



# 2018 Indiana Forecast Update

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- Our 2017 forecast was released in December of that year
- We produced an update in 2018 that reflected more recent projections of future economic activity, population and fossil fuel prices
  - Also changed the corporate tax rate to reflect change in tax law
- We have started work on the 2019 forecast, which should be released in the fall





#### **Forecast Results**

- Long-term electricity sales are expected to grow more slowly than in the 2017 forecast
  - -0.88% per year vs. 1.12%
- Sales to the residential and commercial sectors are slightly higher
- Sales to the industrial sector do not grow as fast as in the 2017 forecast
  - lower natural gas prices



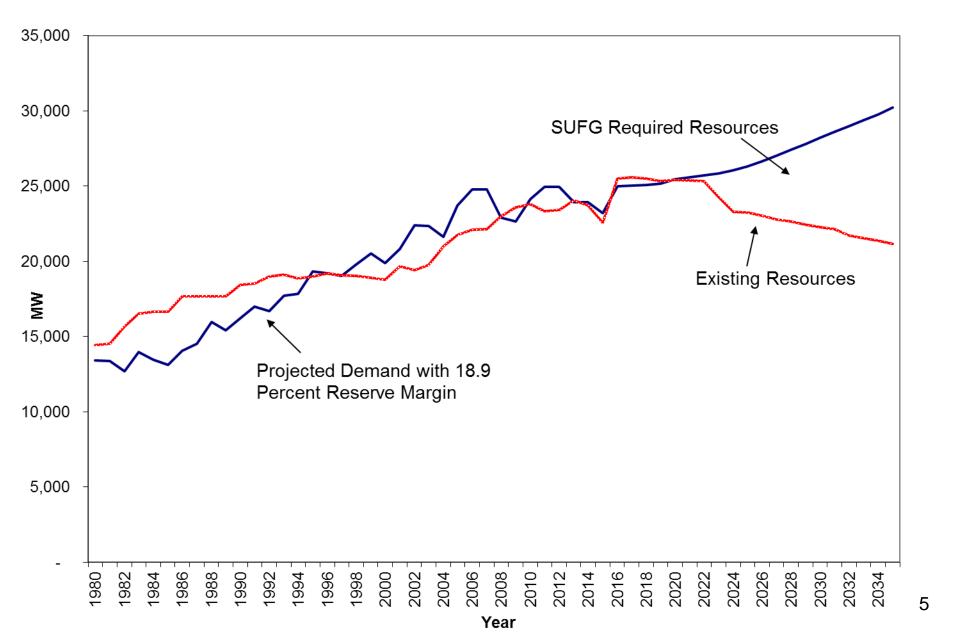


### Future Resource Needs

- Slower load growth means fewer additional resources needed in the future
  - New resources are indicated to be needed by 2023
  - Resource needs reflect planned unit retirements (from utility IRPs) at the time the report was prepared
    - Do not include additional retirements from most recent IRP filing











### **Future Prices**

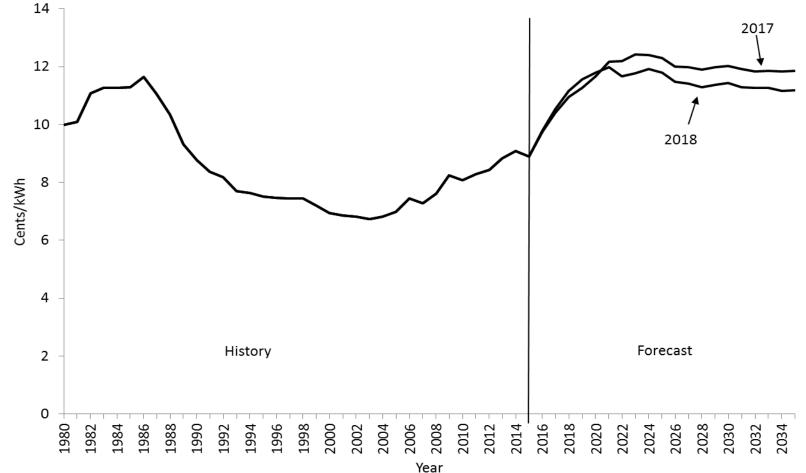
- As in the 2017 forecast, real (inflationadjusted) prices are projected to increase in the next few years, then level off
- The price forecast is somewhat lower than previously projected

– About 0.7 cents/kWh lower in the long term





## Indiana Real (2015 Dollars) Price Projections







### **Further Information**

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