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A S.W. Energy Efficiency Project  
Presentation:

# Monetizing Energy Improvement Opportunities

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# PURPOSE

- Demonstrate the strategic connection between energy use and business performance
- Present clear and compelling investment performance metrics for energy improvements
- Demonstrate energy's potential contribution to business results

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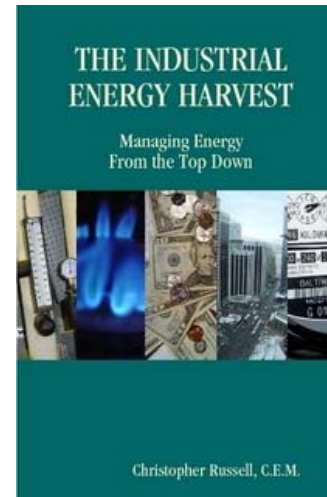
**“It’s what you learn after  
you know it all that counts.”**



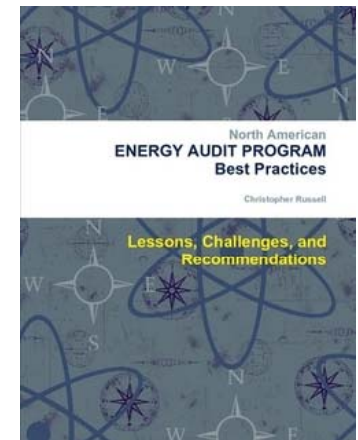
**Harry S. Truman**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> President of the**  
**United States of America**  
**(1884 – 1972)**

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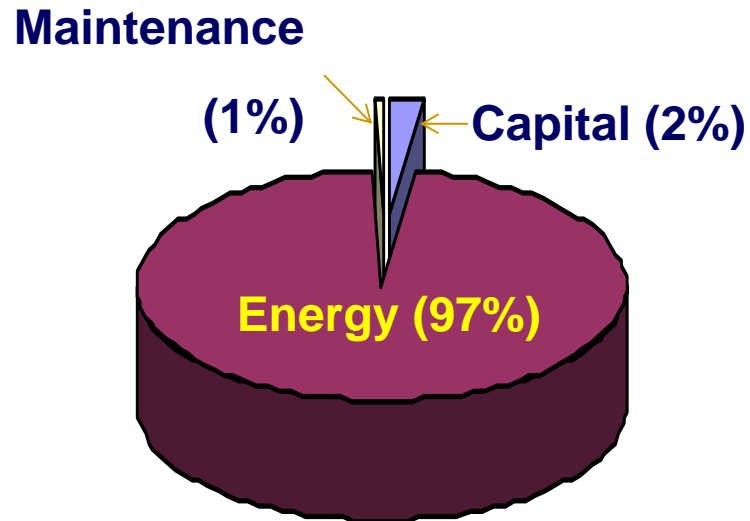
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3.	MONETIZING ENERGY OUTCOMES
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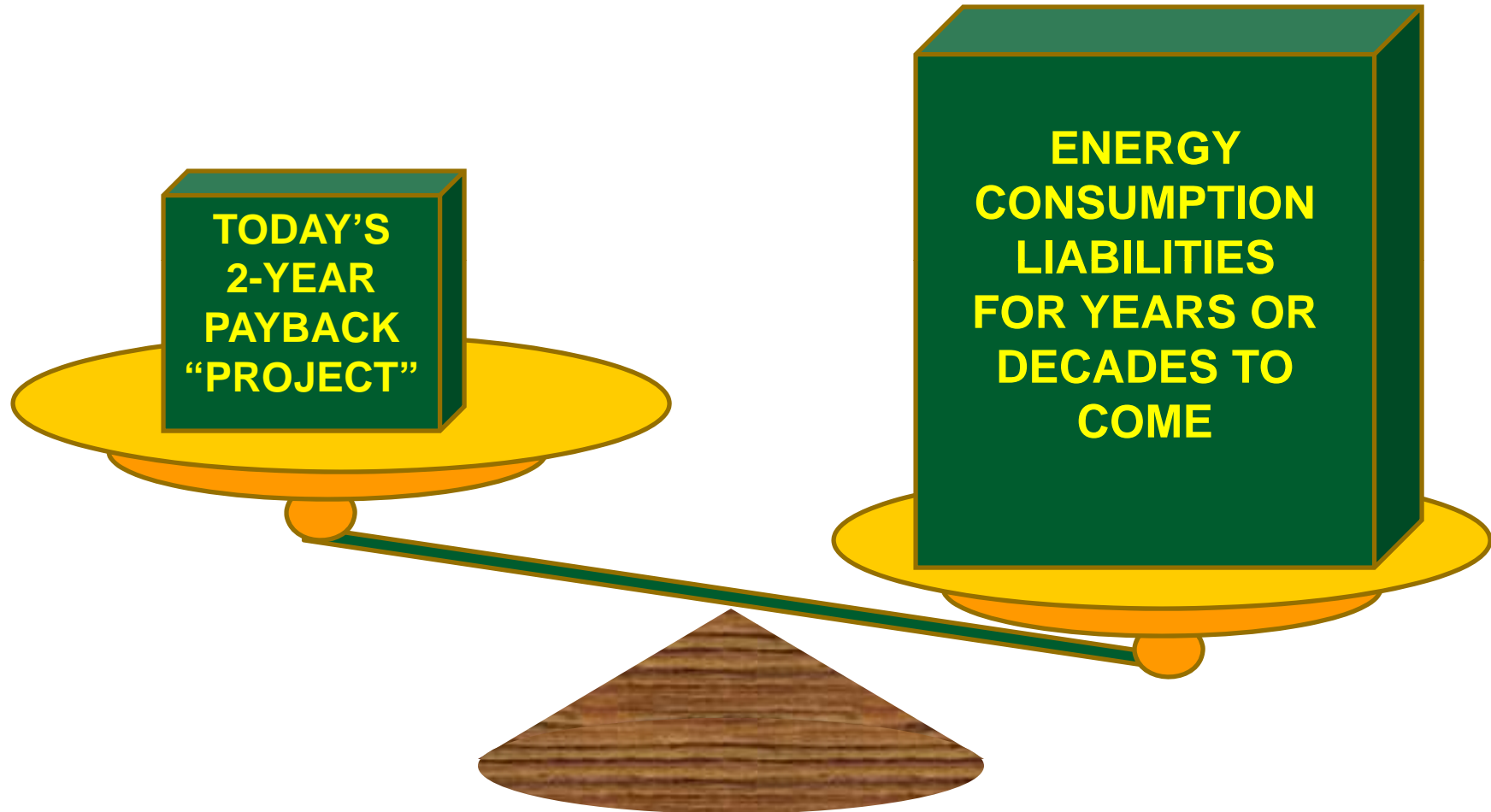
# Energy is a Small Portion of Costs?

**YES**, relative to the annual budget.

**NO**  
Relative to total  
cost of asset  
ownership



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# FACILITY MANAGER'S (OLD) VALUE PROPOSITION

- Just avoid failure mode
- Be available for emergencies

*It's all we can do to "keep the car on the road"  
...much less tinker with its efficiency!*

~~CHANGE~~



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# CHANGE ...happens anyway

- Rapid turnover of technology, management, corporate ownership
- Certain industries “re-shoring” back to the U.S.
- Volatile energy markets
- Integrated utility resource planning
- Real-time energy metering & verification
- Popular demand for sustainability
- Aging facilities management leadership

# CHANGE = OPPORTUNITY



**Connect the dots between sustainability and business performance**

**Answer facility managers' question:  
“What’s in it for me?”**



# Facility Manager's New Value Proposition

- Facilities = a profit center
- Monetize your energy position
- Success = show value created
- Contribution to cash flow and growth



**FUTURE-PROOF  
YOUR BUSINESS PERFORMANCE  
...and your job.**

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**YOUR FACILITY CAN BE...**



**AN ATM MACHINE!**

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# Simple Payback...

- Ignores value accruing after the investment pays for itself
- Payback  $\neq$  cost of capital
  - $\neq$  rate of return over time
  - $\neq$  investment comparison metric
- Says nothing about the impact of doing nothing
- **IGNORES THE BALANCE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS**
- **Don't like the payback? Just walk away...**

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# Can You *Walk Away* from the Investment?

## **TYPE 1:** NEW INITIATIVE

- Facility addition
- Expanded production process
- New product line



## **TYPE 2:** EXISTING OBLIGATION

- Efficiency improvement
- Still bear the cost of waste if no investment is made



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# ENERGY: Existing Obligation

- Investors WILL PAY either way:
  - For the energy solution, or
  - For the energy waste

*You can't walk away.*
- Goal for energy solutions: seek the least cost of meeting an obligation.



# How do you....



...measure  
mutual fund  
performance?

*Simple payback?*

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# Think INVESTMENT, Not PROJECT

## ■ PROJECTS:

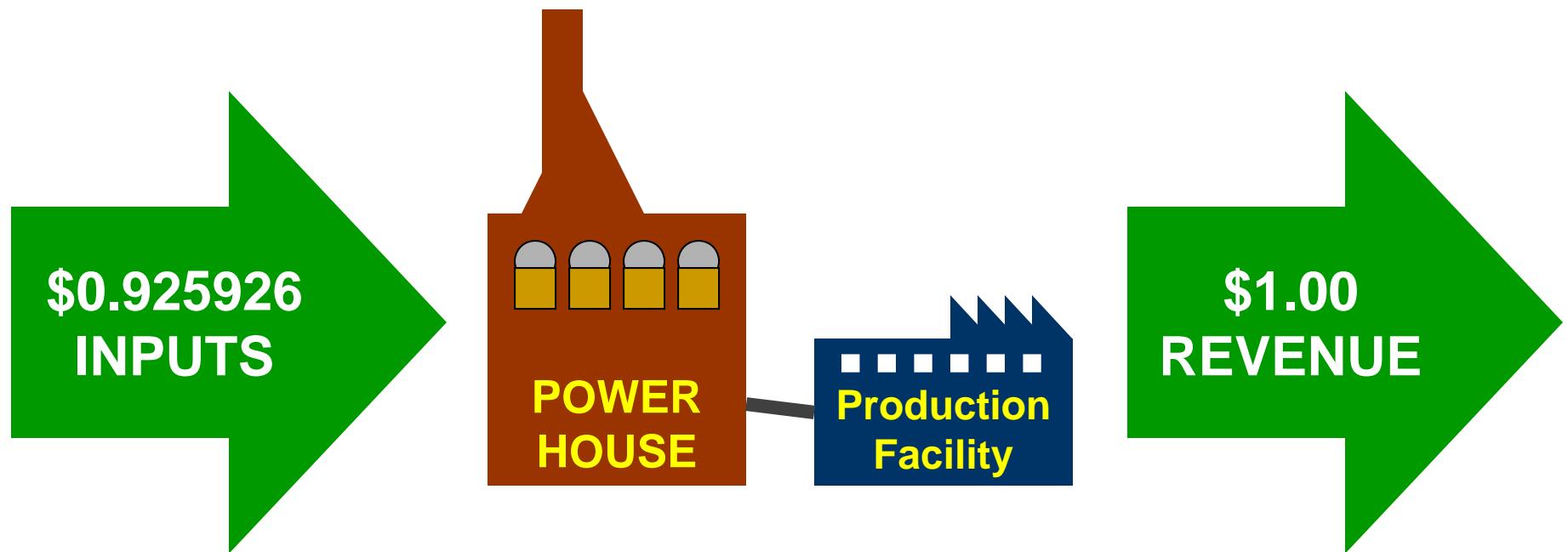
- ❑ Cost money
- ❑ Take up time
- ❑ Distract from operating goals & procedures

## ■ INVESTMENTS:

- ❑ Produce a cash flow
- ❑ Earn a rate of return
- ❑ Grow the business, create wealth

# A MONEY-MAKING MACHINE

(Over simplified)

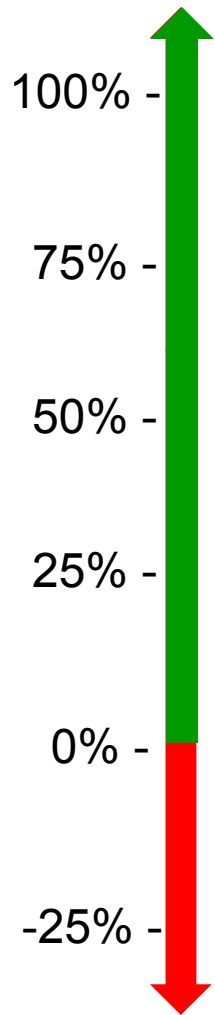


**Example: 8% Rate of Return**

# RATES OF RETURN ARE THE KEY

Capital never rests

...even if you “do nothing”



%?

- Core business: cost of internal capital
  - Energy project: After-tax rate of return
  - Stocks/mutual funds
- compare to
- Cost to borrow
  - Rate of capital destruction

## BOILER / STEAM UPGRADE

- \$1,500,000 cost
- \$200,000 rebate (YR1)
- \$200,000 downpayment  
Cap. recovery:  
25 YRS/8%
- \$1,300,000 borrowed  
20YRS/4%
- 25 YR economic life
- 1.5%/yr energy price escalation
- 39-YR Straight-line depreciation
- 35% marginal tax rate
- \$0.50/therm natural gas
- \$0.09/kWh electricity
- \$30,000 O&M saving/yr



	BEFORE	AFTER
ELEC kWh	5,260,000	4,734,000
GAS therm	2,700,000	2,294,680
Annual O&M	\$72,000	\$42,000

# Cash Flow Elements - Example

## FIRST YEAR RESULTS

<b>A</b>		ENERGY SAVINGS.....	\$250,000
<b>B</b>		O&M COST SAVINGS.....	<u>\$30,000</u>
<b>C</b>	<b>= A+B</b>	OPERATING INCOME .....	\$280,000
<b>D</b>		DEPRECIATION.....	\$33,333
<b>E</b>	<b>= C-D</b>	TAXABLE INCOME.....	\$246,667
<b>F</b>	<b>= E x Tax</b>	INCOME TAX (35%).....	\$86,333
<b>G</b>		CAPITAL RECOVERY (8%/25)...	<u>\$18,524</u>
<b>H</b>	<b>= D+E-F-G</b>	NET INCOME.....	\$175,143
<b>I</b>		DEBT SERVICE.....	\$94,533
<b>J</b>		TAX SAVINGS ON INTEREST....	\$17,924
<b>K</b>		REBATE.....	<u>\$200,000</u>
<b>L</b>	<b>= H-I+J+K</b>	FREE CASH FLOW.....	\$298,534

# Project Cash Flow

YR	NOMINAL INVESTMENT	OPERATING INCOME	NET INCOME AFTER TAX CAPITAL RECOVERY	AFTER TAX FINANCE OUTLAY*	FREE CASH FLOW
0	-\$1,000,000				-\$200,000
1	\$200,000	\$280,000	\$175,143	-\$76,609	\$298,534
2	\$0	\$283,750	\$177,581	-\$77,227	\$100,354
3	\$0	\$287,556	\$180,055	-\$77,870	\$102,185
4	\$0	\$291,420	\$182,115	-\$78,539	\$104,027
5	\$0	\$295,341	\$187,702	-\$79,960	\$105,880
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25	\$0	\$387,376	\$408,271	\$0	\$408,271

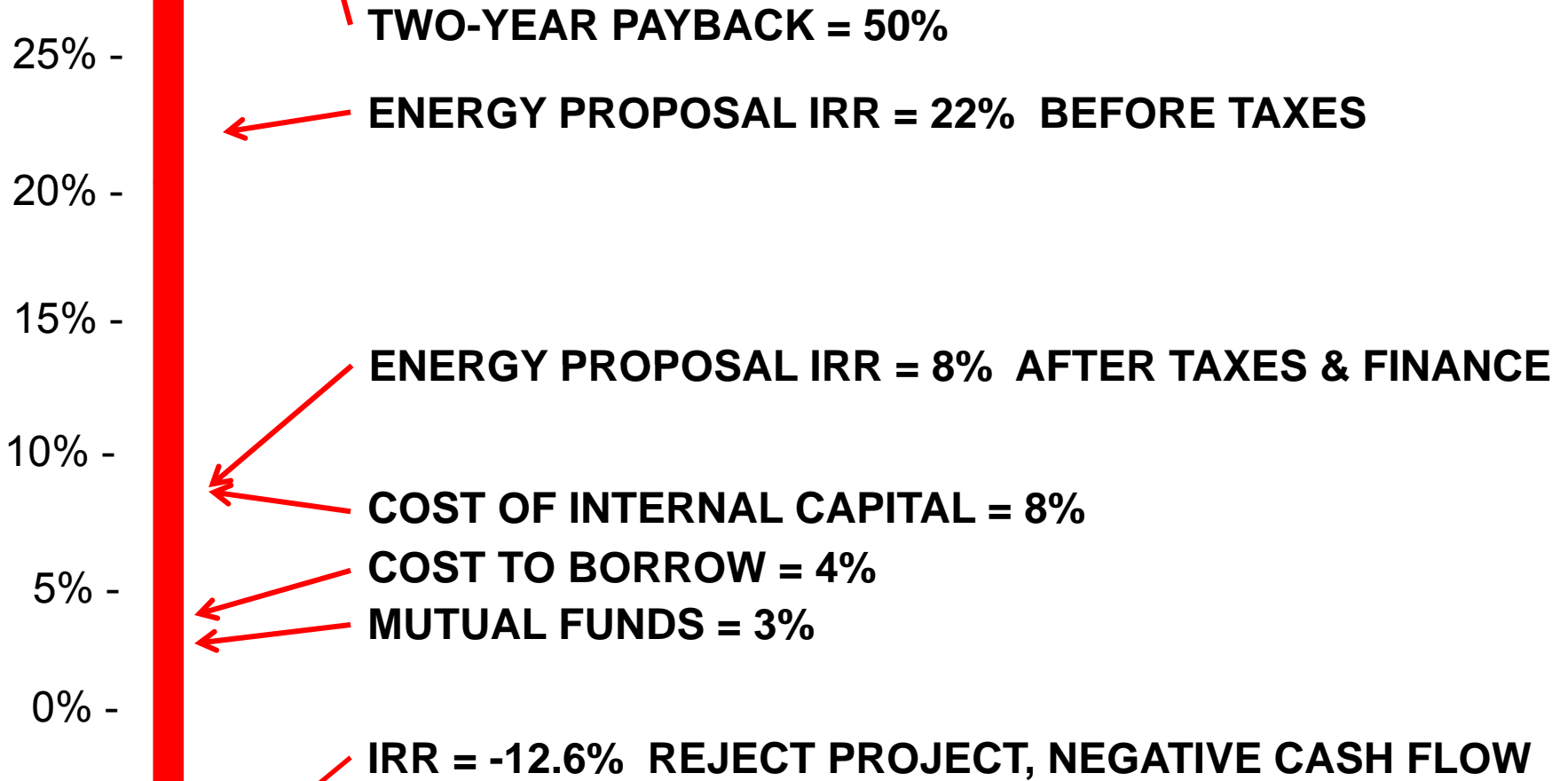
\*Annual debt service = \$94,533 (20 YRS @ 4% compounded monthly)

# Investor's Rates of Return (Thru 25 Yrs)

**EXAMPLE:**

PROJECT COST: \$1,500,000  
ECONOMIC LIFE: 25 YRS

**5-YR Payback  
Operating Results**





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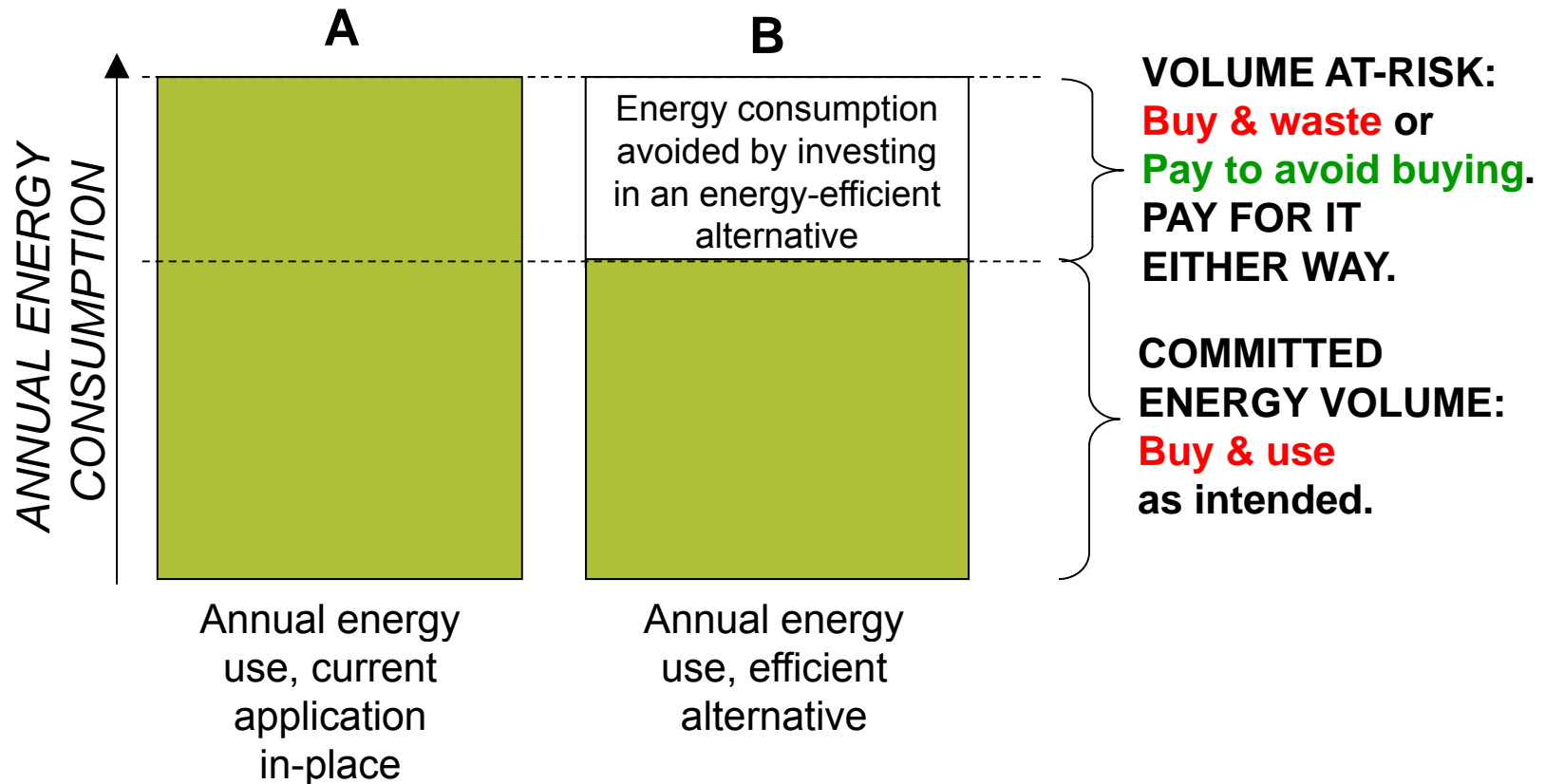
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# Business Proposition for Energy Projects

	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>
<b>GET</b>	Gross energy savings	Satisfaction of no capital expenditure?
<b>GIVE UP</b>	Fully amortized project cost	Life-cycle cost of doing nothing
	<b>+FREE CASH FLOW</b>	<b>-AGGREGATE PENALTY</b>

# Energy At-Risk



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# SAVE or BUY?

- Continue to **BUY**:
  - Live with the waste
  - Remain exposed to energy price volatility
  
- Or **SAVE**:
  - Eliminate the volume at-risk
  - Do projects when cost to save a unit of energy is less than the price to buy it
  - Cost/unit saved stays fixed over the economic life of the project

## ANNUALIZED COST

$$\text{ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST} = \left( \text{NET PROJECT COST} \right) \times \left( \text{CAPITAL RECOVERY FACTOR} \right)$$

$$A = B \times C$$

**VS**

## CAPITALIZED COST

$$\frac{\text{ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST}}{\text{CRF}} = \text{NET PROJECT COST}$$

$$\frac{A}{C} = B$$

$$\text{CAPITAL RECOVERY FACTOR (CRF)} = \frac{i(1+i)^n}{[(1+i)^n]-1}$$

Where:

i = weighted cost of capital – “velocity” of capital already invested

n = economic life (years) of remedy (energy improvement project)

### WHY ANNUALIZE?

- **Operating budgets are ANNUAL**
- **Energy savings are accounted ANNUALLY**
- **Compare ANNUAL cost to ANNUAL benefit**
- **Compare 3-yr project to 10-year or 5-year projects....**

# BOILER EXAMPLE:

## Annualized Project Cost Per MMBtu Saved

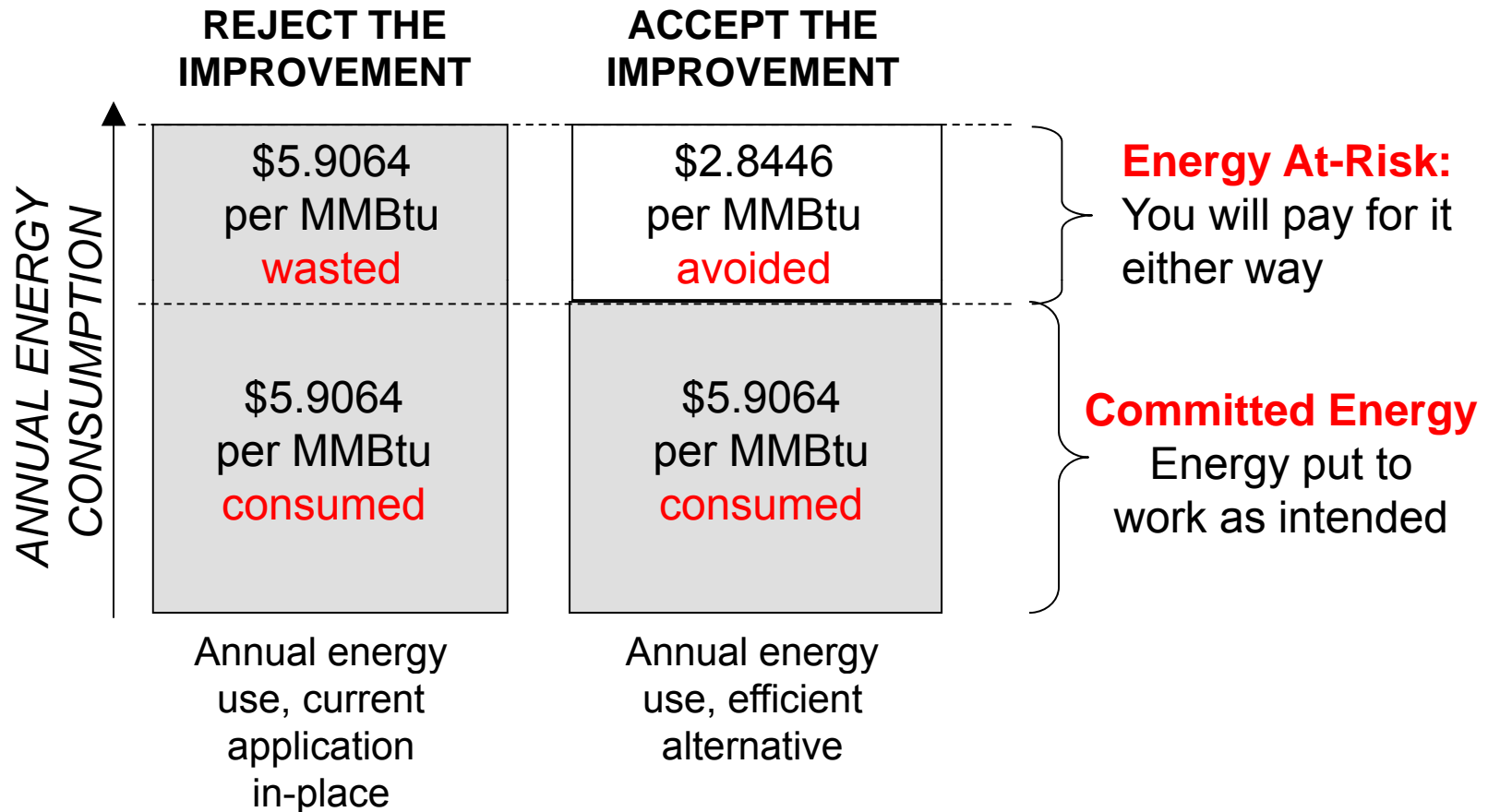
$$\text{ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{NET} \\ \text{PROJECT} \\ \text{COST} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{CAPITAL} \\ \text{RECOVERY} \\ \text{FACTOR} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\$120,403 = \left( \$1,300,000 \right) \times \left( .0926 \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{ANNUALIZED} \\ \text{PROJECT COST} \\ \text{PER ANNUAL} \\ \text{MMBtu}^* \text{ SAVINGS} \end{array} = \frac{\$120,403}{42,327} = \text{\$2.8446}$$

\* MMBtu are common denominator for disparate fuel types

# Boiler Example: Save or Buy Choice



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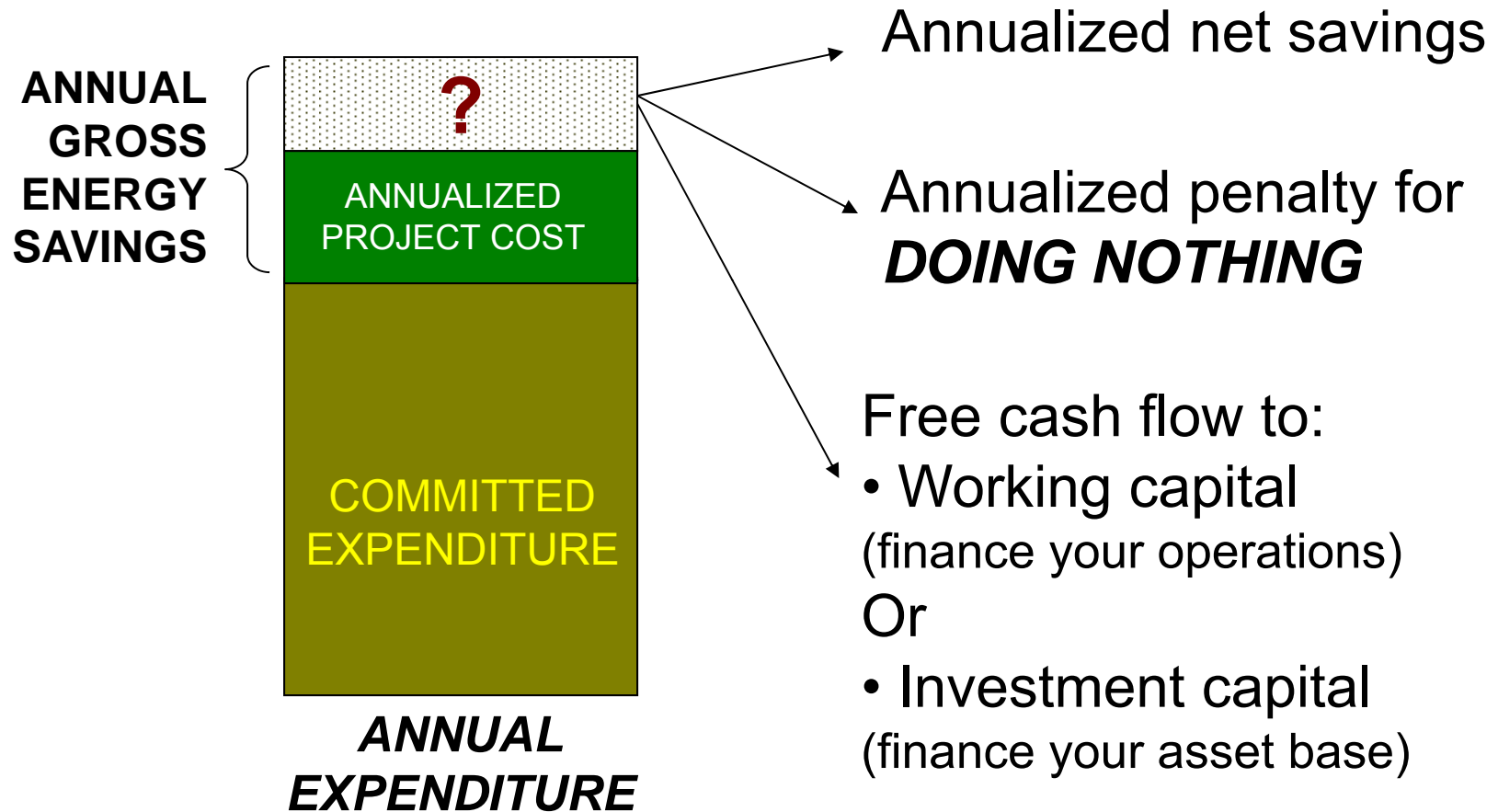
# COST-BENEFIT RATIO

$$\frac{\text{COST TO SAVE AN MMBtu}}{\text{PRICE TO BUY AN MMBtu}} = \frac{\$2.8446}{\$5.9064} = 0.4816$$

*This project allows the investor to pay \$0.48 to avoid buying \$1.00's worth of energy*



# INTERPRETING ANNUALIZED COST ANALYSIS

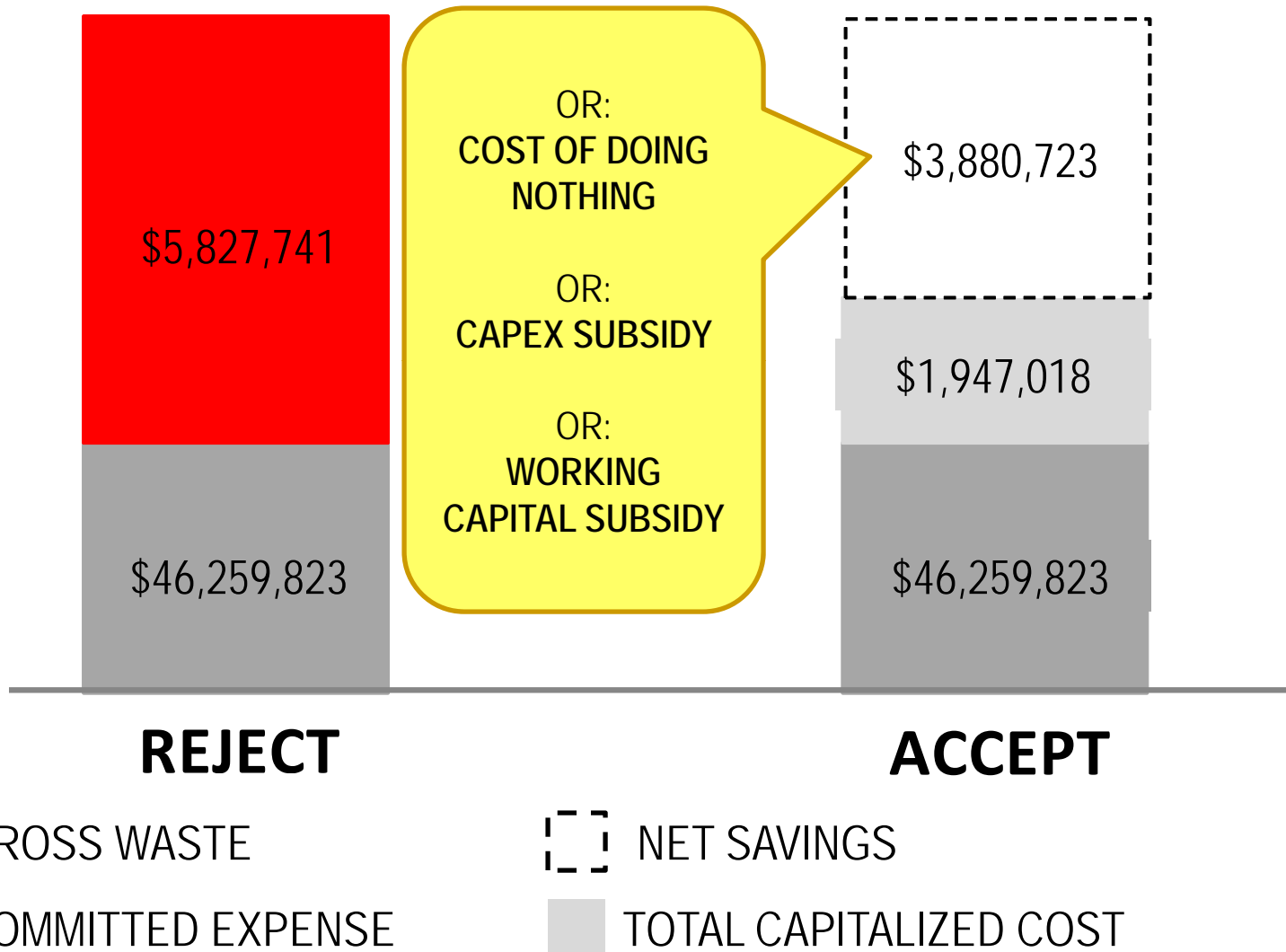


# Accept or Reject?

Our Boiler Example: 25-Year Results

	<b>DO</b>	<b>DON'T DO</b>
<b>GET</b>	Gross energy savings \$5,827,741	Satisfaction of no capital expenditure? \$0
<b>GIVE UP</b>	Fully amortized project cost \$1,947,018	Cost of doing nothing \$5,827,741 -\$1,947,018
	GET – GIVE UP= <b>+\$3,880,723</b>	GET – GIVE UP= <b>-\$3,880,723</b>

# Boiler Example: 25-YEAR RESULTS



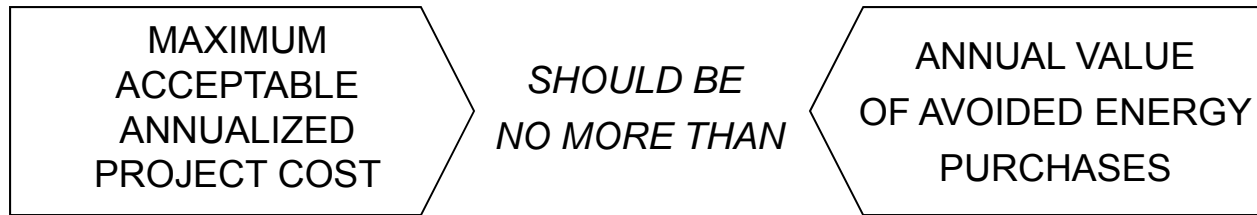
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# BREAK-EVEN POINT

$$\text{ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST} = \text{TOTAL VALUE OF ANNUAL ENERGY SAVINGS}$$

*What's the MOST that should be paid for the project, given certain investment criteria?*

# Calculating the Financial Break-Even Cost



$$\text{MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST} = \left( \text{DELIVERED PRICE PER UNIT OF ENERGY} \right) \times \left( \text{UNITS OF AVOIDED ENERGY CONSUMPTION} \right) = \text{ANNUAL VALUE OF AVOIDED ENERGY PURCHASES}$$

IF:  $\text{ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST} = \text{UP-FRONT PROJECT COST} \times \text{CRF}$

THEN:  $\frac{\text{ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST}}{\text{CRF}} = \text{NET PROJECT COST}$

ALSO:

$$\frac{\text{MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE ANNUALIZED PROJECT COST}}{\text{CRF}} = \text{MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE NET PROJECT COST}$$

# Break-Even Calculation

## Our Boiler Example

$$\text{MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE INVESTMENT} = \frac{\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{DELIVERED} \\ \text{PRICE PER} \\ \text{UNIT OF} \\ \text{ENERGY} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{l} \text{UNITS OF} \\ \text{AVOIDED} \\ \text{ENERGY} \\ \text{CONSUMPTION} \end{array} \right) + \text{NET O\&M COST SAVINGS}}{\text{CRF}} = \text{BREAK-EVEN PROJECT COST}$$

$$\text{MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE INVESTMENT} = \frac{\left( \$5.9064 \times 42,327 \right) + 30,000}{0.0926} = \mathbf{\$3,023,172}$$

NOTE: CRF = 0.0926 when n=25 and i=8%  
Amortized monthly

Net cost is only **\$1,300,000**... definitely worth it.

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# The Real Business Proposition

## Boiler Replacement Project

	ACCEPT	REJECT
<b>25-YEAR GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS</b>	\$5,827,741	\$0
<b>PAYOUT FOR ENERGY AT-RISK</b>	Amortized project cost (capital + interest) -\$1,947,018	\$5,827,741 life-cycle expenditure for energy waste minus \$1,947,018 amortized project cost avoided
<b>“PRICE TAG”: CAPITALIZED ANNUAL PAYOUT</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b> (per invoice)	<b>\$3,023,172</b> (\$147,861/CRF*)
<b>TOTAL 25-YEAR CASH FLOW</b>	<b>\$3,880,723</b>	<b>-\$3,880,723</b>

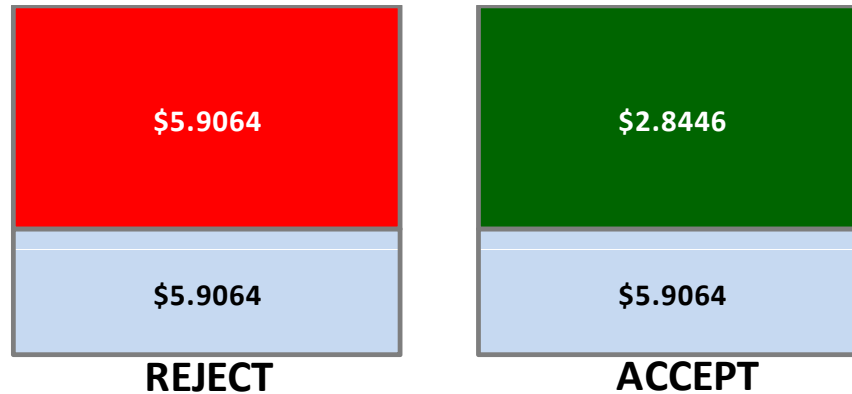
\*CRF: =  $[i(1+i)^n]/[(1+i)^n-1]$  NOTE: CRF = 0.0926 when n=25 and i=8%



**ENERGY AT-RISK: WASTED OR AVOIDED?**  
**YOU WILL PAY FOR IT EITHER WAY: CHOOSE YOUR PRICE.**

**ENERGY AT-RISK:**

<span style="color: red;">■</span> CURRENTLY <b>WASTED</b> :	42,327 MMBtu @ \$5.9064 per MMBtu
<span style="color: green;">■</span> POTENTIALLY <b>AVOIDED</b> :	42,327 MMBtu @ \$2.8446 per MMBtu
<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> MMBtu USED AS INTENDED:	245,620 MMBtu @ \$5.9064 per MMBtu



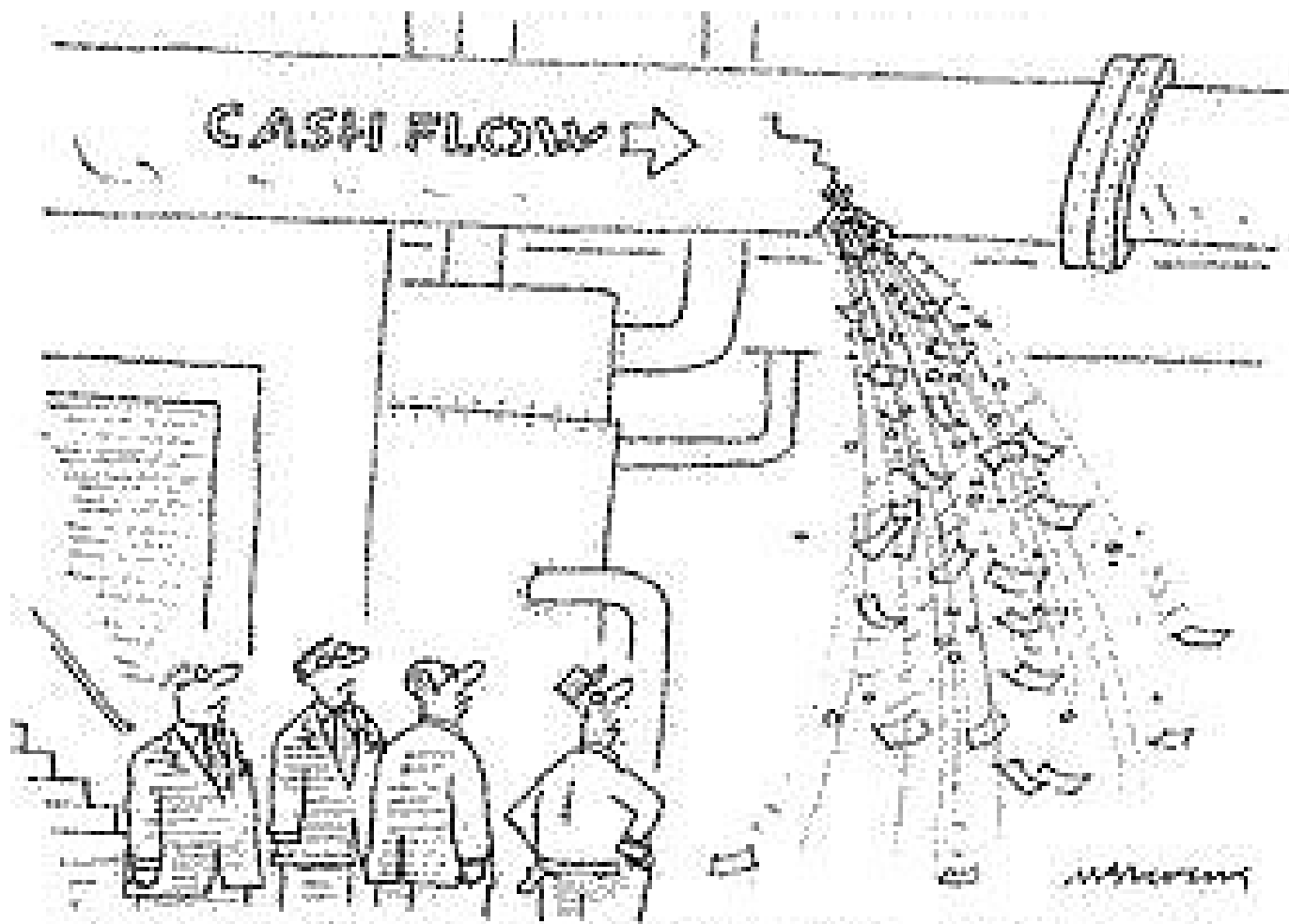
**PERFORMANCE METRICS**

	OPERATING Before depreciation and taxes	ECONOMIC After depr. & taxes; before finance	FINANCIAL Free cash flow after finance	TARGET
SIMPLE PAYBACK (TOTAL COST / 1st YEAR INCOME):	5.4	8.6	--	2.0 years
RETURN ON INVESTMENT:	25.4%	16.5%	--	n.a.
PROFITABILITY INDEX:	--	--	1.1	--
UNPROFITABILITY INDEX:	--	--	-1.5	--
INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN THRU YR 25:	22%	--	8%	--

LIFE-CYCLE COST (25 YEARS): \$48,206,840 undiscounted value; includes costs of finance  
 ANNUALIZED COST TO SAVE 1 MMBtu: \$2.8446  
 COST TO BUY 1 MMBtu: \$5.9064

# PAYBACK vs. ANNUALIZED COST

FEATURE	PAYBACK	ANNUALIZED COST ANALYSIS
Account for cash flows over the life of the improvement?	NO	YES
Incorporate the time-value of money?	NO	YES
Provide basis for break-even cost evaluation?	SORT OF	YES
Compare value of projects with different economic lives?	NO	YES
Describe value of free cash flow?	NO	YES
Provide the “price tag” for NOT taking action?	NO	YES



**“Well, gentlemen, there’s your problem.”**

## ***YOUR VOICE, YOUR POLICY***

### **Study of Manufacturing Investment Decision-Making**

Telephone survey of Stakeholders, ~ 20 minutes

Describe the corporate investment decision process  
**SHAPE THE NEXT ROUND OF ENERGY OUTREACH &  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Report due Oct 2012

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