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# **Discussion Topics**

- About Chymko
- Utility Bill Elements
- Load Shape
- Energy Prices
- Corporate Needs
  - Aggregation
- Summary
- Actions

# Chymko's Primary Areas of Practice

#### Market Research and Resource Planning

- Energy procurement and portfolio management
- · Contract assessment and negotiations

#### **Commercial and Market** Matters

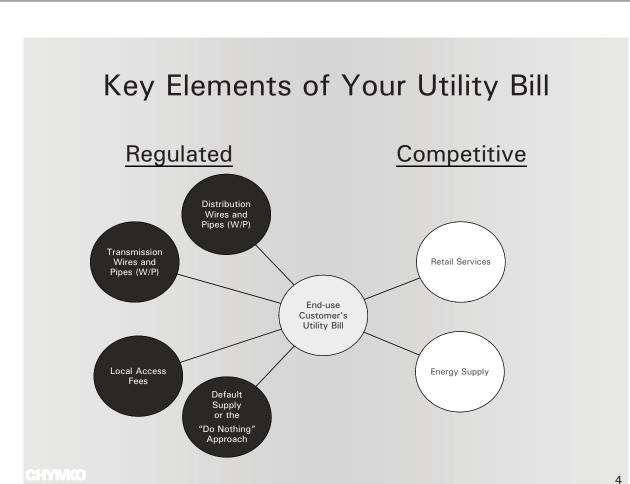
- Development/implementation of competitive procurement processes
- Development/negotiation of commercial arrangements

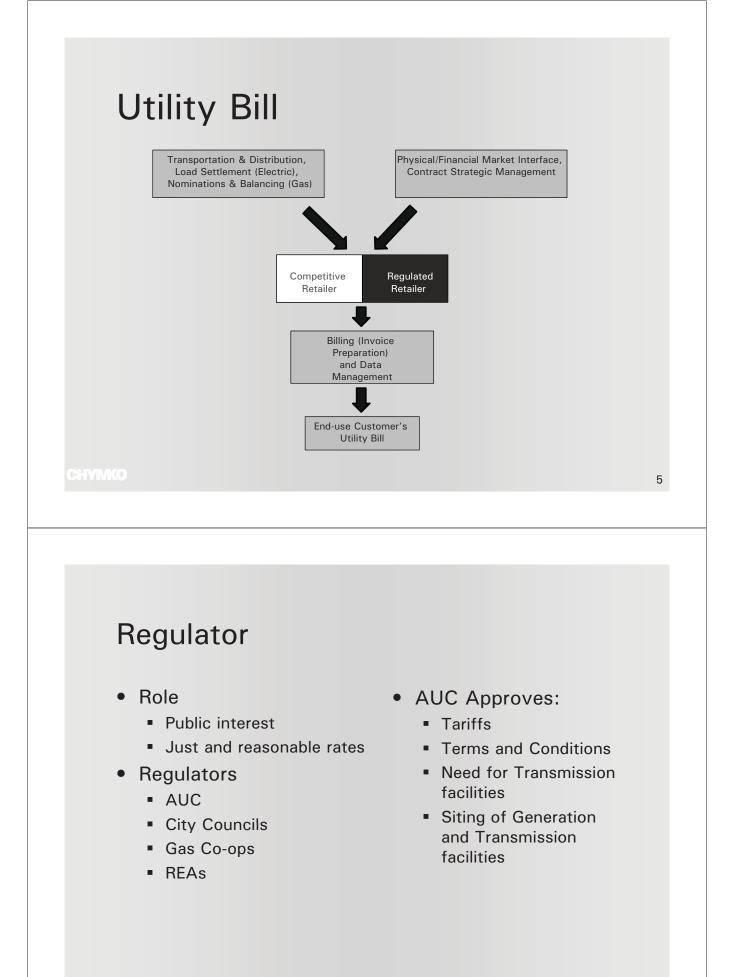
#### **Business Planning and** Development

- · Corporate and financial restructuring
- · Analysis for utility-based pricing to access infrastructure

#### **Regulatory and Government** Affairs

- · Regulatory, cost of service and rate design
- Utility tariff applications





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# **Regulated Components**

- Customer has no choice in utility its connected to
- Customer can participate in regulatory hearings
- Costs, Tariffs and T&Cs become fixed
- Site specific

- Blended price for default supply
- Metering (Smart Grid)
- >2/3 of costs for small sites
- <1/3 of costs for large sites

<u>Components</u> Wires and Pipes

Local Access Fee

Default Supply

Components

Retail Services Energy Supply

### **Competitive Components**

- Customer has choice
- Customer has some control over costs and terms of service
- Customer specific pricing

- Aggregation of:
  - Sites
  - Load
  - Invoice
  - Commodities
- Retailers are licensed, MSA oversight

# Load Shape

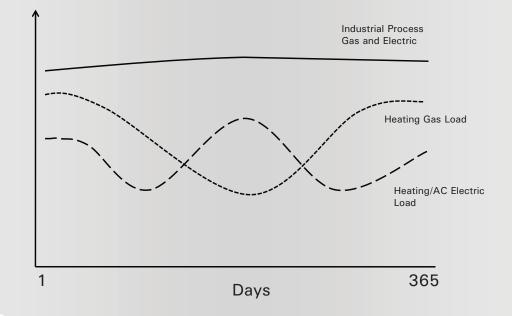
Load Shape is consumption over time

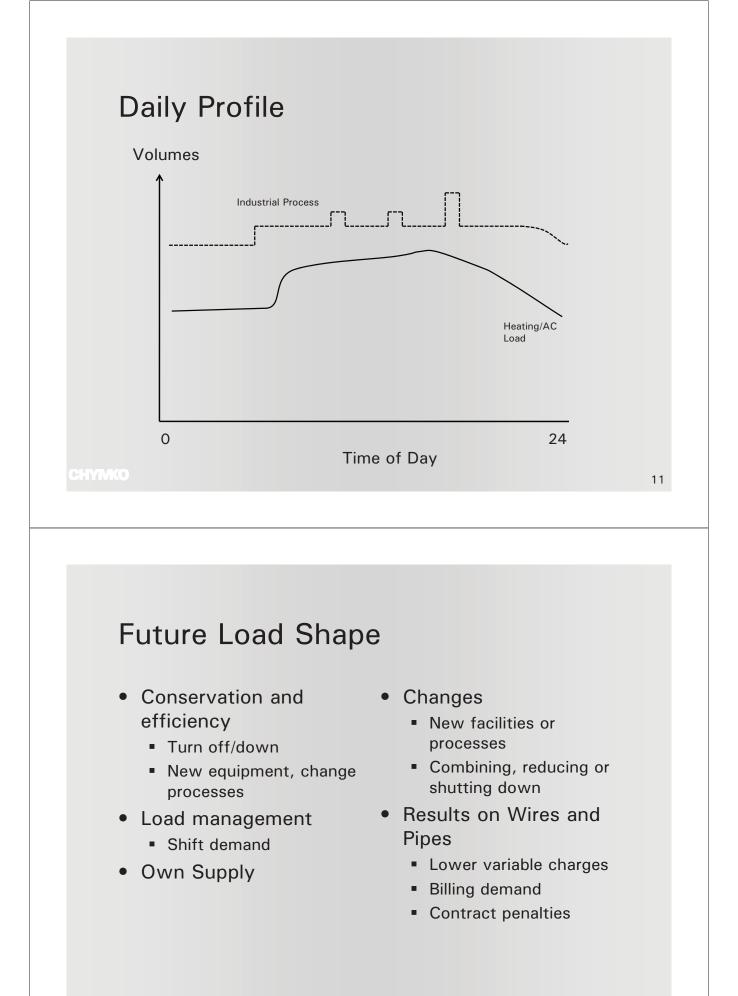
- Yearly
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- Hourly
- 15 minutes



Yearly Profile







### Alberta Energy Markets

#### Electricity

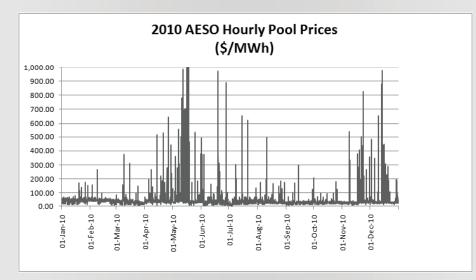
- Power Pool of Alberta
- Hourly Market and Price
- Hourly prices volatile
- Less liquid market
- Forward prices  $\leq$  5 years

#### **Natural Gas**

- Intra-AB
- Daily Market and Price
- Daily prices less volatile
- Liquid market
- Forward prices ≥ 5 years

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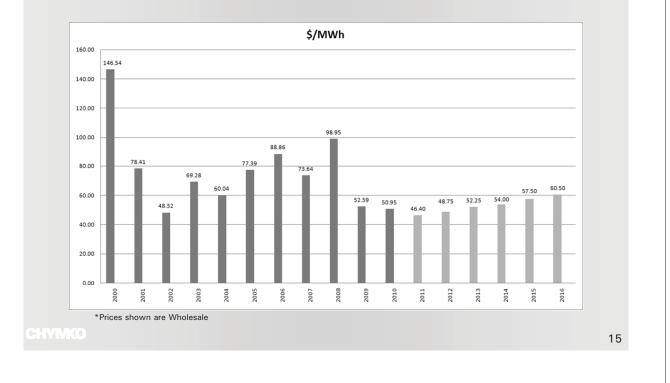
# Hourly Electricity Prices



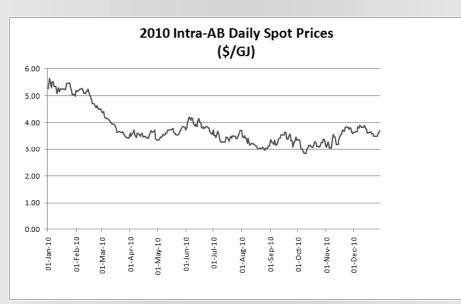
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# Annual Average and Forward Electric Prices

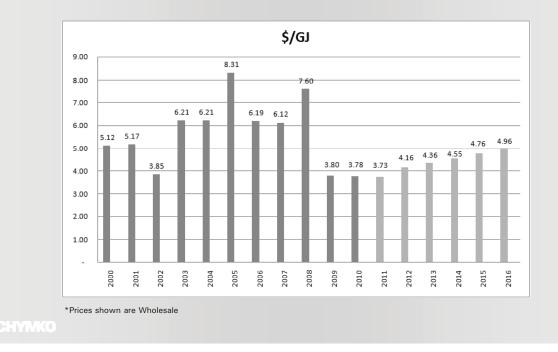


# **Daily Natural Gas Prices**



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# Annual Average And Forward Natural Gas Prices



# **Corporate Needs**

- Aggregation
  - Sites
  - Load
  - Company specific or a group of companies
  - Electricity and/or natural gas
- Budget stability and risk tolerance
- Term of Service
- One or two retailers
- Change in operations
  - Add/delete sites
  - Volume changes

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# **Corporate Needs**

- Invoices and data requirements
  - Aggregated total only, total and each site
  - Data formatted for upload into financial/energy management systems
  - Access data online

#### Credit Requirements

- Rating/strength
- Letter of credit
- Deposit
- Prepayment
- Prudentials

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**Corporate Needs** 

- Product
  - Physical Commodity e.g. Full load following requirements
  - Financial Commodity e.g. Derivative, settlement
  - Seasonality
  - Exposure to spot markets
  - Renewable energy
- Pricing
  - Term average
  - Annual
  - Seasonal
  - Site specific

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### Summary

- Align
  - Corporate needs
  - Contract requirements
- Level of service
  - Basic
  - Customized

- Pricing
  - Company specific
  - Supplier blended price
- Aggregation
  - Sites
  - Load
  - Invoice
  - Commodities

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### Actions

Taking Regulated Default Supply is a choice, and it might be the correct choice but...

- Doing nothing without understanding your options is ill-advised
- Likely a buyer's market
- Procurement processes take time
  - Start early
  - Do not wait until your current contract nears expiration
  - If you don't have a contract, now may be an opportune time

