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SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF  
RELIABILITY THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

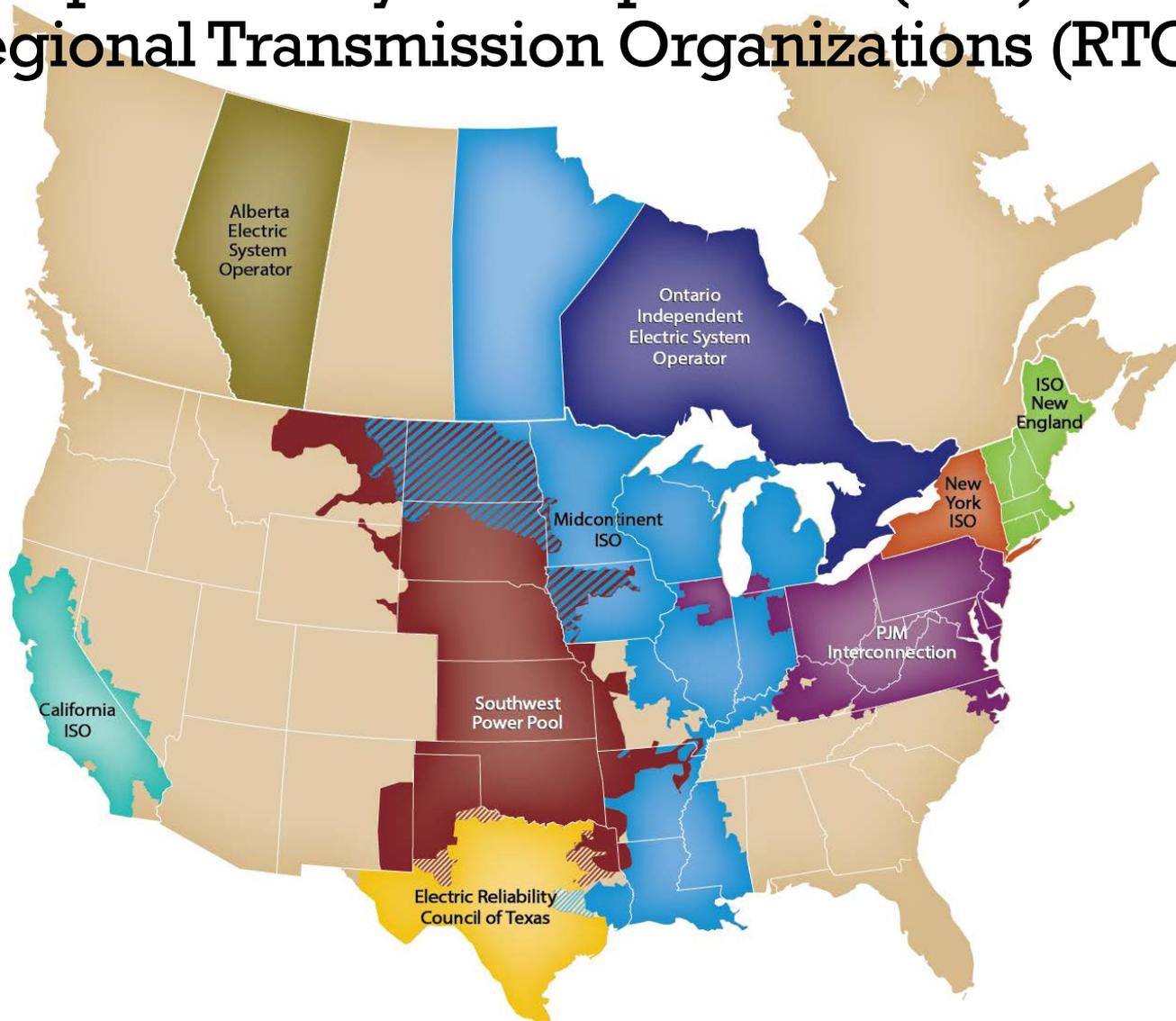
# Our Mission

Helping our members work together to  
keep the lights on ...  
today and in the future.

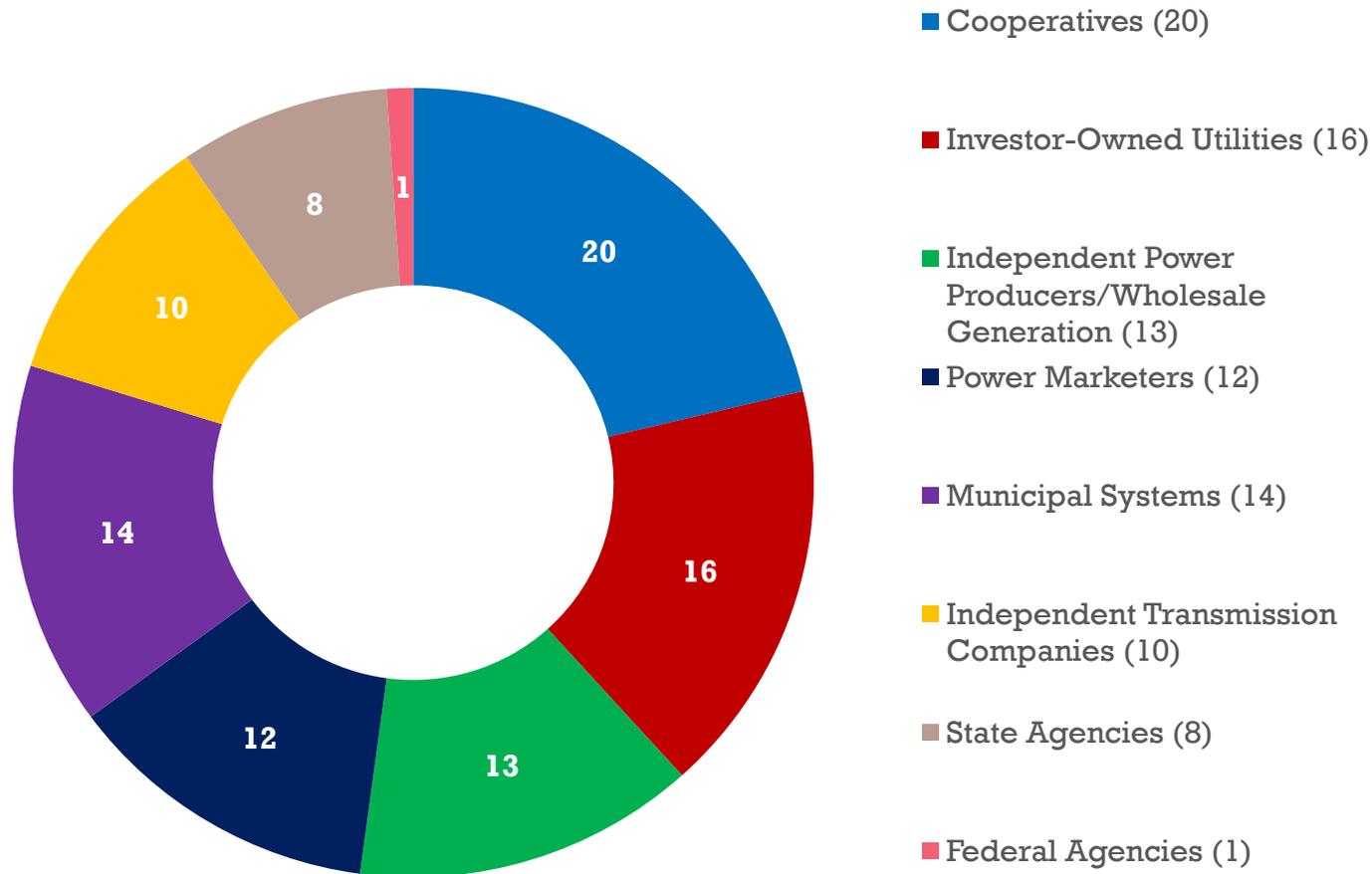
# The SPP Difference

- Relationship-based
- Member-driven
- Independence Through Diversity
- Evolutionary vs. Revolutionary
- Reliability and Economics Inseparable

# North American Independent System Operators (ISO) and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO)



# SPP's 94 Members: Independence Through Diversity



As of Dec. 15, 2015

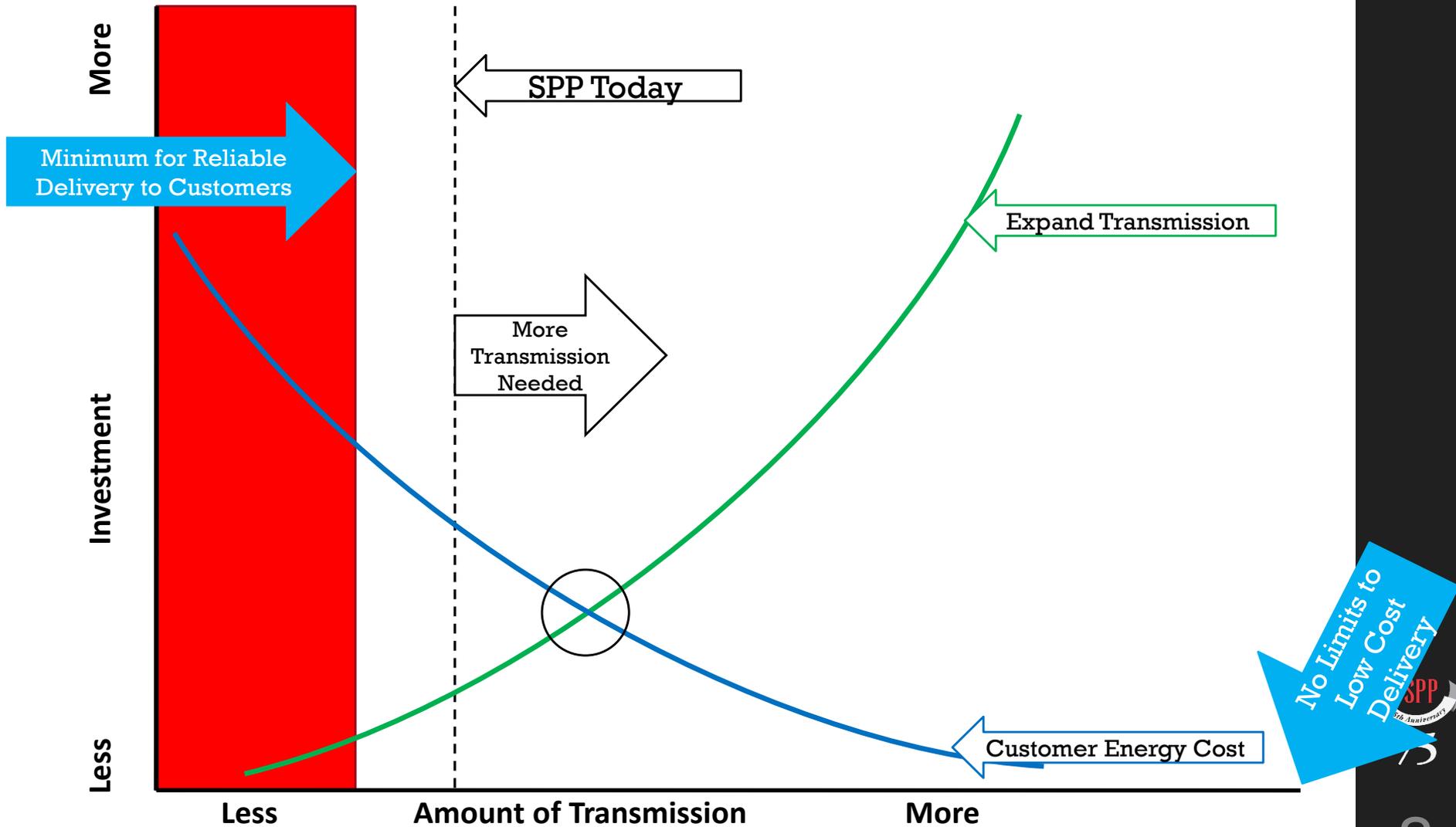
# Contract Services

- Alternative to RTO membership for Transmission Owners
- Oversight of Transmission Owners' system operations:
  - Reliability Coordination
  - Transmission Planning
  - Tariff Administration
  - Interregional Coordination
- Provides process for assigning cost responsibility for transmission upgrades

# What Kind of Markets Does SPP Operate?

- **Transmission Service**: Participants buy and sell use of regional transmission lines that are owned by different parties.
- **Integrated Marketplace**: Participants buy and sell wholesale electricity in day-ahead and real-time.
  - **Day-Ahead Market** commits the most cost-effective and reliable mix of generation for the region.
  - **Real-Time Balancing Market** economically dispatches generation to balance real-time generation and load, while ensuring system reliability.

# Finding Balance



# What is a wholesale energy Market?

<b>Sellers/ Producers</b>	<b>Buyers/ Consumers</b>	<b>Locational Prices</b>	<b>Products</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilities</li><li>• Municipals</li><li>• Independent Power Producers</li><li>• Generators</li><li>• Power Marketers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilities</li><li>• Municipals</li><li>• Load Serving Entities (LSEs)</li><li>• Power Marketers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Driven by Supply and Demand at defined locations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy</li><li>• Operating Reserves</li><li>• Congestion Rights</li></ul>

# Day-Ahead Market

- Determines least-cost solution to meet energy bids and reserve requirements
- Participants submit offers and bids to purchase and/or sell energy and operating reserve:
  - Energy
  - Regulation-Up
  - Regulation-Down
  - Spinning Reserve
  - Supplemental Reserve

# Real-Time Balancing Market

- Balances real-time load and generation committed by the Day-Ahead Market and Reliability Commitment processes
- Operates on continuous 5-minute basis
  - Calculates dispatch instructions for energy and clears operating reserve by resource
- Energy and operating reserve are co-optimized
- Settlements based on difference between results of RTBM process and Day-Ahead Market clearing
- Charges imposed on market participants for failure to deploy energy and operating reserve as instructed



# Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) Market

- In DA Market, price separation of MP's resource to load may occur due to congestion leaving the MP exposed to high prices
- A TCR can be used as hedge against congestion that allows MPs to reduce their exposure to high market prices and potentially receive lower priced deliverable energy
- TCR Market has Annual and Monthly Auction processes related to two products:
  - Auction Revenue Rights (ARRs)
  - Transmission Congestion Rights (TCRs)

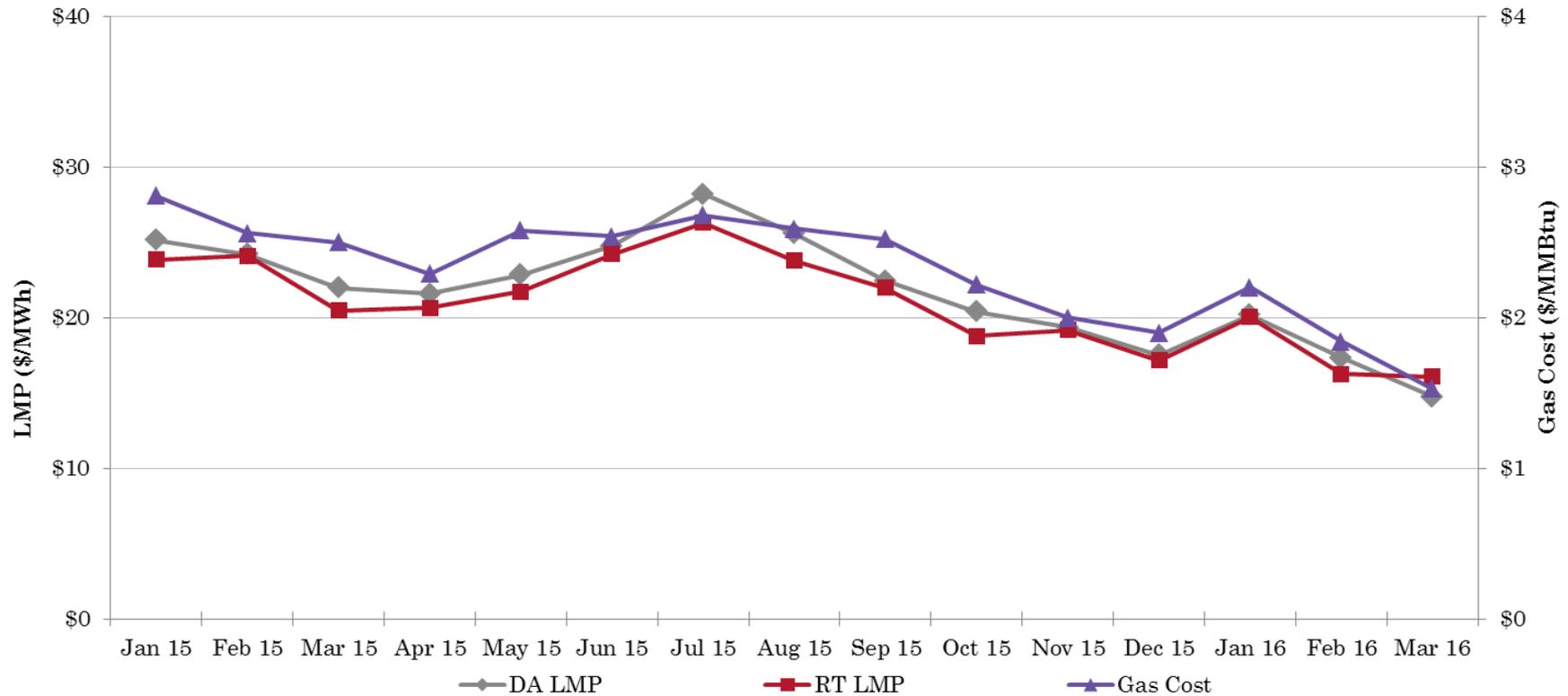
# Marketplace Over Last 12 Months

- 172 Market Participants
  - 110 financial only and 62 asset owning
    - Added 6 new Market Participants since January report
- SPP BA has successfully maintained NERC control performance standards (BAAL & CPS)
- High System availability
  - Day-Ahead Market was only delayed from posting once in the first quarter of 2016
  - Real-Time Balancing Market has successfully solved 99.90% of all intervals

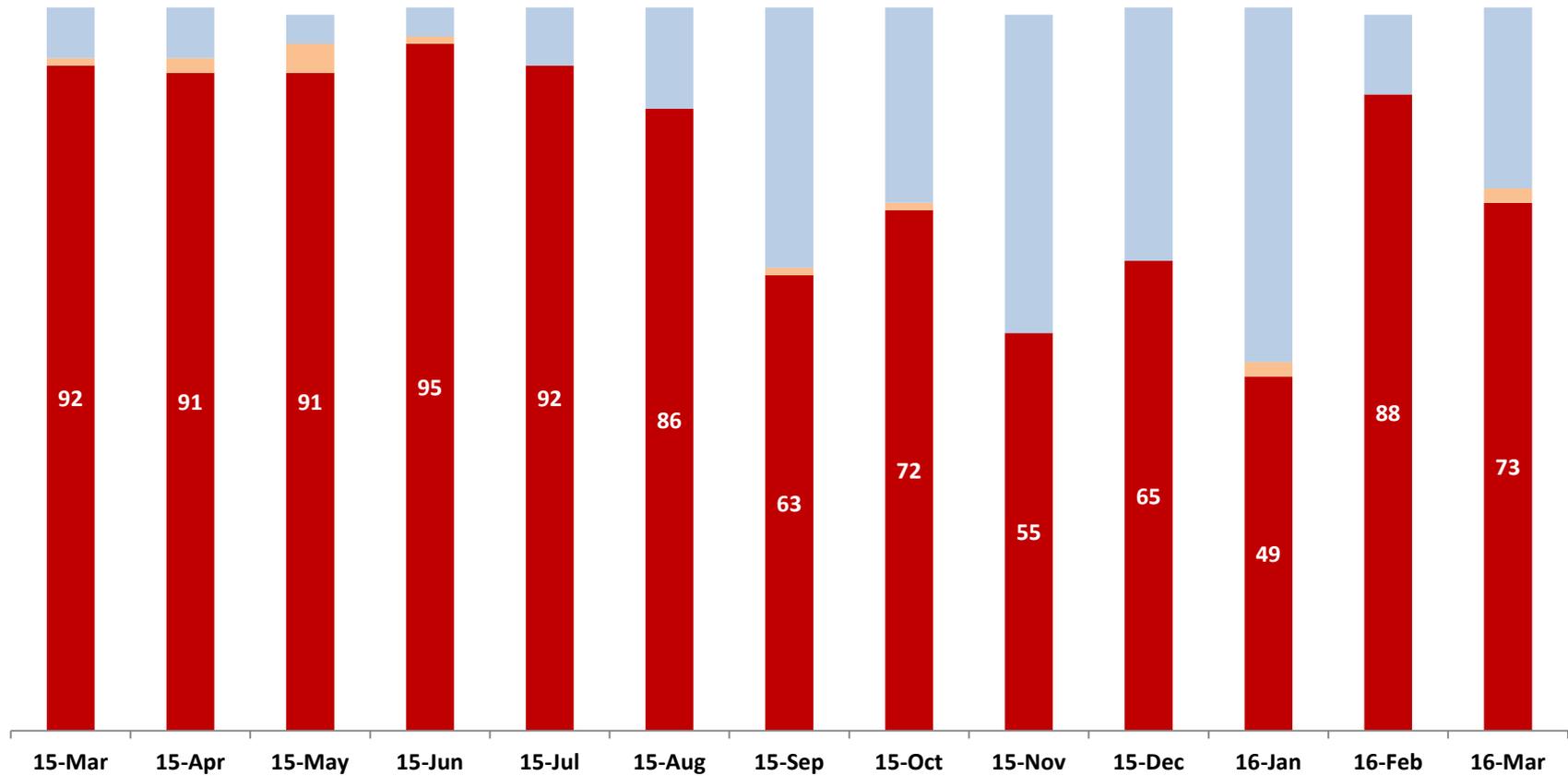
# Integrated Marketplace Savings

- Market continues to provide savings even with extremely low natural gas prices below \$2
- First year net savings calculated to be \$380 million
- 2015 annual net savings calculated to be \$422 million

# Real-Time versus DA pricing



# % Contribution of LMP Difference



MCC: Marginal Congestion Cost

MLC: Marginal Loss Cost

MEC: Marginal Energy Cost

■ MEC ■ MLC ■ MCC

# Marketplace Operational Highlights

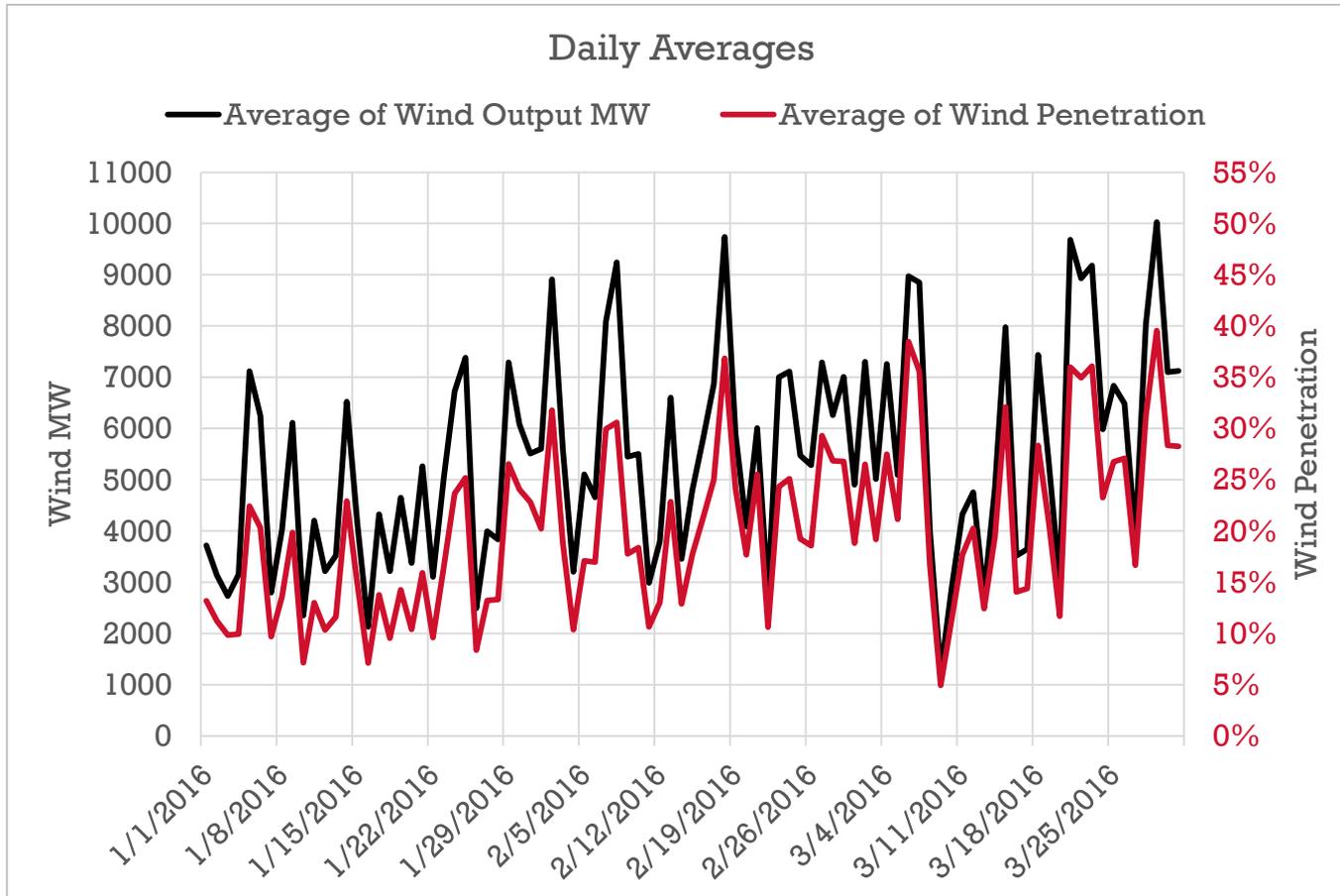
- 2015/2016 Winter Peak of 37,412 MW on January 18, 2016
- 2016 Summer peak of 48,323 MW on June 22, 2016
- Total of 12,972 MW of installed and operational wind capacity to date
- Additional 140 MW of solar plants registered on 4/1/2016

# Wind Output: January – March 2016

- Wind output represents the total real-time output of all wind generators in the SPP market at a point in time.
  
- Max wind output: 10,989 MW 4/23
- Min wind output: 264 MW 1/12
  - All-Time Min\*: 30 MW 3/1/2015
  
- Q1 Average wind output: 5,422 MW
  
- Wind penetration represents the instantaneous wind output divided by the total load. (Wind Gen/SPP Load)
  
- Max % penetration: 49.17% of load 4/24
- Min % penetration: 0.8% of load 1/12
  - All-time Min\*: 0.1% of load 3/1/2015
  
- Q1 Average % penetration: 20.0% of load

\*Since Integrated Marketplace Go-Live 3/1/2014

# January – March 2016



# Integrated Marketplace Enhancements

- **Recently Implemented:**

- Real-Time Data Precision Enhancement
- Short-Term Intra-Day RUC (STRUC)
- Misc Markets UI/API Improvements

- **On The Way (June 1, 2016 Implementation):**

- ECC Changes/Schema Changes
- MCE Performance Enhancements (in preparation of ECC)
- Misc MP Requested Enhancements

- **Tentative Near Term: (Target Nov 1, 2016 Implementation)**

- ECC Changes as needed
- Misc Markets UI/API Improvements

# Other Initiatives

- Expansion development
  - Mountain West
- Seams
  - Interface Pricing
    - Calculation of Prices
    - Multiple prices along a seam
  - Market-to-Market
- Coordination of Market Design across RTOs
- Responding to FERC proposed rulemaking
  - Offer Cap
  - Price Formation
  - Market Efficiency