



# The Economic Downturn – Lessons on the Correlation between Economic Growth and Energy Demand

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### "It's the economy, stupid"

 Attributed to James Carville during the 1992 presidential election campaign

Applicable to Indiana's current energy situation





### Data Sources & Availability

- Electricity Sales
  - Energy Information Administration (Department of Energy)
- Gross Domestic Product
  - Bureau of Economic Analysis
     (Department of Commerce)
- Little data available for 2009





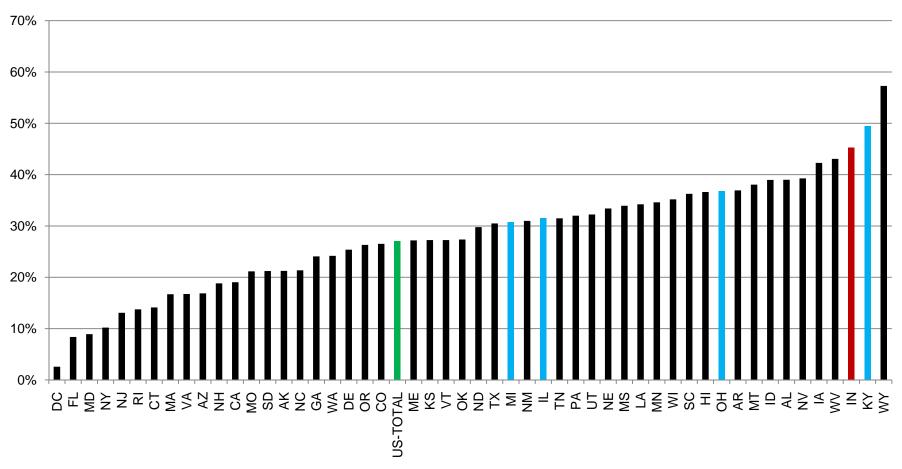
#### Indiana - an Industrial State

- In 2008, Indiana accounted for 2.9% of the nation's retail electricity sales
  - 11<sup>th</sup> most in the U.S.
- But Indiana accounted for 4.8% of the nation's industrial sector retail electricity sales
  - 4<sup>th</sup> most in the U.S.





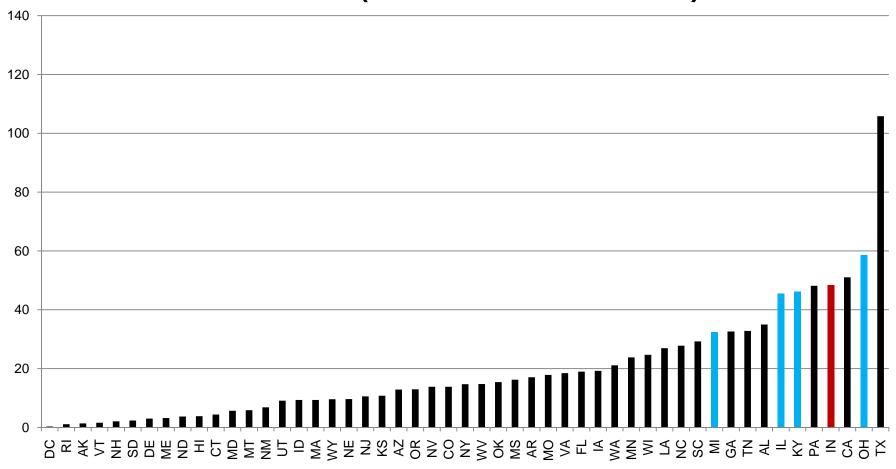
## 2008 Industrial Demand as Percentage of Total







### 2008 Industrial Electricity Sales (million MWh)







#### Industrial Model Sensitivities

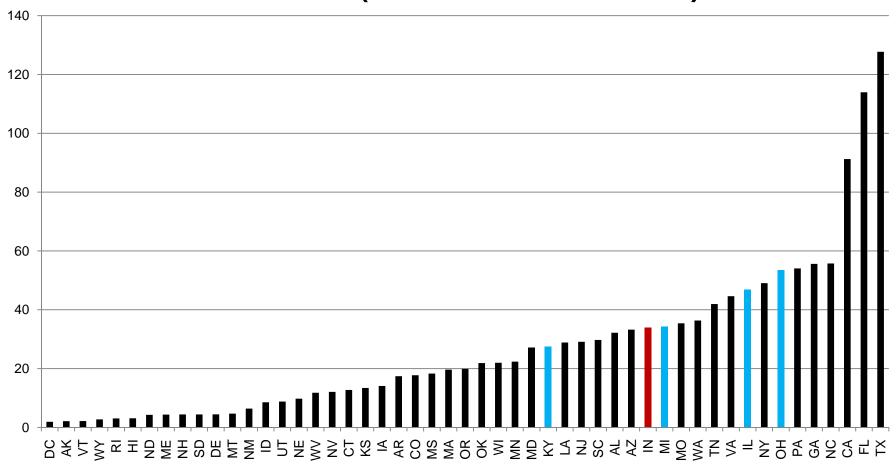
10 Percent Increase In	Causes This Percent Change in Electric Use
Real Manufacturing Product	10.0
Electric Rates	-4.8
Natural Gas Price	1.4
Oil Prices	0.9
Coal Prices	0.2

Source: SUFG 2009 Forecast





# 2008 Residential Electricity Sales (million MWh)







#### Residential Model Sensitivities

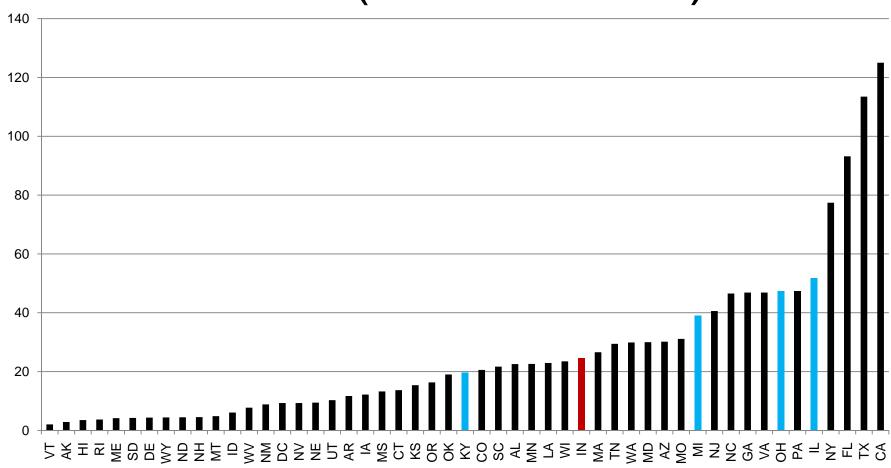
10 Percent Increase In	Causes This Percent Change in Electric Use
Number of Customers	11.1
Electric Rates	-2.4
Natural Gas Price	1.0
Distillate Oil Prices	0.0
Appliance Price	-1.8
Household Income	2.0

Source: SUFG 2009 Forecast





# 2008 Commercial Electricity Sales (million MWh)







#### Commercial Model Sensitivities

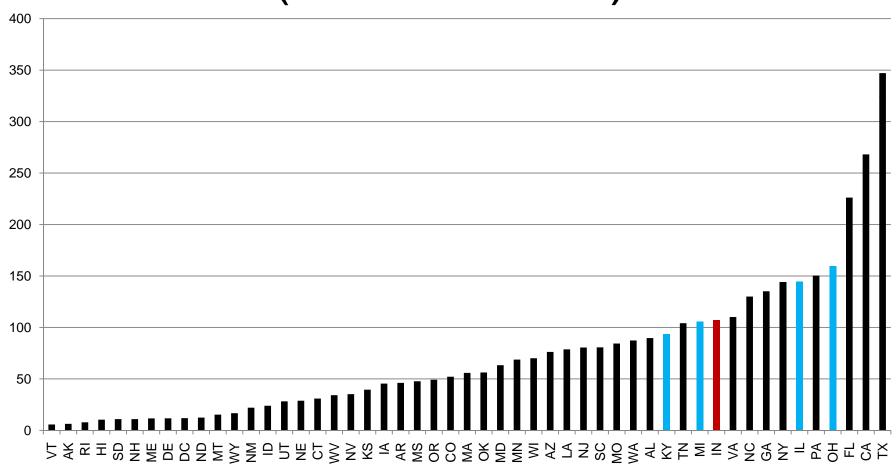
10 Percent Increase In	Causes This Percent Change in Electric Use
Electric Rates	-2.5
Natural Gas Price	0.2
Distillate Oil Prices	0.0
Coal Prices	0.0
Electric Energy-weighted Floor Space	12.0

Source: SUFG 2009 Forecast





### 2008 Total Electricity Sales (million MWh)







### Changes in Indiana Electricity Sales from 2007 to 2008

Residential sector

-1.9%

Commercial sector

-0.8%

Industrial sector

-3.2%

Total

-2.2%





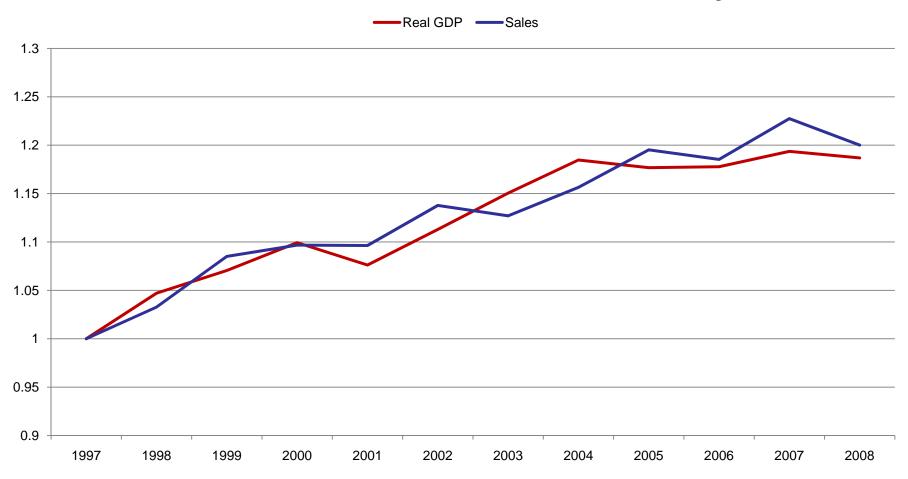
### Was it the Economy?

- Indiana Gross Domestic Product dropped by 0.6% from 2007 to 2008
- But the summer of 2008 was considerably cooler than 2007, which affected electricity demand
  - Cooling degree days in Indianapolis dropped by 30% from 2007





### Indiana Real Gross Domestic Product and Total Electricity Sales







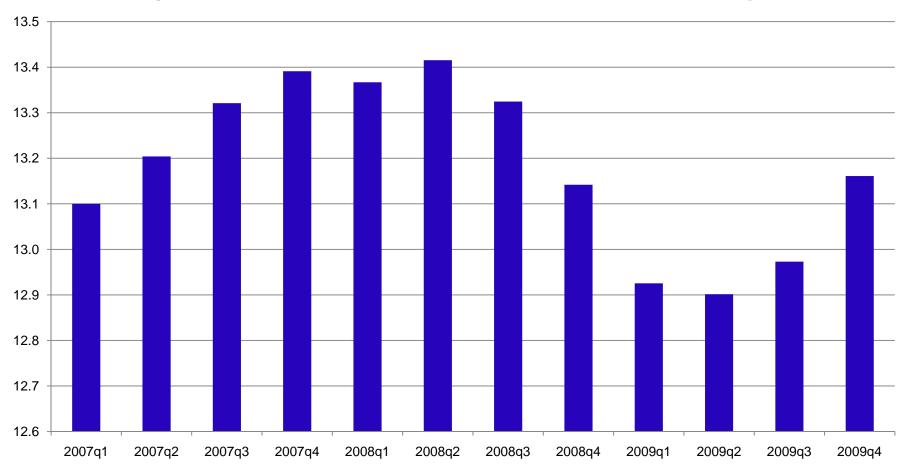
### 2009 – Effects were More Pronounced

- Economic impact largely confined to last quarter of 2008
- Economic impact was felt across all 4 quarters of 2009
- The summer of 2009 was even milder
  - cooling degree days were down another
    11% from 2008





### U.S. Gross Domestic Product (trillions of 2005 dollars)







### Annual Change in U.S. Electricity Sales

Industrial

**- 2007-08** 

-2008-09

-1.8%

-12.6%

Commercial

-2007-08

0%

-2008-09

-1.0%

Residential

-2007-08

-2008-09

-0.9%

-1.2%

Total

**- 2007-08** 

-0.8%

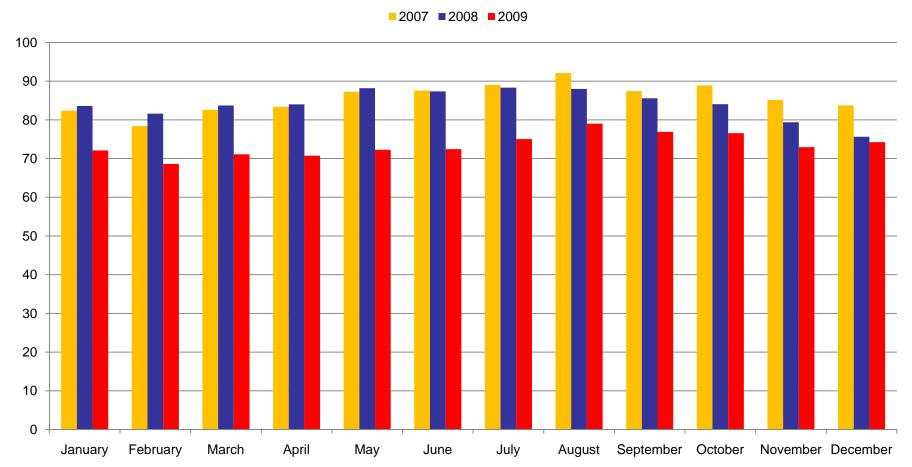
-2008-09

-4.2%





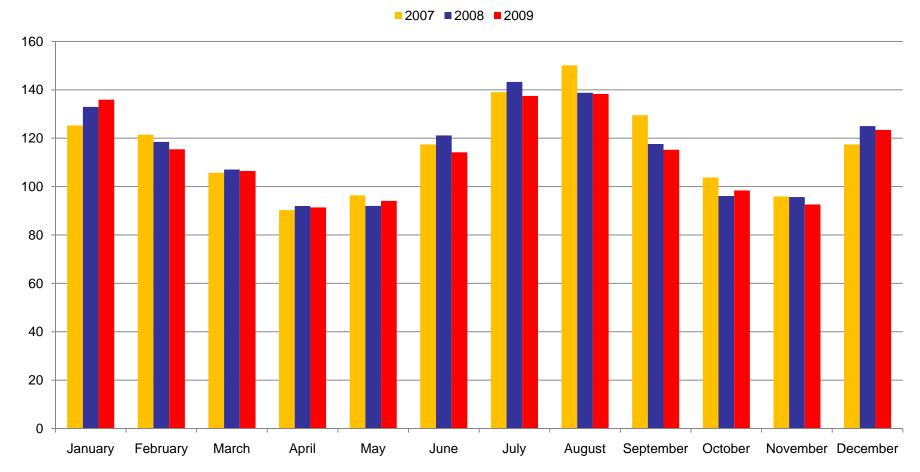
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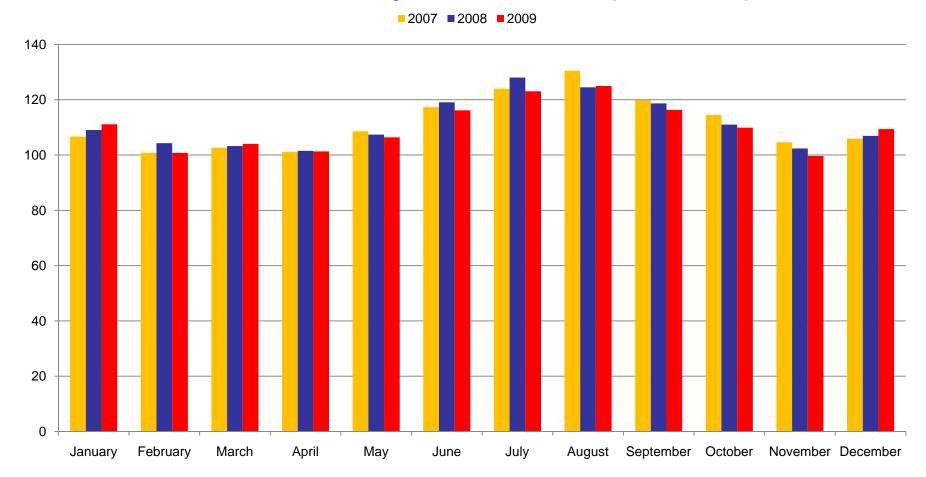
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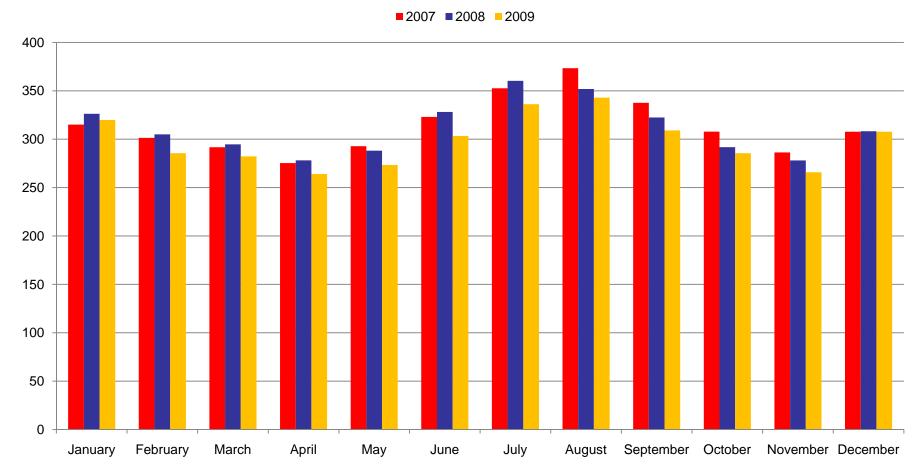
# U.S. Retail Commercial Electricity Sales (TWh)







# U.S. Retail Total Electricity Sales (TWh)







### EIA April Short-Term Outlook

- U.S. residential electricity sales increased by an estimated 7.6% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010 relative to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009
  - colder weather caused much of the increase





#### EIA April Short-Term Outlook

- EIA projects U.S. total electricity consumption to increase by 2.9% in 2010 and again by 1.2% in 2011
  - note: sales and consumption are not interchangeable, but they do tend to follow each other closely





#### **Further Information**

- State Utility Forecasting Group
  - http://www.purdue.edu/dp/energy/SUFG/
- Energy Information Administration
  - <a href="http://www.eia.doe.gov/">http://www.eia.doe.gov/</a>
- Bureau of Economic Analysis
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