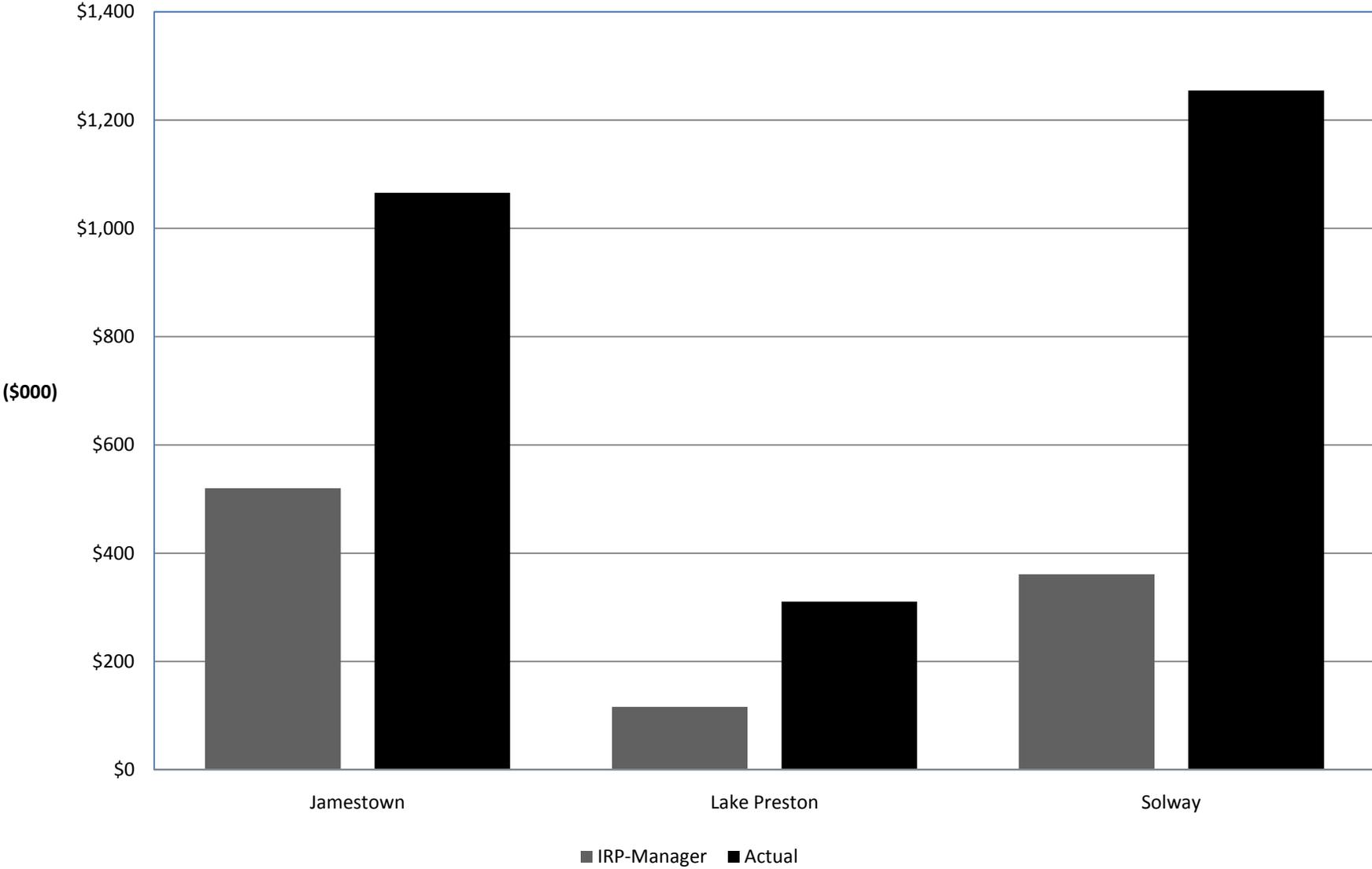


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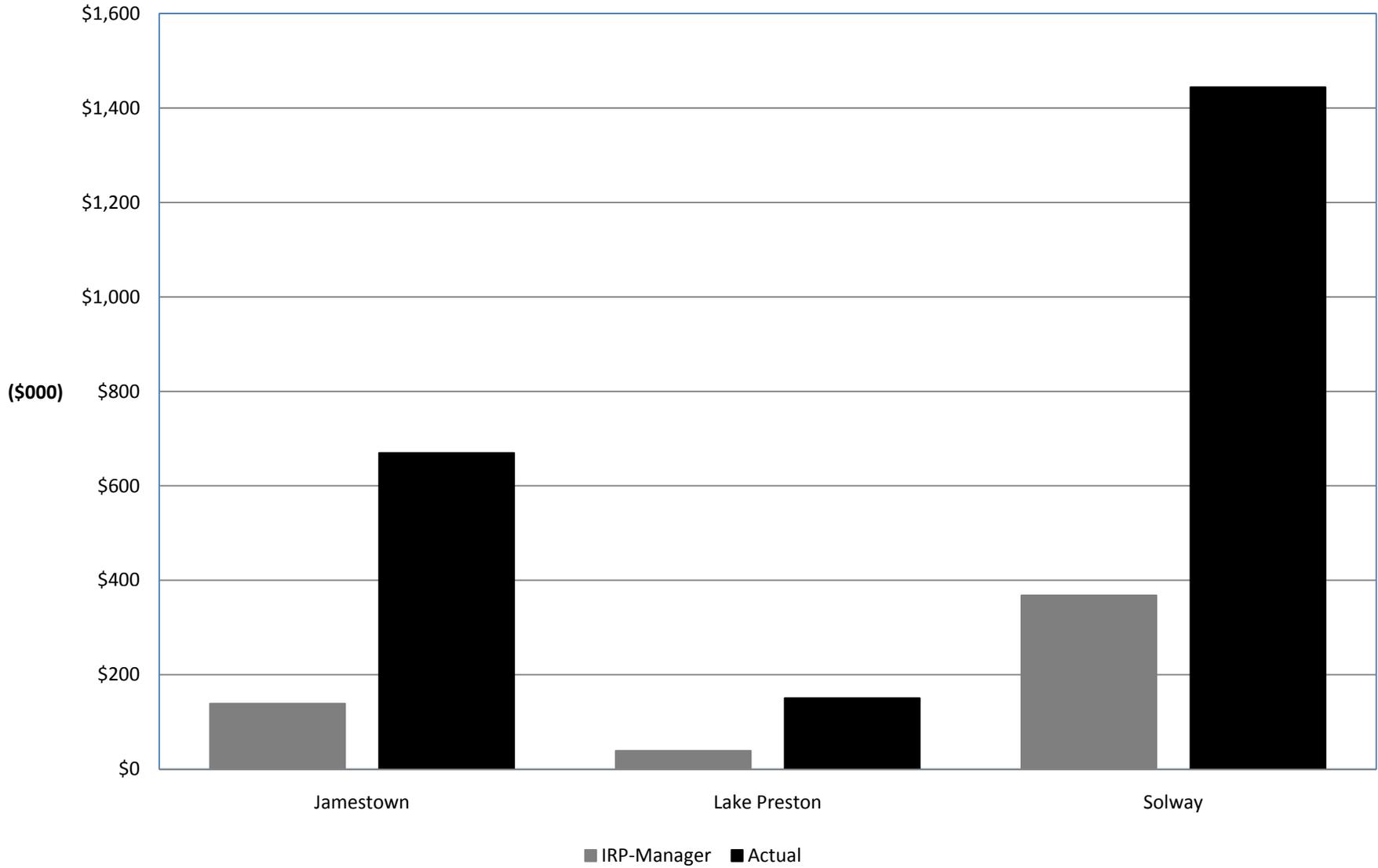
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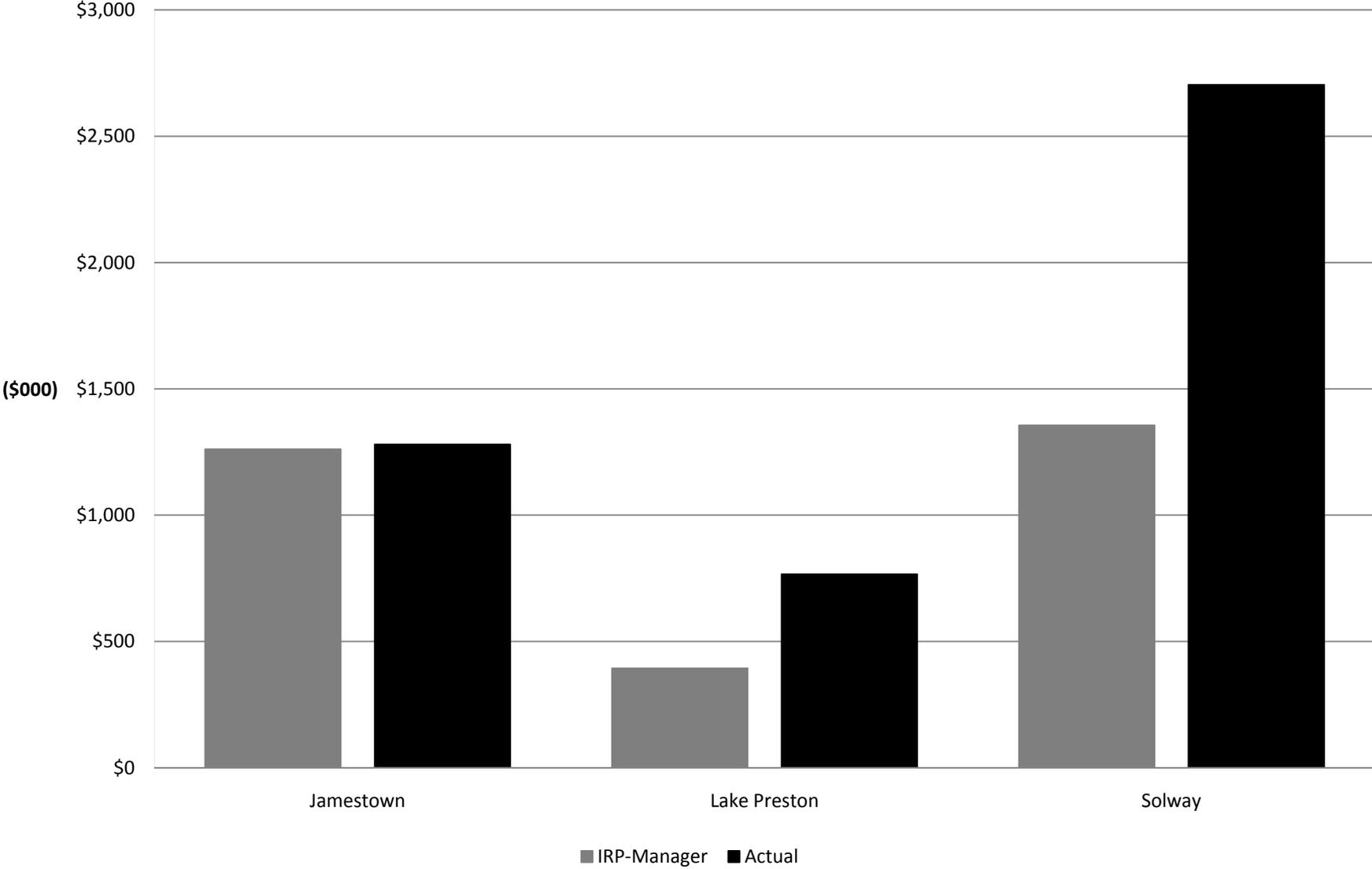
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Comparison of IRP-Manager Results to Recorded Historical Values
2003

| | Net Generation - GWh | | | | Fuel Cost - \$000 | | | | Average Fuel Cost - \$/MWh | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | | | | 2003 | | | | 2003 | | | |
| | IRP-Manager | Actual | Difference | % Difference | IRP-Manager | Actual | Difference | % Difference | IRP-Manager | Actual | Difference | % Difference |
| Coal: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Stone | 1,639.1 | 1,753.0 | (113.9) | -7.0% | \$23,444 | \$26,908 | -\$3,464 | -14.8% | \$14.30 | \$15.35 | -\$1.05 | -7.3% |
| Coyote | 927.3 | 955.3 | (28.0) | -3.0% | \$7,671 | \$8,736 | -\$1,065 | -13.9% | \$8.27 | \$9.14 | -\$0.87 | -10.5% |
| Hoot Lake | 742.4 | 915.4 | (173.0) | -23.3% | \$11,696 | \$14,340 | -\$2,644 | -22.6% | \$15.75 | \$15.67 | \$0.09 | 0.6% |
| Peaking: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamestown | 5.3 | 10.8 | (5.5) | -103.2% | \$520 | \$1,066 | -\$546 | -105.0% | \$98.11 | \$99.00 | -\$0.89 | -0.9% |
| Lake Preston | 1.2 | 2.3 | (1.1) | -89.3% | \$116 | \$311 | -\$195 | -167.7% | \$96.67 | \$136.70 | -\$40.03 | -41.4% |
| Solway | 6.5 | 21.1 | (14.6) | -223.9% | \$361 | \$1,255 | -\$894 | -247.5% | \$55.54 | \$59.60 | -\$4.06 | -7.3% |
| TOTAL | 3,321.8 | 3,657.8 | (336.0) | -10.1% | \$43,808 | \$52,615 | -\$8,807 | -20.1% | \$13.19 | \$14.38 | -\$1.20 | -9.1% |

Actual data taken from Otter Tail FERC Form 1 for 2003.

