

The Rise of AI:

A Reality Check on Energy and Economic Impacts



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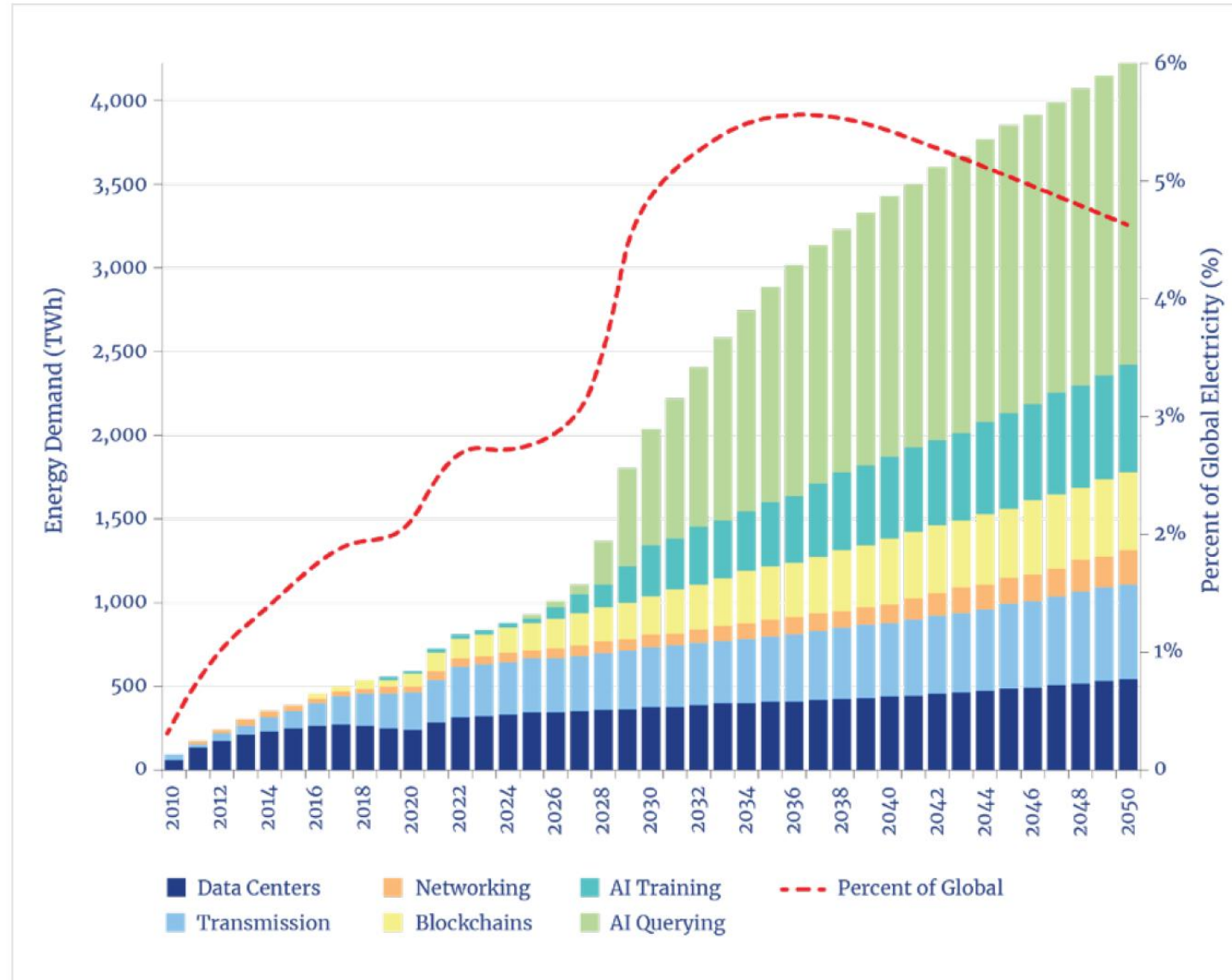
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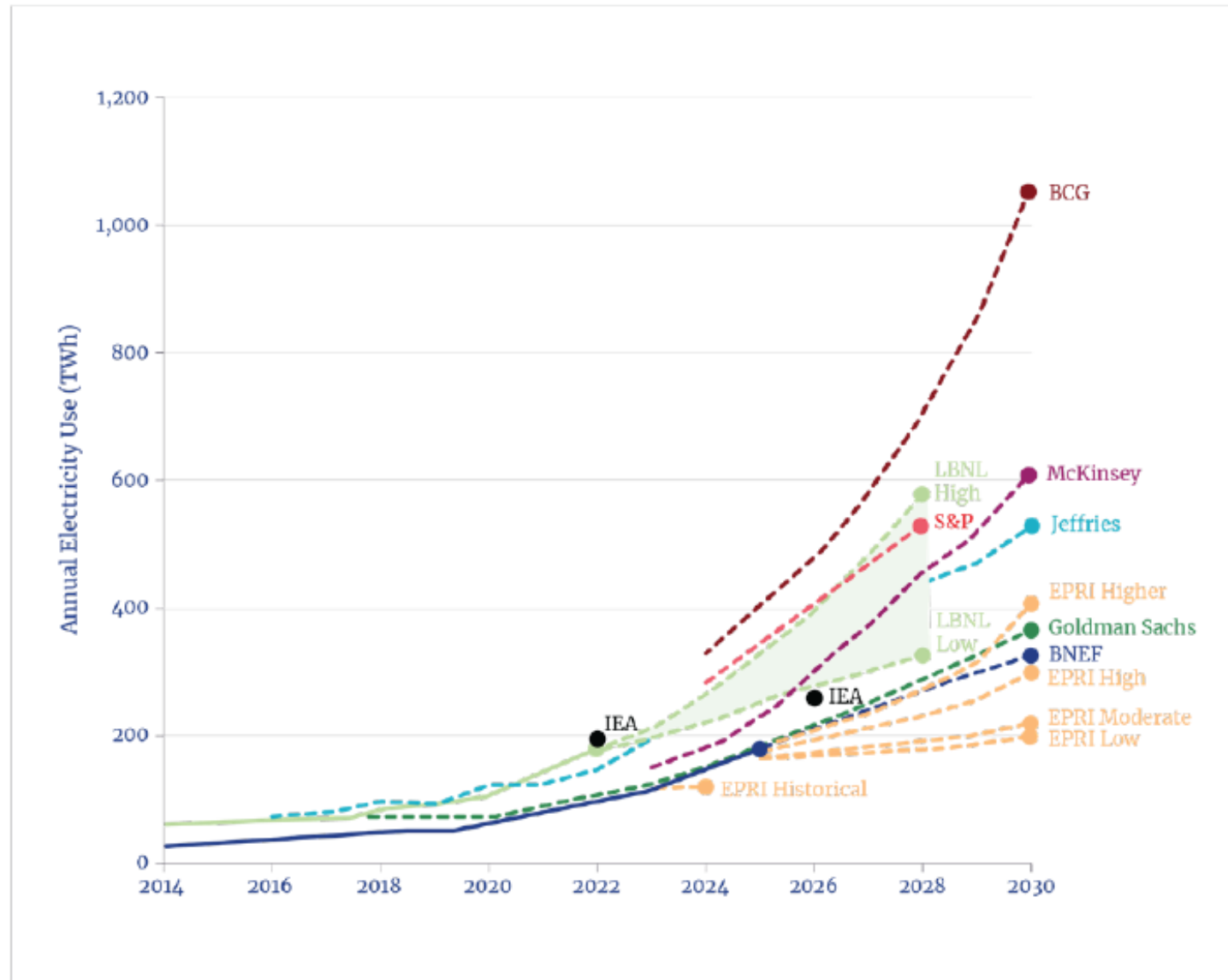


Total Energy Demands in the Digital Universe



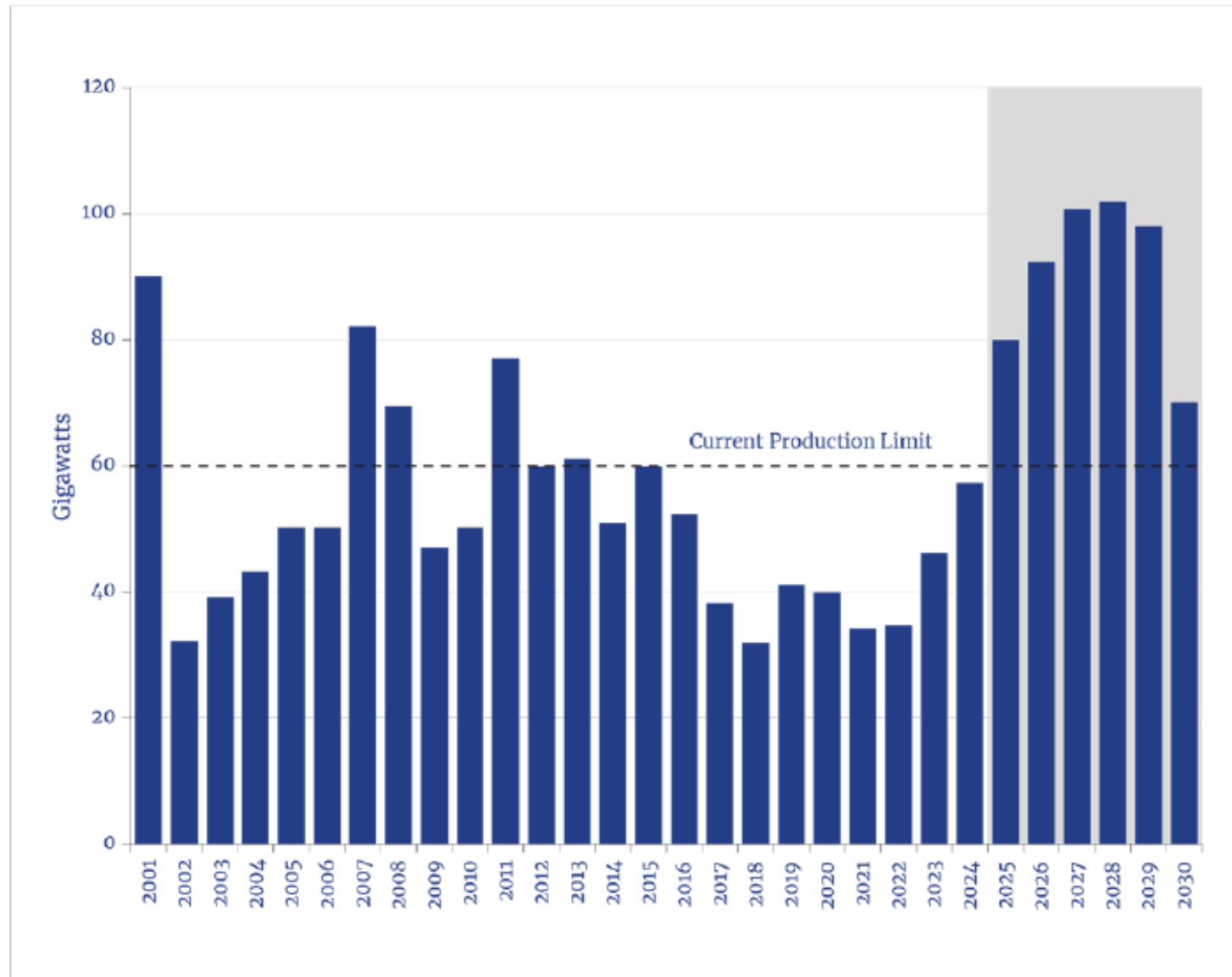
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Various Forecasts for U.S. Data Center Electricity Demand



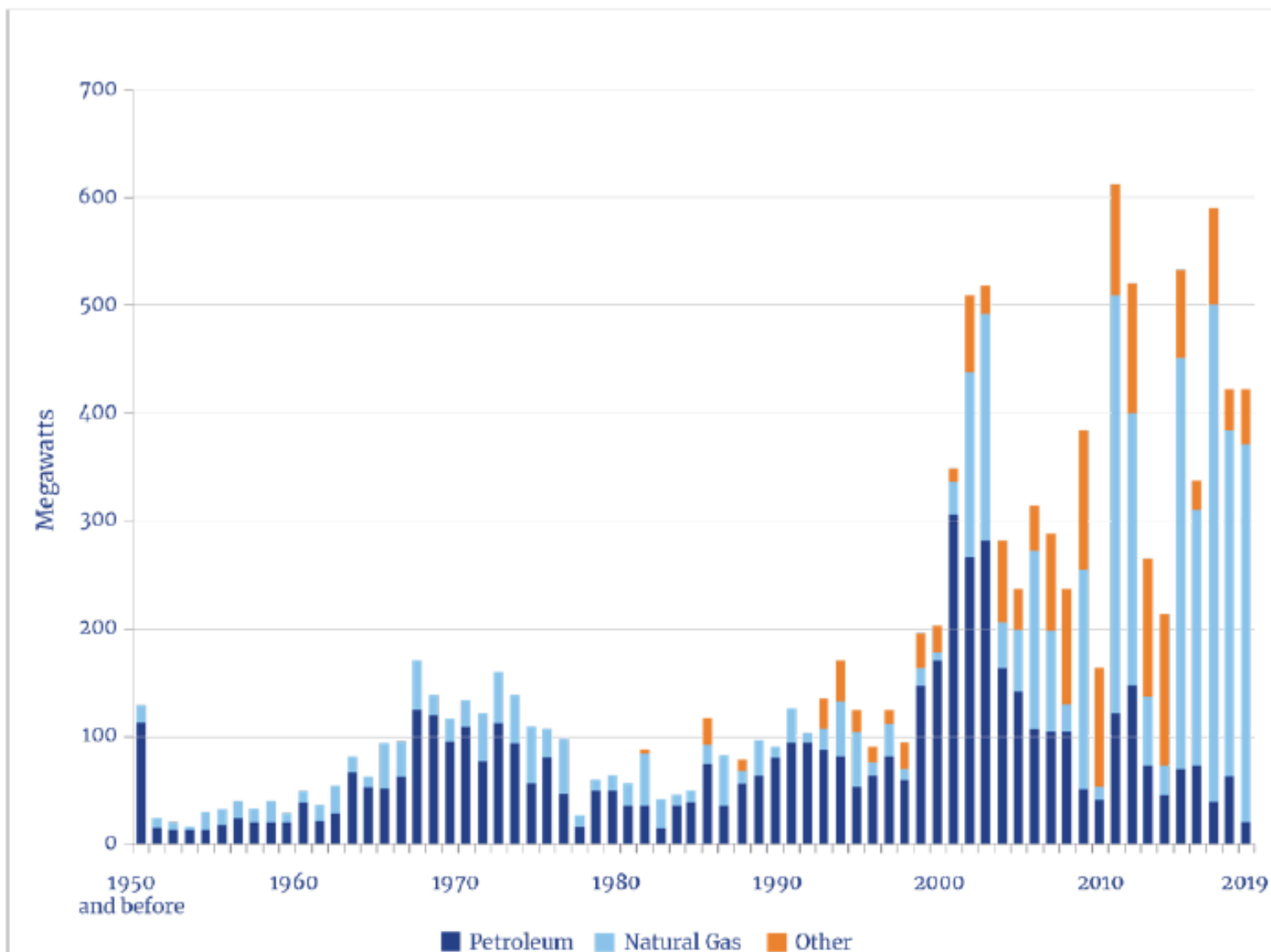
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Orders for Utility-Scale Natural Gas Turbines



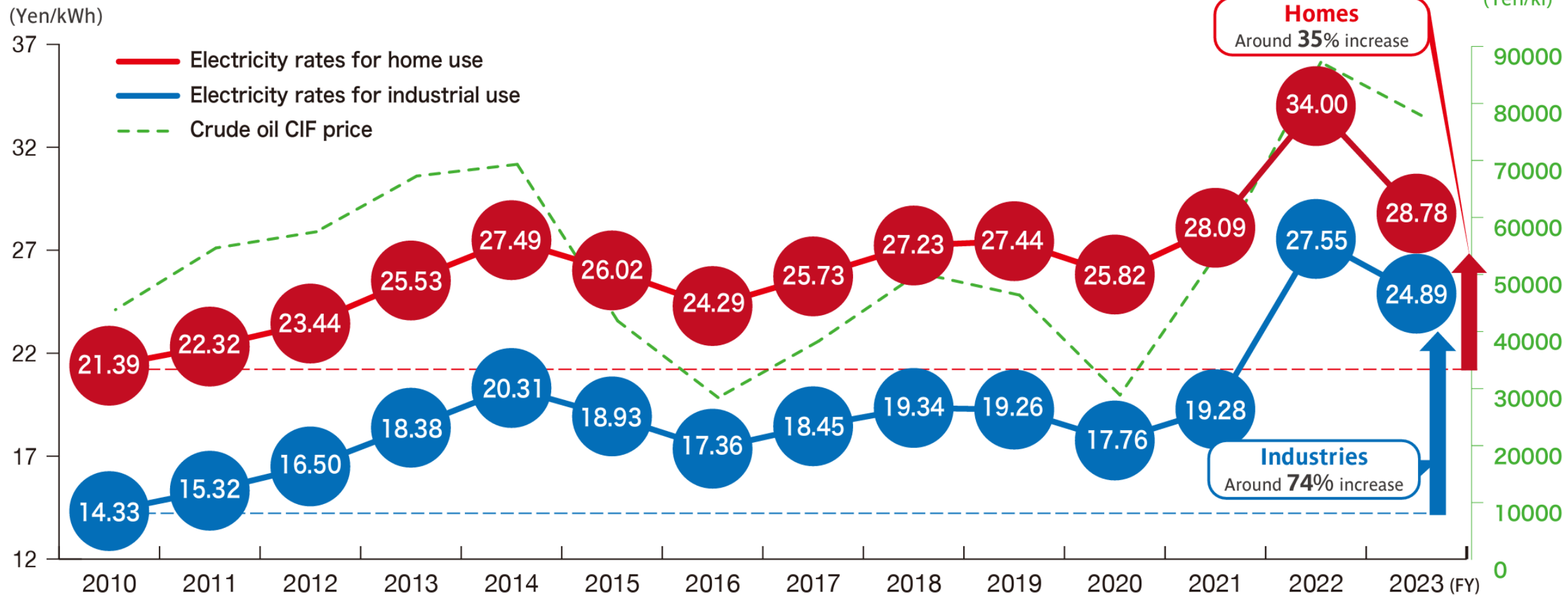
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Additions of U.S. Grid-Scale Reciprocating Engines



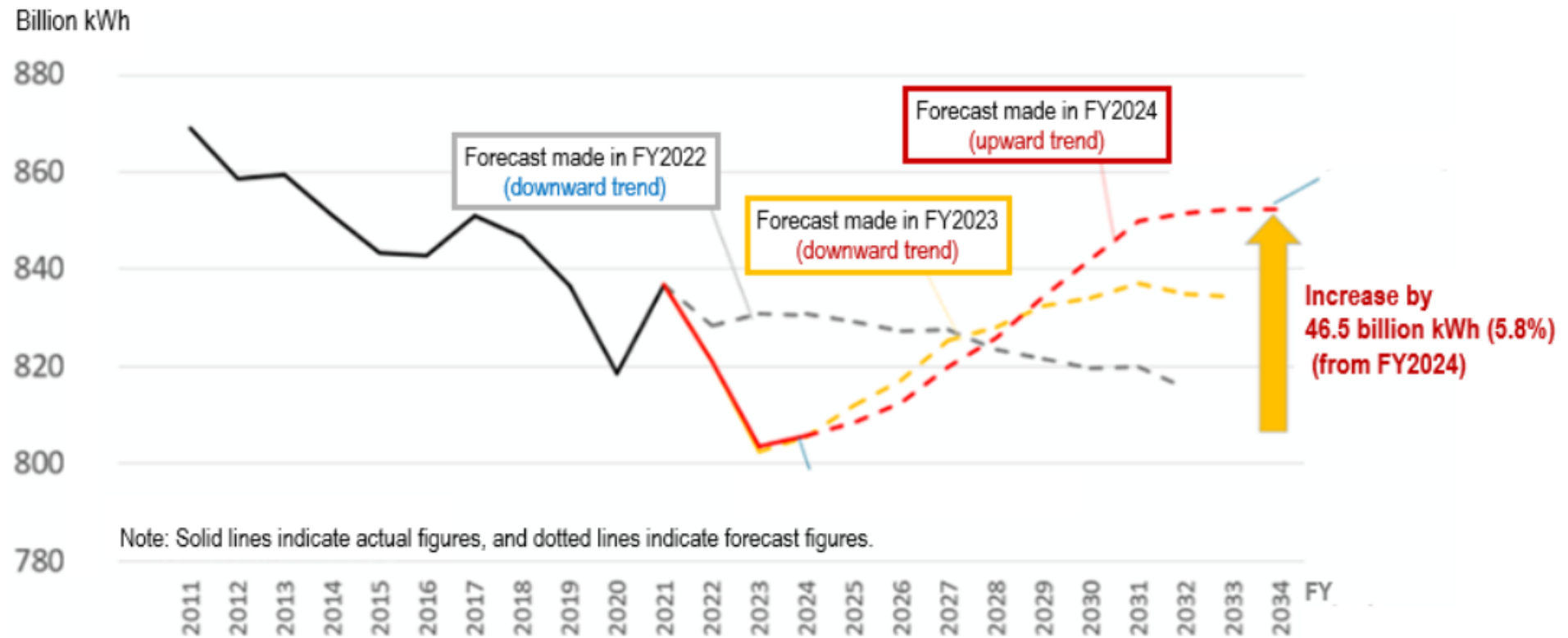
Source: [Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Engines Are Being Deployed More to Balance Renewables](#), Today in Energy, EIA, February 19, 2019.

Changes in average electric power rates



Source: Created based on monthly reports of generated and received electric power, financial materials of electric power companies, and power trading reports
Crude oil CIF price : Transaction price consisting of the import price plus related costs, such as transport cost and insurance cost.

National electricity demand outlook



(Source) Created by ANRE based on the Outlook for National and Regional Electricity Demand published by the OCCTO

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