• Non profit corporation comprised of members which use lots of different types of energy
• We strive to keep energy costs low and choices diverse
• We affect energy policy in Maine, regionally, and nationally
• Current focus efforts are demand response, energy efficiency & conservation, and natural gas basis differential
BASIS DIFFERENTIAL
IECG members believe New England needs at least an additional 2 BCF/Day of natural gas pipeline capacity.
Which will make the

BASIS

DIFFERENTIAL
Poof!
Why 2BCF/Day?

• Shortage of pipeline capacity drives up gas and electricity as manufacturing costs, unnecessarily, and those costs roll into the prices of all the goods & services we all use.
Why 2BCF/Day?

- Provide natural gas as fuel at appropriate cost for
  - Power generators
  - Home and business heating
  - Manufacturing use
- Foundation of stable, predictable pricing for investment in
  - Traditional use
  - New business development
Maine’s future

- Investments with “known” gas costs
- Future Compressed Natural Gas Infrastructure
  - Harvesting, transportation of wood & fuel
  - Fleet delivery
  - Construction equipment
  - State and Municipal equipment, snow plowing
  - Consumer conversions
  - Etc etc etc
The opponents will say.....

• Who pays?
  – who is paying now and who is getting the $$$

• Expand in tiny amounts
  – Slow the bleeding just enough to keep the patient alive........

• Oil is cheap-problem solved
  – Can I lease your crystal ball?

• NIMBY
  – Do you use the highways, airports, and power lines?
Interstates

• Did New England really need the interstate system?
• We could have managed with US Rt 1 & US Rt 2
• It just would have cost more and taken more time to get around.
• The lanes aren’t used 100% of the time 24x7, the highway system was overbuilt
Toll Booths

• Why do those toll plazas have so many booths?

• Wouldn’t one booth be enough?

• With one person collecting tolls and making change and switching between N&S a car at a time?

• The booths are not fully used 24x7, aren’t they “overbuilt capacity”
Natural Gas Pipeline Map

Legend
- Interstate Pipelines
- Intrastate Pipelines

Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil & Gas, Natural Gas Division, Gas Transportation Information System
For the benefit of New England people and businesses we need to get on with expanding natural gas transportation capacity.
Commitment Planning

• Help it happen
• Make it happen
• Let it happen
• Prevent it from happening