

# *Annual Energy Outlook*

## *Preliminary results for oil, natural gas, & liquid fuels*



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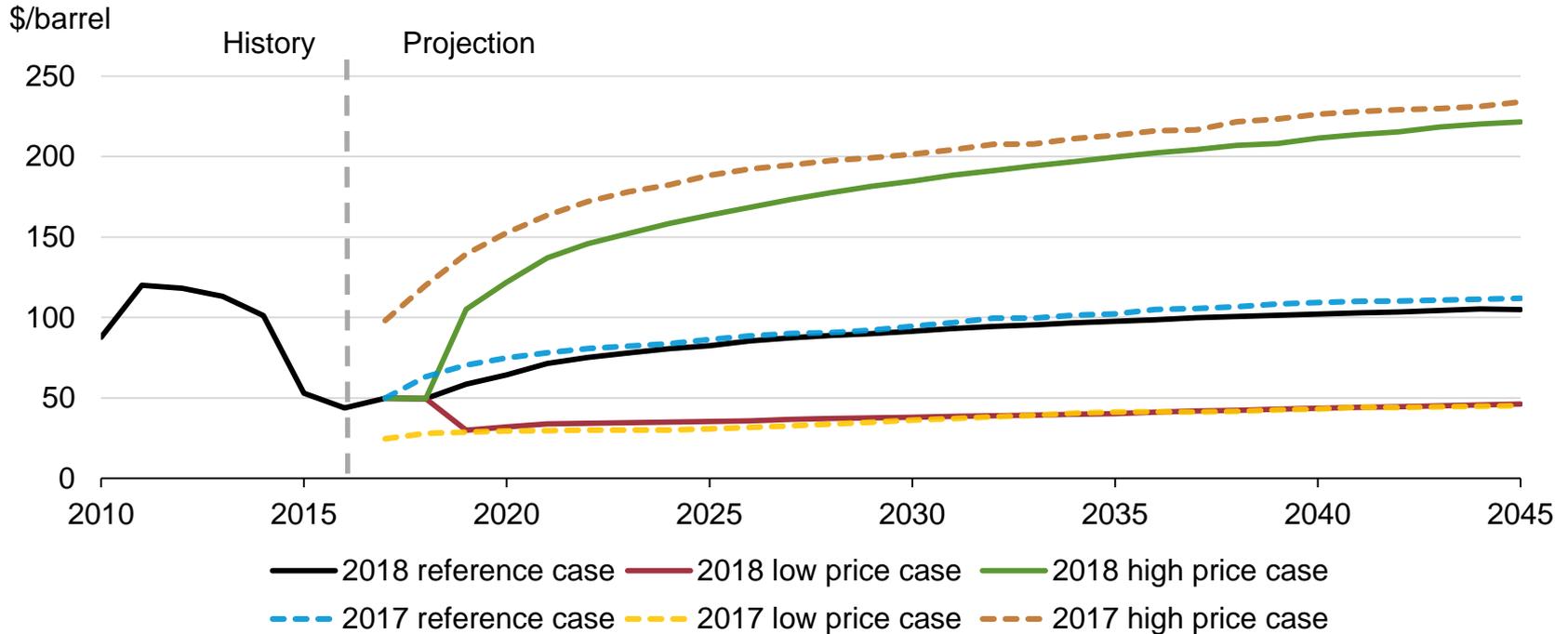
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# Brent crude oil prices are lower compared to AEO2017

## Brent crude oil spot price

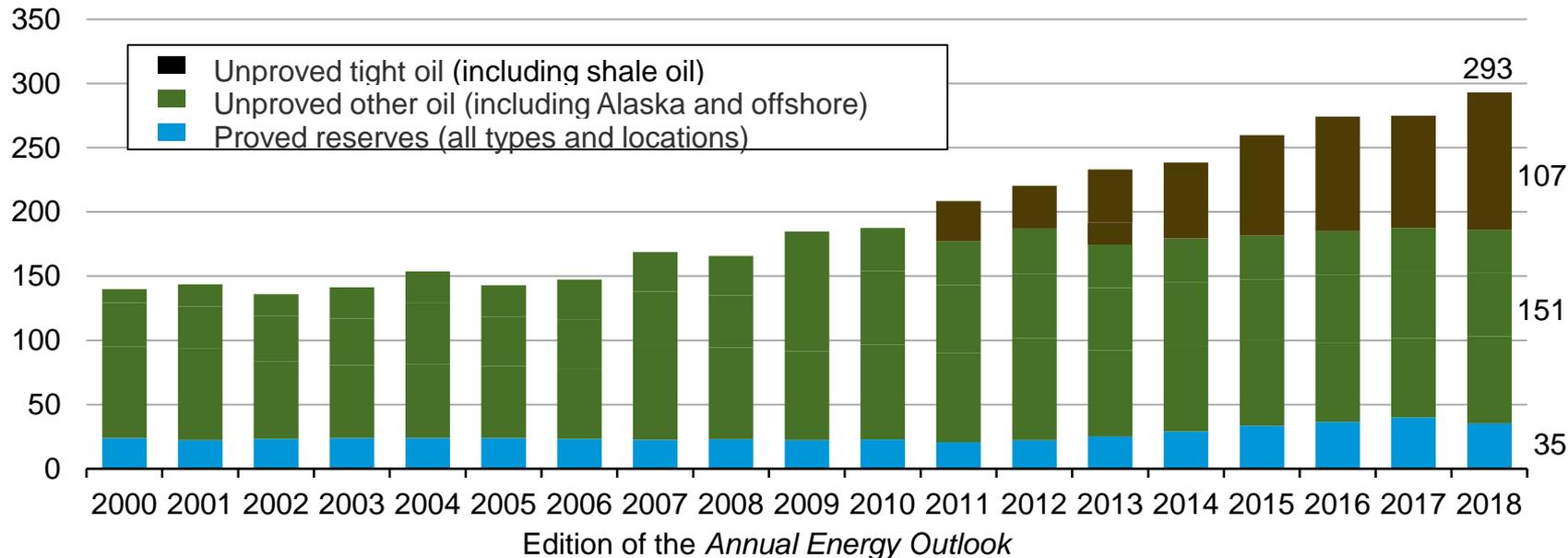


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# Oil and Gas Supply

# Multiple factors have contributed to crude oil resource estimate increases over the years, with tight oil contributing recently

U.S. crude oil and lease condensate resources  
billion barrels

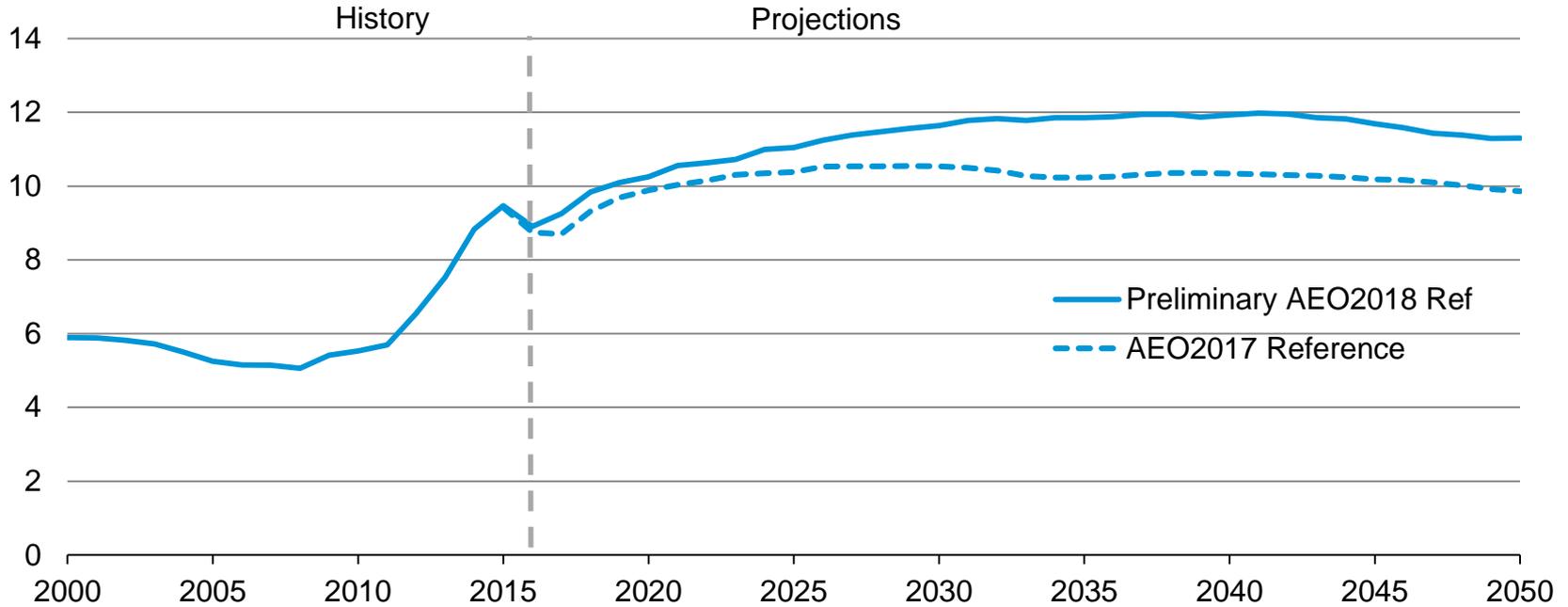


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# U.S. crude oil production is higher than last year's AEO

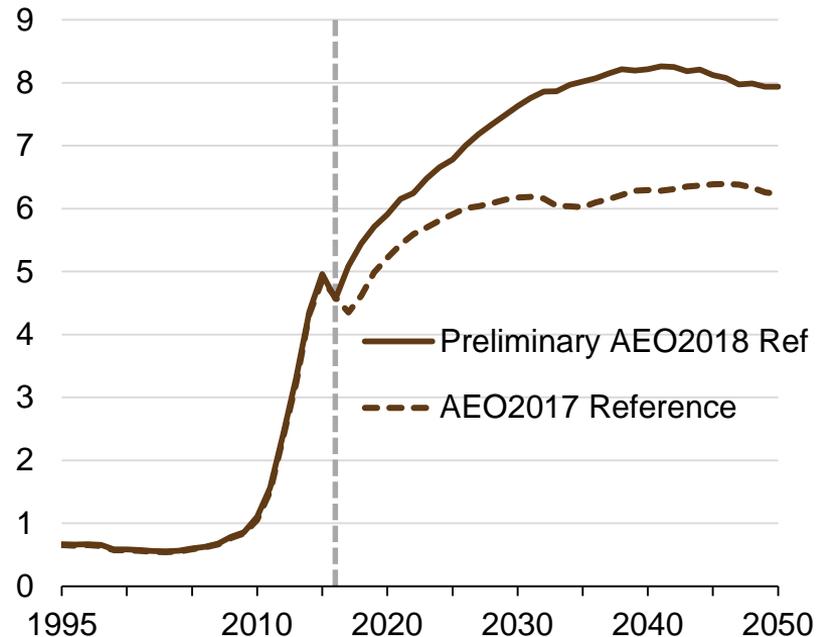
U.S. crude oil production  
million barrels per day



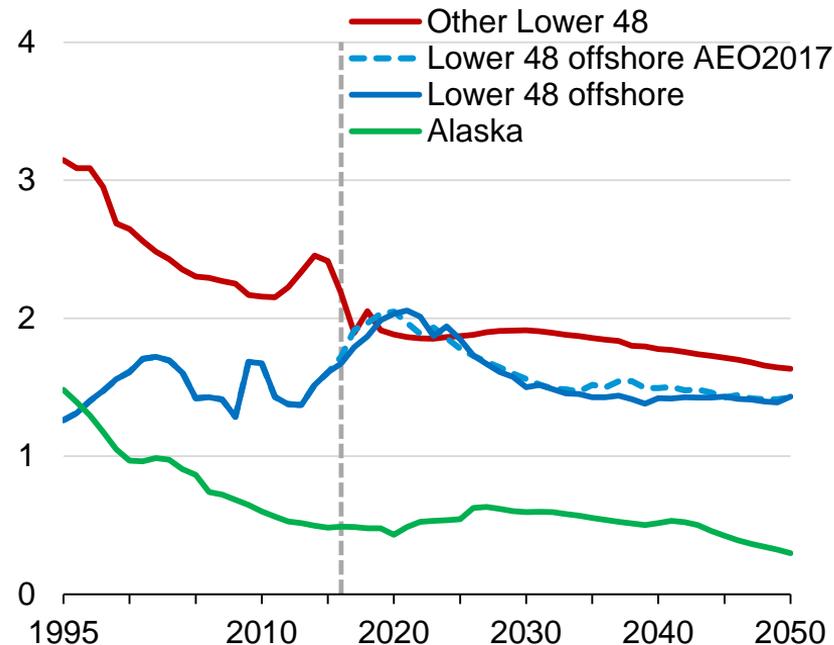
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# Higher tight oil resources lead to higher total domestic crude oil production in AEO2018

U.S. tight oil production  
million barrels per day



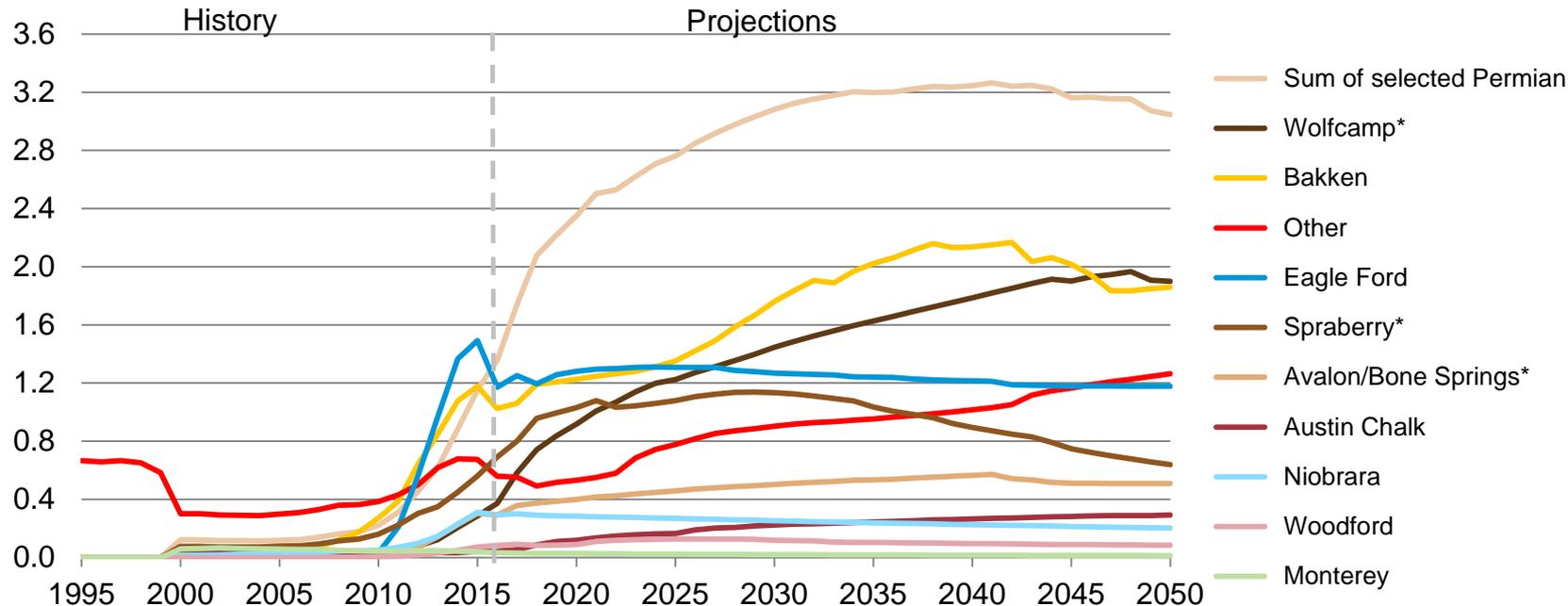
U.S. crude oil production other than tight oil  
million barrels per day



Source: Preliminary AEO2018 runs, dated as of 9/19/17

# Bakken and Wolfcamp lead growth in tight oil production

Crude oil production by selected tight oil plays  
million barrels per day

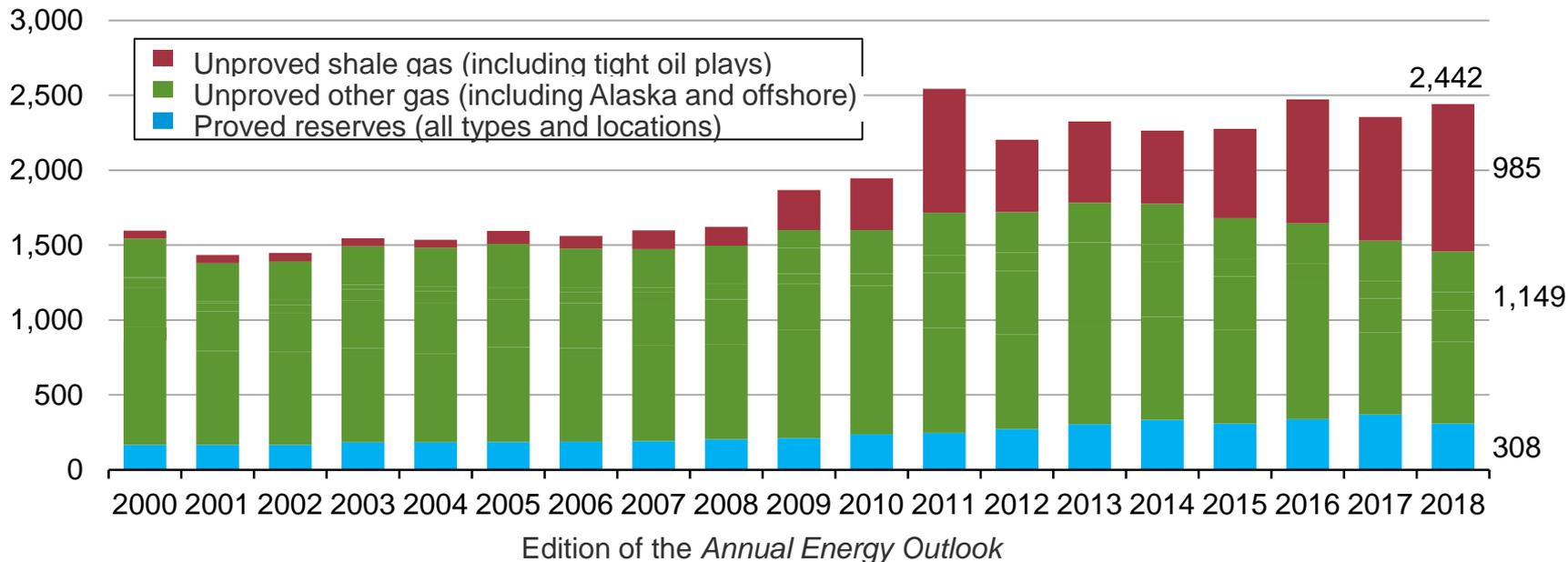


\*Permian Basin

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# Technically recoverable natural gas resources reflect new information, a combination of assessments and EIA updates

U.S. dry gas resources  
trillion cubic feet

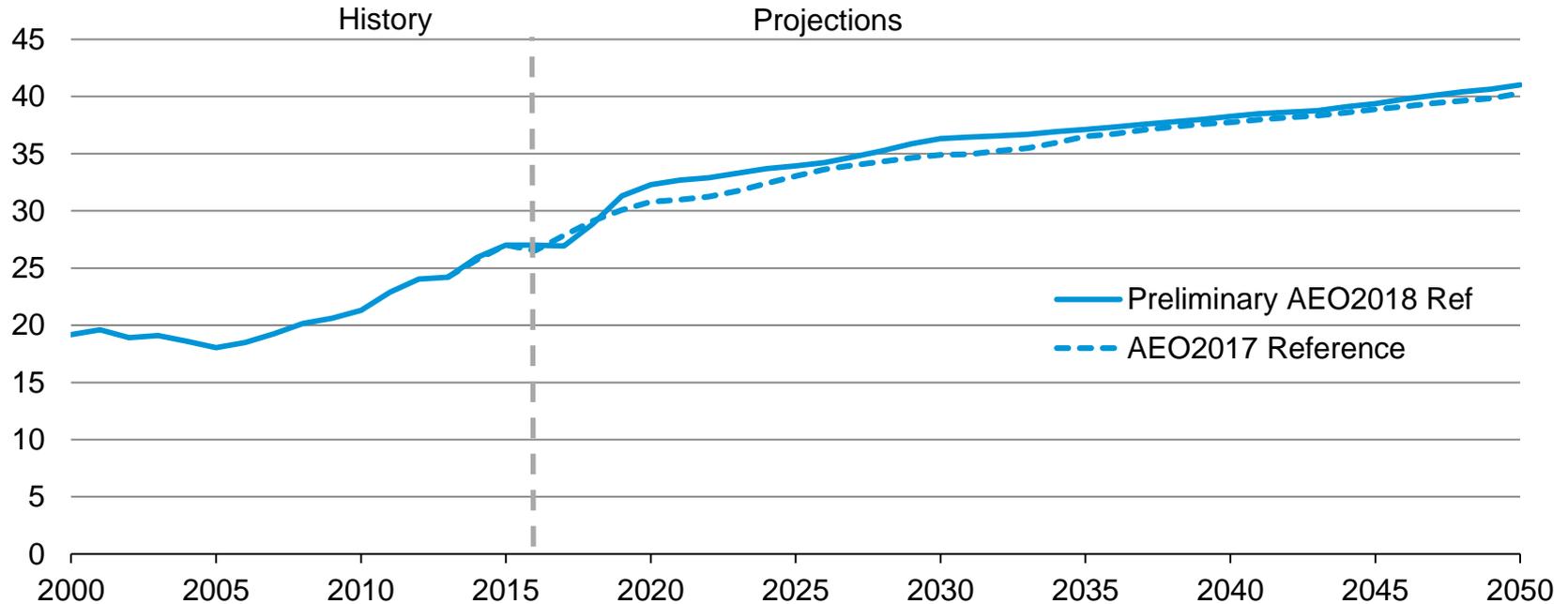


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# U.S. dry natural gas production is higher than last year's AEO

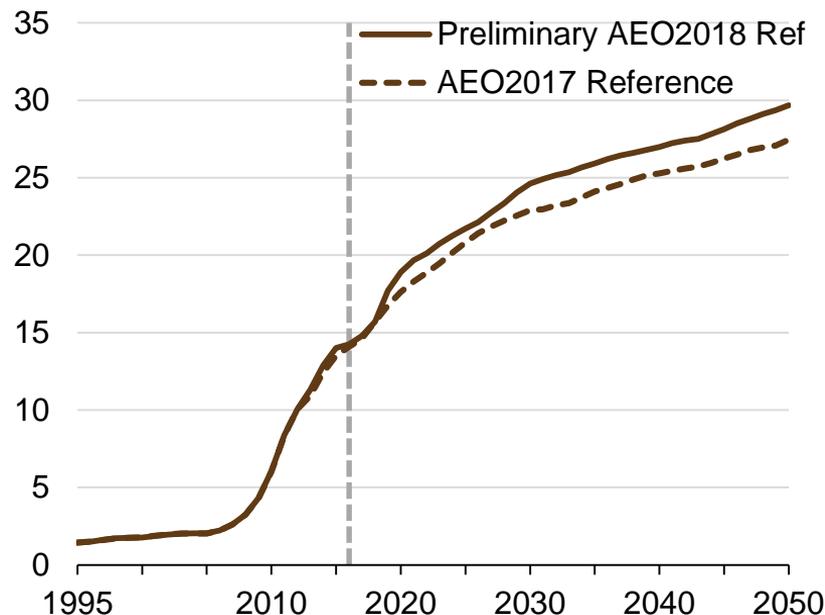
U.S. dry natural gas production  
trillion cubic feet



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## Shale gas leads growth in U.S. dry natural gas production in AEO2018

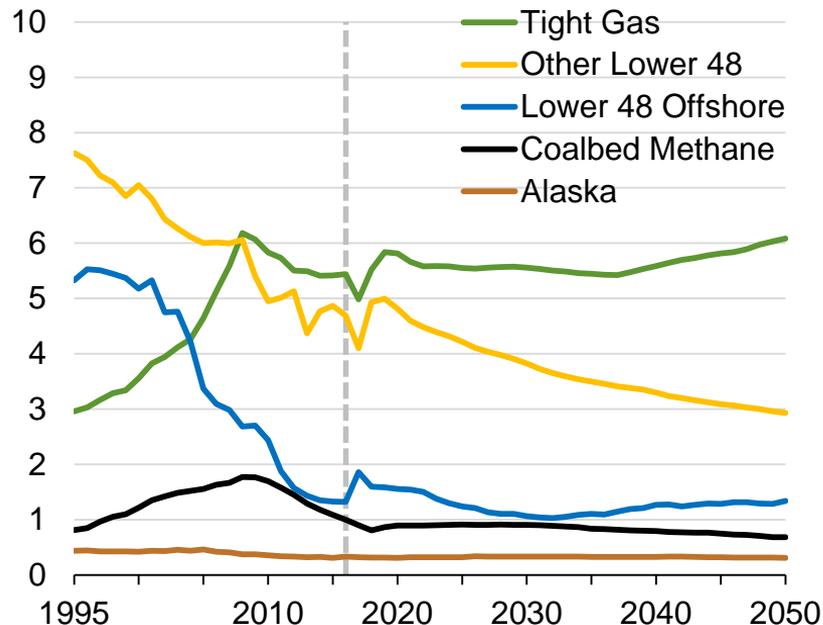
U.S. dry shale gas production  
trillion cubic feet



Note: Shale gas includes natural gas production in tight oil plays.

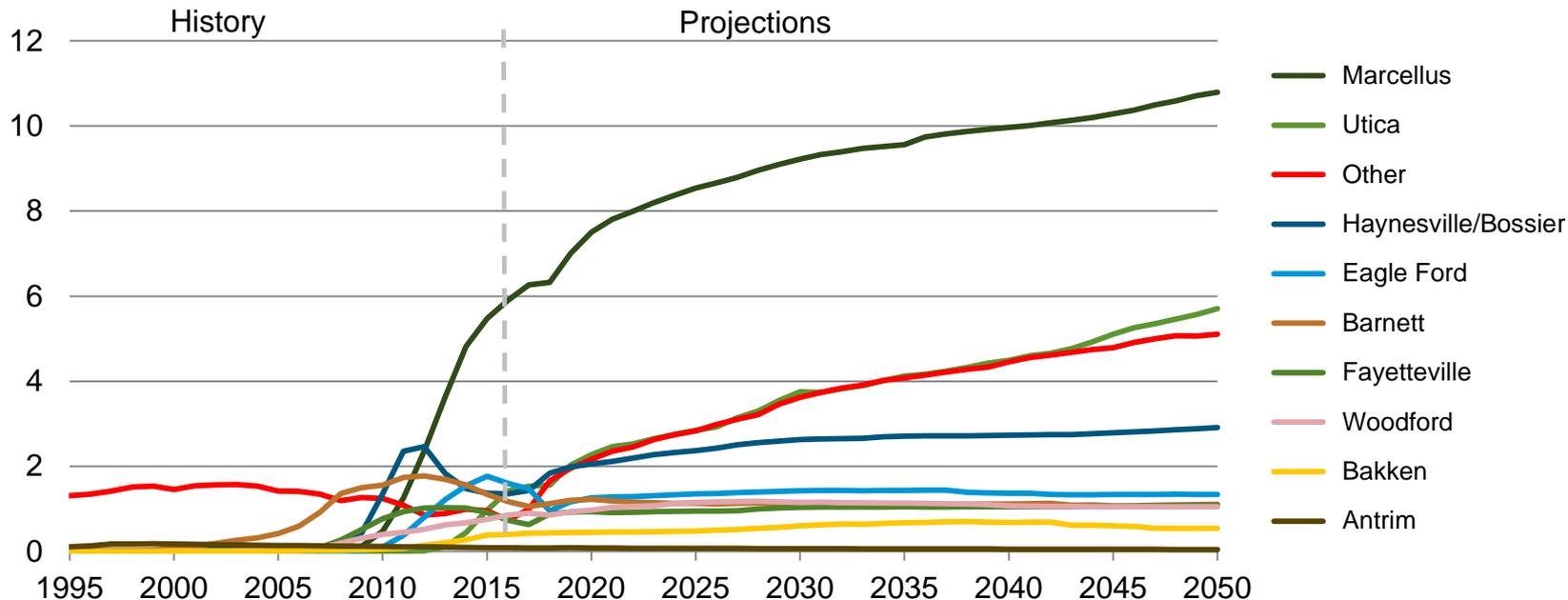
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U.S. dry natural gas production  
trillion cubic feet



# Marcellus and Utica lead production of U.S. shale gas

Dry natural gas production by selected shale play  
trillion cubic feet

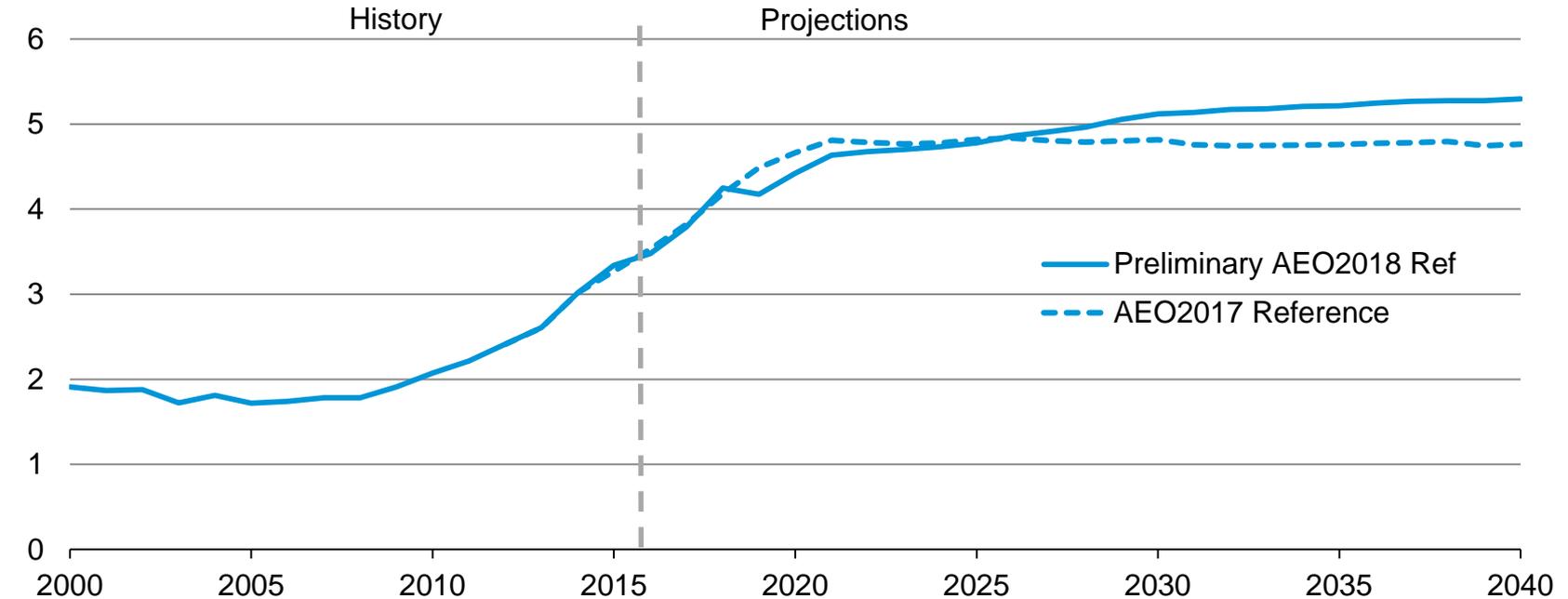


Note: Other includes natural gas production in tight oil plays.

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## NGPL production is higher than last year's AEO

Natural gas plant liquids production  
million barrels per day

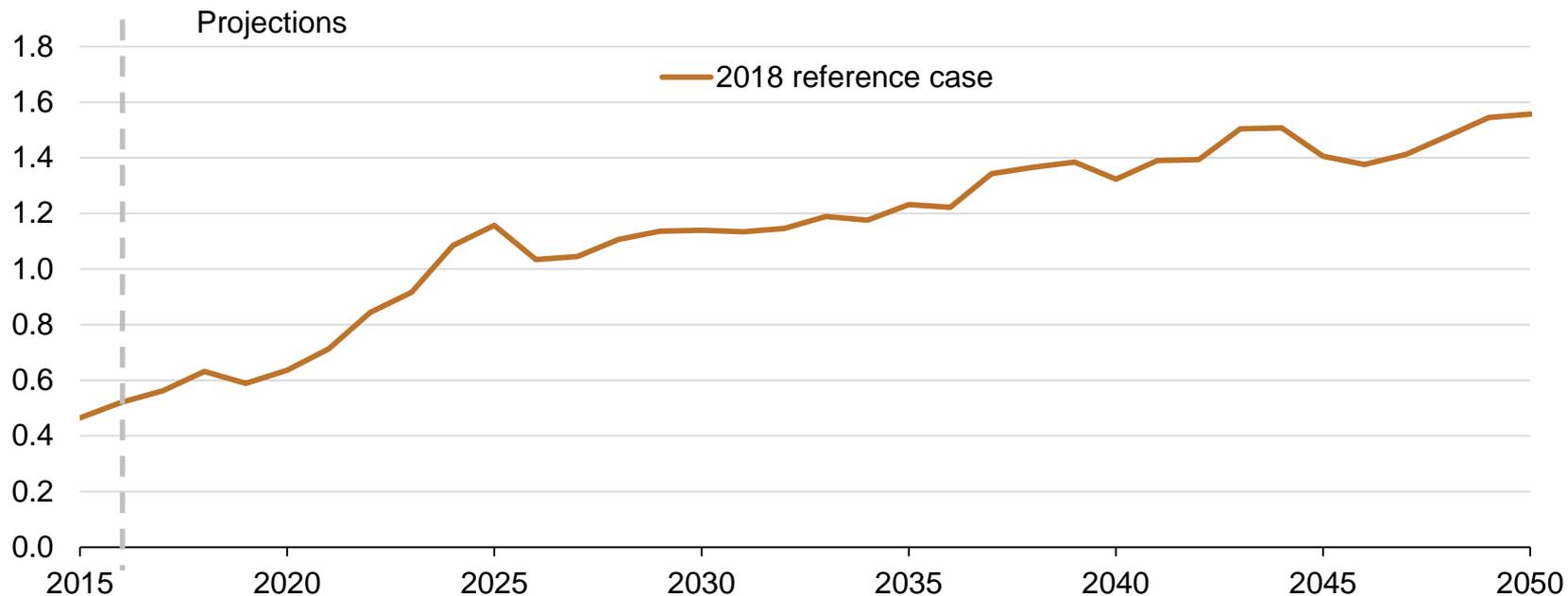


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# Liquid fuels markets

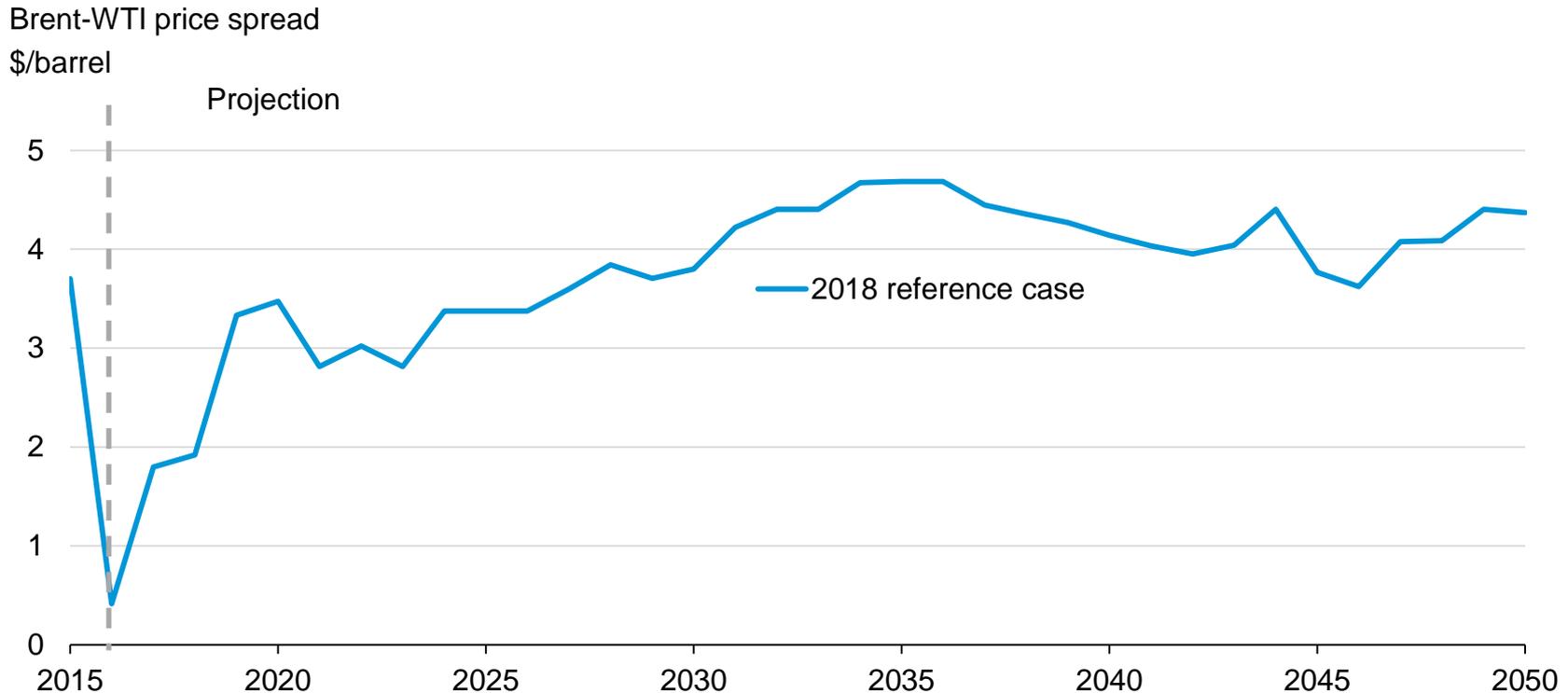
## Crude oil exports rise through most of the projection period

U.S. crude oil exports  
million barrels per day



Source: Preliminary AEO2018 runs, dated as of 9/19/17

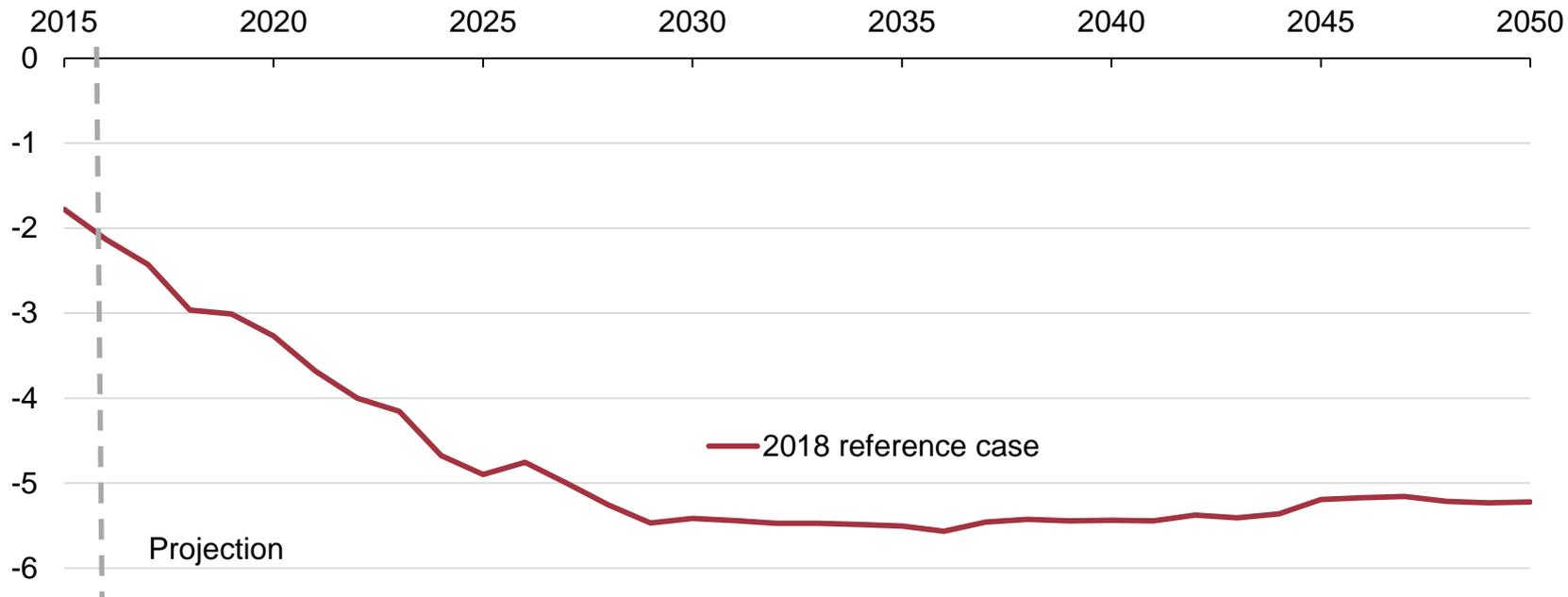
## The Brent-WTI price spread widens and then levels off in the projection period



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# Net imports of petroleum products are largely driven by trends in domestic petroleum product consumption

Net petroleum product imports  
millions of barrels per day

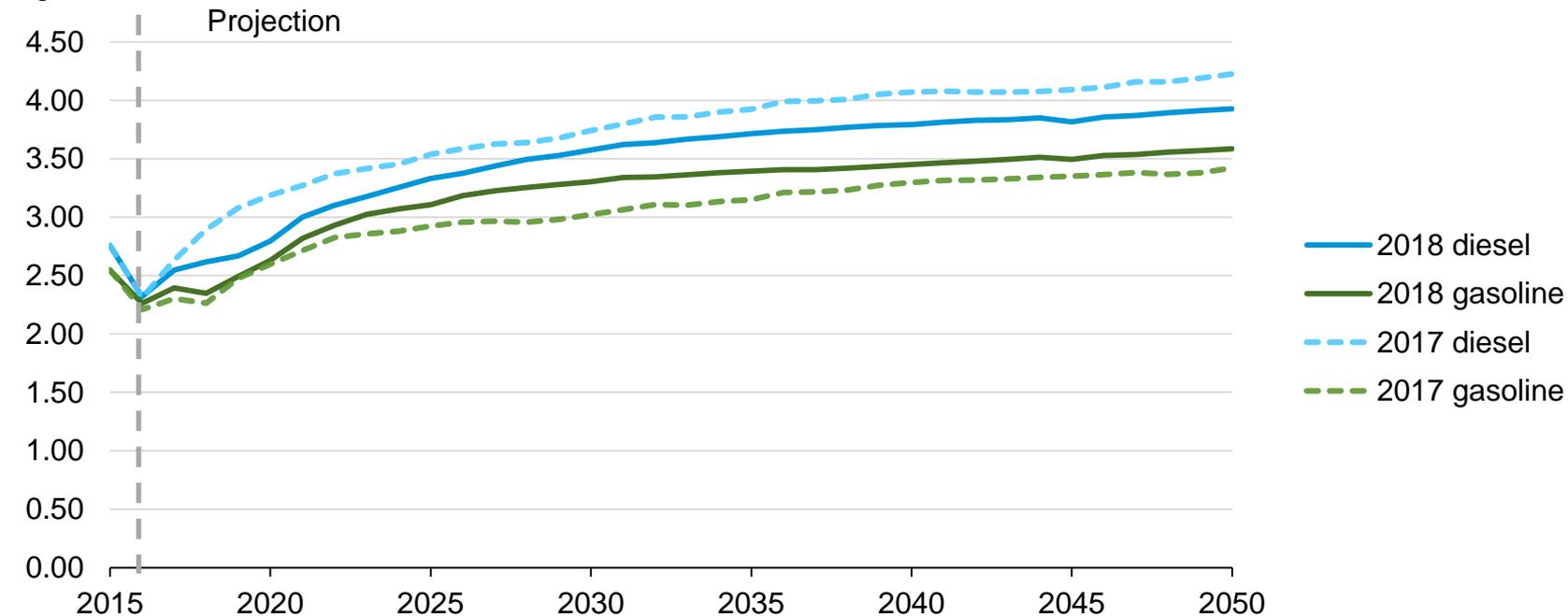


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# After updating taxes, distribution costs, and international supply/demand curves, the spread between gasoline and diesel will be lower in *AEO2018*

## Diesel and Gasoline end-use prices

\$/gallon

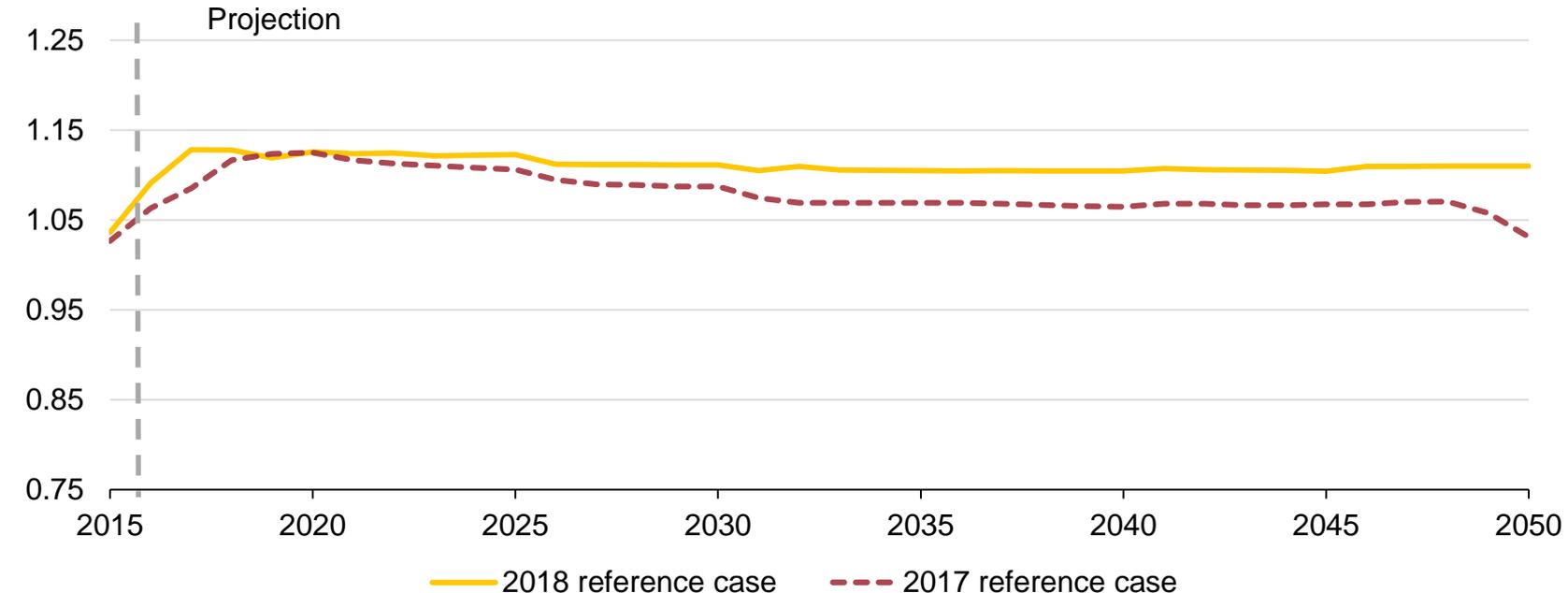


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# Renewable liquids production is higher in AEO2018, resulting from updates to feedstock prices

Domestic renewable liquids production

millions of barrels per day



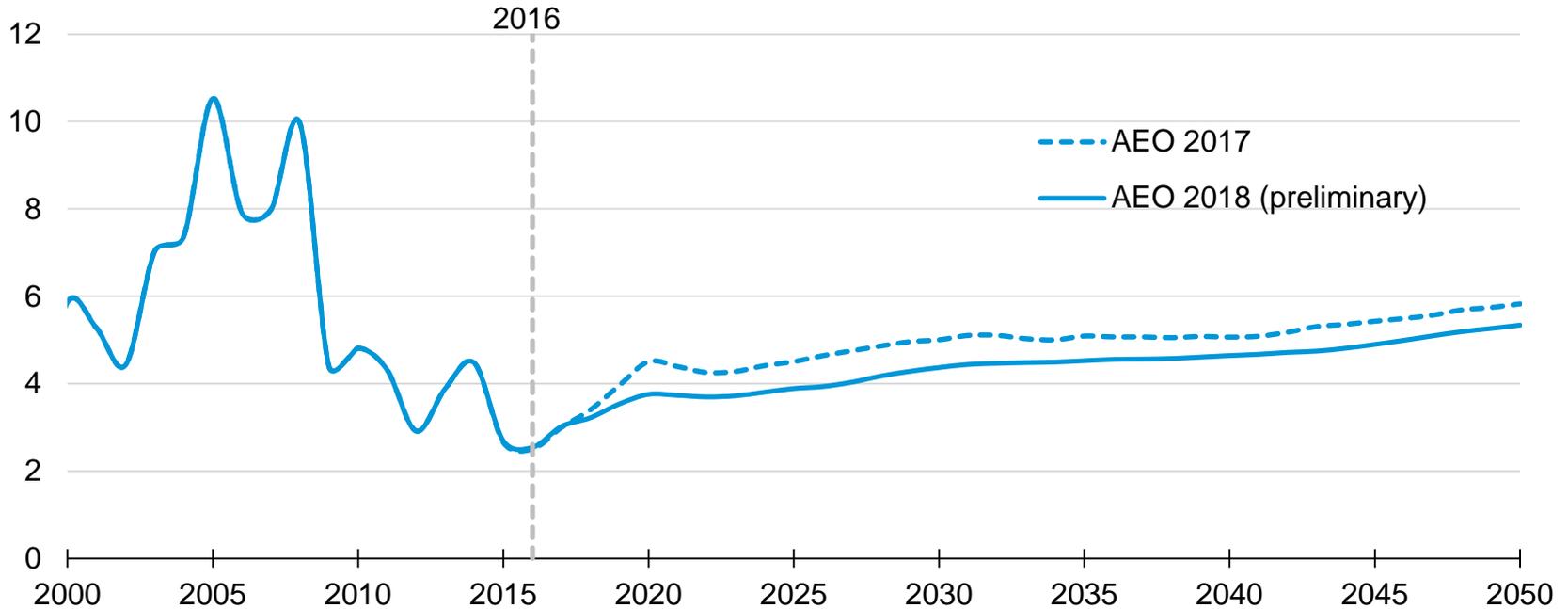
Note: Includes ethanol, biodiesel, and other advanced renewable production.

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# Natural gas markets

# Henry Hub spot prices are lower than AEO 2017, particularly in the mid-term through the early 2020s

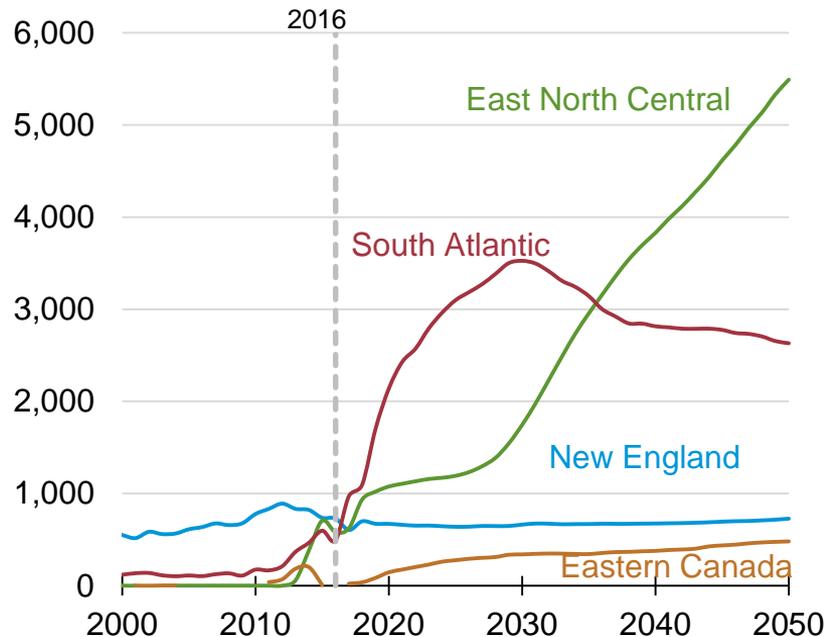
U.S. dollars (2016) per million British thermal units



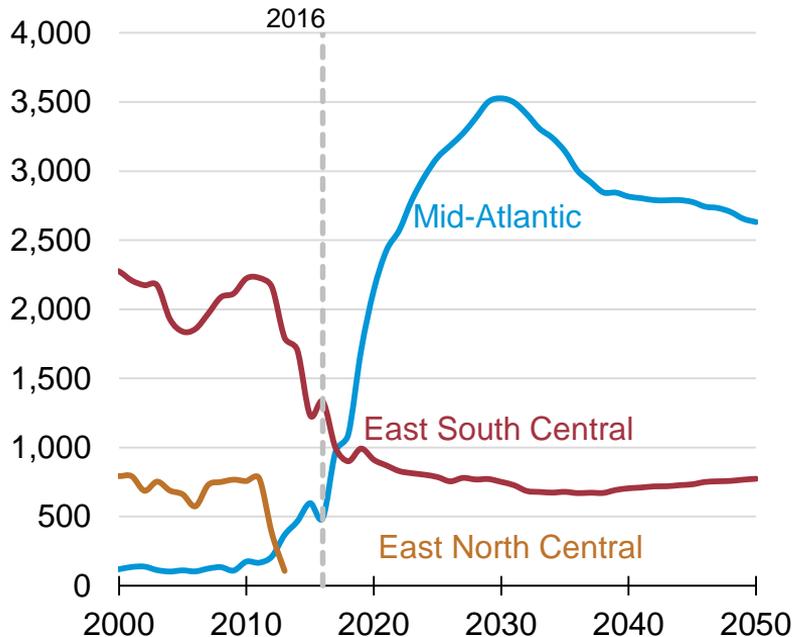
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## Regional flows, particularly out of the Northeast and into the South Atlantic, reflect the continuing reversal of historical trends

Flows out of Mid-Atlantic  
billion cubic feet per year



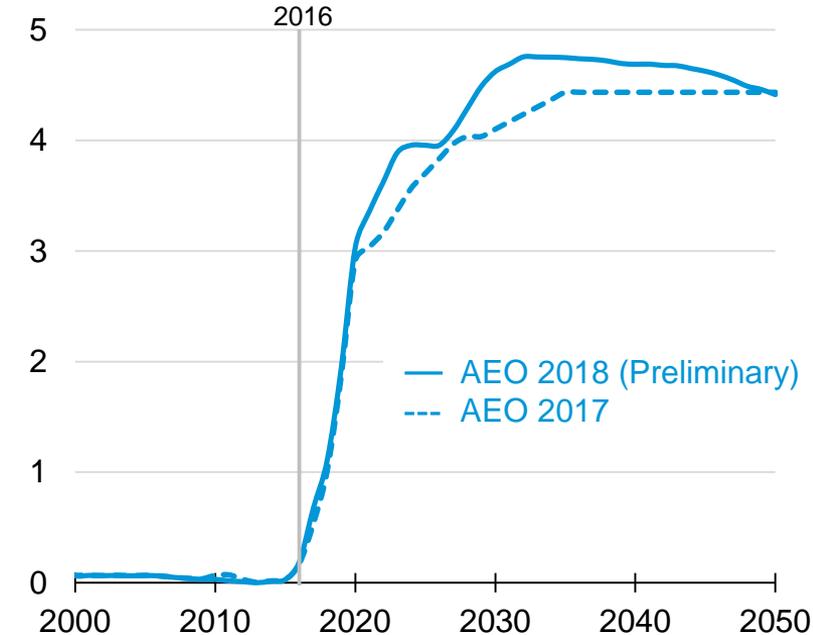
Flows into South Atlantic  
billion cubic feet per year



Source: Preliminary AEO2018 runs, dated as of 9/19/17

## U.S. LNG exports are expected to increase, with capacity being built in Texas and Louisiana; capacity utilization will depend on regional supply prices

Total U.S. LNG exports  
trillion cubic feet per year

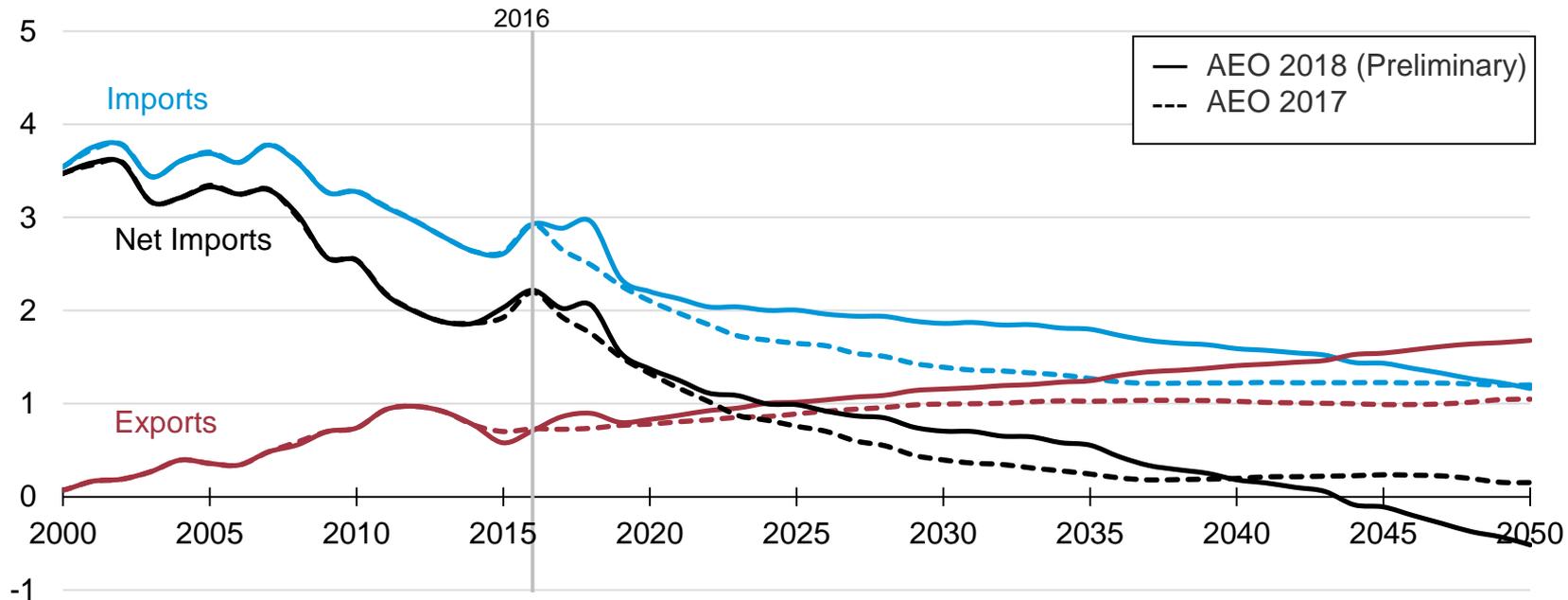


- Preliminary results; data updates still needed
- Changes from AEO 2017 include:
  - Elba Island (GA, 0.35 Bcf/d) LNG export capacity currently under construction
  - Lower shipping costs (last updated 2009) to reflect changes in fleet
  - Utilization of LNG export capacity solved in optimization model

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# U.S. imports from Canada continue to decline while U.S. exports into eastern Canada rise due to increased pipeline capacity and production in the Marcellus and Utica

U.S. natural gas trade with Canada  
trillion cubic feet per year



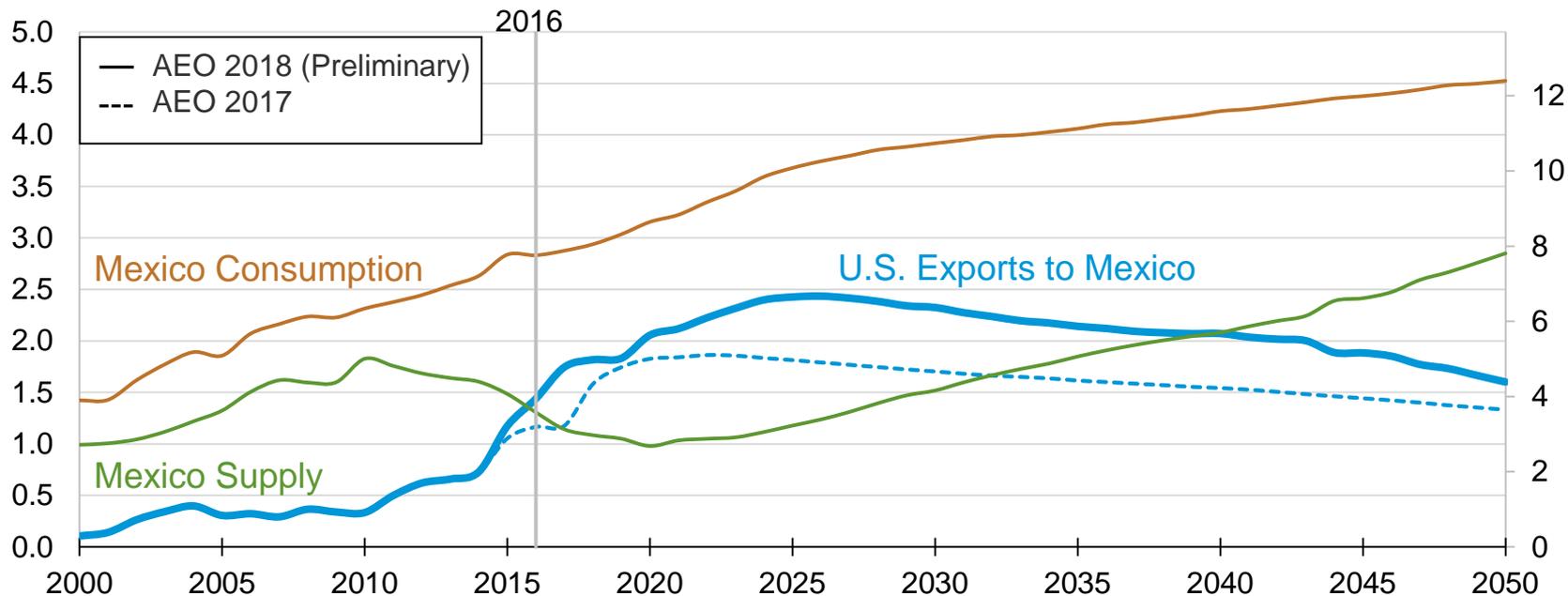
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# U.S. natural gas exports to Mexico continue their growth through the mid-2020s because of increasing demand in the electric power sector and decreasing natural gas production in Mexico

U.S. natural gas trade with Mexico

trillion cubic feet per year

billion cubic feet per day



Source: Preliminary AEO2018 runs, dated as of 9/2017

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