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Potential Changes in Wyoming Energy Production and Revenue Base

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Scenario Analysis

- Based on results from EIA NEMS model using information current at the end of 2022.
 - Summarizes current state of information regarding energy system
- Reference scenario assumes current laws, economic, cost and technological trends.
- Side cases: each varies elements individually of the reference case
 - Also consider alternative policy cases
 - Reference case + 15 side cases (18 in natural gas projection).
- Side cases allow understanding of how specific changes affect projections.

** These are not predictions! They are projections that allow understanding of how changes in economic, cost and policy conditions may affect future outcomes given current data and understanding of the energy system.

• Taken together, scenarios can describe a range of possible outcomes.

Scenario Main Assumptions

Reference case (AEO2023 - March)

Low IRA Uptake (AEO2023 - March)

High/Low Oil Price (AEO2023 - March)

High/Low Oil/Gas Supply (AEO2023 -March)

CREG (Oct 2022/Jan 2023 revisions)

Economic growth 1.9% annually, other variables at current trend values, current legislation stays in place.

Production tax credit values in IRA reduced by 80% in assumptions, number of EV's qualifying for tax credit halved from reference case.

Oil Prices higher/lower than in reference case. By 2050, Brent crude is \$190/bbl vs \$101/bbl in high case, \$51 in low (in 2022 dollars).

Recovery is 50% higher/lower per well than reference, Technological growth lowering costs 50% higher/lower than reference

Assumptions based on current trends/information (to 2024 only)

Scenario choice and probability

- EIA cases chosen for the range of assumptions and outcomes.
 - Reflects current trends in energy markets and demographics.
 - Considers current, higher or lower oil gas depletion rates
 - Considers current, higher or lower technological improvement in mineral production
 - National economic growth assumed constant at 1.9% (current rate of GDP growth)
- CREG forecast generally reflects conditions as of late fall 2022.
- Each case is not currently perceived as equally likely.
 - Range of policy, economic and technical changes.

Wyoming AEO Coal Projection Reference Case 2022

Annual Short Tons, Millions AEO2022 Reference case MMst

Wyoming Coal Production Scenarios - AEO 2023

Annual production decline of 55 million tons (23%) in next 13 years from 2022 levels.

Coal Production: Change to Reference Case 2023

Wyoming Coal Production Scenarios - AEO 2023



Annual production decline now projected to be of 122 million tons (51%) in next 13 years.

Drop due to passage of IRA

Wyoming Coal Production Scenarios - AEO 2023



Change is due to impact of IRA incentives for new zero-carbon energy development.

No AEO scenario with less than a 26% decline

Wyoming Coal Production Scenarios - AEO 2023



CREG Projection currently tracks within the cone of outcomes.

Wyoming Coal Production Scenarios - AEO 2023



Coal Revenue: Best cases lead to minimum 25-30% decline in revenue by end of decade

Wyoming Coal Production Value (Millions \$)



Scenarios: Coal



Wyoming PRB Coal Price - AEO 2023

Consensus in all projections – significant declines in coal revenue occur through 2030 then stabilize.

- Coal production decline significant question is how bad it gets. 1)
- 2) Price of coal depends on market conditions but variation in revenue driven primarily by production.
- 3) Coal revenue base declines by 26% to 73%, with reference case decline of 56% by 2036.
- CREG revenue base forecast tracks higher than most scenario projections, but still predicts 29% decline by 2028. 4)

Oil Production

Wyoming Annual Oil Production - AEO 2023



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Oil Production Revenue Value* - AEO 2023



Scenarios: Oil



Most scenarios lead to 27-28% increase in oil production over the next decade, and stable revenue increases.

- Oil price sensitivity key: Oil price scenarios range from -60% to 275% output change by 2036.
- Reference case results in a 28% increase in production, stable prices through 2036 => 24% revenue increase.

Suggest steady, stable

- 14 of 16 AEO scenarios have revenue increases of 6% to 56% by 2036.
- In 12 of 16 scenarios, total production revenue increases by 21% to 26%. growth

Natural Gas Production

Wyoming Natural Gas Production* - AEO 2023



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Natural Gas Prices

Natural Gas Prices - AEO 2023



Natural Gas Production Revenue

Wyoming Natural Gas Production Revenue - AEO 2023



Overview

Coal

- Decline inevitable
- 50% decline in production by early 2030s from today's levels likely (+/- 25%)
- Current CREG estimates track higher than most scenario outcomes

Oil

- Majority of scenarios => steady increase in output likely
- Caveat: Oil output very sensitive to price => oil volatility should be expected. (upside risk?)
- Revenue growth of 20-30% over the decade seems reasonable, with the price sensitivity caveat noted.

Natural Gas

- Production level projections have more variation than other fuels.
- Price predicted to fall to range seen currently and stay there throughout decade.
- Result is a 50% decline in revenue.
- Weather volatility to upside should be expected.

Conclusions

- Seems inevitable that two of three pillars of Wyoming energy revenue will decline.
- These declines can be forecasted, though the only prediction we can make with certainty is that any long-term forecast will be wrong!
 - Current information 50% declines in coal and natural gas revenues seem reasonable by end of decade.
- Losses may be partially offset by potential increases in oil in next decade.
- In addition to declines, energy revenues likely to become much more volatile as total revenues become more dependent on oil and gas.
 - Oil due to well-known price volatility
 - Gas revenues due to greater climate volatility leading to price shocks (to the upside).