



Survey of Integrated Planning Processes

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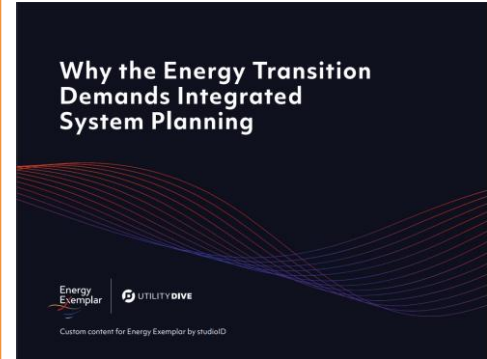
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Agenda

- Signs of Energy Transition
- Integrated Planning Direction
- Examples of Innovative Approaches

Signs of Transition

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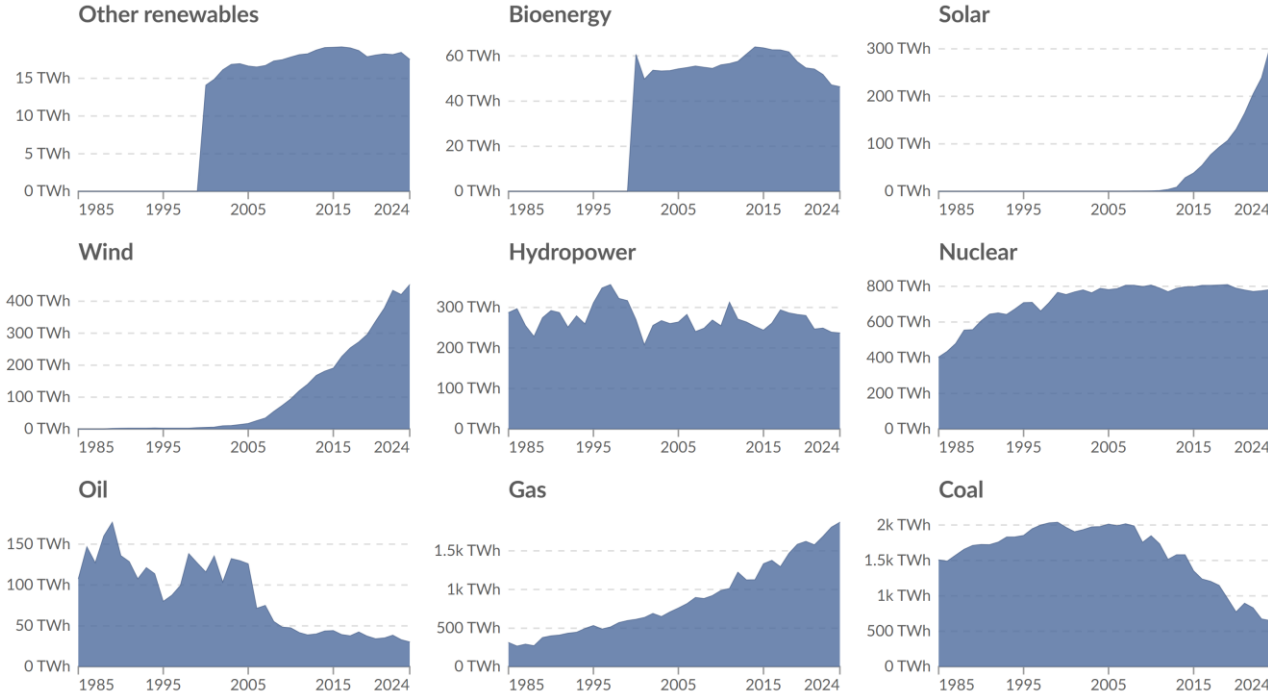
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Significant Changes in Electricity Production, US

Electricity production by source, United States

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Measured in terawatt-hours.



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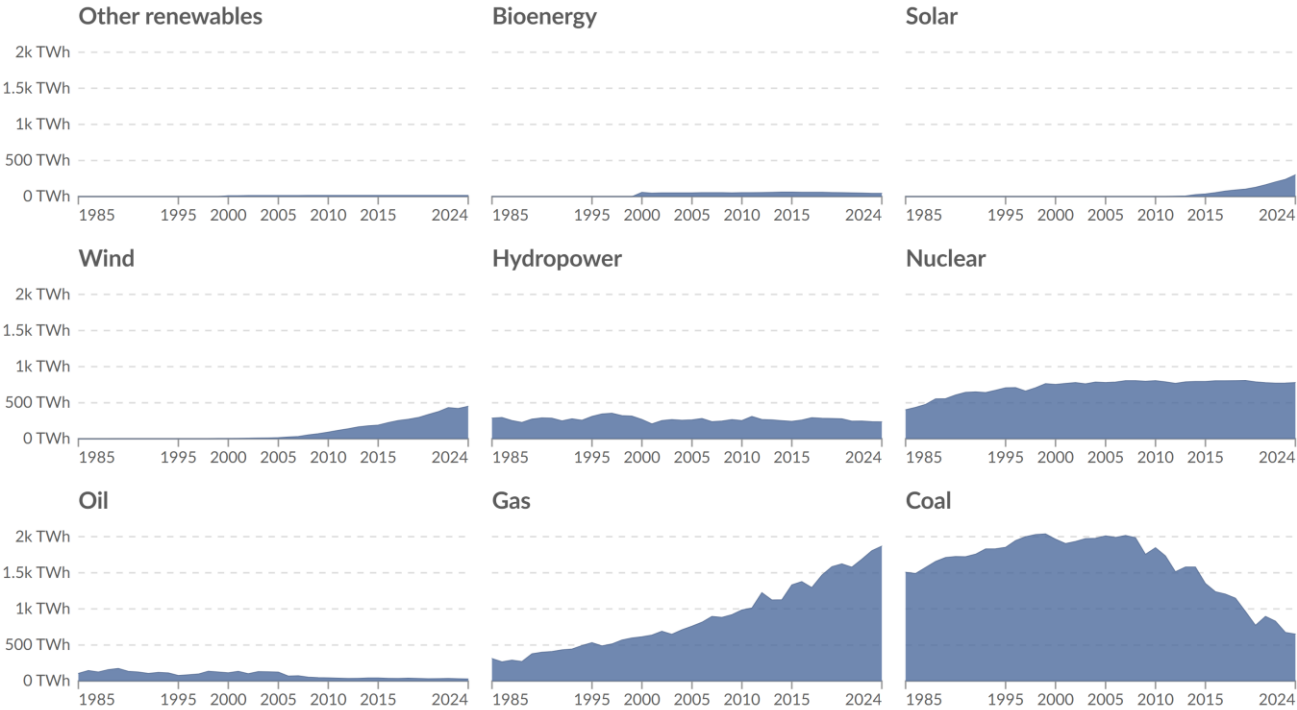


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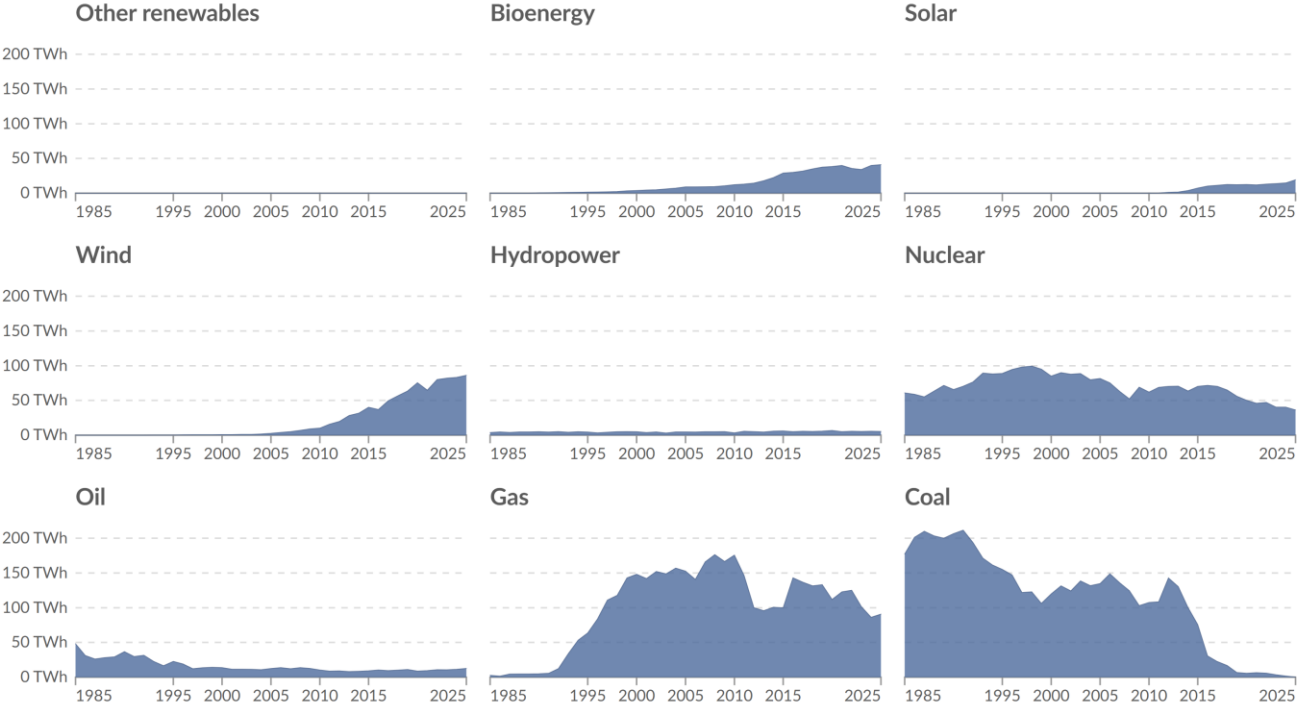
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Significant Changes in Electricity Production, UK

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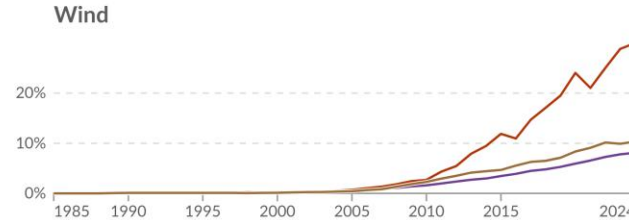
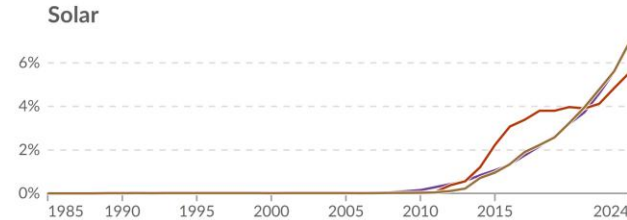
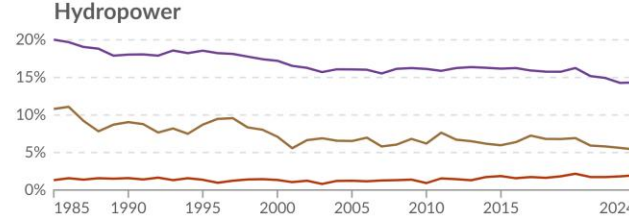
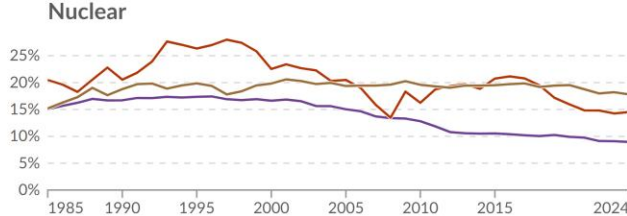
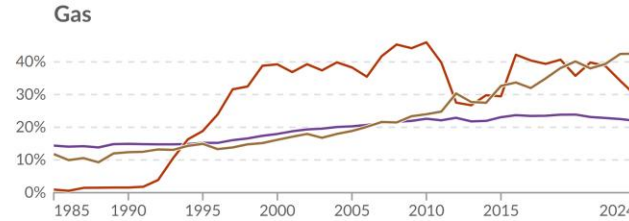
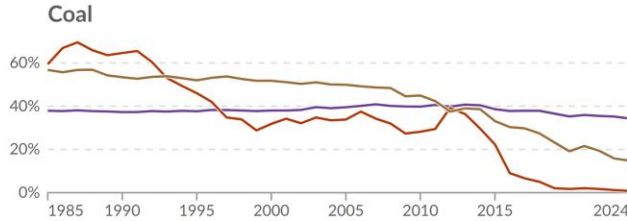
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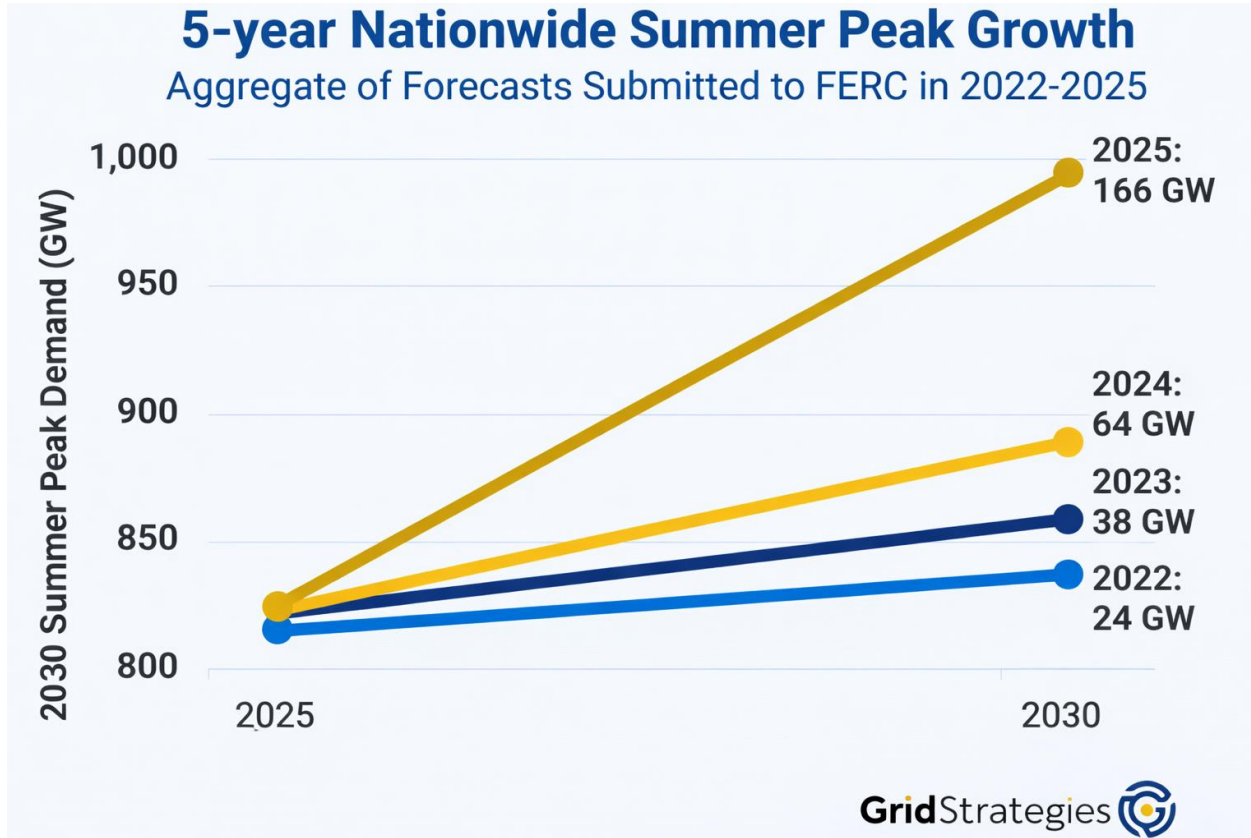
Share of electricity production by source

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Rapid Load Growth



Planning Shifts

Traditional Approaches

- Least Cost
- Capacity Planning focus
- Primarily Thermal Generation
- Moderate to slow load growth

New Considerations

- Risk considerations
- Policy considerations
- Rapid load growth
- Variable Energy Resources
- Storage adoption
- Extreme weather
- Transmission constraints
- Fuel supply limitations
- Distribution integration

North Carolina CPIRP and ISOP

- Carbon Plan and IRP – filed every 2 years
 - Aligns IRP with NC Carbon Targets
 - Maintain or improve system reliability
 - 70% by 2030 and carbon neutral by 2050

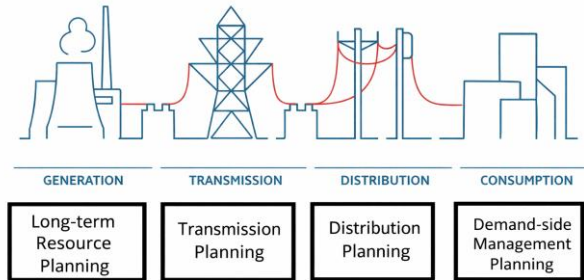
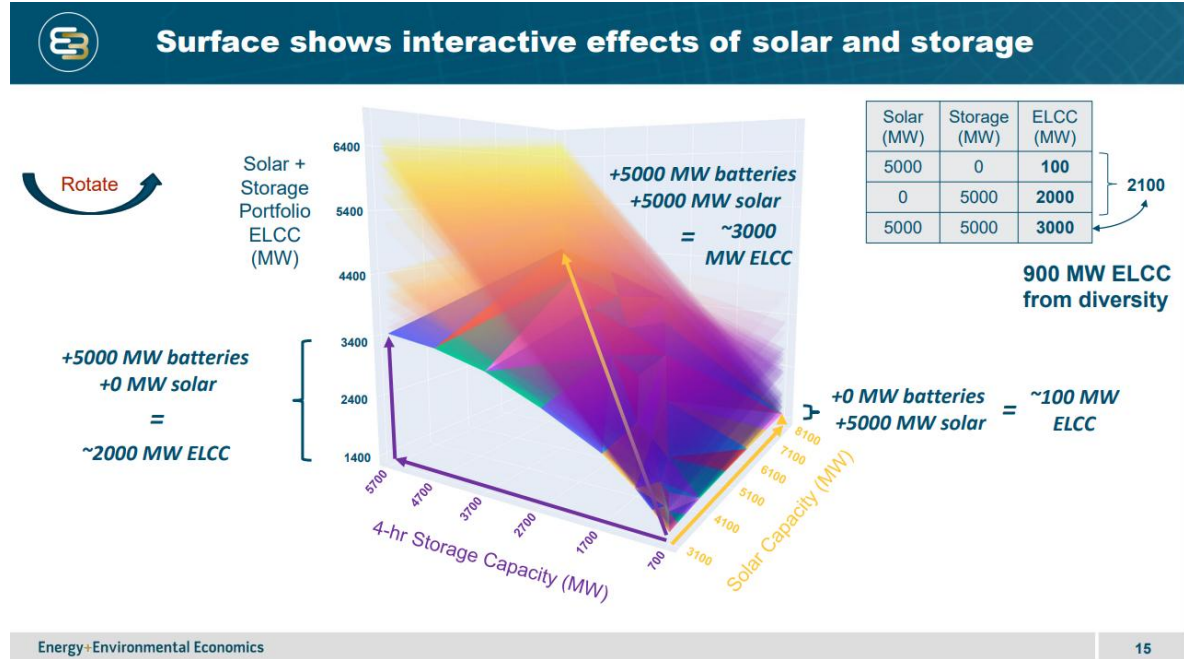


Figure 1. Power system domains included in the ISOP framework

- Integrated System Operations Plan
 - Framework to optimize Generation, Transmission, Distribution and Customer Solutions
 - Non-Traditional Solutions (DERs, storage, customer programs)
 - Morecast – hourly distribution circuit level forecasts
 - Stakeholder driven

NV Energy

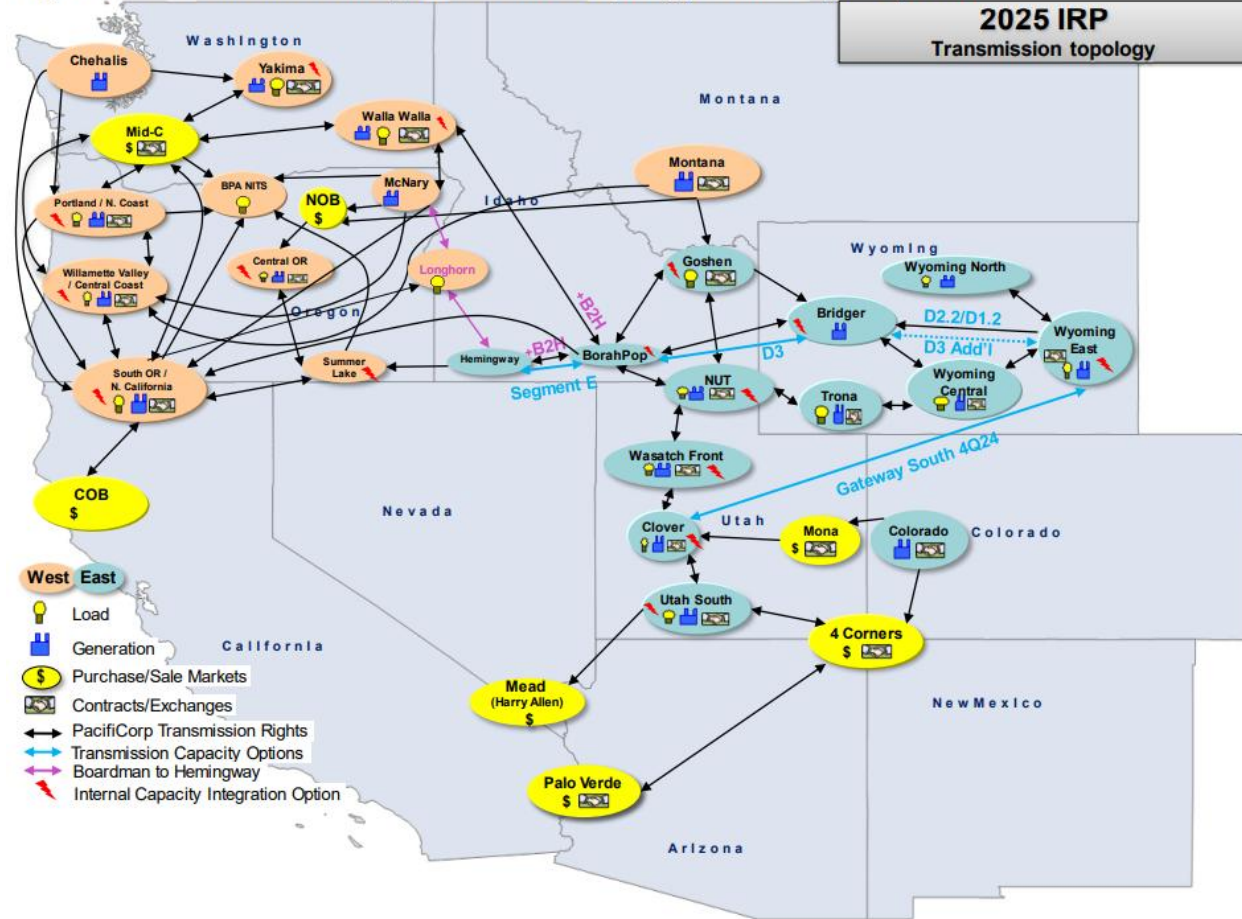
- ELCC Surface
 - Diversity Benefits
 - Saturation impacts
- Distributed Resource Plan
 - First DRP 2019
 - Walk-jog-run
 - Hosting Capacity Analysis



Pacificorp

- Large Geography
- Many Transmission options
- Iterative Capacity Expansion and Production Cost Model approach

Figure 8.3 – Transmission System Model Topology with Major Options



HECO Integrated Grid Planning (IGP)

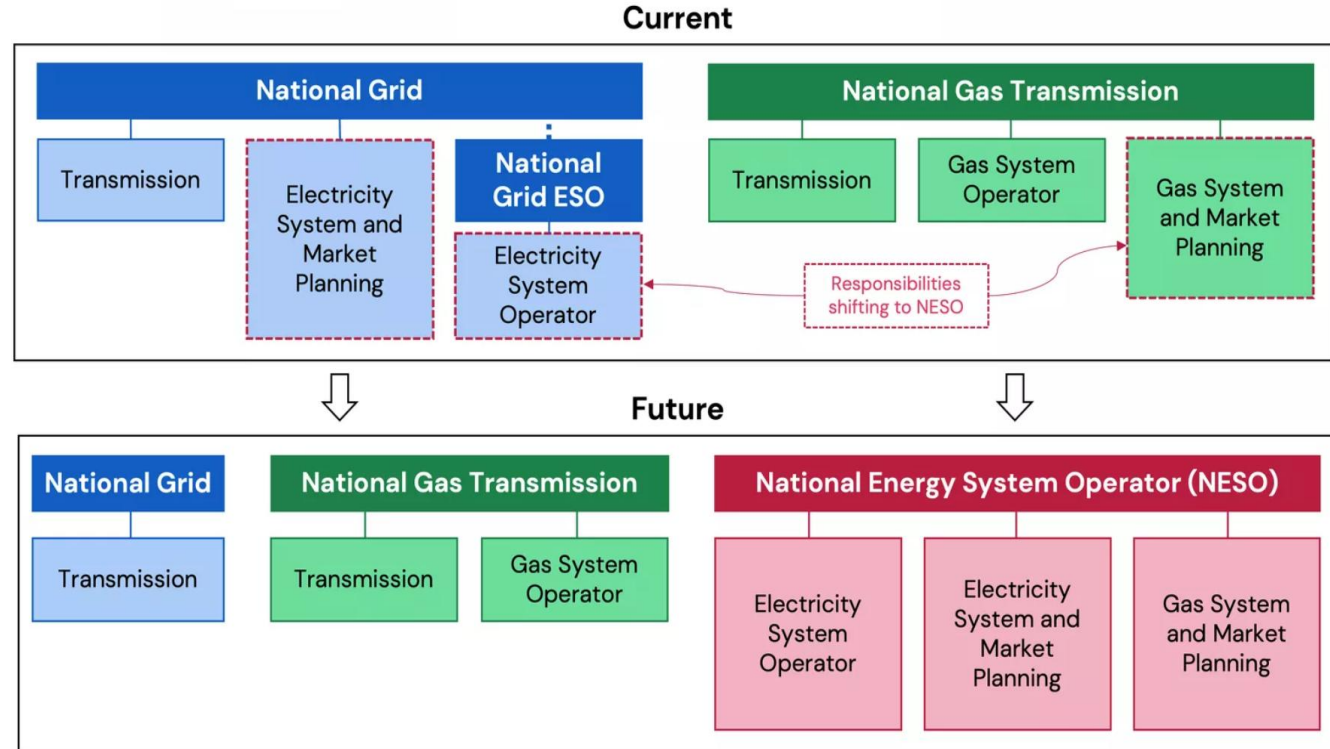
- Process launched 2018, accepted 2024
- 100% renewable by 2045
- Generation, transmission, distribution
- Emphasize stakeholder engagement
- Iterative multi-tool process



GB Coordinated Gas and Power

• Institutional Structure

- NESO – Electricity system operator
- NGT – gas transmission operator
- Ofgem – regulator
- Net zero by 2050



Source: Modo Energy

Notes: Planned changes to ownership and responsibilities under the Future System Operator proposals

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Thank You

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