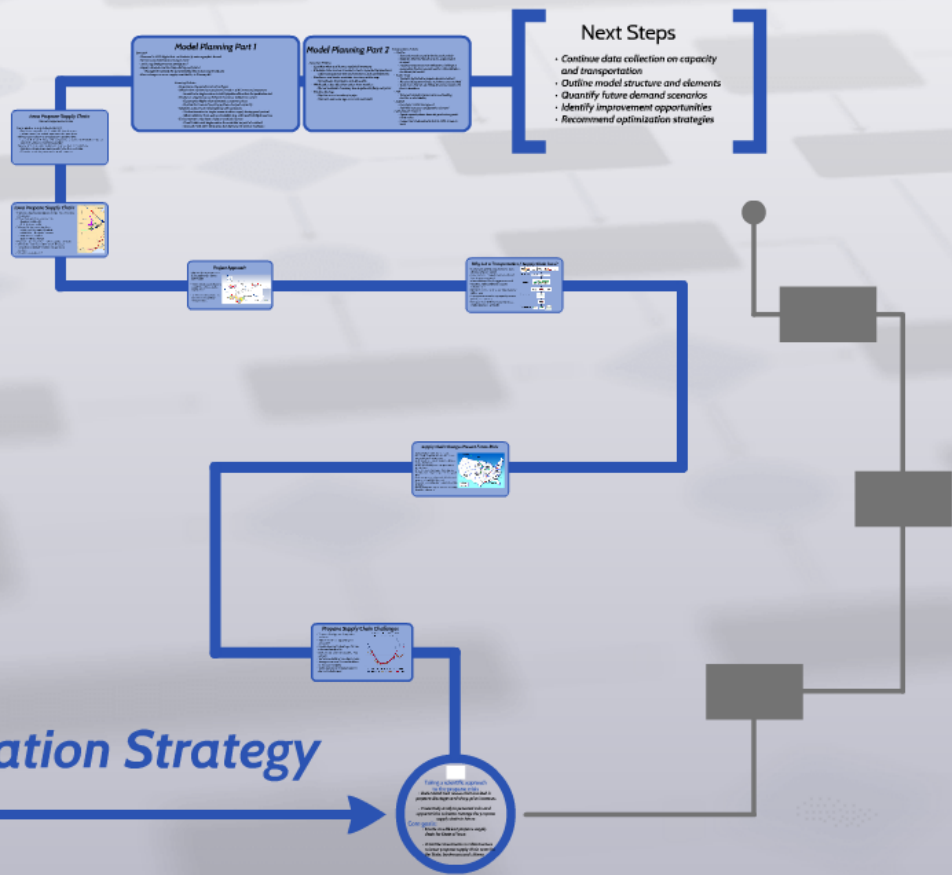




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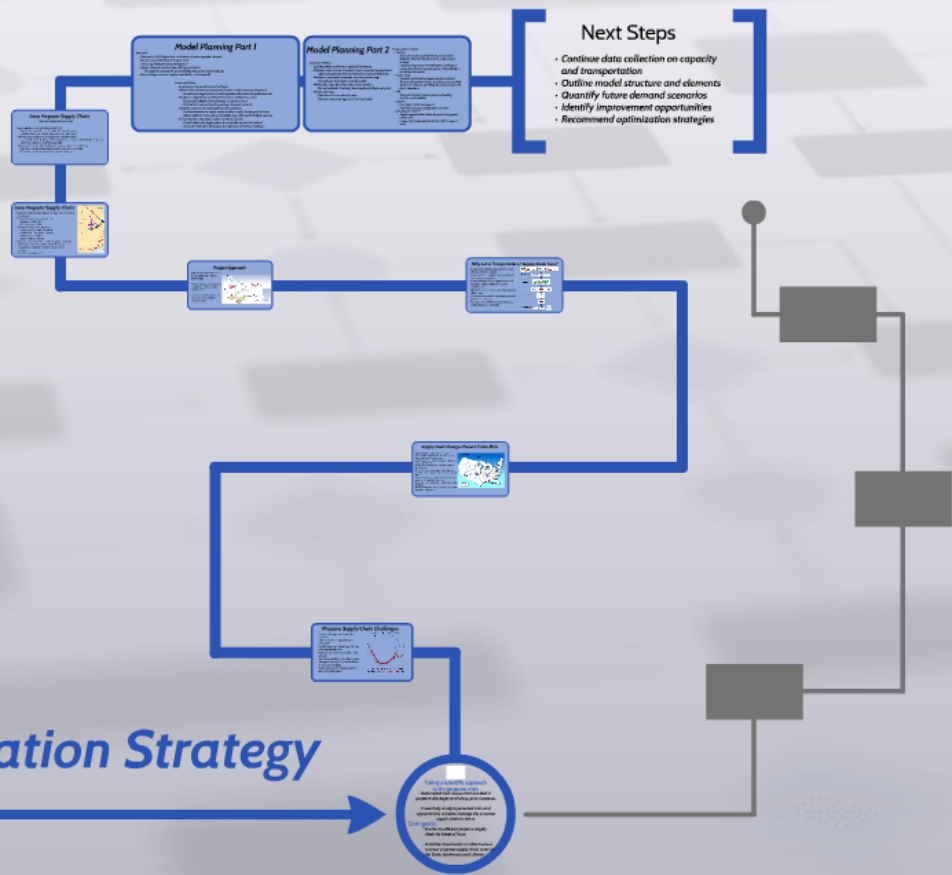




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Taking a scientific approach to the propane crisis

- *Understand root causes that resulted in propane shortages and sharp price increases*
- *Proactively analyze potential risks and opportunities to better manage the propane supply chain in future*

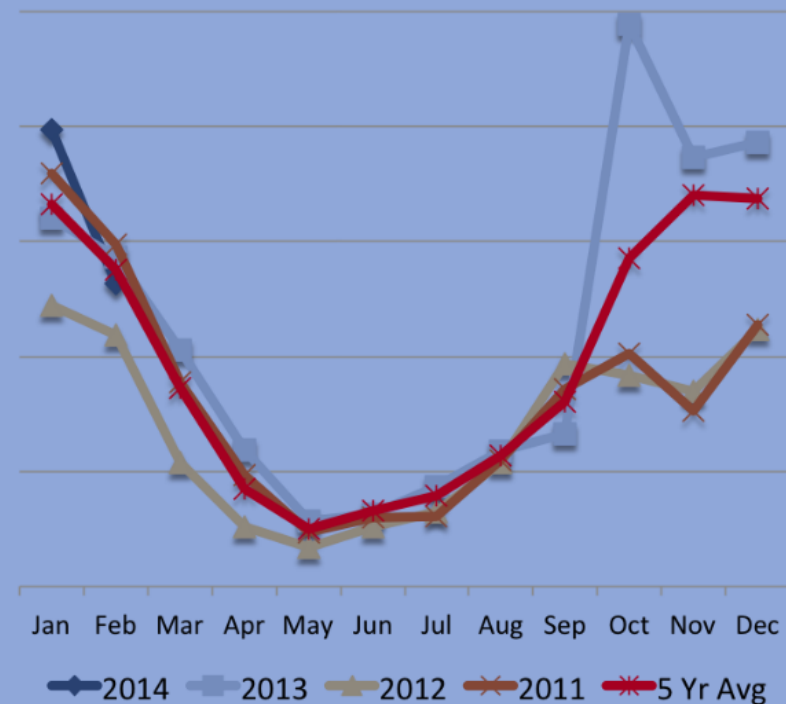
Core goals:

- *Create an efficient propane supply chain for State of Iowa*
- *Prioritize investments in infrastructure to lower propane supply chain costs for the State, businesses and citizens*

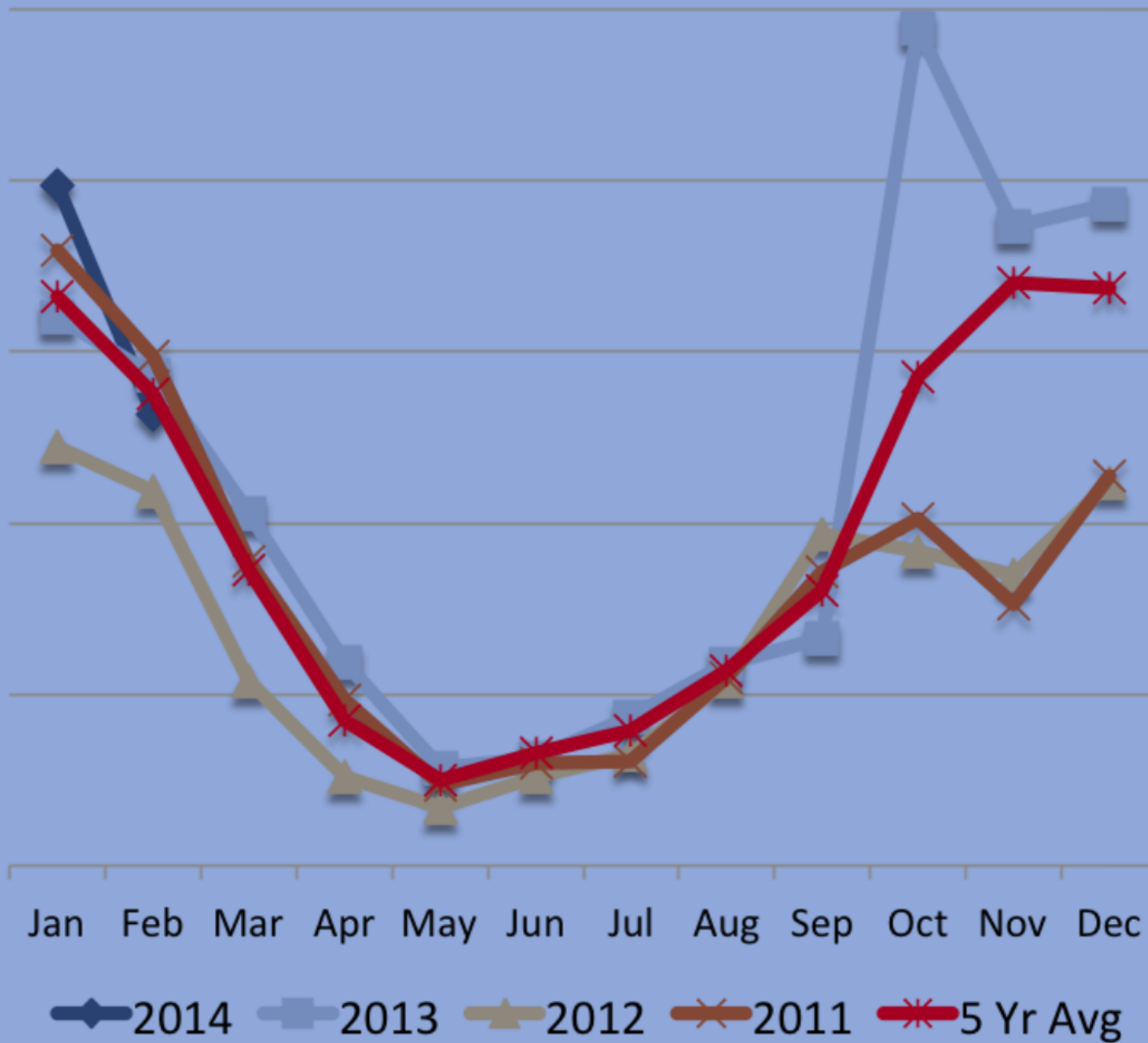
Propane Supply Chain Challenges

- Propane shortage and sharp price increases
- High demand for crop drying not anticipated
- Supply depleted; In shortage situation when cold weather hit
- 2011 and 2012 demand below 5-year average
- No focus on building inventory in Iowa
- No regular Conway summer build due to increase in exports
- Rail disruptions & temporary Cochin closure limited supply

Iowa Propane All Sales/Deliveries by Prime Supplier (Thousand Gallons per Day)



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Supply Chain Changes Present Future Risks

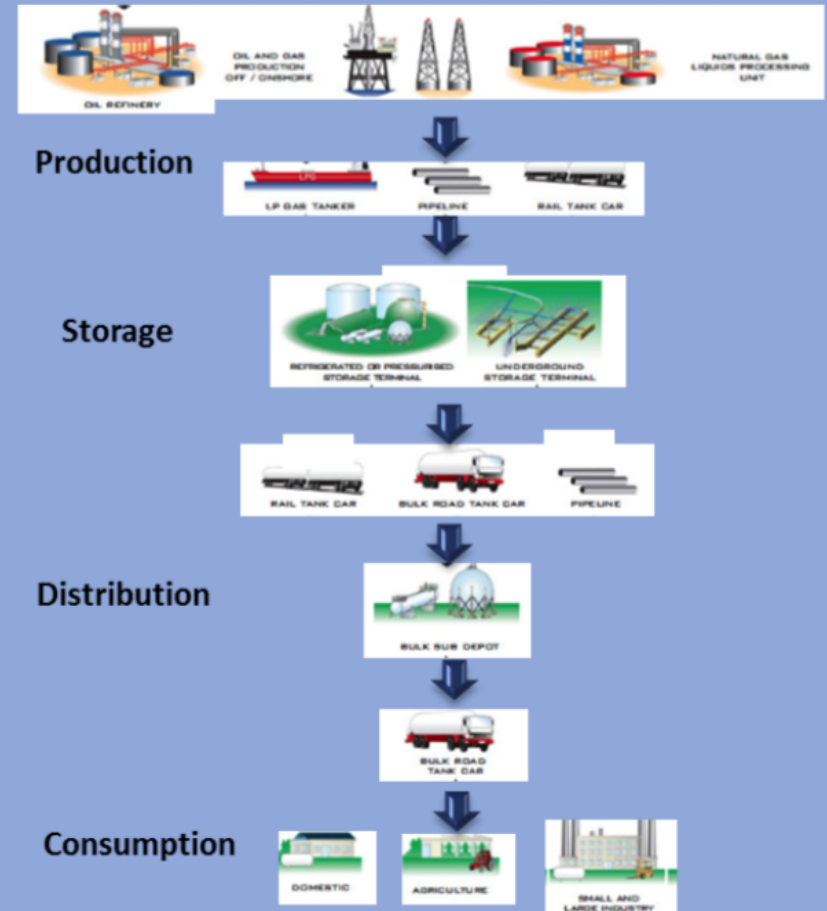
- Demand higher in 2013, but not historic
- Main supply via pipeline from Conway; Runs at maximum capacity during peaks
- Cochin pipeline reversal eliminates flexibility to manage fluctuations
- Adding rail terminals; does not replace all lost pipeline flows
- Other states obtaining supply at Iowa pipeline terminals consuming capacity and increasing wait times
- Shale development and growth in oil and natural gas production globalizing market
- New terminals growing export capacity faster than production
- Supply at Conway not guaranteed with competing demand at higher price





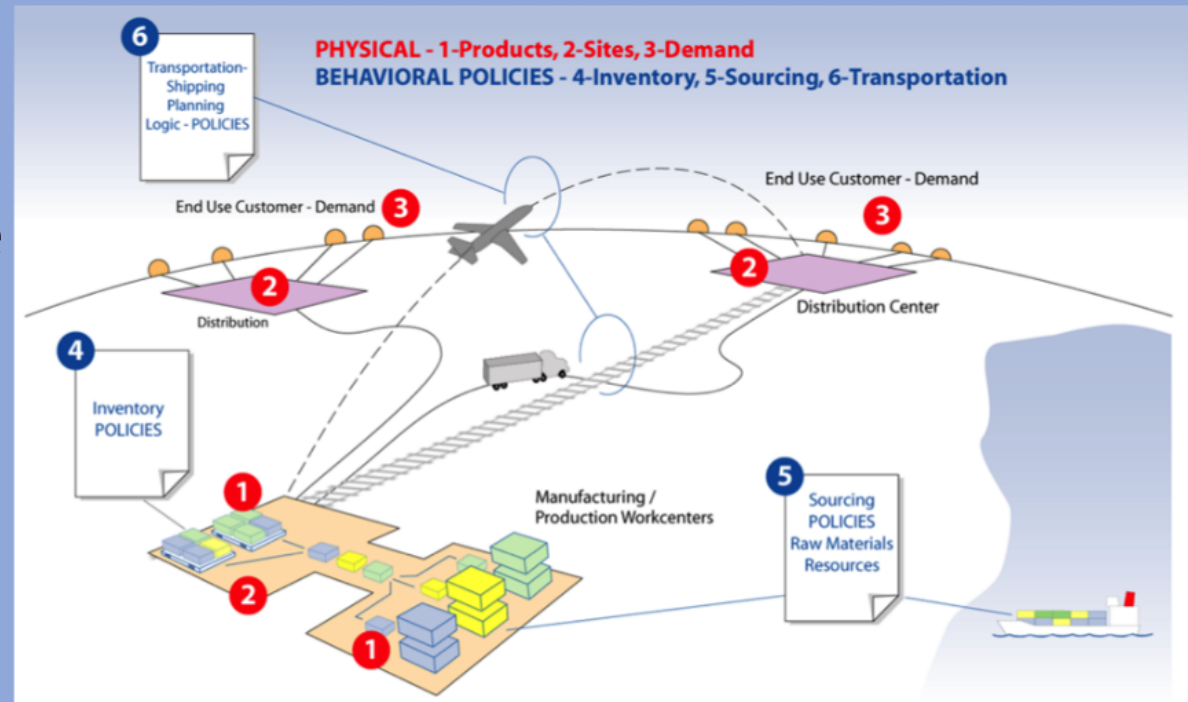
Why is it a Transportation / Supply Chain Issue?

- Challenge is getting propane to end users where and when needed
- Constraints in transportation network and inventory management
- Causes bottlenecks during peak demand
- Requires understanding of propane infrastructure
- Demand and fluctuations by region/county within Iowa
- Storage requirements (e.g. capacity, reorder points, safety stock)
- Transportation fulfillment capacity across modes (pipeline, rail, truck)



Project Approach

- Objectively analyze problem using supply chain network optimization
- Proven private sector discipline to optimize complex global supply chains
- Determines optimal location, size of facilities and flow through network

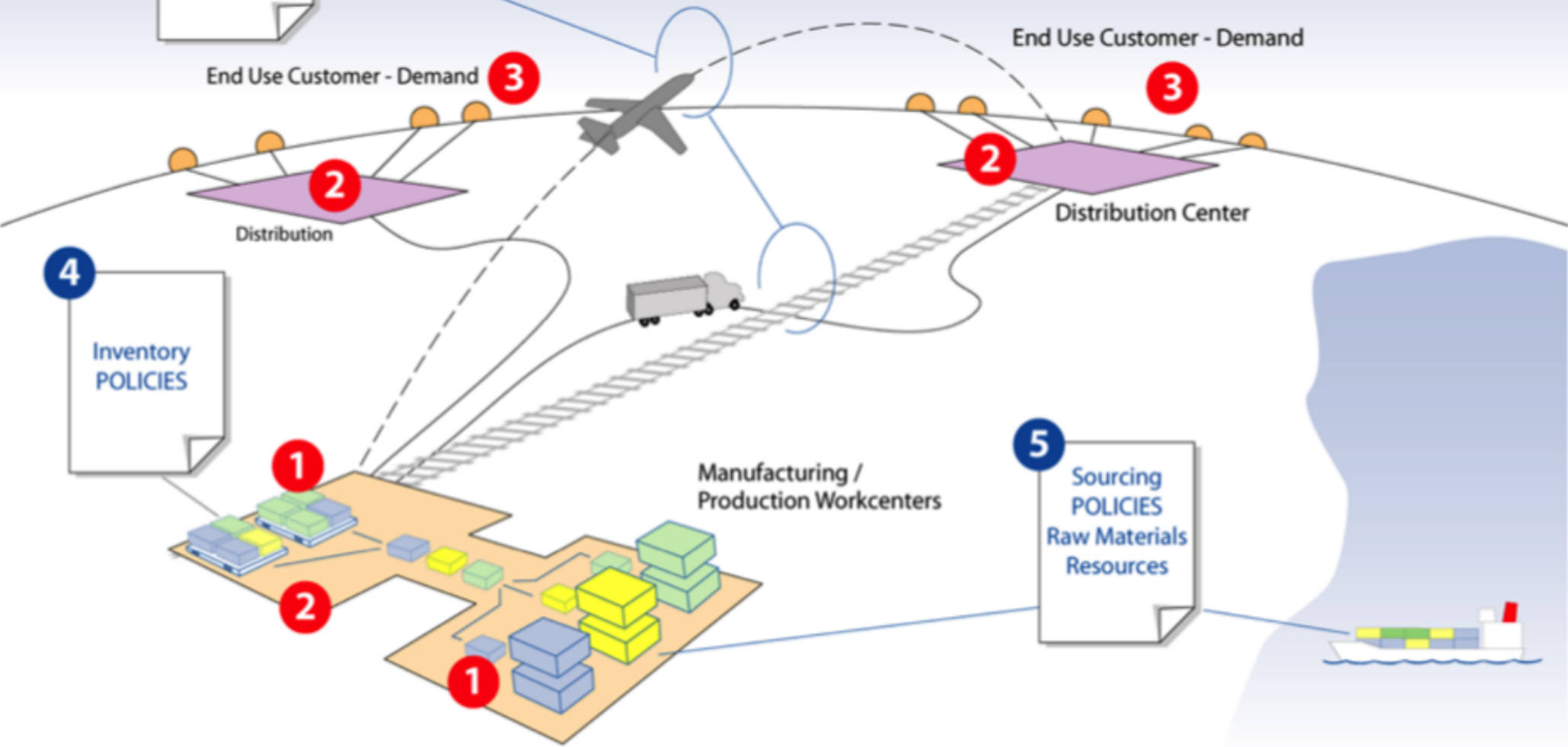


PHYSICAL - 1-Products, 2-Sites, 3-Demand
BEHAVIORAL POLICIES - 4-Inventory, 5-Sourcing, 6-Transportation

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Transportation-
Shipping
Planning
Logic - POLICIES

4
Inventory
POLICIES

5
Sourcing
POLICIES
Raw Materials
Resources



Iowa Propane Supply Chain

- Producers ship and store propane at major market centers underground
- Wholesalers servicing IA source from
 - Conway/Bushton KS
 - Ft. Saskatchewan AB
- Delivered via 4 propane pipelines
 - MAPL East - Enterprise Products
 - MAPL West - Enterprise Products
 - ONEOK North System
 - Cochin - Kinder Morgan
- Propane loaded into tanker trucks at pipeline terminals
- Delivered to retailers/marketers for bulk storage
- Transported via bobtail from bulk storage to end customers
- Orders based on demand



Iowa Propane Supply Chain

Planned changes to current state

Cochin pipeline reversal starting in July 2014

- Propane no longer flow to Iowa from Ft. Saskatchewan
- 18 month transition period; Iowa terminal is now closed

Adding propane rail service to replace some pipeline flows

- e.g. Iowa Northern Railway (INR) adding transload facilities in Manly IA and Butler County IA with Union Pacific Railroad (UP)

Impact of shale development domestic increases in oil and natural gas

- New terminals growing export capacity faster than production
- Other states obtaining supply at Iowa rail terminals

Model Planning Part 1

Demand

- *Demand in 2013 higher but not historic (previous graphic shown)*
- *No focus on building inventory in Iowa*
- *2013 crop drying was not anticipated*
- *Supply deleted and shortage during cold winter*
 - *No regular Conway KS summer build due to increase in exports*
- *Can no longer assume supply availability in Conway KS*

Sourcing Policies

- *Propane is a by-product of oil and gas*
- *Wholesalers source from producers/traders with inventory in Conway*
 - *Incentive to single source to build pipeline allocation for peak demand*
- *Producers shipping some Midwest inventory to Gulf for export*
 - *Export price higher than domestic consumer prices*
 - *Contractual commitment to portion of export capacity*
- *Retailers source from wholesaler(s) with contracts*
 - *Similar incentive to single source to drive supply during peak periods*
 - *Where delivery from source unreliable (e.g. rail) need multiple sources*
- *End customers may have single or multiple sources*
 - *If rent tank, must single source from retailer as part of contract*
 - *Some do "will call"; Shop price but delivery risk during shortages*

Model Planning Part 2

Inventory Policies

- Specifies when and how to replenish inventory
- EIA data state level on inventory stocks; reported by producers
 - Little transparency into true inventory and commitments
- Producers and trader maintain inventory at Conway
 - Not exclusive to propane; not all usable
- Wholesalers buy based on orders from retailers
 - Do not maintain inventory due to price risk (buy-sell price)
- Pipeline Storage
 - Pipeline owns inventory in pipe
 - Maintain some storage at certain terminals

Transportation Policies

- Pipeline
 - Demand exceeds capacity during peak periods
 - Capacity allocated based on prior usage at each terminal
 - Pipelines target maximum utilization; challenge is seasonality (Cochin reversal results in 365 utilization for diluent (oil sands))
- Tanker Truck
 - Typically dedicated to propane (contamination)
 - No scheduling at terminals; wait times consume HOS
 - Trucks from MN, WI, etc. filling at Iowa terminals with Cochin shutdown
- Rail
 - Transport via rail in tanker cars; need loading facilities and reliability
- Bobtail
 - Constraint is HOS during peak
 - Half-fills increases transportation demand
- Ship/Export Terminal
 - Export capacity above domestic production growth for first time
 - 2 export terminals added in Gulf in 2013, 2 more in 2014

Next Steps

- *Continue data collection on capacity and transportation*
- *Outline model structure and elements*
- *Quantify future demand scenarios*
- *Identify improvement opportunities*
- *Recommend optimization strategies*



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