

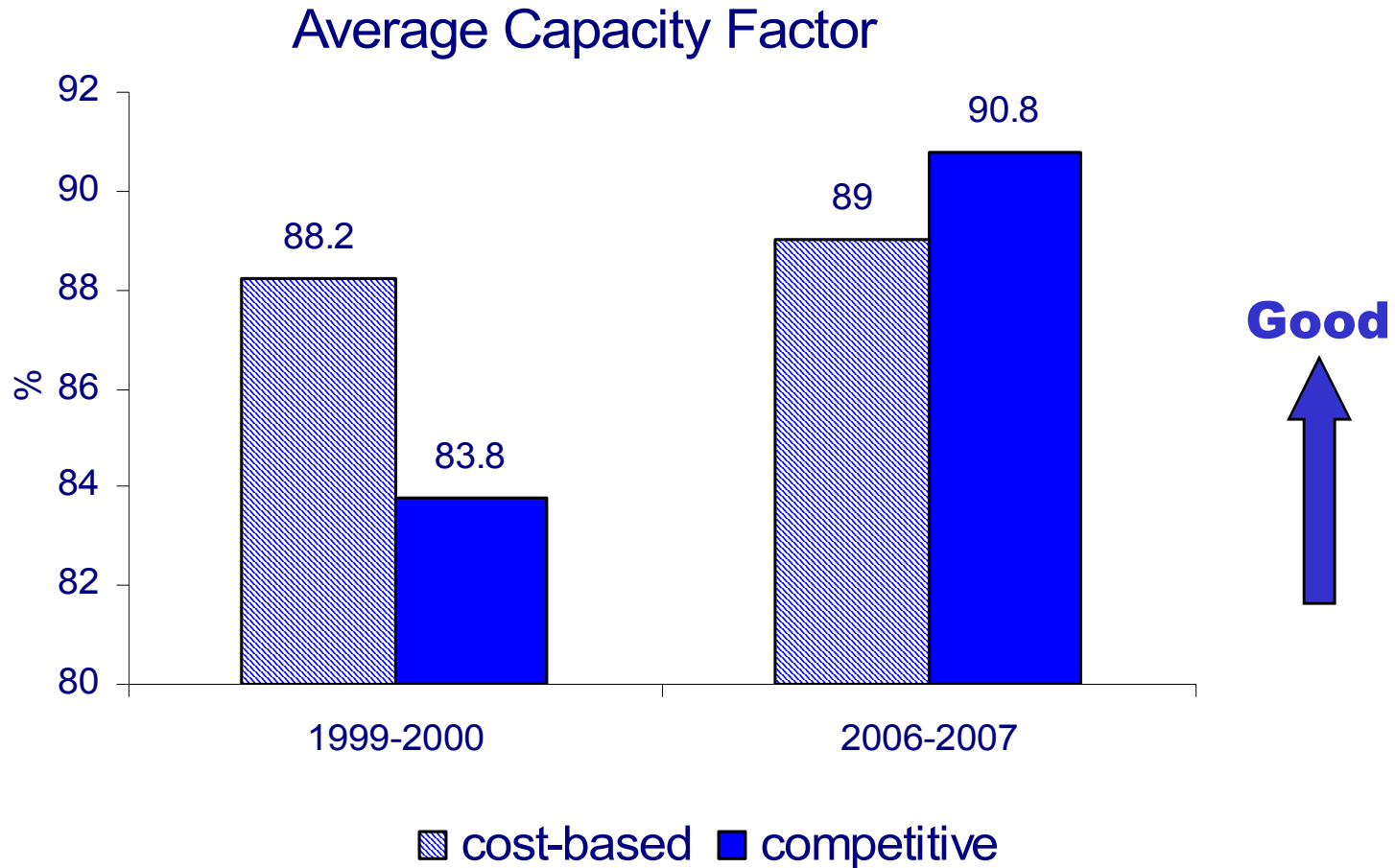
U.S. Nuclear Plant Performance Improvement Driven by Competition

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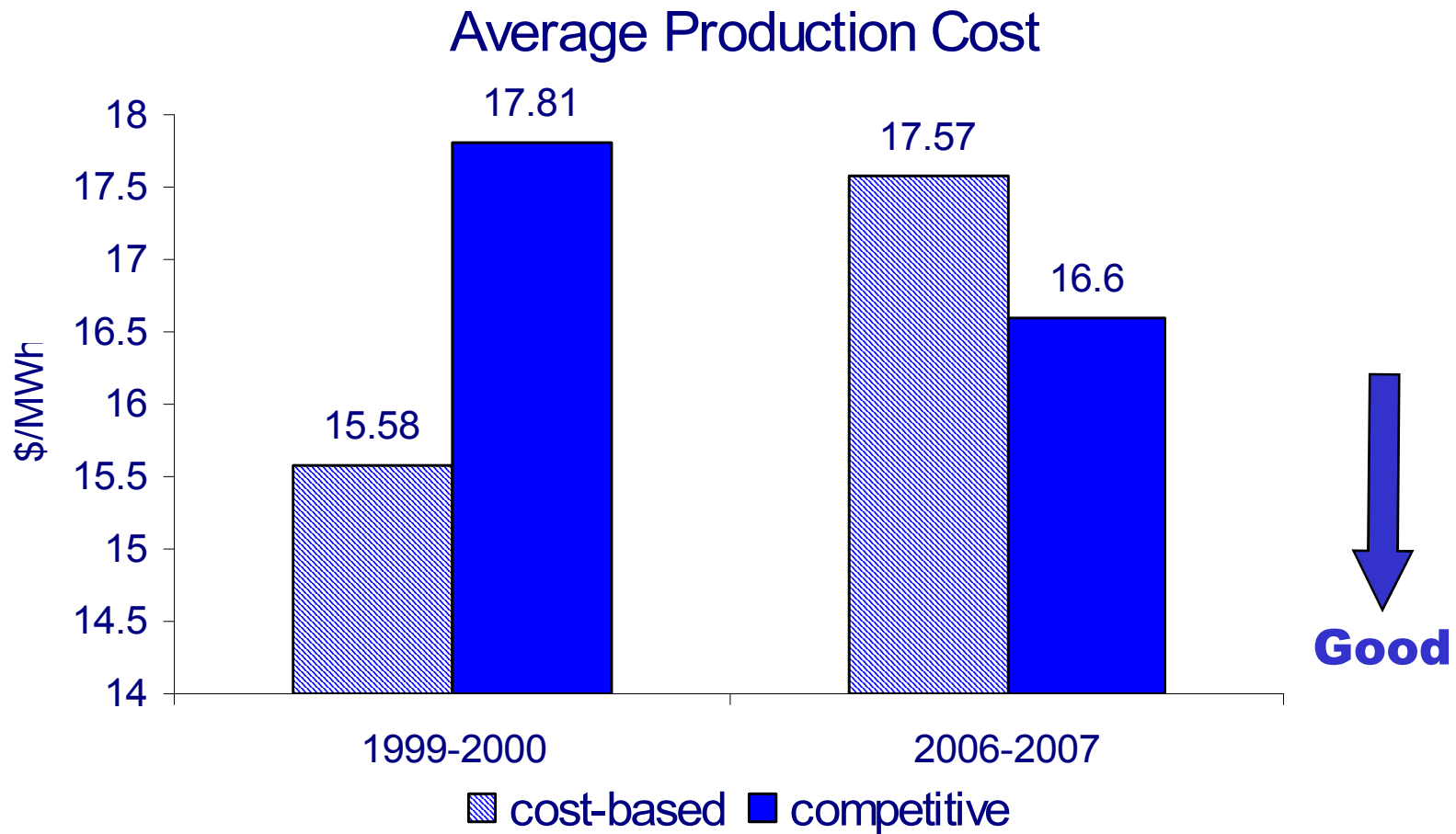
Data sources: Energy Information Administration, Electric Utility Cost Group, Nuclear Energy Institute, NRC. Capacity factor data includes all 103 units operating in 2006 and 2007; for production cost, 8 units which did not report costs for the relevant time periods are excluded. “Competitive” includes plants in states with restructured competitive generation markets. “Cost-based” includes all other states. All data is based on two-year plant averages.

Nuclear Plants in Restructured State Jurisdictions Out-Perform in Production



Competition has sharpened focus on performance

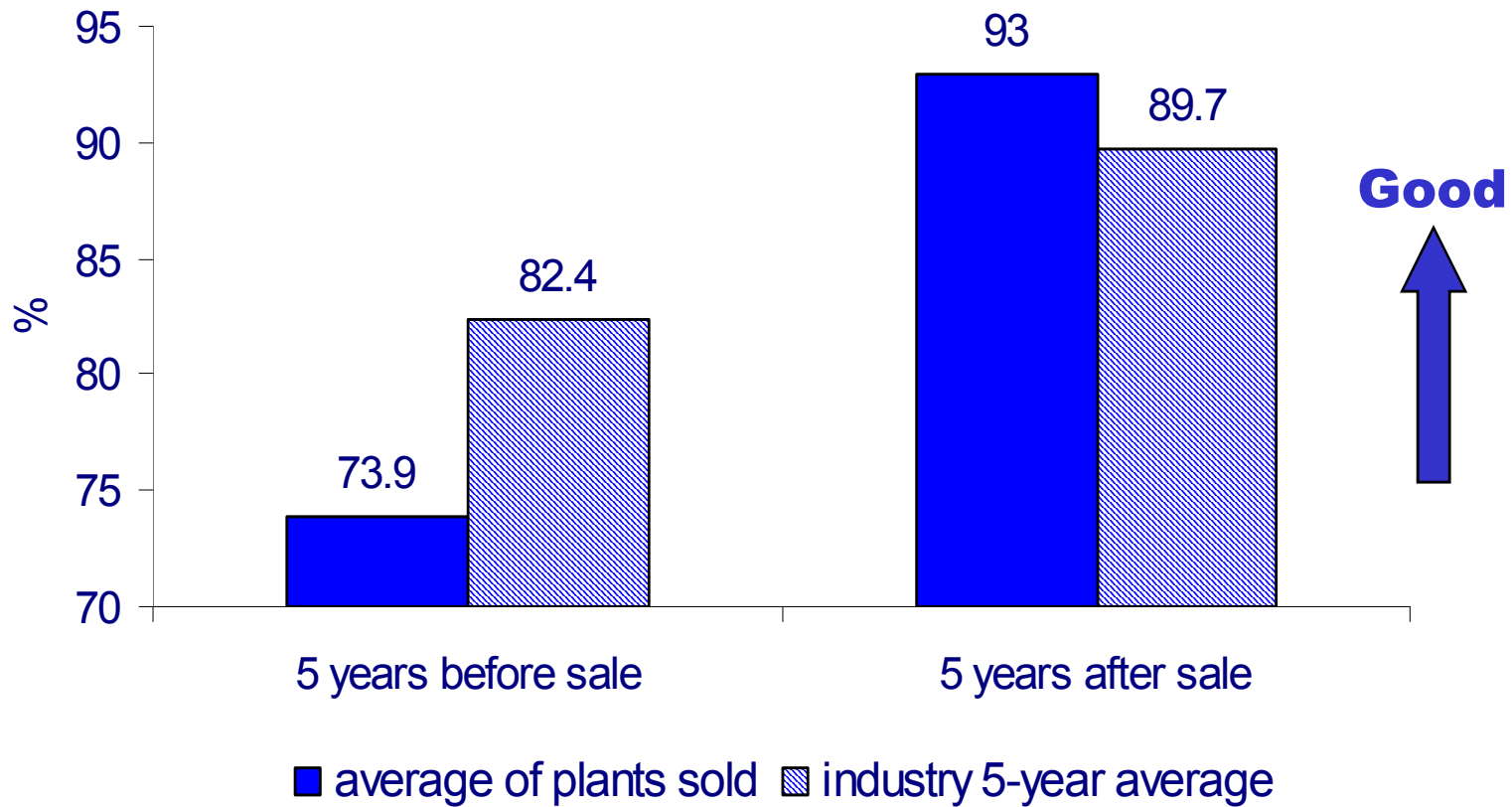
Nuclear Plants in Restructured State Jurisdictions Operate at Lower Average Costs



Nuclear production costs in restructured states are now lower. Traditionally regulated states have seen cost increases

Nuclear Plants Sold to Merchant Fleet Operators Perform Better than Average

Average Capacity Factor



Market discipline sharpens performance