



## **Global Water Summit**

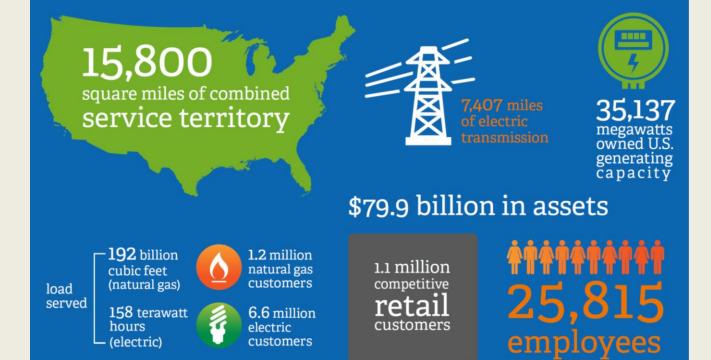
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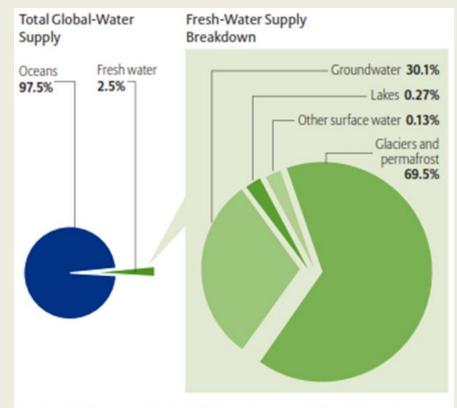
## Exelon Profile (2013)

#### \$24.9 billion in operating revenues



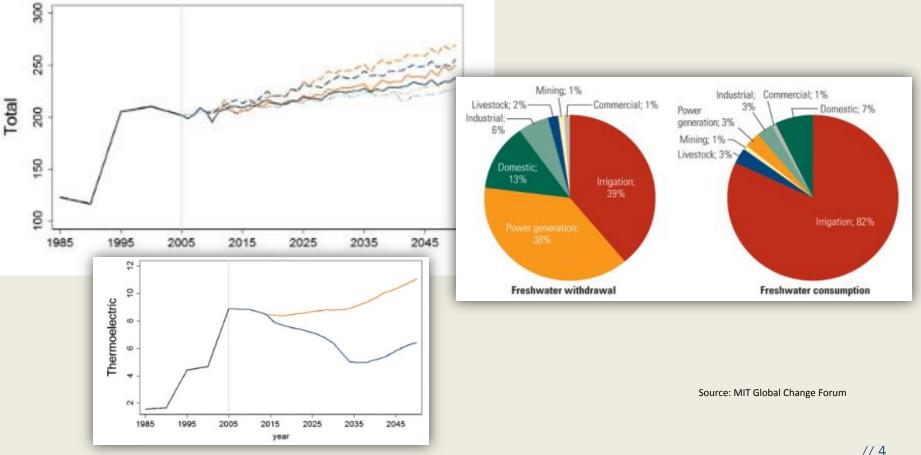
## **Global Water Supplies**

- Compared with the world's total supply of water, fresh water is a relatively rare resource at only 2.5% of the total
- Only the fresh water in lakes, groundwater and surface supplies is available for residential, agricultural and industrial use
- Of the 2.5% available freshwater, only about 0.007% is safe for consumption without processing (World Health Organization)



Sources: Shiklomanov and Rodda, 2003, Bank of America SRI Report Sept. 2011, World Bank.

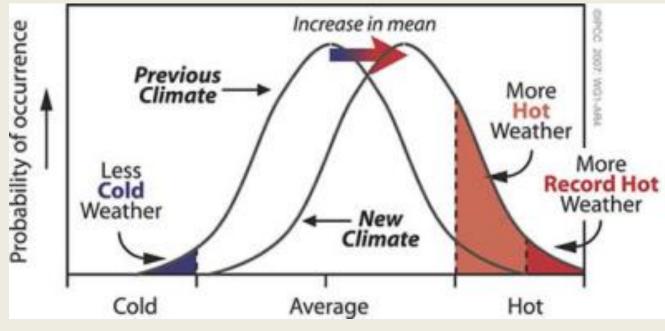
## **U.S. Water Withdrawals Versus Consumption**



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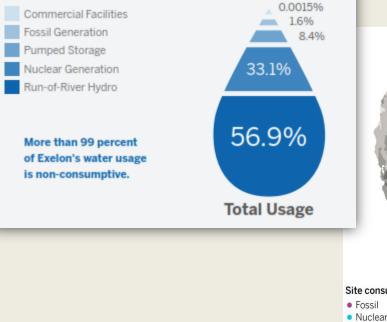
## Climate Change Projected to Alter Precipitation and Temperature Trends Causing Water Scarcity Issues



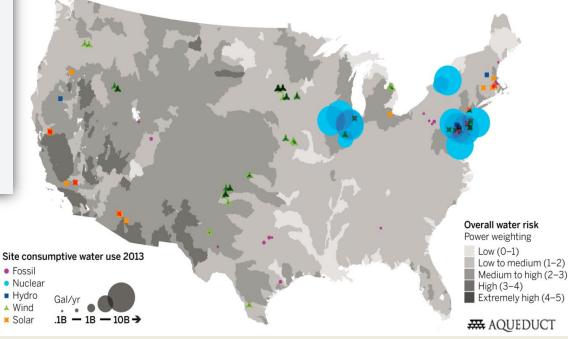
Source: IPCC

### **Exelon 2013 Water Consumption and Risk**





2013 Total Water Use: Non-consumptive Use: Consumptive Use: 12.49 trillion gal/yr ~99.3% or 12.4 trillion gal/yr ~0.6% or 69 billion gal/yr



Source: Exelon 2013 Sustainability Report and WRI Aqueduct

## The Importance of Partnerships and Collective Actions

Exelon continues to pursue cutting-edge research to better understand potential climate and water impacts and to help push the current limits of the state-of-the-art modeling in the most efficient and effective manner by accessing both public and private institutions:

- MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change
- U.S. Department of Energy Voluntary Partnership for Energy Sector Climate Resilience
- Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
- World Resources Institute Aqueduct
- IPCC Assessment Reports and climate models
- NOAA climate modeling and assessment reports
- National Climate Assessments
- USGS environmental data and climate assessments
- NGO forums...and others.

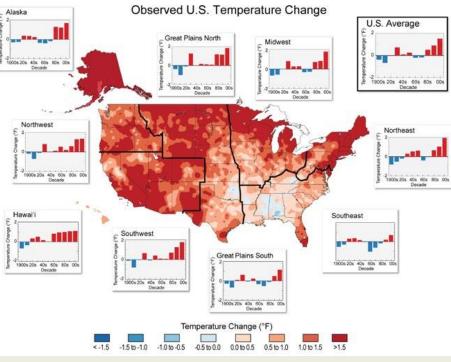
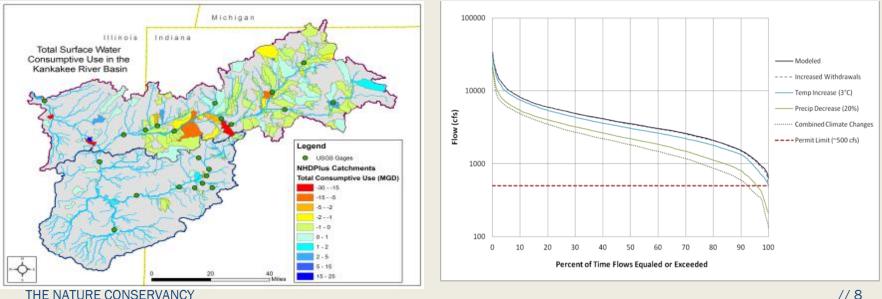


Figure source: National Climate Assessment

# **Exelon Assessing Water Resource Changes**

#### Braidwood Hydrologic Study

- Developed watershed model to replicate observed flows in order to better predict future behavior over a 5,000 square mile watershed
- Piloted experimental forecast by coupling hydrologic and climate change models
- Conclusions:
  - Future water availability can be impacted by increased population density and upstream use ٠
  - Ability to predict the effects of climate change and other factors on long-term water availability at the local level by ٠ downscaling climate models has limitations



## **Innovative Approaches for the Future**

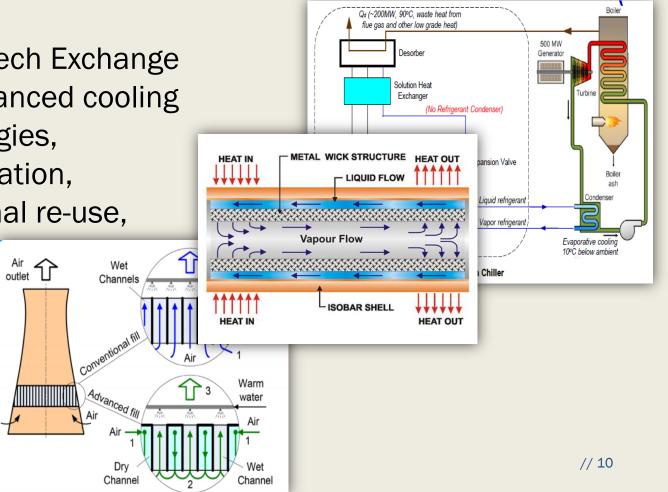
- Exelon Generation will build two new natural gas-fired generating units in Texas (~2,000 megawatts) cooled with air instead of water.
  - Water consumption savings of ~2.4 billion gallons/year
- Improved water chemistry monitoring has enabled withdrawal reductions by increasing cooling water cycles (reuse) at Exelon generation facilities.

## **Innovative Approaches for the Future**

**Exelon Water Tech Exchange**  $\bullet$ evaluating advanced cooling water technologies, membrane filtration, non-conventional re-use,

Air

and others...





## **Questions?**





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