## COMPETITION IN THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY?

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#### **New Sources of Power**

(1) Build a Generating Plant

(2) Contract for Power (PPA)

(a) With a Merchant Generator

(b) With Another Utility

(3) Buy an Existing Plant

## What's the Status of Energy Policy?

**Generation Overbuilt** 

**Inadequate Transmission** 

Natural Gas in Short Supply at High Prices

# What's the Status of Energy Policy? (2)

**More Regulatory Scrutiny** 

**Mandatory Reliability Standards Possible** 

**Mandatory Renewable Portfolio Standards** 

Increase in Environmental Protection Standards

### Some States Restructured to Enable Competition

- (a) Reliability
- (b) Native Load Priority
- (c) Resource Planning and Adequacy
- (d) Pricing Transmission Expansion
- (e) Cost Allocation for Existing Transmission
- (f) Rate Determination for Bundled Retail
  Transactions

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Binding Determination of Ratemaking Principle Before Investment

**Utility Proposes / Commission Disposes** 

**Utility Accepts or Rejects Commission Decision** 

**Accept and Go or Reject and Drop Project** 

**Accepted Principles Binding on Future Regulators** 

#### Outlook for North American Power Industry \* 5 Critical Issues for Next 5 Years

- (1) Regulatory Uncertainty
- (2) System Reliability
- (3) Aging Physical Infrastructure
- (4) Transmission Siting
- (5) Financial Performance

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#### Is Regulation a Substitute for Competition?

Can We Reduce Regulation as We Increase Competition?

**Update and Renew the Regulatory Compact**