



The Clean Energy Solution to High Electricity Prices

**Janet Gail Besser, Vice President
Policy and Government Affairs**

E2Tech Maine Energy Policy 2015 Forum
Hallowell, ME
January 21, 2015

NECEC Mission

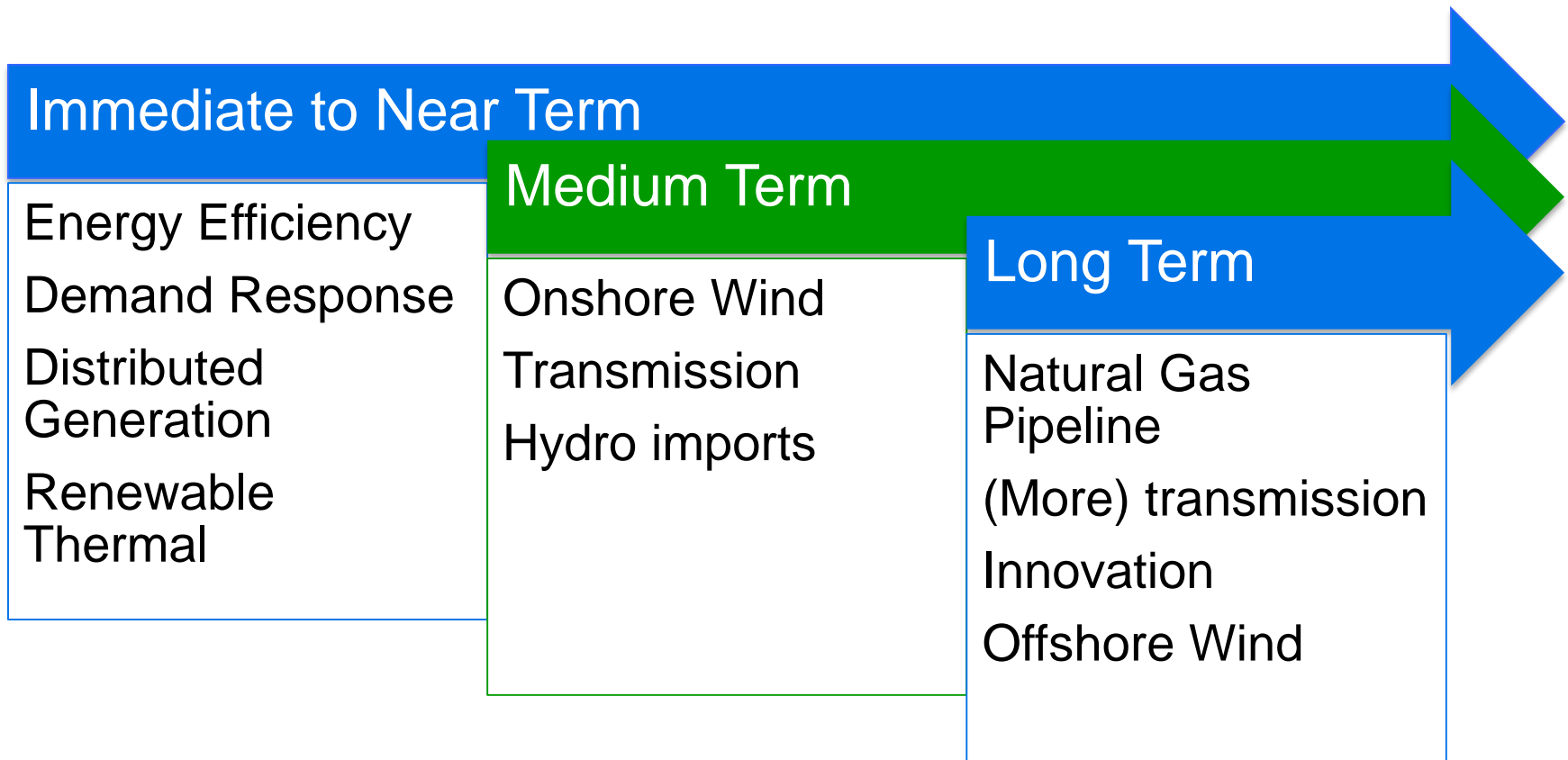
The mission of NECEC (the New England Clean Energy Council and NECEC Institute) is to accelerate New England's clean energy economy to global leadership by building an active community of stakeholders and a world-class cluster of clean energy companies.

Clean Energy Solutions

- To address high and volatile electricity prices
- Timing
 - Immediate, near, medium and long term
- Scope
 - Benefits and costs
- Competition
 - Ensuring cost-effectiveness

Timing (is everything)

- Or at least important to consider...



Scope matters too...

- Look at benefits and costs
 - Across time
 - Across resources
- Take into account
 - Local and regional
 - Economic development
 - Energy security
 - Portfolio diversity
 - Environmental impact

- Create consistent market with extension/expansion of **Renewable Portfolio Standards**
- Reduce costs with **long term contracts/commitments**
- Capture broad benefits/reduce costs with **regional procurement**
 - **“Combo pack”** of onshore wind, hydro and transmission
- Implement state **demand response** programs
- Delivery/financing **energy efficiency** (including **CHP**)
- Support options of **renewable thermal/ biomass**
- “Right size” **natural gas** pipeline capacity
- Advance future with **innovation, grid modernization** and **offshore wind** development program

Conclusion

- Clean energy is an essential component of the solution to high electricity prices
- Addressing high energy costs must
 - Involve a portfolio of resources and policies
 - Recognize what can be done by when
 - Look broadly at benefits and costs
 - Embrace competition
 - Consider the regional dynamics
 - Establish foundation for future investment, growth and development

Contact Information

- For more information, please check www.necec.org
- Peter Rothstein, President
prothstein@necec.org
617-500-9991
- Janet Gail Besser, VP, Policy and Government Affairs
jbesser@necec.org
617-500-9994
- Dan Bosley, Government Relations Executive Advisor
dbosley@necec.org
413-884-4100