

# Plan of Finance

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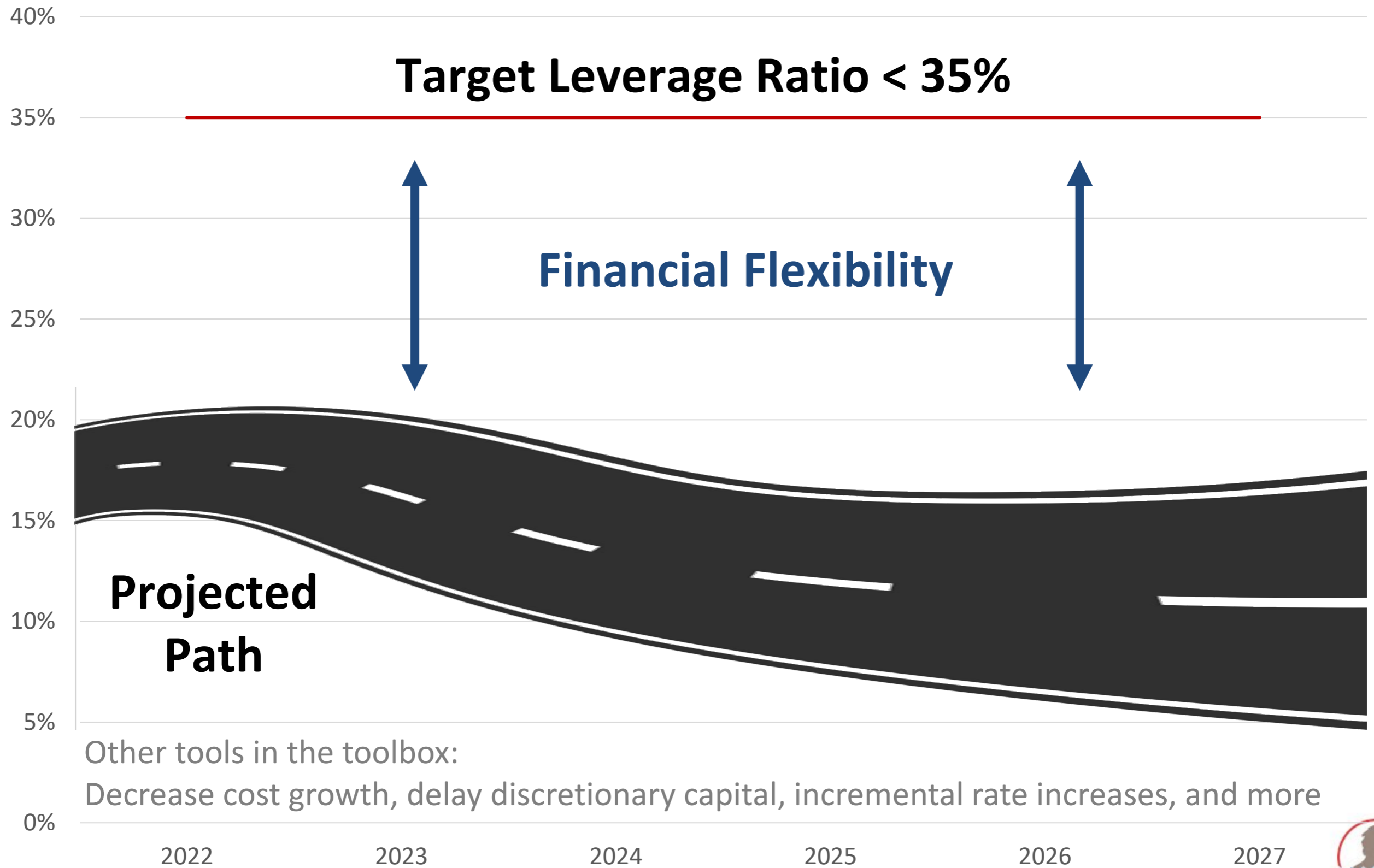
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# What We Will Cover Today

- Annual plan of finance update
  - External borrowing
  - Internal loan funding
- Board Designated Funds update
- Upcoming Board requests

# Debt Maintenance Mode



Target Leverage Ratio < 35%

Financial Flexibility

Projected Path

Other tools in the toolbox:

Decrease cost growth, delay discretionary capital, incremental rate increases, and more

# Hydro System Capital Funding

- Long-term power sales contract capital and debt reduction charges continue to be utilized for pay-as-you-go capital
- Since 2019, hydros have been using Board approved internal loans to fund a portion of capital spending
- Forecast 2023/24 Rock Island and Rocky Reach capital plans (plus ISS projects) of approximately \$185M are expected to exceed available power sales contract funds and require partial loan funding



# Internal Loans

- Match system funding need with available system cash
- Loan cash from one District accounting system to another
- Principal and interest paid back over time per schedule
- Board affirmed Debt Philosophy and Planning Strategies:
  - First, internal loans from unrestricted funds, when available
  - Strategic external bond issuance are also evaluated and recommended when prudent
- Customer benefits of internal loans:
  - Supports debt leverage and coverage metrics
  - Avoids external bond issuance and interest costs
  - Uses available unrestricted cash earning interest at lower rate

# Electric Rate Support Fund

## Current Status:

- ✓ Board Designated Fund established in 2020 – 2024 Rate Plan
- ✓ Directed staff to make deposits annually
- ✓ Annual calculation: electric rate revenue X cumulative increase %
- ✓ Included in Board Quarterly Financial Review

## 2022 Check In:

- Team evaluated fund, no projected rate stabilization needs currently
- Will monitor as fund builds with annual deposits

## Future Actions:

- Return for 2023 annual check in



# Upcoming Board Requests

Q1 2023	Resolution to approve internal loans to support hydro capital plans
Following project timeline	Financing actions associated with Peshastin Water District acquisition