# What More Can Maine do with Energy Efficiency?

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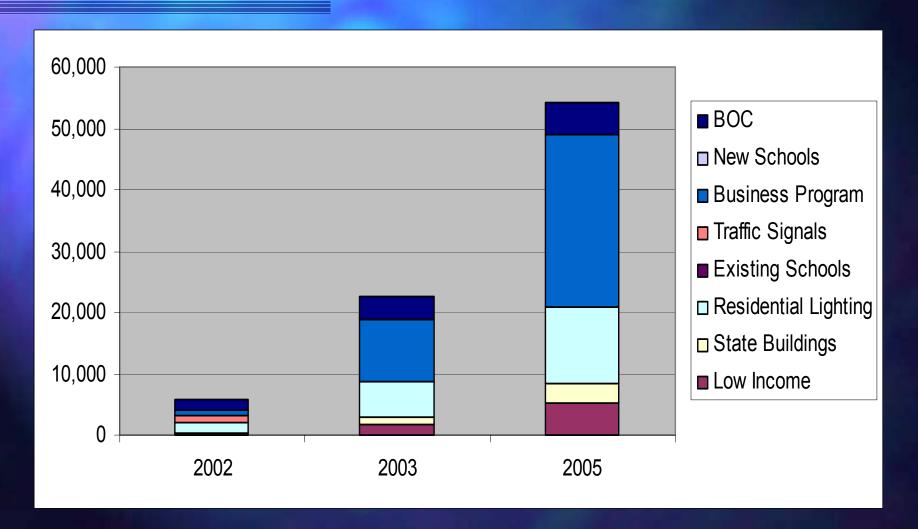
## Plenty!

- Eliminate load growth & need for new power plants at 1/2 to 1/3 the cost of generation
- Reduce demand for natural gas
- Improve the environment
- Benefit the economy

# Efficiency Maine's current Programs:

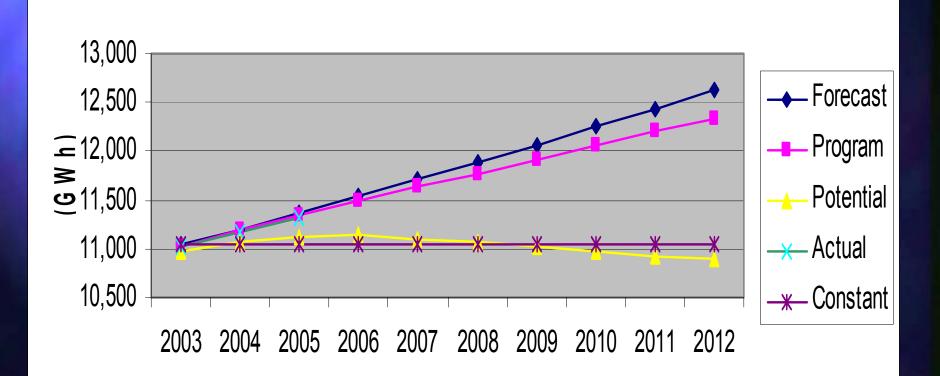
- Available to every consumer in the State
  - Residential, Low Income, Business, Schools, Municipalities, and Non-profits
  - Funded through electric bills ~ \$9/hhld
- Budget ~\$10 million in '05, expected to grow to ~\$15 million in '09
- Current funding achieves 1/6 of achievable potential available through programs

## Current Programs



## What more can Maine do?

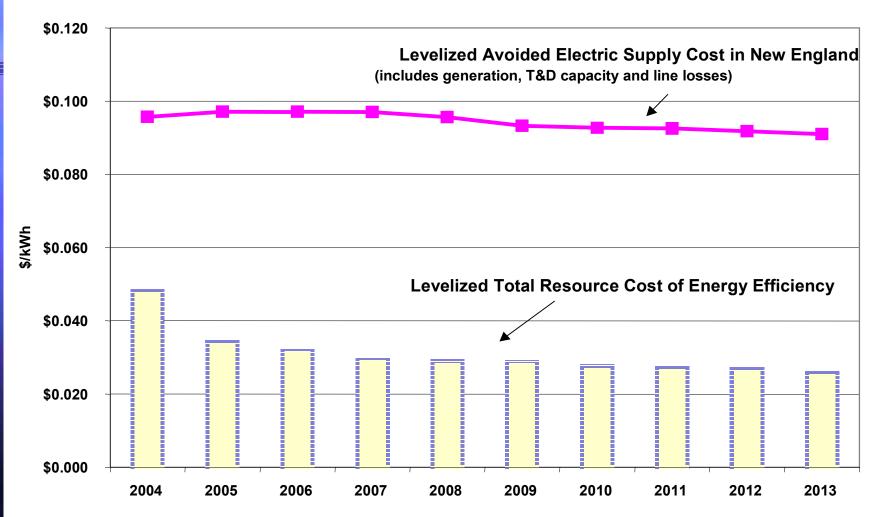
#### Maine's Efficiency Programs vs. Potential



# Energy efficiency costs less than energy supply

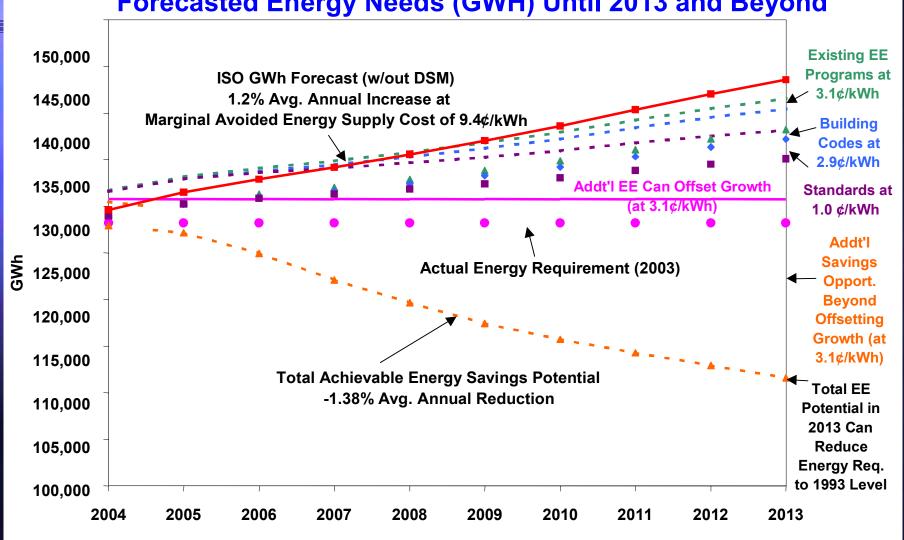
- Cost and savings data from actual efficiency programs are 1/2 to 1/3 the cost of the alternatives:
  - Avoided power plants
  - Avoided investments in transmission and distribution
  - Reduced line losses (I<sup>2</sup>R)

#### **Energy Efficiency is Cheaper Than Supply**



# New England can do better working as a region

## Efficiency Programs Could Offset New England's Forecasted Energy Needs (GWH) Until 2013 and Beyond



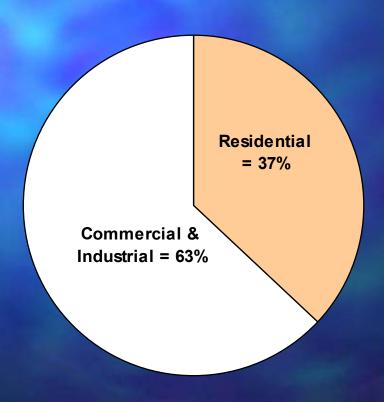
#### Estimates are conservative

- They don't include advances in technology
- They don't assume we get better at running programs (use data from existing programs)
- They don't include the effect of better practices such as:
  - Designing facilities as if energy really mattered
  - Operating facilities to maintain optimal system performance

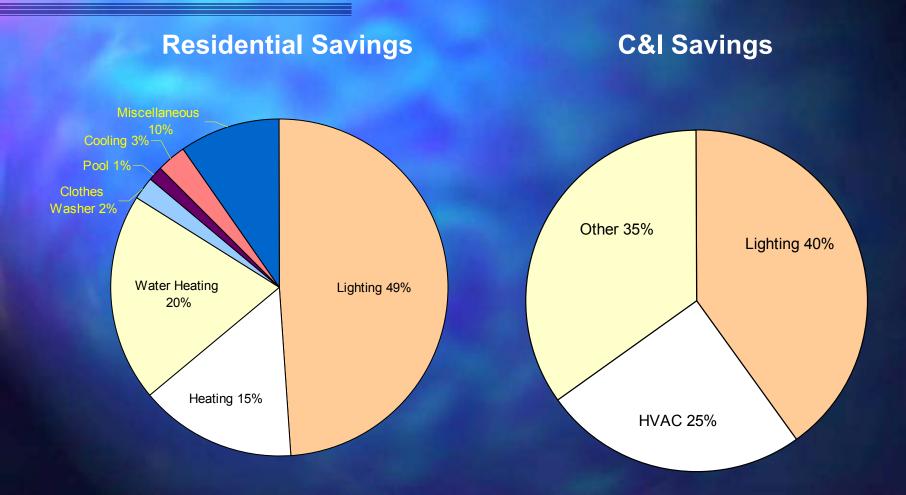
## We know the major "Reservoirs" of Achievable EE Potential

Residential Savings = 12,745 GWH

**C&I** Savings = 21,630 **GWH** 



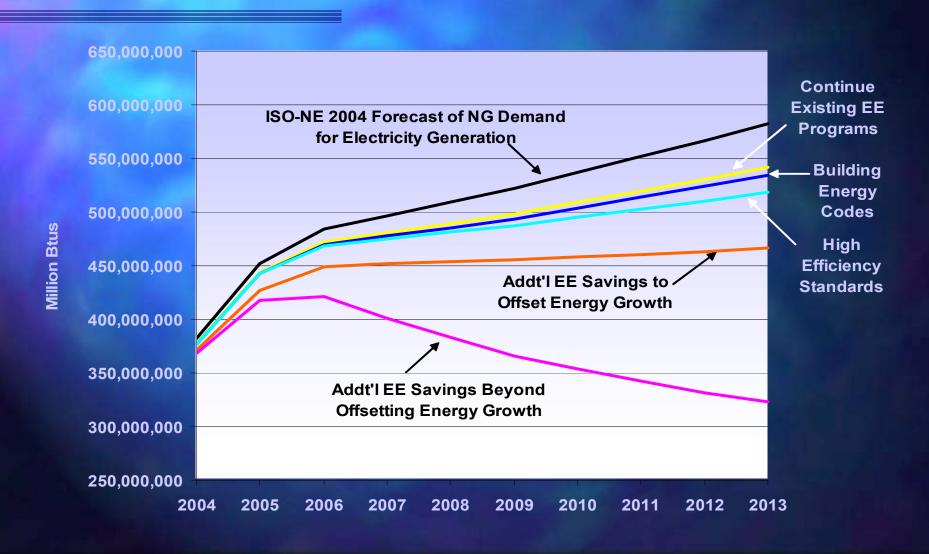
## We know the Major Opportunities in Each Reservoir



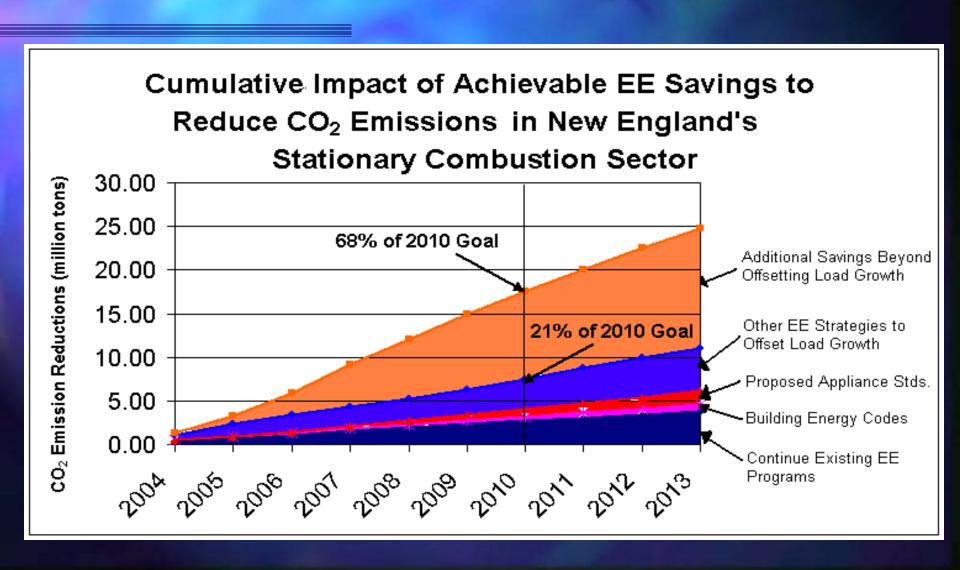
# Energy savings multiply at the generator

- A light that saves 45 watts in a house avoids
  - 8% distribution loss 1.08\*45 = 48.6 watts
  - 4% transmission loss 1.04\*48.6 = 50.5 watts
  - 50% generation losses 1.5\*50.5 = 76 watts
- 1.7 times the energy use at the generator
- Through this effect efficiency programs could reduce our demand for natural gas beyond what it is today.

## Electric Efficiency can reduce gas demand for electric generation by 44%



## Environmental Benefits:



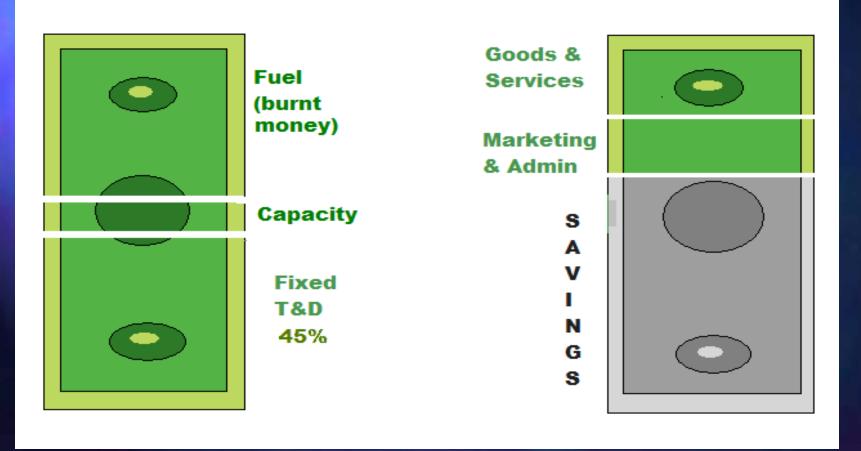
## Efficiency's economic benefits

- Based on current New England programs:
  - \$1.2 billion in investment over the next 5 years
  - Creation of 10,000 jobs
  - \$450 million in wages
- Why is efficiency a good investment? our money stays at home

# Where does the money go? Electricity vs. Efficiency

**Electricity Purchase** 

**Efficiency Purchase** 



## Conclusions

- Current programs achieve less than 20% of achievable EE potential.
- Efficiency is cheaper than power supply.
- EE can offset system energy and demand growth, deferring need for 28 300 MW combined-cycle gas units.
- EE is available in all sectors, end uses, and markets.
- EE can reduce gas demand for electric generation in New England by 4-25% in 2008 or 7-45% by 2013.
- EE can help New England meet climate change goals by 21-68% for the Stationary Combustion sector by 2010.

## How can we get there?

- Integrate EE into regional (ISO) system and local planning and resource procurement.
- Give high priority to building energy code updates and high levels of compliance.
- Continue to adopt state product efficiency standards.
- Support adoption of federal product efficiency standards.
- Increase funding for EE investments as a clean and economic energy resource.
  - Through Standard Offer Procurement
  - Auction revenues for clean air credits
  - SBC

# How can we get there? Continued

- Adopt or expand EE procurement rules for state and municipal buildings (and UMS?).
- Work as a region, establish common, regional methods and assumptions for measuring EE savings in New England.
- Change the way we think about energy:
  - Education:
    - CEUs for professionals, curriculum development for students
    - Marketing
  - Incorporate efficiency into business plans & practice
  - Improved O&M practices

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