

# Scenarios 1B and 2C Key Findings

# Scenario 1B – Current Policy

- **Least Cost vs. Least Risk**
  - **Least cost strategy already has low risk, additional risk reduction comes at a high cost relative to the reduction in risk**
  - **Least cost range is from around \$50 billion to \$177 billion with a mean at \$79.6 billion**
  - **Least risk range is from around \$60 billion to \$171 billion with a mean at \$83 billion**

# Scenario 1B – Current Policy

- **Adequacy and RPS drives builds**
  - The planning period starts not meeting adequacy standards in many of the futures
    - DR is optioned because it has a shorter lead time than generation options, small incremental resource size and low cost
  - Economic builds are few and far between
    - Economic builds occur in less than 1% of futures in the least cost resource strategy
  - Thermal build options selected for adequacy seem related to retirements of Boardman and Centralia
    - Gas peaking options in 2021 lead to a build mid 2022 and combined cycle options in 2023 lead to a build in 2025
  - REC banking delays the need for constructing renewables until well past the action plan period

# Scenario 2C – Carbon Risk

- **Least Cost vs. Least Risk**
  - Similar to 1B, reduction in risk comes at a relatively high cost
  - Least cost range is from \$57 billion to \$257 billion with a mean at \$104.7 billion
  - Least risk range is from \$59 billion to \$249 billion with a mean at \$106.1 billion

Note that comparison of the “net system cost” and “system risk” for Scenarios 1B and 2C must recognize that “carbon costs” are included in 2C and not in 1B

# Scenario 2C – Carbon Risk

- In the least cost strategy the thermal options selected are all combined cycle gas plants, no gas peaking plant is selected
- DR still plays a major role in the resource strategy
- Conservation by the end of the study supplies around 80% of the capacity added to the system

# Comparing 1B and 2C

- **Conservation**
  - Action plan period has 50 to 70 aMW more conservation purchased in 2C when comparing least cost strategies
  - Over the 20-year study, 2C has around 500 aMW more conservation when comparing least cost strategies
- **DR looks substantively similar in both scenarios**

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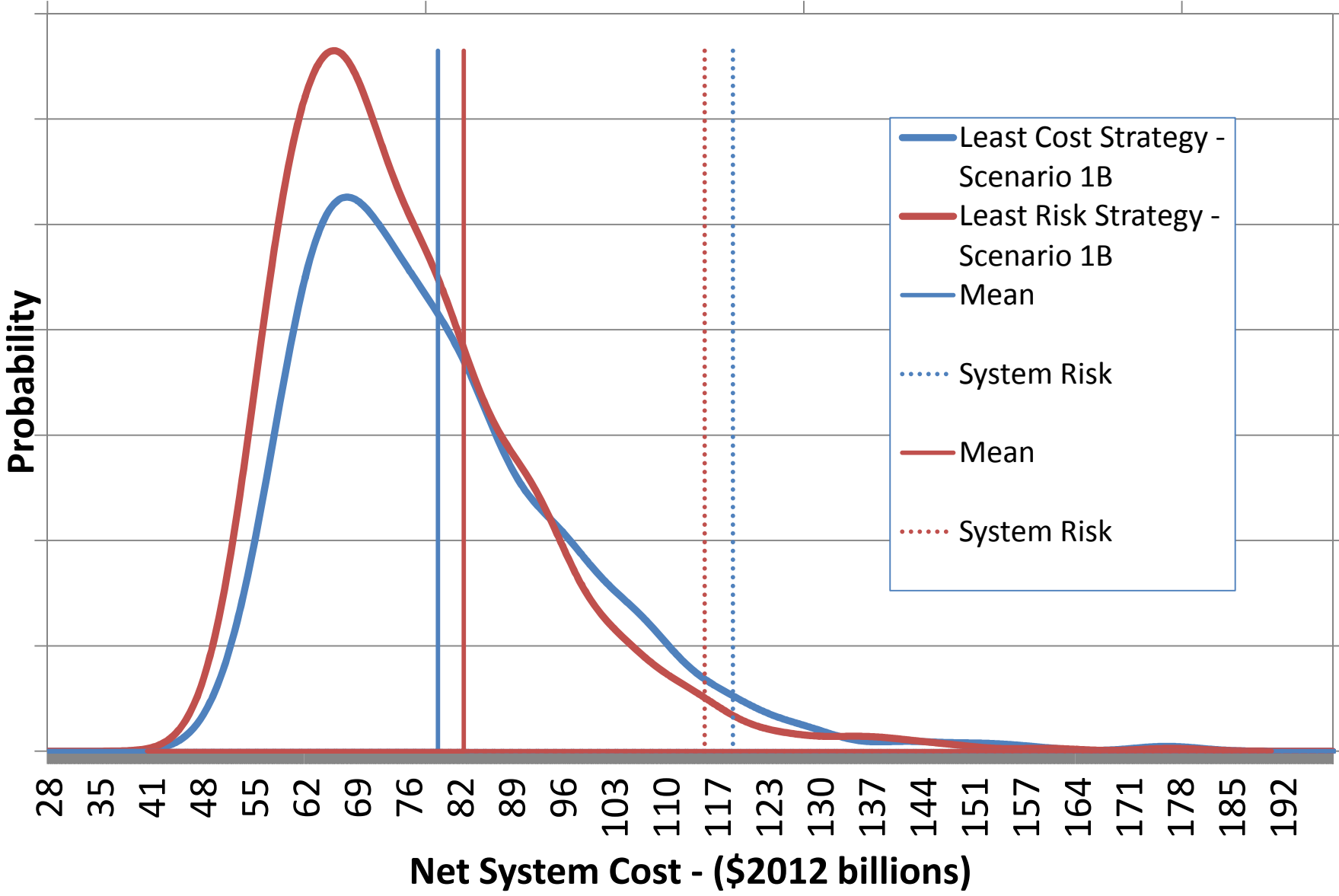
- **Thermal Options**
  - In the Carbon Risk scenario more efficient combined cycle combustion turbines are selected rather than peaking units
  - In the Carbon Risk scenario Economic builds increase significantly which is likely based on market price impacts of CO<sub>2</sub> tax
- **Existing Dispatch**
  - Existing units with associated carbon emissions have a much lower dispatch over the planning period

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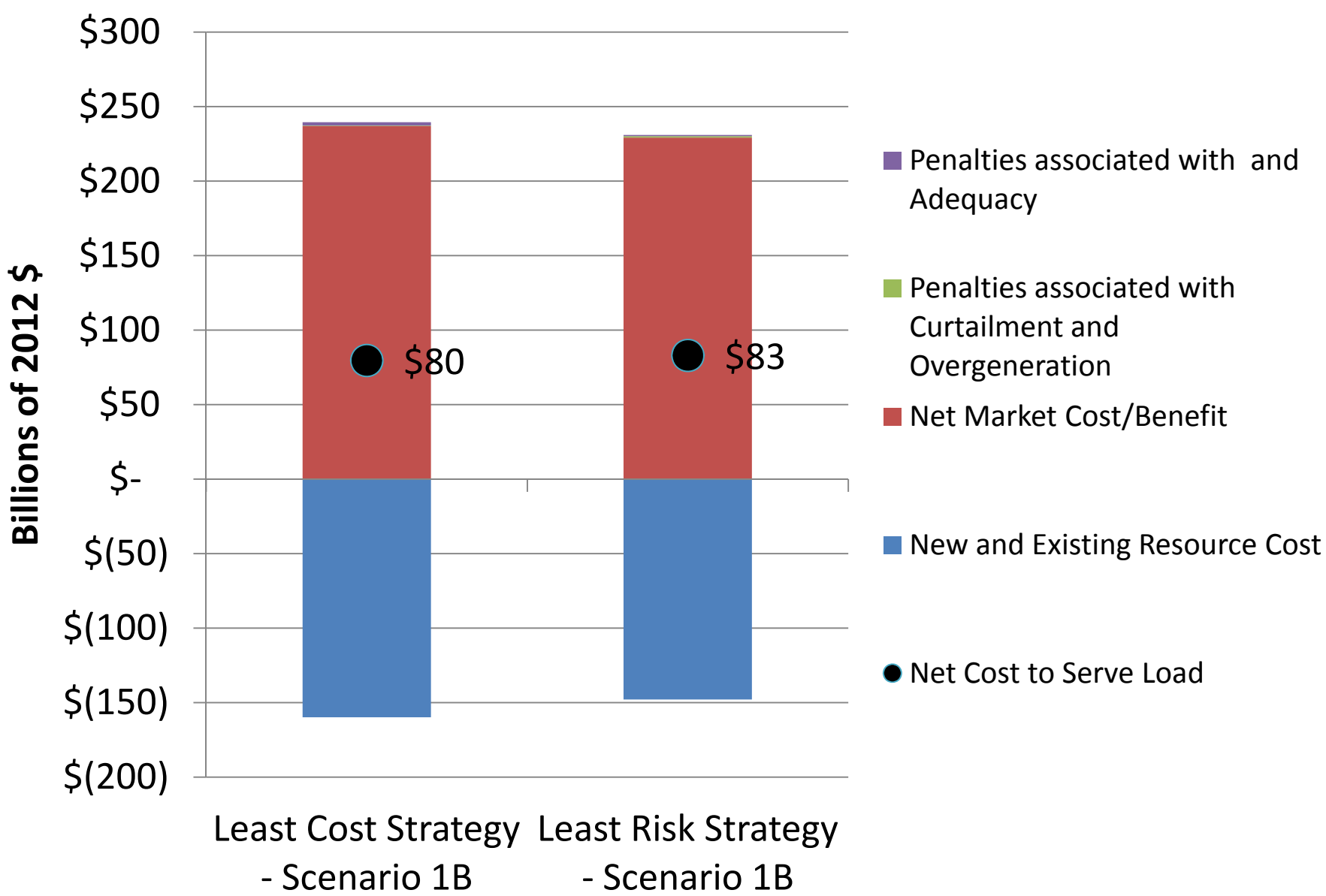
- **Carbon emissions are significantly reduced**
  - Total aggregated study emissions are around 65% of the emissions in 1B
  - On average 80% of the \$25 billion difference in net system cost between 1B and 2C is due to the assumed cost of carbon
    - This assumes that exports are treated as an increase to regional revenues that offset carbon cost expenses



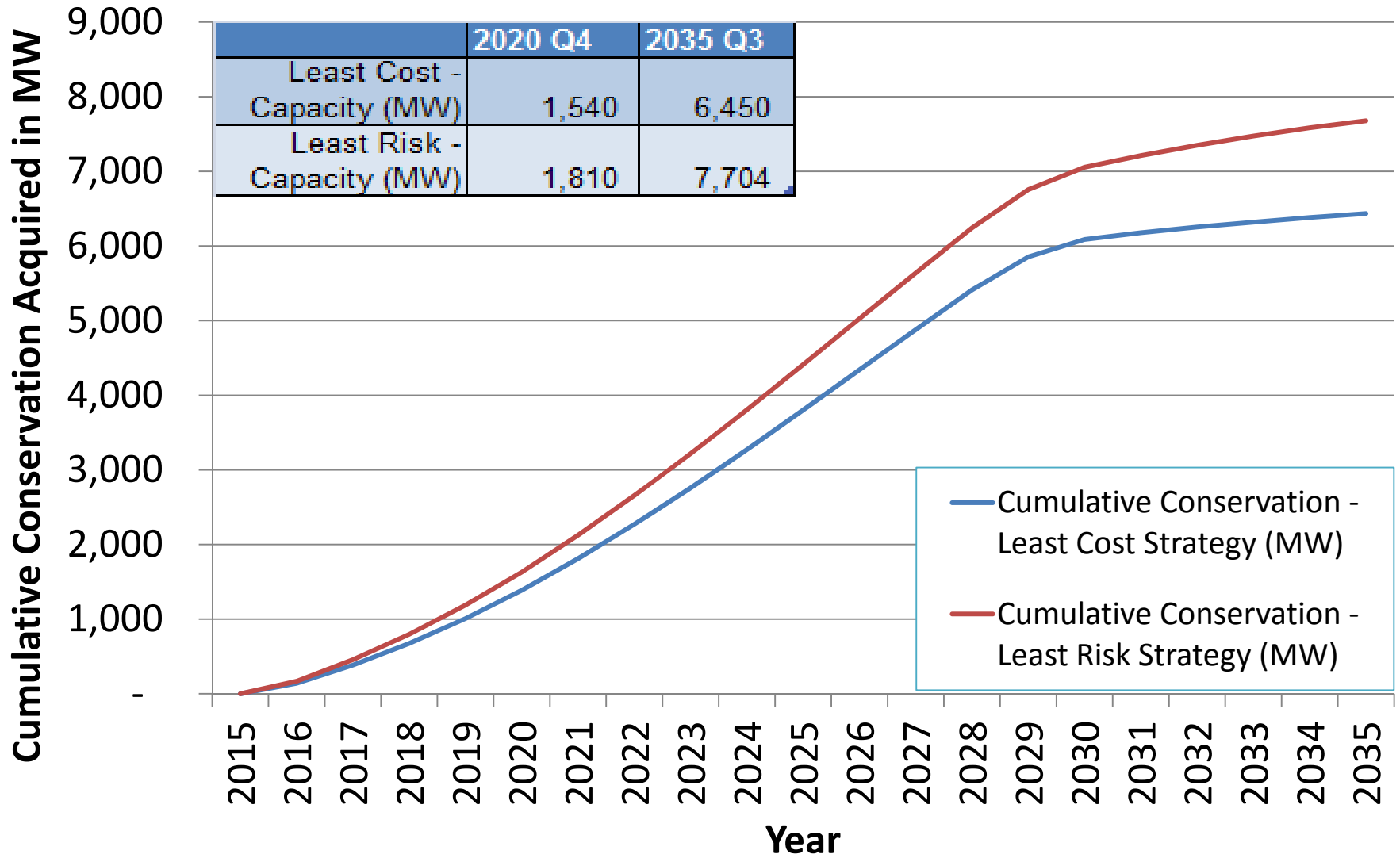
# Least Cost Strategy vs Least Risk Strategy



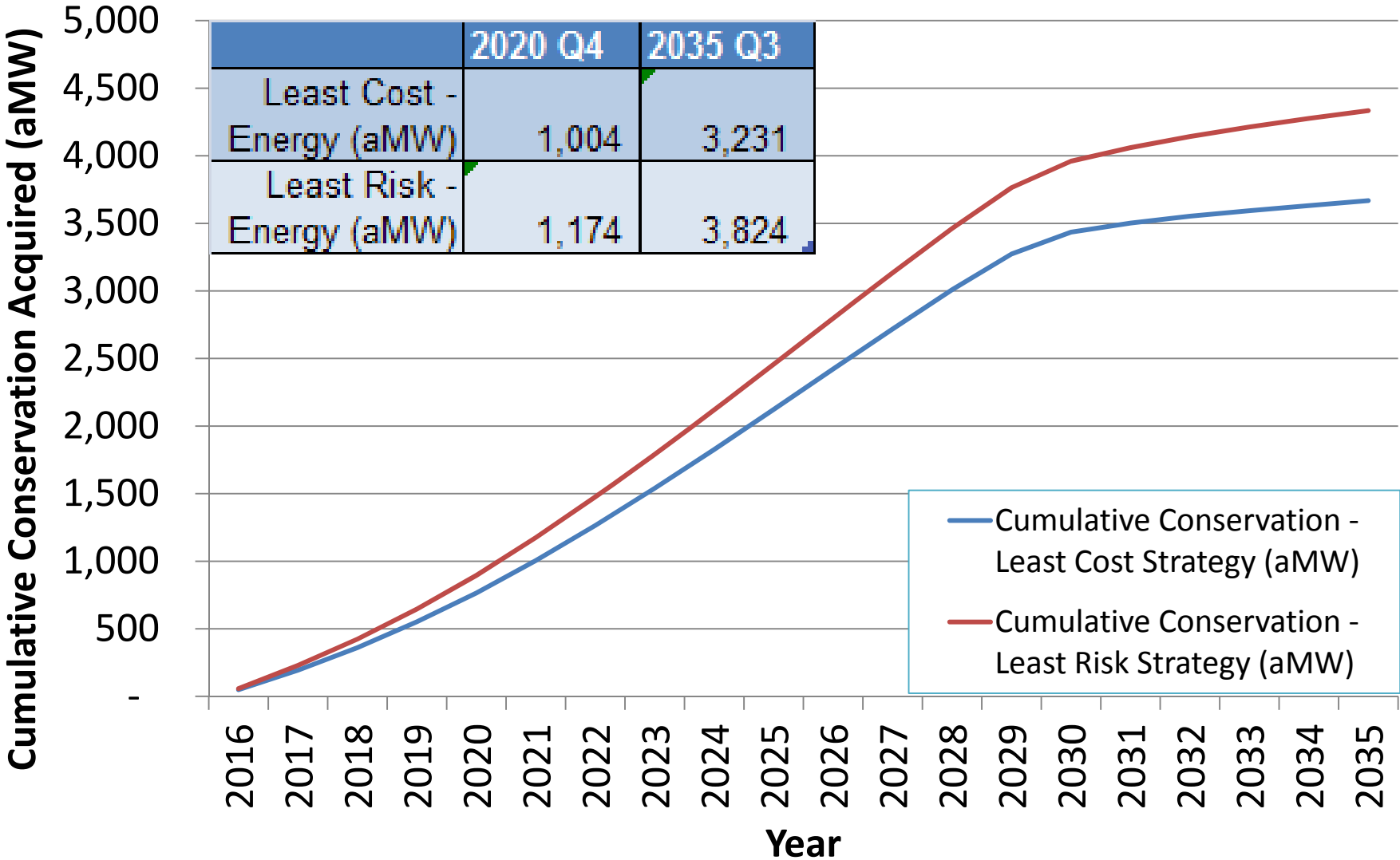
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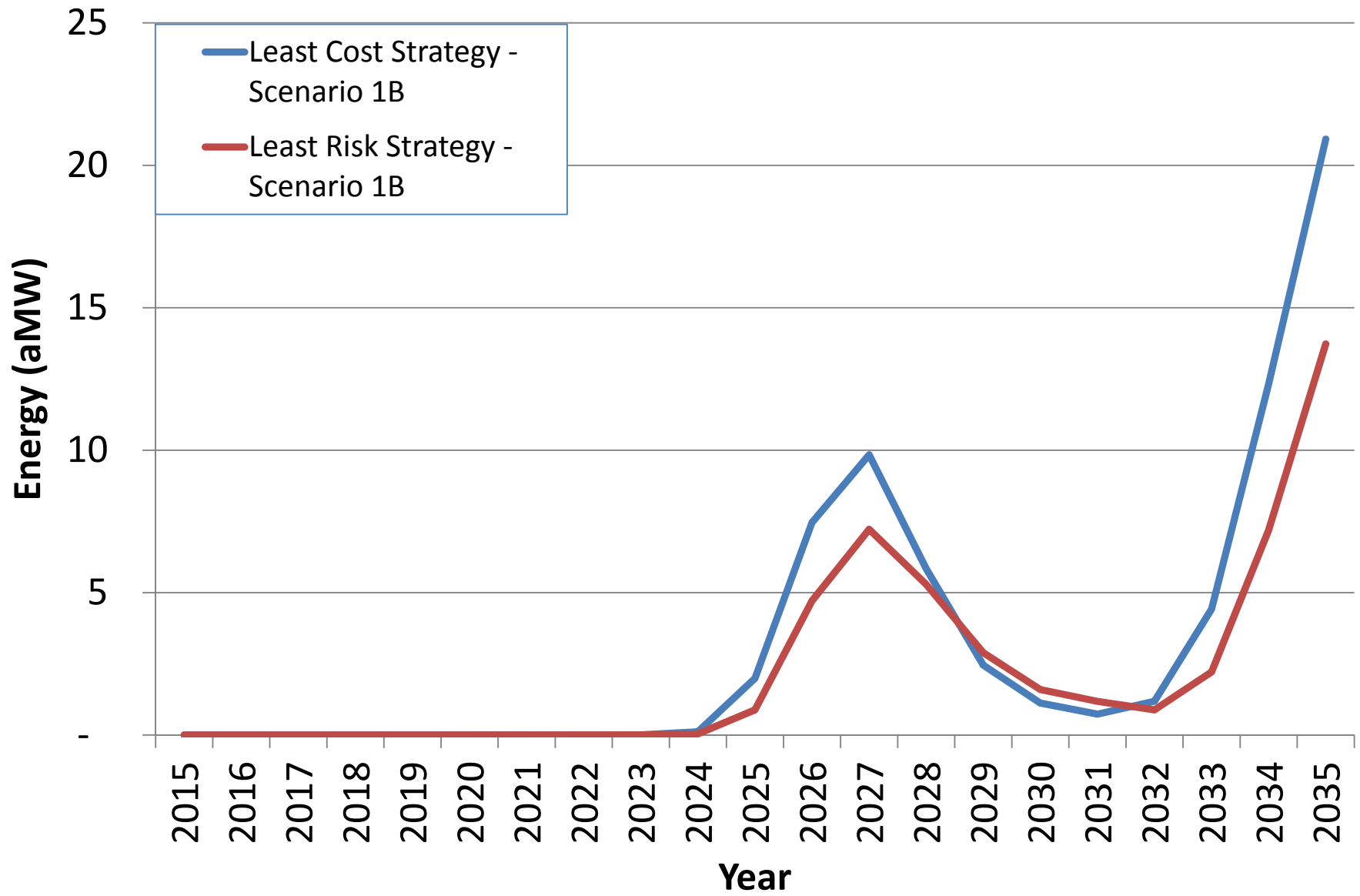
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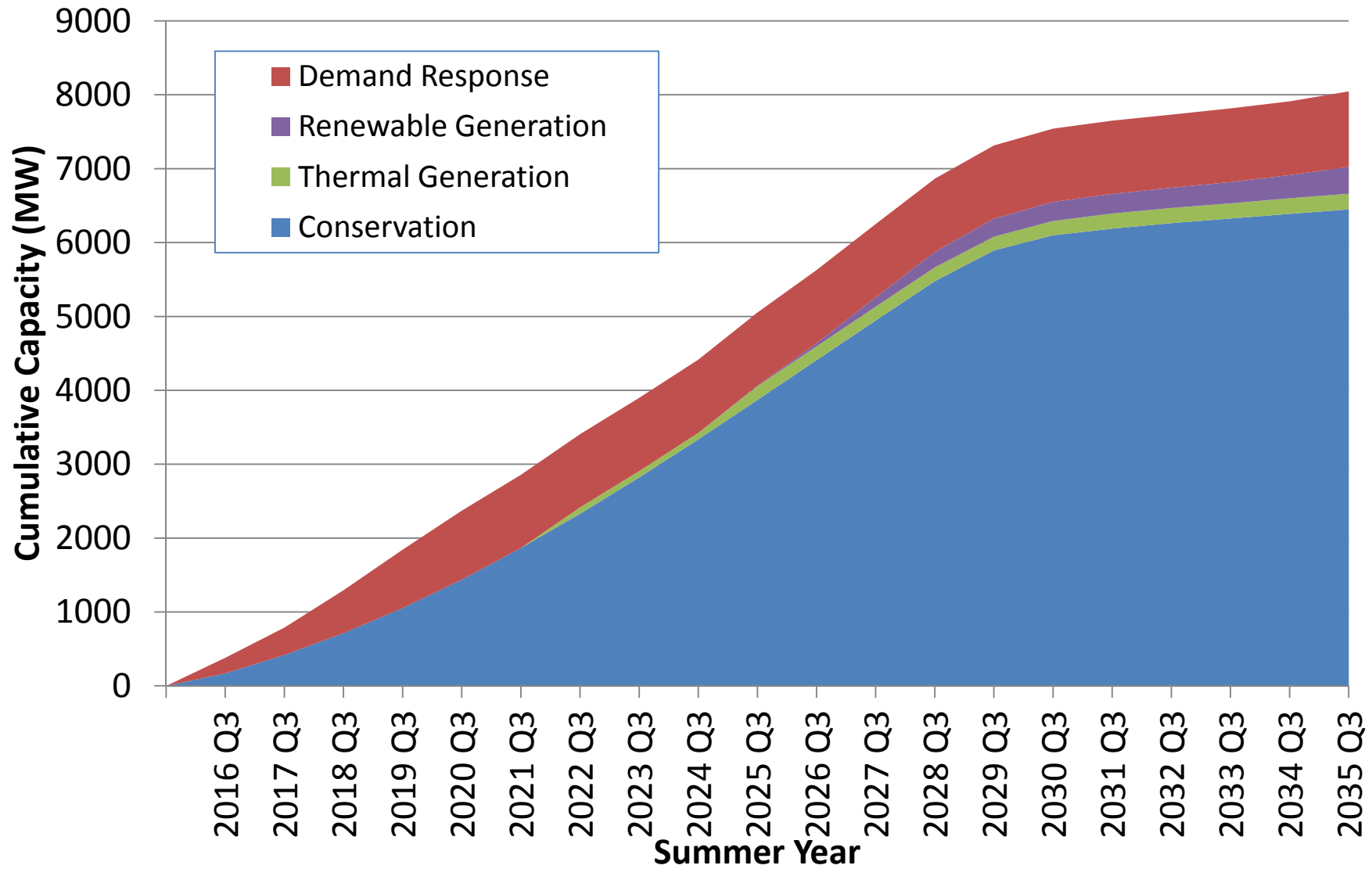
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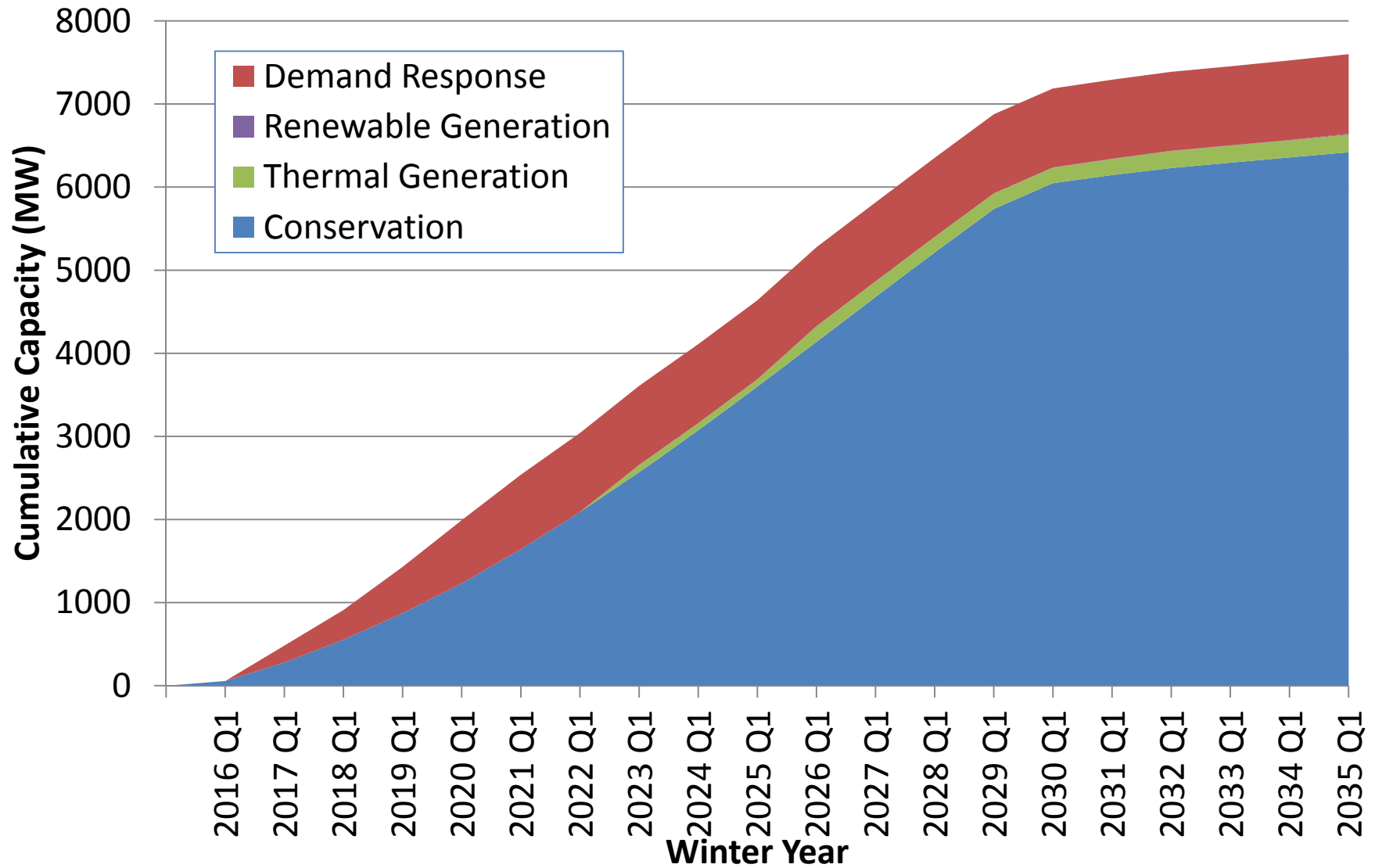
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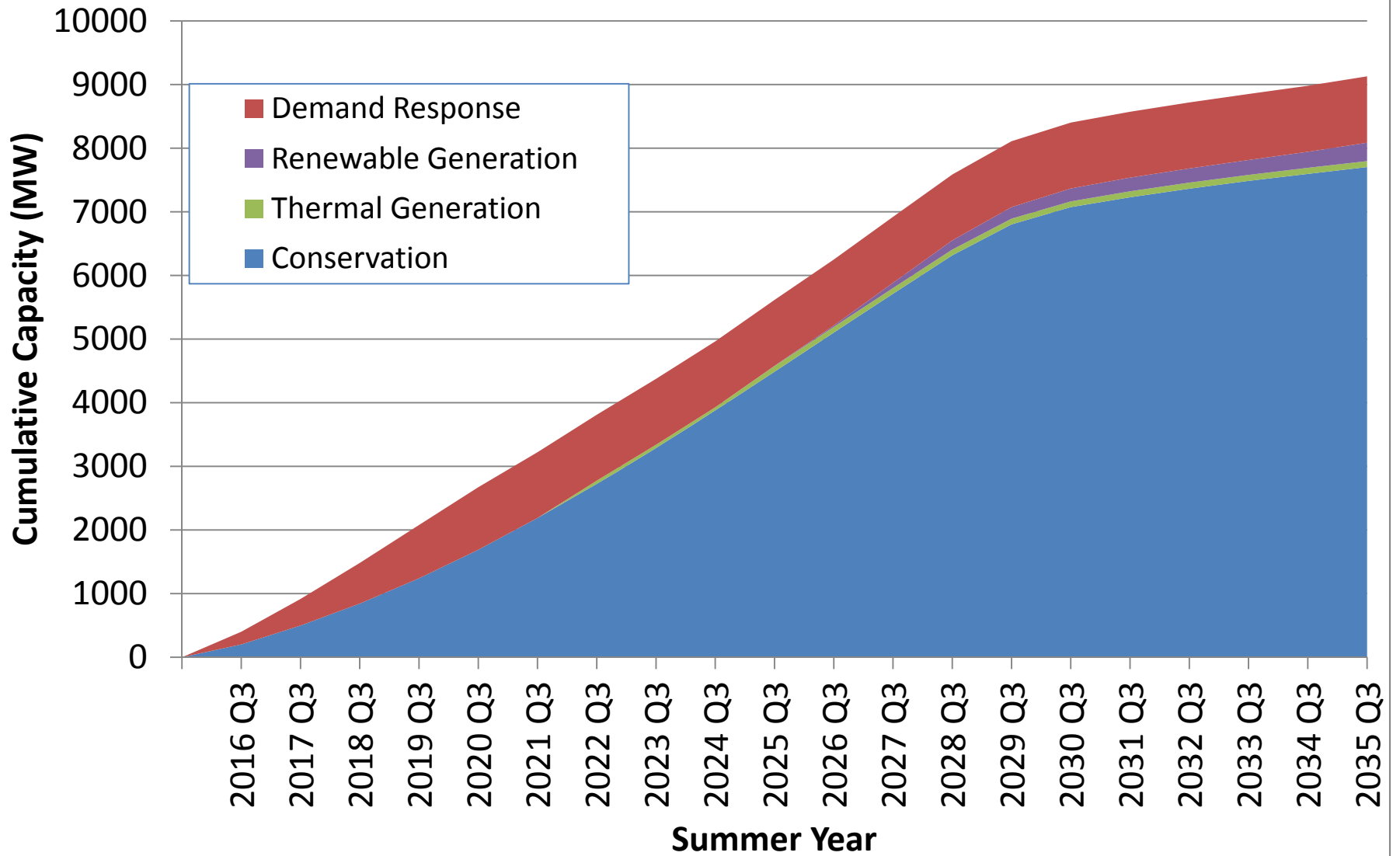
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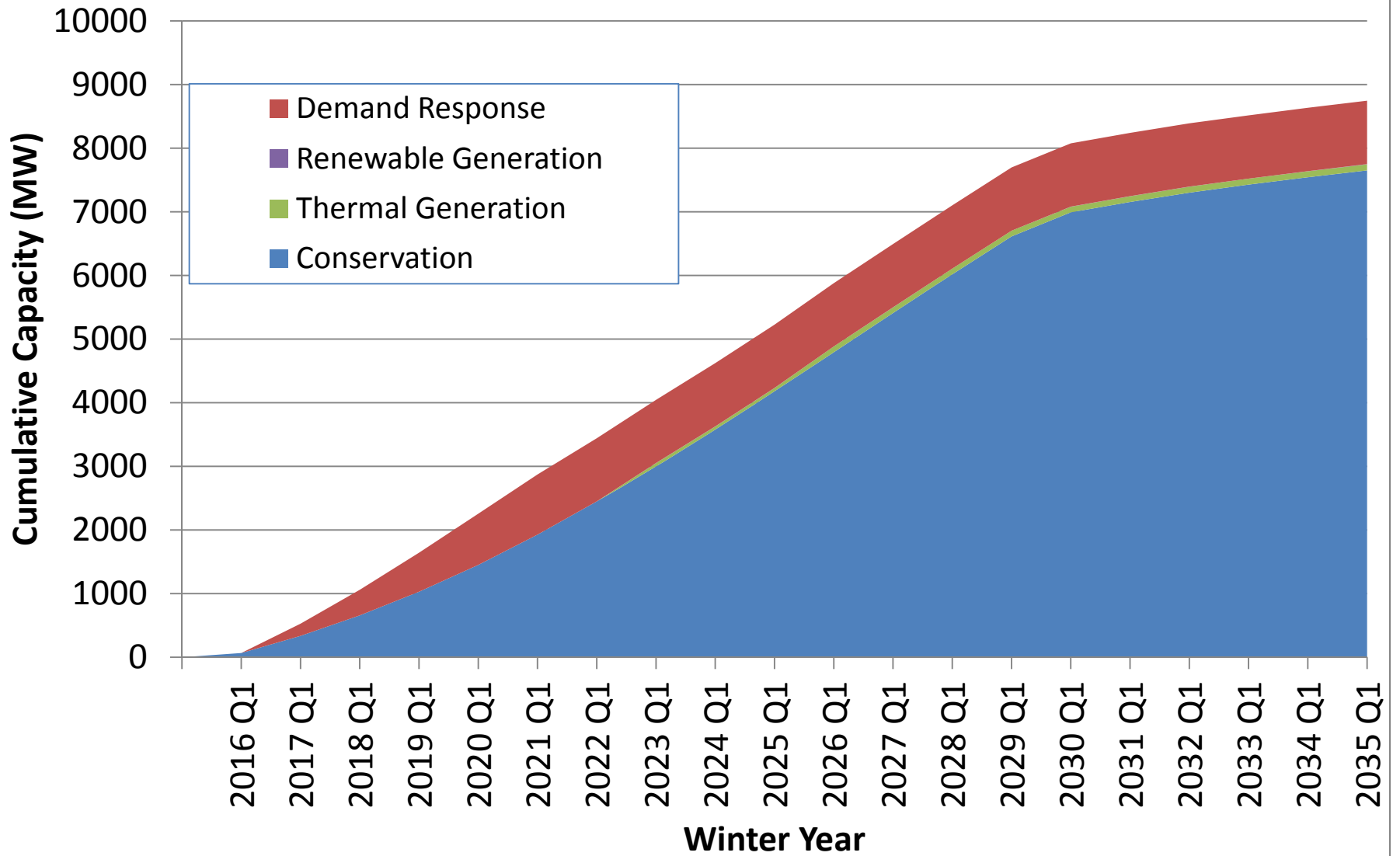


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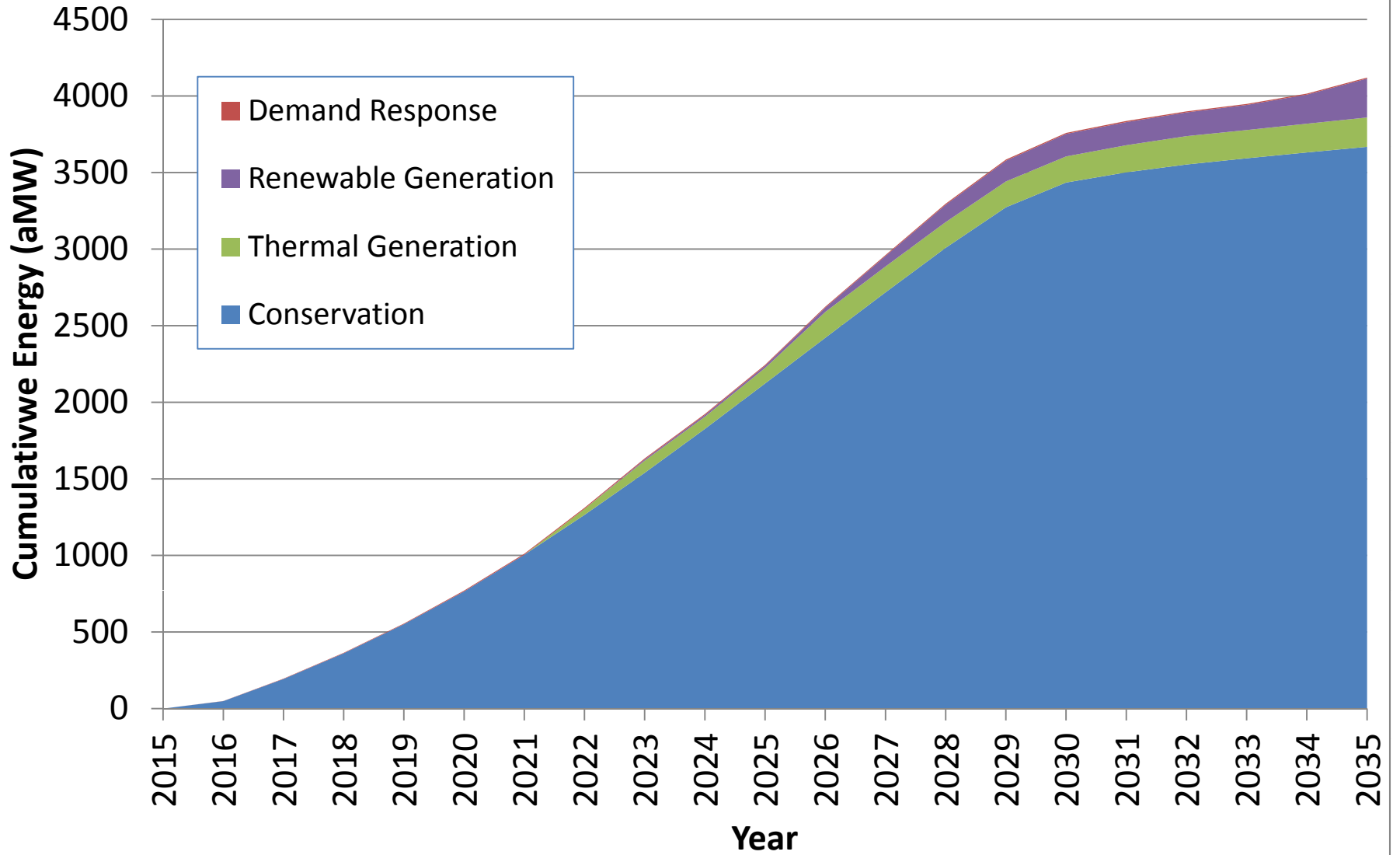




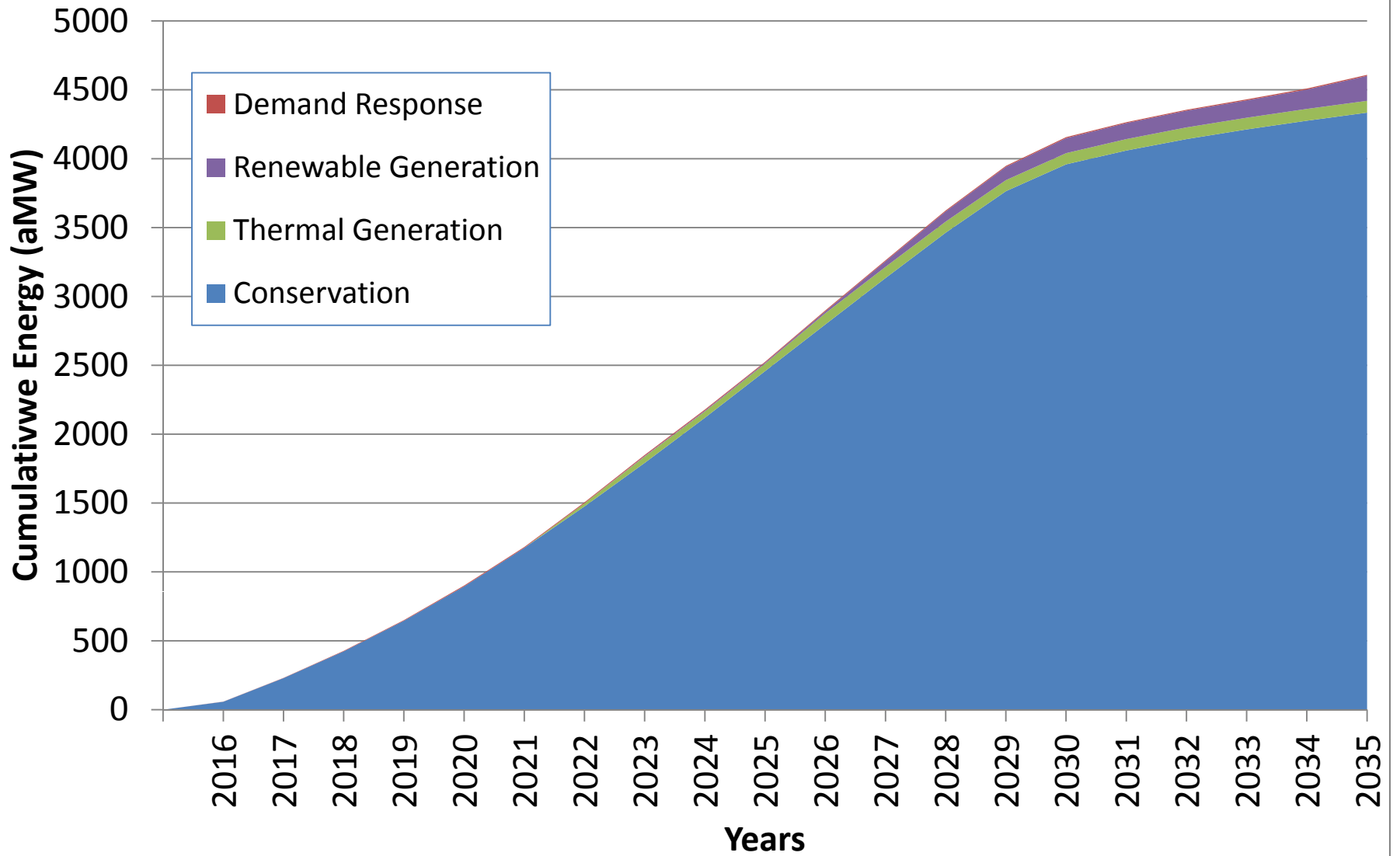
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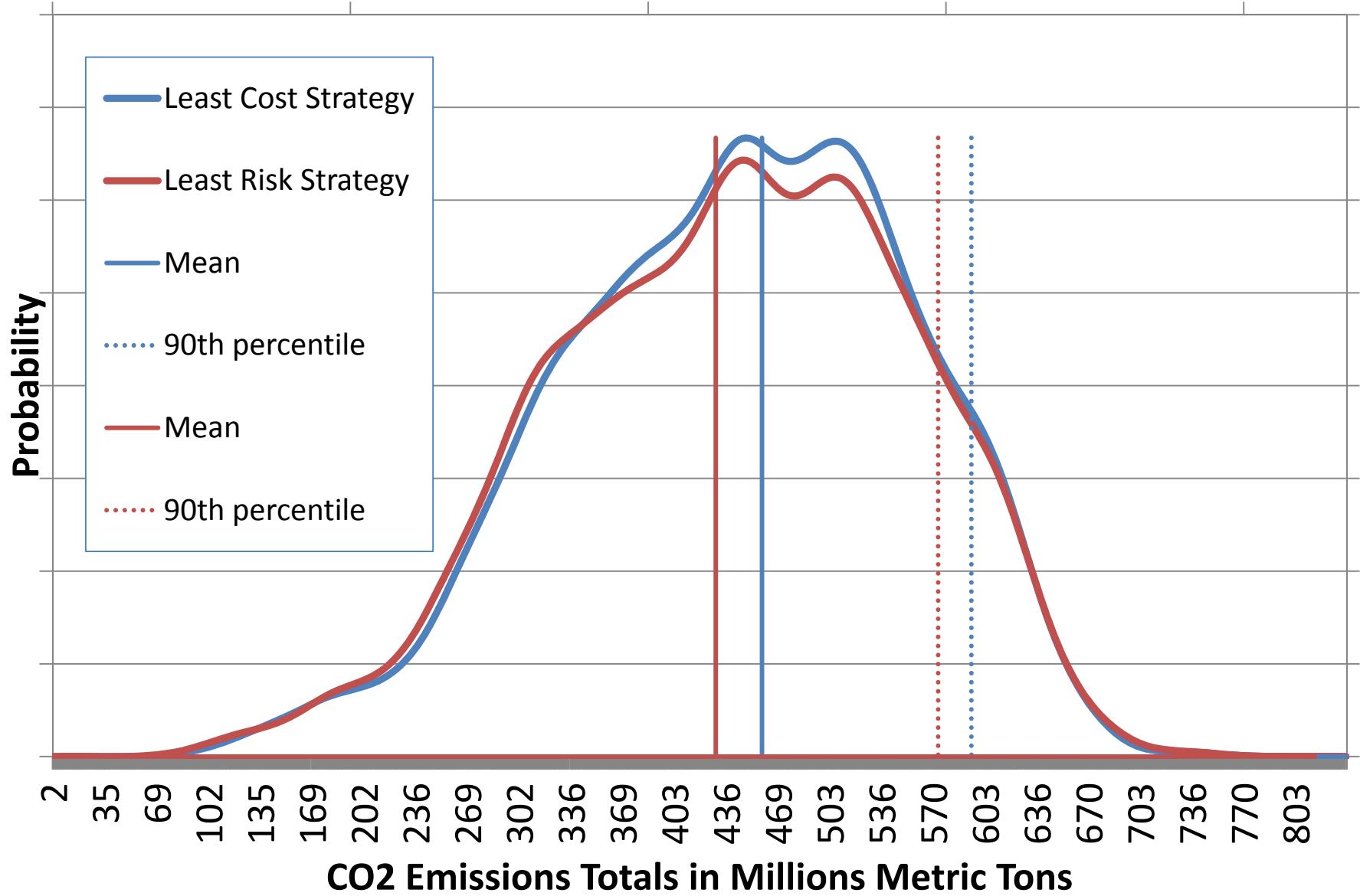
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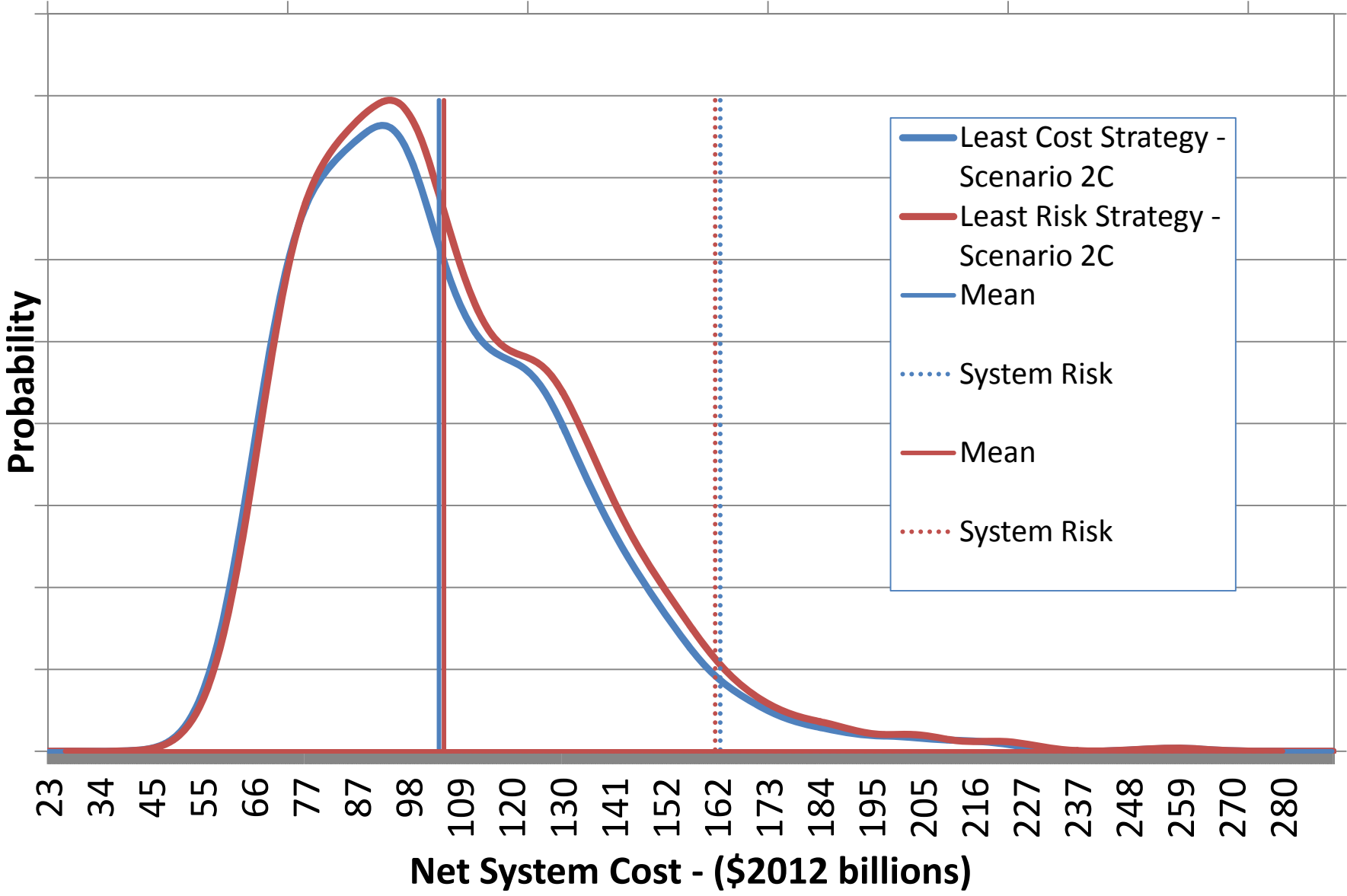
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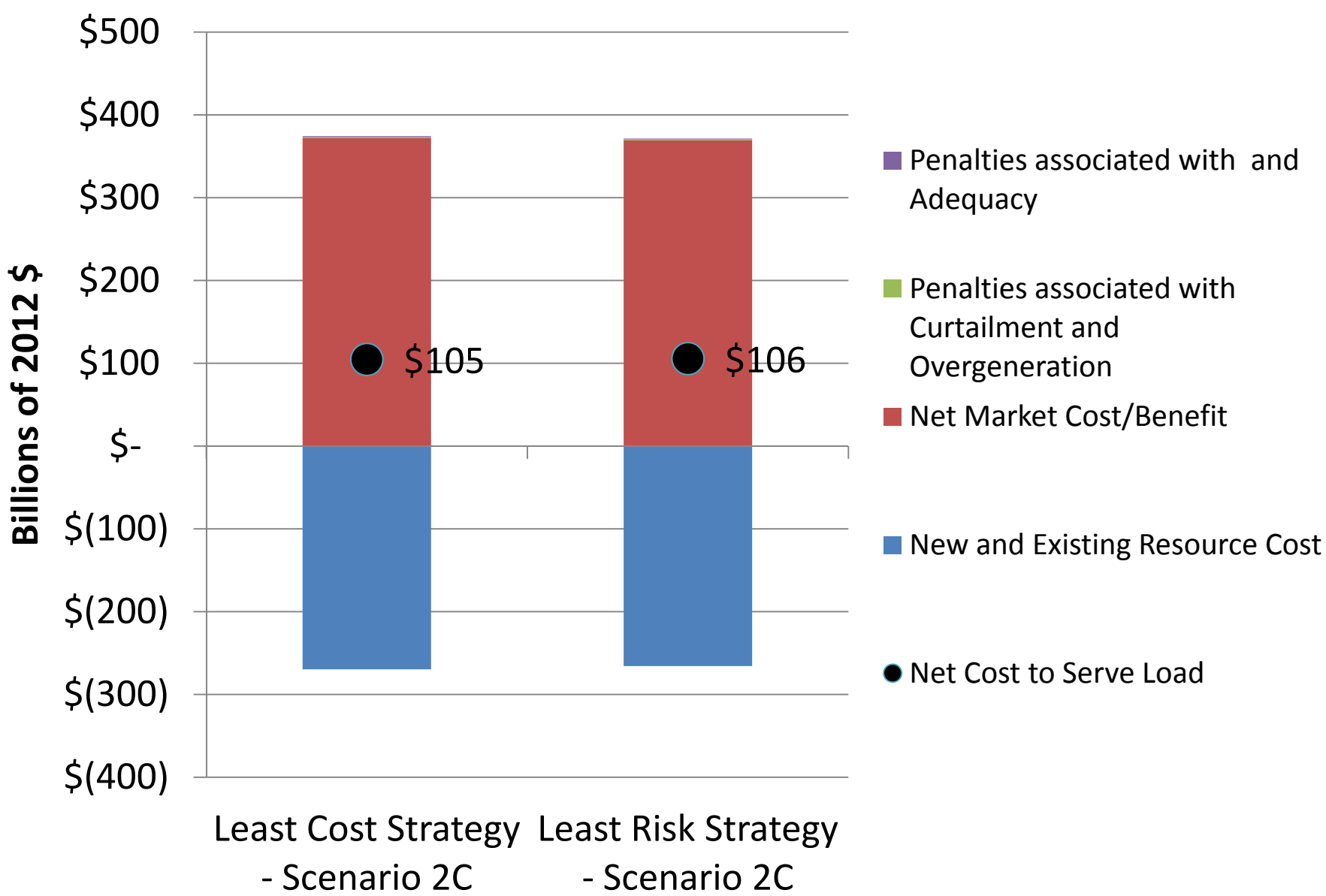
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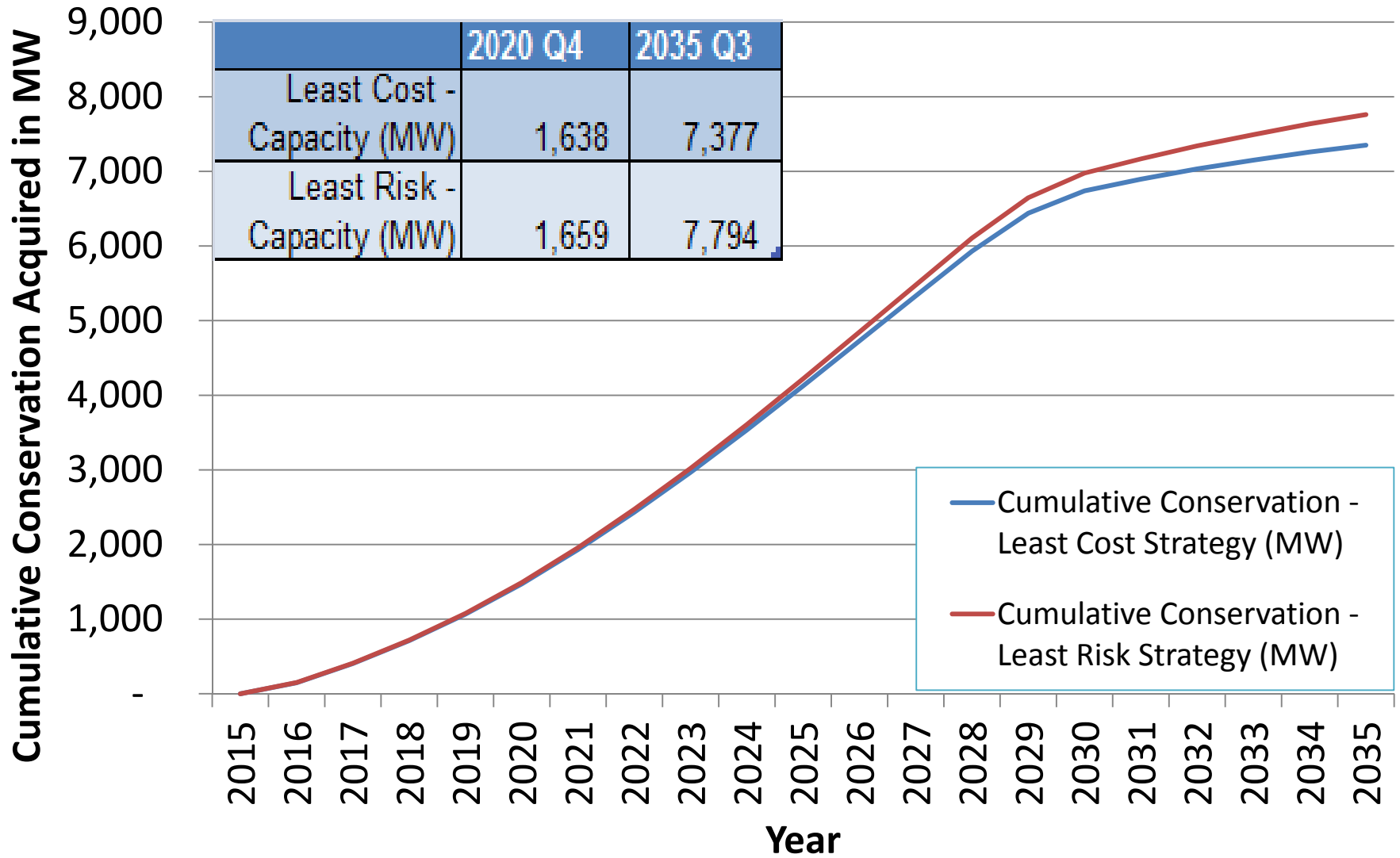
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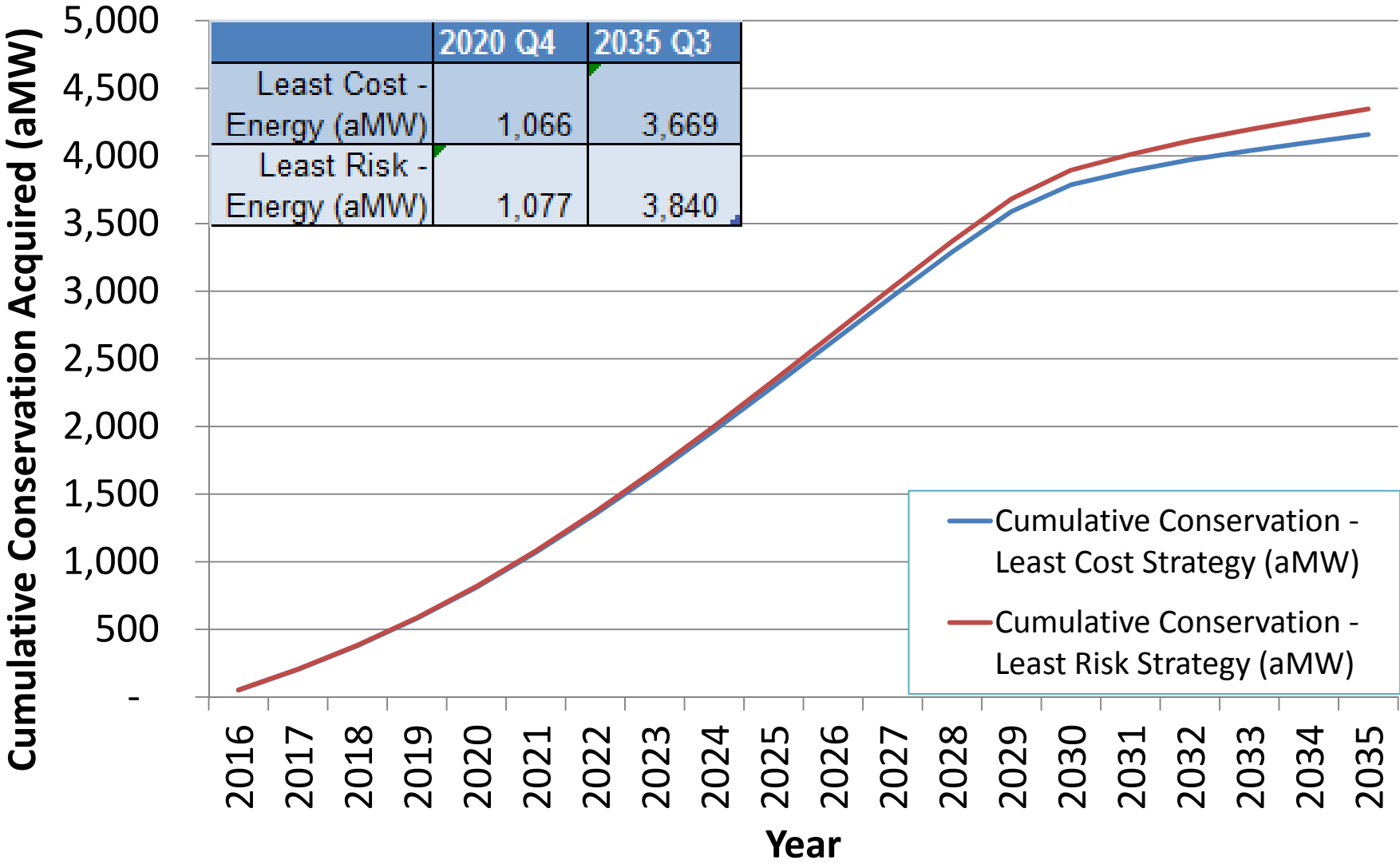
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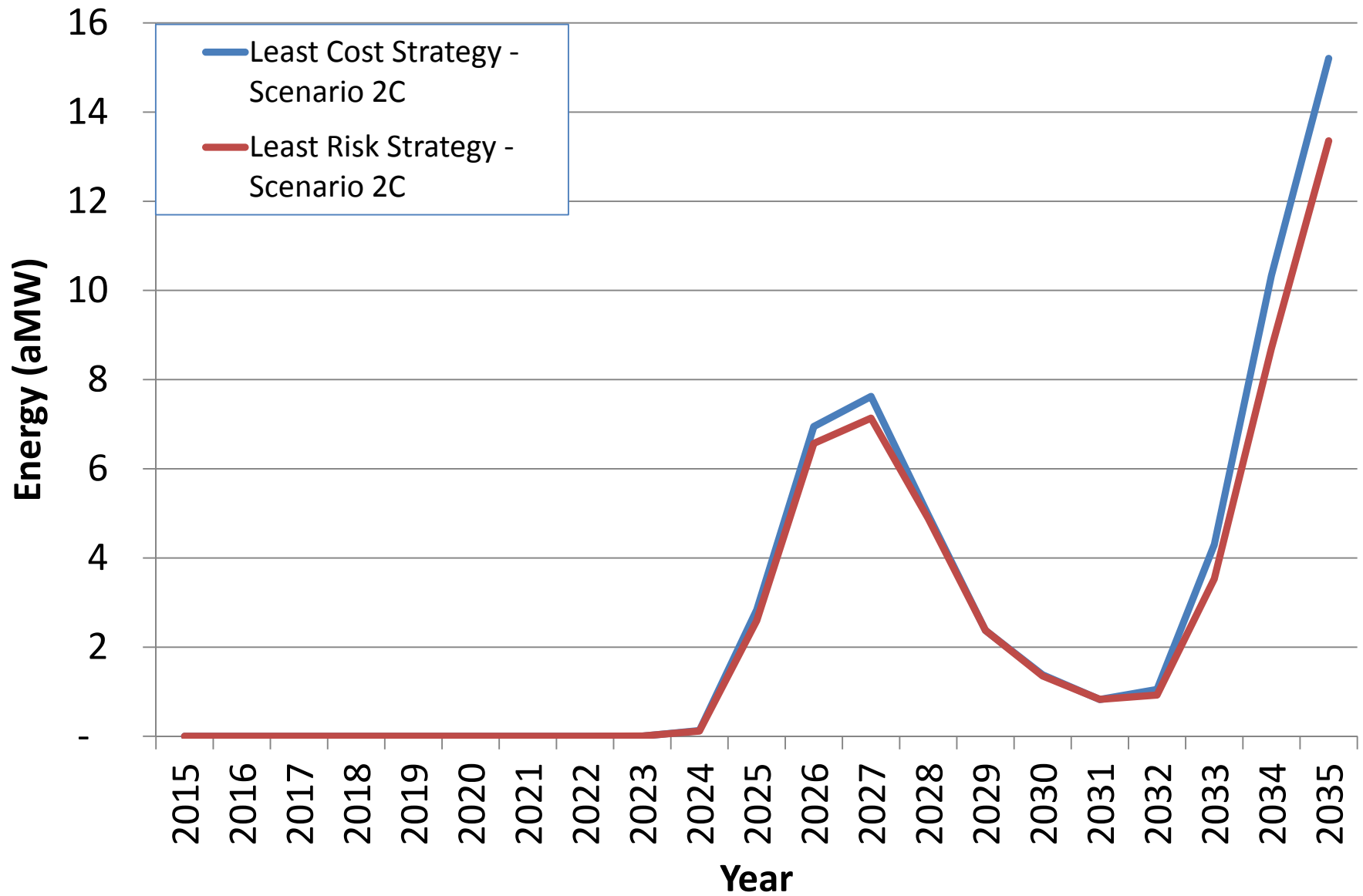


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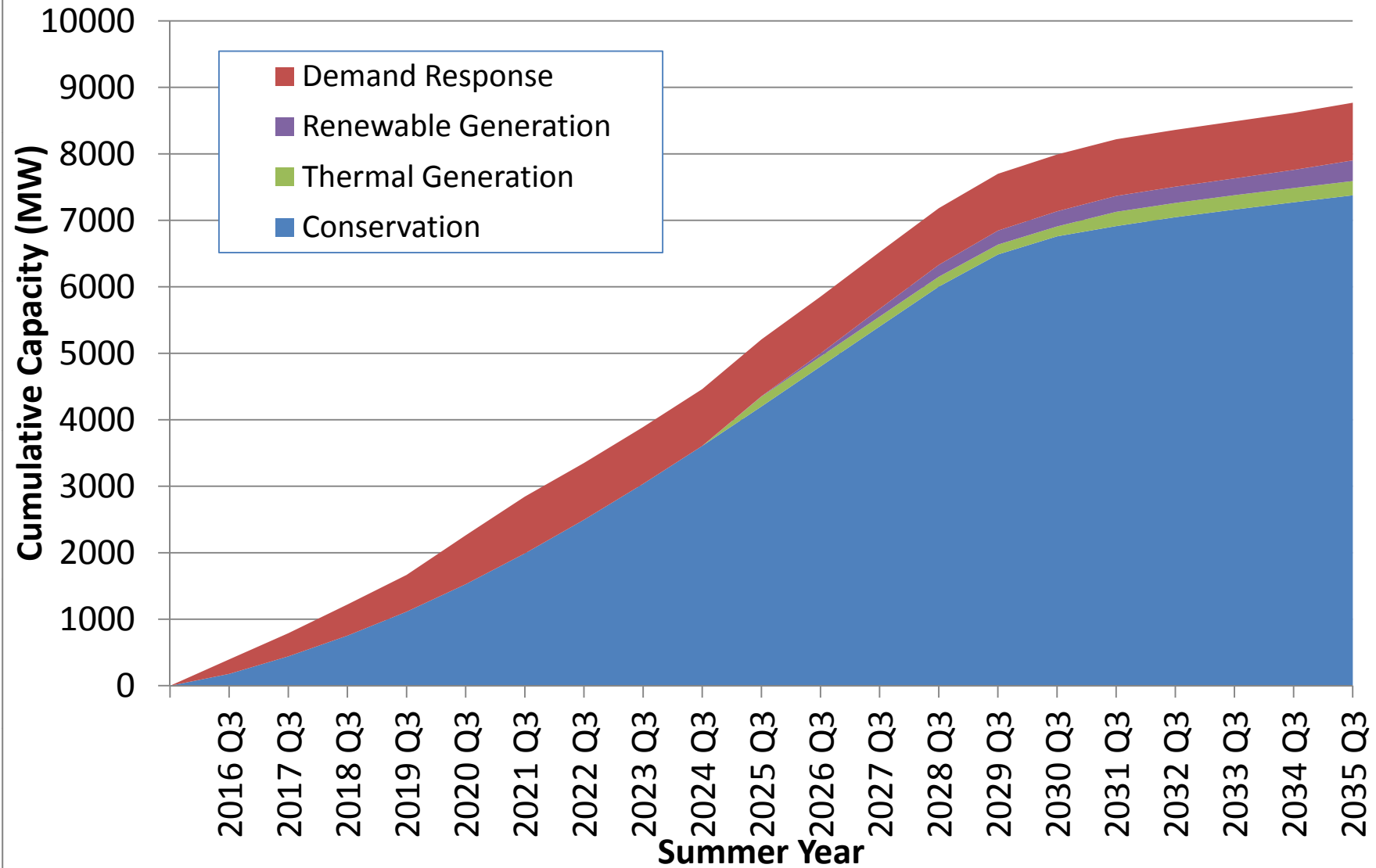




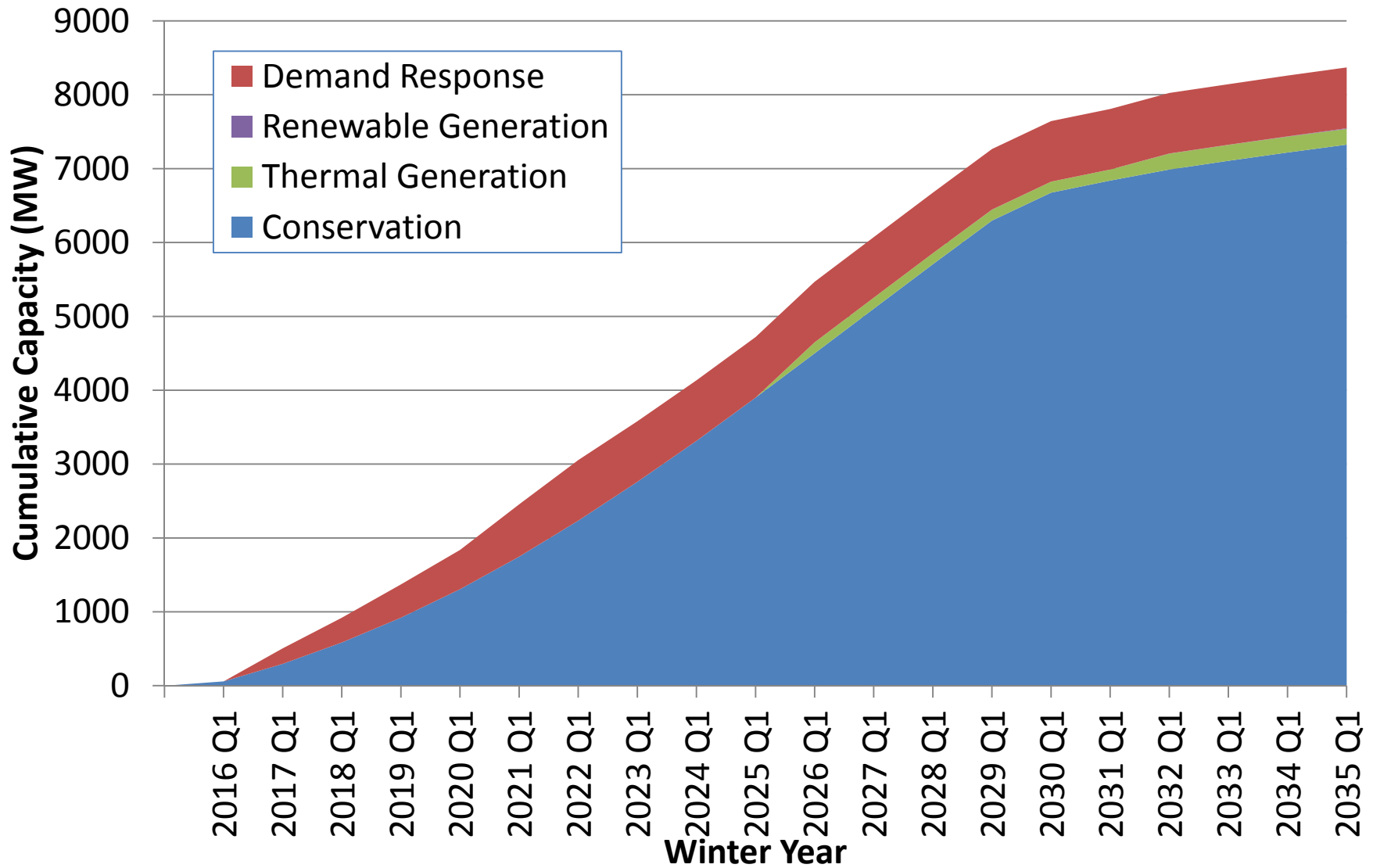
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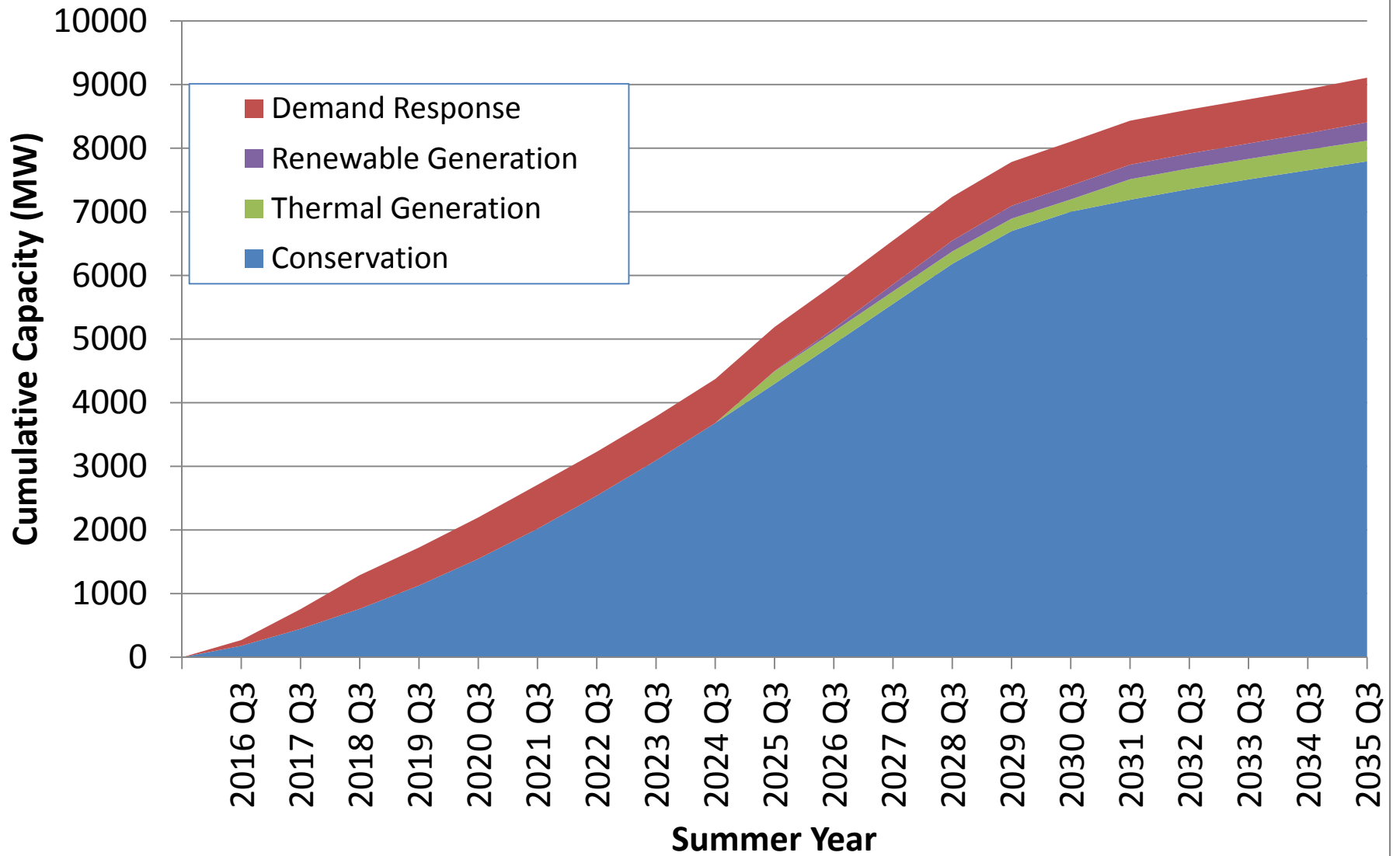
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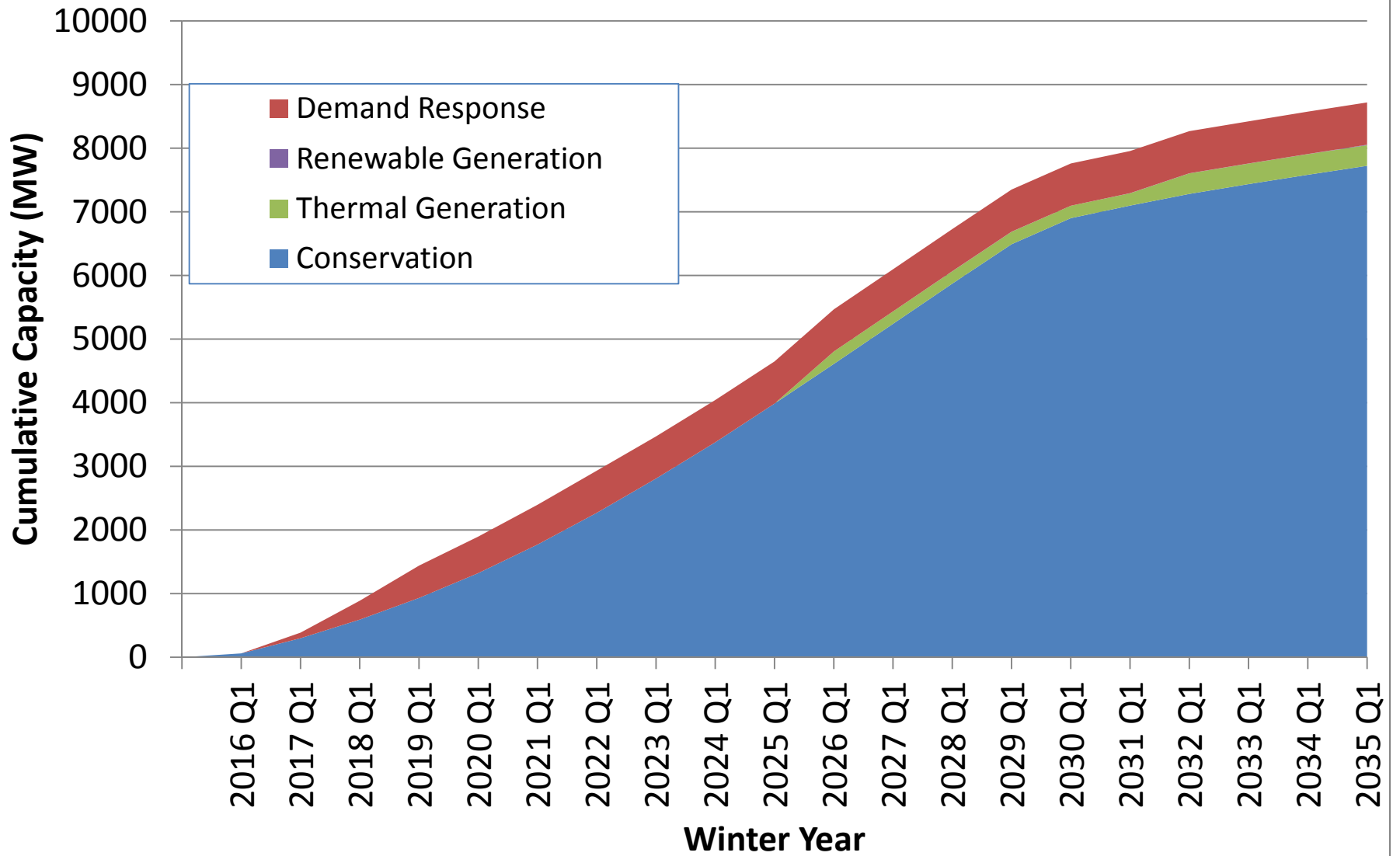
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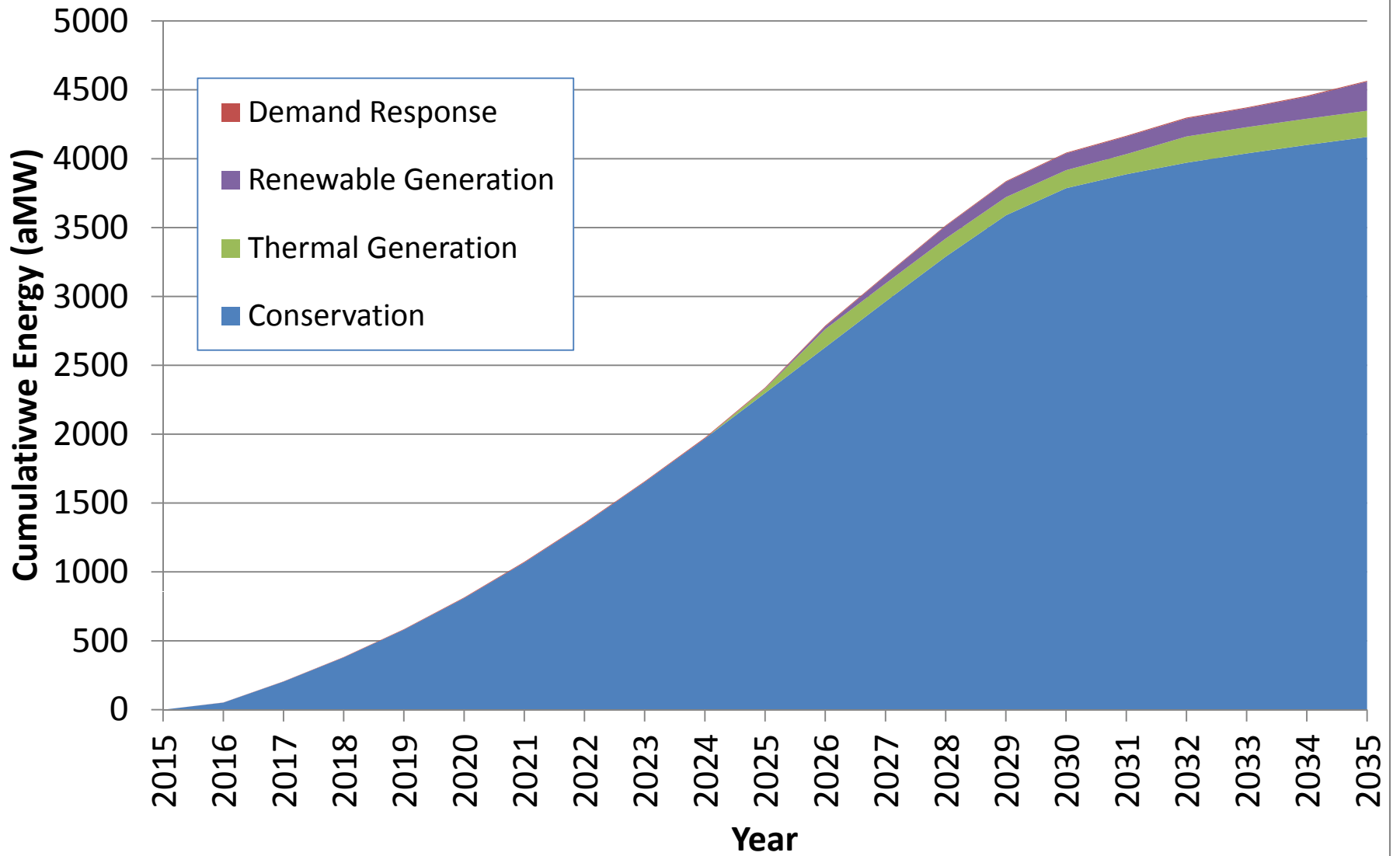
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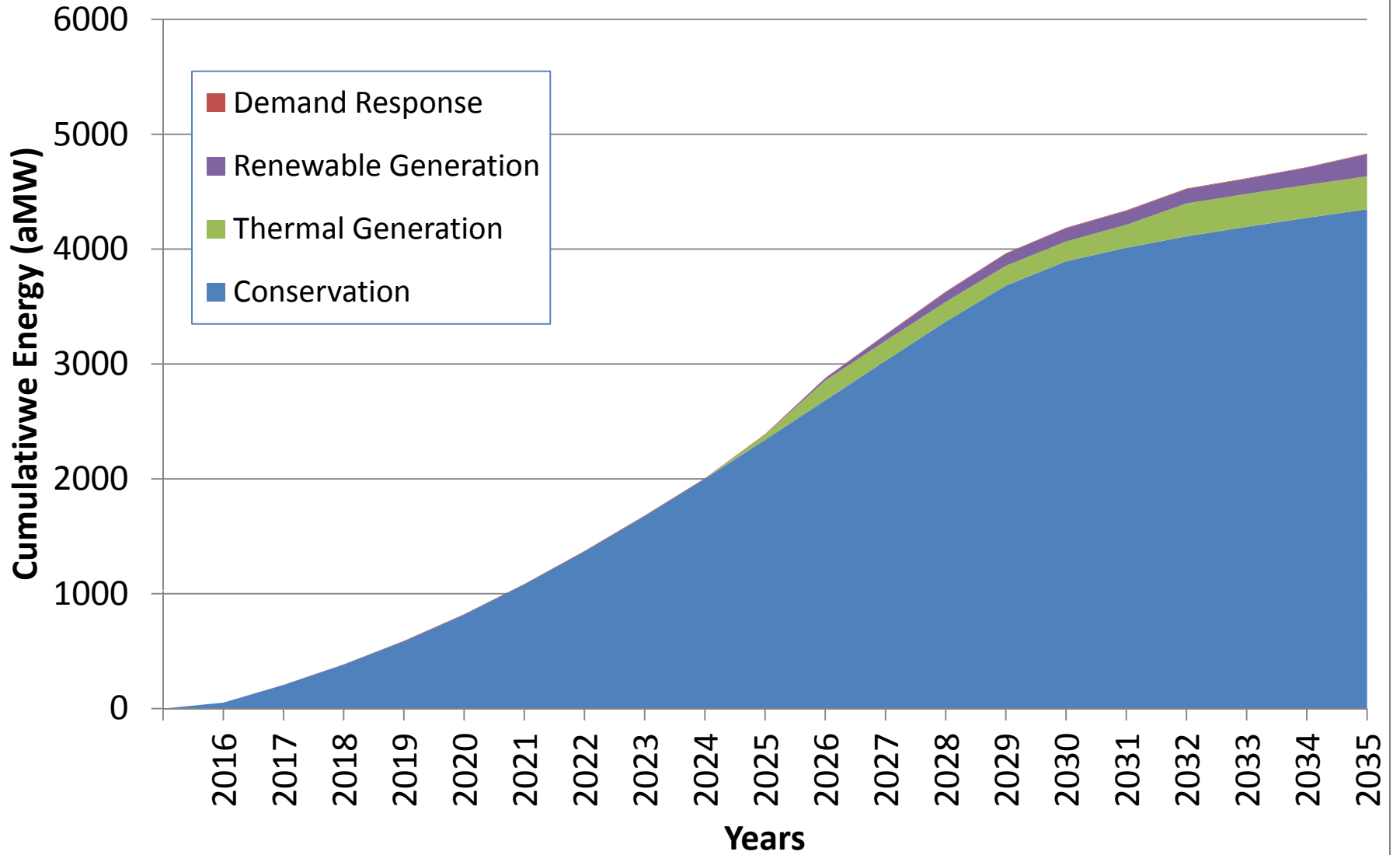
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# Least Cost Strategy vs Least Risk Strategy - Scenario 2C

