### Energy Efficiency in the U.S. Energy Outlook

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#### **Overview**

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## Global energy consumption grows 49% and non-OECD countries account for 86% of the increase through 2035

energy consumption quadrillion Btu





#### The U.S. Energy Outlook



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# Non-fossil U.S. energy use grows rapidly, but fossil fuels still provide 78 percent of total energy use in 2035





Source: Annual Energy Outlook 2010; analysis of Kerry-Lieberman American Power Act of 2010 (KL)

## Assuming no new policies, growth in U.S. energy-related CO2 is driven by electricity and transportation fuel use





#### Key concepts

- Energy efficiency
  - energy services provided per unit of energy consumption (e.g., MPG)
  - driven by technology improvements
- Energy intensity of the economy
  - primary energy consumption per unit of real GDP
  - inverse of efficiency, applied at the economy-wide level
  - efficiency + structural changes
- Carbon intensity of the economy
  - carbon emissions per unit of real GDP
  - efficiency + structural changes + decarbonization

#### U.S. energy and CO2 per dollar GDP continue to decline; per capita energy use also declines





#### **Examples of structural changes**

- Buildings
  - migration to moderate climates
  - housing type shifts / commercial building mix
- Industry
  - shifts to less energy-intensive industries
  - growth of service sector relative to industry
- Transportation
  - vehicle type shifts (cars, mini-vans, SUVs, and light trucks)
  - urbanization, shifts to mass transit, biking / walking
- Other changes in the demand for energy services
  - e.g., due to energy price changes



## Structural drivers grow slower than GDP, thereby lowering energy intensity

Ave	rage annual growth rate 2008 – 2035
Macroeconomic	5 5
Real Gross Domestic Prod	uct 2.4%
Population	0.9%
NEMS Sectoral Drivers	
Buildings	
Households	1.0%
Commercial Floorspace	1.3%
Industrial (Real Value Shipment	S)
Non-Manufacuring	0.9%
Energy Intensive Manufact	uring 0.8%
Non-Energy Intensive Man	ufacturing 1.8%
Transportation	
Light Duty Vehicle-Miles Tr	aveled 1.7%
Freight Truck Vehicle-Miles	Traveled 1.7%
Air Seat Miles	1.3%
Rail Ton-Miles	0.8%



### Energy consumption would be 16% higher in 2035 without efficiency improvements; and 68% higher without structural change as well

quadrillion Btu



#### Key drivers of energy efficiency changes in EIA analysis

#### • Market drivers

- energy prices
- technology costs and innovation
- consumer and investor behavior
- technology diffusion and stock turnover
- Government standards
  - vehicle fuel economy
  - appliance efficiency and building standards

#### • Government financial incentives

- tax credits
- funding in the Recovery Act
- Prospective policy analyses (e.g., H.R. 2454, APA)
  - greenhouse gas cap-and-trade
  - combined efficiency and renewable electricity standard



## Extended policies case illustrates the impact of continued efficiency standard increases under existing laws





#### Vehicle fuel economy in the U.S. Energy Outlook



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#### New light duty vehicle efficiency reaches 40 mpg by 2035





## The continuation of existing policies into the future would increase light-duty vehicle fuel economy





### Alternative vehicle technologies meet half of light-duty vehicle sales in 2035





### Market penetration of new technologies for light-duty vehicles, 2008 and 2035



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### Residential and commercial energy efficiency in the U.S. Energy Outlook



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#### Growth in electricity use continues to slow





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#### Alternative building energy efficiency cases

- Low technology case
  - equipment and shells limited to what was available in 2009
  - no technology advance, but equipment stocks improve through turnover
- Reference case
  - future technology improvements
  - equipment purchases calibrated to observed behavior
- High technology case
  - advanced equipment available earlier at lower cost
  - building shells get more efficient than Reference case
  - purchases based on reduced discount rates
- Best technology case
  - equipment costs ignored; only the most efficient technologies allowed
  - shells even better than High technology case



## But buildings growth and new residential uses could more than offset efficiency improvements

#### Change in residential electricity consumption in the Reference case, 2008-2035





## Stock turnover and new technology will drive down building energy use per square foot



-45%

Percent reduction of 2009 value in 2035



# Growth in residential electricity sales is substantially cut by extending policies for: cooling, hot water, and refrigeration





#### **Concluding remarks**

- Market uptake tends to be considerably less efficient than best available technology
  - market behavior and slow stock turnover tends to moderate the impact of new innovations
- Analysis cases illustrate a range of possible future energy consumption paths depending on how energy markets, technologies, and policies unfold
- Tracking and understanding energy consumption, technology, and efficiency trends is a critical component of EIA's work
  - ongoing policy interest has increased the need for quality data and analysis



#### For more information

U.S. Energy Information Administration home page

Short-Term Energy Outlook

www.eia.gov/emeu/steo/pub/contents.html

Annual Energy Outlook

International Energy Outlook

www.eia.gov/oiaf/aeo/index.html

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Monthly Energy Review

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