

# Shale Gas Supply Issues An Alternate Scenario to Consider

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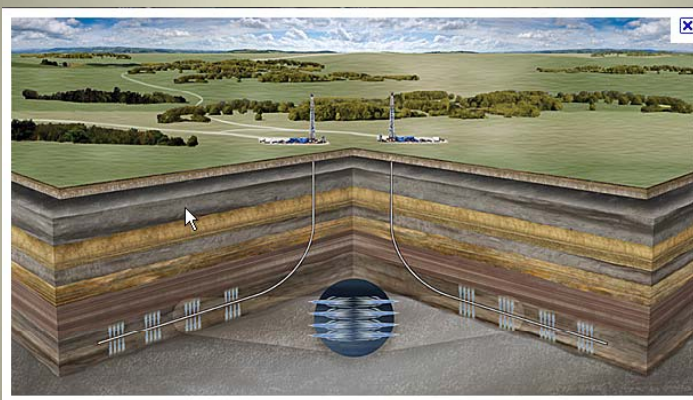
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## Shale Gas and Multi-Stage Fracture Stimulation

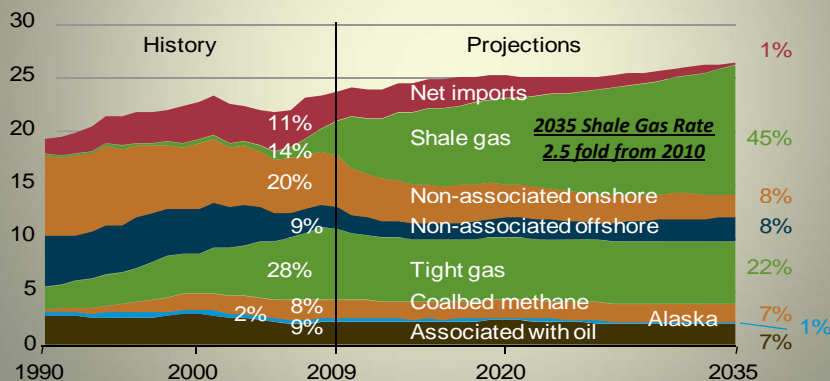


Horizontal sections 4,000 ft to 10,000 ft in length  
6-15 multi-stage fracture stimulations

## EIA Forecasts 225 Tcf of Shale Gas Produced From 2010-2035 (150% Increase in rate from 2010-2035)

Figure 1. Shale gas offsets declines in other U.S. supply to meet consumption growth and lower import need

U.S. dry gas production (trillion cubic feet per year)



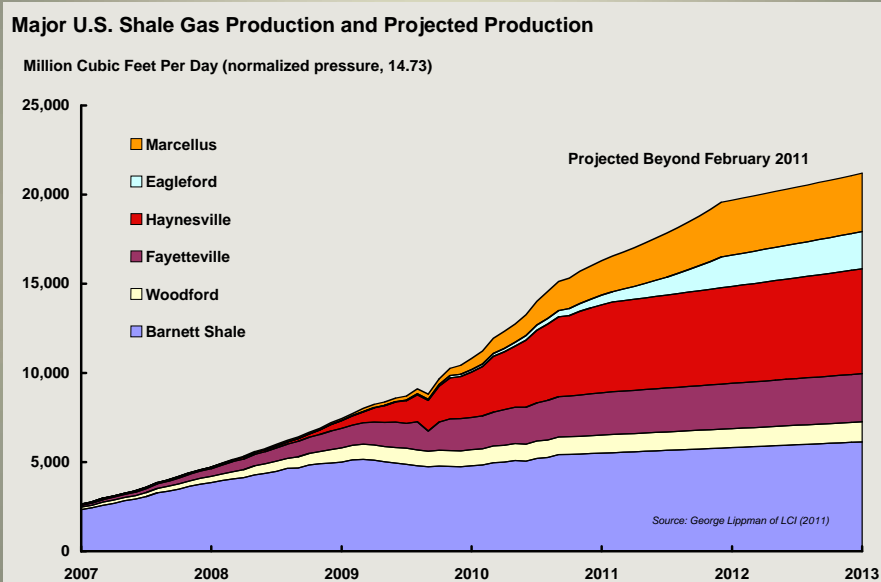
## 2010-2035 Forecast

- For the period, the EIA forecasts a modest 10% increase in overall gas supply.
- This 10% increase relies heavily on growth of shale gas, growth of 150%.
- Success of a major policy change in usage of natural gas will be highly dependent on the viability of shale gas production.

## Potential Gas Committee (2009 Report)

- **Upside Resource** = 1,836 Tcf Technically Recoverable (Proved + Probable + Possible + Speculative)
  - Shale Gas = 616 Tcf, In Effect ~27 Years of Supply.
- **Proved + Probable Resource** = 441 Tcf or ~19 Years of Supply.
  - Probable Estimate is Shale Gas = 147 Tcf, ~6.5 Years at Current Consumption.
  - Substantially less than EIA forecasted production 2010-2035 (225 Tcf).

## Forecasted Production By Area

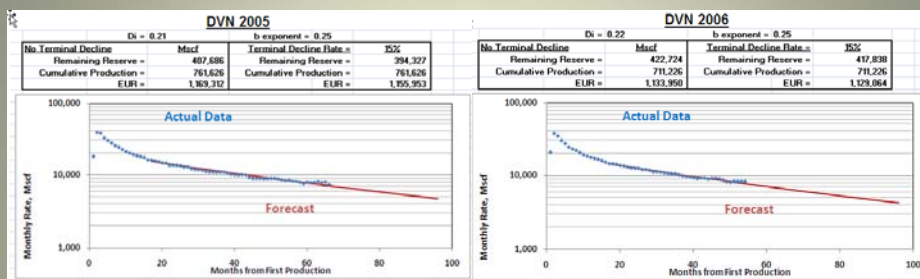


## Performance of Shale Gas Plays Independent View

Shale Play	Ultimate Recovery Per Well Estimates	
	Berman/Pittinger Studies	Operator Presentations
Barnett	1.26 Bcf	2-2.5 Bcf
Fayetteville	1.2 Bcf	2-2.5 Bcf
Haynesville	2.5 Bcf	6-10 Bcf
	4.6-4.8 Bcf in Core Area	10 Bcf
Marcellus	No Public Monthly Data	4-4.5 Bcf

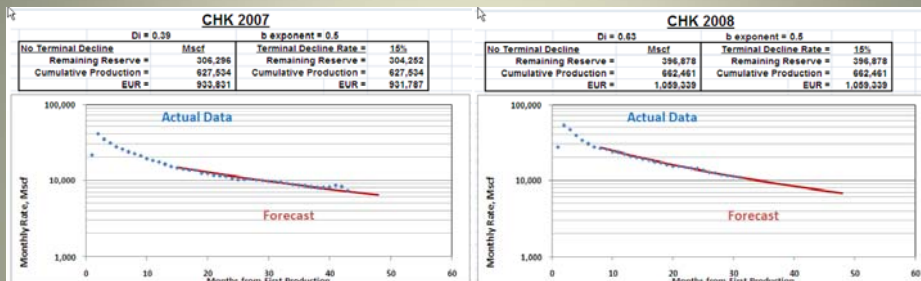
- 1) Our decline curve analysis yields 50% or lower estimates for ultimate recovery per well for each area.
- 2) Core areas perform better, but are limited in areal extent.

## Barnett Production Decline Analysis



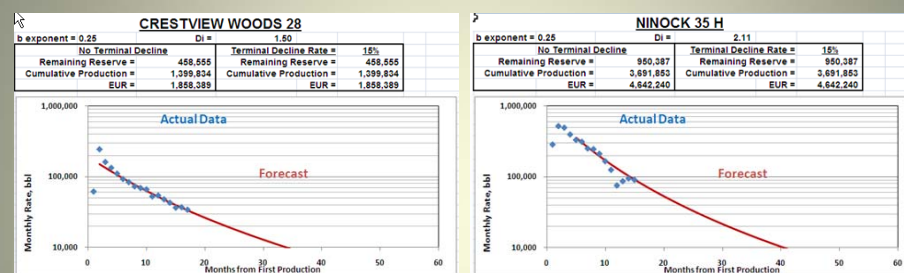
Well	EUR, Mscf	b exponent	Number of Wells
DVN 2003	1,544,088	0.10	55
DVN 2004	1,419,594	0.25	91
DVN 2005	1,155,953	0.25	159
DVN 2006	1,129,064	0.25	285
DVN 2007	1,318,622	0.25	459
DVN 2008	1,340,464	0.25	573
DVN 2009	978,684	0.25	286
DVN 2010	1,320,071	0.25	398
<b>WEIGHTED AVG EUR</b>	<b>1,256,857</b>	<b>TOTAL WELLS</b>	<b>2,306</b>

## Fayetteville Production Decline Analysis



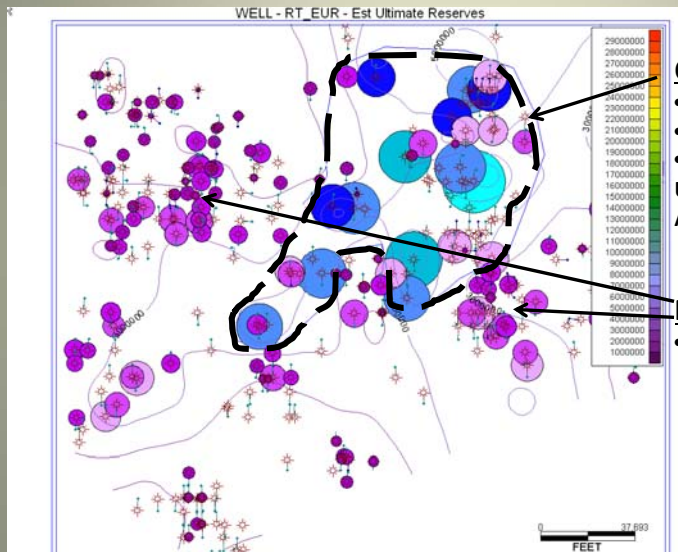
Average Ultimate Recovery = 1.2 Bcf/well  
for ~ 2,000 wells

## Haynesville Production Decline Analysis



- \* Mean Ultimate Recovery of 124 wells analyzed = 2.5 Bcf/well
- \* Core area has a higher mean of 4.6-4.8 Bcf/well

# Haynesville Core Area



## Core Area (6/10 study)

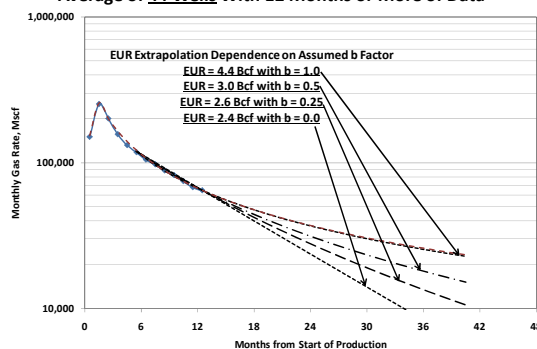
- Mean EUR = 4.6 Bcf
- Area ~ 160,000 acres
- At 120 acres/well, Ultimate Recovery in Core Area ~ = 6.1 Tcf

## Non-Core Area

- Mean EUR = 2.1 Bcf

# Haynesville – Ultimate Recovery & Economics

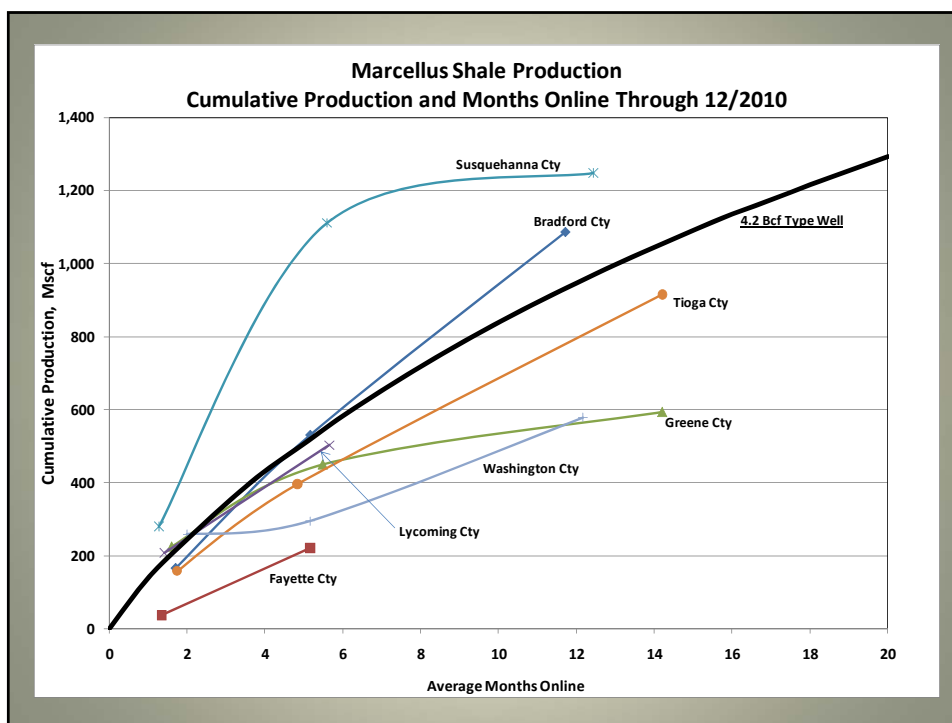
Normalized Haynesville Production Rate Decline  
Average of 44 Wells With 12 Months or More of Data



Breakeven Gas Price, \$/MMBtu @ Wellhead  
(at 10% Discount Rate)

EUR Scenario	EUR/Well, Bcf	Full Cycle
Group Avg, Projected w/ b = 0	2.3	\$9.00
Group Avg, Projected w/ b = 0.5	3.0	\$7.80
Group Avg, Projected w/ b = 1.0	4.4	\$6.70
Operator View, 14 MMsfd IP, b=1.07	6.5	\$4.70

\$8MM/well, \$5,000/acre,  
120 acre/well, 1/2 of land  
leased is fully developed



## “Land Rush” Business Model

- Recent shale plays leased up in 2-3 years before plays are fully tested
- High volume of drilling, driven in part by need to hold acreage
  - 1 well per 640 acres to hold leases that would otherwise expire in 3-5 years
- Need to tell growth story to investors
  - Capital spending exceeds cash flow
  - Large write-downs
- Result : Excess gas supply, keeping prices very low
  - Natural gas sell for 75% discount on energy equivalent basis to oil
  - Probably not sustainable in the long term
- *Awareness of actual well performance should increase*

## Summary – Uncertainty Abounds in Shale Gas Supply

- Shale gas development is not a “manufacturing” process that is consistently repeatable across the entire area of the play:
  - Quality and geology matters,
  - Sensitive to Price.
- Major policy discussions of expanding use of natural gas should consider a downside scenario for shale gas as compared to EIA forecast (*12 Tcf/yr in 2035, 220 Tcf produced between 2010-2035*)
  - Shale gas may disappoint by a factor of 2 to 4,
  - EIA forecast volumes are more likely with substantially higher natural gas prices.