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THE FACTS: What Coal Means to Colorado

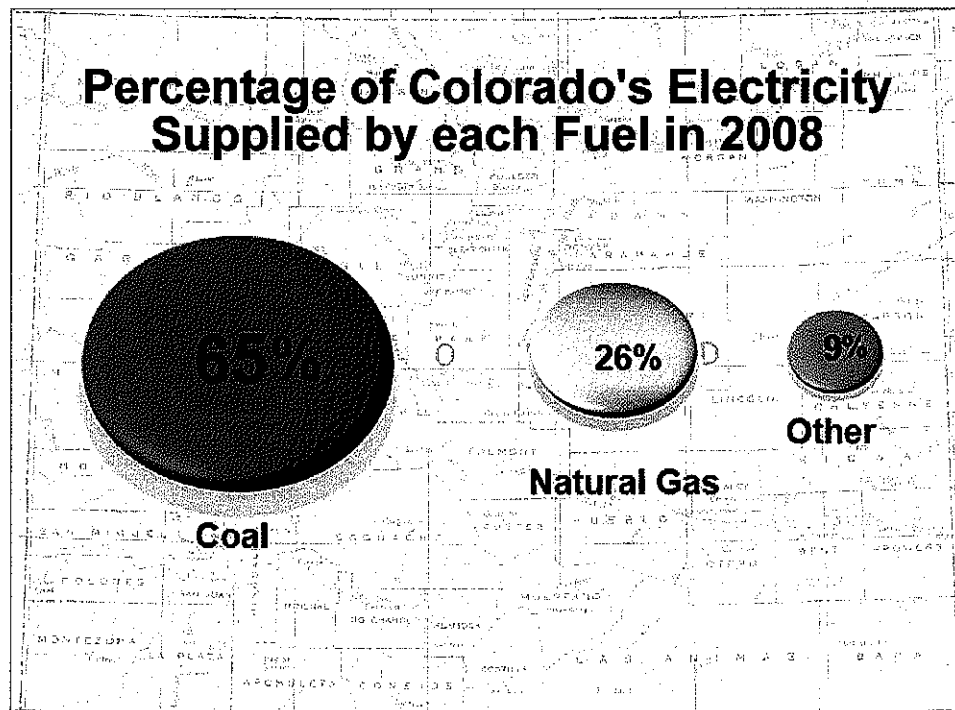
"Our nation's electric generation, transmission and distribution system is the most complex machine ever built by man. It makes possible virtually every aspect of our modern daily lives: it helps to keep our families safe and secure in their homes; it powers our computers, phones and televisions; it makes modern education possible; and it makes our economy the envy of the world. In short, our electricity system provides the very foundation for our standard of living, nationwide and in Colorado."

— Colorado Energy Forum [1]

Electricity consumption in Colorado has grown almost 70 percent since 1990 and will continue to increase over the coming decades. That increased power consumption has supported a steady rise in the standard of living for Colorado citizens: **more jobs, higher incomes and greater economic opportunity.**

Fortunately, Colorado has access to abundant supplies of a fuel that generates electricity for consumers and businesses at moderate cost and very high reliability: **coal.**

Coal has been, is now, and will continue to be the primary source of supply to meet Colorado's growing demand — and for good reason. A full 65 percent of Colorado's electricity is supplied by coal.[2]



Data based on files from EIA at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/>