

The Clean Power Plan and Beyond: Impacts on Energy Bills of Businesses in California

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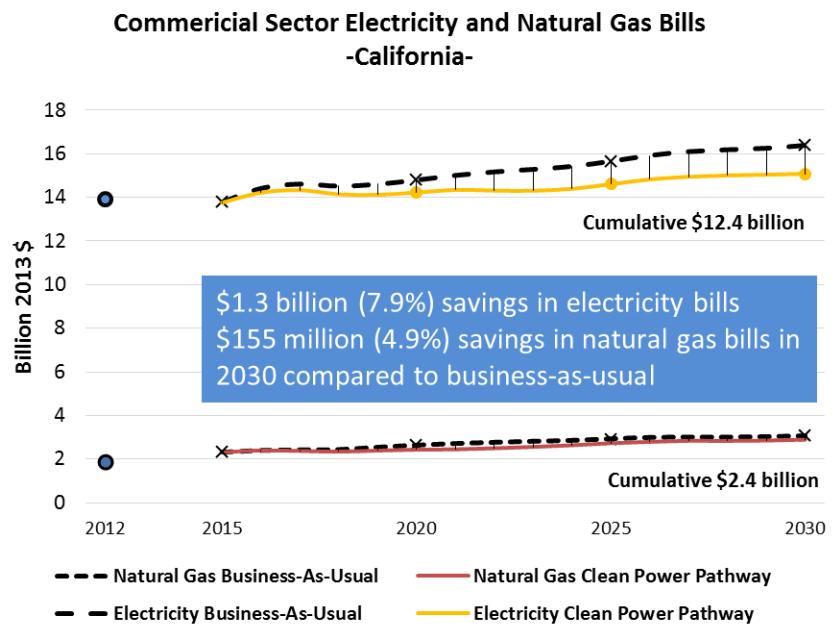
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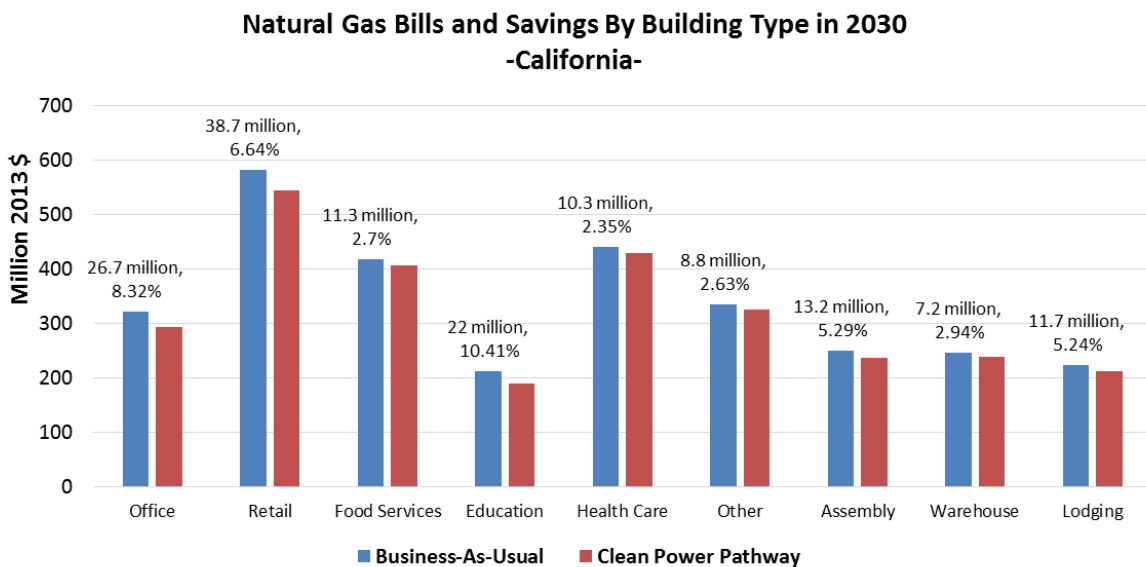
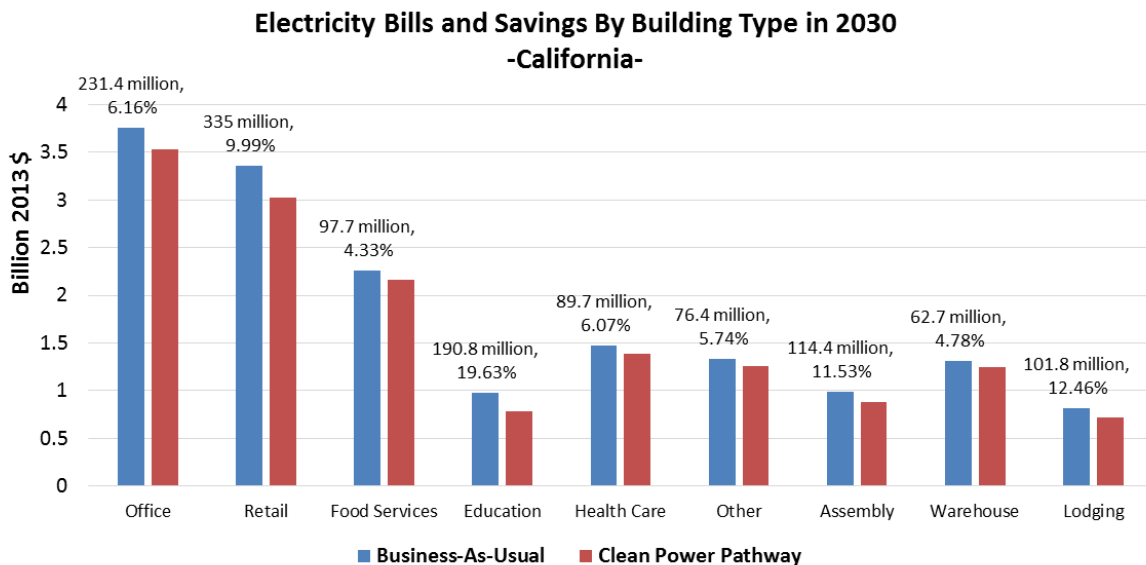
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in California could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$1.3 billion** (7.9%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$150 million** (4.9%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in California would rise by about **18.9%** over the next 15 years.
- If California's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, California's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In California it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$335 million** and **\$231 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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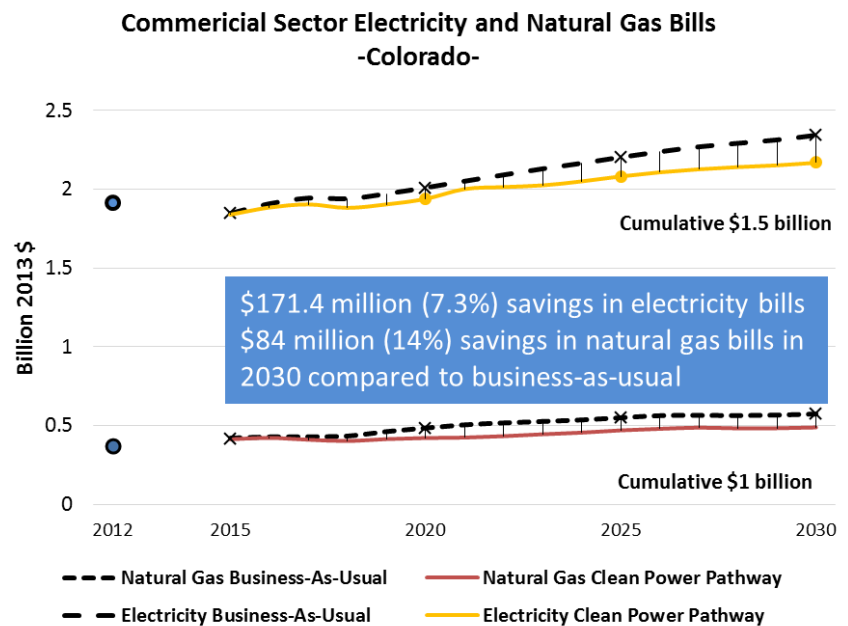
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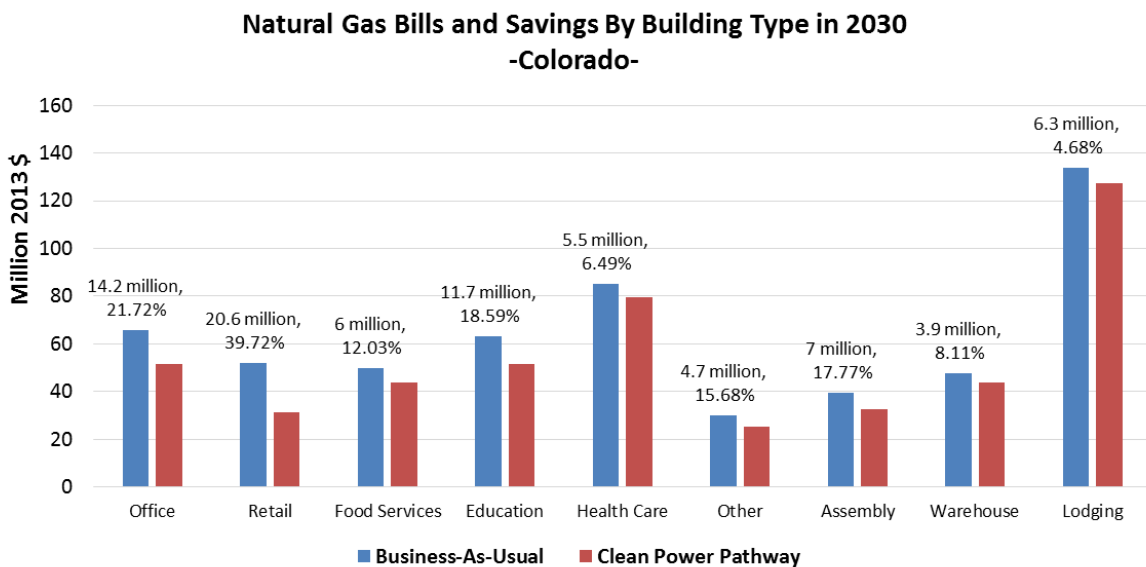
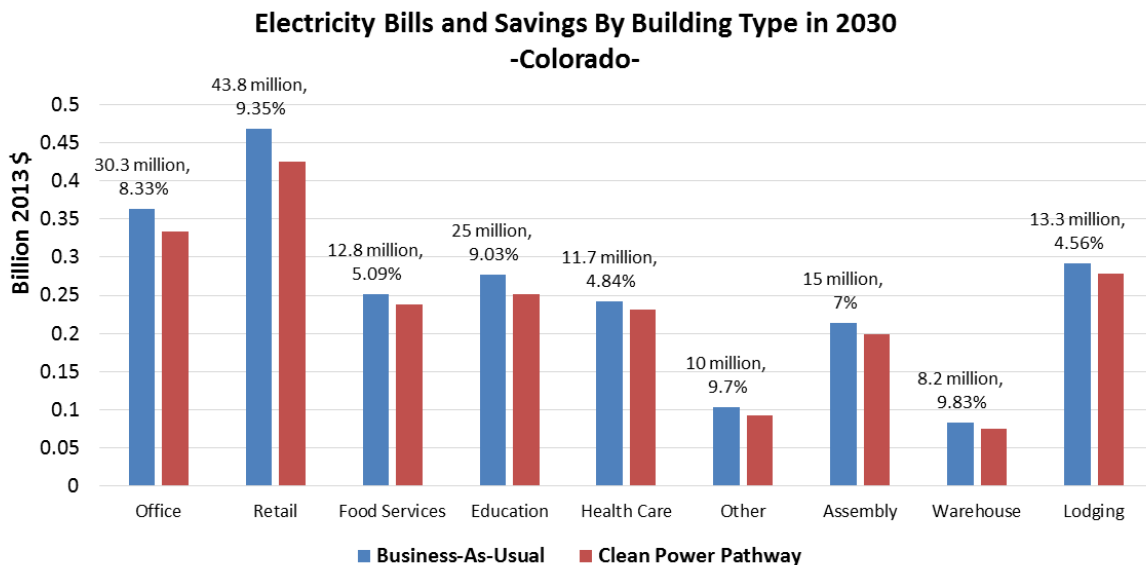
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Colorado could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$171.4 million** (7.3%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$84 million** (14%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Colorado would rise by about **26.7%** over the next 15 years.
- If Colorado's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Colorado's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Colorado it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$44 million** and **\$30 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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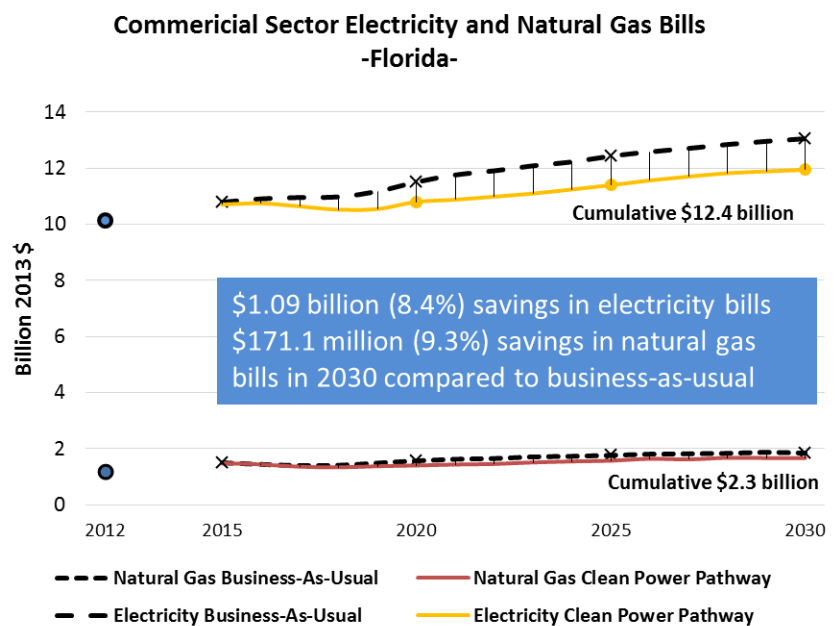
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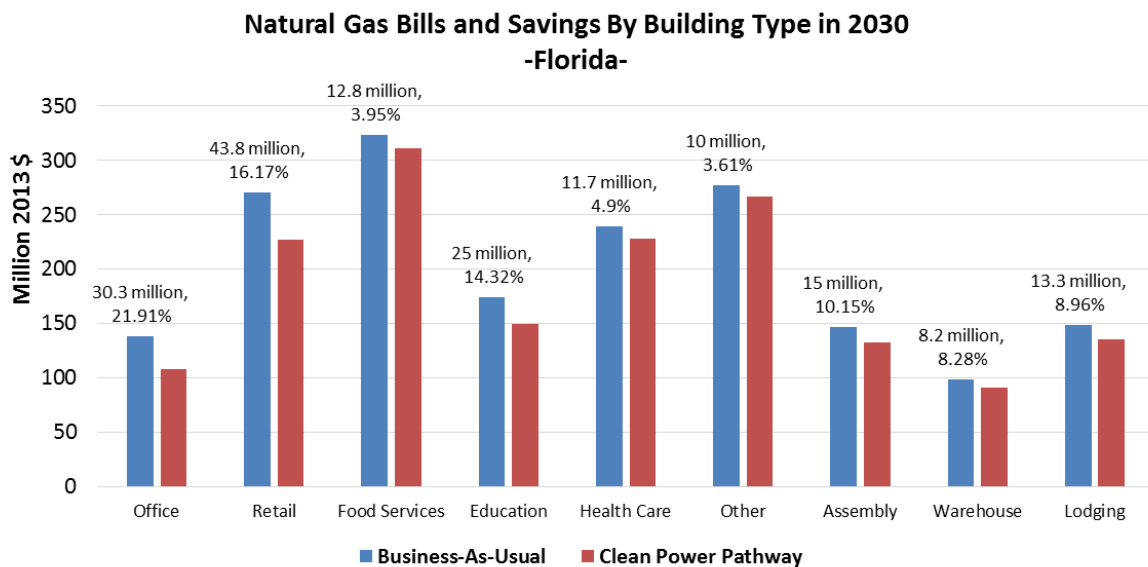
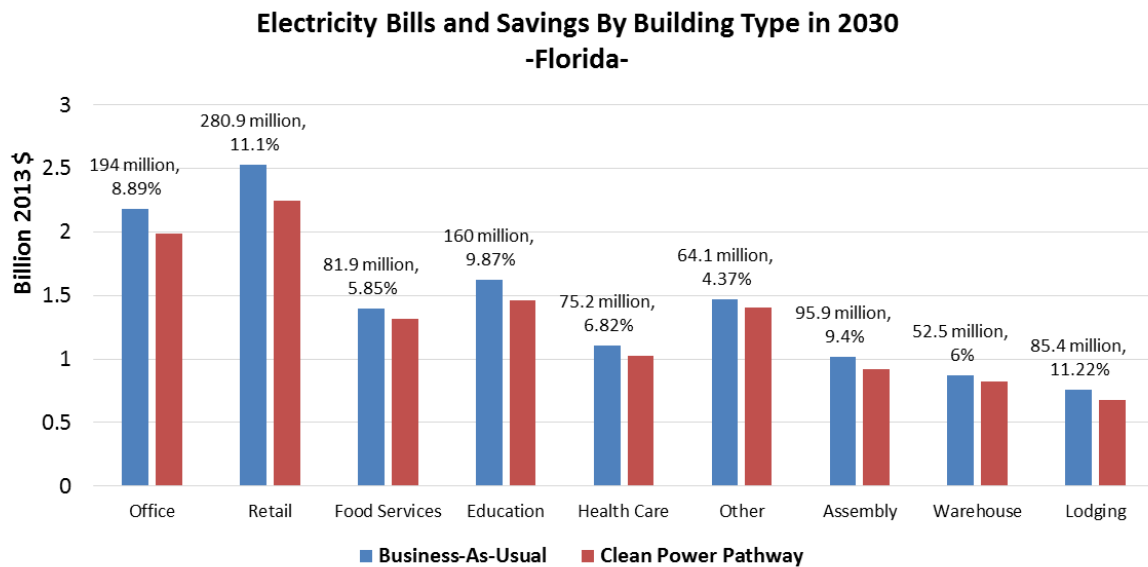
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Florida could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$1.09 billion** (8.4%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$171.1 million** (9.3%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Florida would rise by about **20.7%** over the next 15 years.
- If Florida's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Florida's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Florida it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$281 million** and **\$194 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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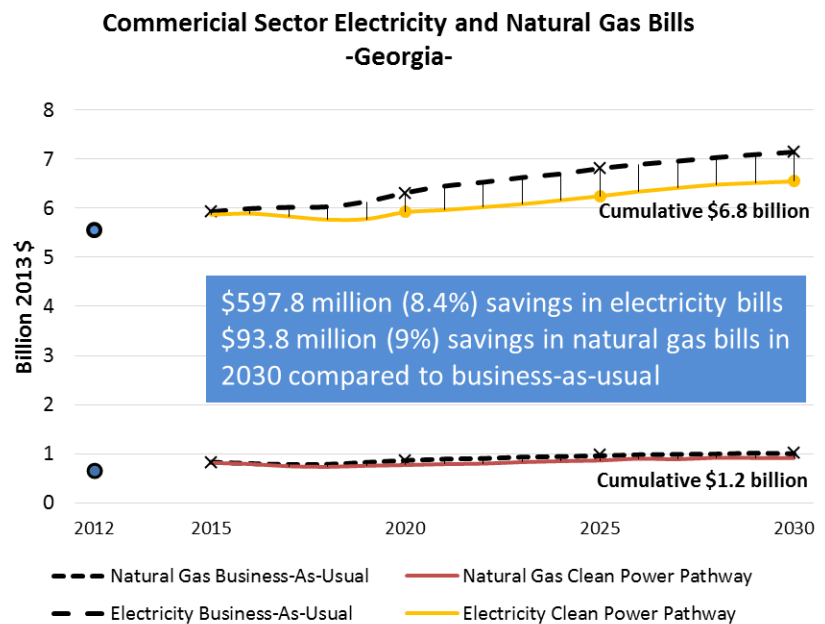
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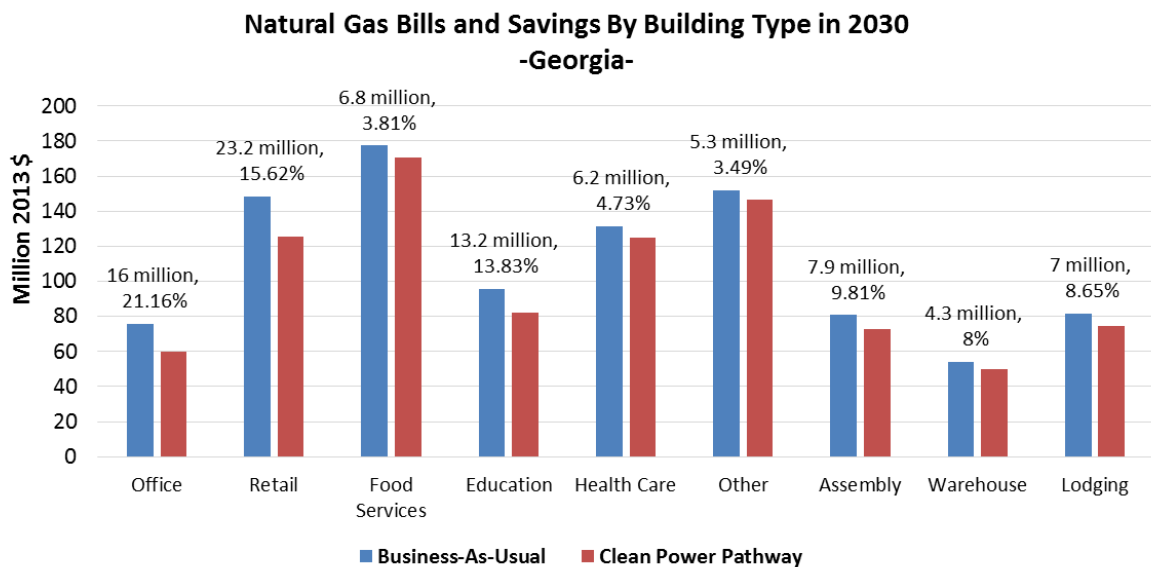
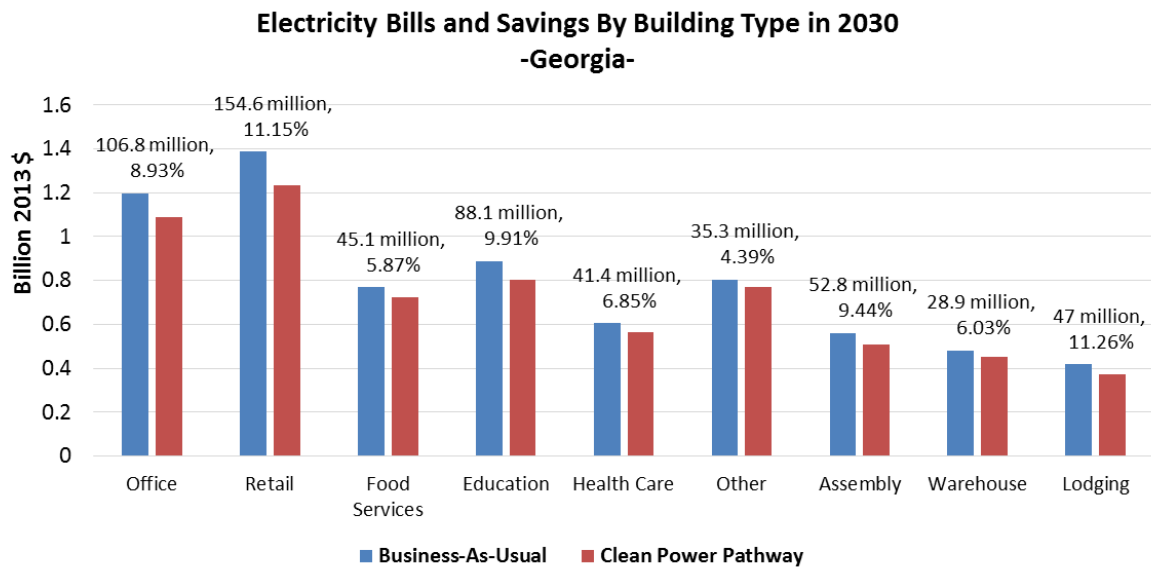
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Georgia could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$598 million** (8.4%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$93.8 million** (9%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Georgia would rise by about **20.7%** over the next 15 years.
- If Georgia's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Georgia's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Georgia it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$155 million** and **\$107 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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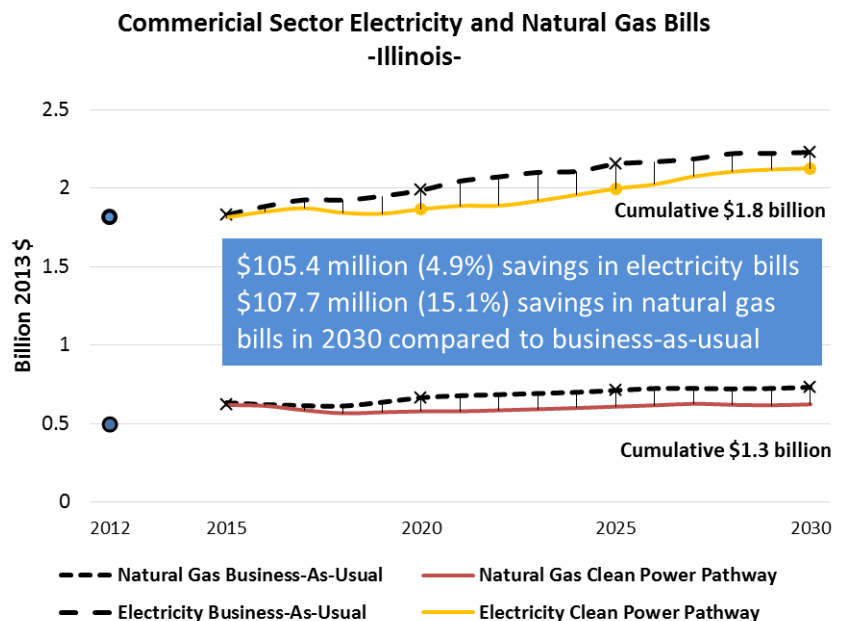
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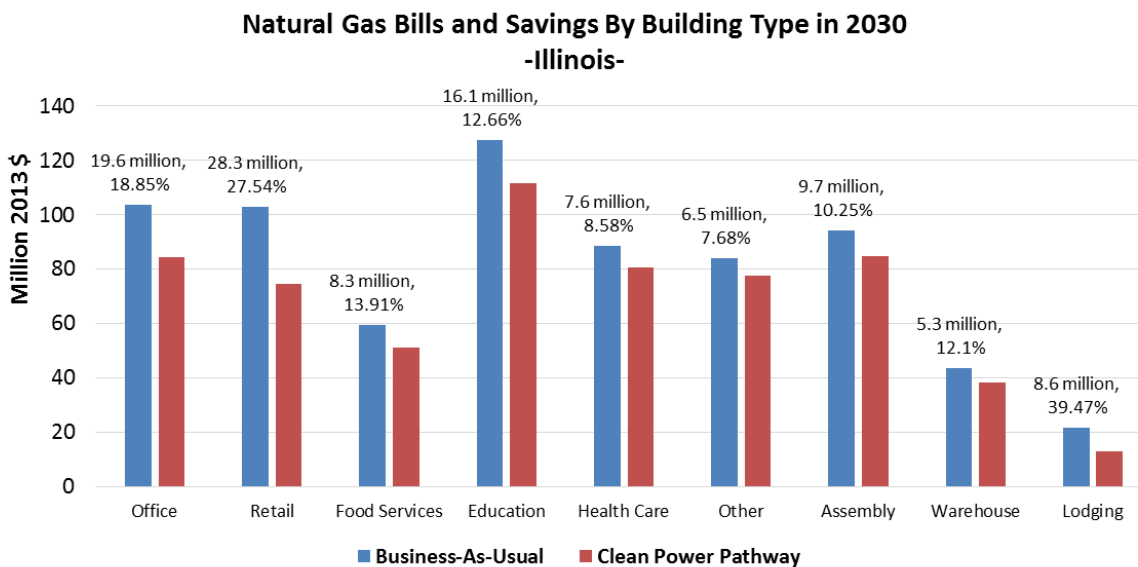
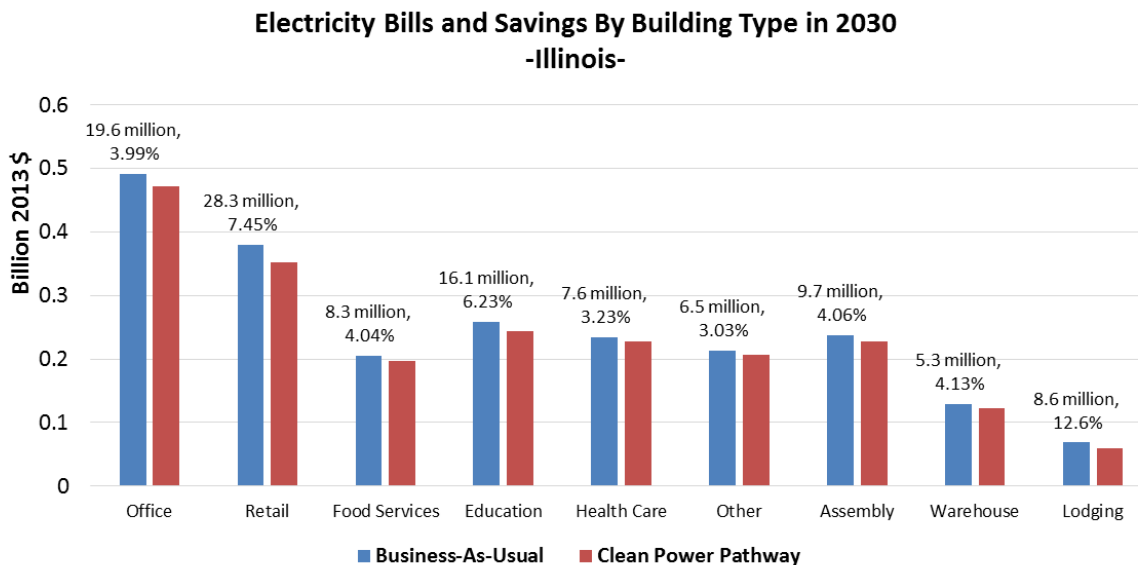
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Illinois could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$105.4 million** (4.9%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$107.7 million** (15.1%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Illinois would rise by about **22%** over the next 15 years.
- If Illinois' leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Illinois' commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Illinois it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$28.3 million** and **\$19.6 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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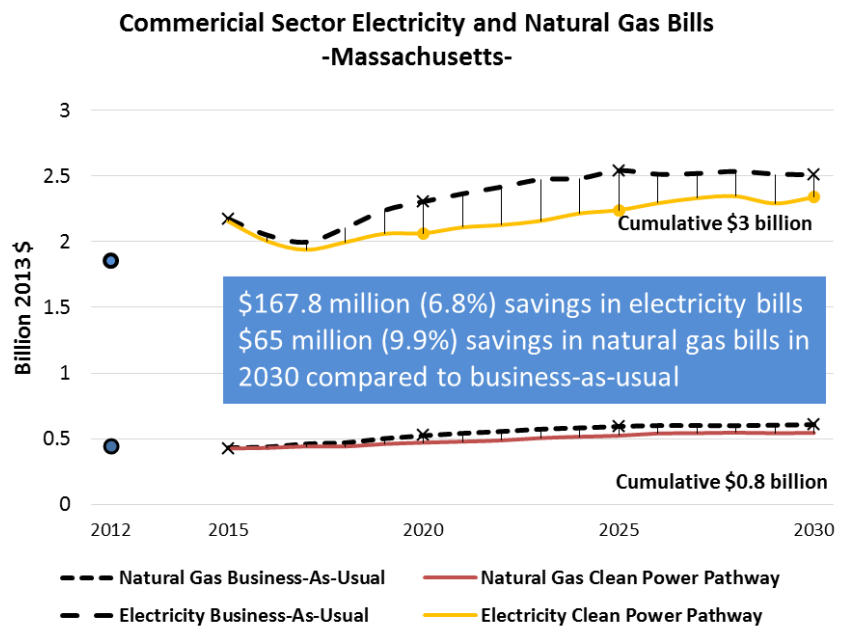
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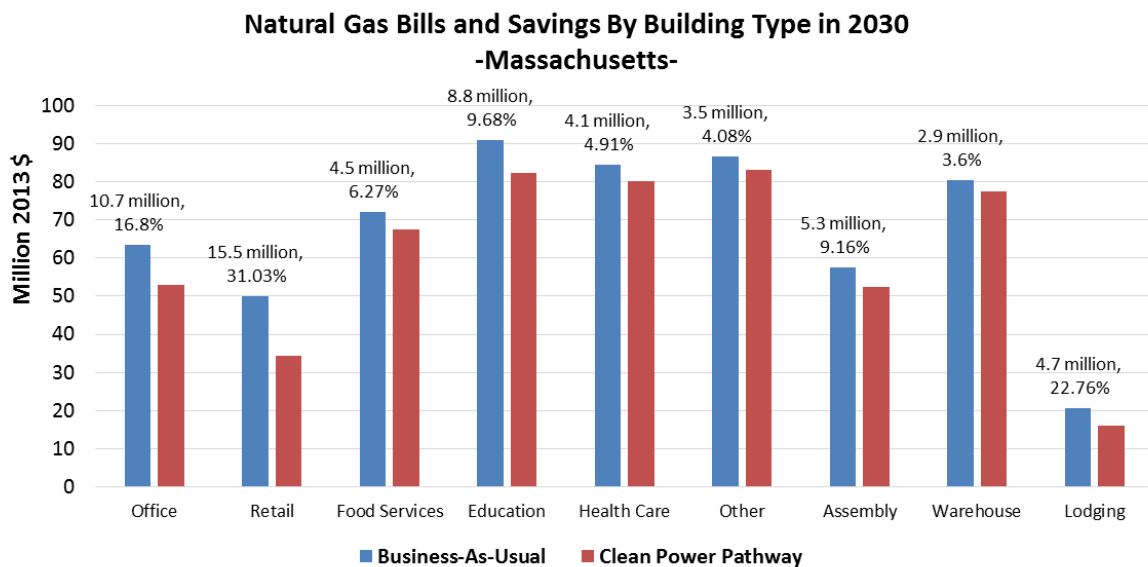
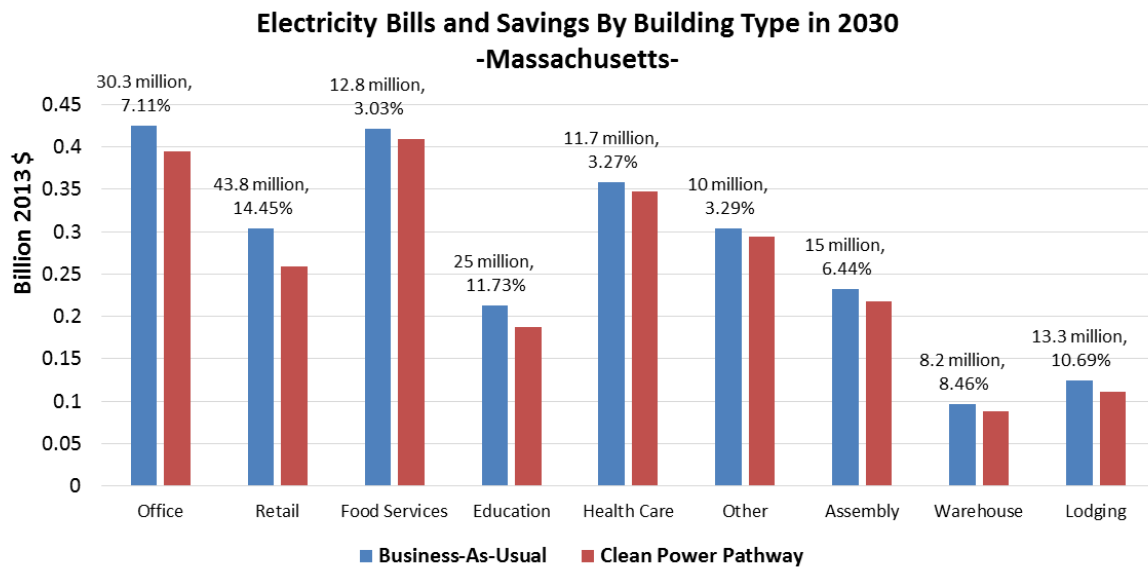
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Massachusetts could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$168 million** (6.8 %) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$65 million** (9.9%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Massachusetts would rise by about **15.5%** over the next 15 years.
- If Massachusetts' leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Massachusetts' commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Massachusetts it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$44 million** and **\$30 million** respectively in 2030.



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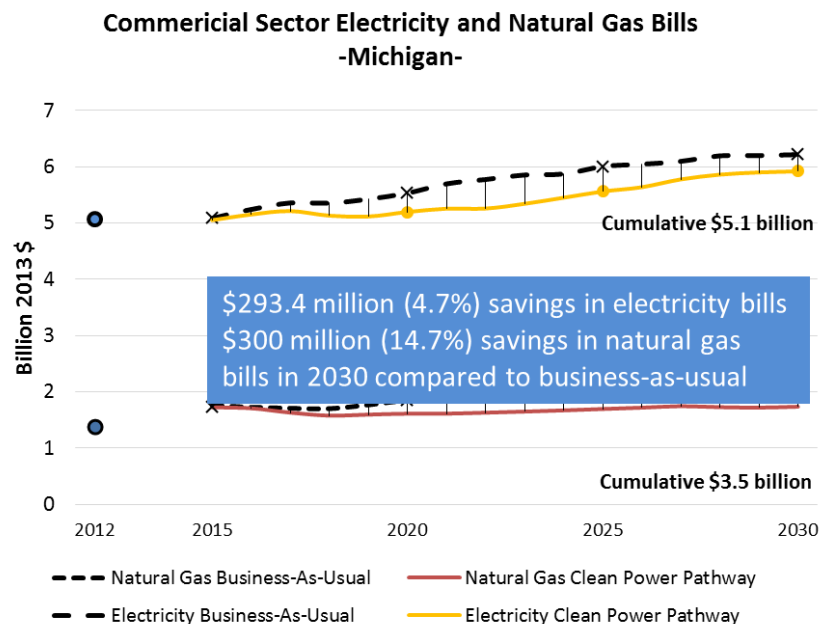
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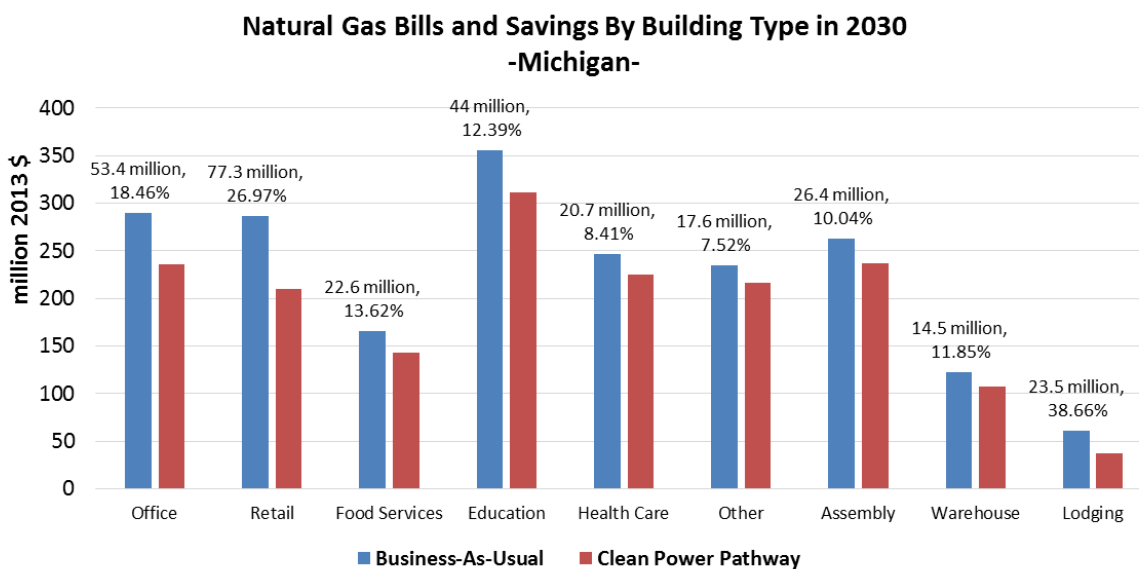
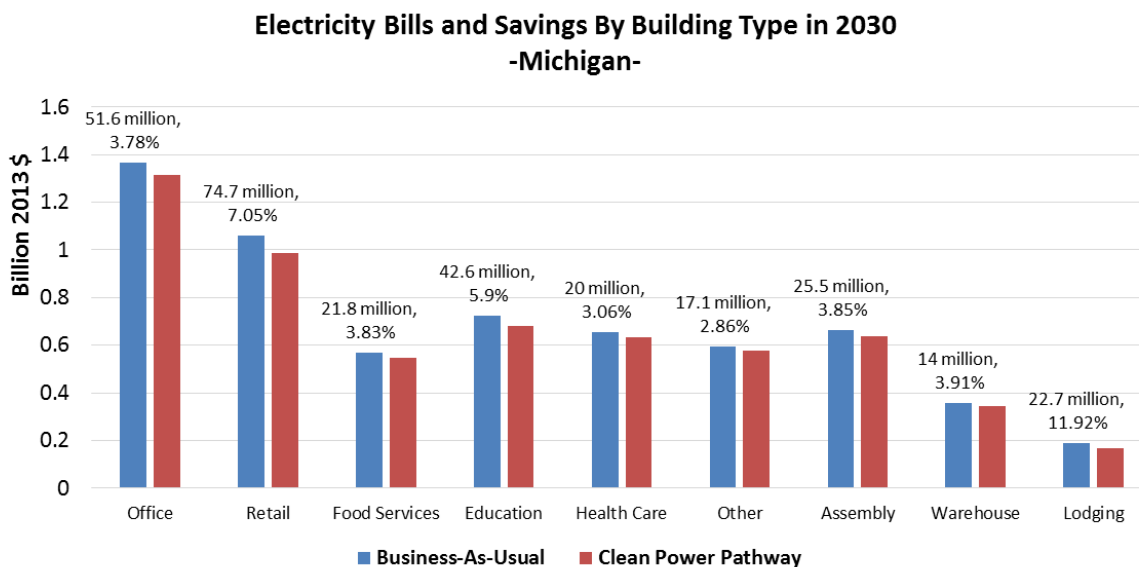
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- Commercial building owners and occupants in Michigan could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$293 million** (4.7%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$300 million** (14.7%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Michigan would rise by about **22%** over the next 15 years.
- If Michigan's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Michigan's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Michigan it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$75 million** and **\$52 million** respectively in 2030.



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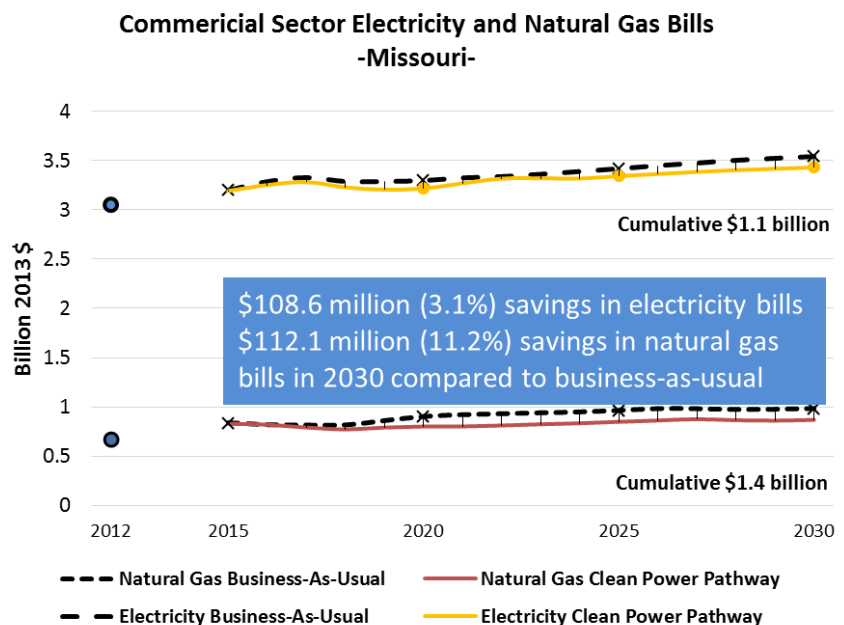
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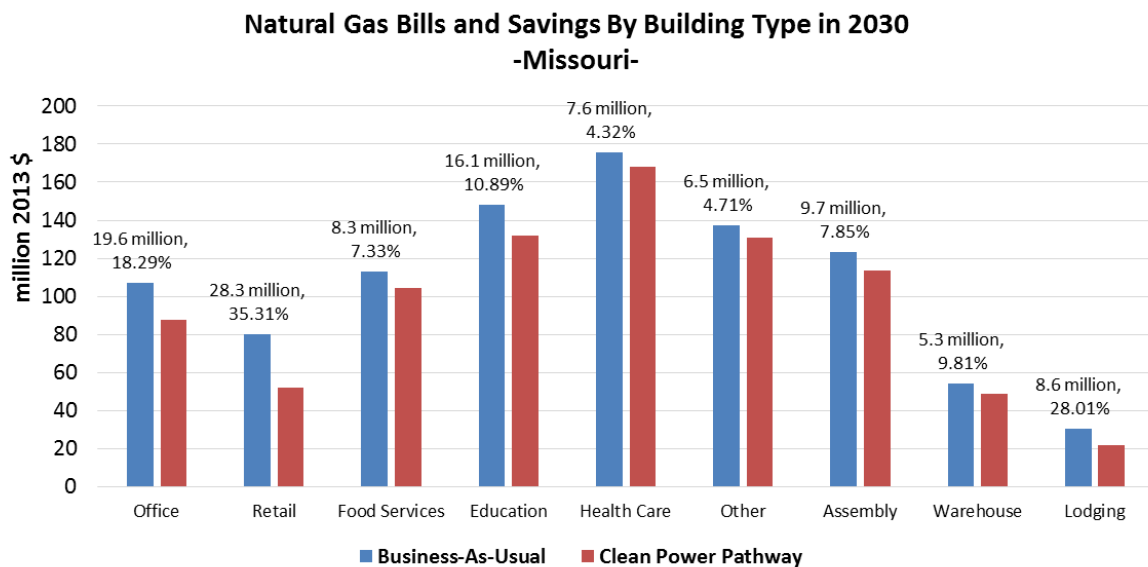
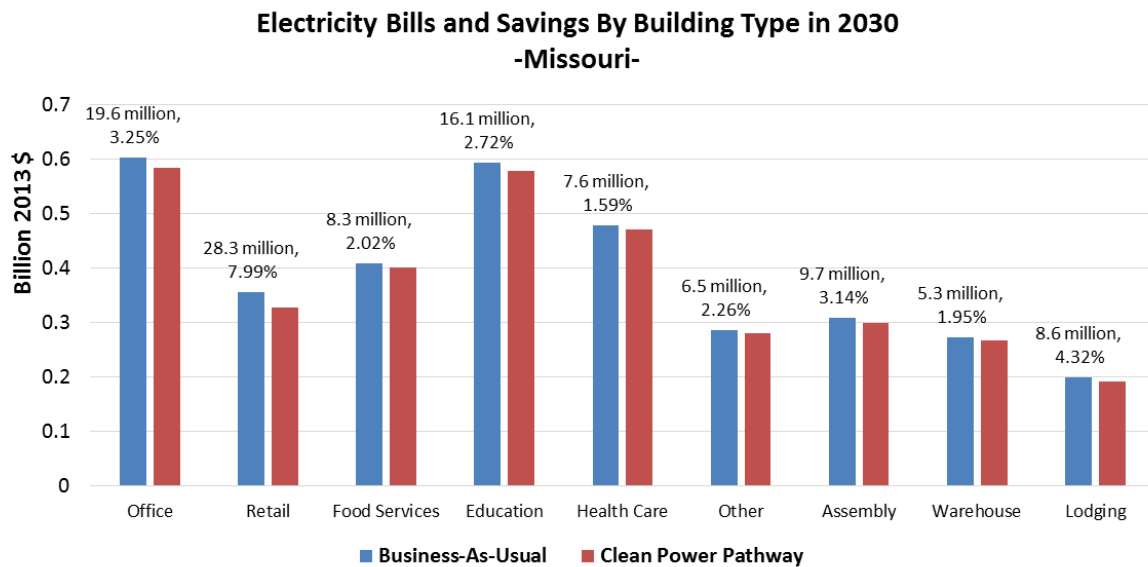
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- Commercial building owners and occupants in Missouri could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$109 million** (3.1%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$112.1 million** (11.2%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Missouri would rise by about **10.5%** over the next 15 years.
- If Missouri's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Missouri's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
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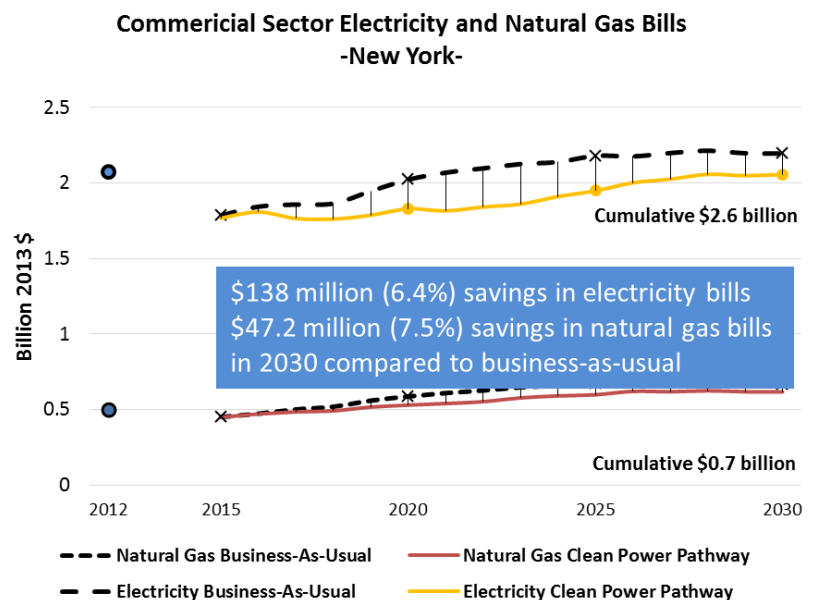
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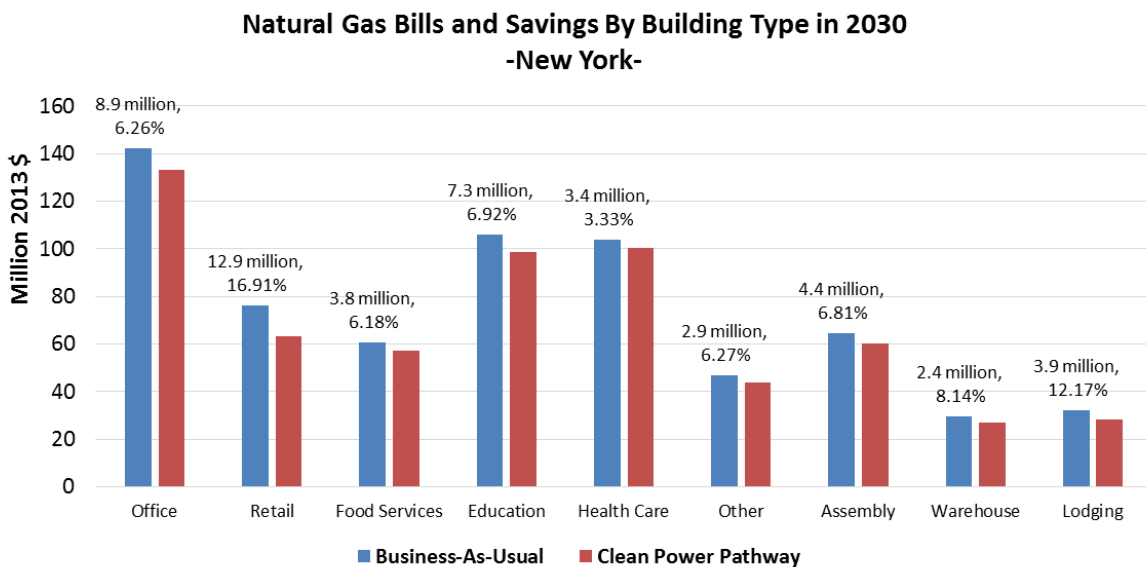
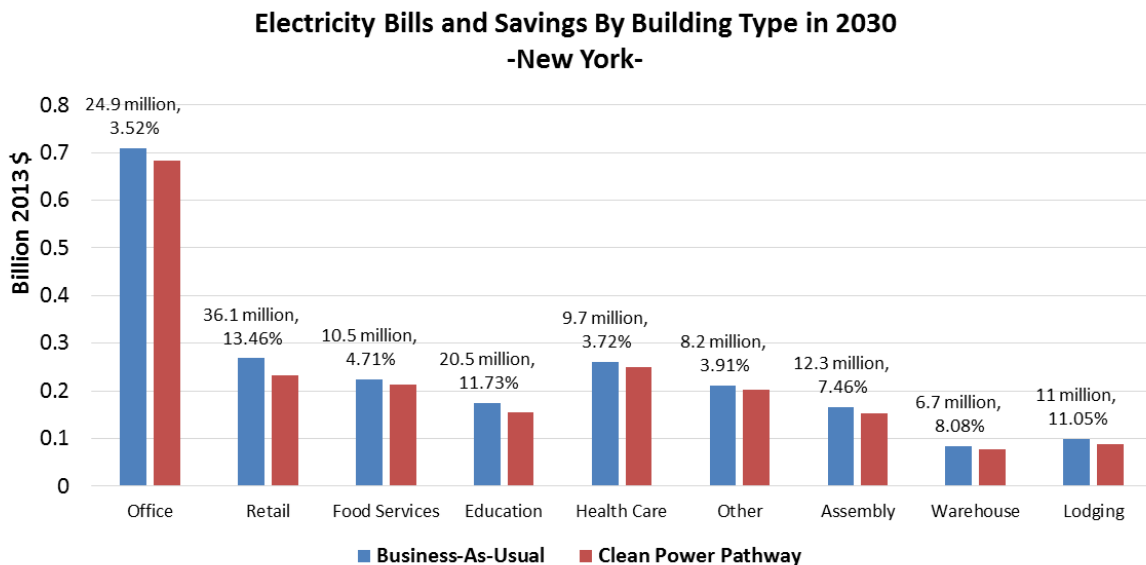
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in New York could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$138 million** (6.4%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$47.2 million** (7.5%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in New York would rise by about **22.7%** over the next 15 years.
- If New York's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, New York's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In New York it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$36 million** and **\$25 million** respectively in 2030.



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The Clean Power Plan and Beyond: Impacts on Energy Bills of Businesses in Pennsylvania

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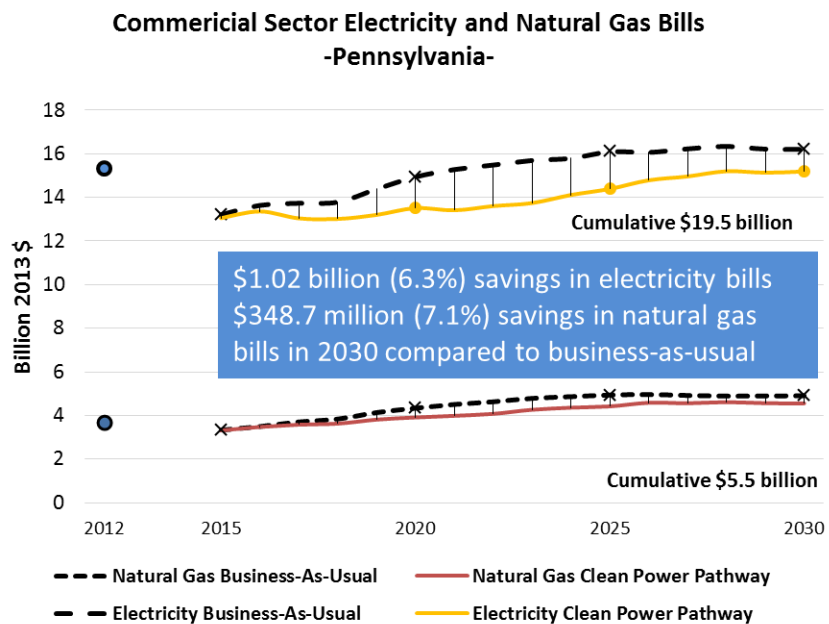
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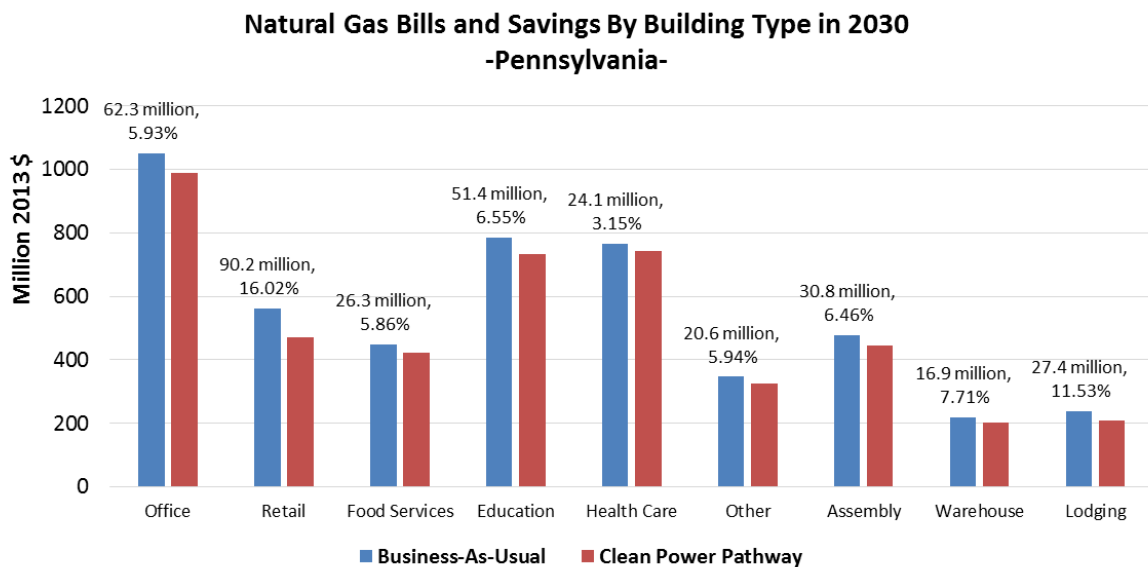
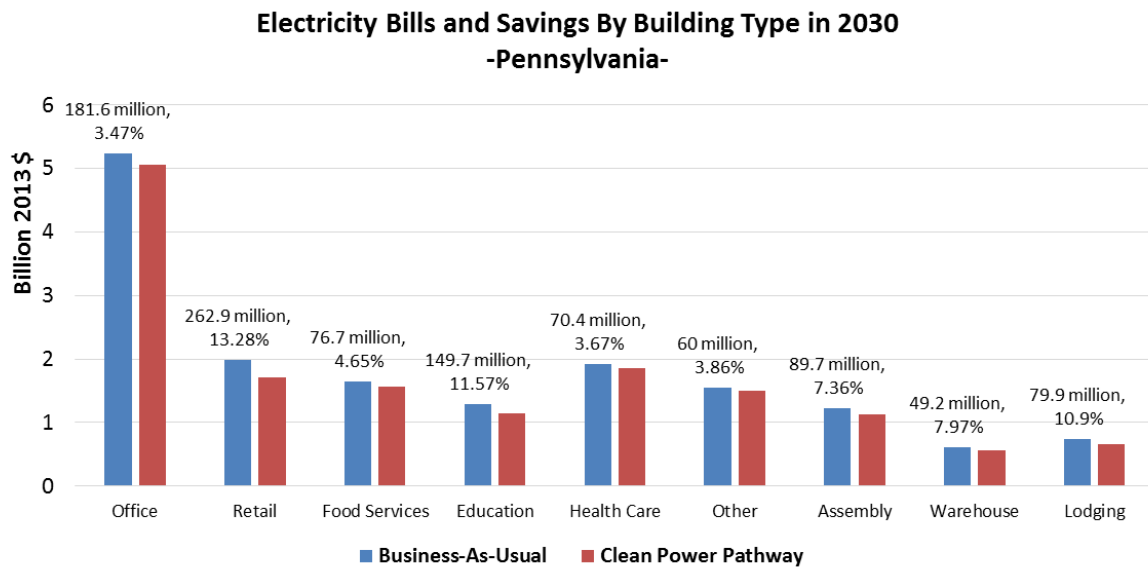
The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Pennsylvania could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$1.02 billion** (6.3%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$348.7 million** (7.1%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Pennsylvania would rise by about **22.7%** over the next 15 years.
- If Pennsylvania's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Pennsylvania's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.



- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Pennsylvania it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$263 million** and **\$182 million** respectively in 2030.

- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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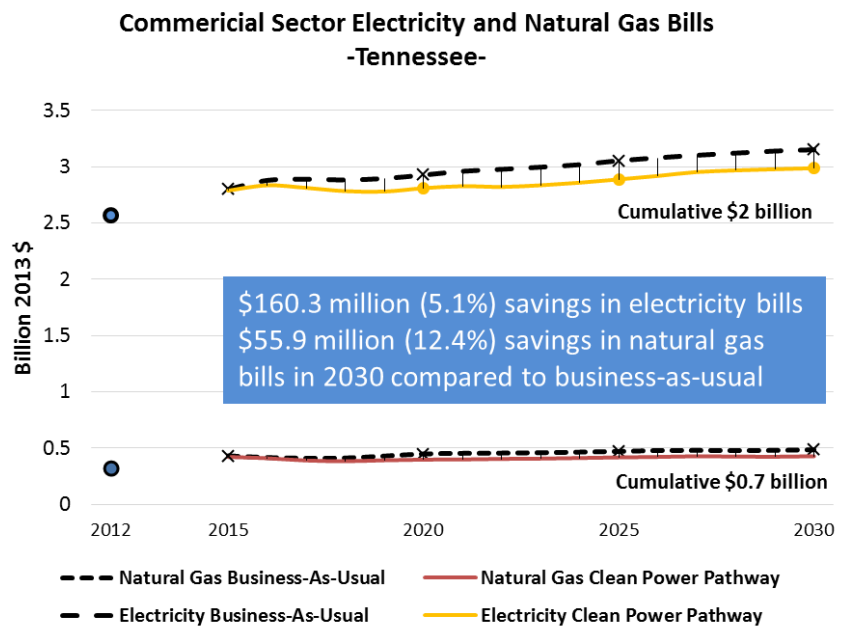
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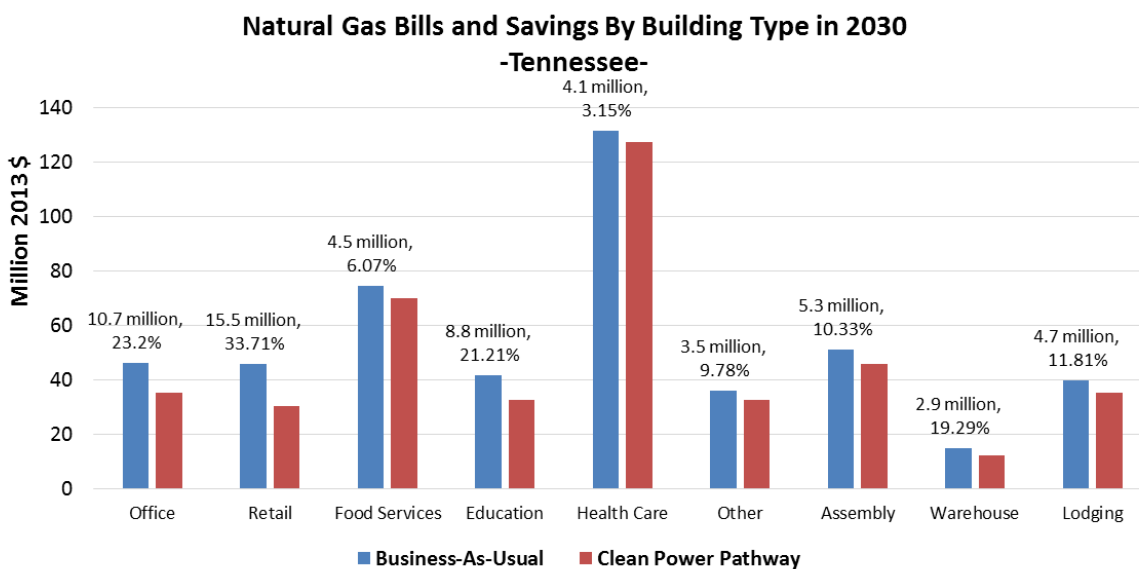
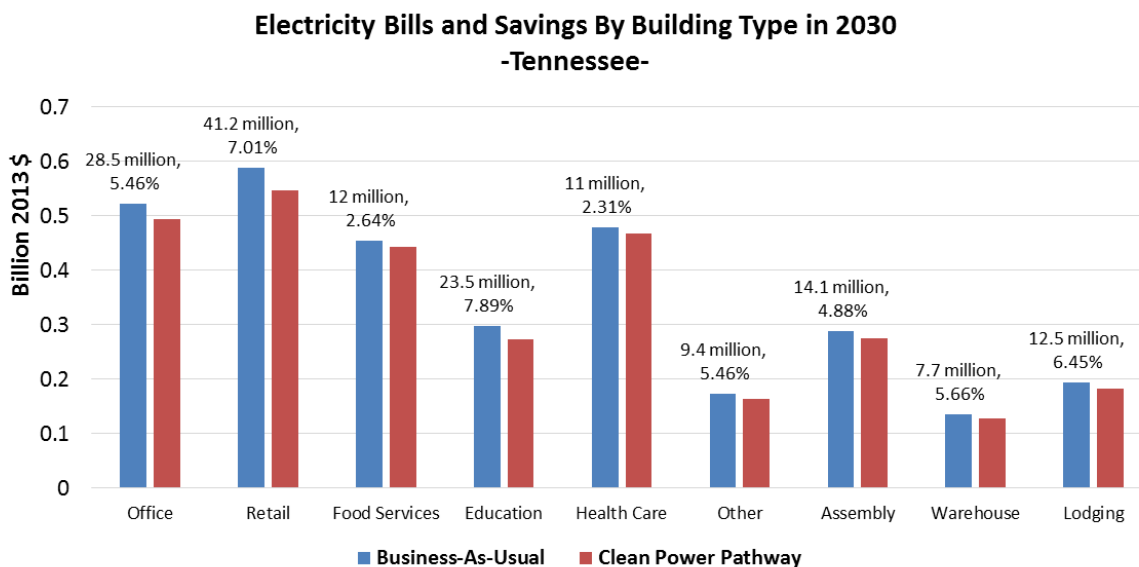
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Tennessee could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$160 million** (5.1%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$55.9 million** (12.4%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Tennessee would rise by about **12.2%** over the next 15 years.
- If Tennessee's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Tennessee's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Tennessee it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$41 million** and **\$29 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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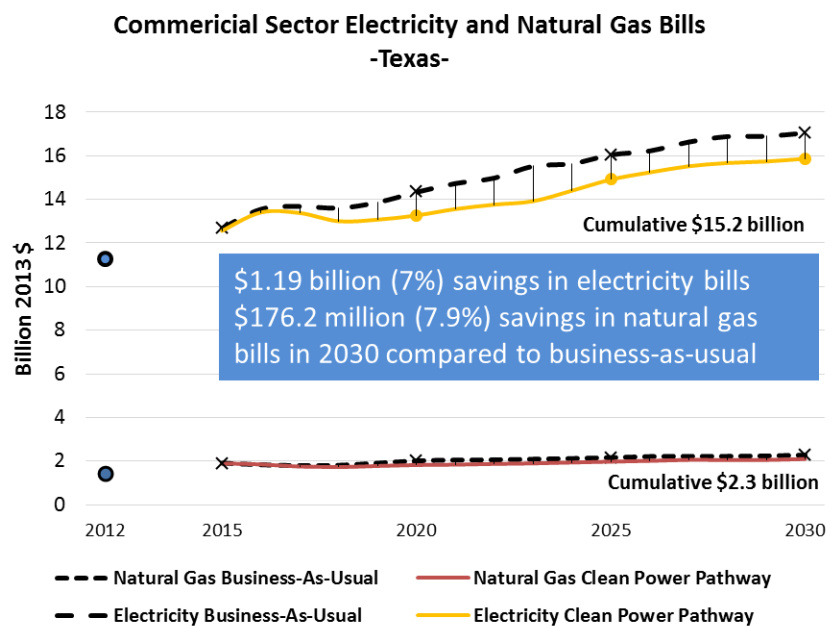
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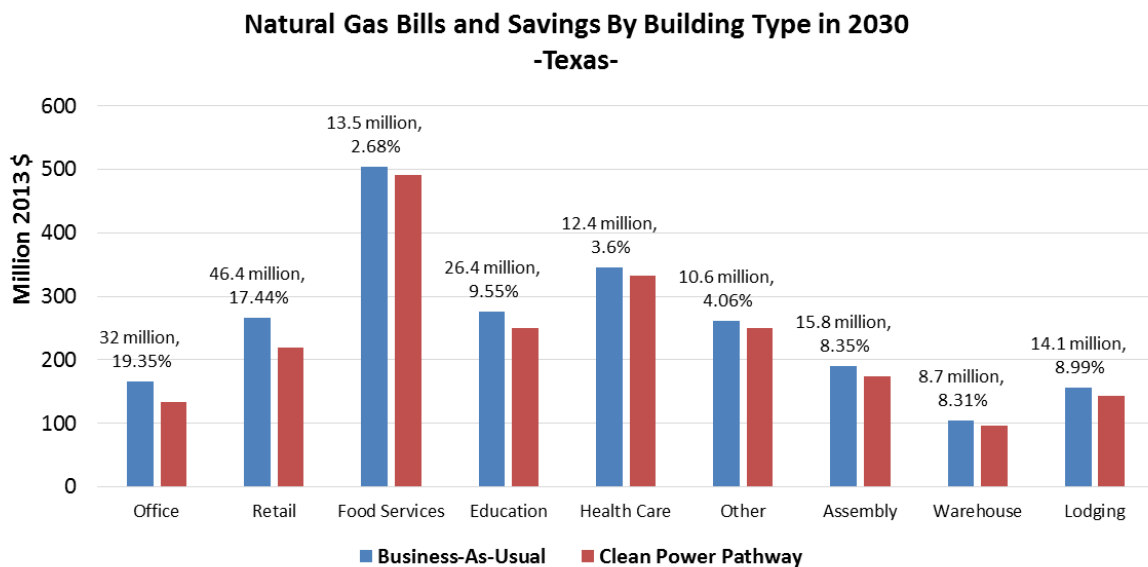
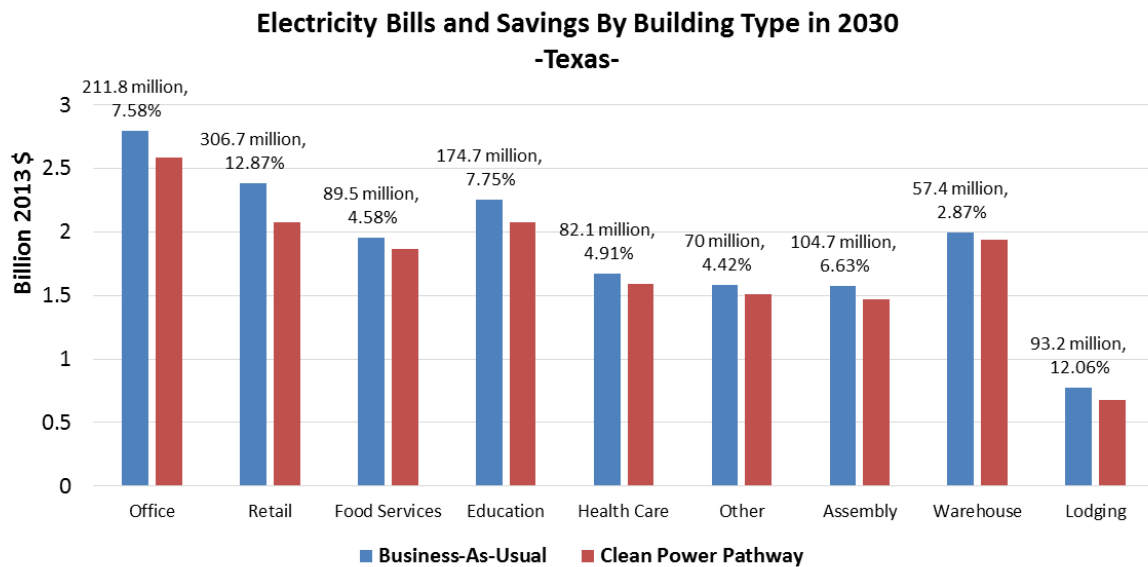
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Texas could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$1.19 billion** (7%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$176.2 million** (7.9%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Texas would rise by about **34.3%** over the next 15 years.
- If Texas' leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Texas' commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Texas it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$307 million** and **\$212 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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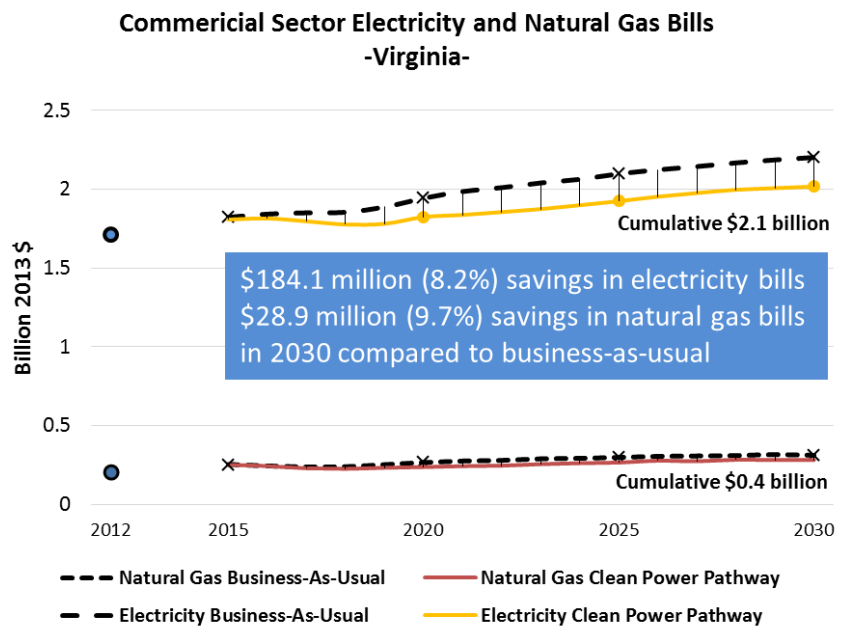
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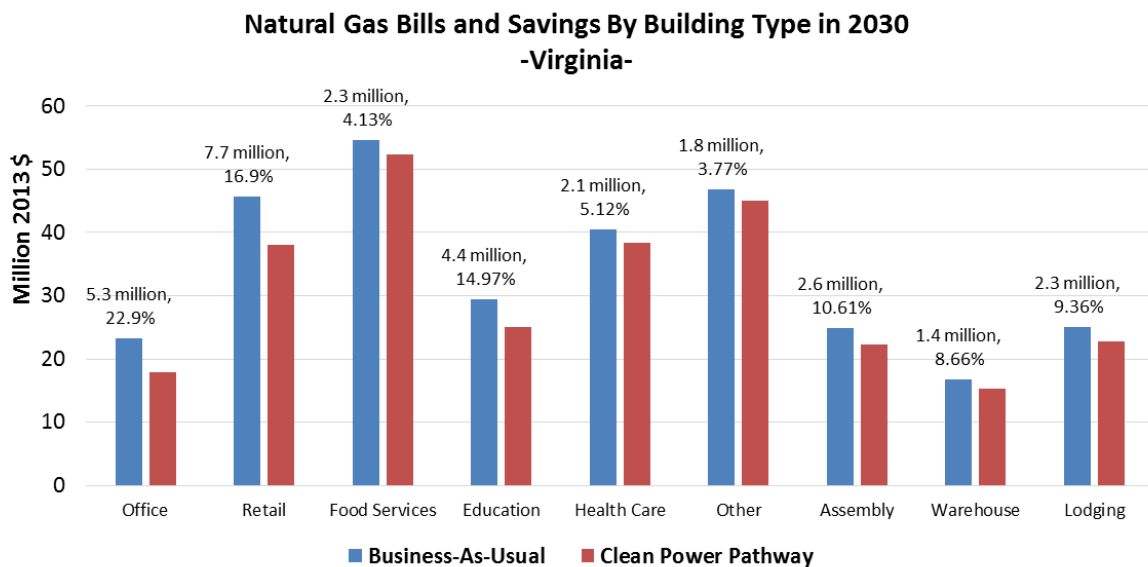
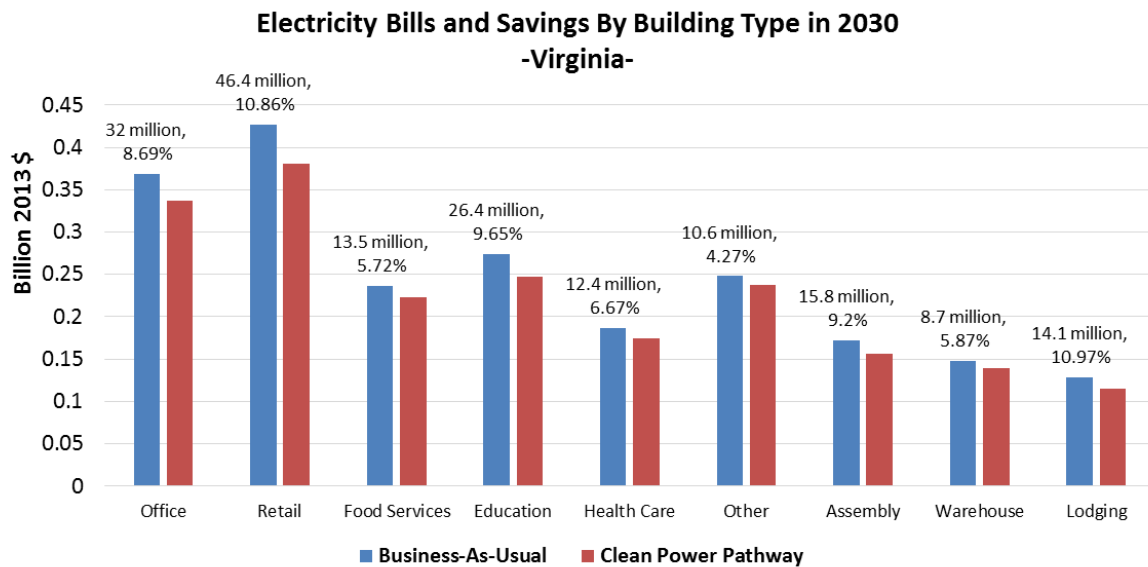
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The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in Virginia could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$184 million** (8.2%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$28.9 million** (9.7%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in Virginia would rise by about **20.7%** over the next 15 years.
- If Virginia's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, Virginia's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In Virginia it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$46 million** and **\$32 million** respectively in 2030.



- Occupants and owners of other building type ranging from **education** to **food** and **lodging** would also save significantly on their energy bills. (See figure below.)



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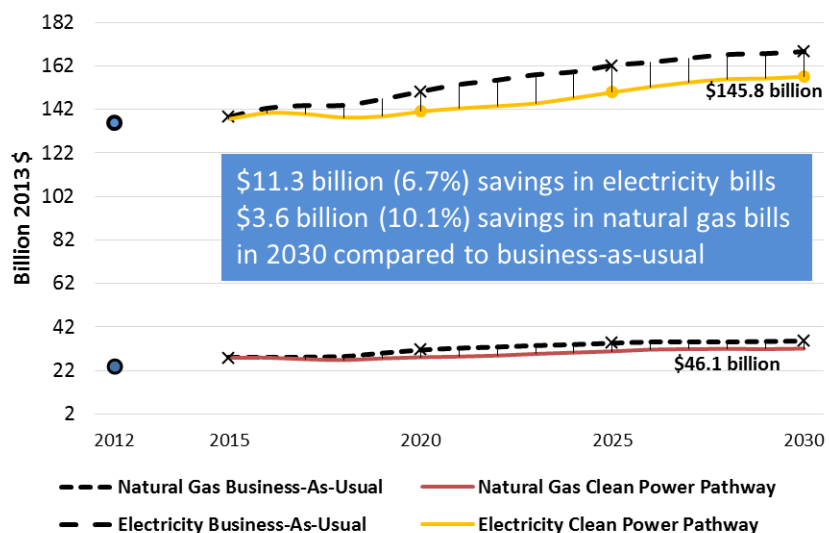
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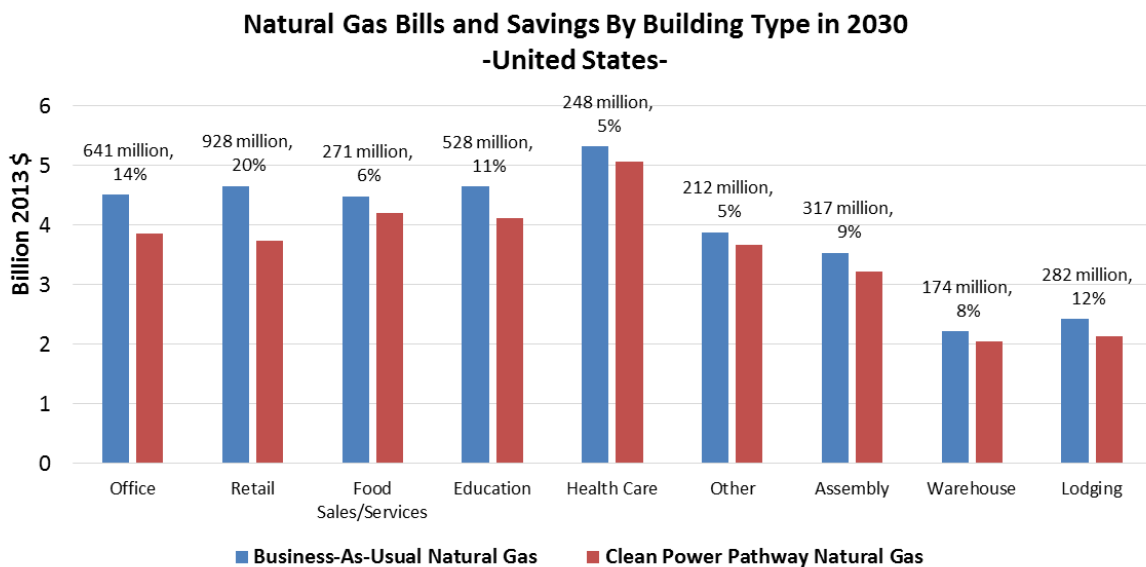
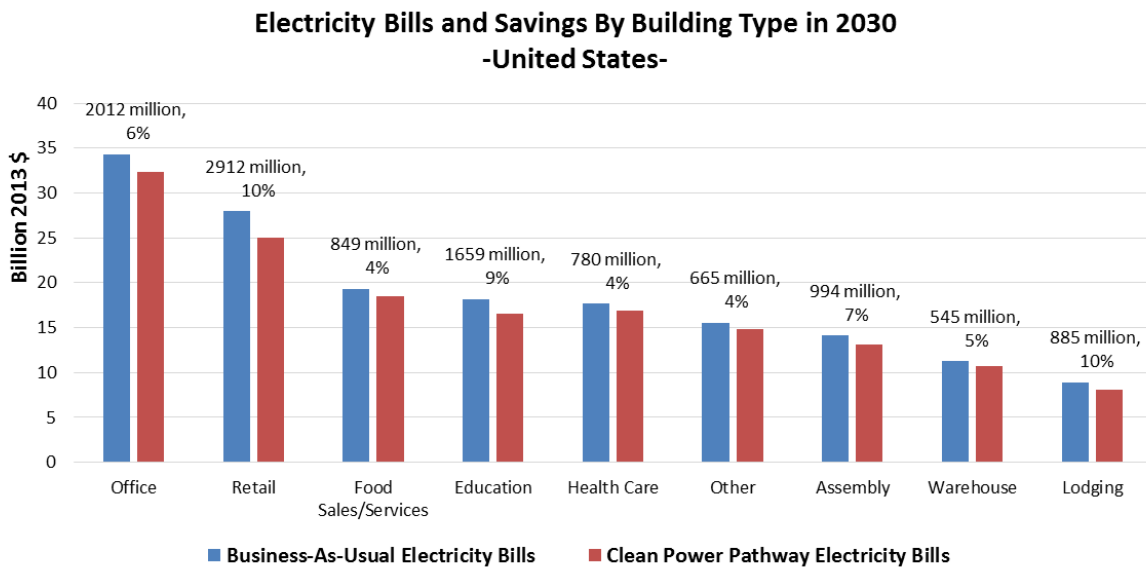
The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in the United States could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$11.3 billion** (6.7%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$3.6 billion** (10.1%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in the United States would rise by about **21.4%** over the next 15 years.
- If the United States' leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, the United States' commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
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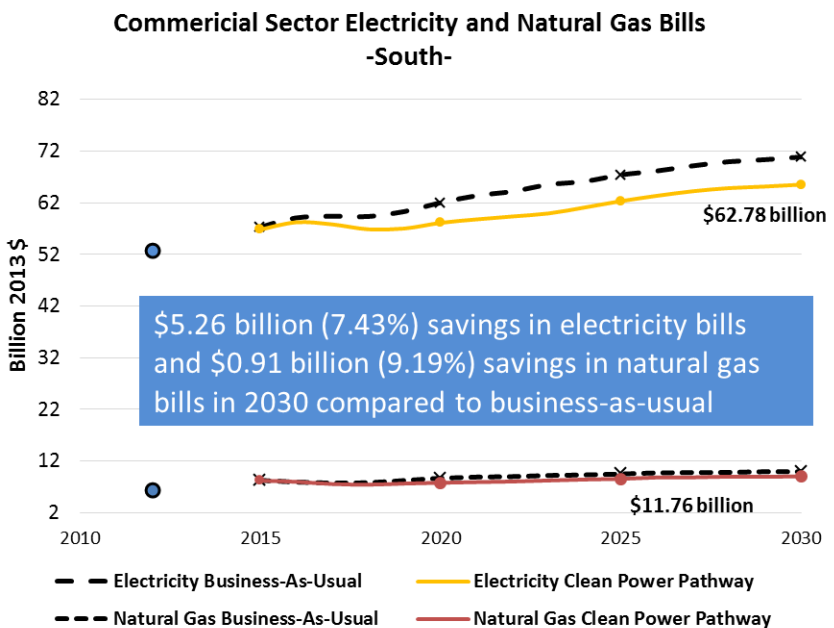
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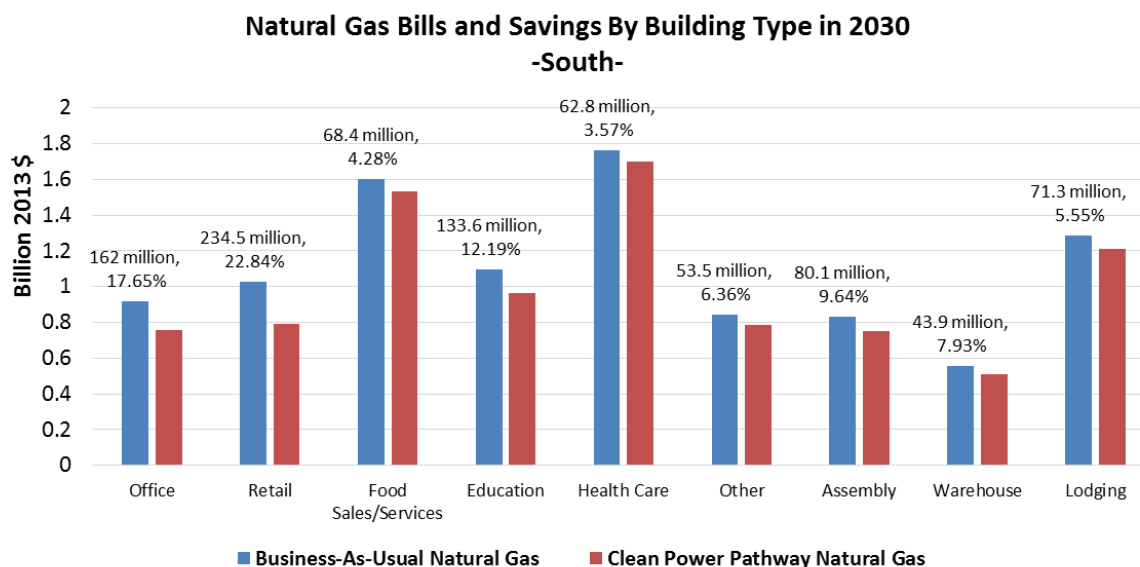
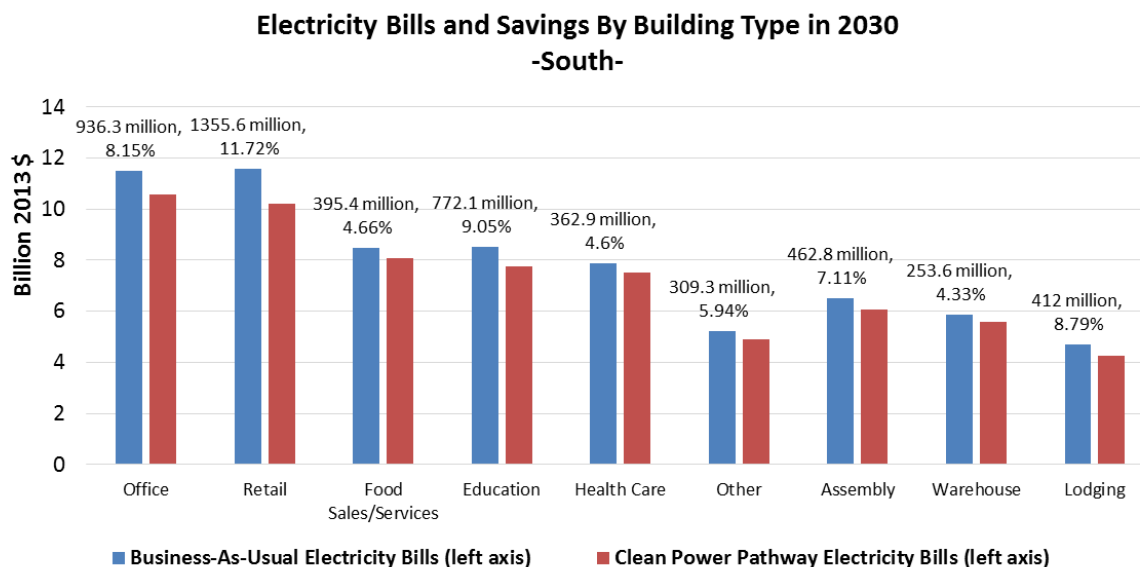
The Georgia Tech analysis found that:

- Commercial building owners and occupants in the South could realize an average annual electricity savings of **\$5.26 billion** (7.43%) in 2030, compared to the business-as-usual case, if the state were to adopt the Clean Power Plan pathway described above. (See figure at right.)
- In addition, commercial owners and occupants would reduce their natural gas bills by an average of **\$.91 billion** (9.19%) in 2030.
- Under business-as-usual (without new regulations), the electricity bills of commercial building owners and occupants in the South would rise by about **23.5%** over the next 15 years.
- If the South's leaders adopt the least-cost clean power pathway, the South's commercial electricity bills would increase very little, if at all, while its CO₂ emissions would be cut significantly.
- Energy bill savings are expected to be greatest for **retail** and **office** buildings. In the South it is estimated that these building space owners would cut their electricity costs by **\$1,356 million** and



\$936 million respectively in 2030.

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