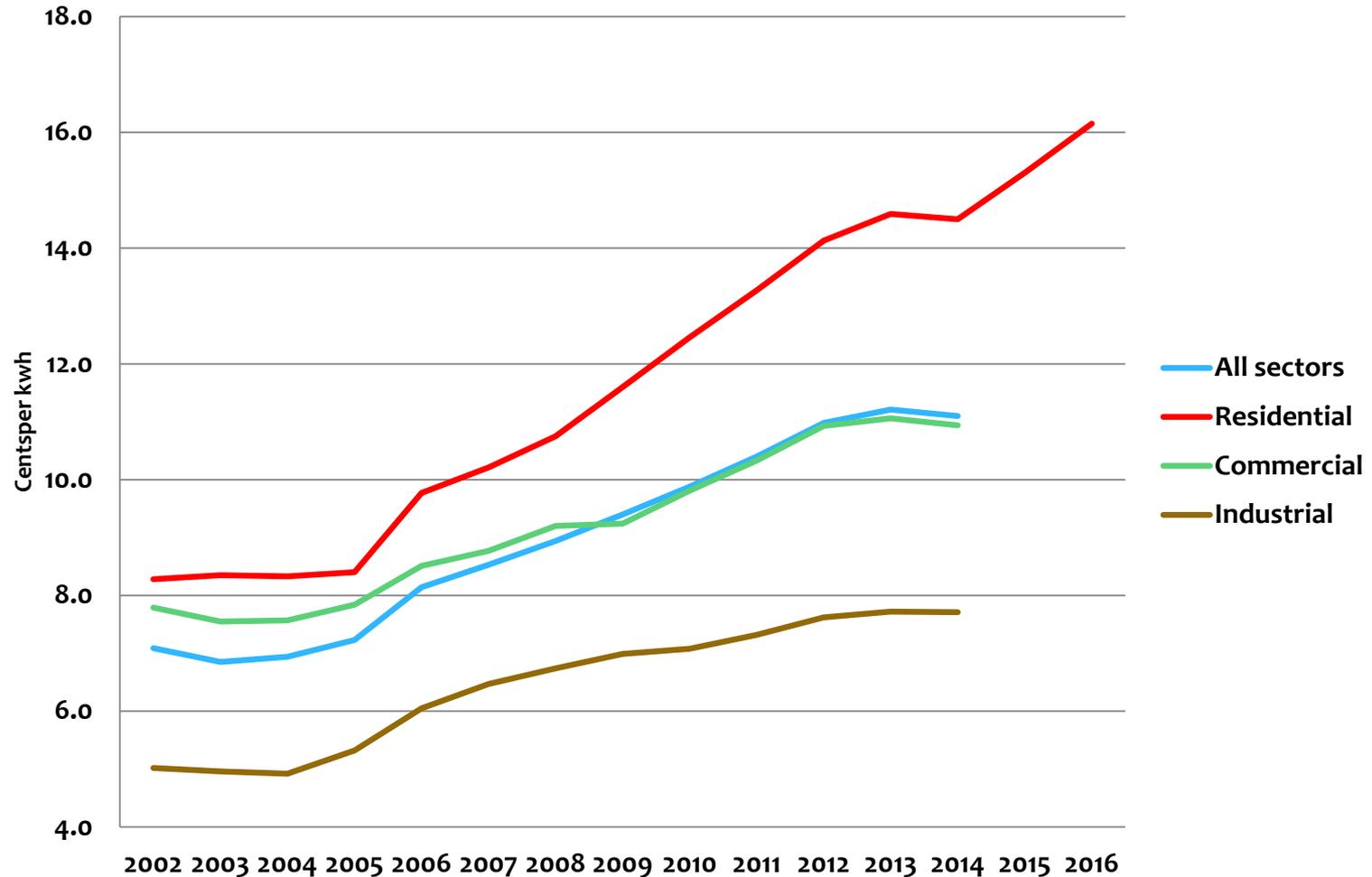


# Michigan Energy Policy - Path to a Cleaner, More Affordable Future



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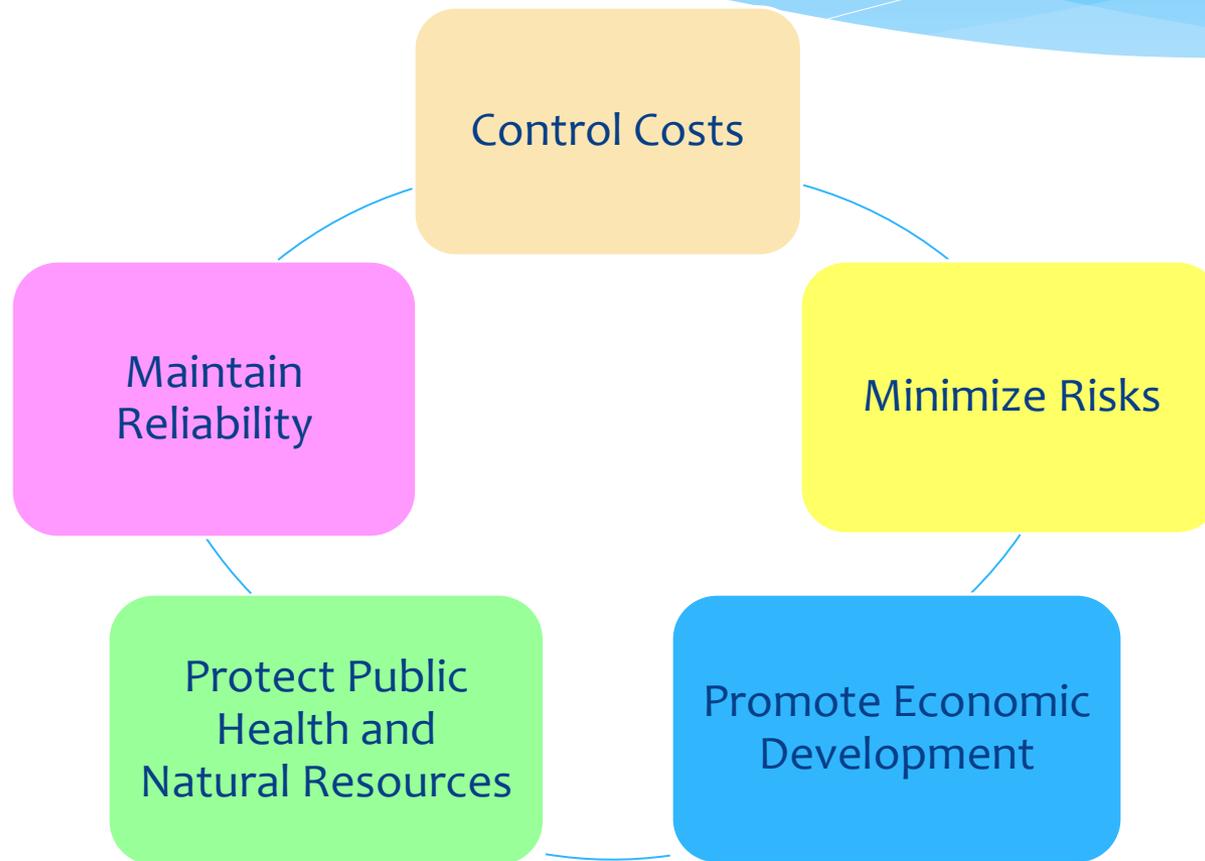
# Electricity Rate Increases



# How do we get to lower rates?

- \* Establish clear goals for utilities
- \* Make energy efficiency investments that allow the state to close plants and not have to replace them
- \* Address capacity constraints through rate design that sends better price signals to customers
- \* Better utilize existing capacity and close marginal units

# Michigan Energy Plan - Goals



# Energy efficiency potential study

- \* “Achievable” potential of 15% reduction of demand over ten years
- \* Estimated cost of \$22/MWh (~60% of the variable costs of generating power)
- \* Oppose repeal of the “most” cost effective method of meeting energy demand.

Control Costs

Protect Public  
Health and  
Natural Resources

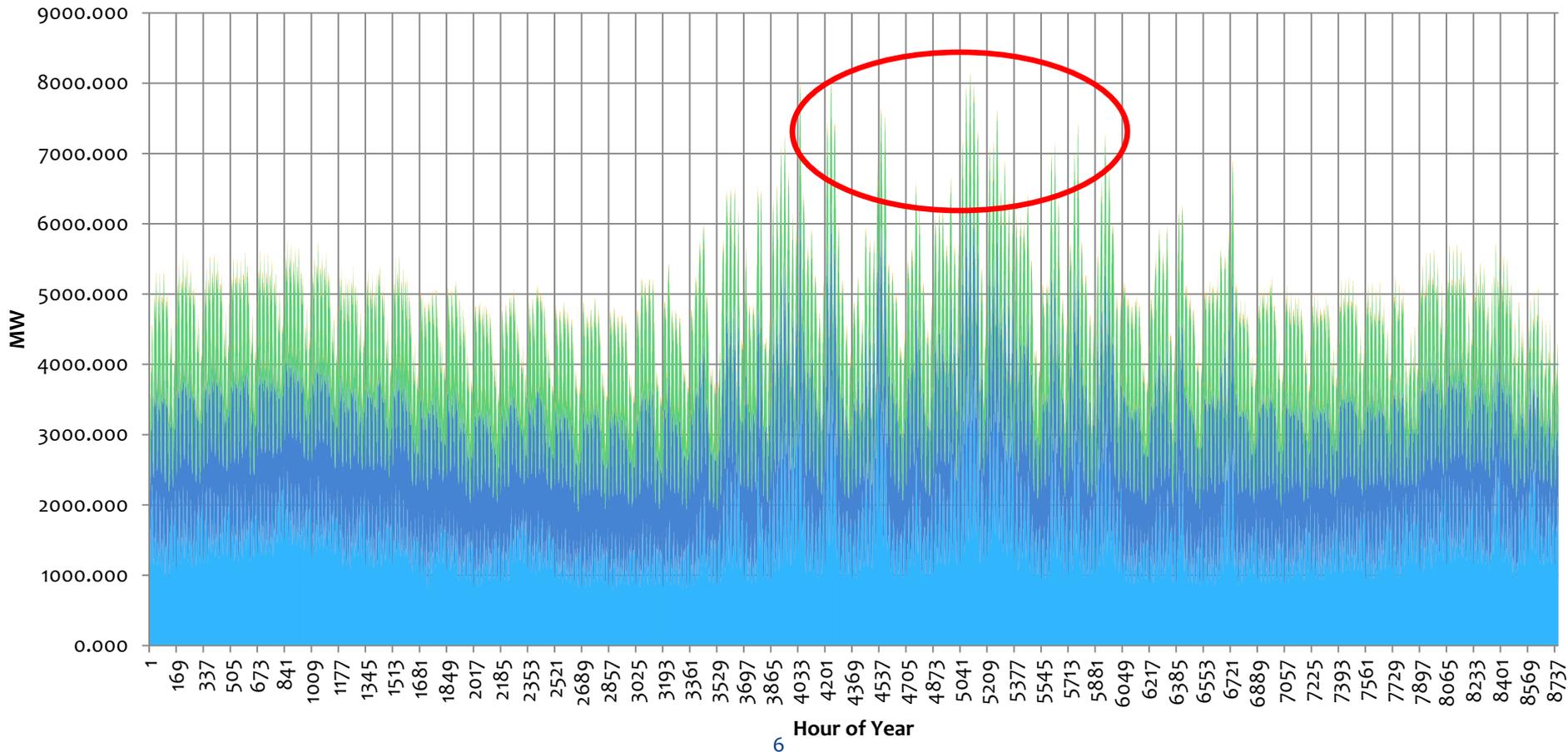
Maintain  
Reliability

Minimize Risks

Promote Economic  
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# Electricity Load by Class – Consumers Energy

Residential Commercial Industrial Streetlighting Wholesale



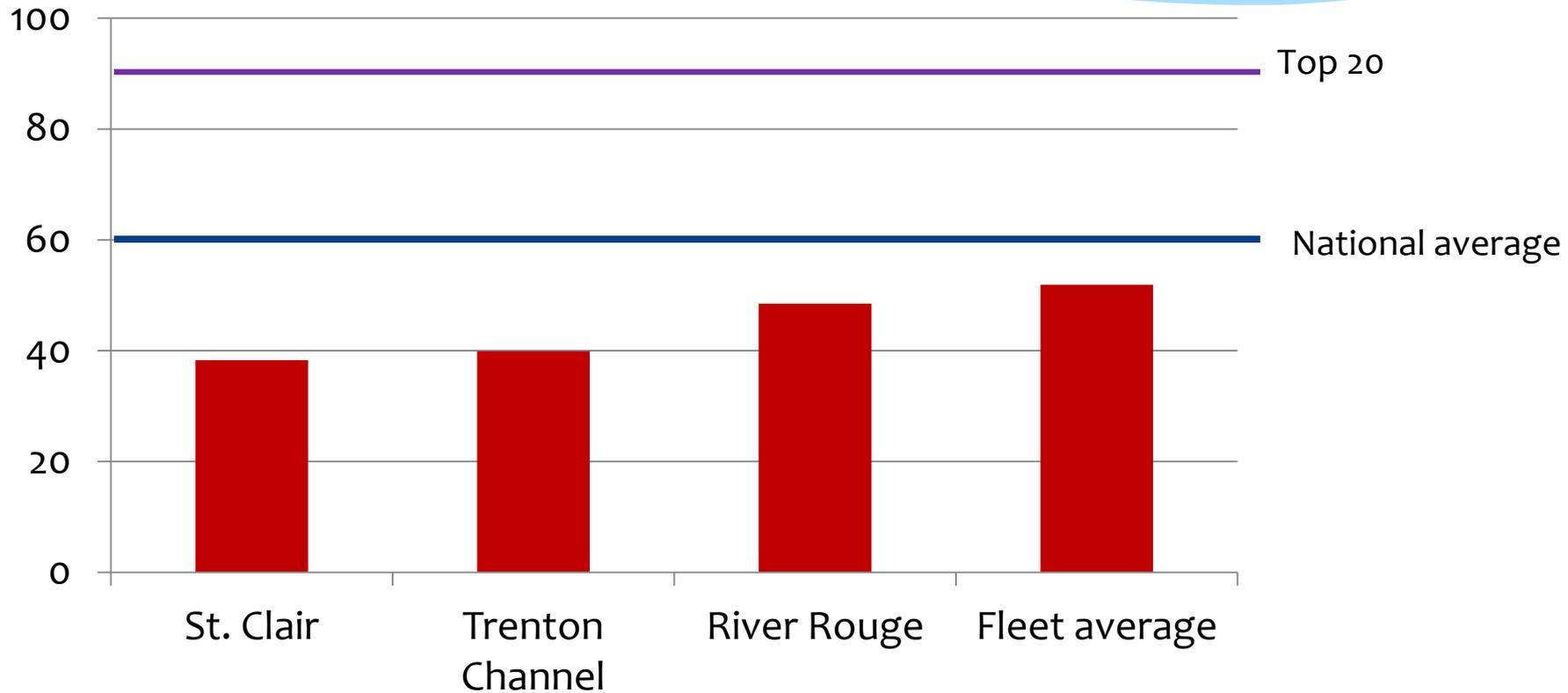
# Reduced costs through rate design

- \* Deployment of advanced meters has made time-of-day pricing possible.
- \* Pilot programs show time-of-day pricing has the ability to shave peak residential demand by 630 MW for Consumers Energy and 521 MW for DTE – about the same as capacity of nine announced coal plant closures (1200 MW)
- \* Expanded to all customers classes, could reduce utility costs by over \$200 million a year

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Resources

Control Costs

# DTE coal plant capacity factors



# Renewable Energy – Continue the transition to cleaner energy

- \* Increase commitment to renewable energy.
- \* Only power source that can guarantee long-term stable prices
- \* Cost of renewable energy today are at or below costs of other energy sources
- \* Companies looking at energy mix when deciding where to locate
- \* Improves public health through reduced emissions

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# Buyer's market for solar

- \* Recent bids at ~\$65/MWh
- \* Long-term stable prices
- \* Delivers power during peak usage hours
- \* Can be delivered using Michigan labor and materials

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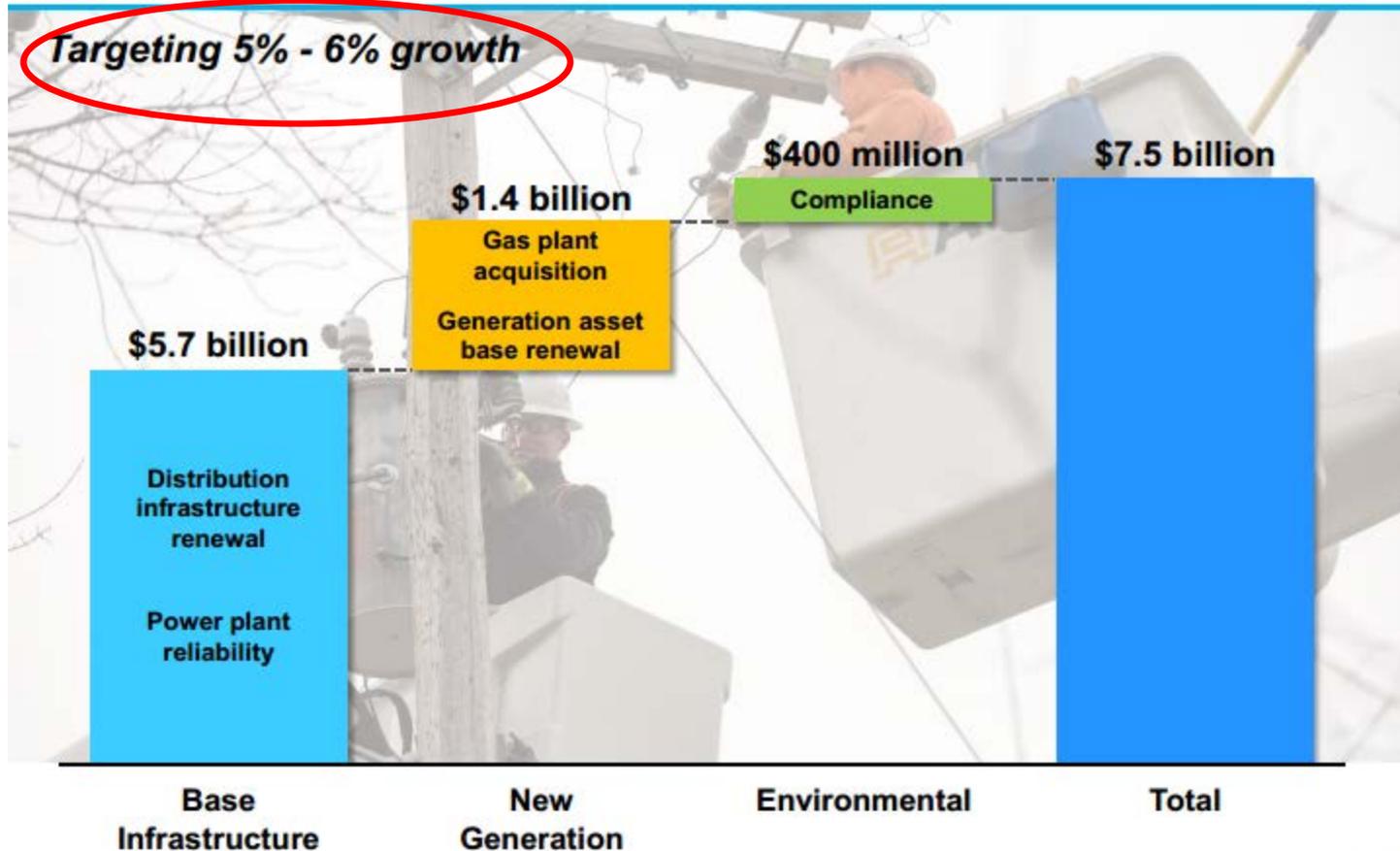
# Can Integrated Resource Planning replace standards?

- \* Shareholder interests will trump ratepayer interests
- \* IRP has not resulted in significant energy efficiency investments
- \* Leaving decision making to utilities has resulted in high costs for Michigan ratepayers
- \* IRP can compliment and fine tune direction given by the legislature or administration

Our electric utility is investing \$7.5 billion in three key areas through 2019



Targeting 5% - 6% growth

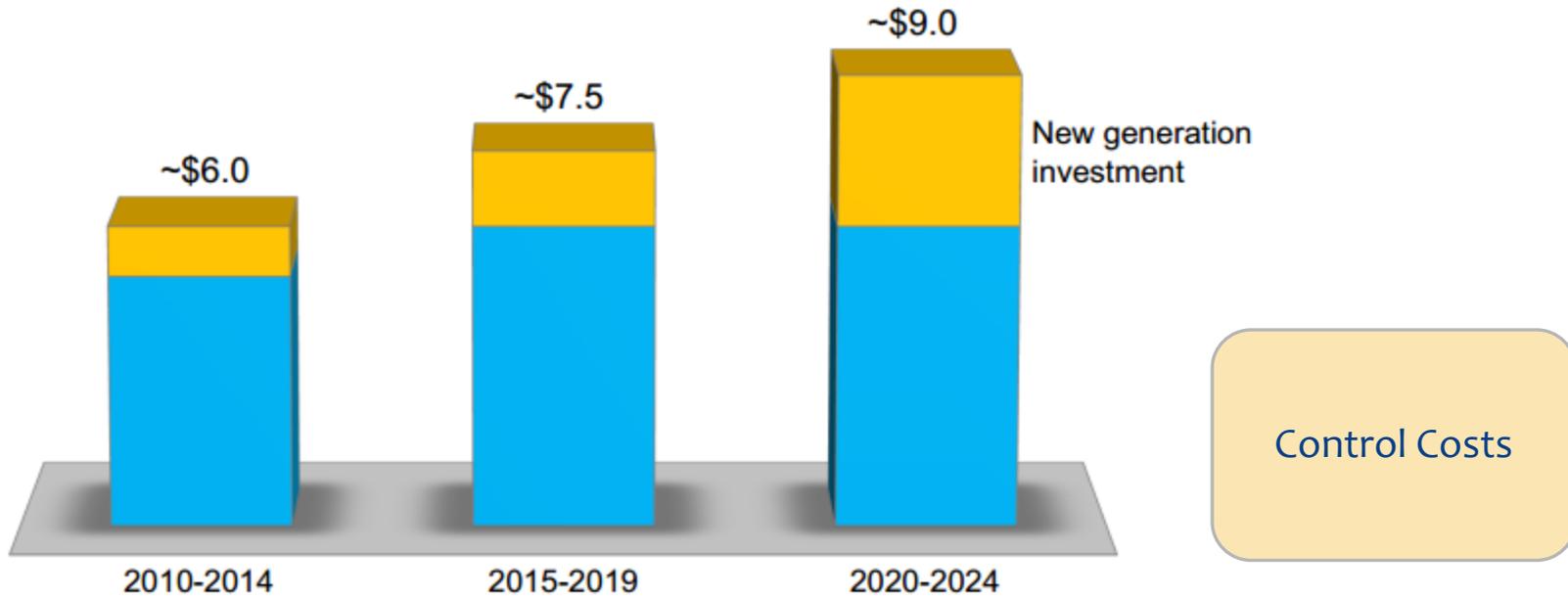


**Generation replacement will significantly increase DTE Electric's investment over the next 10 years**



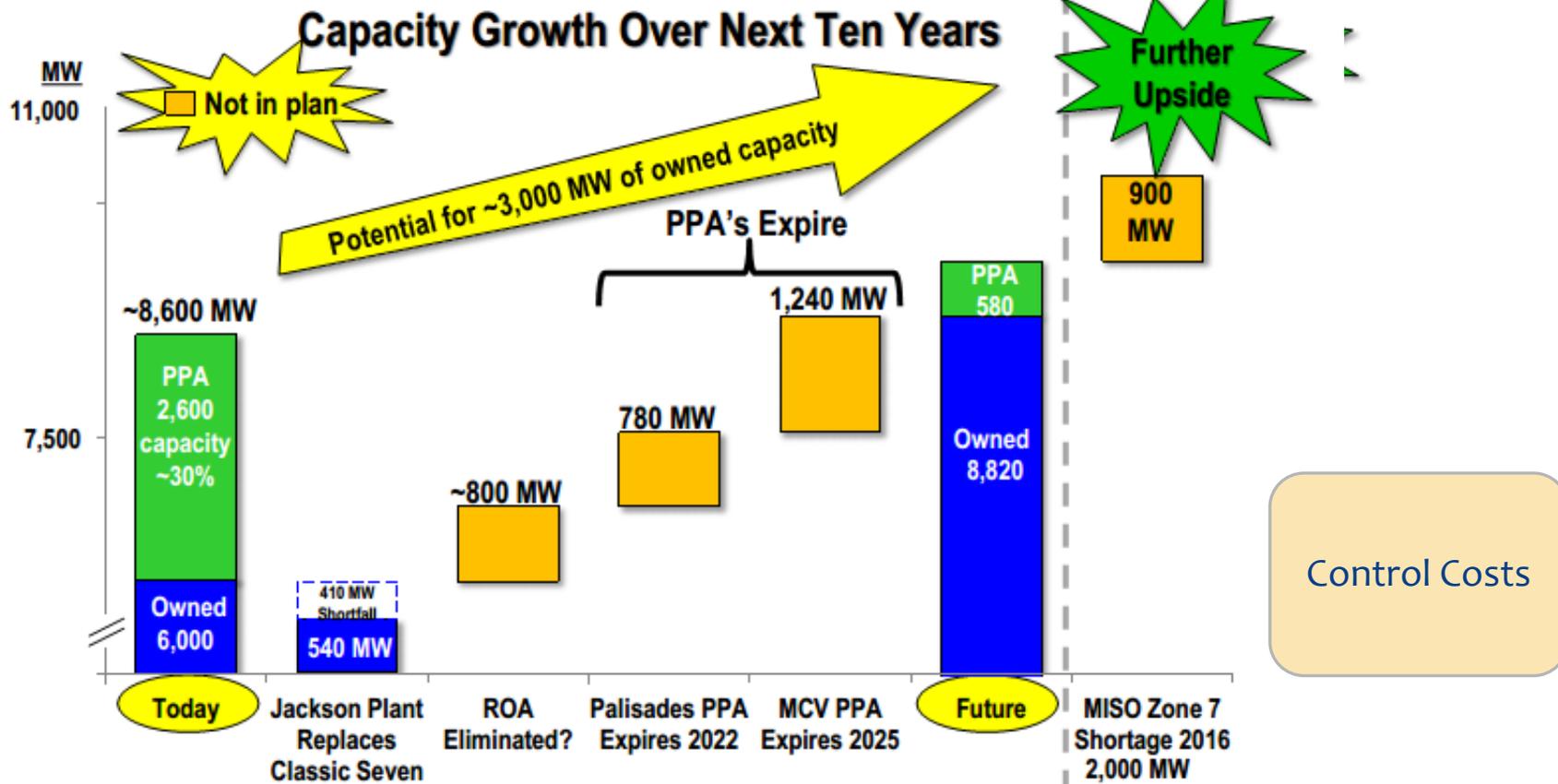
(billions)

**DTE Electric Total Investment**



# Capacity Opportunities....

CMS ENERGY



... emerging with replacement not yet in plan.

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# Next steps for Michigan

- \* Need for define our energy goals more clearly
- \* Need to improve long-term planning
- \* Need to harness information technology to achieve desired outcomes
- \* Increase the authority of the PSC to protect ratepayers
- \* Focus on reducing system-wide cost for all ratepayers

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