State Level Energy Data: Ohio's Experience

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Background

- 2003, most recent PUCO energy forecast released
- October 2005, last report on energy usage (10 pages)
- Mid-January 2008, Energy Strategy Session for State Agencies
 - SWOT analysis (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)
 - Energy-related budget review
- Ohio Energy Office saw need and was asked to update/expand earlier report
 - Mid-March 2008, first draft of Ohio Situation Analysis shared
 - May 2008, Limited-release Ohio Situation Analysis distributed
- May 1st, 2008 Governor Strickland signs electricity regulation and energy efficiency/advanced energy portfolio standard bill

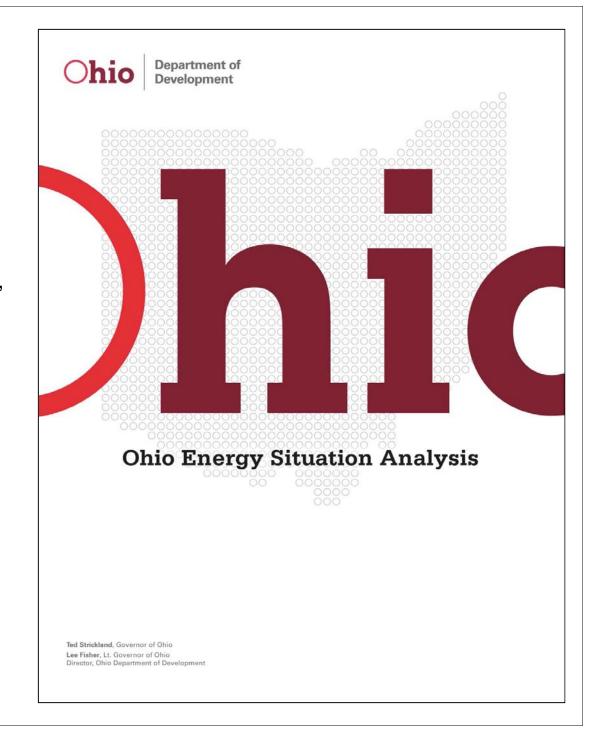
Ohio Energy Situation Analysis

Lay of the land of Ohio's:

- Energy sources & usage trends & forecasts
- Current & proposed policies,
- Long & short-term implications

~50 sources, and 60+ figures & tables

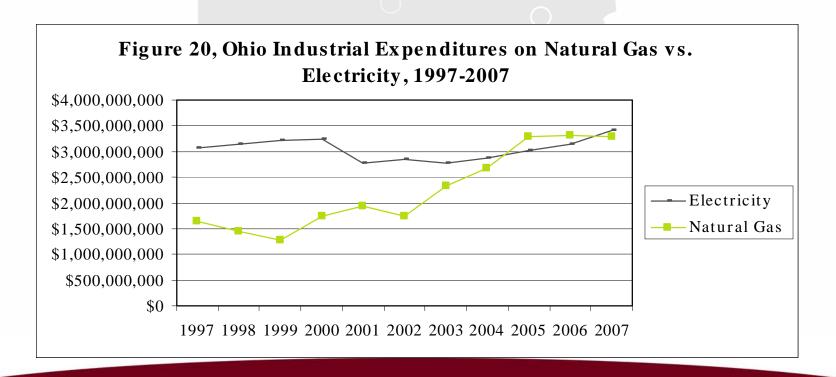
- Relied heavily on existing data sources; EIA, Ohio PUC, EPA, DNR, NREL
- Included local sources & examples to translate national data
- Show where Ohio stands in comparison to the rest of the nation



Example

Energy Sources:

- Price, consumption, imports, and production historic and future estimates:
 - Petroleum, natural gas, coal, uranium, solar, wind, bio, hydro



Other Topics

- Energy usage costs and consumption
 - Electric generation, space heating/industrial processes, transportation, transmission and distribution
- Emissions
 - Non-attainment status, existing and proposed regulations
- Renewable energy resources and costs
 - Biofuel, biomass, wind, solar,
- Energy efficiency
- Material and construction costs
- Workforce, supply chain
- Legislation and Policy
 - Market policies, Ohio Law and building codes, regional and federal policies

Next steps

Development of program/policy recommendations

- June 2008, Energy Strategy Session with business, industry, and governmental leaders planned
- Broader public distribution and input

Data Needs, Lessons Learned

- There is a lot of existing information
 - Navigation of EIA and EPA sites is intuitive, but presentation and distillation to the state level will always be needed
- Inclusion of the local impacts and human factor
- The past will inform, but not necessarily predict the future
- There are a number of large uncertainties and rapidly evolving factors, how do you account for these?
 - World oil prices, carbon regulations, alternative energy technology development
- Policy decisions for energy effect every citizen and business that requires multiple perspectives
- Forecasts at the state level need to continue and be updated regularly
 - Not just consumption, but also price, fuel & technology availability

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