



# Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Alaska Energy Authority

## *HB 74 AIDEA Development Project Financing for a Liquefied Natural Gas Production and Distribution System*

**AIDEA/AEA Policy Presentation on HB 74  
House Labor and Commerce Committee**

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# Interior Energy Plan

- Opportunity to provide Alaskans with low-cost North Slope natural gas and propane
- Governor's finance package acts as a catalyst, bringing together LNG and propane customers with the private entities that will construct and operate the system
- AIDEA is investigating project feasibility and will only utilize their authorized finance tools if the project makes economic sense
- AIDEA will take an equity stake in project but will not outright build or operate the LNG plant or distribution system
- Governor's finance package is targeted at funding the initial capacity with future expansion funded by private/community investment

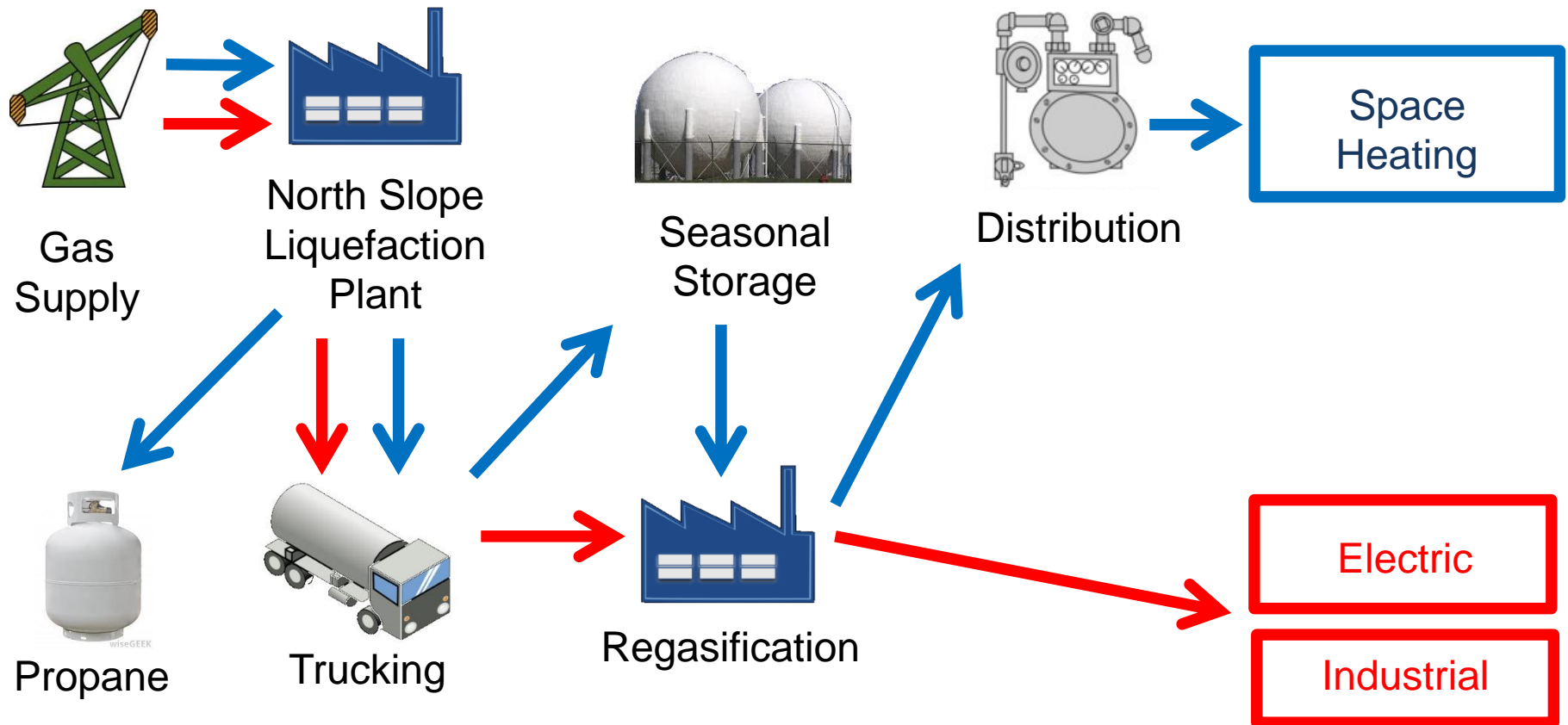
# Project Goals

- Provide lowest-cost energy to Interior Alaska consumers as soon as possible
- Get gas first to the Interior while assuring long-term access to gas and propane from liquefaction plant for all Alaskans
- Utilize private sector mechanisms as much as possible

# Project Description

- Natural gas will be liquefied on the North Slope and trucked to Interior Alaska
- Propane will be produced and delivered to Interior and Rural Alaskans
- Primary LNG demand anticipated to be Fairbanks and North Pole
- LNG will be temporarily stored and re-gasified in Interior Alaska
- Natural gas distribution system with storage to supply natural gas for heating

# LNG Trucking Value Chain



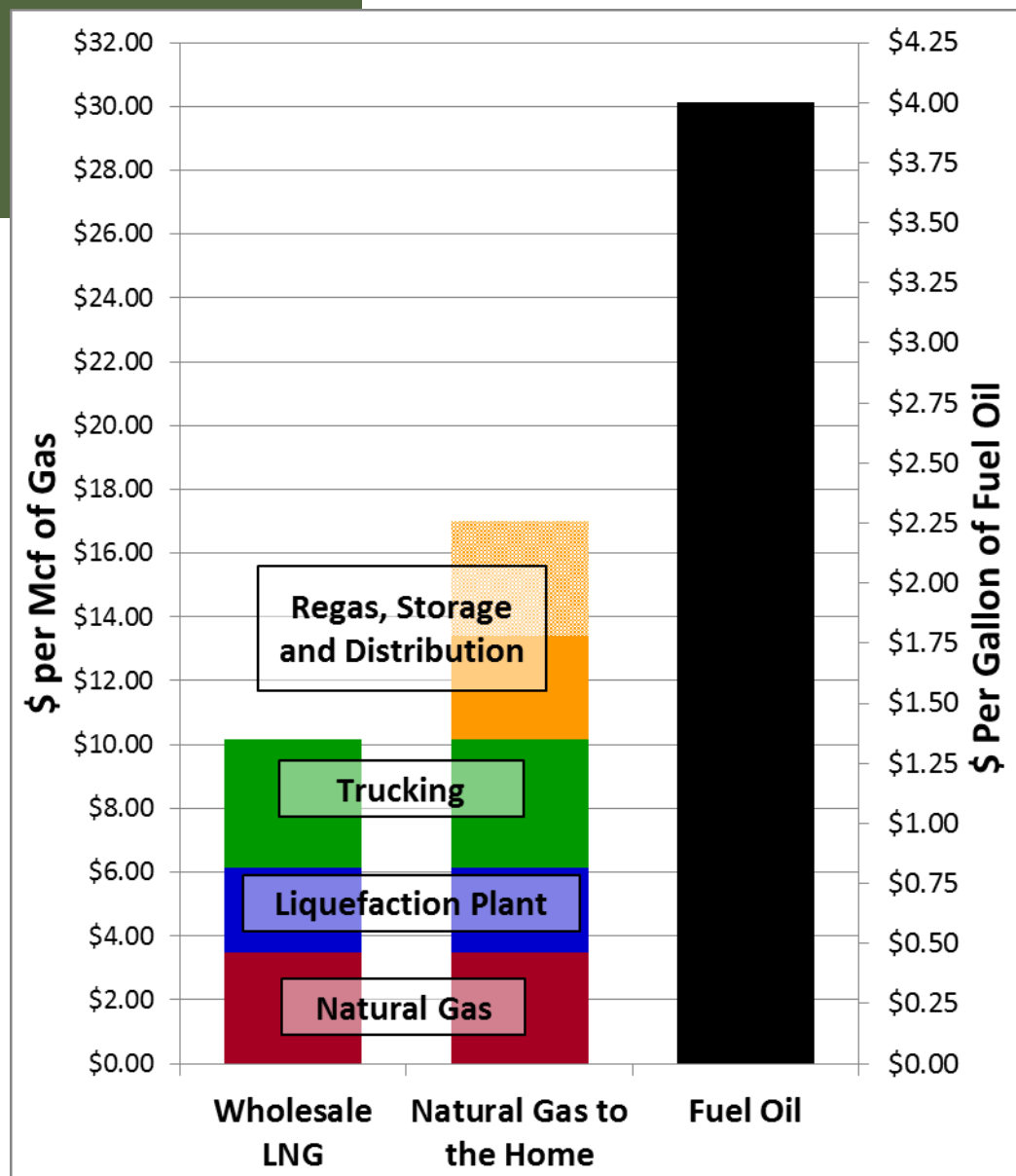
# LNG Lowers Energy Costs

## Expected Utility Price per Mcf

- Wholesale LNG: \$10.15
- Natural Gas to home: \$13.42-\$17.00 per Mcf
- Delivered price is equal to \$1.79 - \$2.27 per gallon of fuel oil

## Key Assumptions

- Initial costs associated with a 9 Bcf plant at start up
- Snapshot in time, costs change with expansion
- LNG plant bifurcated into two sections (industry and utility)
- \$50 million capital cost reduction applied to 6.5 Bcf utility section



# Heating Energy Supply Comparison

## Trucked LNG is the lowest-cost option for Interior Alaska heating

- Electricity would need to be \$0.04 - \$0.06 per kWh to compete with trucked LNG
- Electricity would need to be much cheaper to compete with fuel oil

			<b>Fairbanks Electricity</b> \$0.22 per kWh
\$65	\$0.22		
\$60	\$0.20	\$8.00	
\$55			
\$50	\$0.18	\$7.00	
\$45	\$0.16		
\$40	\$0.14	\$6.00	
			<b>Anchorage Electricity</b> \$0.13-\$0.14 per kWh
\$35	\$0.12	\$5.00	
\$30	\$0.10	\$4.00	<b>Fairbanks Fuel Oil</b> \$4.00 per Gallon
\$25	\$0.08		
\$20	\$0.06	\$3.00	
\$15	\$0.04	\$2.00	<b>Truck LNG to Interior</b> \$13.49-\$17.29 per MMBtu
\$10			
			<b>Cook Inlet Natural Gas</b> \$9.45 per MMBtu
\$5	\$0.02	\$1.00	
\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>\$ per MMBtu</b>	<b>\$ per kWh</b>	<b>\$ per Gallon Fuel Oil</b>	

# Plant Use and Expansion

## Plant Expansion

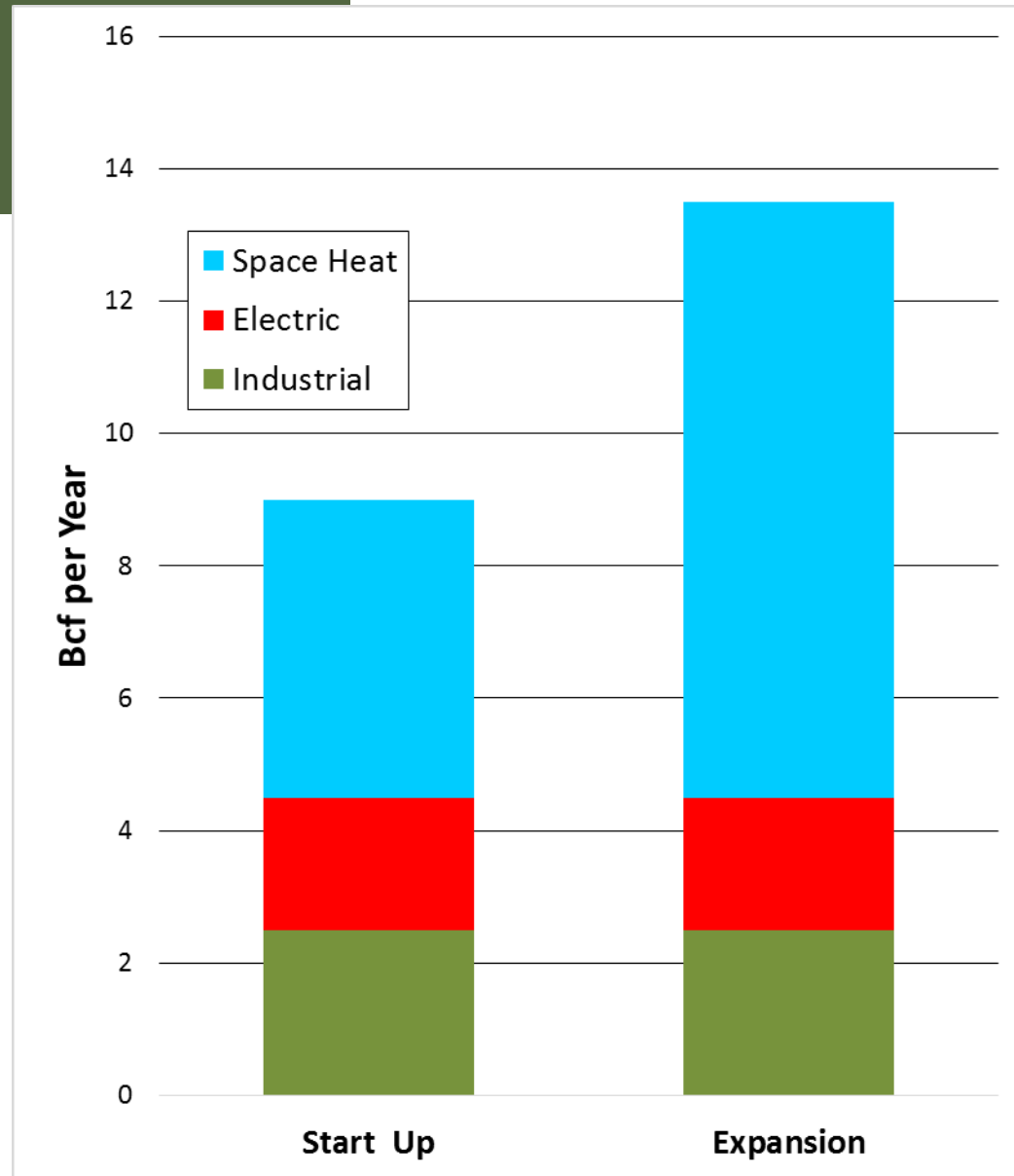
- LNG plant will expand as the demand for natural gas increases
- Size or timing of expansion is driven by demand
- Customer count includes residential and commercial users
- Second expansion is possible based on pipeline timing

### Capacity (Bcf per year)

	Start Up	Expansion
Space Heat	4.5	9.0
Electric	2.0	2.0
Industrial	2.5	2.5
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>13.5</b>

### Estimated Customers

LNG	7,800	15,900
Propane	1,800	2,700





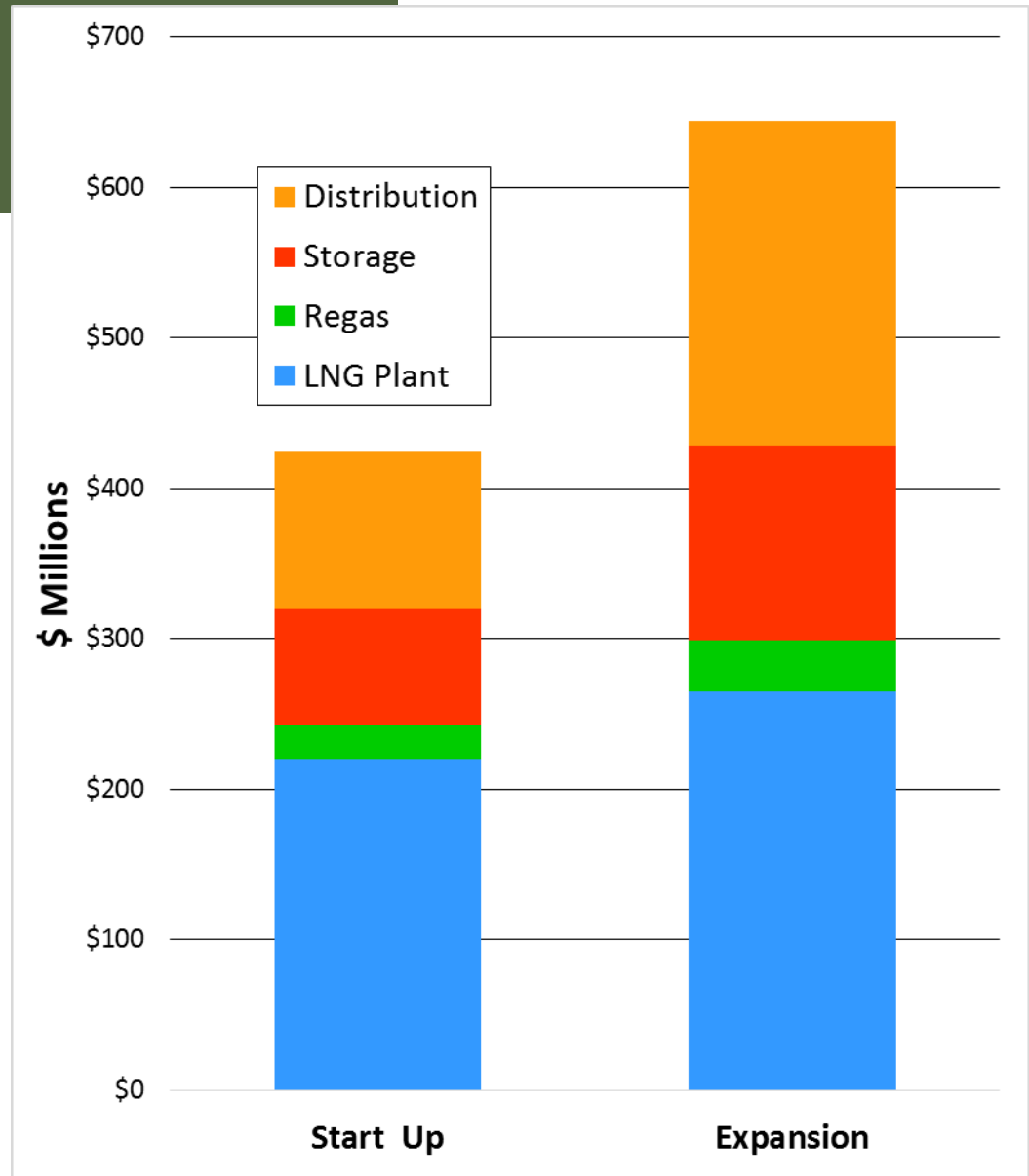
# Capital Cost Breakdown

## Capital Costs

- Based on “Mid Cost” scenario
- Economies of scale achieved in LNG plant as additional 4.5 Bcf trains are added
- Costs for expansions are cumulative
- Does not include trucking capital

Capital Costs (\$millions)

	Start Up	Expansion
LNG Plant	\$220	\$265
Regas	\$23	\$34
Storage	\$77	\$130
Distribution	\$105	\$216
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$425</b>	<b>\$644</b>
<i>Low Cost</i>	<i>\$368</i>	<i>\$522</i>
<i>High Cost</i>	<i>\$481</i>	<i>\$767</i>



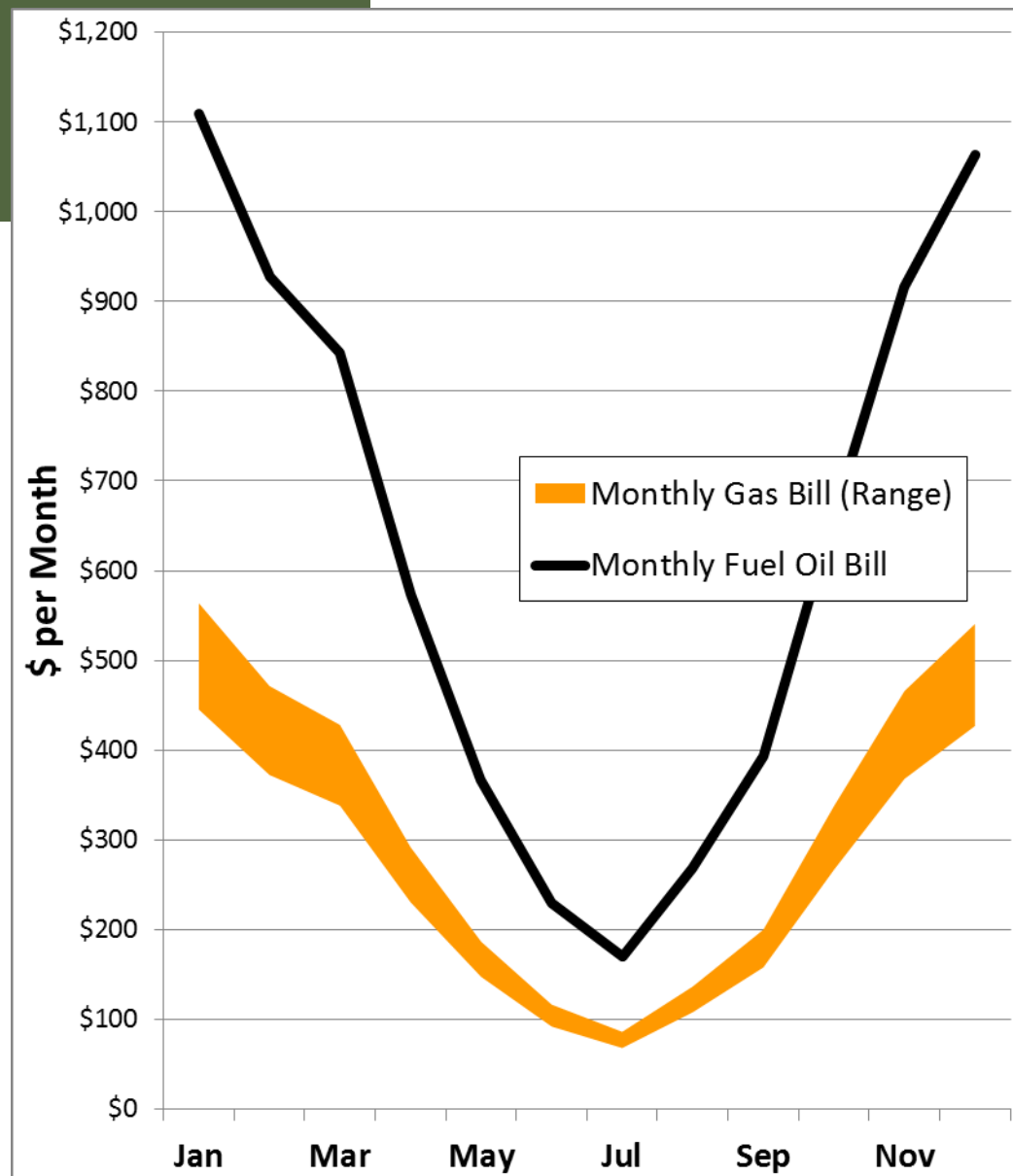
# Household Heating Savings

## Typical Home Heating Savings

- \$2,900 - \$3,750 annually
- 43% - 55% reduction in cost

## Key Assumptions

- Typical Interior Alaska household will use 225 Mcf of gas per year (equivalent to 1,700 gallons of fuel oil)
- Does not account for expected improvement in heating efficiency with natural gas



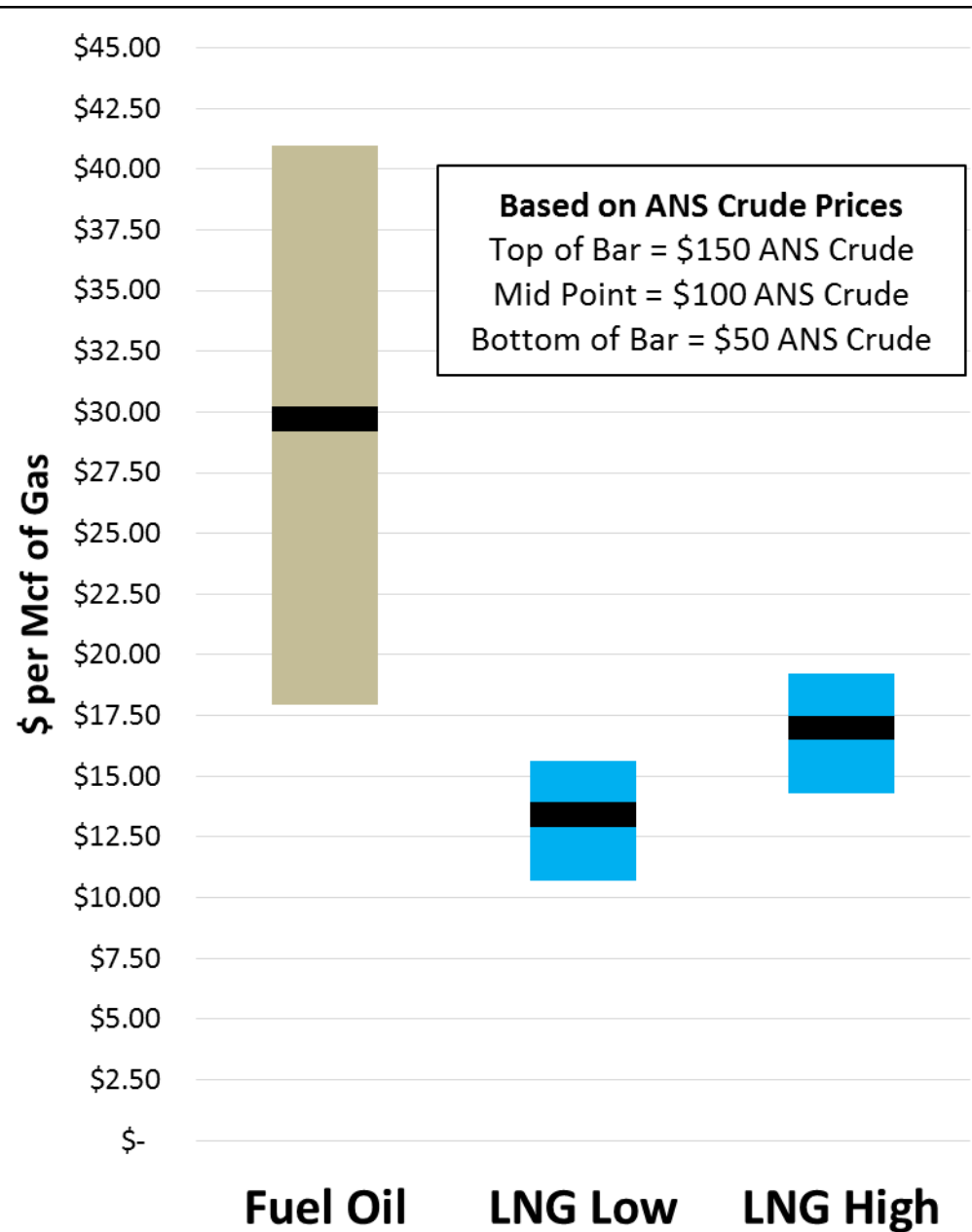
# Reduce Fuel Price Uncertainty

## Reduced price variability

- Small portion of delivered LNG price is natural gas cost
- Fuel oil prices are much more volatile than trucked LNG
- Trucked LNG is cheaper even when oil prices drop

## Key Assumptions

- Fairbanks fuel oil price is based on linear regression analysis
- Natural gas price uses publicly available information on LNG supply contracts



# Air Quality

## Conversion to natural gas should reduce air pollutant emissions in Fairbanks and North Pole

- Will reduce overall emissions of PM 2.5
- Fairbanks is presently a non-attainment area for PM 2.5
- Potential public health benefits of natural gas is substantial

## Impact on Federal funding and economic development

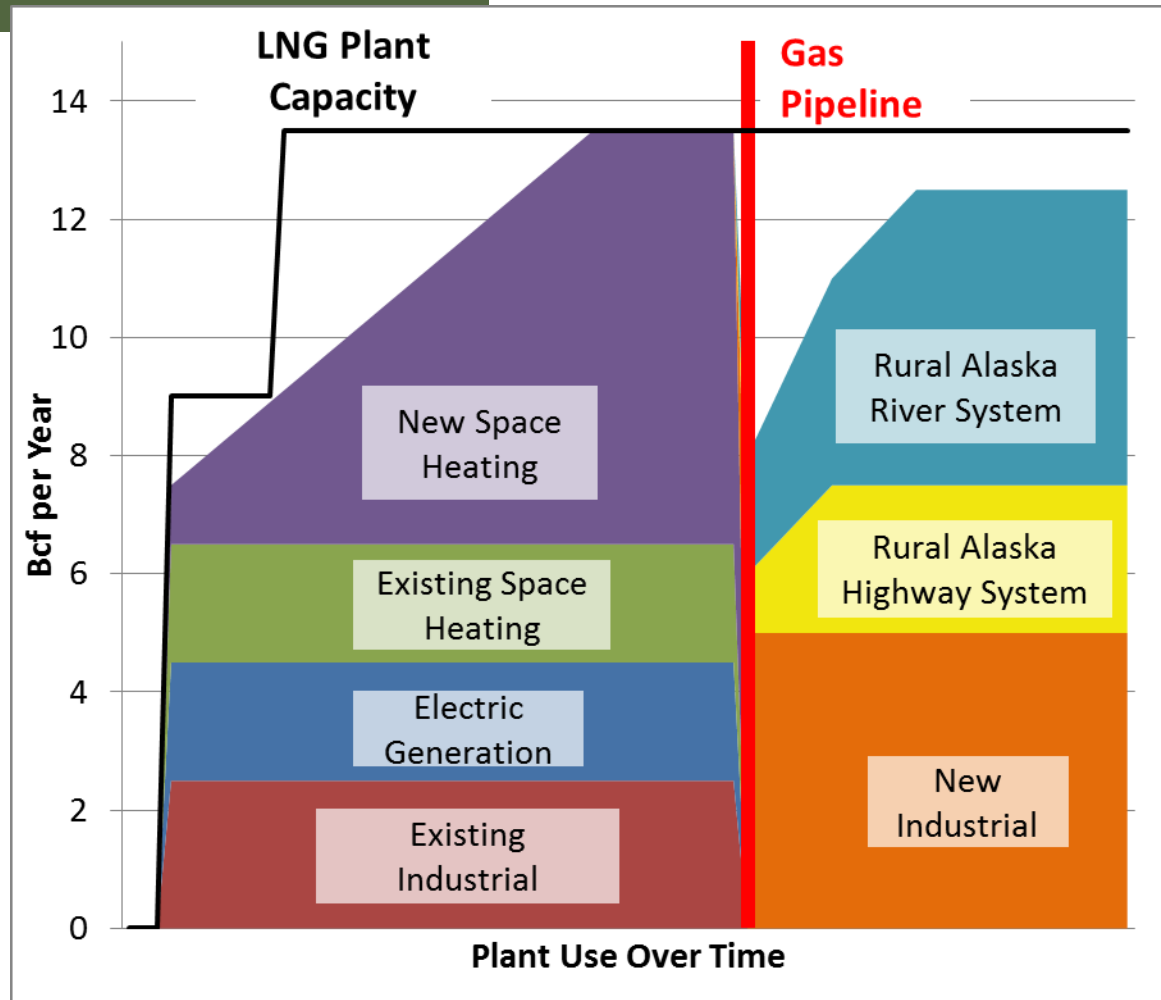
- Alaska risks losing Department of Transportation and Public Facilities funding if State fails to submit an attainment plan to EPA
- Federal projects in the area face funding hurdles while area is non-attainment
- Cleaner, healthier air in Fairbanks will promote economic development



# Long Term Use of LNG Plant

## LNG Plant will be used after gas pipeline

- Plant can serve Rural Alaska before gas pipeline is constructed
- Expect opportunity to sell LNG to new industrial users both before and after pipeline
- Information in chart is for demonstration only



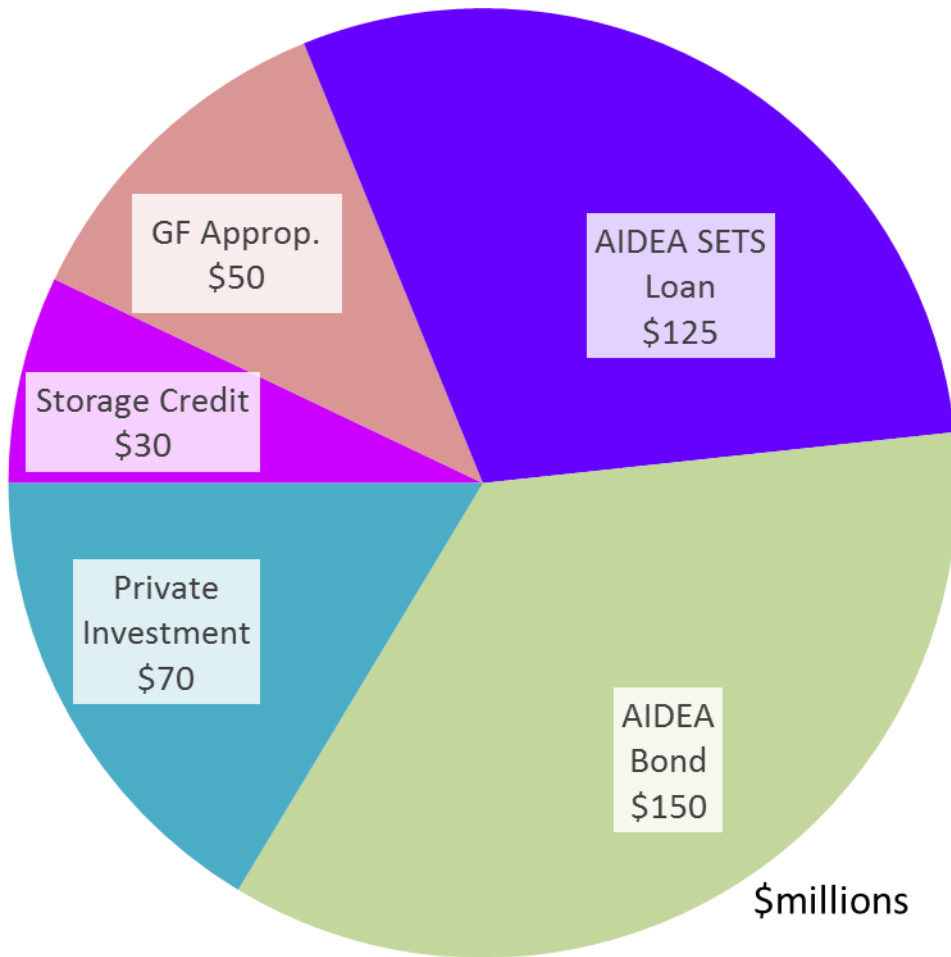
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- \$50 million General Fund appropriation
  - Directly reduces the cost of LNG
- \$150 million AIDEA bonds
  - 3% to 4.5% interest rate (depending on tax-exempt status of component financed and market rates)
  - \$125 million SETS capitalization
  - 3% interest rate (set by SB23/HB74)
  - Flexibility to provide optimal commercial structure
- **\$325 million total 2013 package**
- \$30 million natural gas storage credit
  - \$15 million tax credit per qualifying storage tank
  - Created through previous legislative action
- **\$355 million total Governor's package**

# Potential Finance Options for Initial Buildout



- The initial buildout will be funded from multiple sources, the example used here is just one possibility
- Projected 30 years payback period
- Private/community investment will fund future expansion
- Authorization to use State funds will not be used if AIDEA determines the project is not feasible

	LNG Plant	Regas, Storage & Distribution	Total
State Storage Credit	\$15	\$15	\$30
General Fund Approp.	\$50	\$0	\$50
AIDEA SETS Loan	\$125	\$0	\$125
AIDEA Bond	\$0	\$150	\$150
Private Investment	\$30	\$40	\$70
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$205</b>	<b>\$425</b>

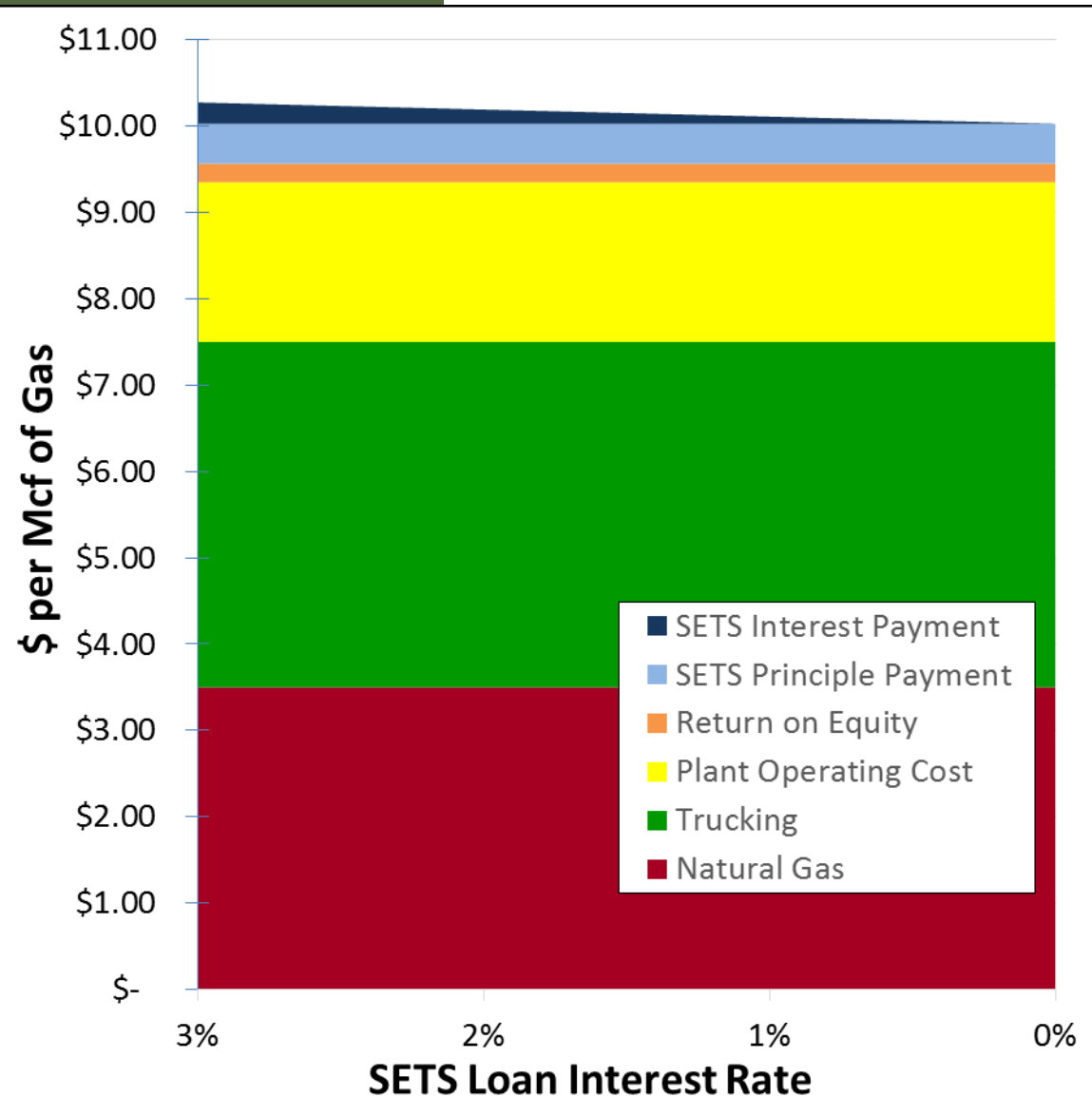


# SETS Loan Interest Rate

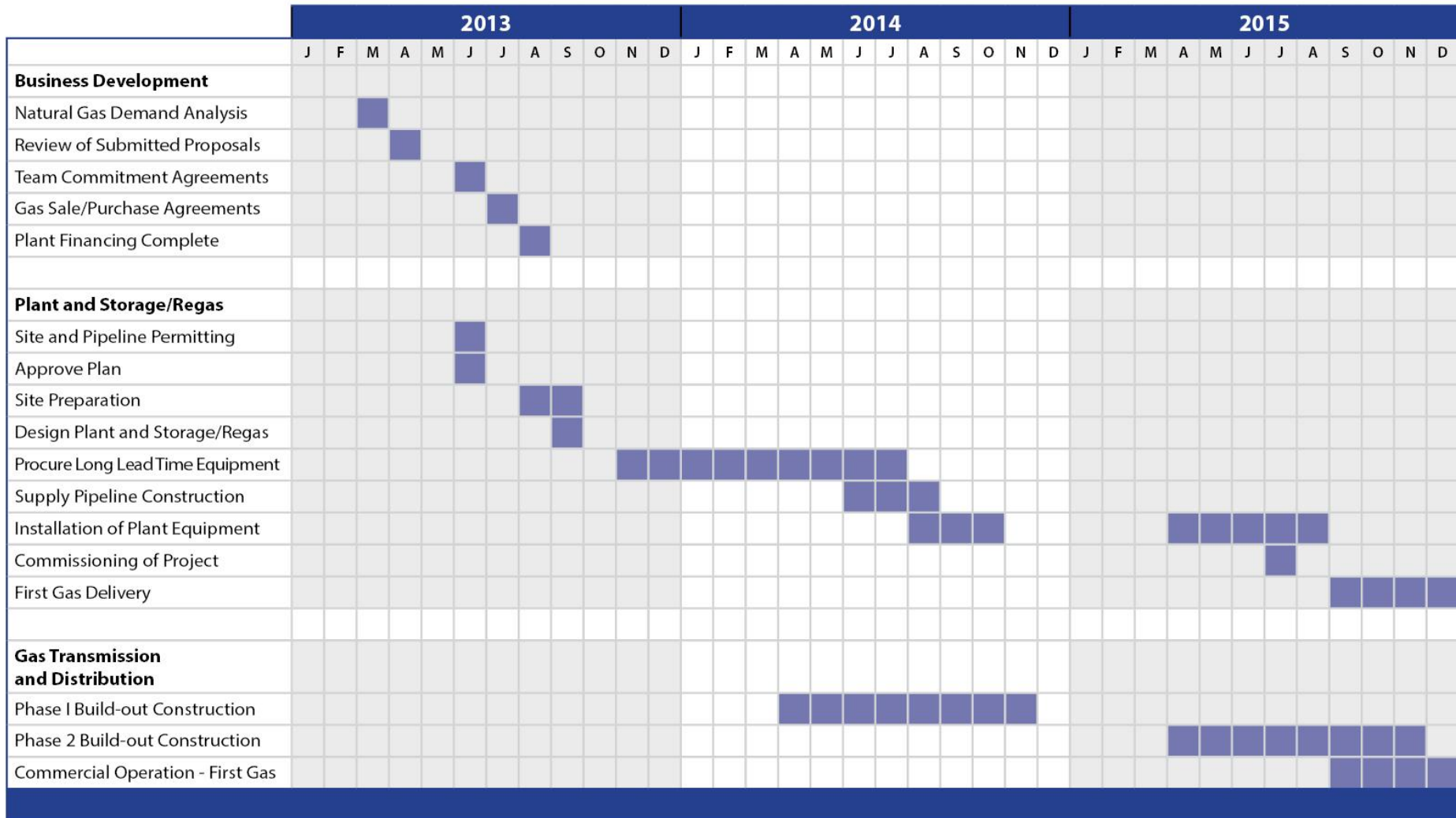
## SETS Loan interest rate has minimal impact on LNG Price

- Assumes 30-year loan term
- Reduces natural gas price by \$0.25 per Mcf

	3.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%
SETS Interest Payment	\$0.25	\$0.16	\$0.08	\$0.00
SETS Principle Payment	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46
Return on Equity	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.21
Plant Operating Costs	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$1.85
Trucking	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Natural Gas	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10.28</b>	<b>\$10.19</b>	<b>\$10.11</b>	<b>\$10.03</b>



# Project Timeline and Milestones



# AIDEA and AEA

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