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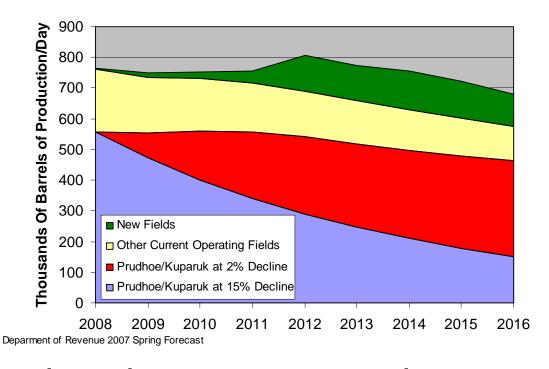
Summary of CS Bill

- Less attractive climate for investors:
 - Increased base rate
 - Increased progressivity
 - Multiple changes to deductions and other provisions
- Will have an impact on decisions
- Will result in less investment



Tax System and Investments

- Base rate increase
- Progressivity increase
- Gross elements
- Reduced TIE credits



A tax system formulated on the most economic projects will deter investment on more marginal projects, including Heavy Oil



Other Provisions

- Out of state exclusion
- Topping plant exclusion
- DR&R exclusion
- "Reasonable" transportation costs
- Exploration confidentiality
- 6 year statute of limitations
- Retroactive implementation



Impact on Investment Climate

- Enhanced EICs
- Base rate increase to 25%
- Increased progressivity
- Progressivity on gross
- Reduce TIE credits
- Exclude out of state costs
- Exclude topping plant
- "Reasonable" transportation costs
- Exclude DR&R
- Exploration data confidentiality
- Retroactive implementation

- Positive
- Negative

