
The Energy Outlook and Climate Change

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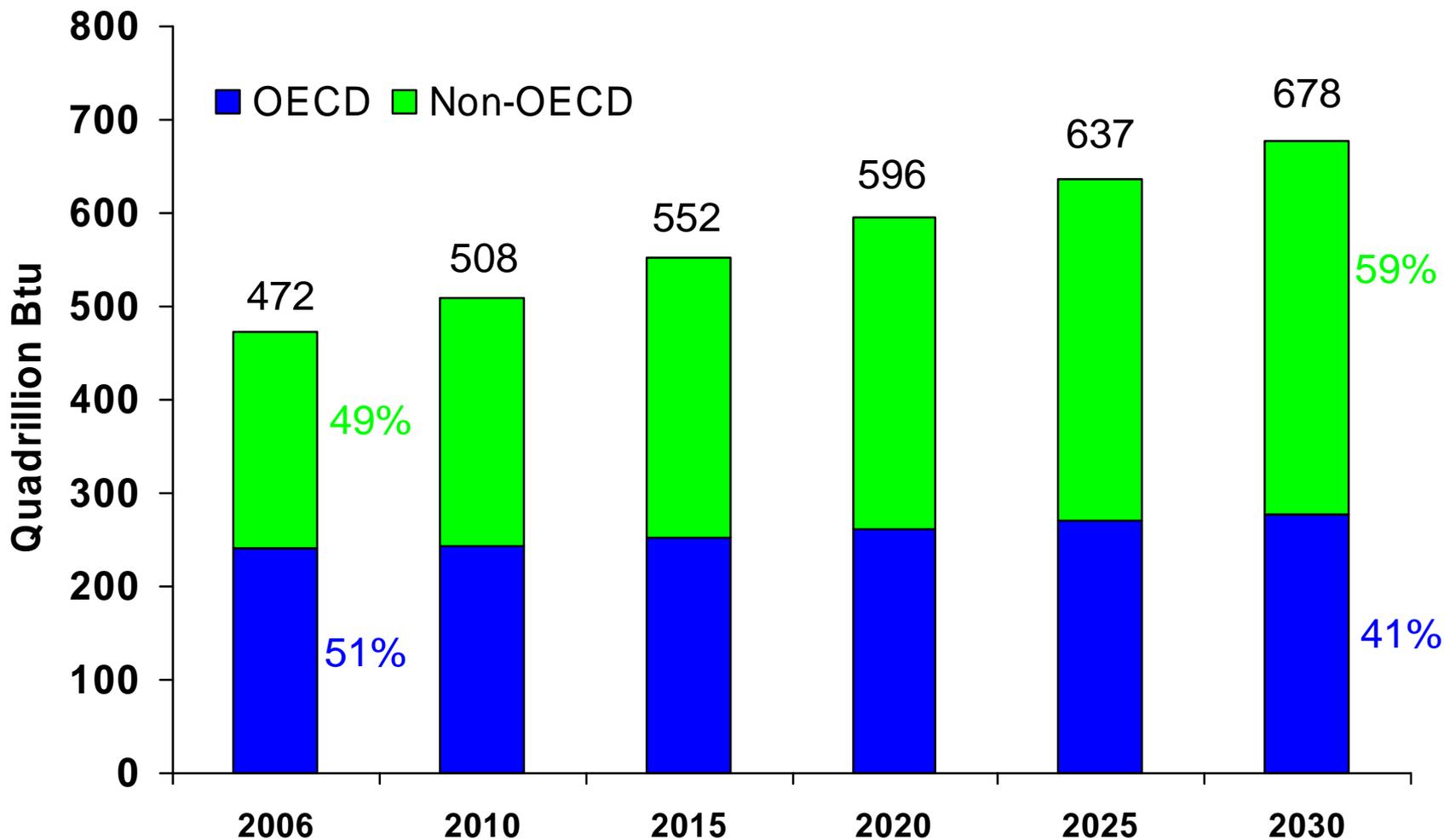


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- EIA's analysis of HR 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACESA)

The Global Energy Outlook

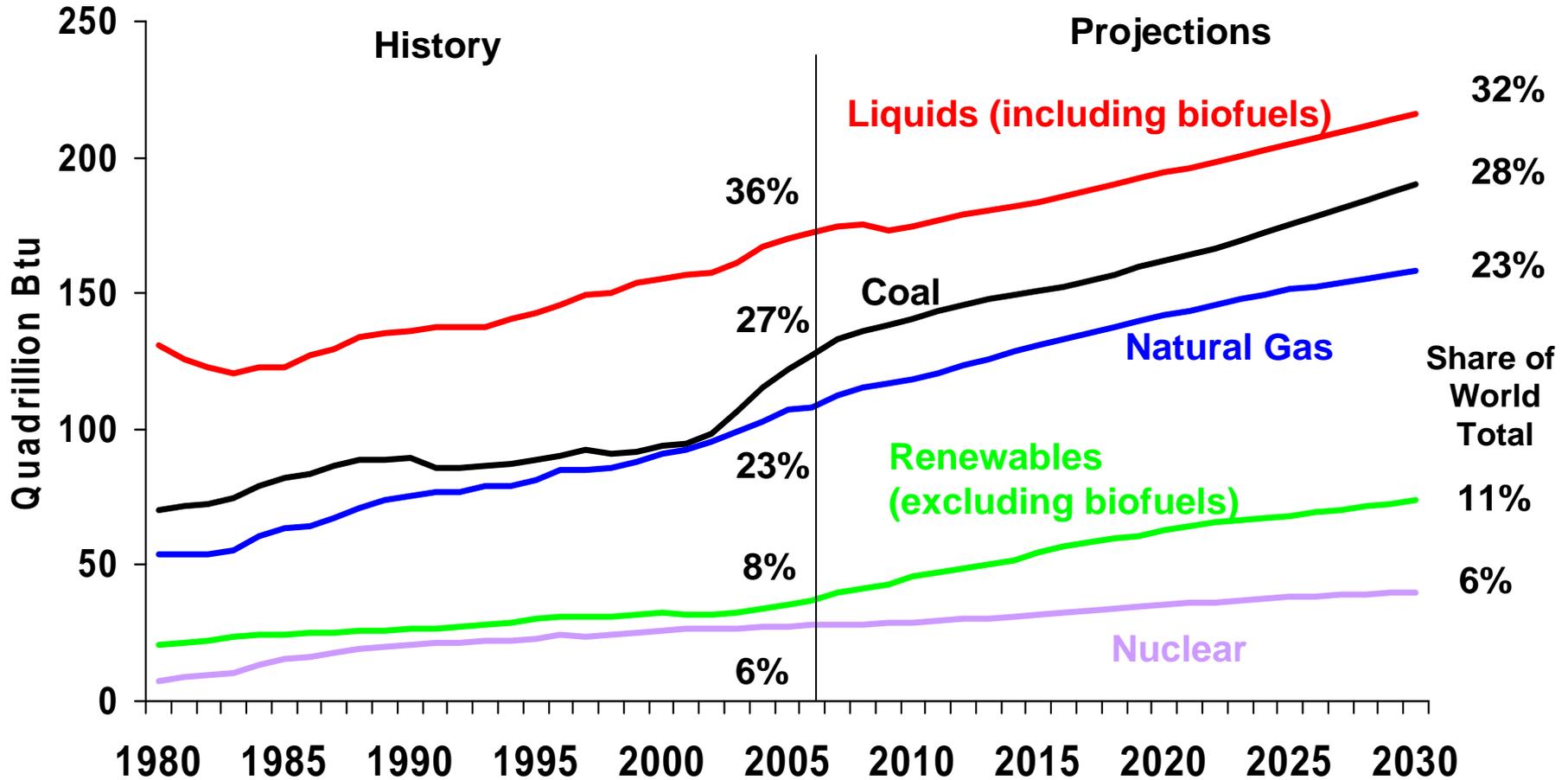
Non-OECD countries account for 82% of the increase in global energy use to 2030



Source: EIA International Energy Outlook 2009, Reference Case

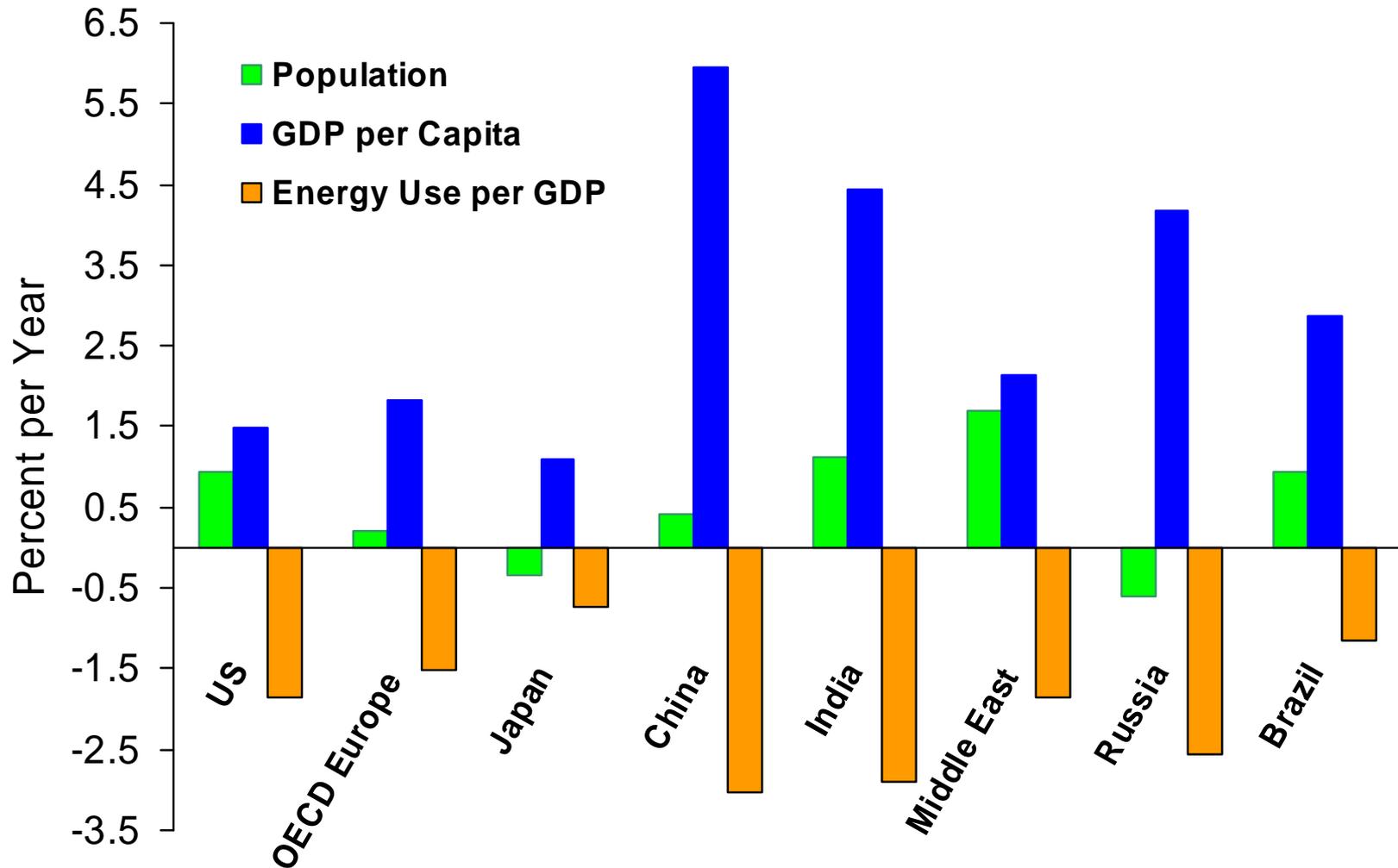


Renewables are the fastest growing energy source (but from a relatively small base)



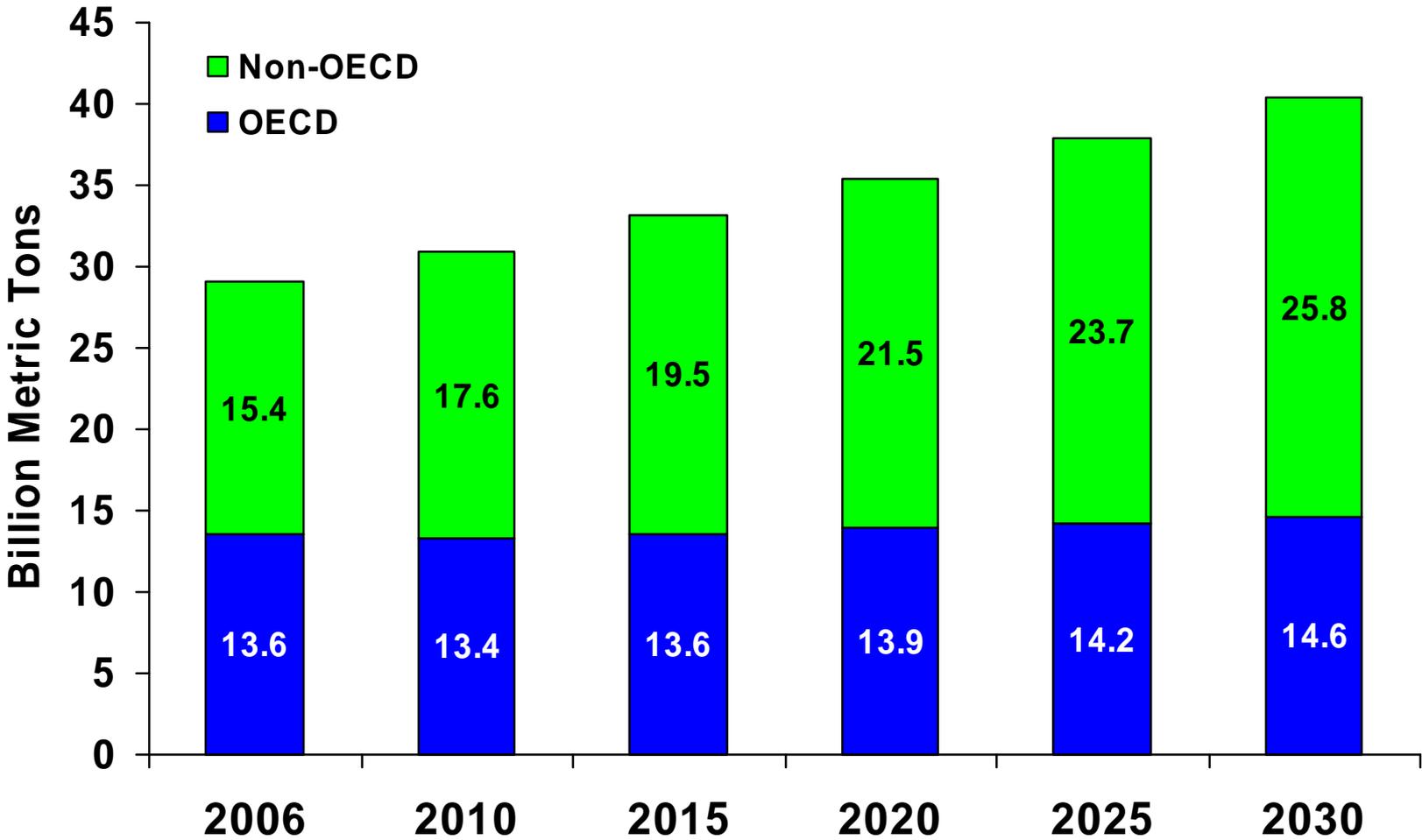
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Growth in worldwide economic activity, and population growth in some regions, drives increased energy use



Source: US: Published AEO2009 (March 2009); ROW: GDP Assumptions based on IHS Global Insight, Inc.; Population from UN World Population Prospects (2006 Revision)

Absent new policies, energy-related CO₂ emissions grow 39% between 2006 and 2030 in EIA's reference case



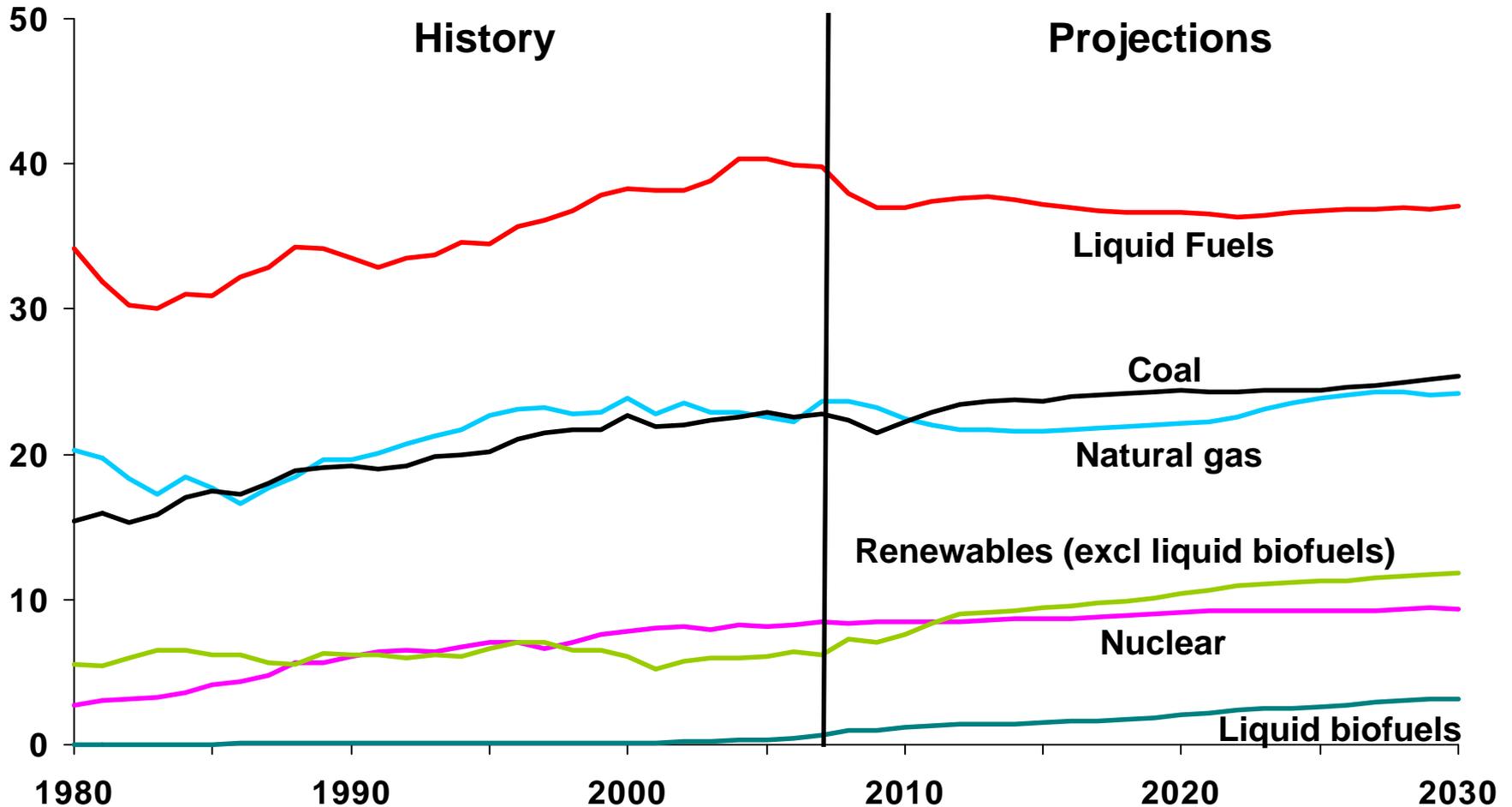
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The U.S. Energy Outlook

Non-fossil energy grows rapidly, but fossil fuels still provide 78% of energy use in 2030 in EIA's Reference Case

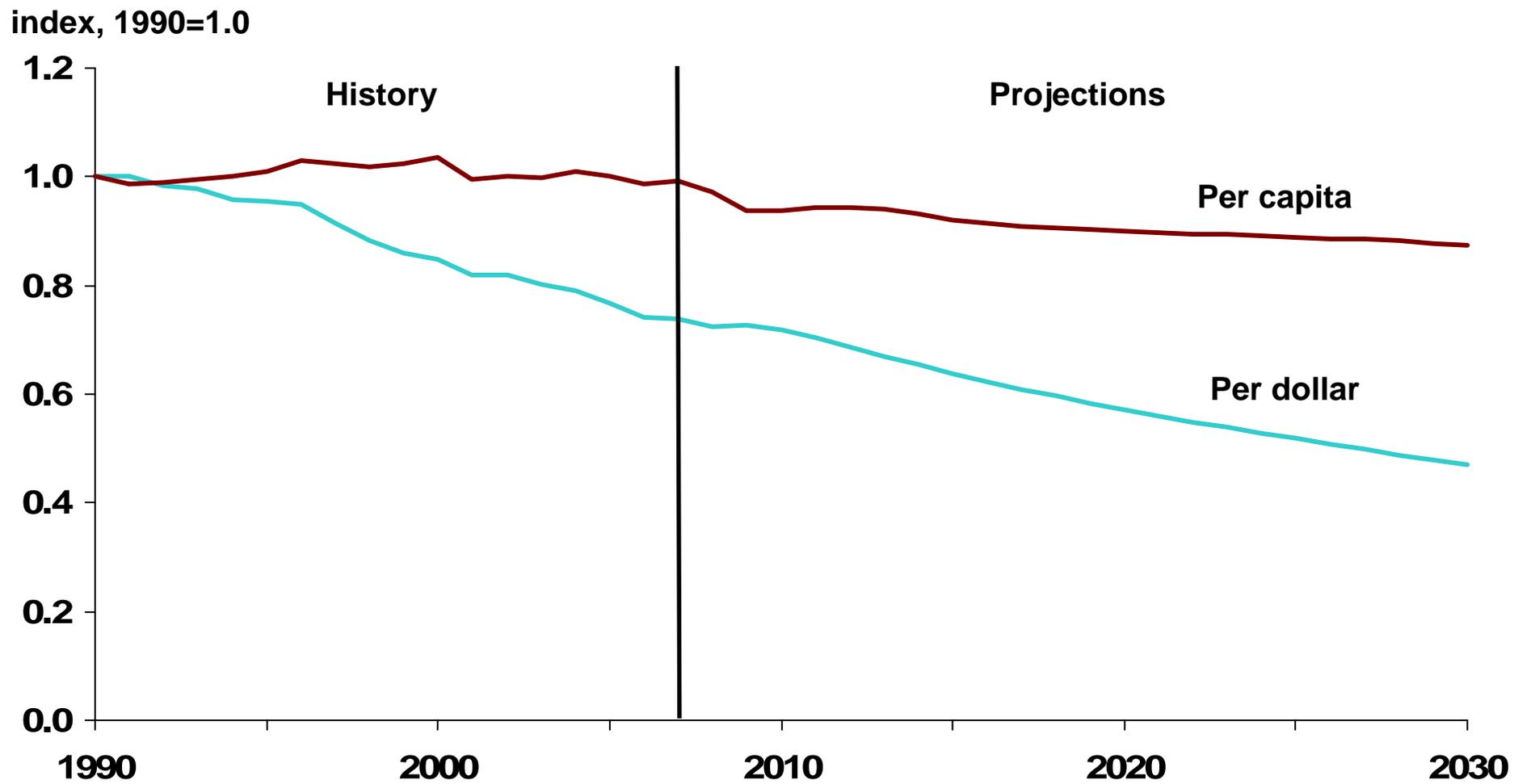
quadrillion Btu



Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2009, Updated Reference Case



Energy use per dollar of GDP continues to decline; per capita energy use also declines

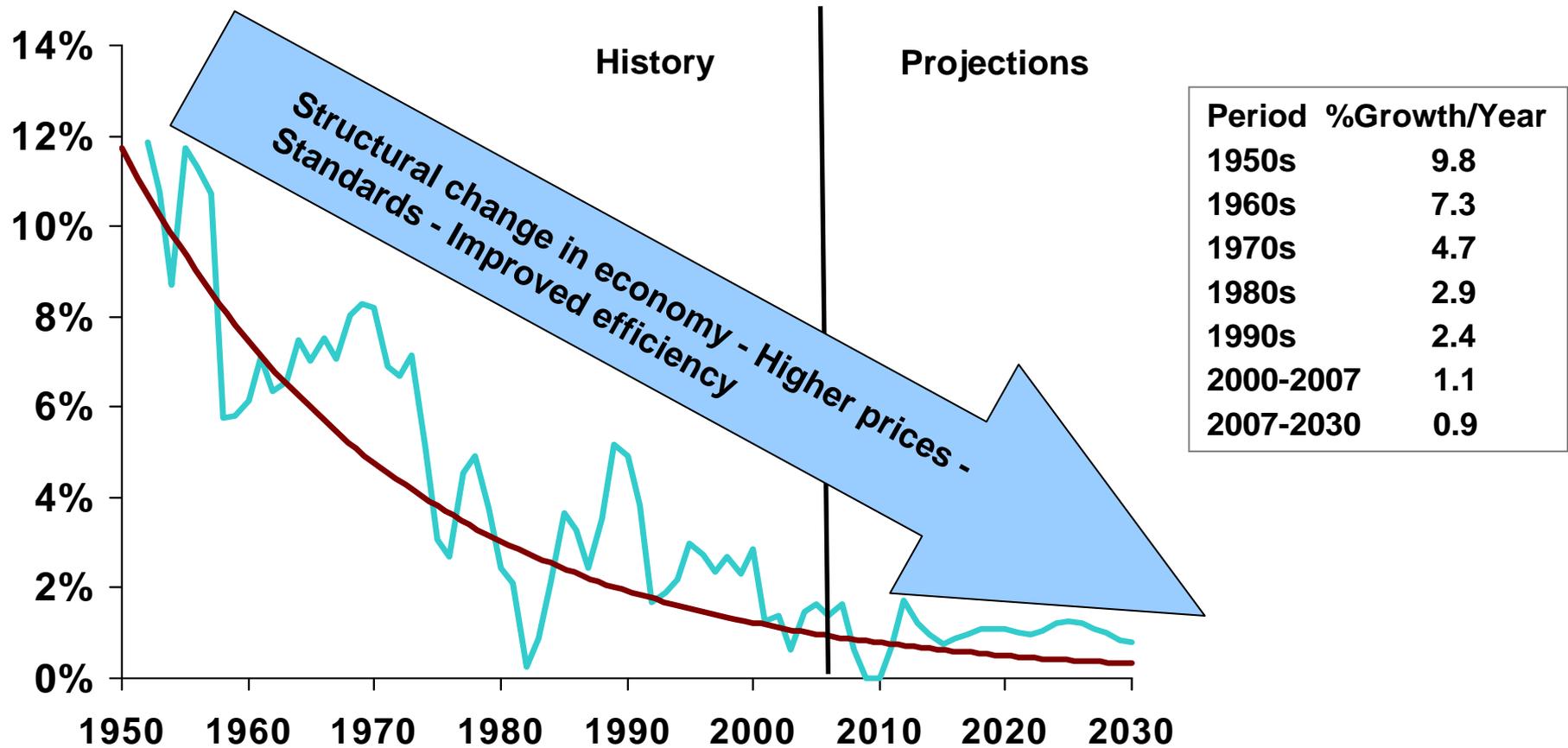


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Growth in electricity use continues to slow

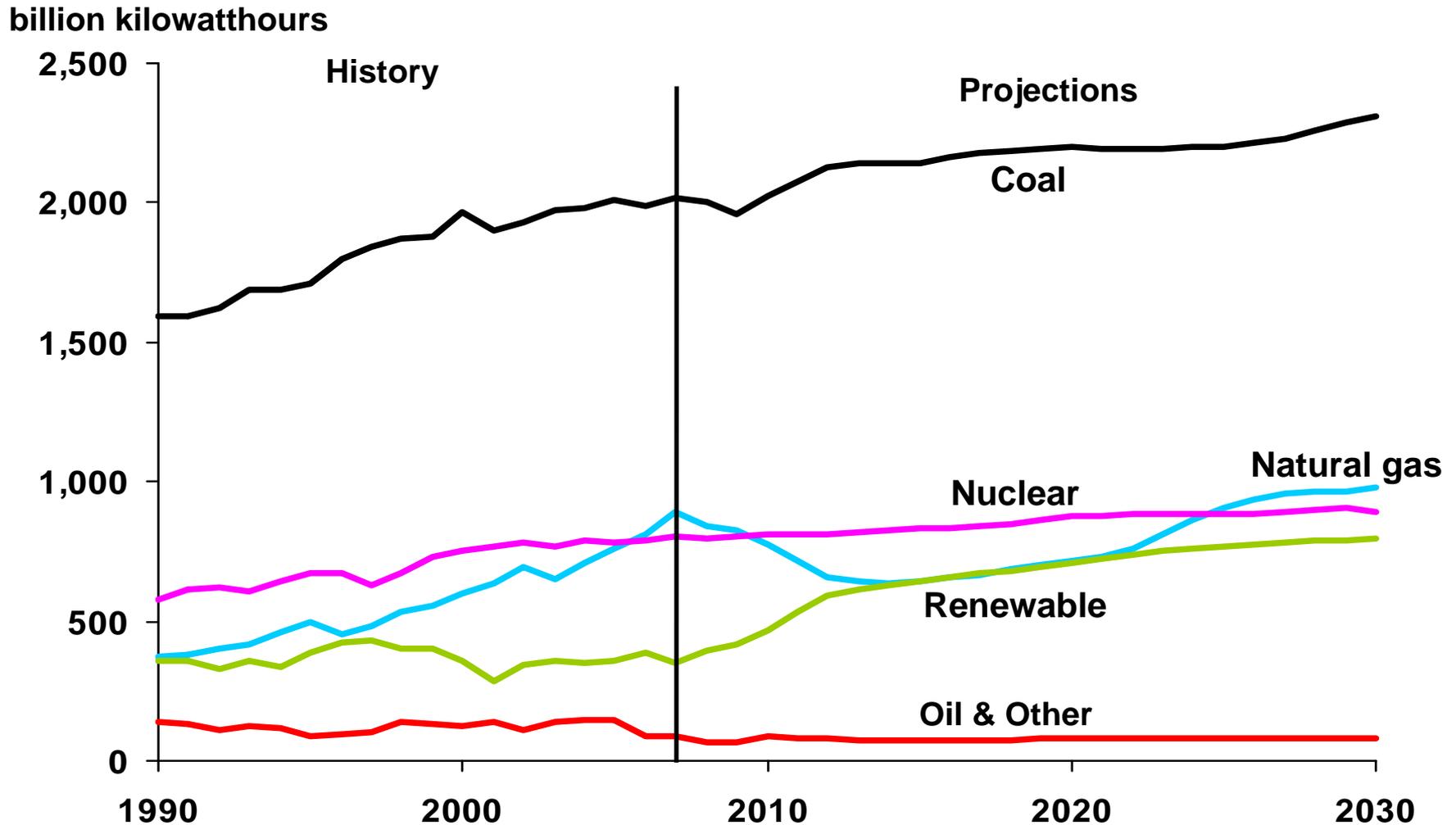
3-year rolling average percent growth



Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2009, Updated Reference Case



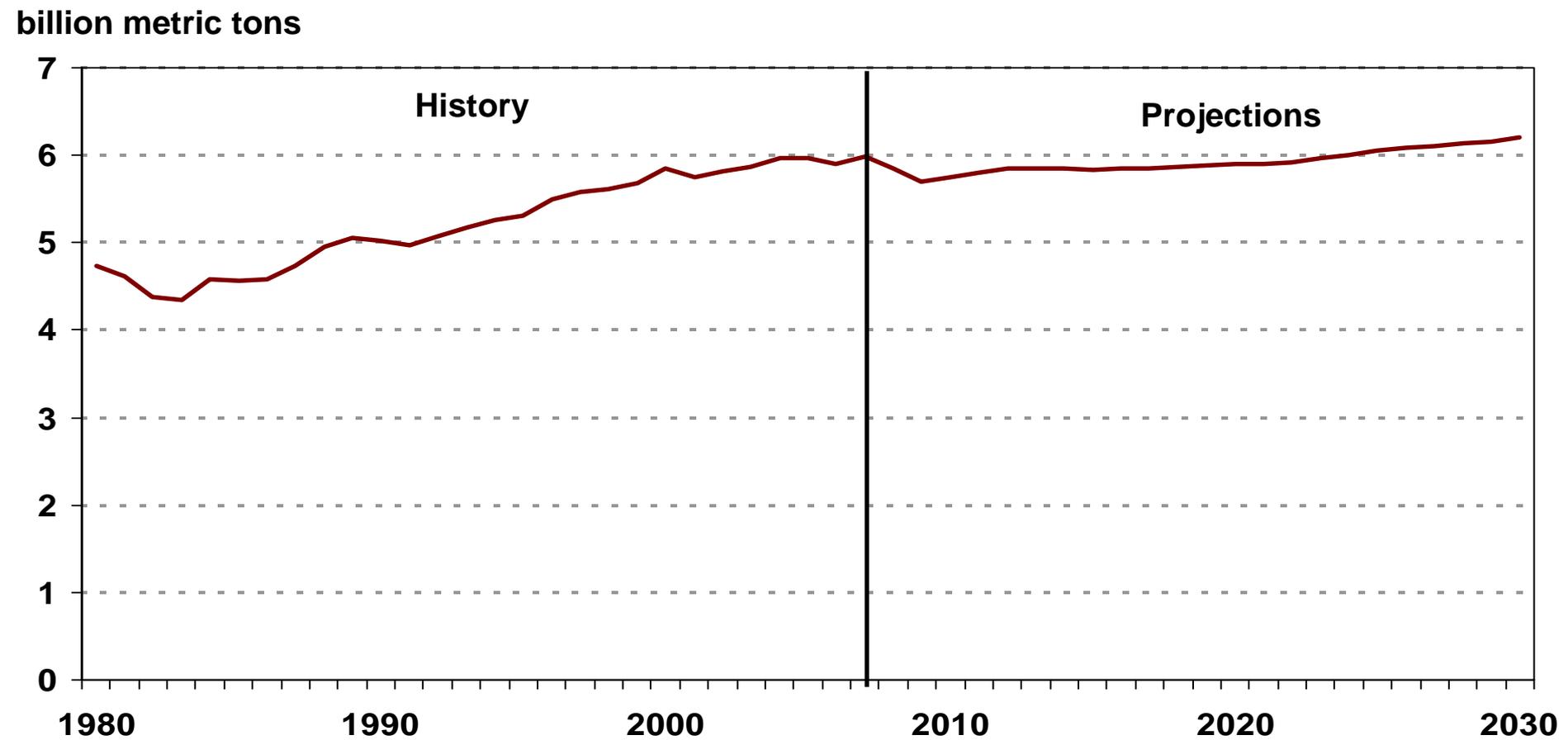
Generation mix gradually shifts to lower carbon options



Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2009, Updated Reference Case



Growth in energy-related CO₂ emissions slows with slower growth in energy use and a shift to less carbon-intensive fuels



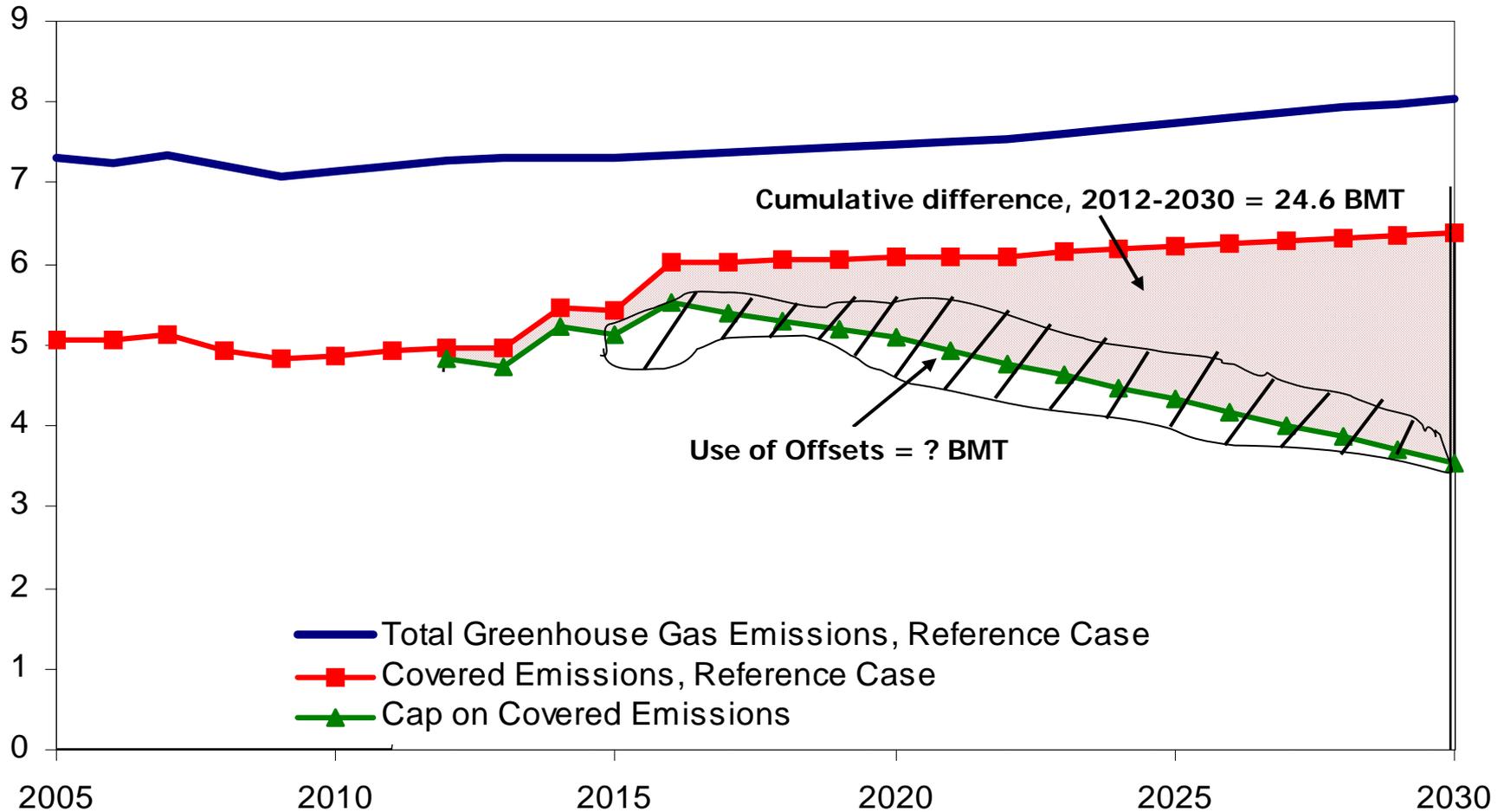
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EIA Analysis of HR 2454

The American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACESA)

ACESA requires 24.6- billion-metric-ton reduction in covered GHG emissions over 2012-2030; actual reductions could be smaller or larger depending on the use of offsets and banking behavior

CO₂-equivalent emissions, billion metric tons



Source: EIA Analysis of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009

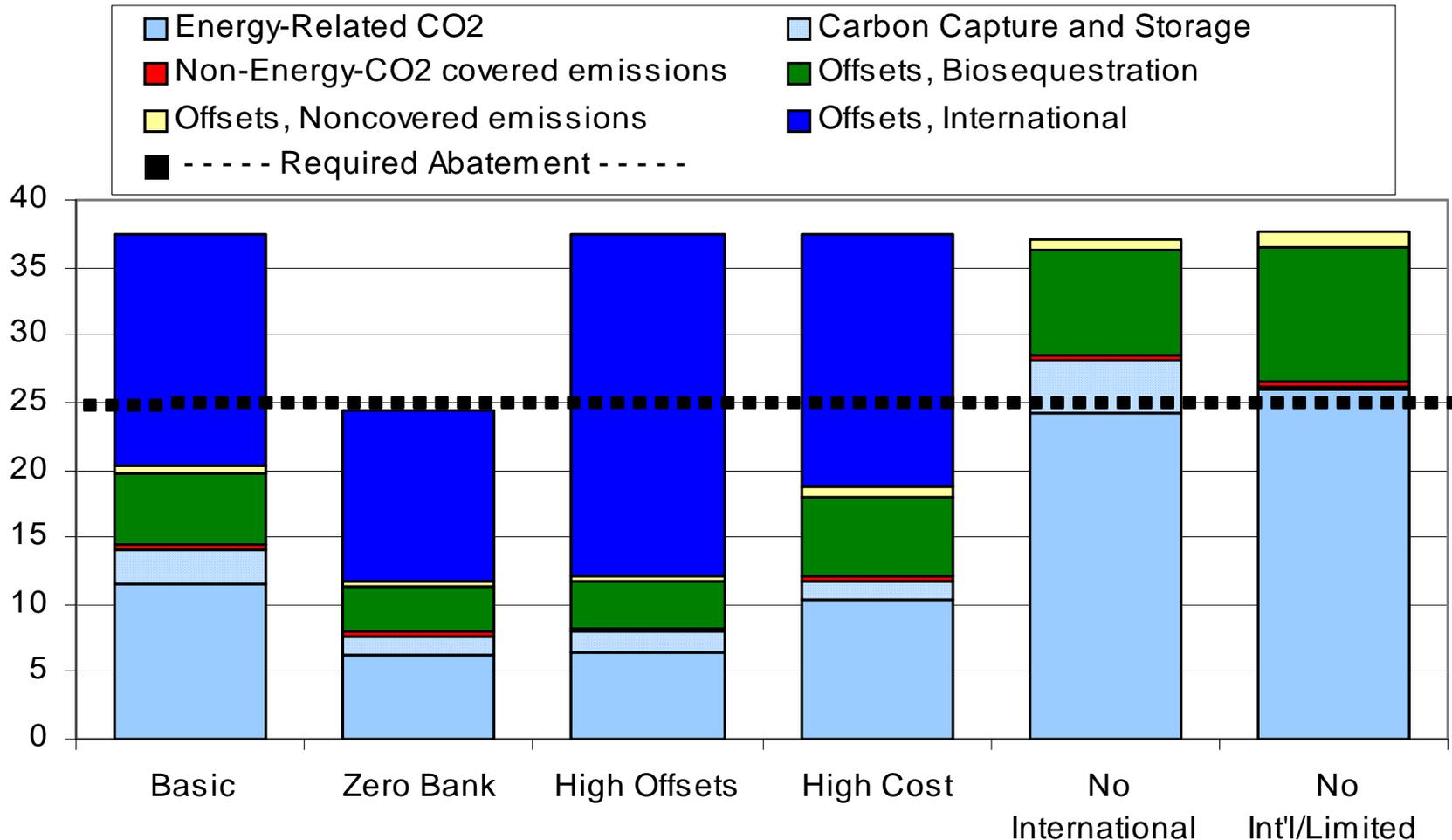
Main cases in EIA's analysis

Case Name	Assumptions
Basic	Integrated analysis of all of the modeled provisions of ACESA.
Zero Bank	Same as Basic but no carryover of allowances beyond 2030. Proxy for major low- no-carbon energy technology breakthroughs with significant market impacts after 2030
High Offsets	Same as Basic but assumes increased use of international offsets.
High Cost	Same as Basic but assumes that nuclear, fossil with CCS and biomass gasification costs are 50 % higher
No International	Same as Basic but assumes international offsets are too expensive or unable to meet the requirements for use
No International / Limited	Same as Basic but limits additions of nuclear, fossil with CCS and biomass to reference case levels. Also no international offsets.

Source: EIA Analysis of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009

Energy sector reductions (2 bottom sections) vary with availability of offsets and low-emitting generation options

Cumulative compliance, 2012-2030 (billion metric tons)

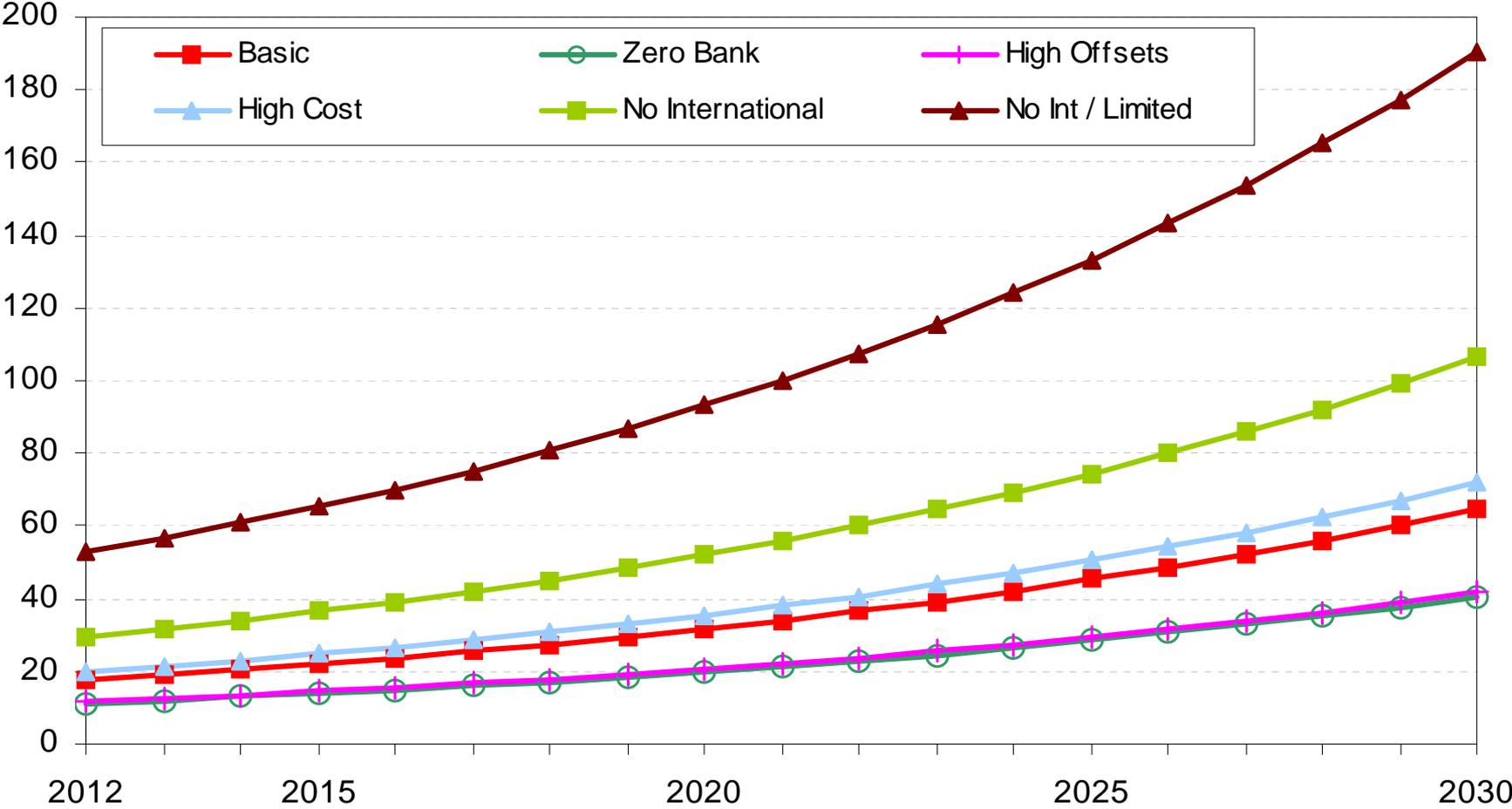


Source: EIA Analysis of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009



Projected allowance prices depend on the availability of offsets and low/no carbon electricity generation technologies

(2007 dollars per metric ton CO₂-equivalent)

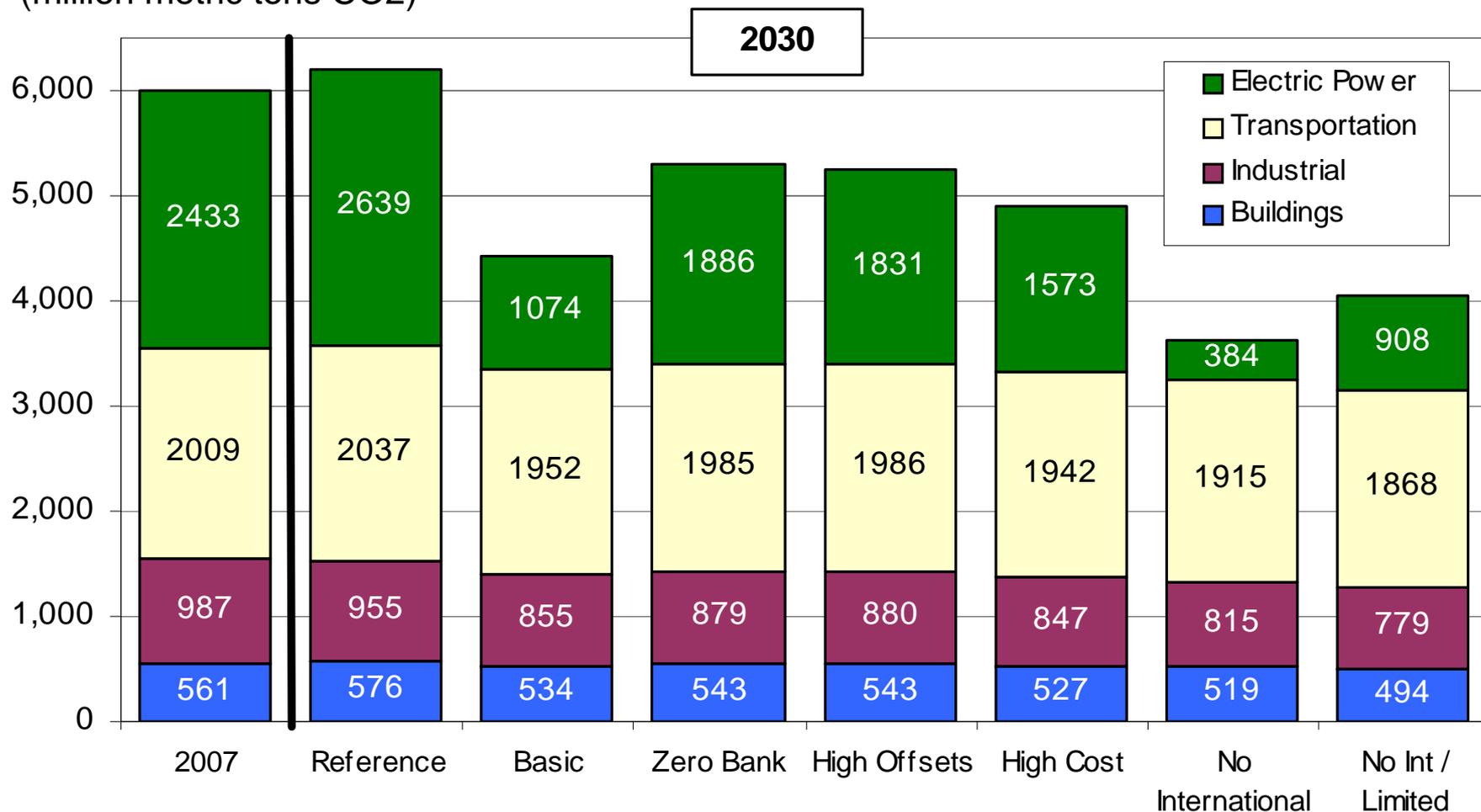


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The electricity sector dominates projected reductions in energy-related CO₂ emissions

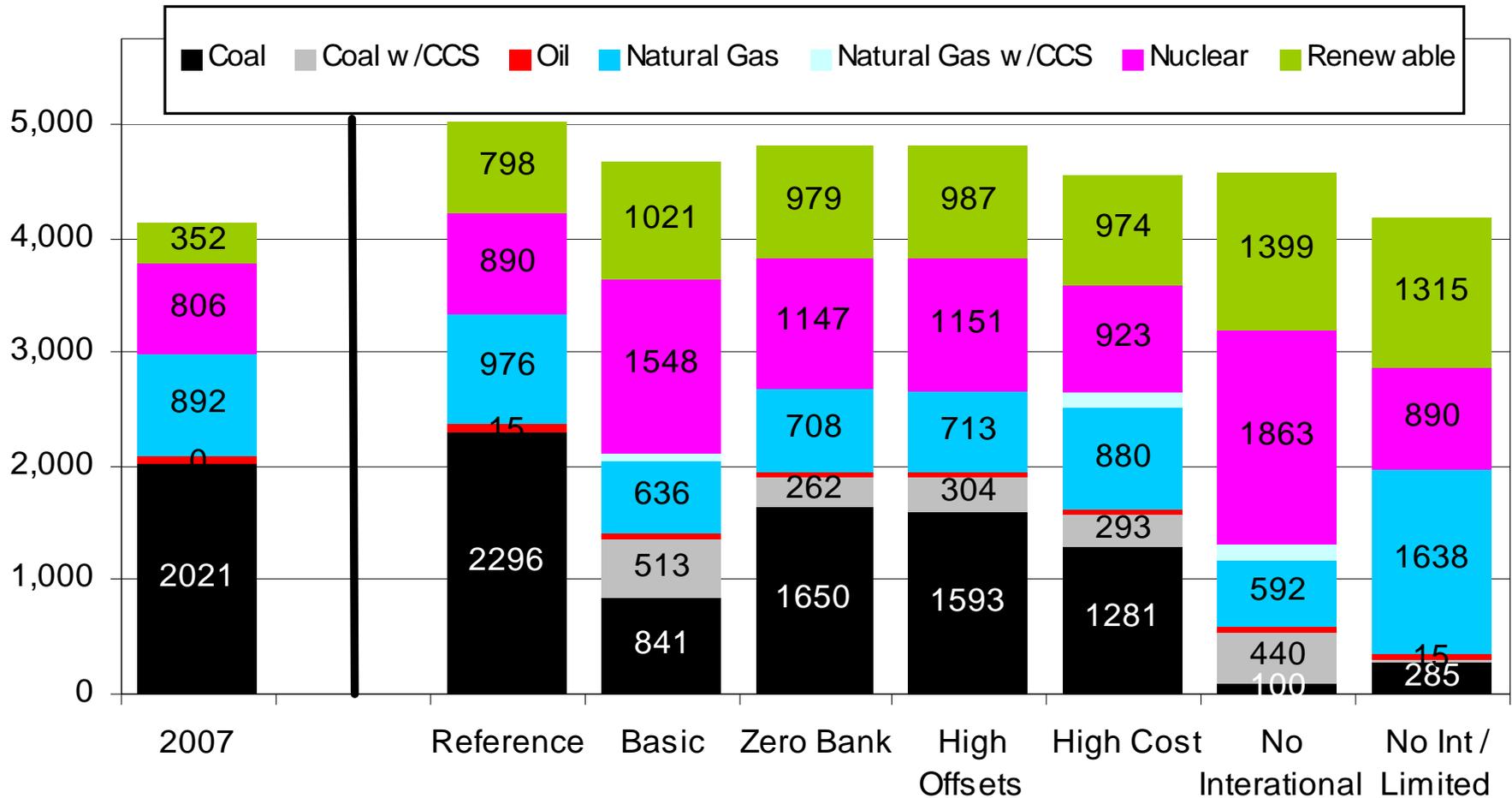
(million metric tons CO₂)



Source: EIA Analysis of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009

Generation by 2030 shifts from conventional coal to nuclear, renewables, and fossil+CCS, though natural gas use grows dramatically if other options are limited

(billion kilowatthours)

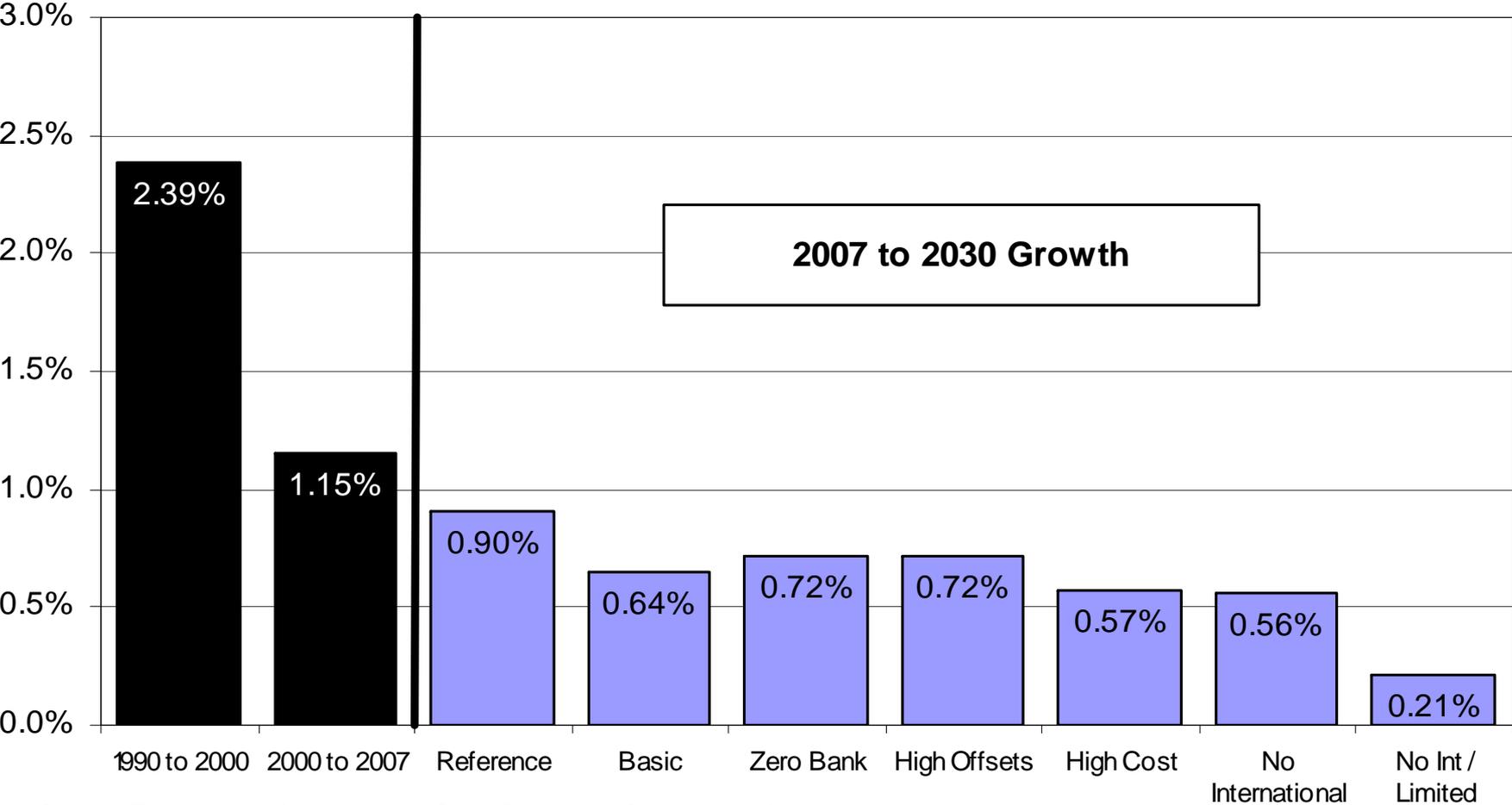


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Efficiency programs and higher electricity prices reduce electricity demand growth

Annual percent growth in electricity use

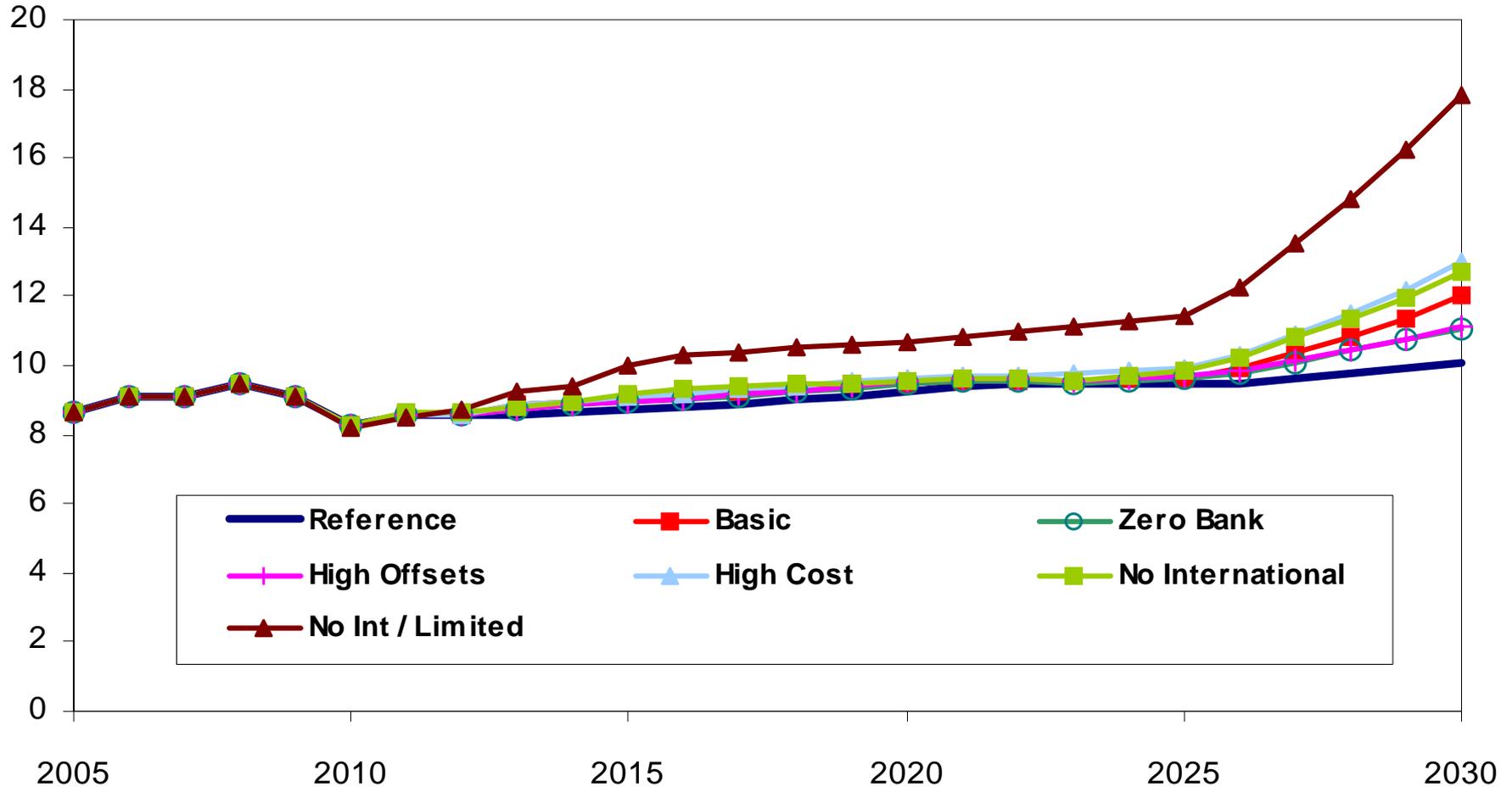


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Electricity prices stay near baseline through 2025 in all but one case, then rise to higher levels through 2030

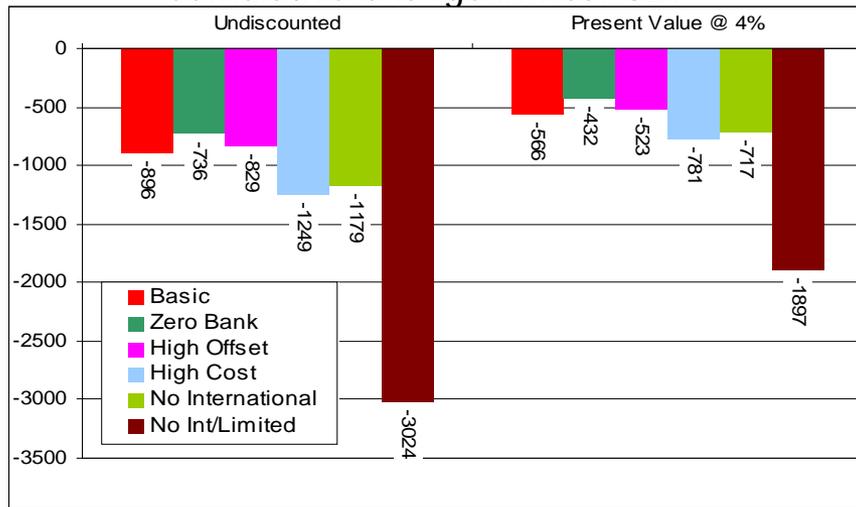
(2007 cents per kilowatthour, all sectors average)



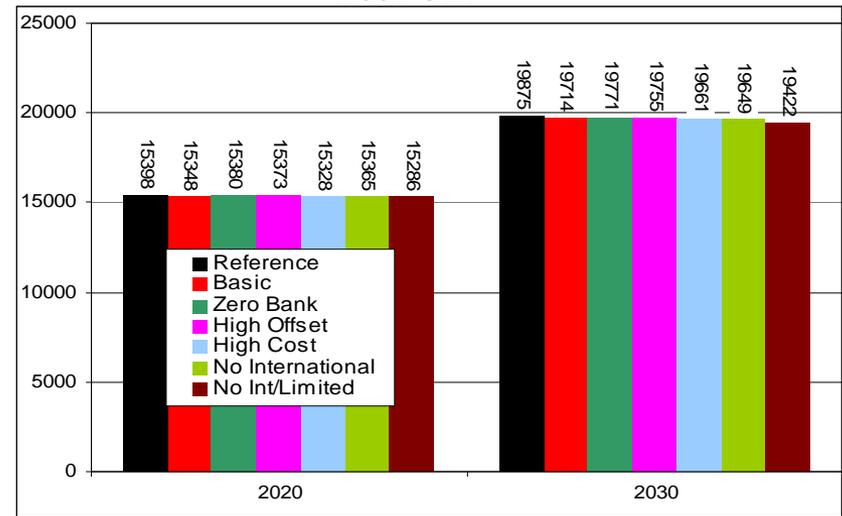
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Present-value GDP losses over 2012-2030 range from 0.2% to 0.4%; consumption losses range from 0.1% to 0.3% in 5 analysis cases. Impacts are much higher in the No International/Limited Alternatives case.

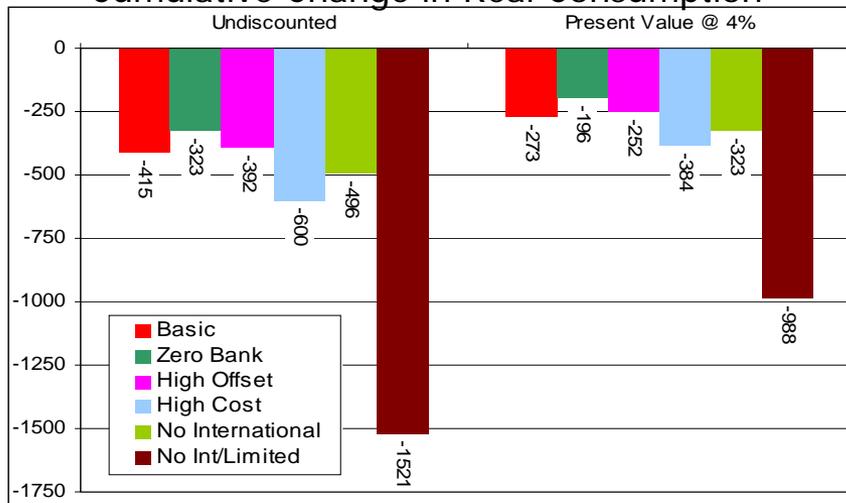
Cumulative Change in Real GDP



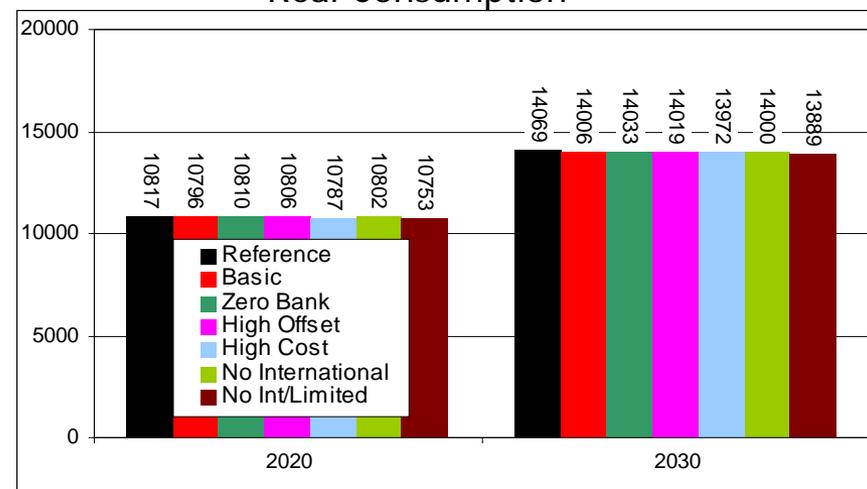
Real GDP



Cumulative Change in Real Consumption



Real Consumption



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Annual Energy Outlook	www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/index.html
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