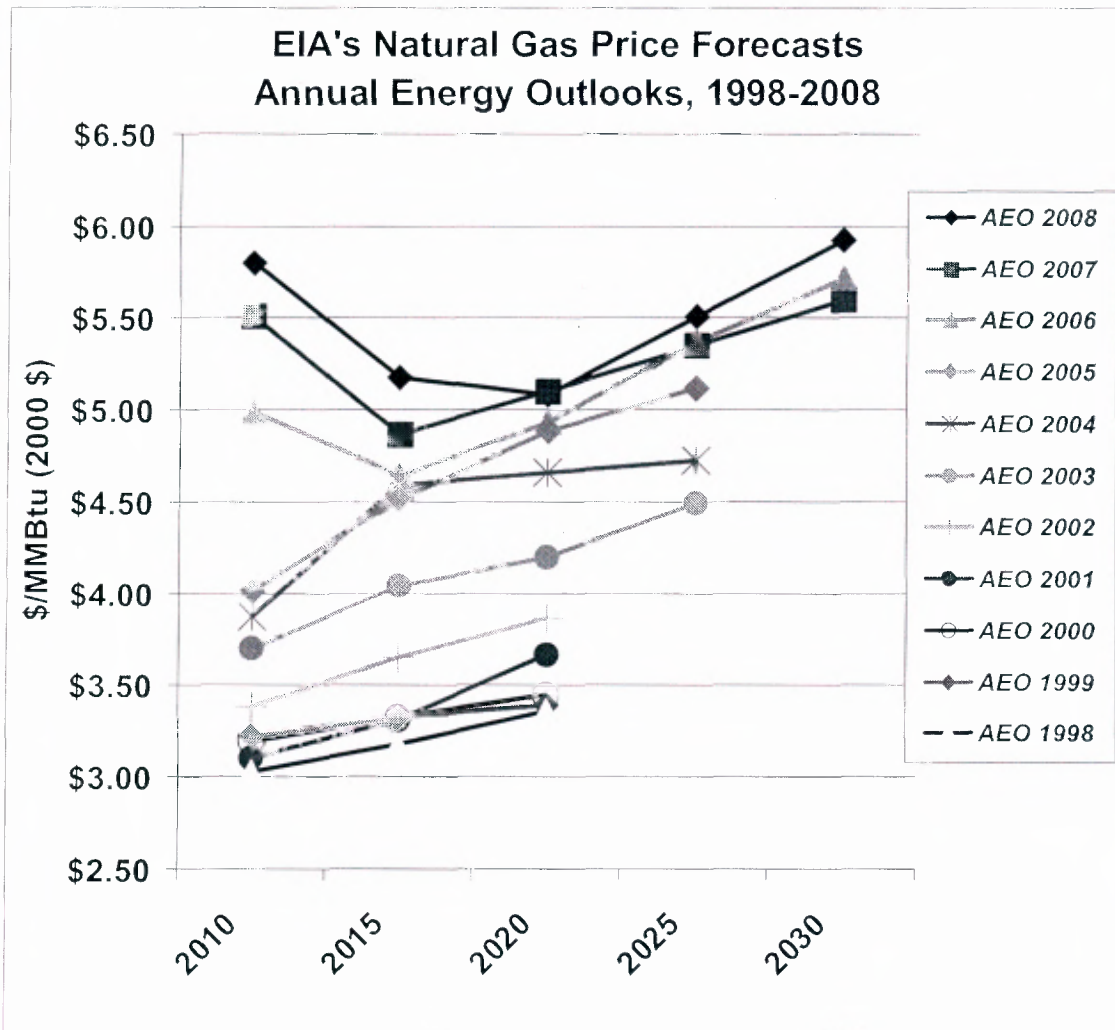


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**INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (\$/MMBtu, in year 2000 dollars)**



Source: Compiled from U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook*, yearly publications, 1998 through 2008. Reference Case Tables' prices converted from various year dollars to 2000 dollars by dividing by a GDP Implicit Price Deflator, based on U.S. GDP data, as reported in U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, *National Economic Accounts: Gross Domestic Product, Current-dollar and "real" GDP*, spreadsheet at <http://www.bea.gov/national/xls/gdplev.xls>, last updated 27-Sep-2007.