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Midwest Implications of the New Transmission Landscape

Midwestern Governors Association & Organization of MISO States

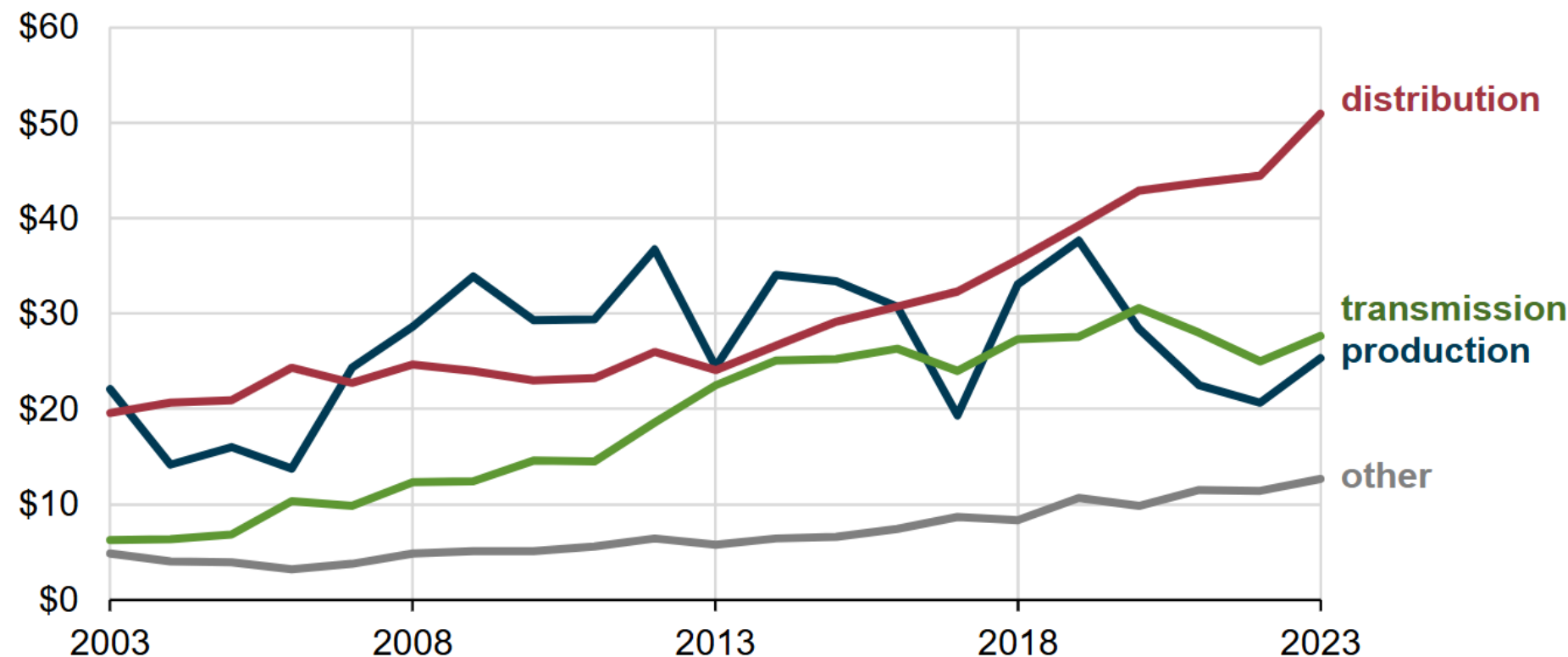
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Trump's Transmission Imperative



Annual U.S. capital additions by sector (2003–2023)

billions of 2023 U.S. dollars



WH & Congressional Priorities

Theme: Unleash Transmission?

Key: de-renewablize it

Goals: slash costs, boost reliability

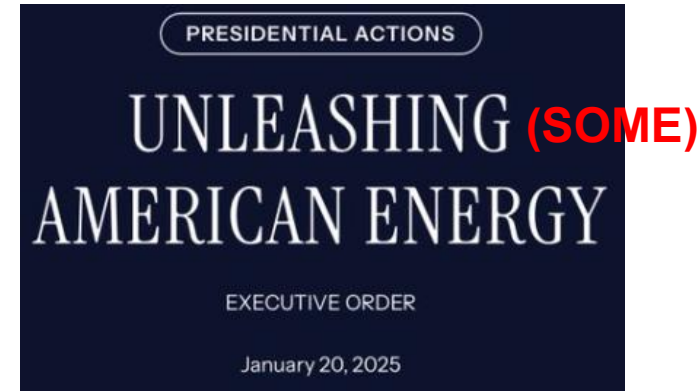
Requires transmission reform

Requires functional agencies (e.g. reg reforms)

Agency functions meet DOGE

Heavy DOE cuts (e.g., GDO)

FERC largely spared, for now



Congressional Agenda

2024 Energy Permitting Reform Act

Failure built momentum

Possibly contingent on IRA fate

The Washington Times

Inflation Reduction Act's costly

green giveaways

AI infrastructure package

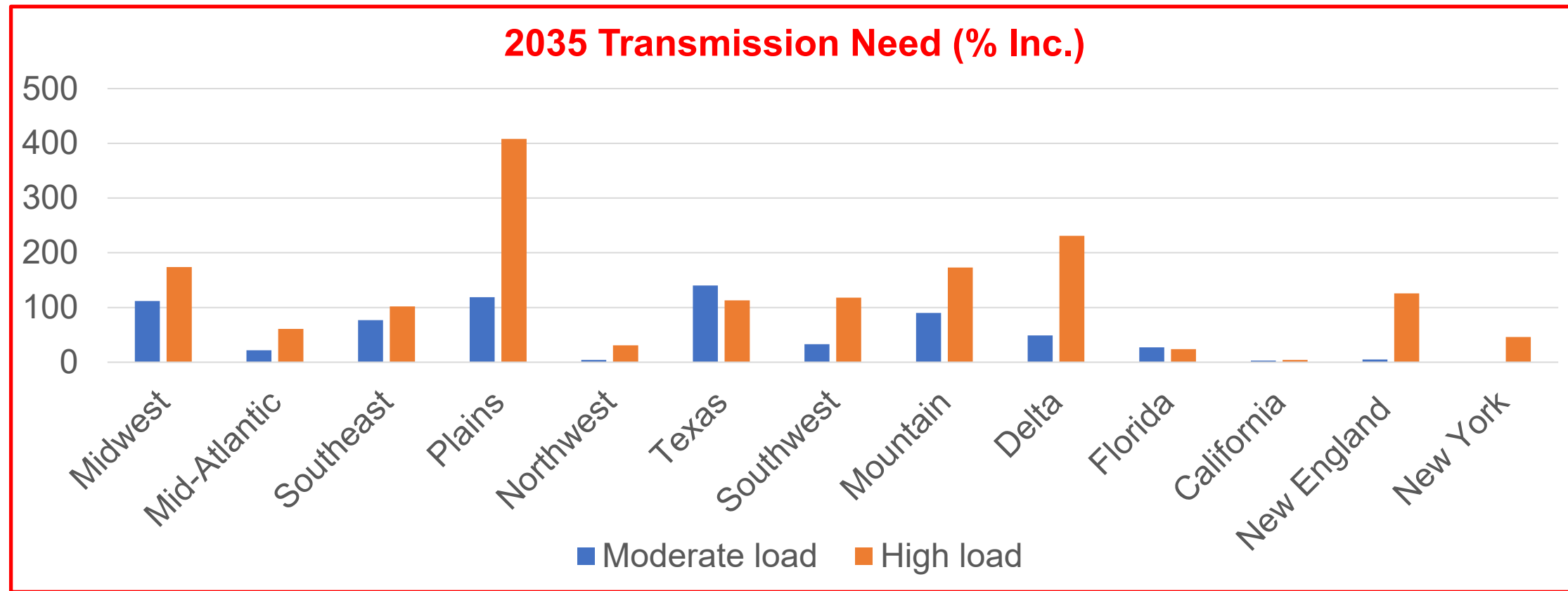
High interest: interregional, permitting

Possible: siting, other

**Energy Dominance
Hinges on Permitting
and Power Grid Reforms**

ELCON & R Street

Load Growth > Transmission Tribalism



DOE
Needs
[Study](#)



Hands-on WH

Unprecedented independent agency control

Agenda-setting & commissioner firings

Executive Orders “flooding the zone”

Unresolved legal challenges

Procedural uncertainty

FERC decisions under OMB review?



Federal Transmission Influencers

Consumers + Center-right Groups



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Consumer
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FERC Tea Leaves

Leadership TBD

Legal school of thought known

Deferential, federalist posture

Unless substance contradicts WH



Unprecedented responsiveness to WH



Possibly no rulemakings except WH directed

FERC Transmission Agenda

O1920 fate: matters little w/o compliance appetite

O1000 premise revisited?

Local: consumer complaint trend

Christie: “regulatory gap” concern

Advanced transmission tech (ATT)

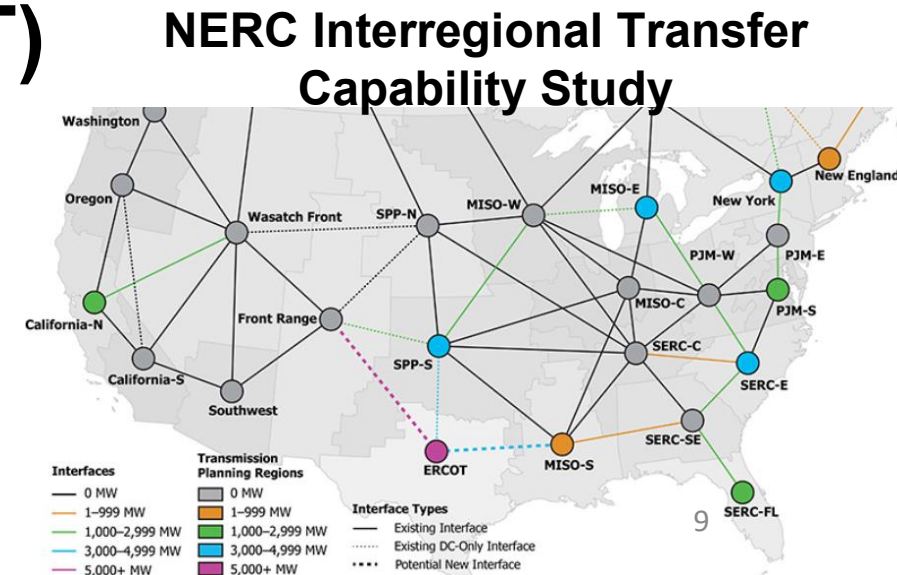
DLRs: NOPR ready, willingness TBD

Ripe for FERC “soft power” & complaints

Interregional: reliability hook

Possible min transfer attention

Not comprehensive



MISO: General Implications

Chart course for efficient expansion

Direct benefits (e.g., congestion, reliability)

Indirect benefits (e.g., less inefficient local, queue relief)

Emphasize total cost control

Ex post expansion analyses build trust in future planning

IRP ties: transmission as generation complement and substitute

Prioritize ATTs, seams management

Improve competition (bidding process, states counteract ROFR)

MISO: Big Wires Implications

O1920 compliance: expect deferential FERC

Regional stakeholders drive implementation quality

Interregional: state & RTOs' leadership

Benefit methodology compatibility per O1920

MISO North states leadership

Study N-S integration (tranche 4) before intra-South (tranche 3)

MISO: Small Wires Implications

Watch contagion of local complaints in PJM

PUCs identify, leg remedies

ATTs: bottom-up agenda

IMM role

OMS + consumer groups

DLRs: don't wait on FERC

Topology optimization, etc.



FERC must review local transmission planned by AEP, Duke, other Ohio utilities: complaint

Consumer Groups Seek Independent Oversight of Local Tx Planning

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Utilities and Grid Operators Urge Caution on DLRs, State Regulators and Consumers Want Action

Thank you!

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