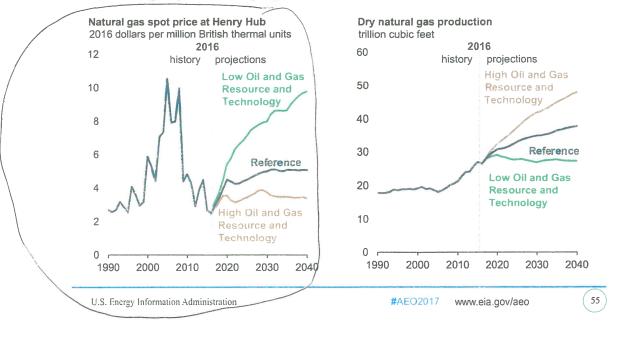


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## Natural gas prices are projected to increase---



## ---and are sensitive to the availability of new technology and resources

The range of projected Henry Hub natural gas prices depends on the assumptions about the availability
of oil and natural gas resources and drilling technology.

 In the Reference case, the natural gas spot prices at the U.S. benchmark Henry Hub in Louisiana rise because of increased drilling levels, production expansion into less prolific and more expensive-toproduce areas, and demand from both petrochemical and liquefied natural gas export facilities.

- Reference case prices rise modestly from 2020 through 2030 as electric power consumption increases; however, natural gas prices stay relatively flat after 2030 as technology improvements keep pace with rising demand.
- In the High Oil and Gas Resource and Technology case, lower costs and higher resource availability
  allow for increased levels of production at lower prices, increasing domestic consumption and exports.

 In the Low Oil and Gas Resource and Technology case, prices near historical highs drive down domestic consumption and exports.

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