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# *Water, Efficiency, Market Opportunities and our Electric Future*

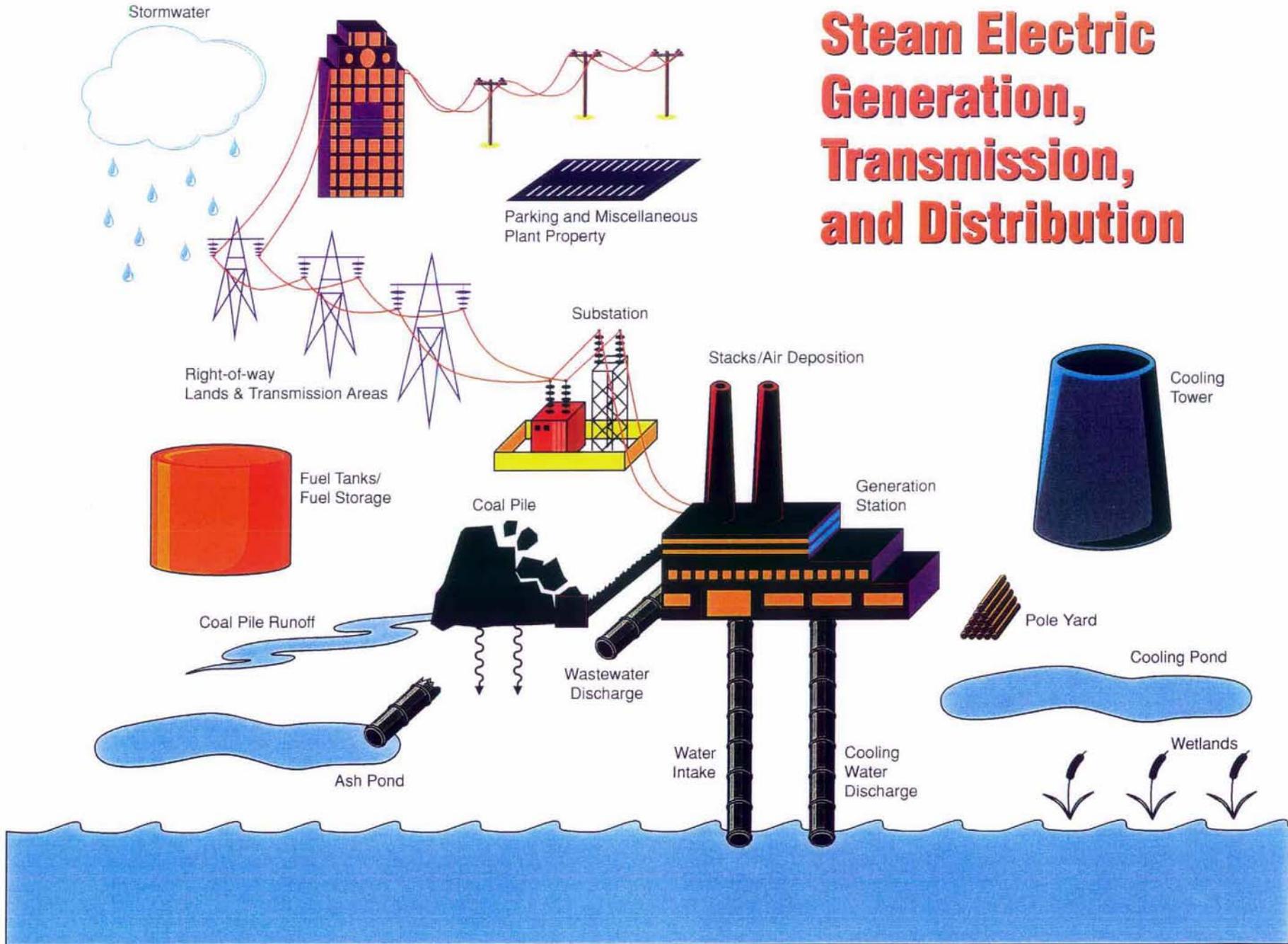
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# Steam Electric Generation, Transmission, and Distribution



# *Energy Challenges Are Plentiful*

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- **Balancing energy demand and supply**
  - Energy use projected to increase dramatically by 2030
  - Demand is increasing; supply margins are declining
- **Providing energy security and availability**
  - Politics and planning
- **Significant need for infrastructure investment**
- **Emphasis on energy use, efficiency & environment**
  - Increased electric use; reduce footprint
- **Lead times on permitting and construction are longer**
- **Need to develop and commercialize new technologies**

# *Electric Utility Water Use*

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- U.S. coal, gas, and nuclear plants use 136 billion gallons of fresh water daily to generate electricity
  - Withdrawal v. consumption
  - Approx 3% of water consumed
- Electricity production also affects water quality (stormwater, waste disposal, fuel storage, etc)
- Power generation competes with other vital water uses (*e.g.*, agriculture, drinking, sanitation, ecological)
- Markets are increasingly “aware” of the need for more “water-efficient” power plant designs
  - Including processes that reduce water quality impacts

# *Electricity – Water Link*

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- Water supply and reclamation consumes 4 percent of U.S. electric power generation
  - Approx 42 GW or 32 million homes
  - Almost half the cost of desalinization is for energy
- 75 % cost of municipal water processing and distribution is for electric power
- 20% of electricity consumed in CA is used for water infrastructure
- Throughout country water shortages exist, 36 states anticipate water shortages from 2003 through 2013
  - Not enough water to meet competing needs

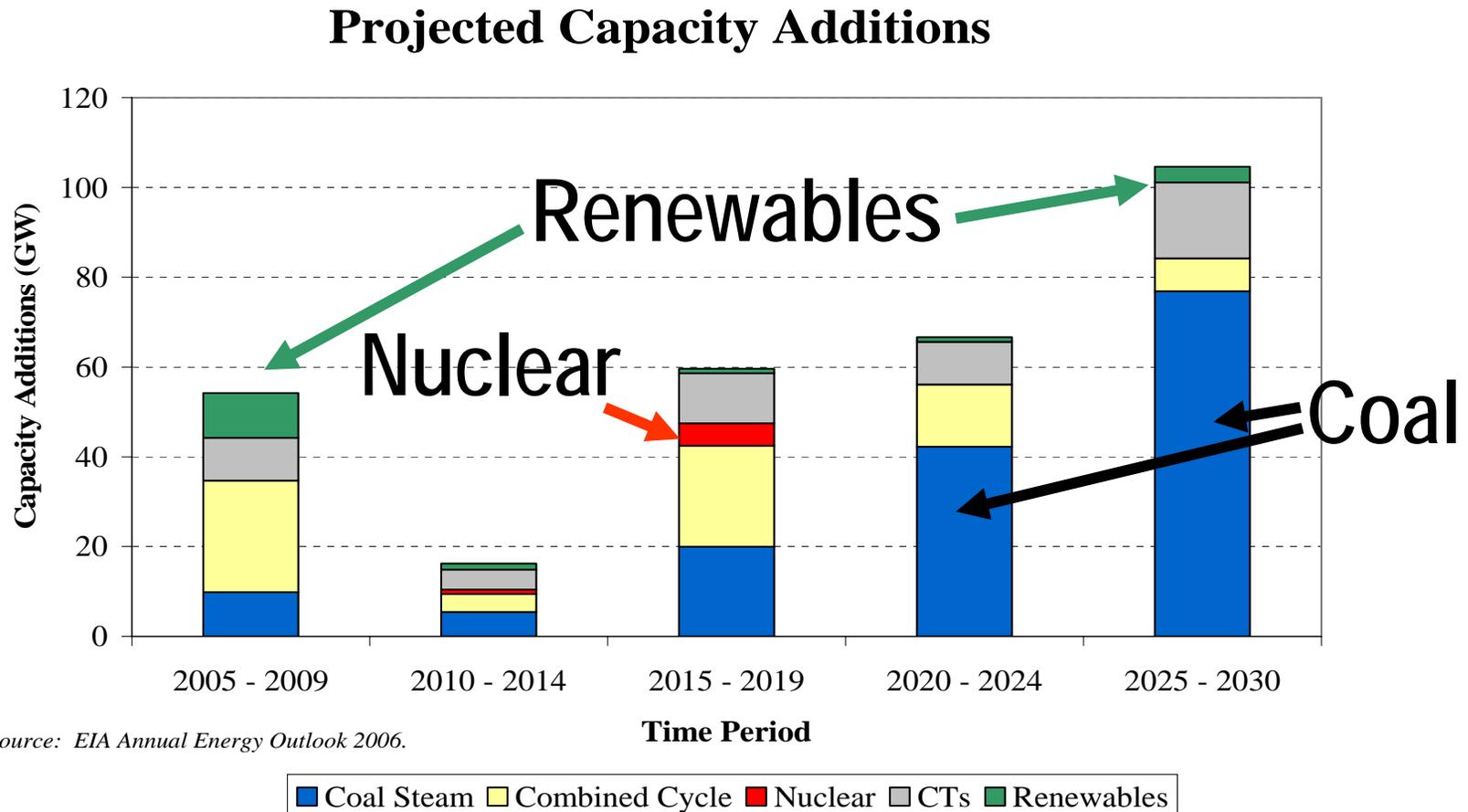
# *Challenge: New Generation Needed*

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- Energy demand expected to increase nearly 30% over next 25 years
  - Population growth
  - Per capita use
  - Electrotechnology applications
- 292 GigaWatts of new capacity will be needed by 2030 (EIA)
  - Approximately 160 GigaWatts of new coal capacity will be needed
    - Current installed capacity is 1,060 GigaWatts
    - 1 GigaWatt (1,000 MegaWatts) = 773,000 homes

# Challenge: Needed Generation Investment

- \$275 billion needed for new capacity
- Energy Efficiency and DSM may reduce need by up to 50%



# *Challenge:*

## Transmission/Distribution Costs Increasing

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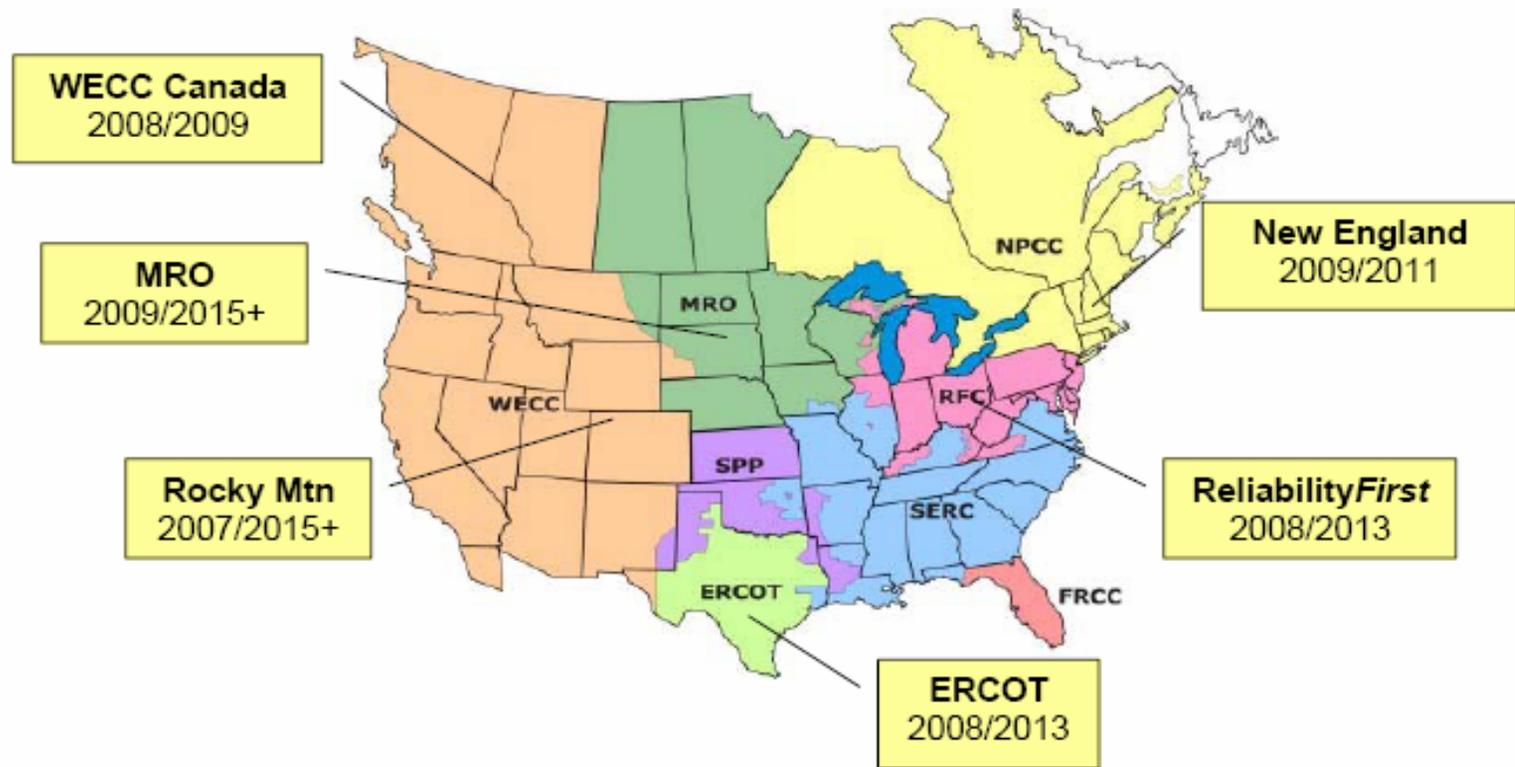
- \$23 billion invested since 2000
- \$31.5 billion planned investment (2006-2009), nearly a 60% increase over 2002-2005

### ■ DISTRIBUTION

- Average of \$14 billion per year over next 10 years

# Challenge: Urgent Need For Infrastructure

Electricity Supply Margins  
Projected to Fall Below Minimum Target Levels  
in Some Areas of North America in Next 2–3 Years



**Areas Needing Additional Resources**  
XXXX/YYYY – 1<sup>st</sup> year additional resources needed  
XXXX – beyond current projections  
YYYY – beyond uncommitted resources

Source: NERC's 2006 Long Term  
Reliability Assessment

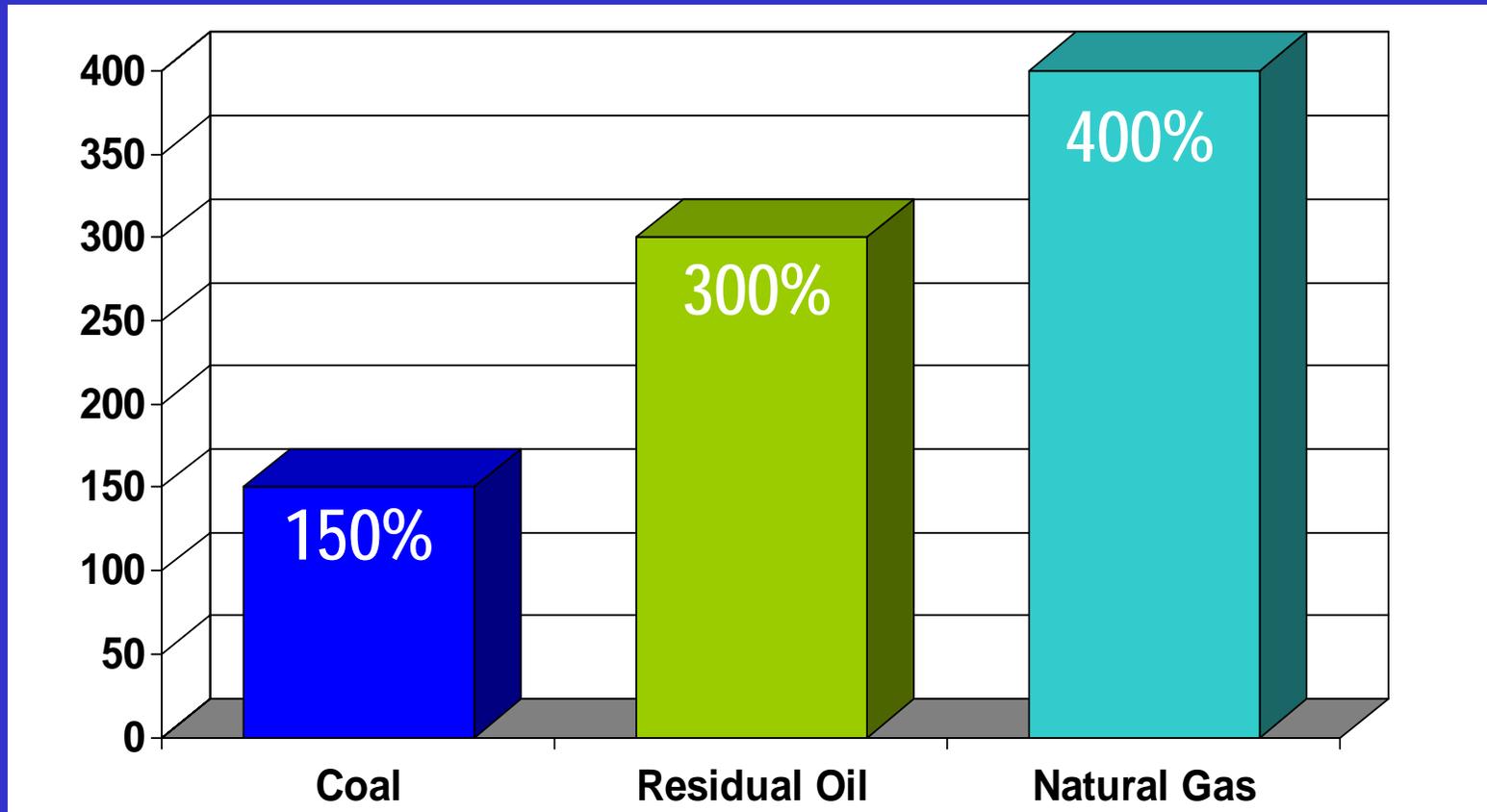
# *Challenge: Environmental Costs Increasing*

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- **\$24 billion on compliance** with federal environmental laws (2002-2005) – more than the annual GDP of 2/3 of the world's countries
- **\$47 billion projected 2007-2025** for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and mercury
- **Regulation of carbon** – possible in next 3-5 years?
  - impacts on power generation (**\$70B - \$300B**)

# *Challenge:* Fuel Costs Increasing Dramatically

*Percentage increase 1999 – 2005*



Source: U.S. DOE/Energy Information Agency & U.S. DOL/Bureau of Labor Statistics  
(January 2006)

# *Challenge: Siting and Public Acceptance*

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- Virtually all types of new generation are opposed by some public organization
- The actual siting and licensing of new generation and infrastructure remains a complex, lengthy, and costly process.
- Access to needed facilities is constrained (*i.e.*, water, rail, transmission).

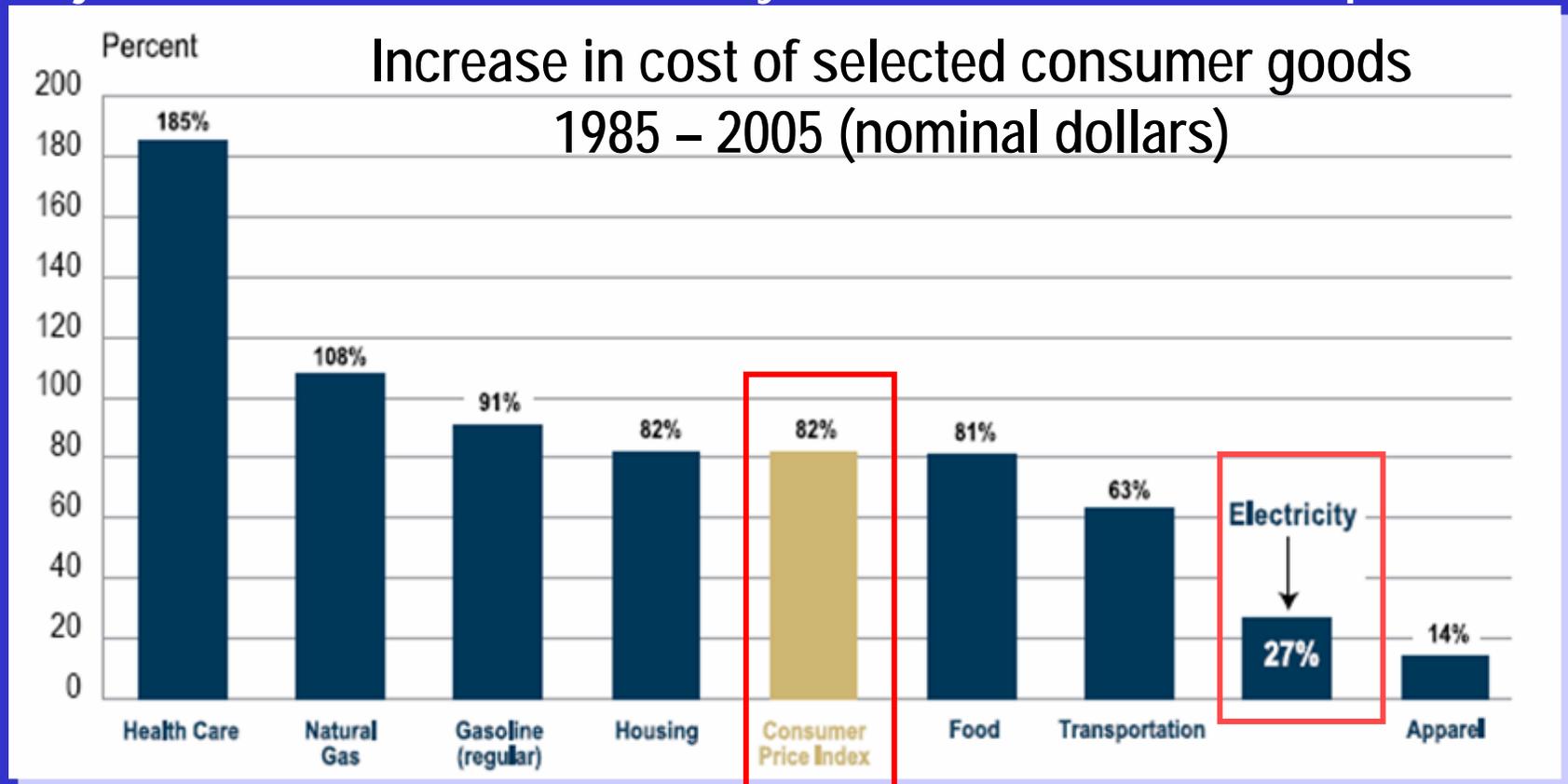
# *Solutions*

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- The utility industry aggressively pursuing new initiatives to encourage increased energy efficiency
  - Efficiency and DSM as part of energy portfolio
  - Smart and Efficient Buildings
  - Smart Appliances & Equipment
- The challenge – Sustainability - to create business opportunities and appropriate public policy that encourage and reward electric utility and customer collaboration on innovative and improved water resources management
  - Value of water
  - Responsibility Shared with Electricity Customer
  - Stewardship
- As we expand our portfolio of resource options to meet the country's growing appetite for electricity, what opportunities exist to meet the country's growing need for adequate and high quality water?

# Electricity: A Great Value

- Despite recent price increases, electricity prices are comparable or lower than other important consumer goods
- Adjusted for inflation – electricity cost is lower than 1980 prices



# *Response*

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- Challenges demand prioritized response, collaborative efforts
  - Maintaining “value” is mandatory
- Achieve balance between the cost of industry water-related investments and their benefit
  - Placed in perspective with other needed investments
- Market-based approaches can provide long-term encouragement to drive action and results to address water management challenges
  - Business opportunities, incentives, tax benefits, rate plans, etc

