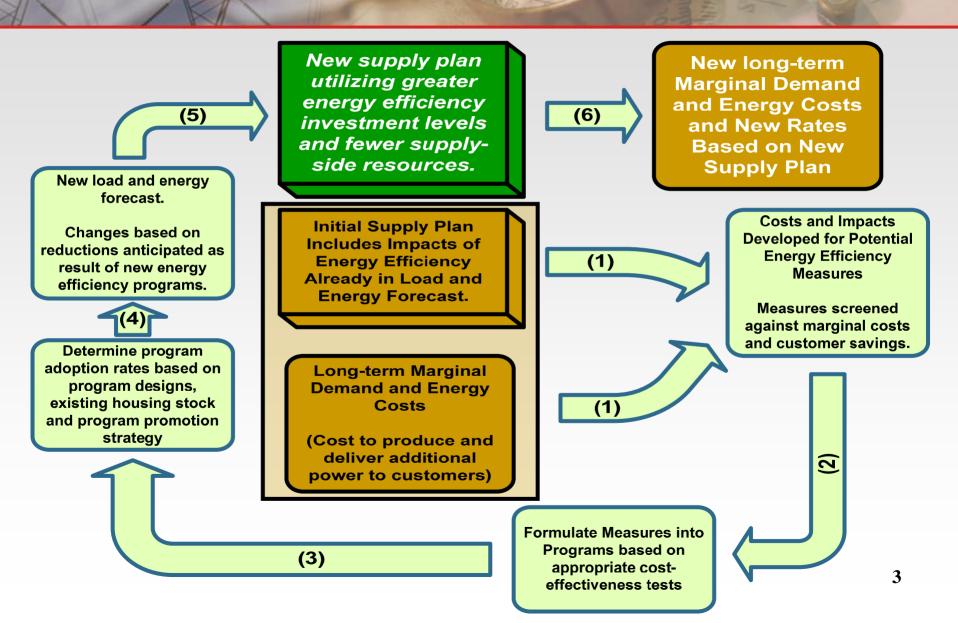
Utilization of Energy Efficiency in Supply Planning

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How is Energy Factored into the Planning Process at SOCO?

The method depends on state law and state regulation

- Very Formal Integrated Planning Process (IRP) Ga
- Formal 5-year Planning Process Fla
- Informal reporting as required by regulatory filings Miss & Ala

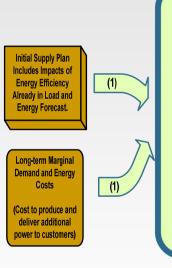


Initial Supply Plan Includes Impacts of Energy Efficiency Already in Load and Energy Forecast.

Long-term Marginal Demand and Energy Costs

(Cost to produce and deliver additional power to customers)

- Initial supply plan includes impacts of existing energy efficiency and load control programs.
- Marginal costs are the savings (or costs) of incremental changes to the Initial Supply Plan, and are used to determine the financial impacts of energy efficiency and load control programs.



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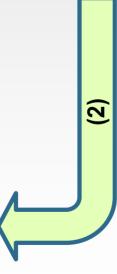
- Potential energy efficiency measures are "screened" against marginal costs to determine their cost effectiveness
 - effective for consumers who will implement them and also create overall benefits for utility customers as a group

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Measures screened against marginal costs and customer savings.

 Energy Efficiency measures are combined into programs, where administrative costs are then included

Formulate Measures into Programs based on appropriate costeffectiveness tests



 Programs are screened to ensure cost effectiveness after program administration costs are included

New load and energy forecast.

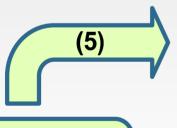
Changes based on reductions anticipated as result of new energy efficiency programs.



Determine program
adoption rates based on
program designs,
existing housing stock
and program promotion
strategy

- Program adoption rates must be factored in, to determine how large a total reduction in demand and energy can be expected from the programs.
- Once the energy efficiency and load management programs are approved, then forecasts of demand and energy are then adjusted to reflect the impacts of the new programs.

A new supply plan emerges, with greater energy efficiency investment and fewer supply-side resource investments. New long-term marginal costs and new projections for rates are then developed.



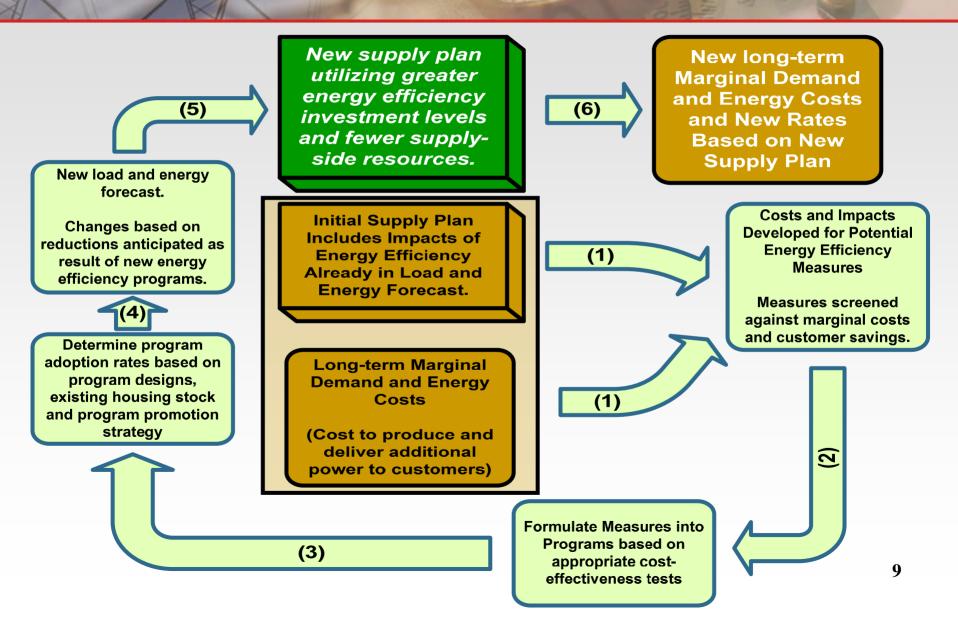
New load and energy forecast.

Changes based on reductions anticipated as result of new energy efficiency programs.

New supply plan utilizing greater energy efficiency investment levels and fewer supplyside resources.



New long-term
Marginal Demand
and Energy Costs
and new Rates
Based on New
Supply Plan



QUESTIONS?