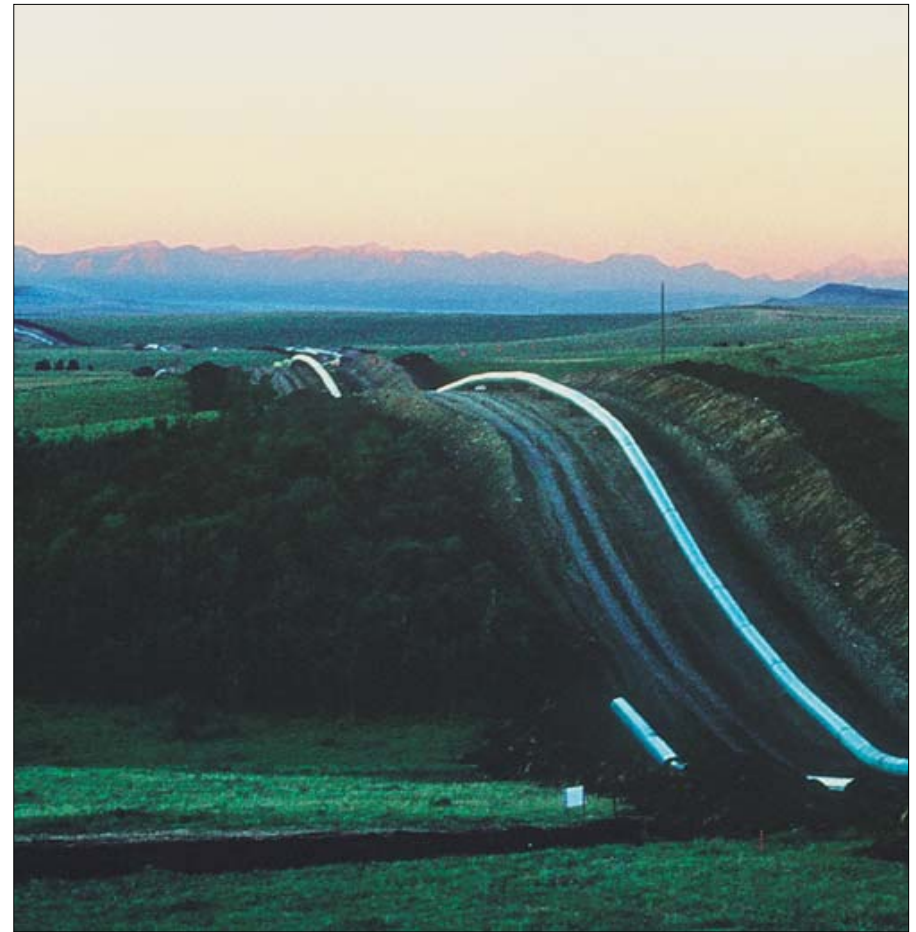


Natural Gas Markets in Transition: Gas Transmission Challenges

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Gas Supply / Gas Transmission Challenges

- Supply challenged to keep up with demand growth
- Pipelines and producers need to make major investments to bring supply to market
- Frontier field developments are highly levered to commodity markets
- Long haul pipeline developments face uncertain financial returns over long life cycles
- Who builds/owns new pipelines?
- Who underpins new pipelines?

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TransCanada View of Regulatory Challenges



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- Maintain a regulatory environment that
 - reduces regulatory uncertainty, minimizes business risk
 - attracts low risk, low cost capital
 - minimizes life cycle costs to shippers
 - provides a reasonable opportunity for recovery of and on capital
- Balance policy perspectives and market realities
 - encourage appropriate long run capacity development
 - shorten the regulatory approval cycle
 - recognize historic realities

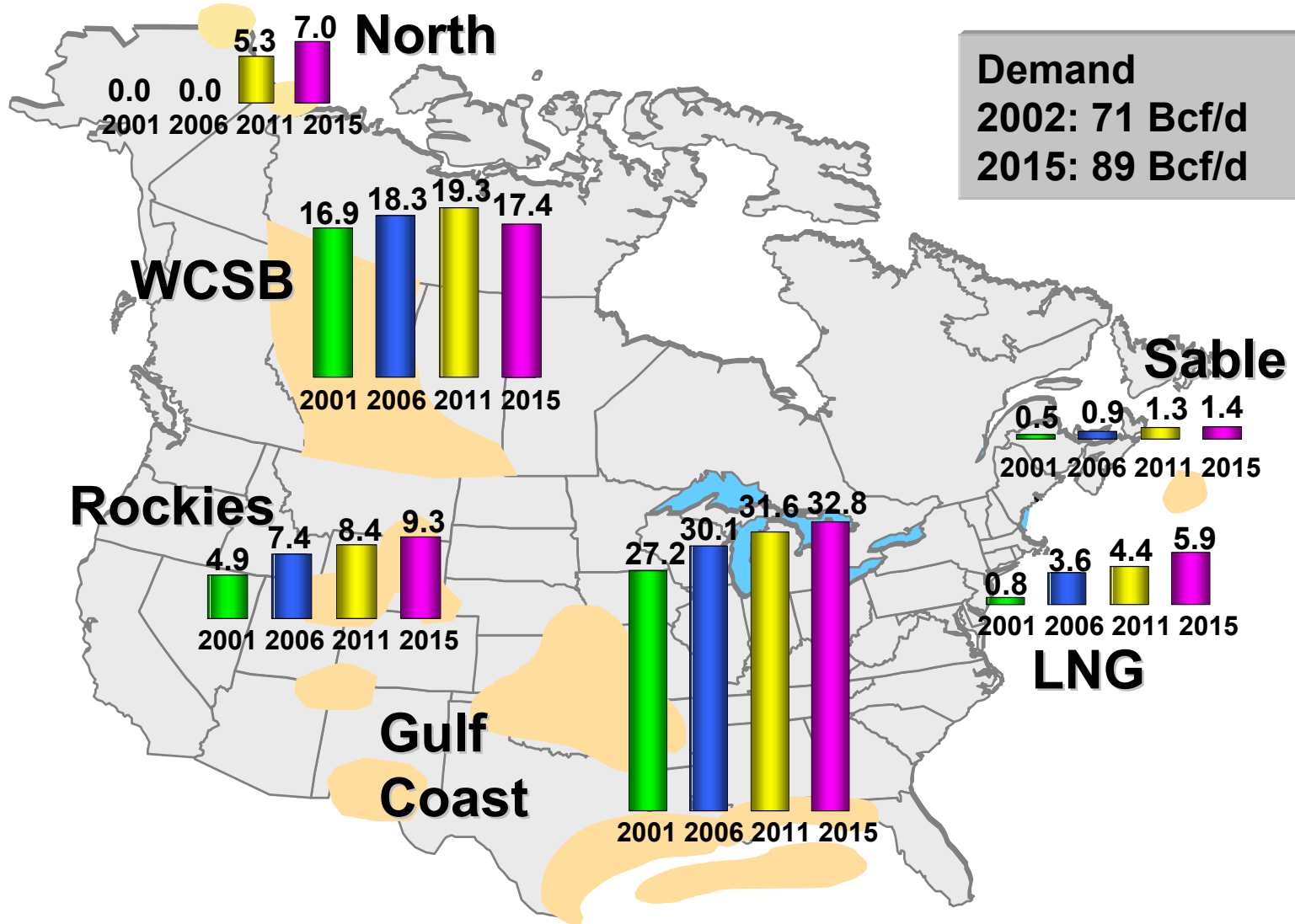
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Canada-US Supply Demand Outlook

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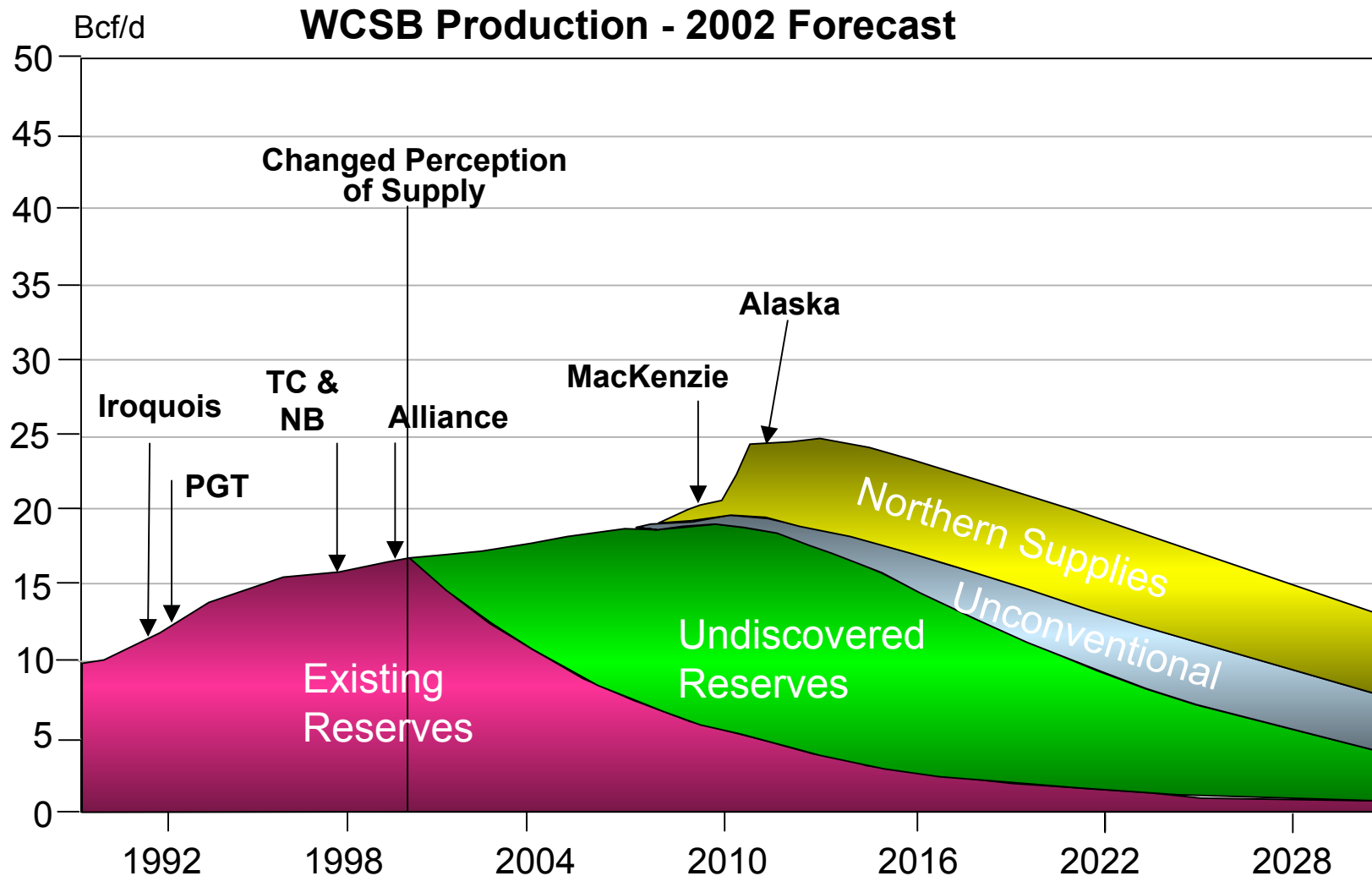


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30 Year Outlook



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Need For Mega Investments



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- Mackenzie Cdn \$3 Billion
- Alaska Cdn \$25-30 Billion
- LNG (7 Bcf) N.American infrastructure Cdn \$ 5-7 Billion
Upstream infrastructure Cdn \$15-20 Billion

Investors looking for:

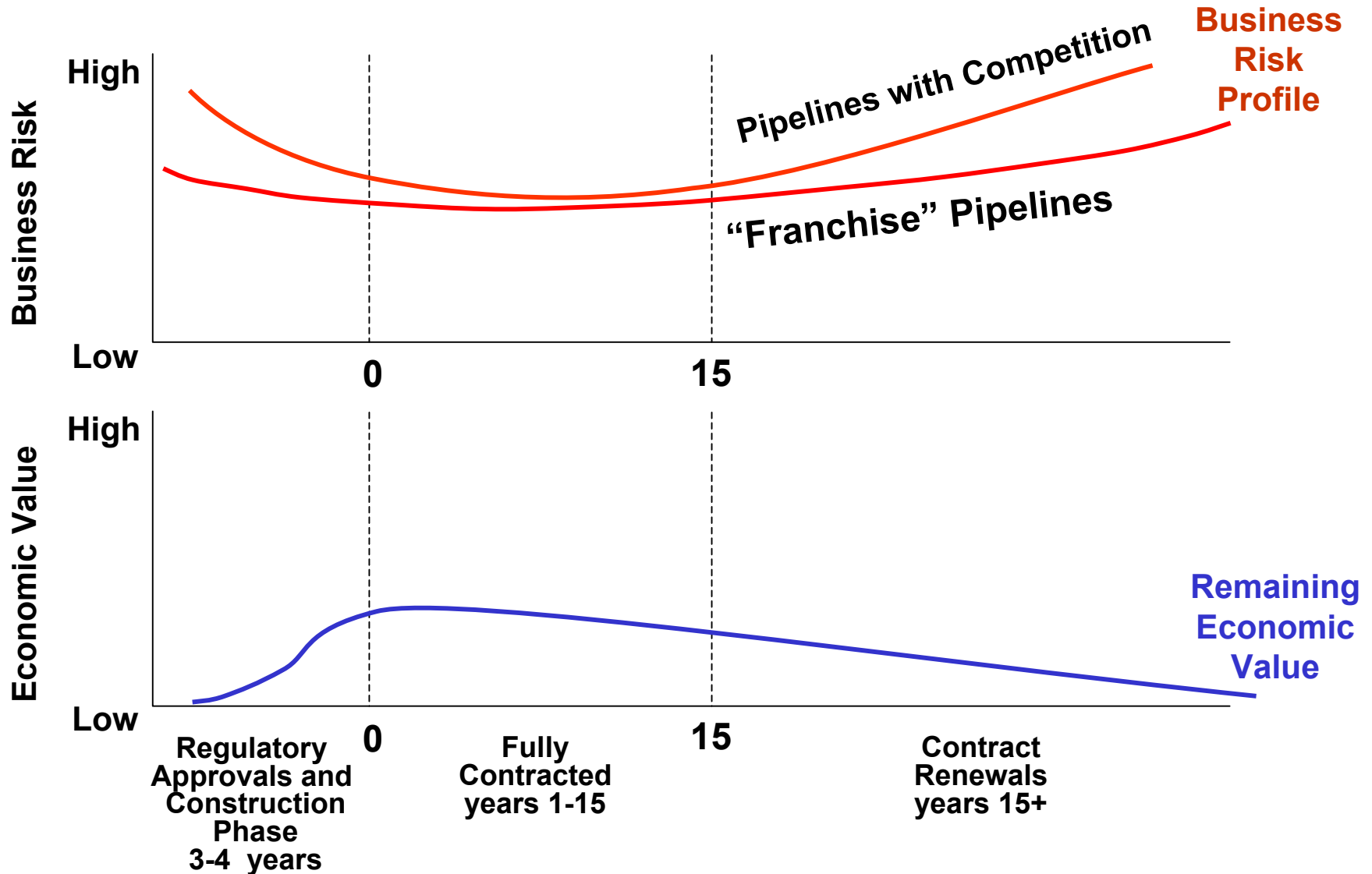
- assurance of long term capital recovery
- comfort with medium term business model
- a “fair” return relative to medium term/long term risks

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Pipeline Life Cycle



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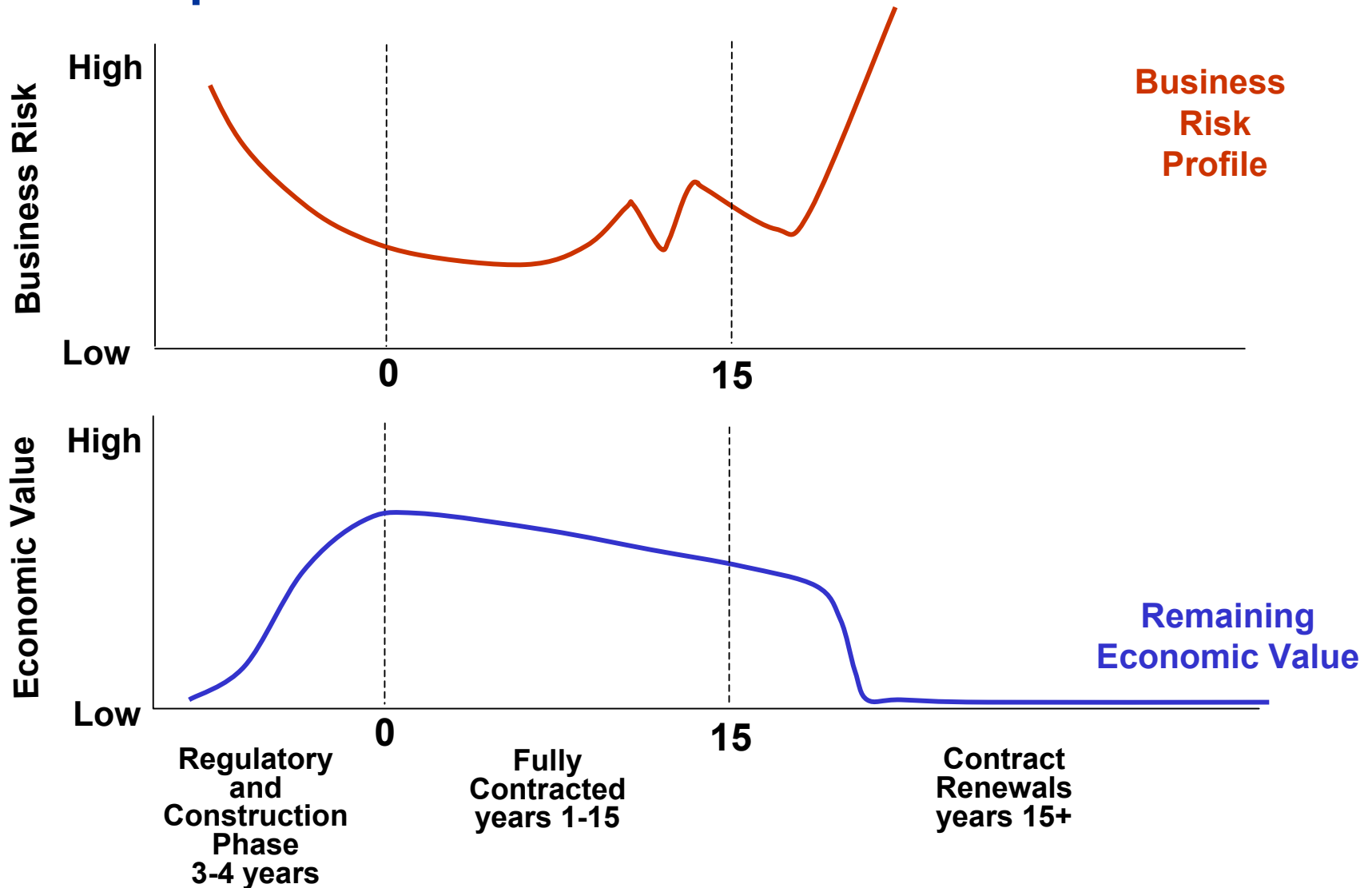


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Pipeline Life Cycle - Catastrophic Failure



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Our World Has Changed!



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From

- Growing WCSB Production
- Growing ex-Alberta Flows
- Abundant, Low-cost Gas
- TCPL “Franchise” ex-Alberta
- Integrated East-West Pricing
- \$2.40 - \$0.90 = \$1.50
- 8% Fuel = 12 cents
- 50 Years of Steady Growth
- Long-term Contracts
- Maximize Near-term ROE

To

- Flat Production
- Declining Flows
- A Scarce and Valuable Fuel
- Pipe of Last Resort
- Market Pricing, Volatile Netbacks
- \$7.20 - \$1.20 = \$6.00
- 6% Fuel = 36 cents
- Uncertain 5 Year Outlook
- Few Contracts, Few Counterparties
- Mitigate Long-term Risk

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Pipeline Economics



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- 1) Cost structure of gas transmission
 - Financial Cost = 80-90%
 - return on capital = interest + ROE
 - return of capital = depreciation
 - Operating Cost = 10-20%
 - higher percentage for older pipelines
- 2) Asset life
 - Contracts for 10 to 20 years on new pipelines
 - Short term contracts on many older pipelines
 - Initial financial commitments
 - debt: typically 20 years, renewable
 - equity: 30-40 years
 - Nature of risk
 - catastrophic failure to recover capital
 - driven by supply failures
 - exacerbated by bypass
 - often difficult to forecast, capital recovery-return tradeoff

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Mix of Pipeline Business Models



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New pipelines

- match contract term to recovery of capital

Producers/LDC's

- contract on new pipelines to ensure sufficient capacity
- manage supply risk through level of contracting on old pipelines

Older pipelines

- contract term dependent upon shippers managing supply risk
- contract term not matched to capital recovery
- risk of unrecovered capital costs

Regulatory challenge is balancing the different capital recovery models as the supply sources shift

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Implications of Competitive Pressures on “Franchise” Pipelines



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Regulatory Goals

- Fairness to customers and investors as a substitute for competition
 - “right investments”
 - “right costs”
 - “right timing”

Competitive Pressures

- Ex-post competition may improve variable costs, difficult to change overall economics
- Better infrastructure planning
- Improved capital efficiency
- Higher cost of capital and higher risk
- Elastic versus inelastic operating costs determines savings
- Incentives may work better than forced competition