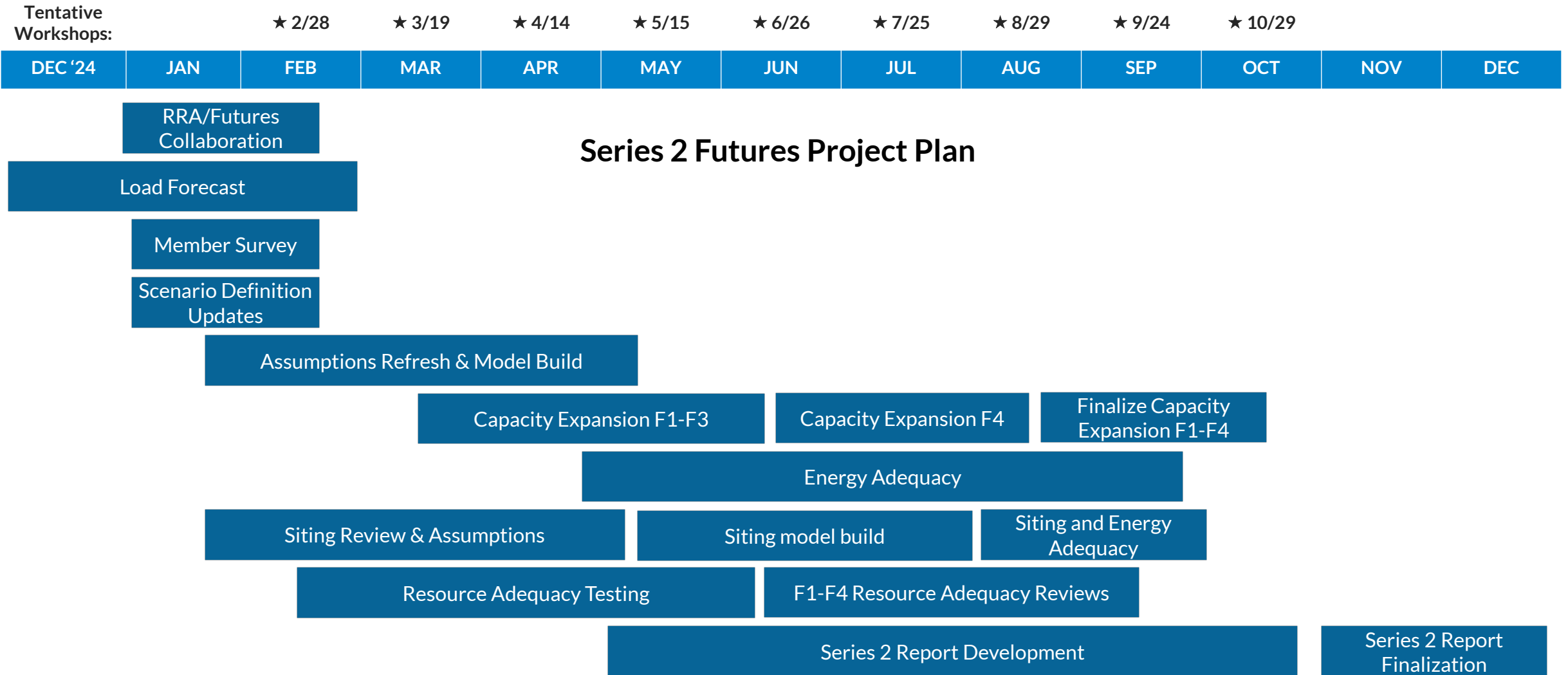
# The 2025 MISO Futures Series 2 will build upon the MISO Futures Series 1/1A framework



# The Series 2 Futures will focus on the impacts of changes in load growth assumptions and include a new fourth scenario to focus on changes in supply

		Lower Load Growth	Stated Policy	Higher Load Growth	Supply Shift
		<b>FUTURE 1</b>	<b>FUTURE 2</b>	<b>FUTURE 3</b>	<b>FUTURE 4</b>
		<i>Series 2 (New) Purpose</i>	<i>Series 2 (New) Purpose</i>	<i>Series 2 (New) Purpose</i>	<i>Series 2 (New) Purpose</i>
<b>Future Scenario Definitions</b>	Footprint Development	<p>Low-end demand growth bookend. Change in key macroeconomic drivers reduces the trajectory of load growth from anticipated values, leading to a decreased requirement for new supply.</p>	<p>Current projections of load growth are applied to define the forward-looking system needs, reflecting reindustrialization, data center growth, electrification and other key factors. Generation investment, based on current member policy plans and goals, increases to match based on economics and incentives.</p>	<p>High-end demand growth bookend. Changes in key macroeconomic drivers increase the trajectory of load growth from anticipated values, leading to an increased need for new supply.</p>	<p>Supply frictions limit the pace of generation additions and load growth must be managed with existing generation and demand-side resources. These frictions are due to a range of potential drivers including supply chain constraints, construction delays, labor shortages, interconnection delays, the policy environment, and changes in economics. Input will be sought on the appropriate generation and demand-side levers to ensure sufficient supply is available to meet capacity and energy needs.</p>
	Emissions				
	Load Growth				
	Generation Retirements				

# MISO will host stakeholder workshops to ensure the Series 2 Futures are built in a transparent manner, with more time allocated to the new, fourth scenario



\*Schedule as of February 2025. Schedule and workshops are subject to change.

# Series 2 Futures 1 -3, are proposed to largely mimic the assumptions of the Series 1/1A Futures; new Future 4 largely mirrors Future 2 assumptions while testing the impacts of changes to generation supply

## Future Scenario Definitions

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	FUTURE 1		FUTURE 2		FUTURE 3		FUTURE 4
	Series 1 & 1A	Series 2 (New)	Series 1 & 1A	Series 2 (New)	Series 1 & 1A	Series 2 (New)	Series 2 (New)
Footprint Development	In line with 100% of utility IRPs and state legislation; and 85% of utility/state announcements	No Change	Companies/states meet their goals, policies and announcements	No Change	Companies/states meet their goals, policies and announcements	No Change	In line with supply frictions: limits build rate and causes tension with timelines of member plans and goals
Emissions	minimum 40% reduction from 2005 levels	No Change	minimum 60% reduction from 2005 levels	No Change	minimum 80% reduction from 2005 levels	No Change	minimum 60% reduction from 2005 levels, unless supply friction build rate violated
Load Growth	Consistent with current trends (0.35% CAGR)	Consistent with low-end projections (1.1% CAGR)	30% energy increase (0.8% CAGR)	Consistent with anticipated values (1.6% CAGR)	50% energy increase (1.1% CAGR)	Consistent with high-end projections (2.1% CAGR)	Consistent with anticipated values (1.6% CAGR) – additional Demand Response if needed
Generation Retirements	Age-based and member planned generation retirements	No Change	<b>Accelerated</b> age-based and member planned generation retirements	No Change	<b>Advanced</b> age-based and member planned generation retirements	No Change	No age-based generation retirements – delayed retirements if needed

# The Series 2 Futures will focus on the goals of the load serving entities and states within MISO; Future 4 will contemplate the impacts of supply constraints on the timing of those goals

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Assumption Variables							
	FUTURE 1	FUTURE 2-3				FUTURE 4	
	Non-legislated and non-IRP decarb and renewable member goals are discounted by 15%.	Assumes members and states meet their stated decarb and renewable goals.				Assumes members and states meet their stated decarb and renewable goals unless they exceed the total ability to build those assets.	

The Series 2 emissions targets will mimic the Series 1/1A modeling; in the prior Futures, the goals from states and utilities drove final emissions reductions, rather than the modeled floor

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<b>Assumption Variables</b>											
	<b>FUTURE 1</b>	40% minimum decarbonization “floor” (reduction in CO2 emissions), subject to additional reductions from 100% of IRP and legislated goals and 85% of non-IRP, non-legislated goals from states/utilities		<b>FUTURE 2</b>	60% minimum decarb floor, with 100% of goals from states/utilities		<b>FUTURE 3</b>	80% minimum decarb floor, with 100% of goals from states/utilities		<b>FUTURE 4</b>	Assumes members and states meet their stated decarb and renewable goals unless they exceed the total ability to build those assets

Emissions describe minimum amounts of decarbonization, “floors”, (reduction in CO2 emissions), subject to additional reductions from each Future’s Footprint Development settings for utility/state goals. Emissions reductions measured from 2005 levels.

Decarbonization goals, as modeled in the Series 1A Futures, included the impacts of member, state, and regional goals, with the state and member goals driving the largest impact



- **Decarbonization goals in Series 1A were modeled using multiple layers**
  - Model data aggregated decarbonization goals from members to Local Resource Zone/Subregion, which was modeled at the MISO system level
  - State decarbonization goals were included as separate constraints and specifically tied to the units within that state
  - Unit-specific carbon emission constraints, such as those associated with the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), were applied at the unit level
- **For Series 1A Future 2A**
  - Future definition assumed MISO-wide floor 60% decarbonization
  - The aggregation of member goals drove a 76% decarbonization model input
  - State Renewable Portfolio Standards, along with member plans, drove an overall 86% decarbonization outcome alone
  - The total carbon reduction driven by goals and economics was 96%

# The Series 2 retirement assumptions will mimic the Series 1/1A assumptions, with age-based assumptions supplementing member plans for most scenarios

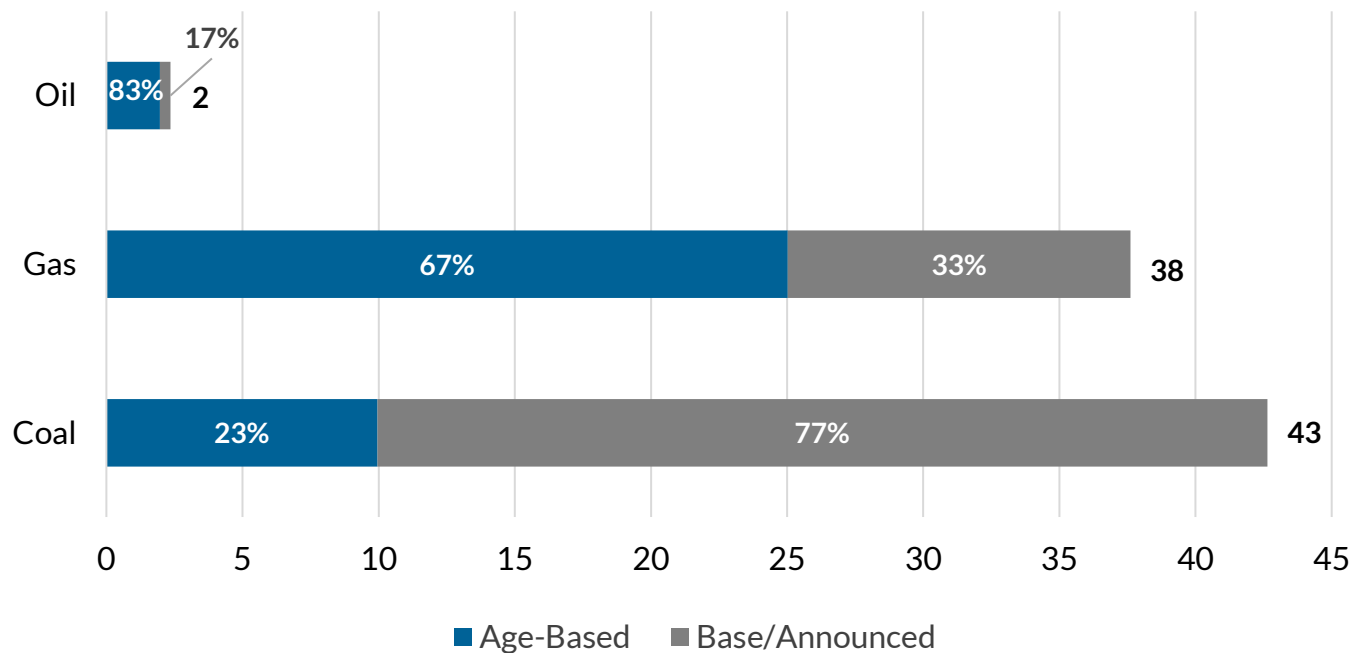
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Assumption Variables				
	FUTURE 1	FUTURE 2	FUTURE 3	FUTURE 4
	Age-Based Retirements	Accelerated Age-Based Retirements	Advanced Age-Based Retirements	Delayed Retirements
Coal	46	36	30	Retire only if publicly announced unless resource is needed for adequacy reasons.
Natural Gas – CC	50	45	35	
Natural Gas – Other	46	36	30	
Oil	45	40	35	
Nuclear & Hydro	Retire if Publicly Announced	Retire if Publicly Announced	Retire if Publicly Announced	
Solar – Utility-Scale	25	25	25	
Wind – Utility-Scale	25	25	25	

CAGR – Compound Annual Growth Rate

In Series 1A Futures (F1A, F2A, F3A), MISO utilized unit retirement dates supplied by member plans and applied age-based retirements if no feedback was provided

Future 2A - Thermal Retirements (GW)



Overall, in Series 1A, Future 2A, approximately 48% of the retirements were provided by members

- ~77% of the Future 2A **coal** retirements were provided by members (23% were age-based)
- ~ 33% of the Future 2A **gas** retirements were provided by members (67% were age-based)

# The Series 2 load growth assumptions represent a key driver for the new Futures series; these are based on the data discussed in the December 2024 load forecasting workshop

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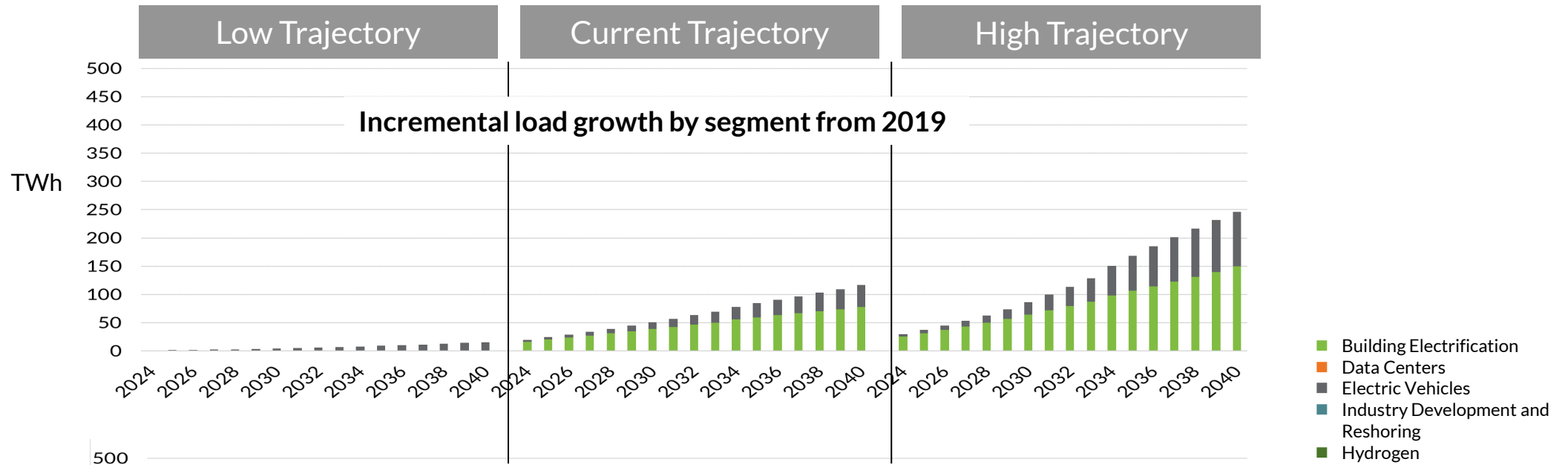
## Assumption Variables

<b>FUTURE 1</b>	<b>FUTURE 2</b>	<b>FUTURE 3</b>	<b>FUTURE 4</b>
Account for a modest driver growth that aligns to reduced technology adoption patterns in building electrification and electric vehicles	Account for technology adoption trends, existing policy incentives and an increase in data centers, domestic manufacturing and green hydrogen facilities	Accelerated electric vehicle adoption and additional buildouts of data centers, domestic manufacturing and green hydrogen facilities	Future 2 load growth with use of additional demand response if needed

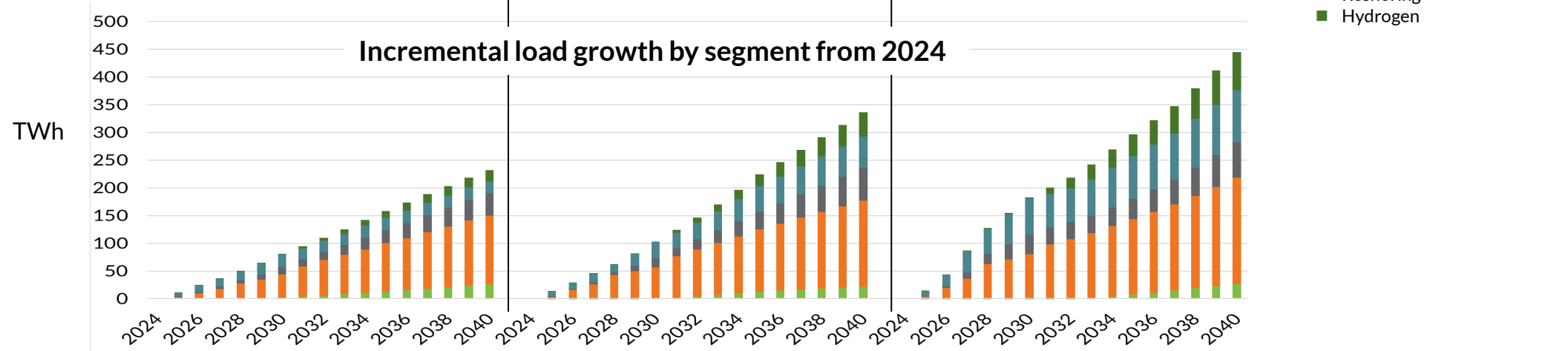
CAGR – Compound Annual Growth Rate

# Macroeconomics have expanded since MISO's Futures 1A report to include not only EVs and Building Electrification but also data center AI revolution, domestic manufacturing and green hydrogen

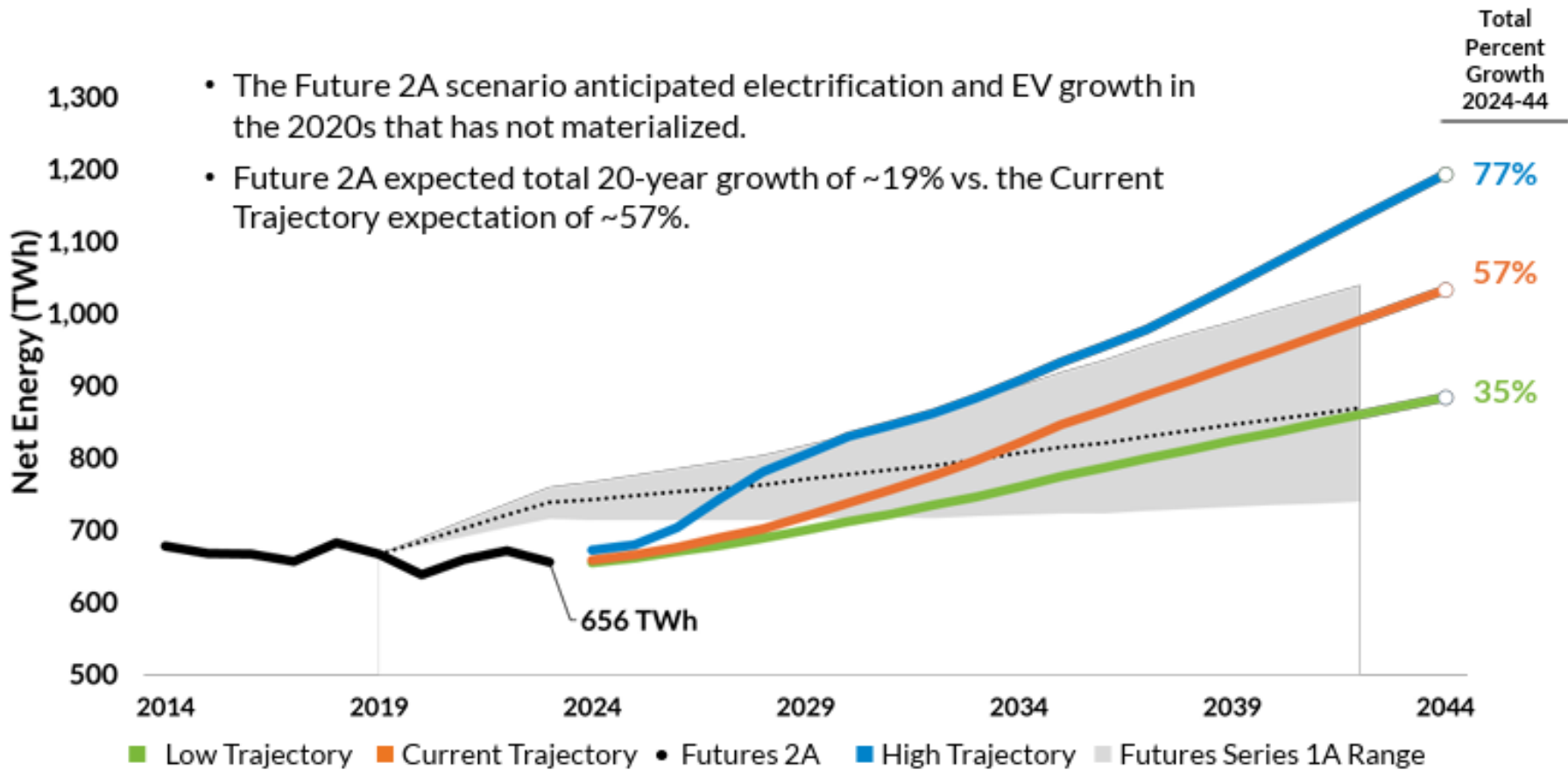
Series 1 & 1A



Series 2



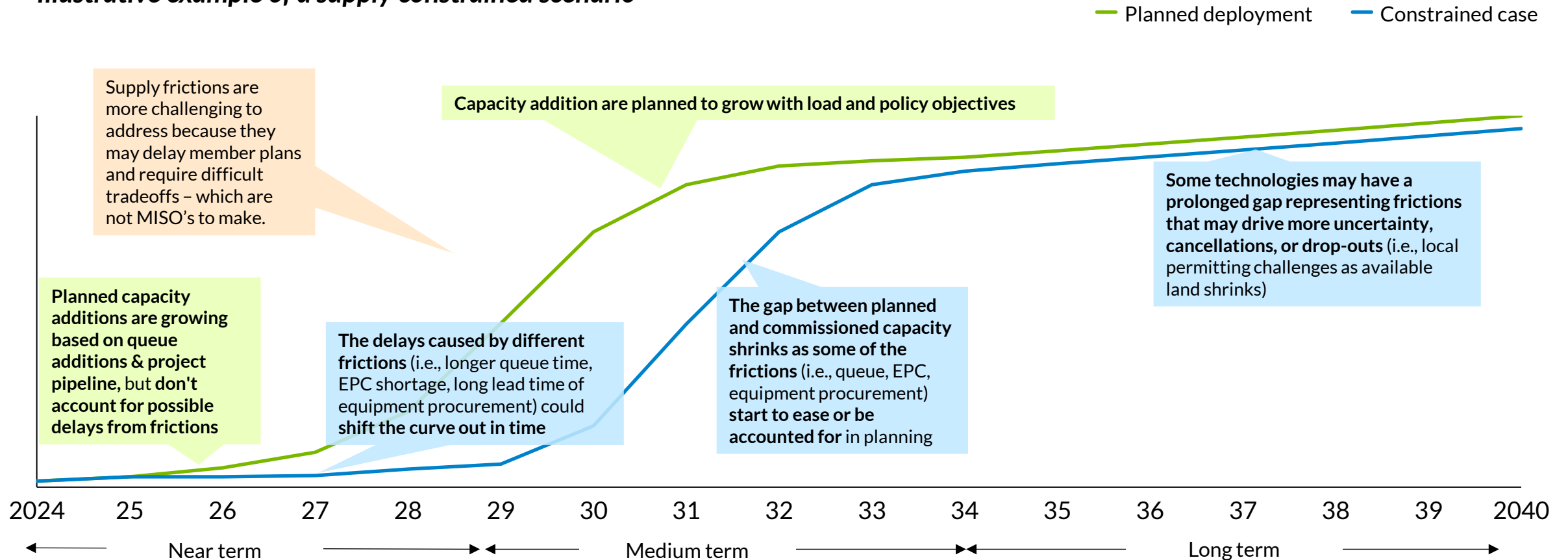
# Updated industry, macroeconomic and policy assumptions have resulted in new load growth trajectories since MISO's Futures Series 1A report



**Load Growth**  
Higher load growth rates are balanced by less growth in the 2019-2024 timeframe, as compared to the Series 1 Futures assumptions

# MISO is analyzing supply frictions and will return to stakeholders to discuss how this best may be implemented in Series 2 Future 4, including insights gained from states and resource planners

## Illustrative example of a supply constrained scenario



There are uncertainties regarding the impact from frictions – the gap may shrink faster or slower than expected.

# The Series 2 Futures will draw upon lessons learned from previous Futures and Regional Resource Assessment analysis

## Historical Member Feedback Themes

- Weather years:
  - More recent events
- Capacity Accreditation:
  - Value of Loss Load (VOLL) concerns now addressed through dynamic accreditation
- Siting:
  - Existing busses vs greenfield
- Retirements:
  - Age based, economic based or policy based
- Resource Mix/Inclusions:
  - Battery Storage duration (12-hour), new and planned resource types, i.e., Small Modular Reactors, etc.
- DSM/DER:
  - Increase in Demand-Side Management/Demand Response (DSM/DR) programs
  - Accounting for Distributed Energy Resource (DER) additions

## Initial Member Survey Insights

- Limited planned development
- Changes to planned in-service dates based on constraints
- Goals still key

# MISO requests feedback on variables in the Future Scenario Definitions which drive differences between the Futures

## FUTURE SCENARIO DEFINITIONS

Footprint Development | Emissions | Load Growth | Generation Retirements

The following are examples to help guide the feedback MISO is looking for. Each one points to a specific variable in the Future Scenarios Definitions that MISO is using to differentiate each Future:

1. **Future 1:** Is 85% a good assumption to discount announcements that are not included in legislated state/member goals? If not, what is a good assumption? (**Footprint development**)
2. **Future 4:** Is a 60% minimum reduction in emissions from the 2005 baseline a good setting assuming supply frictions enable this reduction? If not, what is a good assumption? (**Emissions**)
3. **Future 2:** When no retirement date is supplied for a unit, are accelerated age-based retirements a good assumption for the stated policy scenario? If not, what should be used? (**Generation Retirements**)

Given the stated purpose of the four Futures, please provide specific feedback on the variables within the Future Scenario Definitions

## FUTURE SCENARIO DEFINITIONS

Footprint Development | Emissions | Load Growth | Generation Retirements

- Future 3:** Are the retirement years on the advanced age-based retirements the appropriate assumptions for generation retirements in that Future? If not, what are appropriate retirement year variables? (**Generation Retirements**)
- Future 4:** Is the anticipated load growth (CAGR 1.6%) a good assumption for the Supply Shift scenario? If not, what is an appropriate load growth, Future 1 or 3? (**Load Growth**)

*Resource planners and regulators:*

- Future 4:** How do you plan to address supply limitations? (**Footprint Development, Load Growth, Generation Retirements**)
  - Are there specific technologies which should be considered? In what timeframe?
  - What adjustments to resource plans may be considered within the boundaries of existing requirements to maintain resource adequacy (e.g., delaying retirements, increasing use of demand response, etc.)?
  - Please describe any limiting factors and potentials plans under consideration.

# Next steps will focus on reviewing data input assumptions for the Series 2 work; stakeholder workshops and opportunities for formal and informal input

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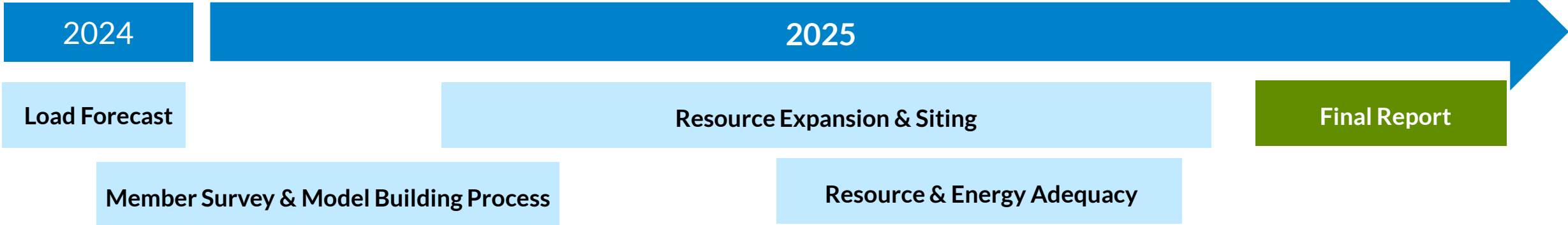
Load Forecast Workshop

## Q1 2025:

Member Survey Completed

## Target Completion:

Second half of 2025



### Stakeholder Process

- Status updates provided at PAC and RASC meetings
- Anticipate monthly technical workshops
- Currently scheduled: March 19, April 14, May 15, June 26, July 25, August 29, September 24, October 29

### Q1-Q2 Workshop Topics

- Assumptions Review
- Future 4: Supply Chain Constraint Review
- Siting Assumptions Review

### Formal Feedback Requests

- Future Scenario Definition variables
- Siting

### OMS Feedback Request

# The Series 2 Futures redesign will utilize the Stakeholder Feedback Tool and team email for stakeholder communications



# Stakeholder Feedback Request

- MISO requests feedback on the content of slides 22-23 by March 14, 2025
- Feedback requests and responses are managed through the Feedback Tool on the MISO website:  
<https://www.misoenergy.org/stakeholder-engagement/stakeholder-feedback/>

Questions?

# Appendix



# Series 2 Futures Redesign Stakeholder Workshops

