

# The 3 Interconnections Meeting



# Facing the Future

## With Interconnection-Wide Planning

February 6-7, 2013

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## Panel 1

# The Electricity Sector's Challenges and Opportunities

# **THE STARTING POINT:**

Interconnection/Grid Planning in the Face of Diversity,  
Technical Complexity, Uncertainties, Challenges,  
Opportunities

**Sue Tierney**

## **The 3 Interconnections Meeting (DOE and NARUC)**

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Panel on the Electricity Sector's Challenges and Opportunities, 2013 – 2030

Washington, DC – February 6, 2013



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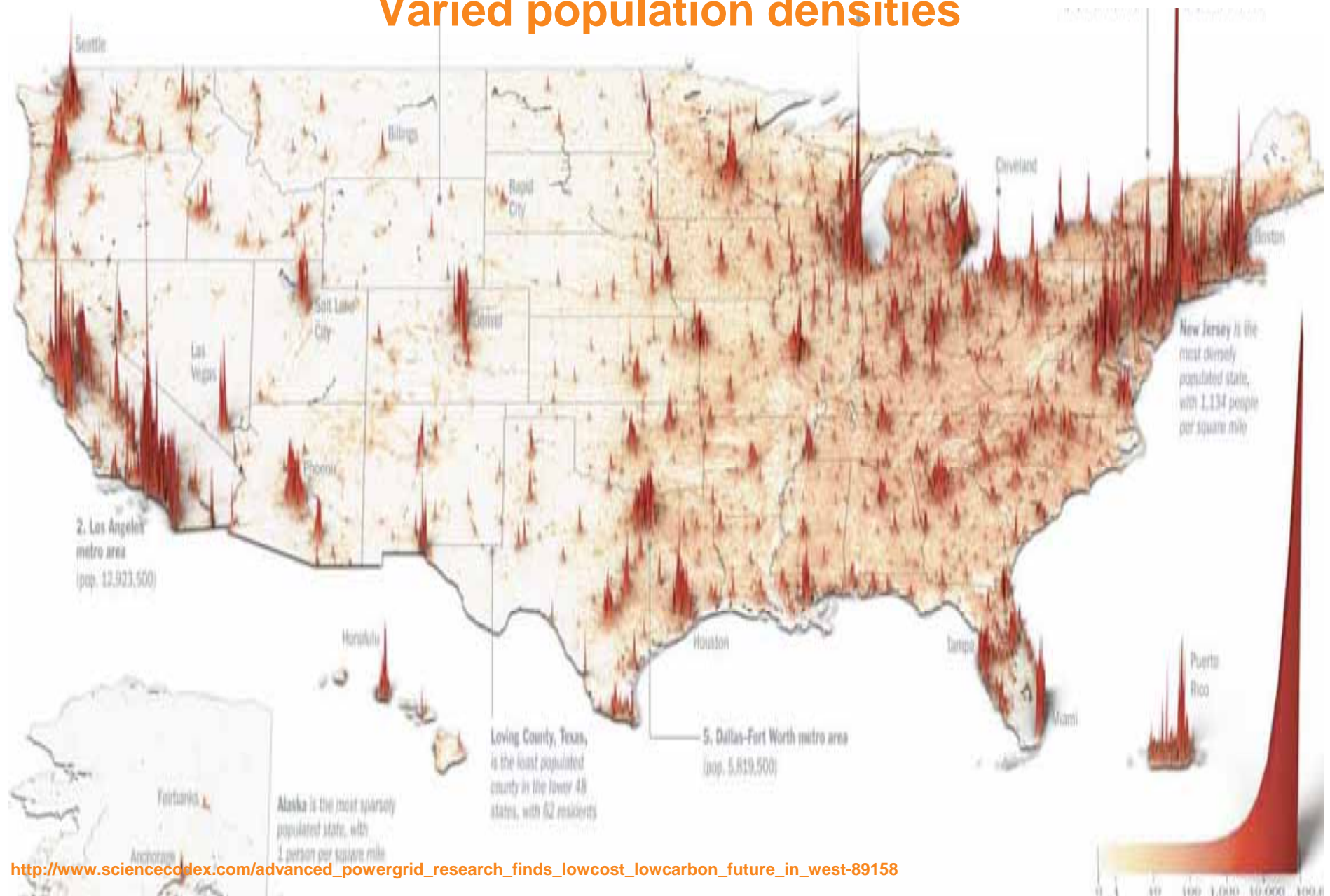


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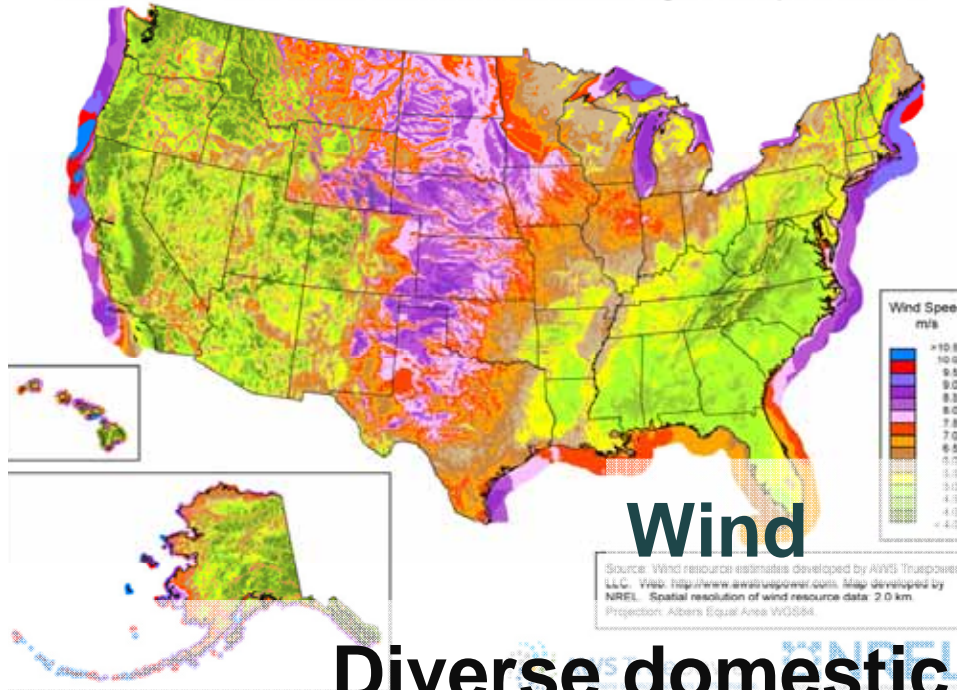


## Varied population densities

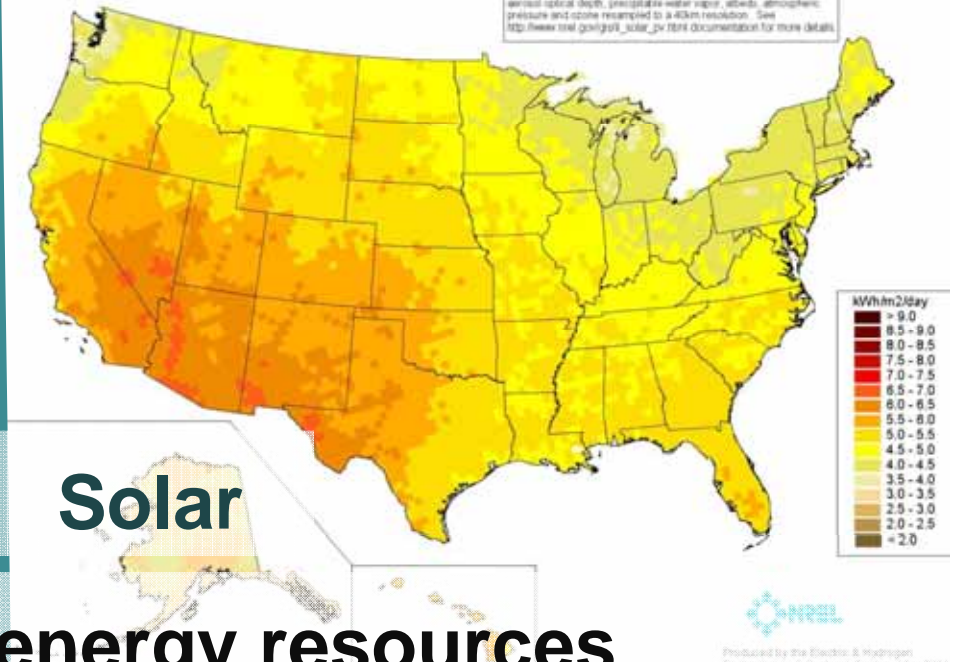




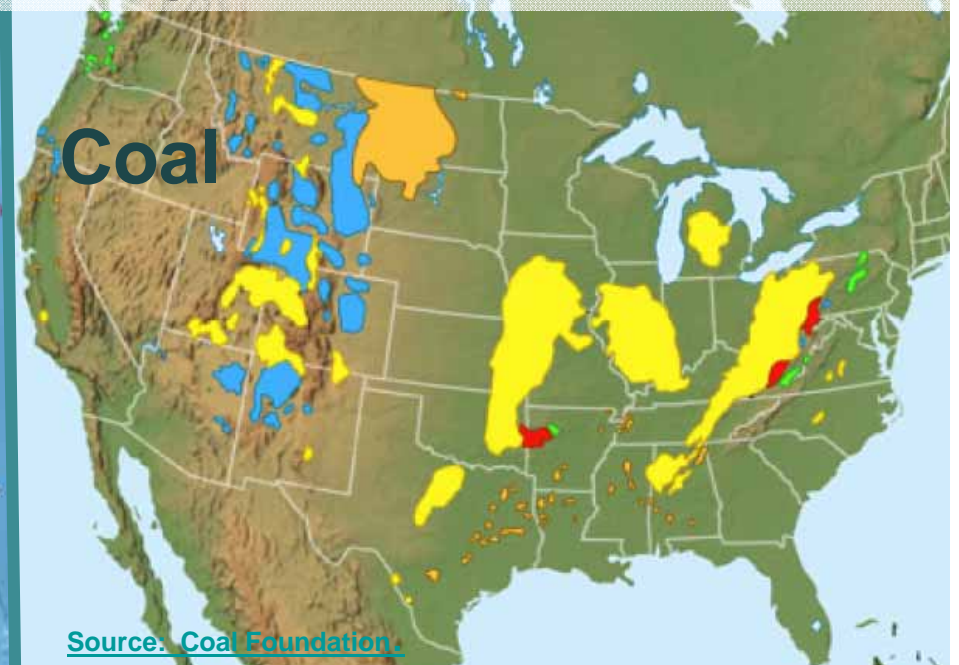
United States - Land-Based and Offshore Annual Average Wind Speed at 80 m



PV Solar Radiation  
(Flat Plate, Facing South, Latitude Tilt)



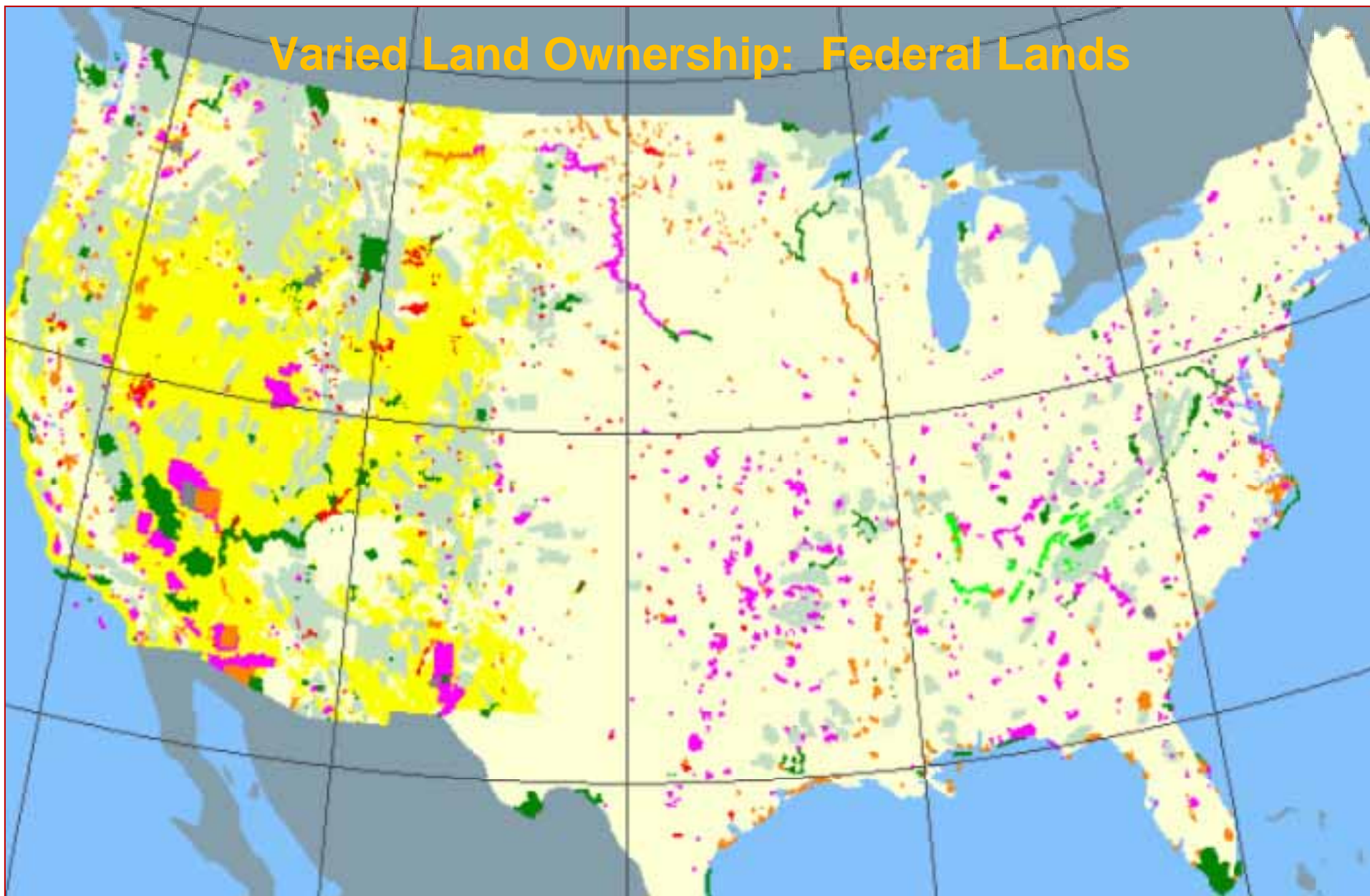
## Diverse domestic energy resources







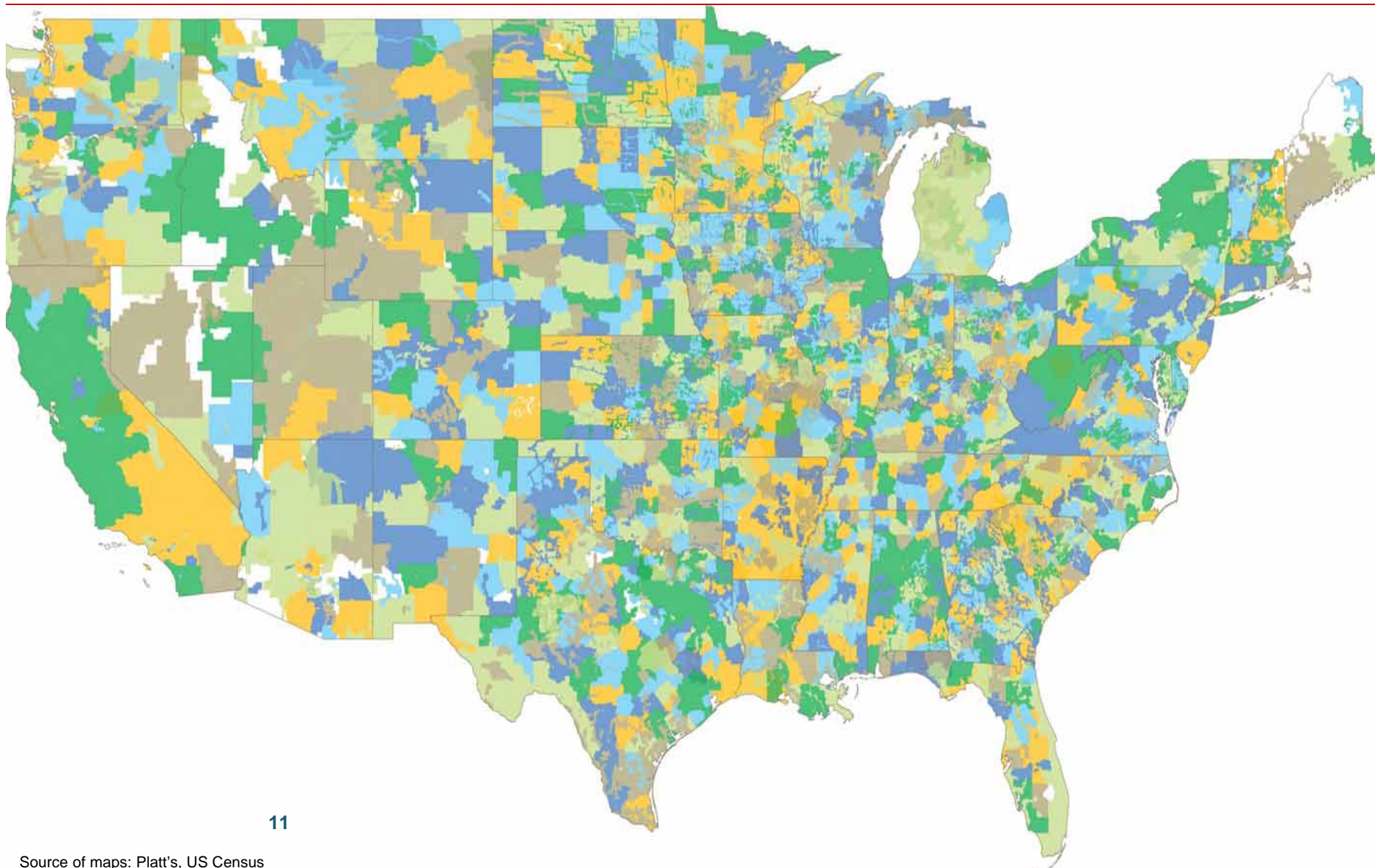
## Varied Land Ownership: Federal Lands



Source of maps: Platt's, US Census



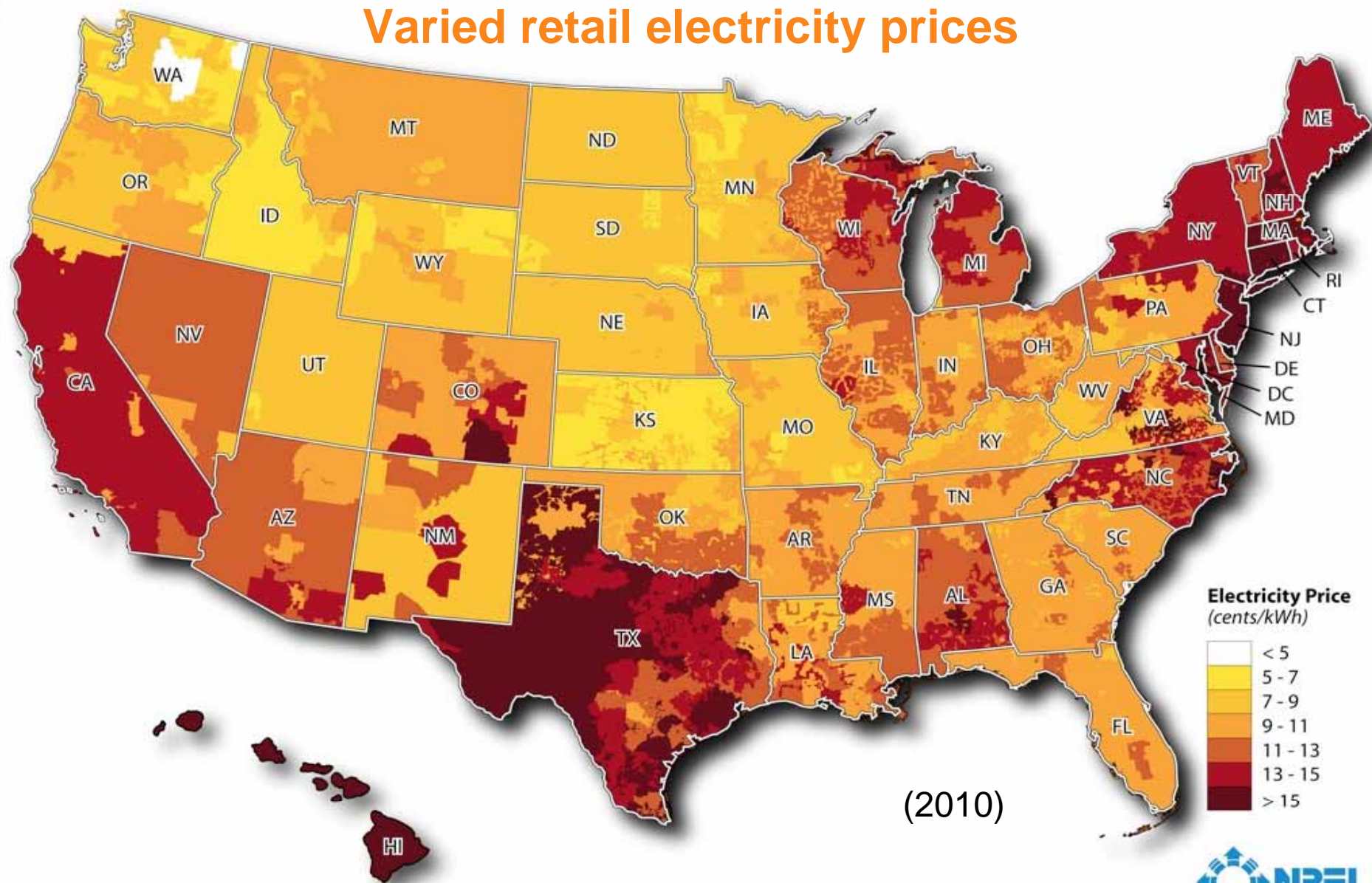
## Thousands of utility service territories





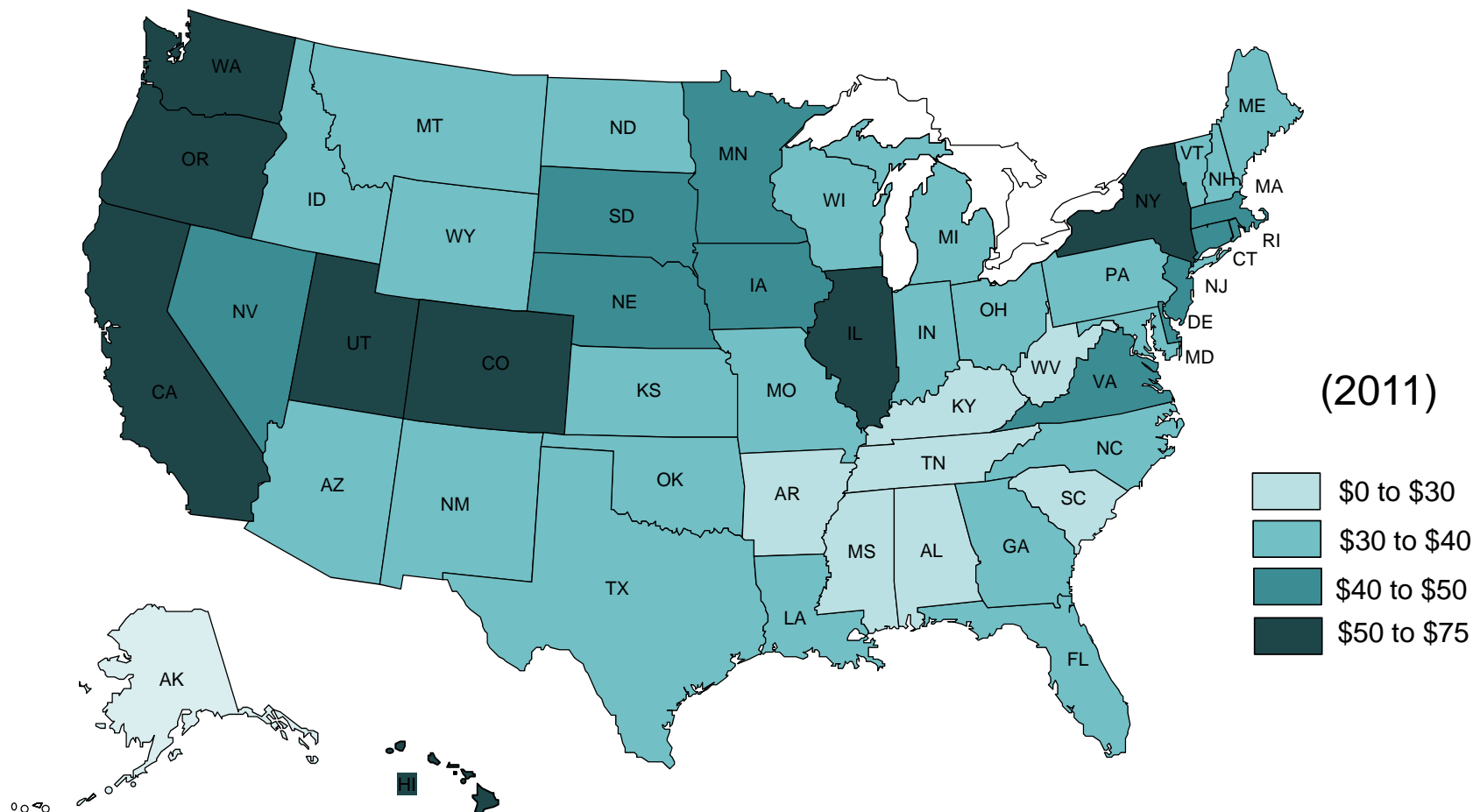


## Varied retail electricity prices



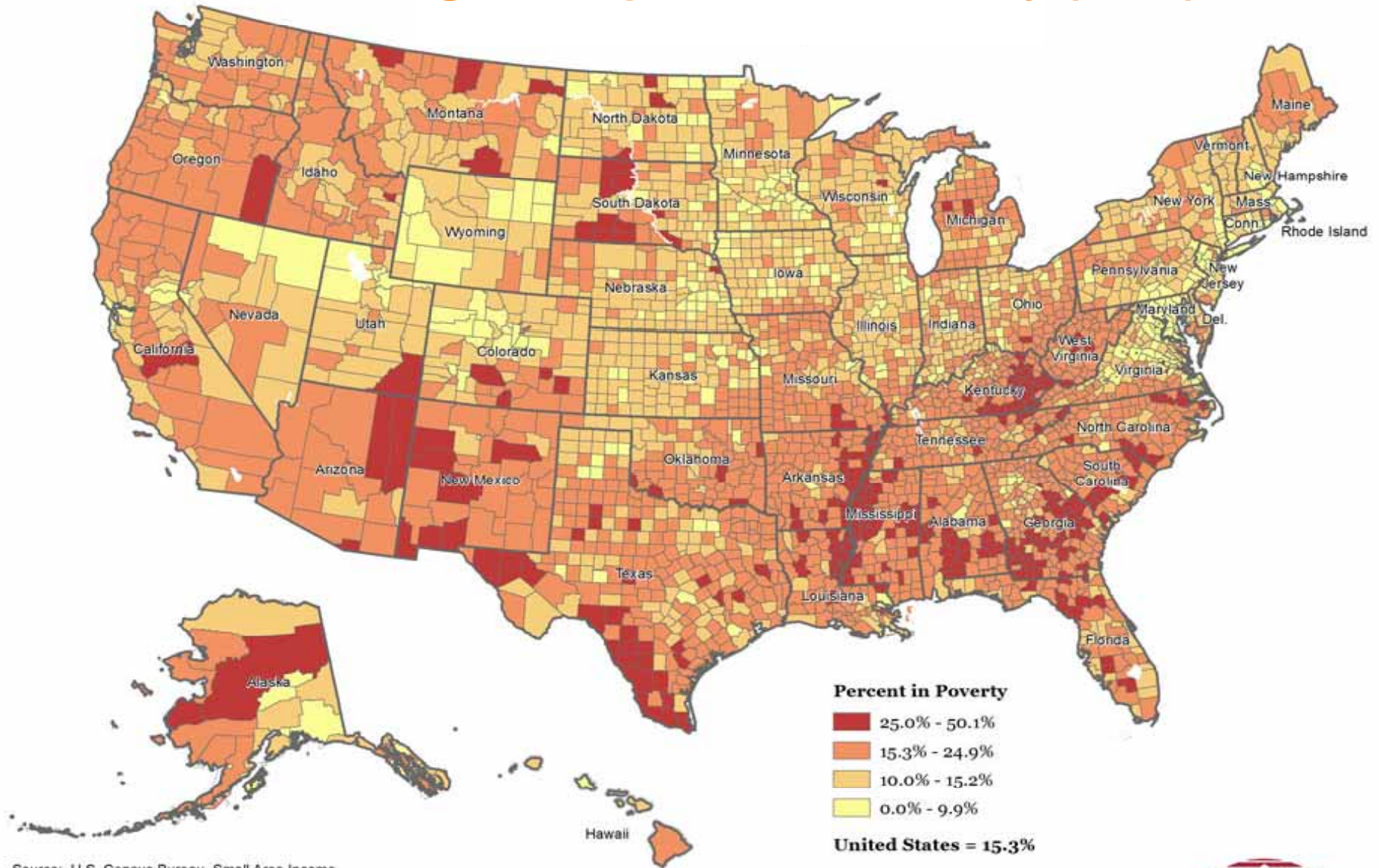


## Varied electricity productivity: \$ of Gross State Product per \$ Spent on Electricity





## Percentage of Population in Poverty (2010)

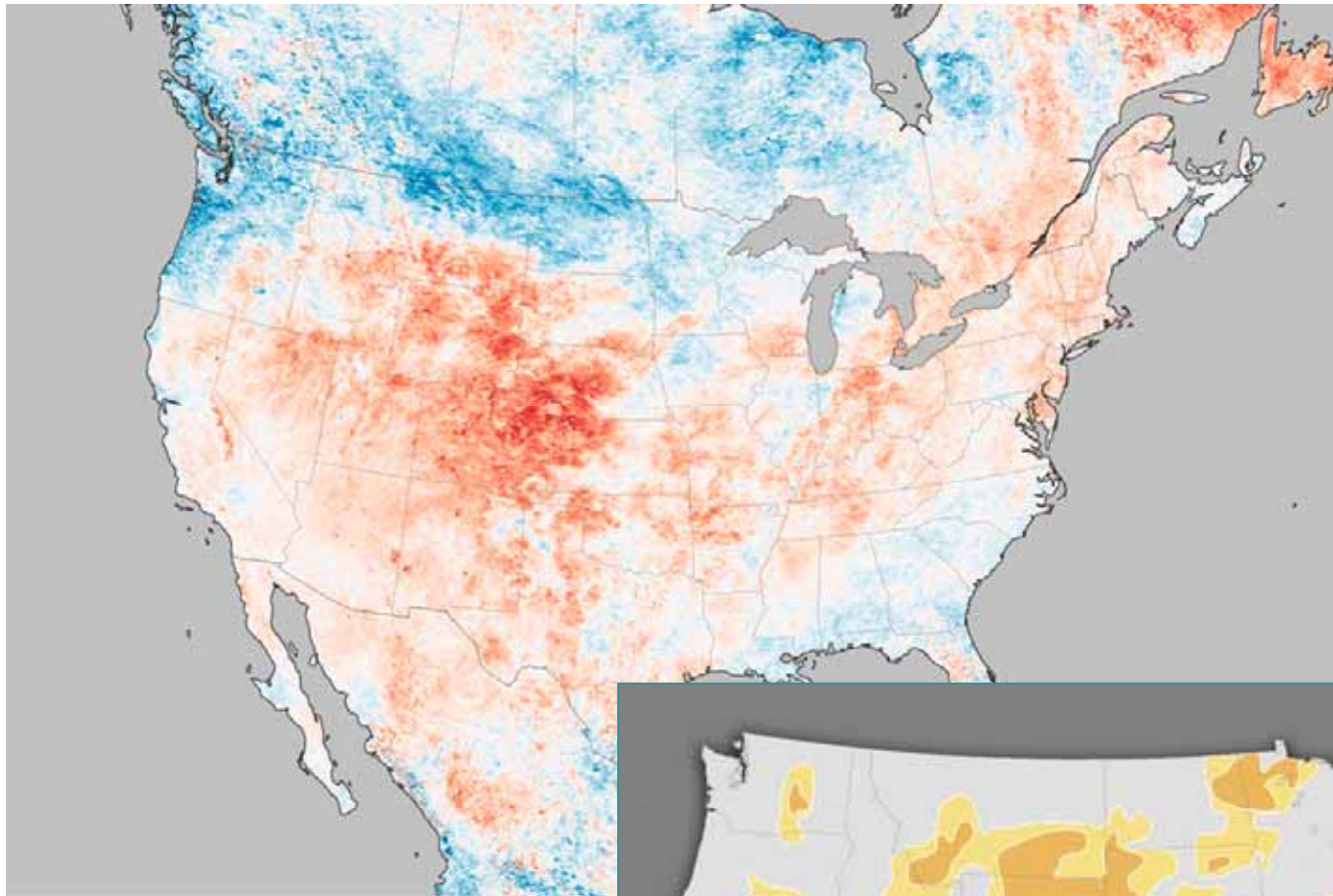


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates (SAIPE), 2010.

Note: Alaska and Hawaii not shown to scale.

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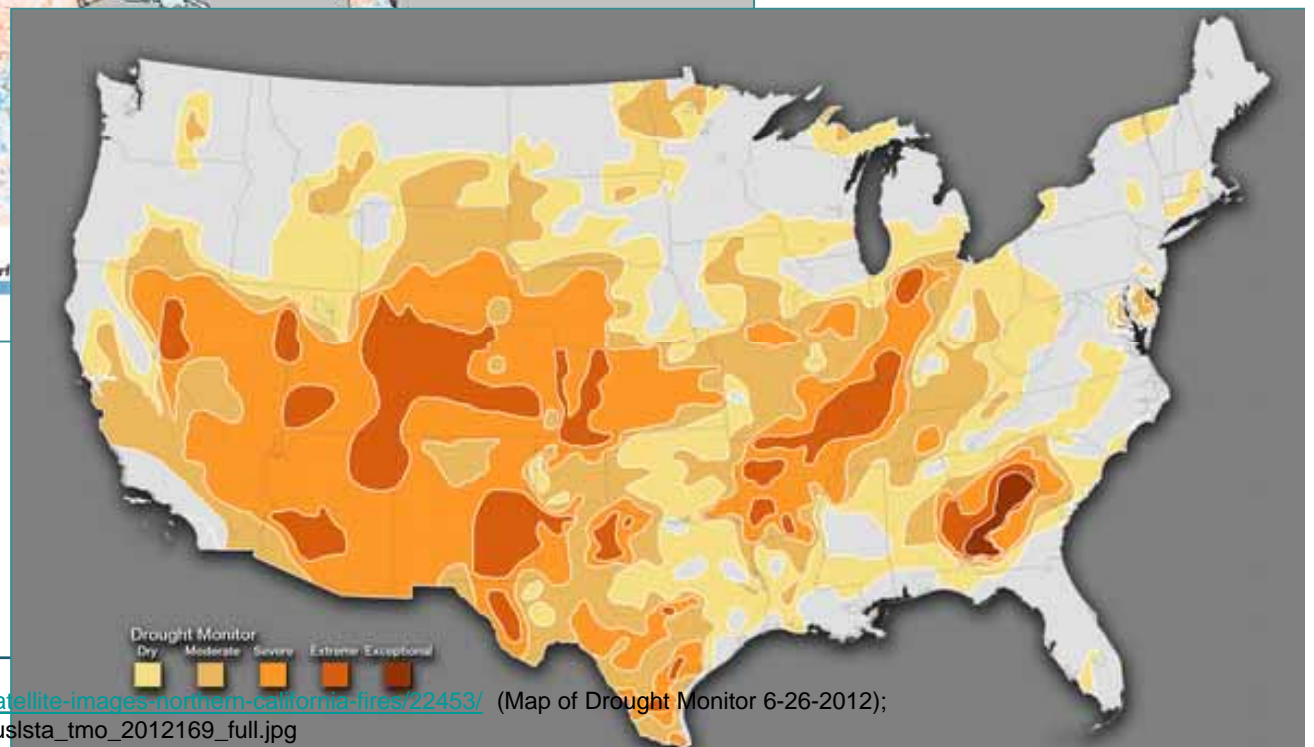




## Heat Map 2012



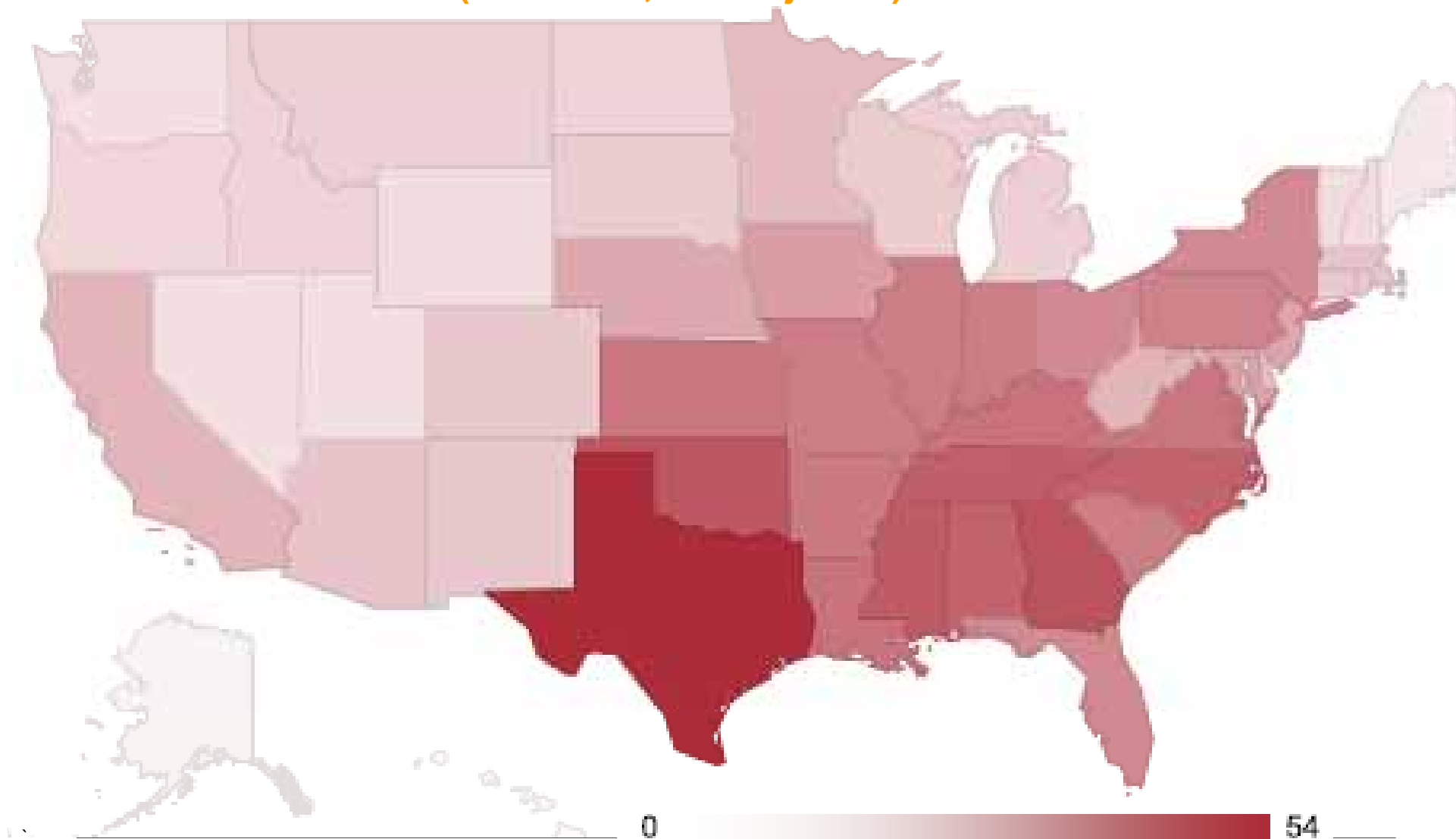
## Drought Map 2012



<http://www.redding.com/photos/galleries/2012/aug/24/satellite-images-northern-california-fires/22453/> (Map of Drought Monitor 6-26-2012);  
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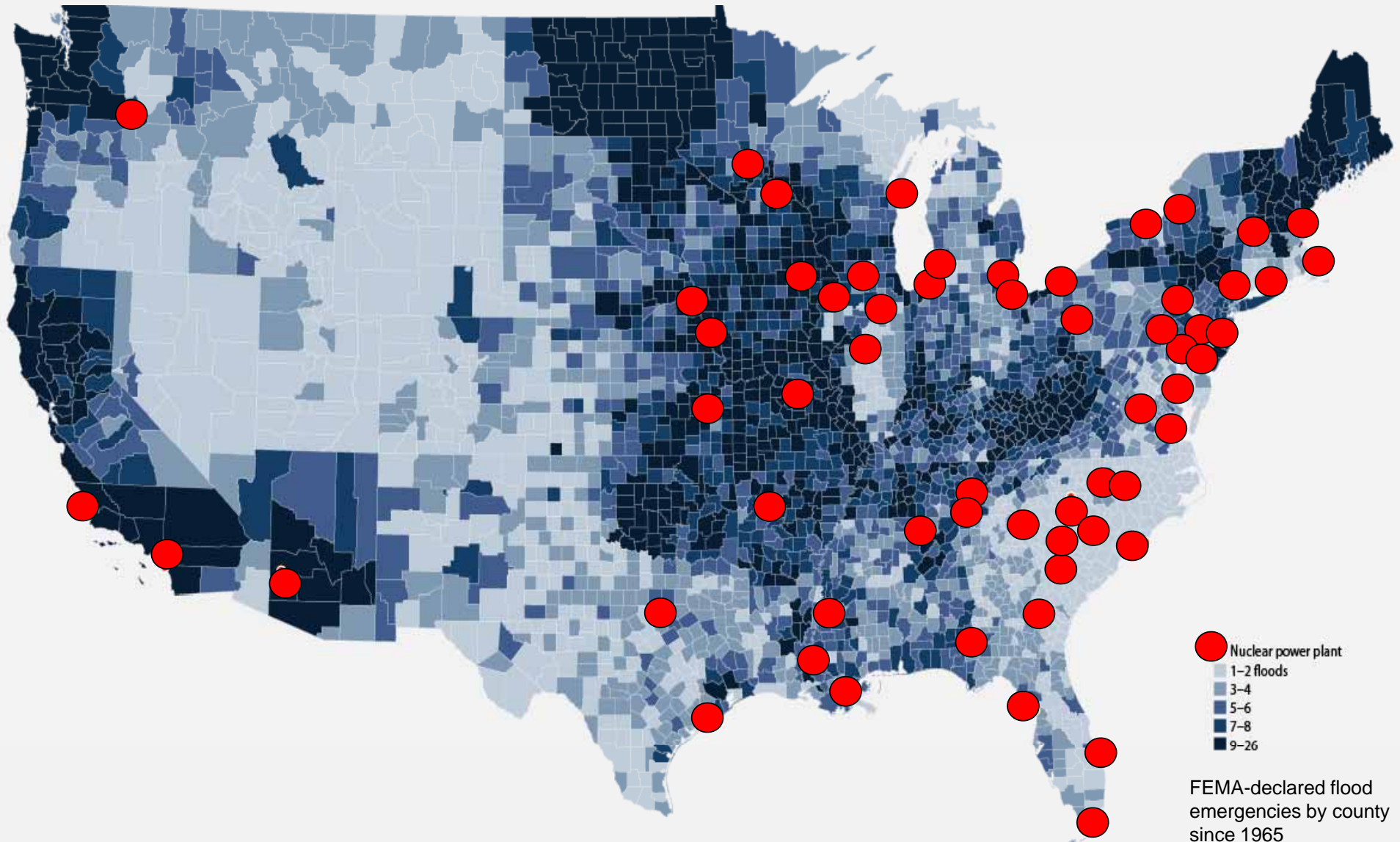


## Billion-Dollar Weather/Climate Disasters (1980-2012, CPI-Adjusted)



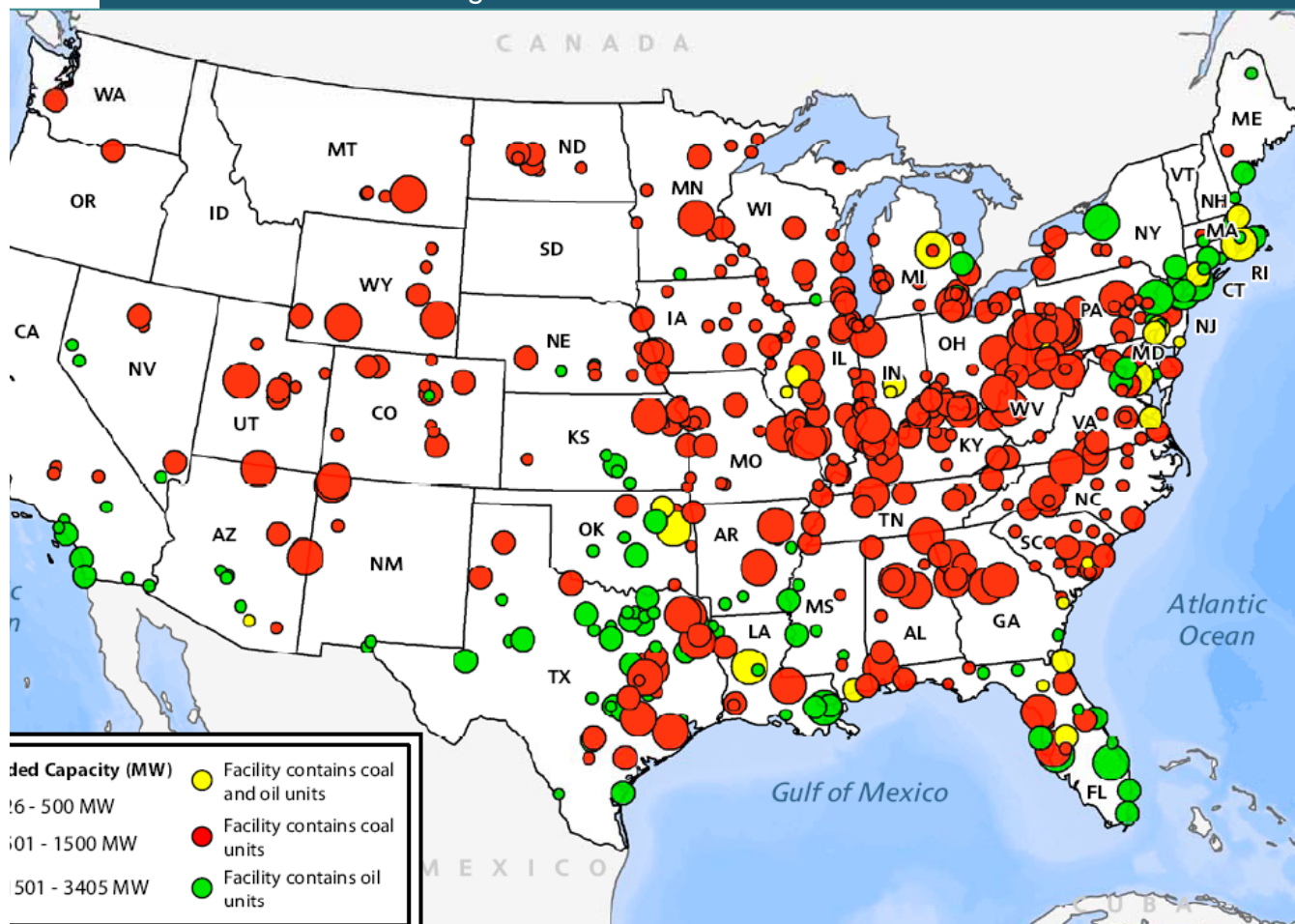


## Nuclear Plants' and Exposure to Flooding



Source: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (<http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/reactor/>) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (<http://gis.fema.gov/index.html>)  
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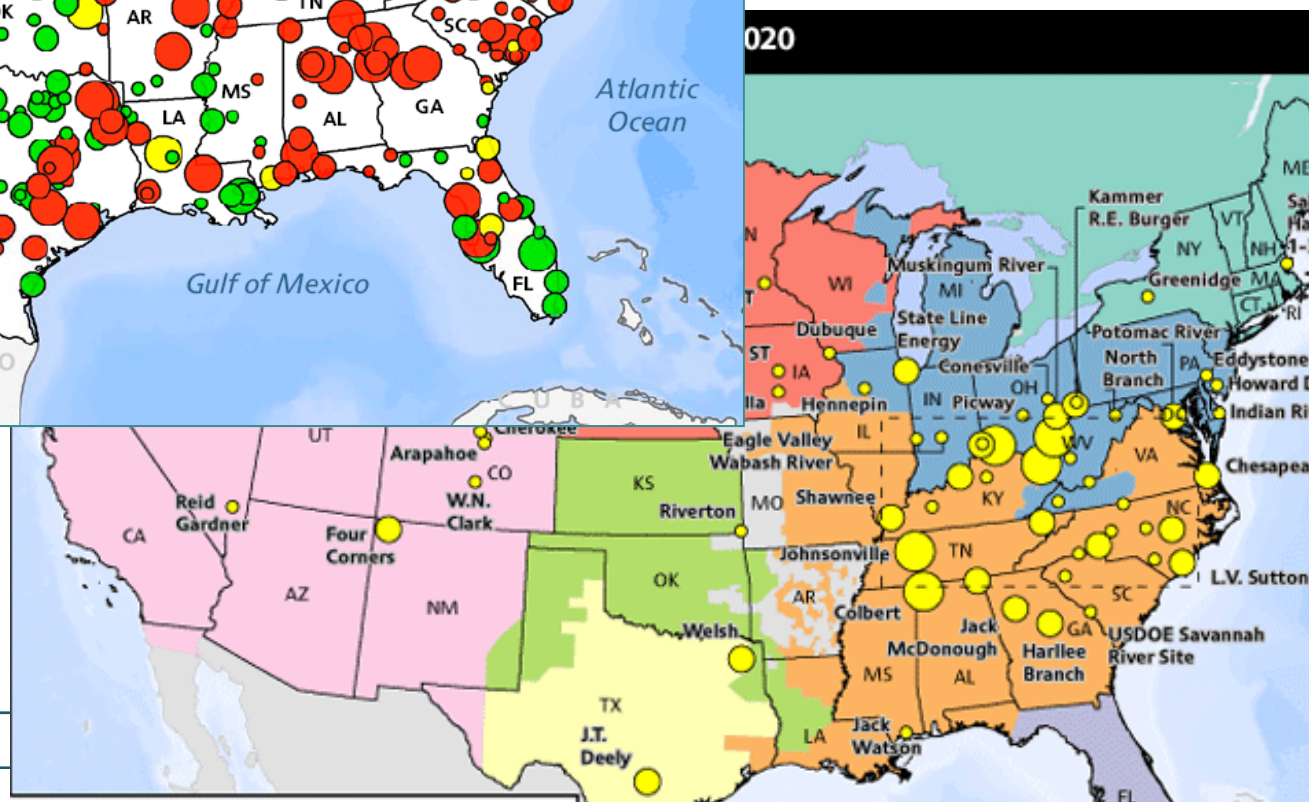




## Coal and Oil Plants Affected by MATS Rule 2011

## Announced Retirements (2011-2020)

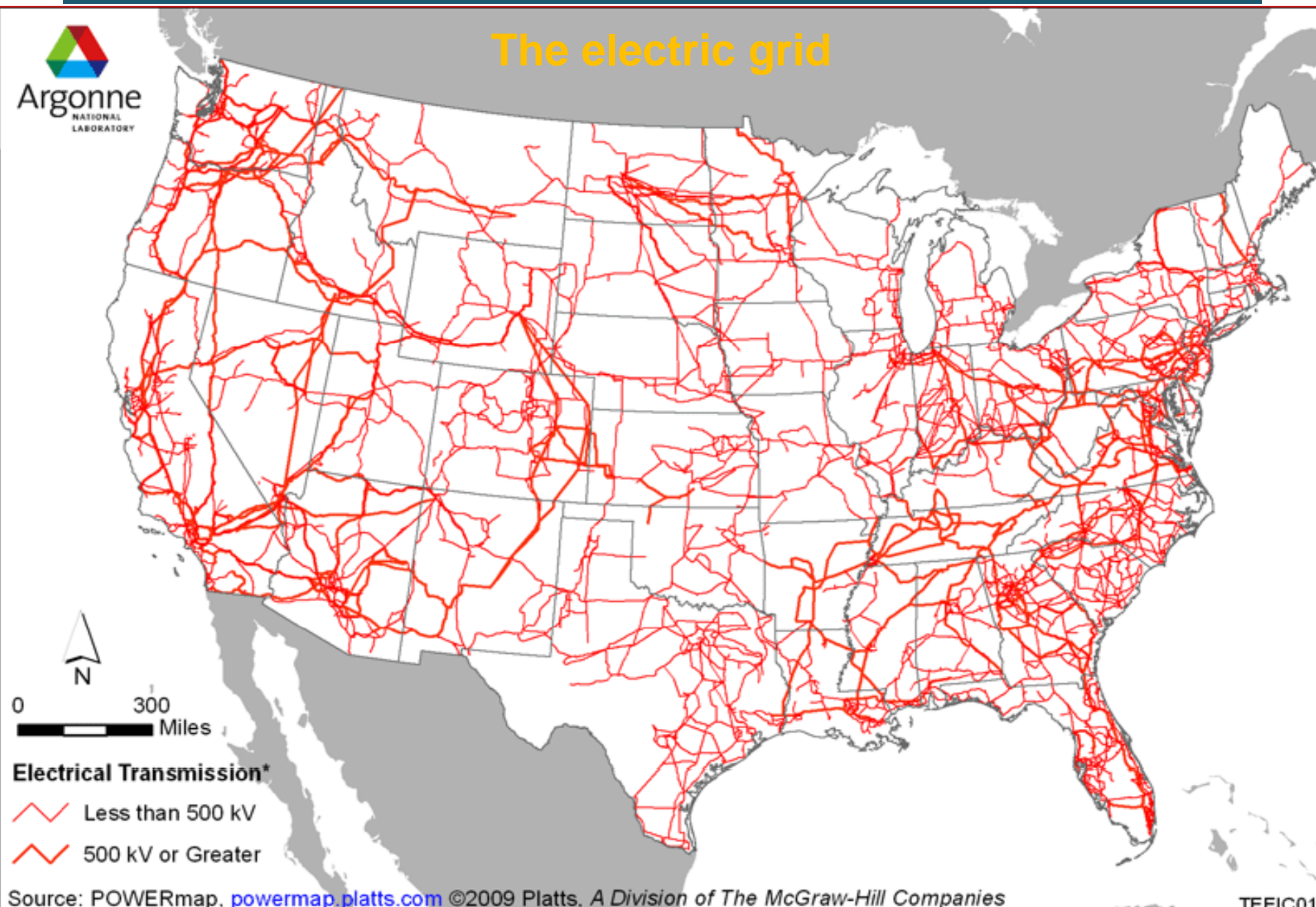
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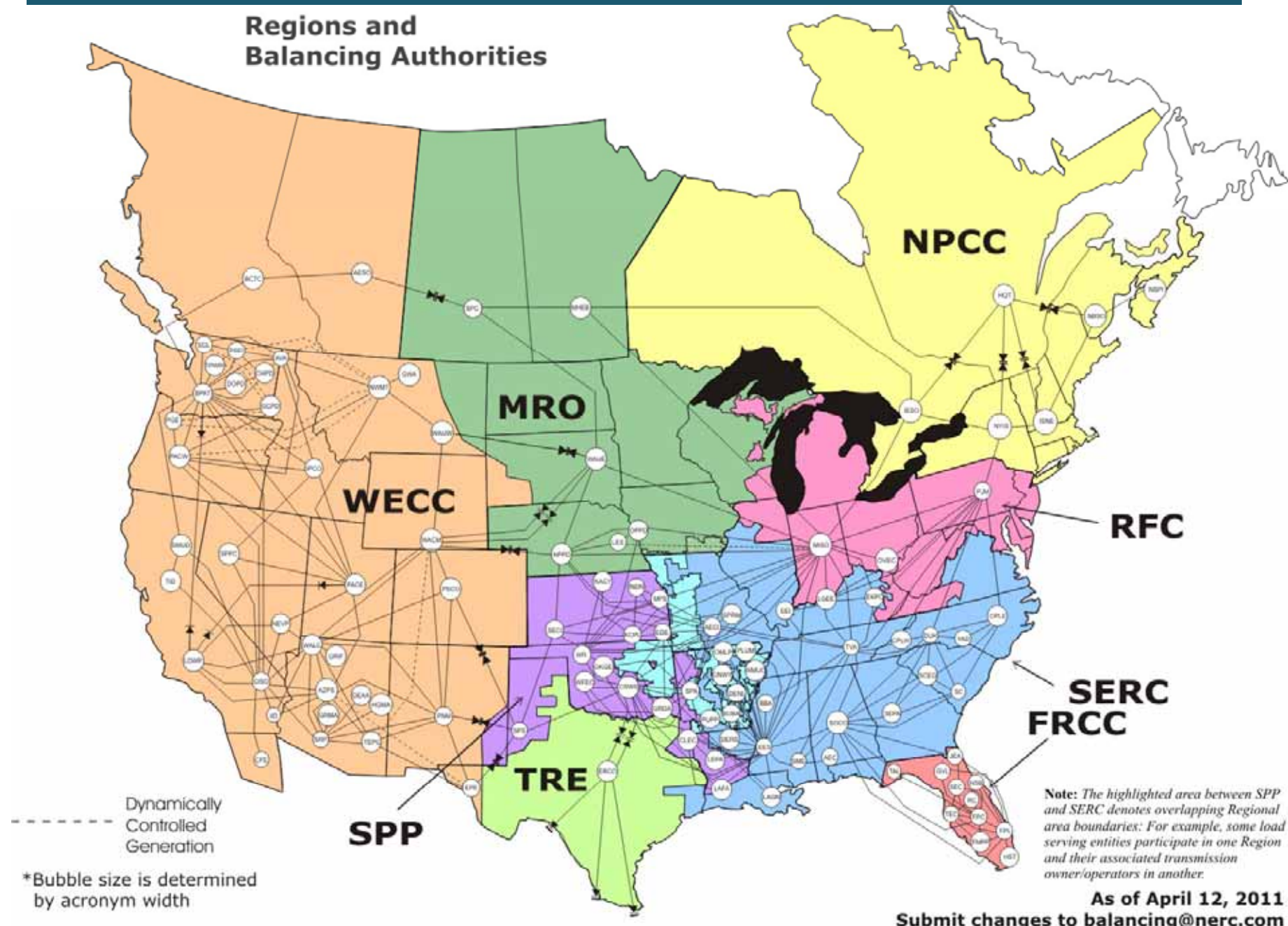






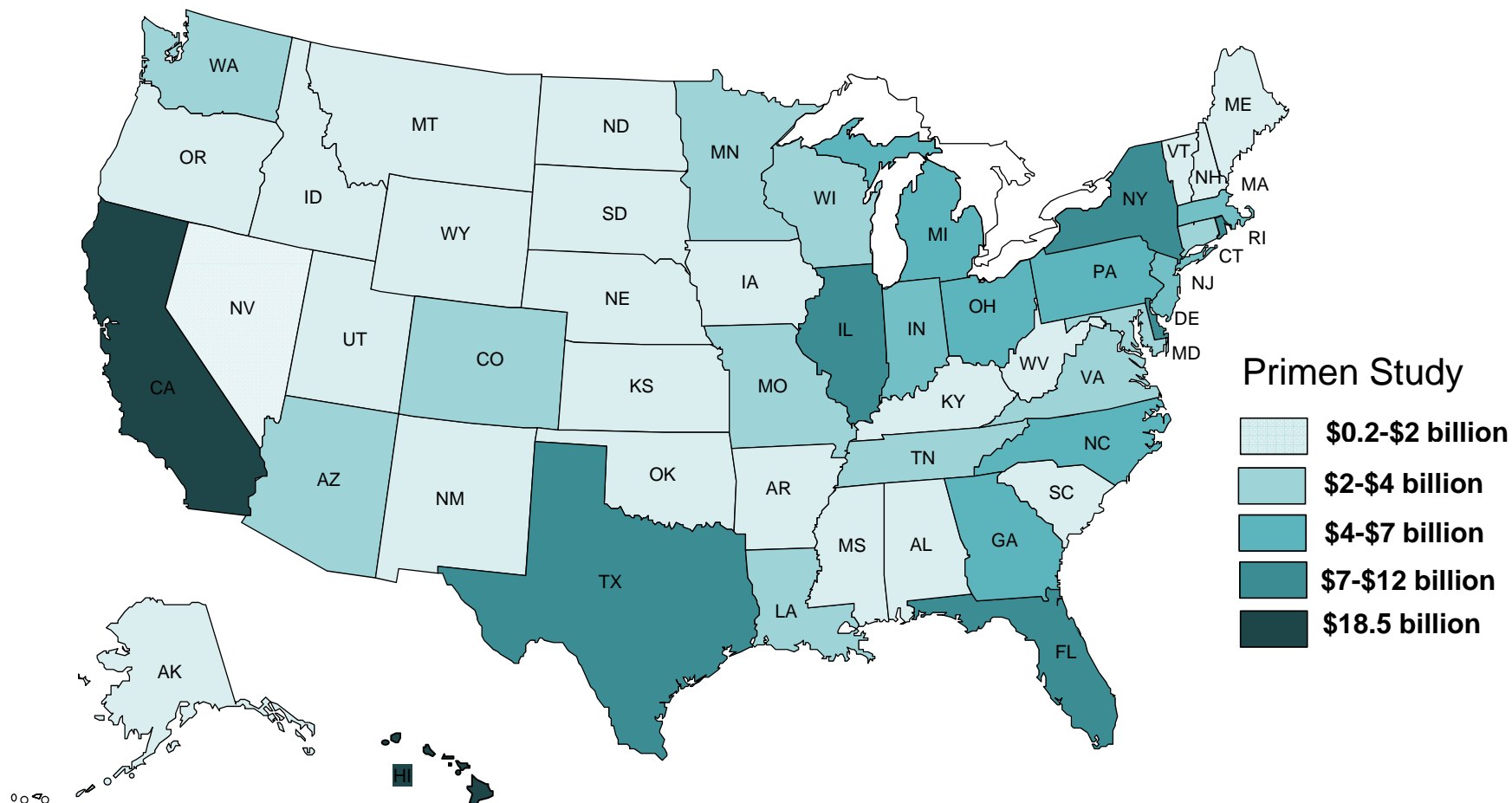
## The electric grid





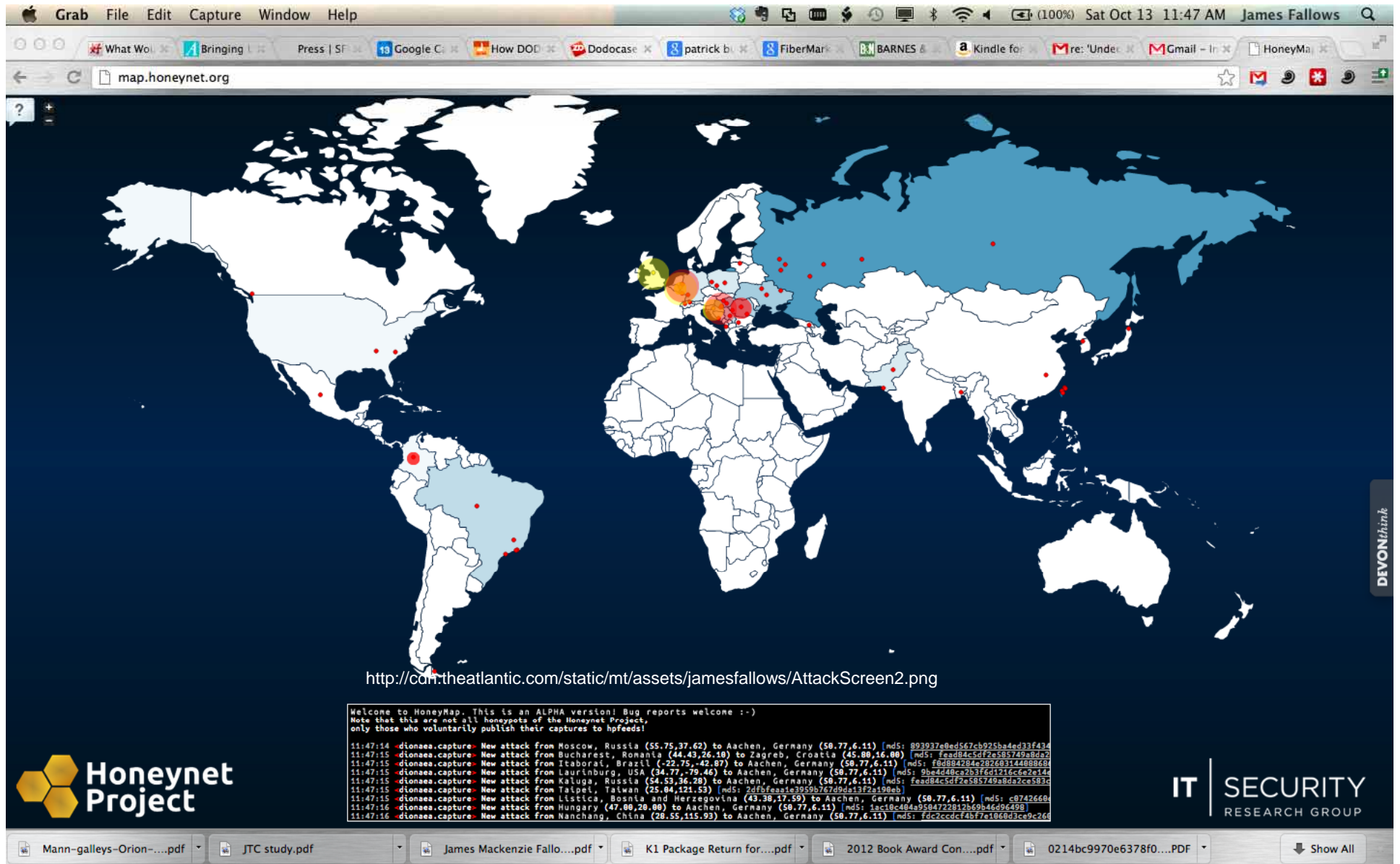


## Annual Business Losses from Grid Problems: \$150billion per year (2011)



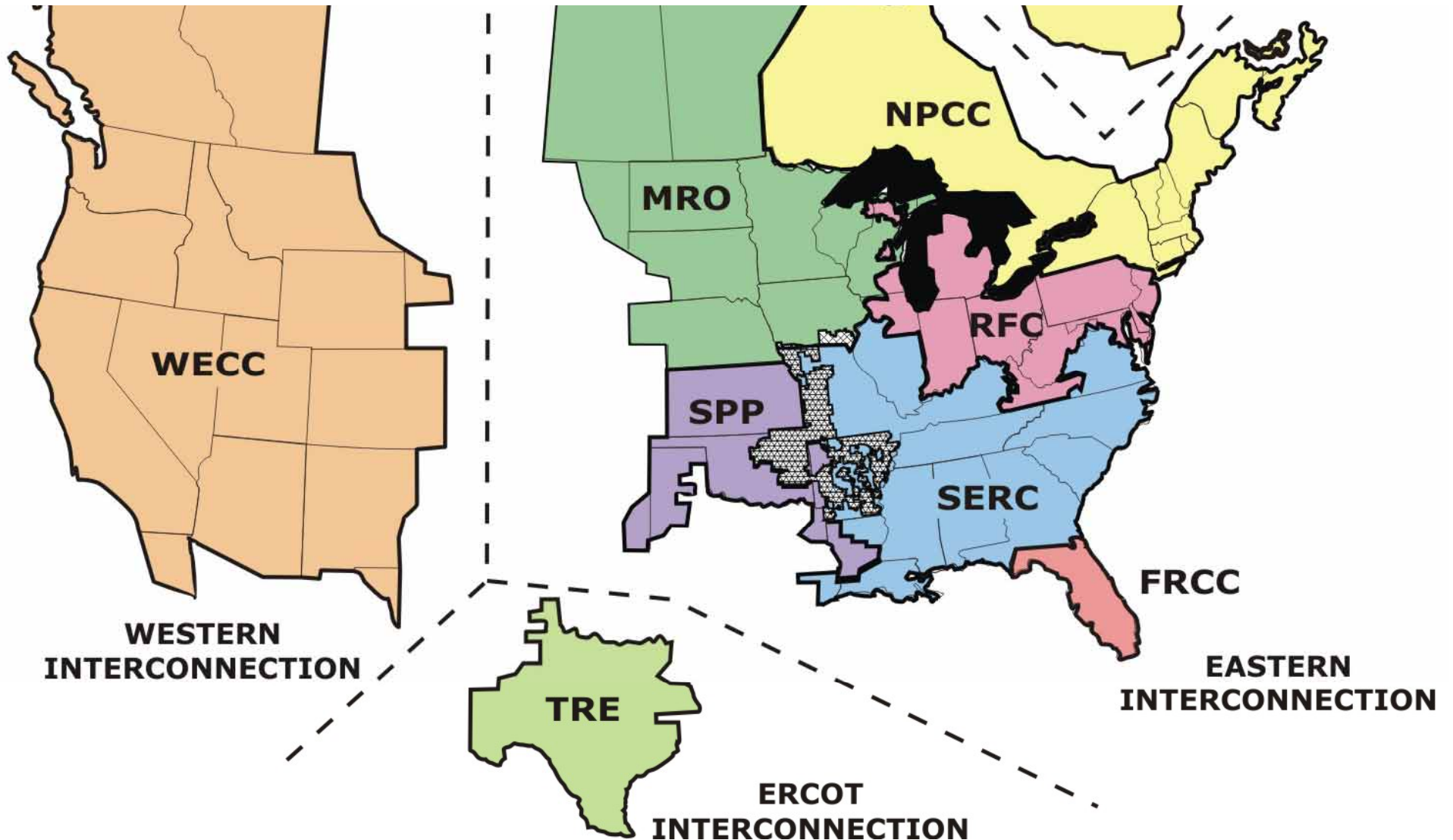
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## Cyber Threats





## ... And the 3 Interconnections ...



## Our panelists

- **HANK COURTRIGHT**  
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- **ANJAN BOSE**  
DOE's Sr Advisor to the UnderSecretary
- **SUSAN STORY**  
Southern Co. Services' President and CEO
- **SUE KELLY**  
APPA's Sr VP and General Counsel
- **JOHN NORRIS**  
FERC Commissioner



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## Break

**\* 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. \***



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## Panel 2

# Setting the Stage: the Three Interconnection-wide Planning Processes





Commissioner David Boyd  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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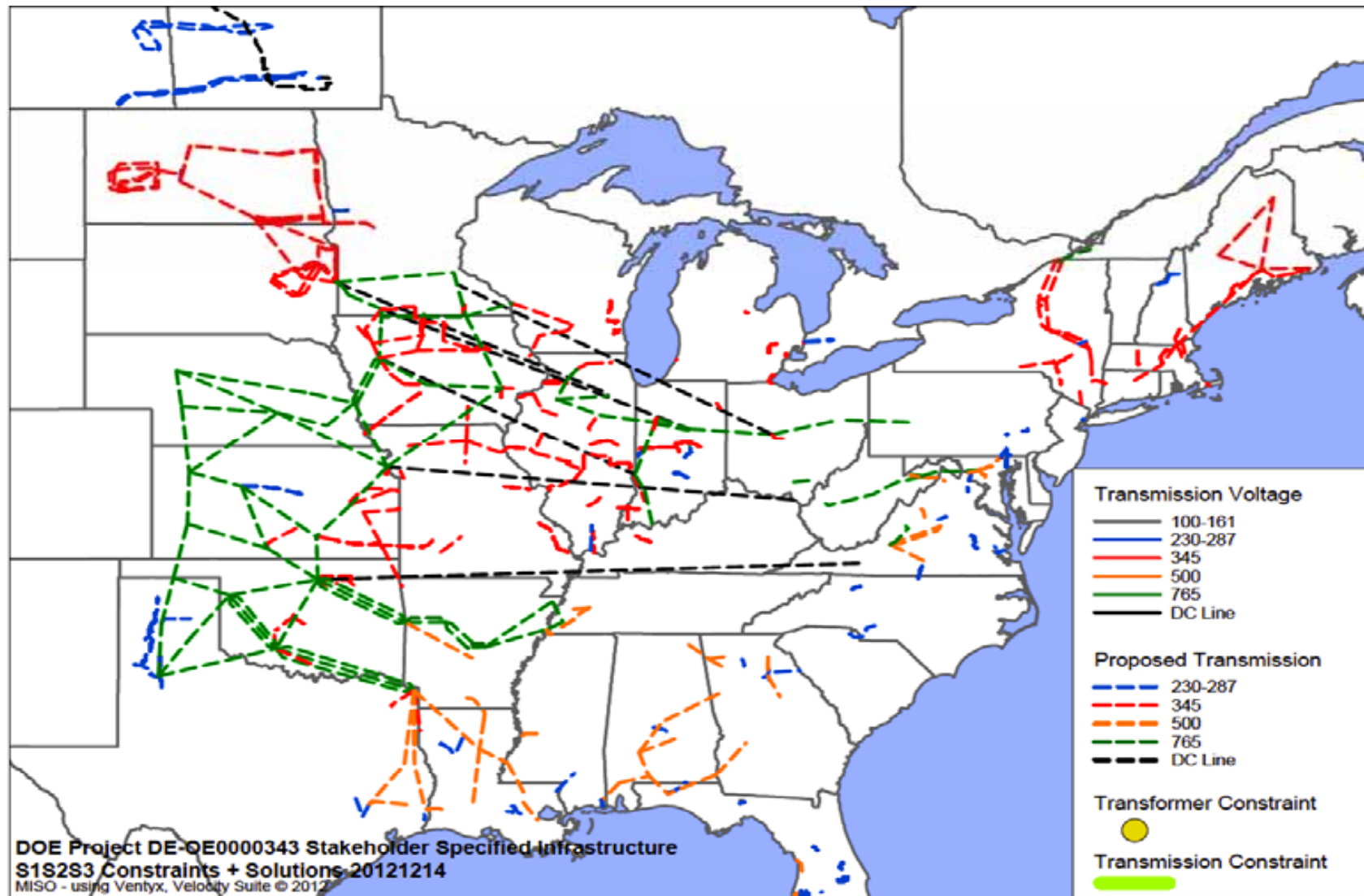
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“Bookends” were deemed to be the best approach to analyzing *indicative* transmission options as part of a long-term (20 years) resource analysis.

- Scenario 1: Nationally-Implemented Federal Carbon Constraint with Increased Energy Efficiency/Demand Response
- Scenario 2: Regionally Implemented National Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Scenario 3: Business as Usual

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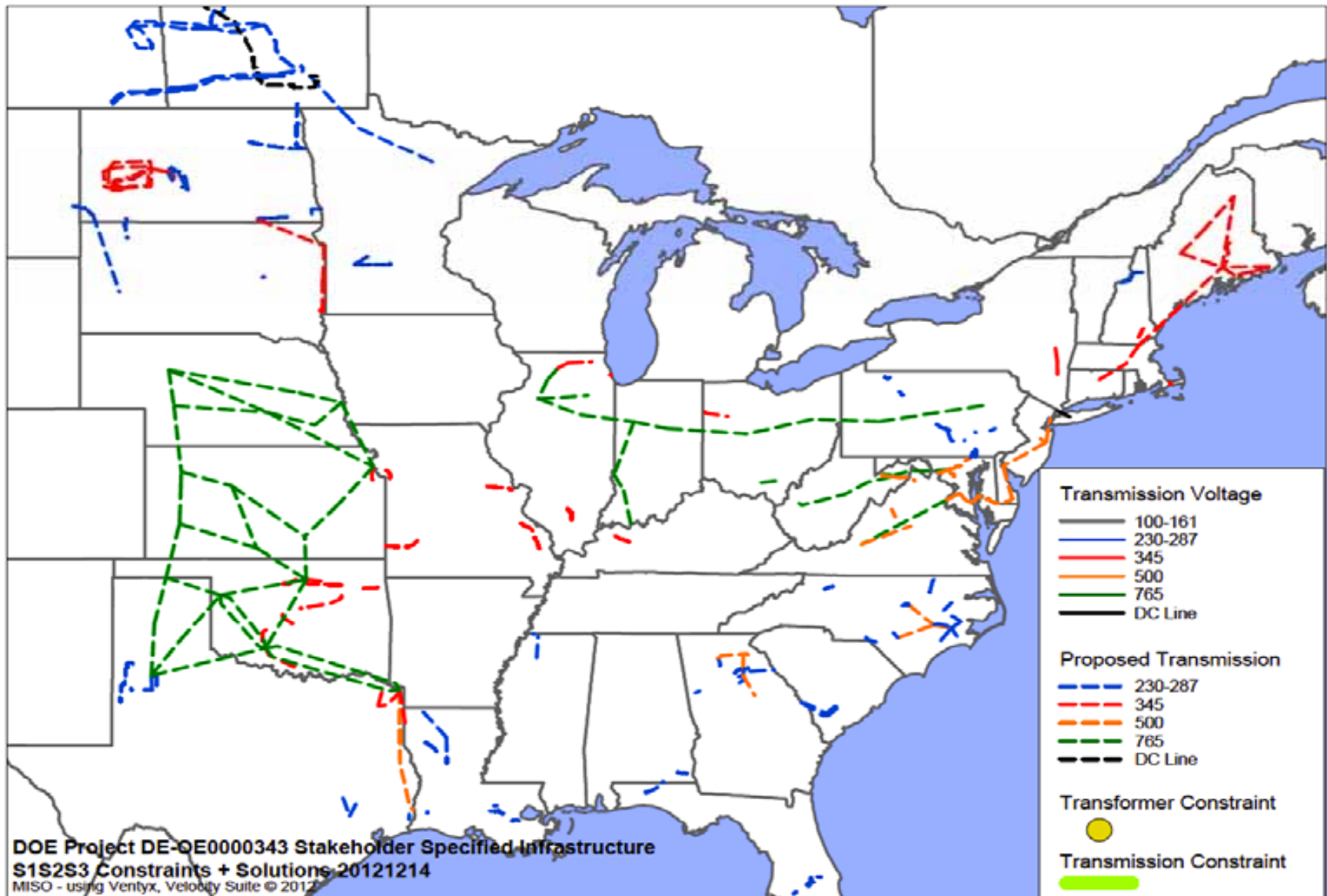
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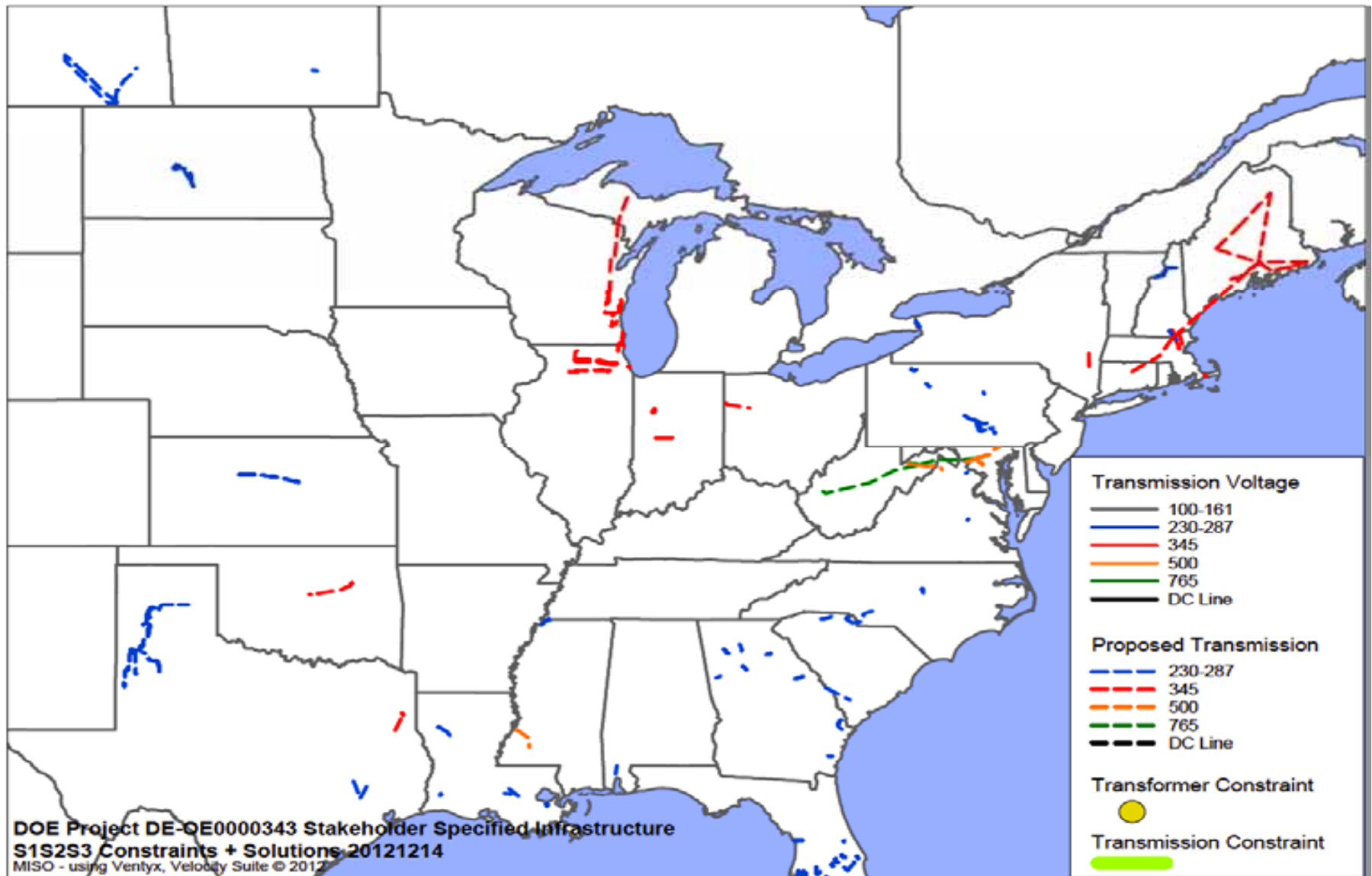
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Scenario 2 : Regionally Implemented National Renewable Portfolio Standard



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## Scenario 3 – Business as Usual





**Thank you!**

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## Panel 3


# Common Challenges Part 1: Planning for Long-term Plausible Futures – Technology Advances and Carbon Regulation



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## **Common Challenges Panel: Planning for Long-Term Plausible Futures – Technology Advances & Carbon Regulations**

Dr. Pramod Khargonekar  
Deputy Director for Technology  
February 6, 2013

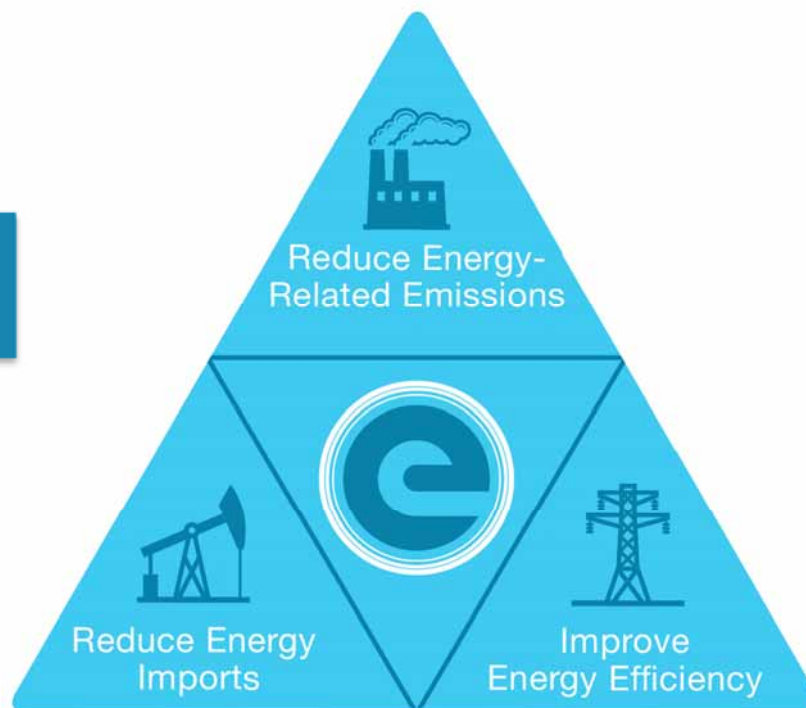


# ARPA-E Mission

Catalyze the development of transformational,  
high-impact energy technologies

Promoting revolutionary  
advances in fundamental  
sciences

Translating scientific  
discoveries into  
technological innovations



Ensure the U.S. maintains a lead in the development  
and deployment of advanced technologies

Accelerating transformational technological advances in  
areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake



# Focused Programs



## TRANSPORTATION ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

BEEST

Electrofuels



PETRO

MOVE

HEATS

REACT



AMPED

SBIR/STTR

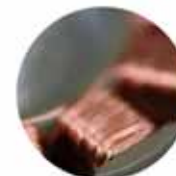


## STATIONARY ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

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GRIDS

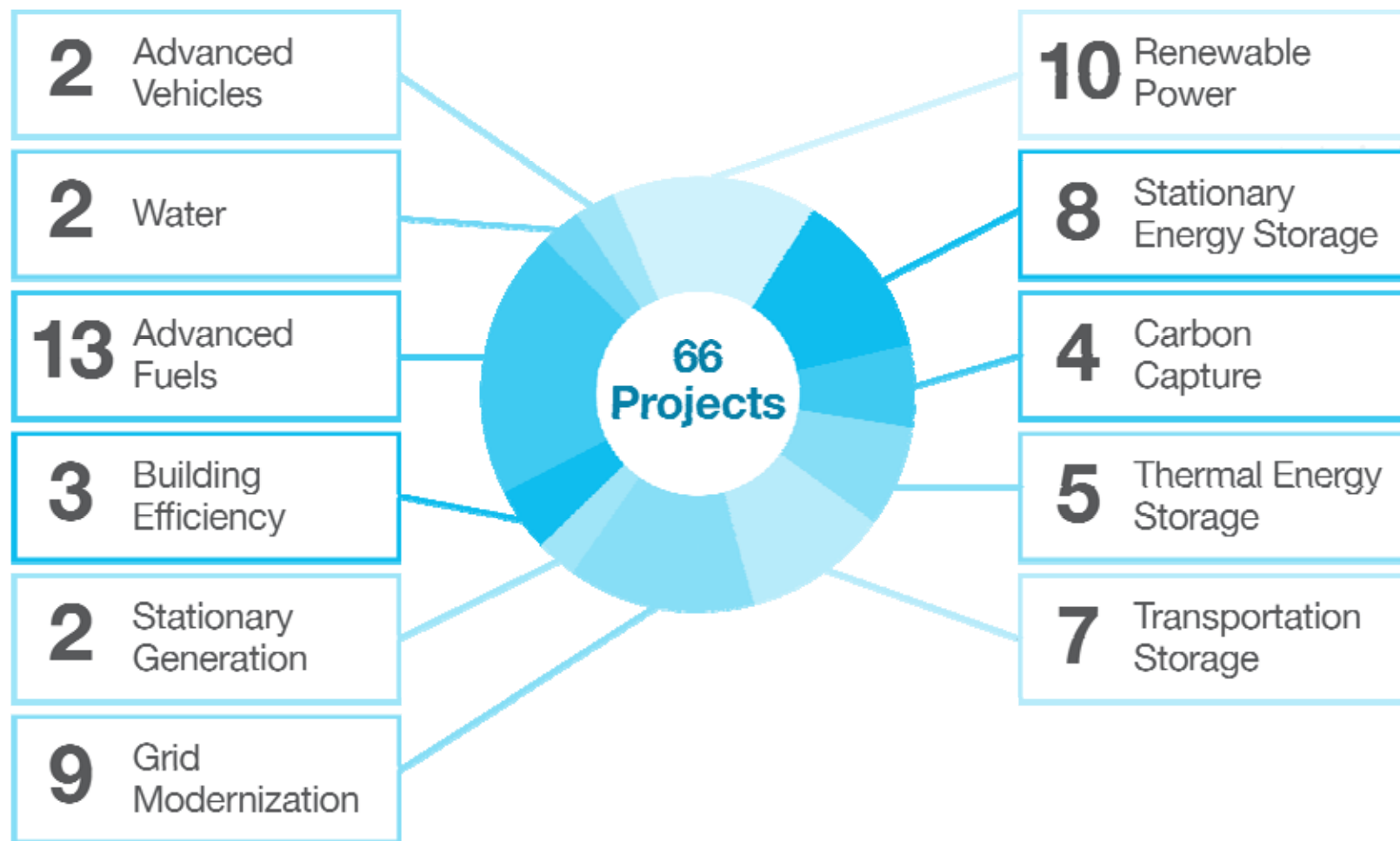


Solar ADEPT

GENI

ADEPT

# OPEN 2012: 66 Projects, 24 States, 11 Areas





# GENI

## GRID HARDWARE & SOFTWARE



### Mission

Modernize the way electricity is transmitted in the U.S. through advances in hardware and software that provide greater control over power flows.

Program Director	Projects	Total Investment
Tim Heidel	15	\$39.4 Million

### Goals

- Enable 40% intermittent non-dispatchable generation penetration
- Facilitate implementation of “real-time” electricity markets
- >10x reduction in power flow control hardware (target < \$0.04/W)
- >4x reduction in HVDC terminal/line cost relative to state-of-the-art

### Highlights

- AutoGrid
  - Utilizing cloud computing and advances in forecasting and optimization to enable fast highly dispatchable and distributed demand response
- Varentec
  - Developing compact, low-cost transmission power flow controllers with fractional power rating (substantial cost reductions over state of the art).
  - Enabling greater use of grid assets.

# ADEPT

## EFFICIENT POWER CONVERSION



### Mission

Paving the way for more energy efficient power conversion and advancing the basic building blocks of power conversion: circuits, transistors, inductors, transformers, and capacitors.

Program Director	Projects	Total Investment
Tim Heidel	14	\$34.5 million

### Goals

- Improve the energy efficiency of electronic devices and power systems
- Contribute to the development of a smart grid

### Highlights

- Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI)
  - Exceeded 1,000 W/in<sup>3</sup> for GaN power conversion modules utilizing new inductors.
  - Partnering with Enpirion to develop a manufacturable converter
- Cree
  - Partnering with ABB, Powerex, & NCSU to develop high-voltage SiC insulated transistors that can replace current distribution transformers (8000lb) with a 100lbs and 98% efficient transformer
  - Demonstrated 15kV blocking voltage for SiC IGBT device.



# GRIDS

## Grid-Scale Renewable Energy Storage



### Mission

Develop technologies that can store renewable energy for use at any location on the grid at an aggressive investment cost less than \$100 per kilowatt hour, creating a stronger and more robust electric grid.

Program Director	Projects	Total Investment
Mark Johnson	12	\$27.7 Million

### Goals

- Balance intermittent renewable sources connected to the grid
- Efficiently store and send electricity anywhere in the U.S. at a lowest possible cost
- Strong, efficient, stable and robust electric grid

### Highlights

- ABB/SuperPower/Brookhaven NL
  - \$4.2M follow-on funding from US Army Research Laboratory for SMES development and testing in DOD microgrids
- Bosch/Lawrence Berkeley NL
  - Attained highest power density ever in hydrogen-bromine flow battery system
- Raytheon partnering with Primus Power
  - development of energy storage system for a microgrid at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar



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Facing the Future in the Western  
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# What is Scenario Planning?

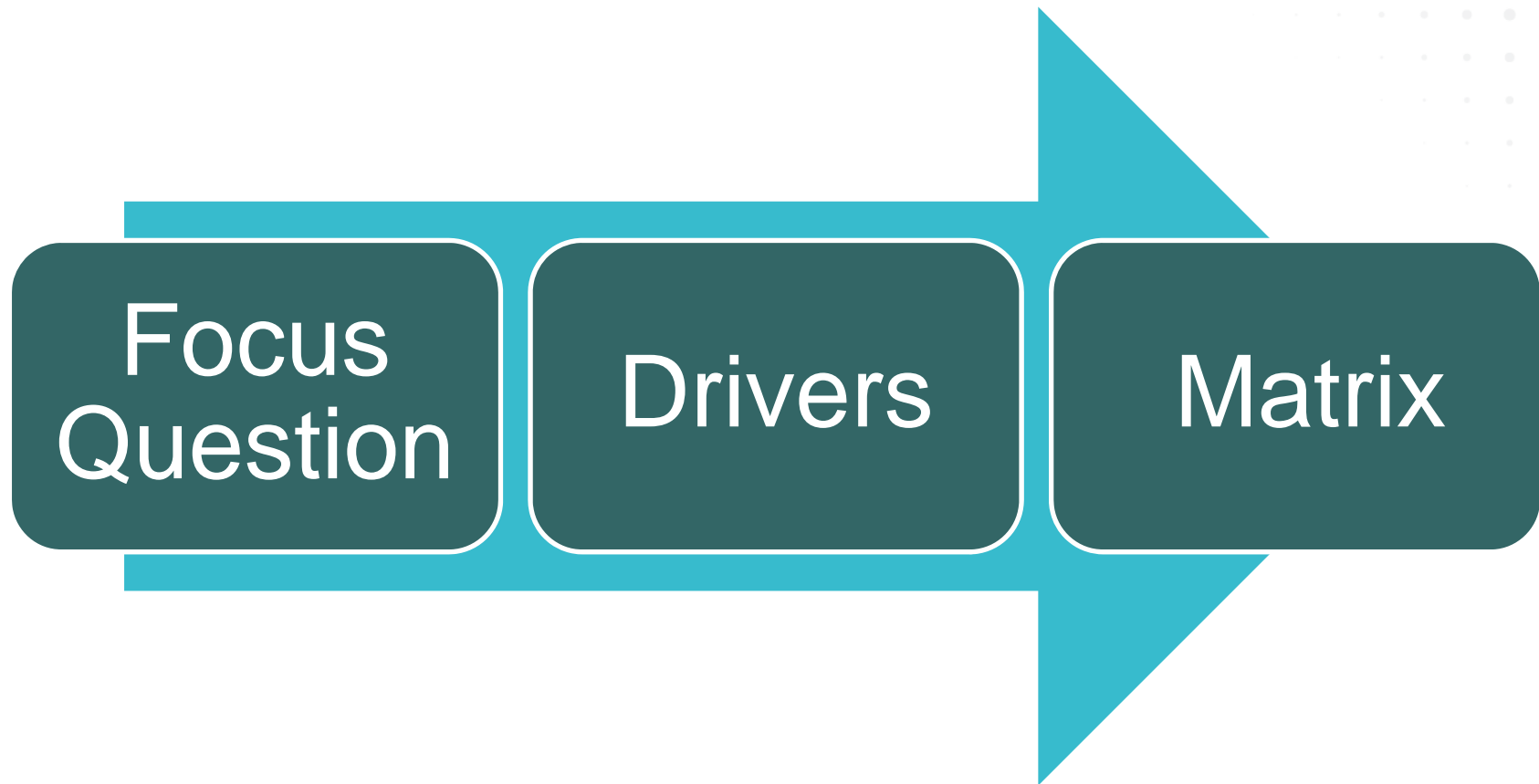
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Technological inputs  
Sociological influences  
Economic drivers  
Political influences

Create plausible futures  
Manage uncertainty  
Use broad approach

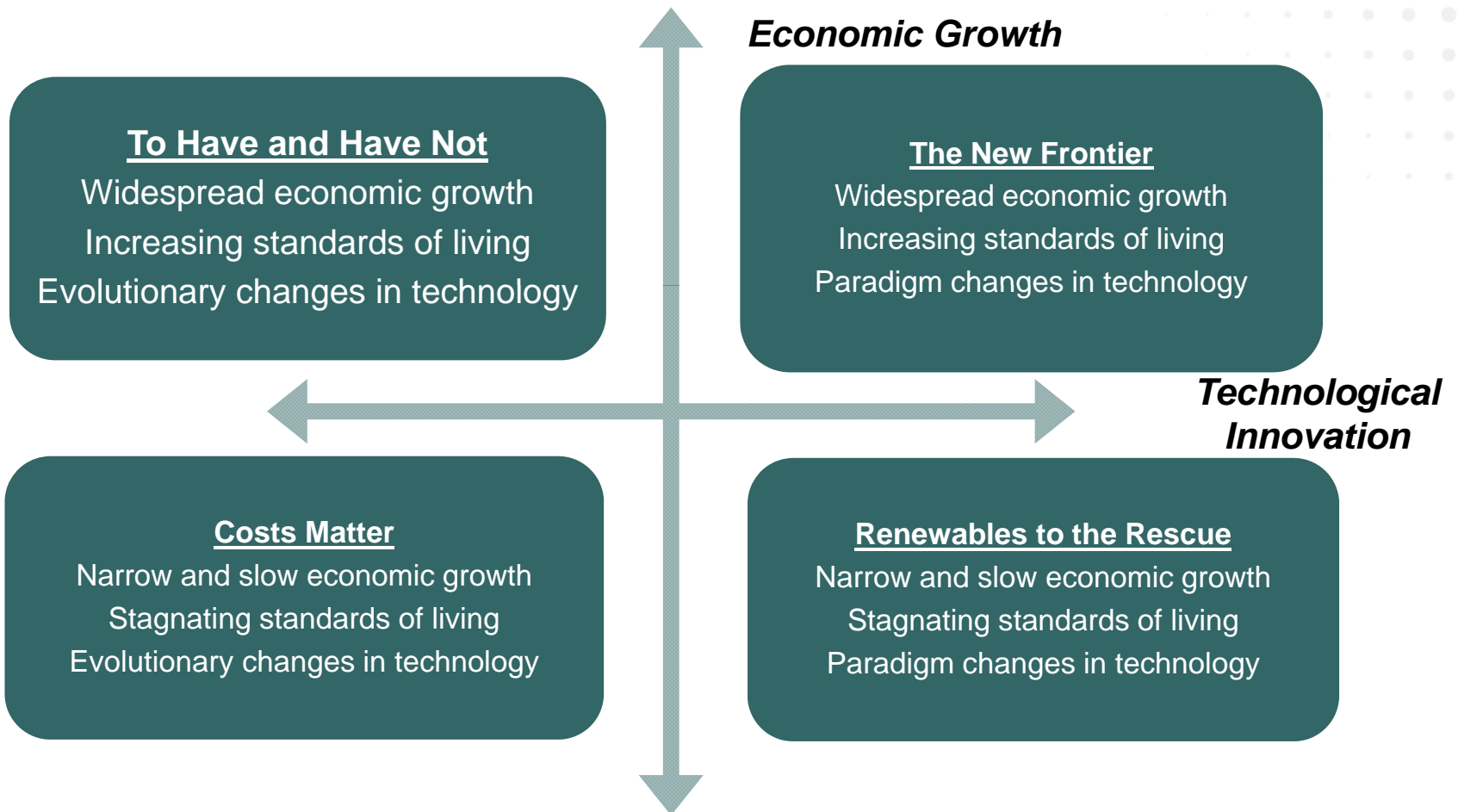
# Scenario Development Process

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# WECC Scenarios



*The Long-Term Planning Tool will be used to  
analyze the long-term scenarios*

# Questions

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# Building a High DSM/DG Study Case for the WECC 20-Year Study

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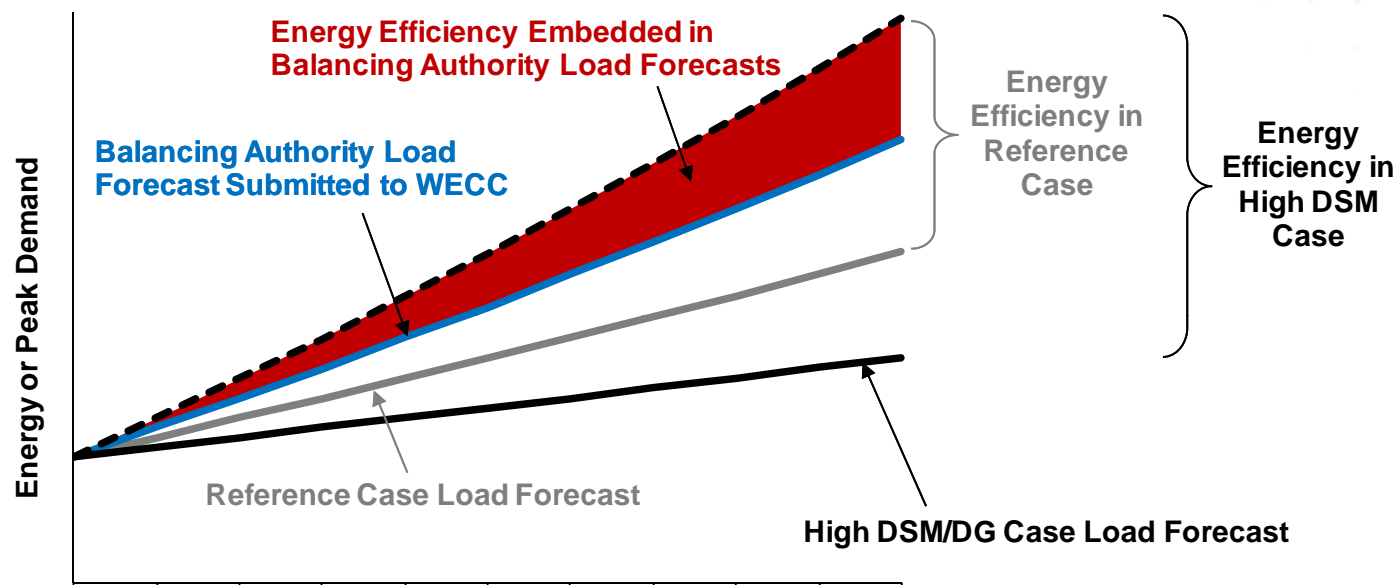
# SPSC 20-Year High DSM/DG Study Case

## Overview

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- ▶ State-provincial steering committee (SPSC) study requests included High DSM/DG study cases for both the 10-year and 20-year WECC transmission plans
- ▶ Three components of the High DSM/DG study cases
  - Energy Efficiency (EE)
  - Demand Response (DR)
  - Distributed Generation (DG)
- ▶ Analytical Team: LBNL, Itron, Brattle Group, E3
- ▶ Review and input by state and provincial representatives and regional DSM experts

# High DSM Load Forecast Requires Explicit Accounting of Energy Efficiency Impacts

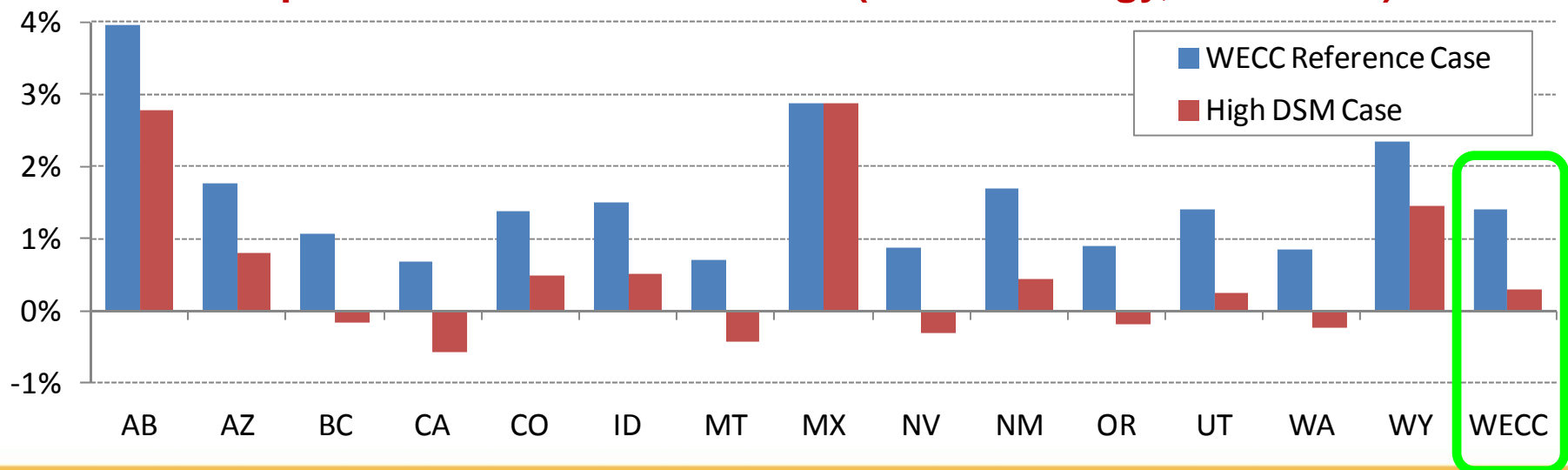


- ▶ Load forecasts submitted to WECC by balancing authorities include some amount of embedded EE
- ▶ Adjustments made for Reference Case load forecast, to fully account for current policies and program plans
- ▶ Further adjustments made for High DSM case to reflect more aggressive EE assumptions

# EE Assumptions for High DSM Case Yield Nearly Flat WECC-Wide Load Growth

- ▶ Itron's Statistically Adjusted End-Use (SAE) load forecasting framework
- ▶ Average stock efficiency for each end use assumed to reach level equivalent to the most efficient model commercially available today
- ▶ 20% reduction in WECC-wide annual energy relative to reference case load forecast → reduction in WECC-wide CAGR from 1.4% to 0.3%

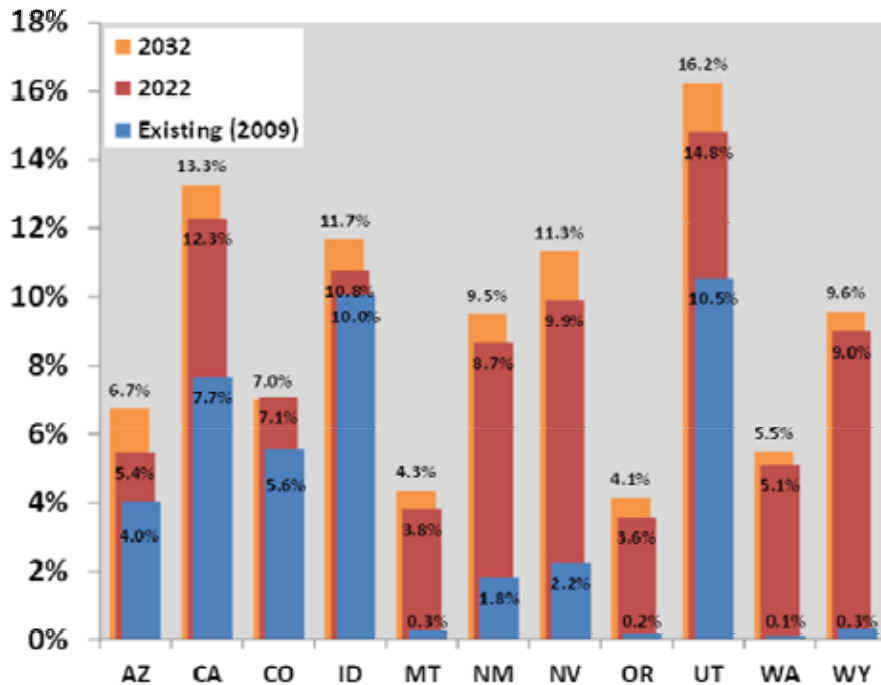
## Compound Annual Growth Rates (Annual Energy, 2010-2032)



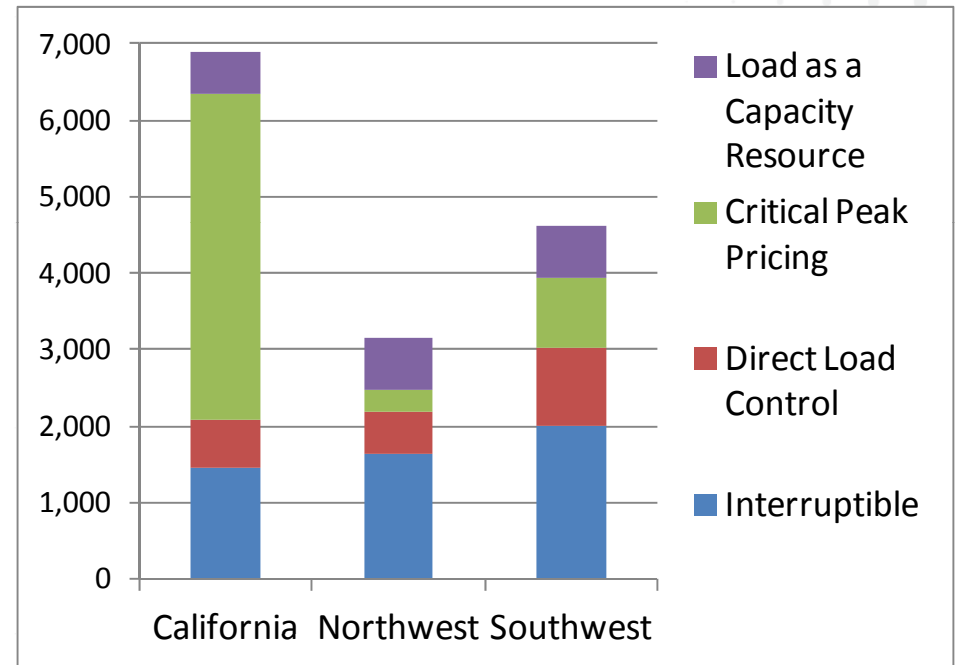


# DR Potential Estimates from 2009 FERC Study Updated & Extended for 2032 High DSM Case

DR Capability (% of Peak Demand)  
in High DSM Case

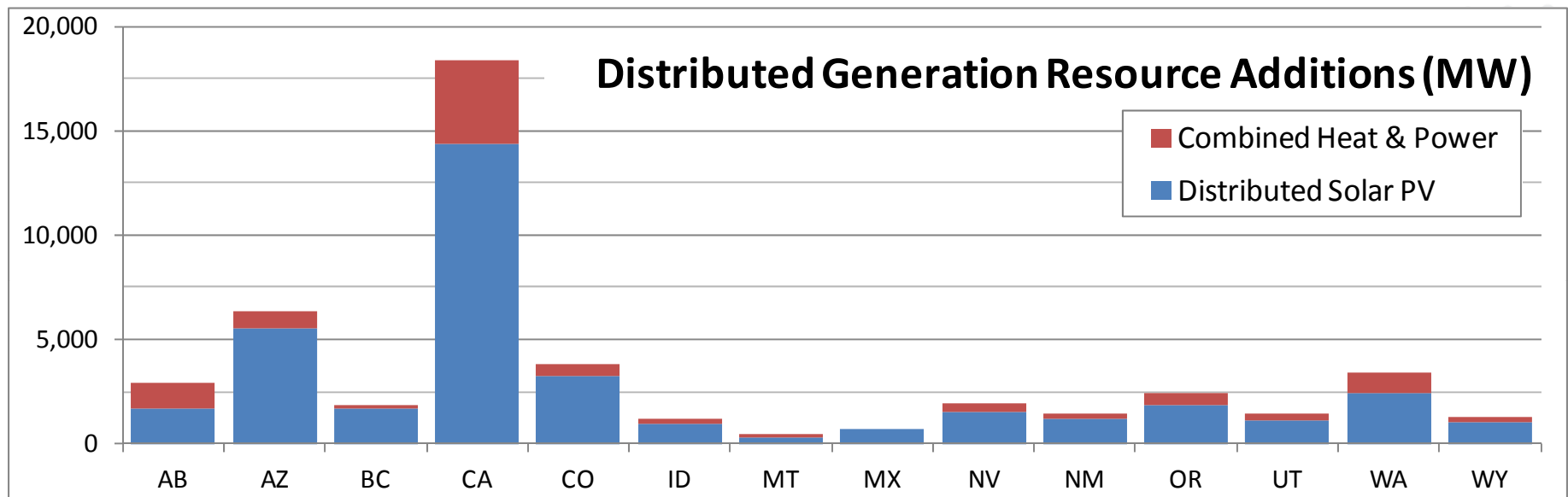


2032 DR Capability by Program Type



- ▶ In addition to updated DR potential estimates, LBNL developed “DR dispatch tool” to simulate DR program operation for production cost and capacity expansion modeling

# Distributed Generation Projections Leverage Recent Potential Studies



- ▶ WECC-wide: 38 GW of distributed PV, 10 GW of distributed CHP
- ▶ CHP additions represent a fixed percentage (~40%) of technical potential in each state, leveraging recent ICF CHP potential studies
- ▶ Distributed PV additions based on “interconnection potential” from E3 study for CA, extrapolated to other states and adjusted according to relative economics

# DSM in Regional Resource Planning:

## Challenges and Uncertainties

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- ▶ Huge technical potential for EE exists, but there are challenges to capturing that potential through ratepayer-funded efficiency programs.
- ▶ PV costs are falling rapidly, but its deployment as a distributed resource will ultimately depend on policy decisions about how customers with onsite PV systems will be compensated
- ▶ Heavy reliance on EE and DG create fundamental business model challenges for utilities
- ▶ In low load growth environment, EE and DG can potentially yield flat or negative load growth in some regions. Implications for regional planning?
- ▶ Will DR become an integral part of the solution to renewables integration and overcome technical and institutional challenges?





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# State-Provincial Steering Committee WECC Low Carbon Scenarios Tool

**Arne Olson**

**Energy and Environmental Economics,  
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# SPSC Low Carbon Scenarios Tool

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- **LBNL funded E3 to develop the “Low Carbon Scenarios Tool” to support State/Provincial Steering Committee low-carbon study request**
  - Low Carbon Scenarios Tool develops a Western Interconnection electricity-sector carbon reduction target that is consistent with an economy-wide GHG reduction plan, including cross-sector interactions
- **SPSC Study Case carbon reduction targets based on economy-wide Waxman/Markey bill**
  - 17% below 2005 levels by 2020
  - 42% below 2005 levels by 2030
  - 83% below 2005 levels by 2050
  - Based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC’s) recommendations to avert global warming above 2°C

# Lessons Learned from Existing Studies of Low Carbon Futures



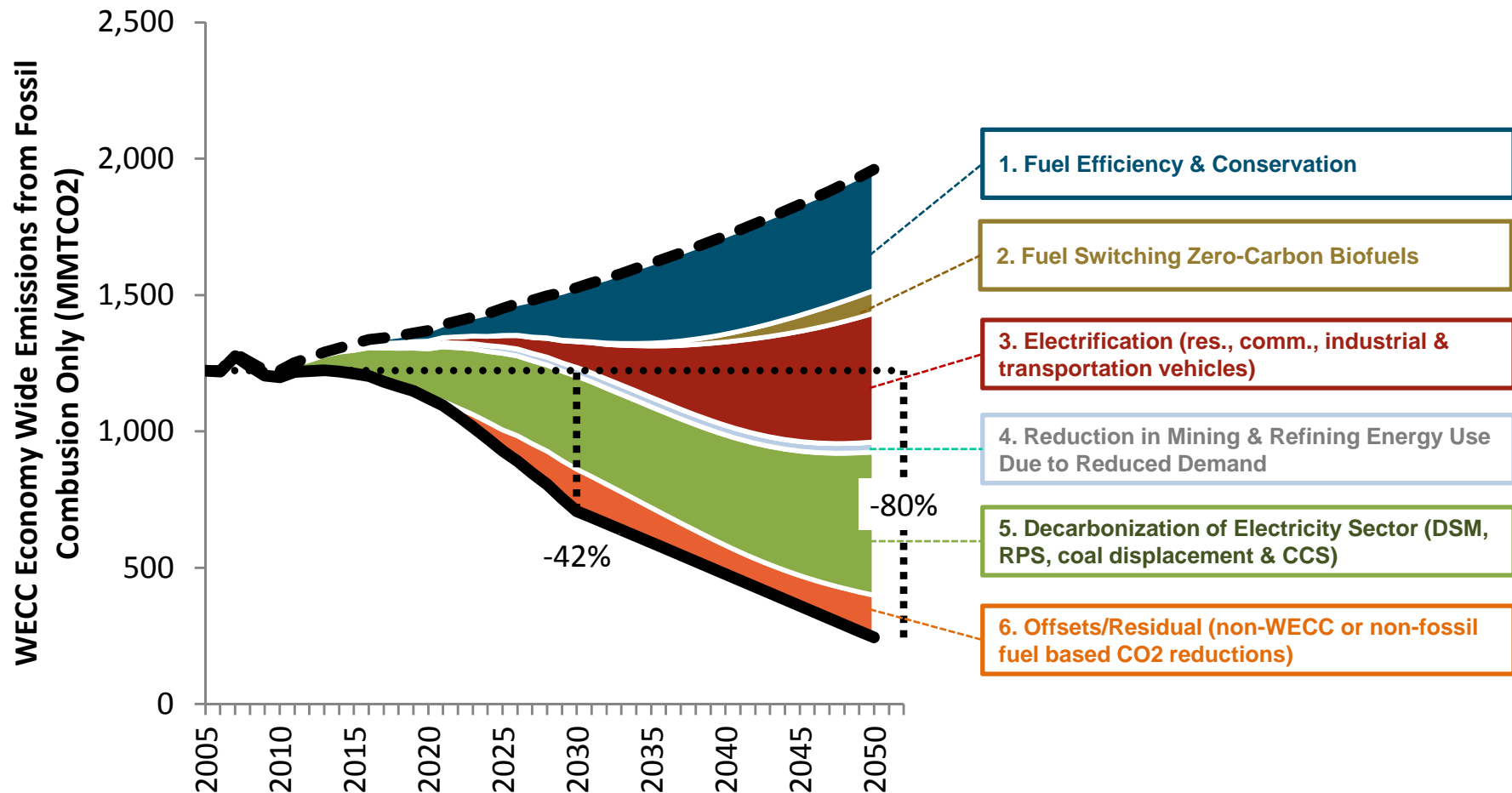
- **Previous studies of 80% reductions by 2050 have a number of common findings:**
  - **Energy efficiency critical to achieving goals at lowest cost**
  - **Limited tools for carbon reduction in non-electric sectors**
  - **Electricity sector plays a key role through (a) higher carbon reduction targets, and (b) electrification of fossil fuel end uses in other sectors**

*“Power Perspectives 2030: on the road to a decarbonised power sector”*, European Climate Foundation

GHG reductions compared to 1990	2005	2030	2050
Total	-7%	-40 to -44%	-79 to -82%
Sectors			
Power (CO <sub>2</sub> )	-7%	<b>-54 to -68%</b>	-93 to -99%
Industry (CO <sub>2</sub> )	-20%	-34 to -40%	-83 to -87%
Transport (incl. CO <sub>2</sub> aviation, excl. maritime)	+30%	+20 to -9%	-54 to -67%
Residential and services (CO <sub>2</sub> )	-12%	-37 to -53%	-88 to -91%
Agriculture (non-CO <sub>2</sub> )	-20%	-36 to -37%	-42 to -49 %
Other non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	-30%	-72 to -73%	-70 to -78%



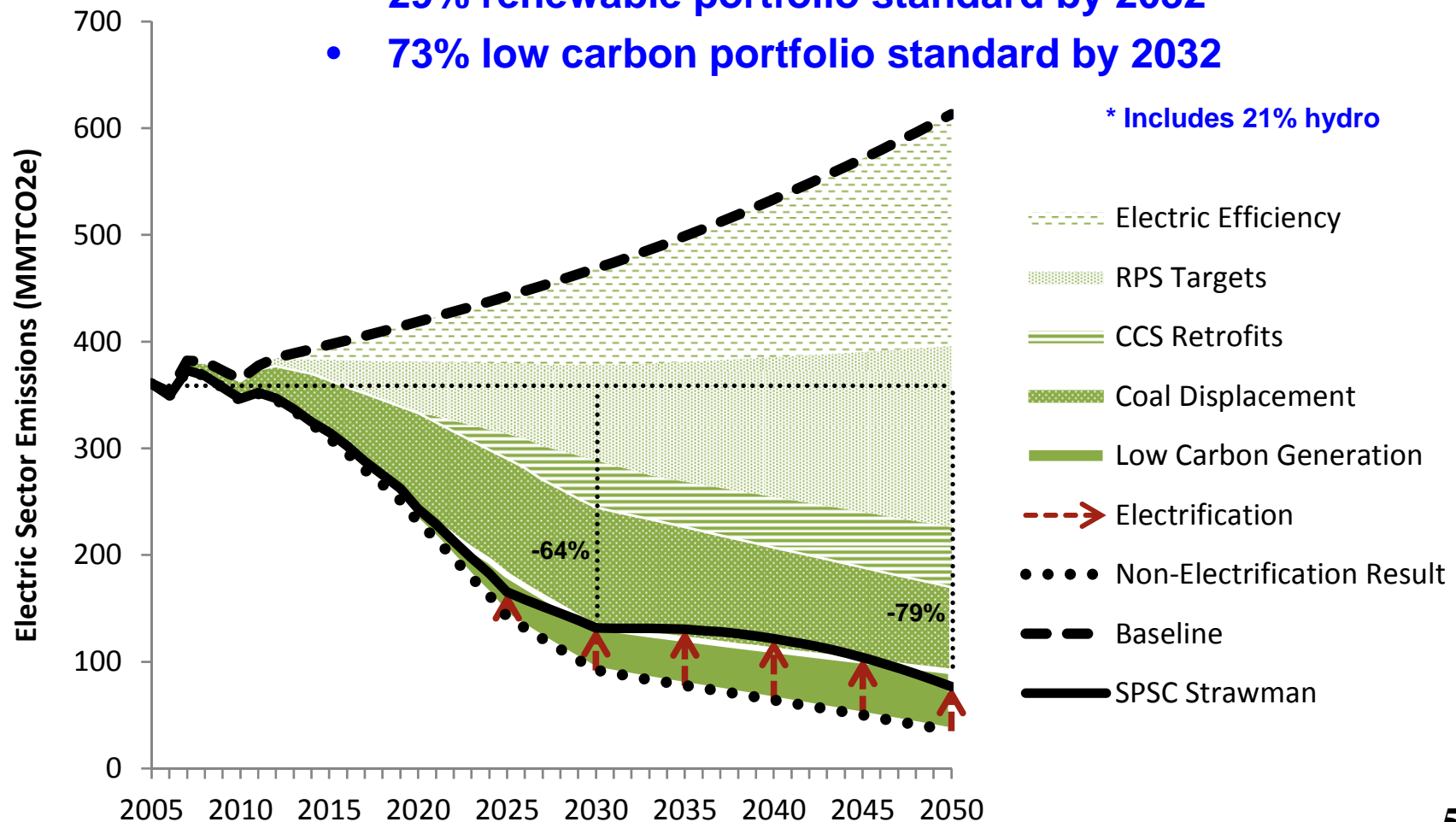
# SPSC Low Carbon Scenario



# SPSC Low Carbon Scenario: Impacts in Electricity Sector



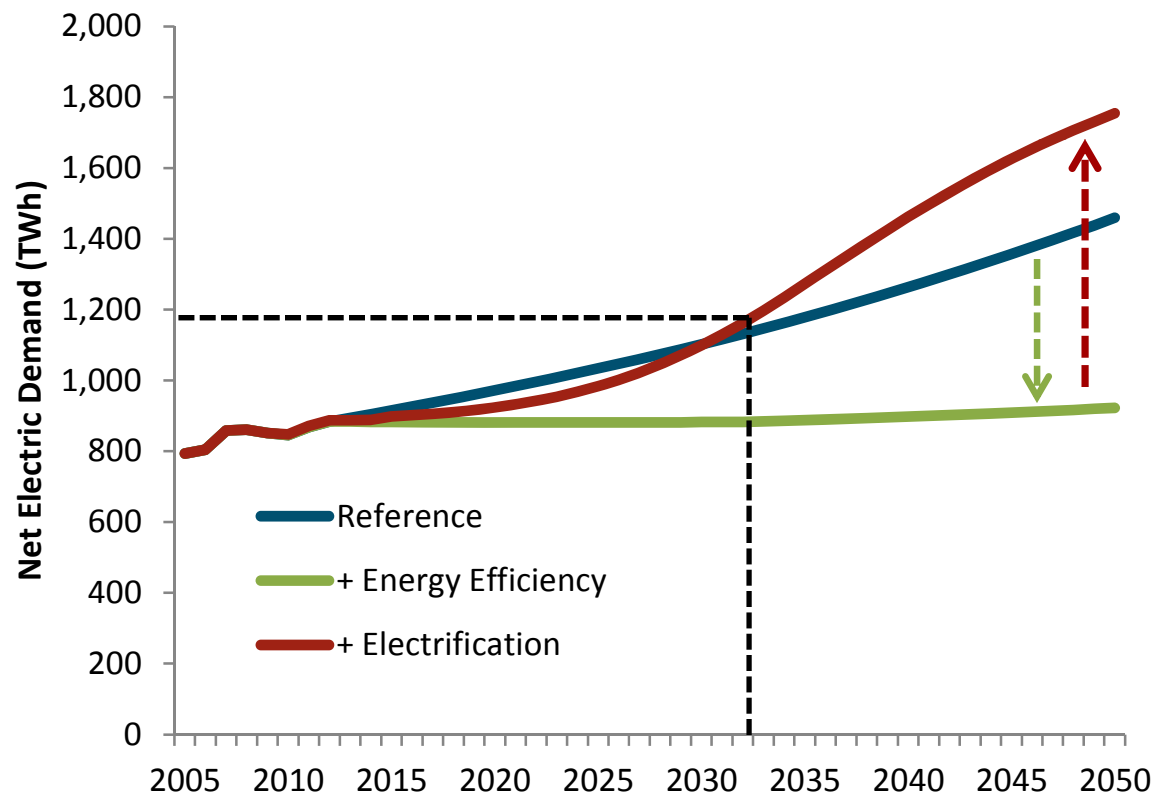
- 64% reduction in electricity-sector GHGs by 2032
- 29% renewable portfolio standard by 2032
- 73% low carbon portfolio standard by 2032



# SCPC Low Carbon Scenario: WECC Electrification Impacts



- Net impact of electrification and energy efficiency results in slightly higher load growth than reference case in 2032



## 2032

	GWh at generator
Residential	29,600
Commercial	16,750
Industrial	114,352
Transportation	117,917
<i>Light duty</i>	83,827
<b>Total</b>	<b>278,620</b>

Approx. # of electric cars in light duty transportation by 2032:  
*19.7 million*





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# Thank You!

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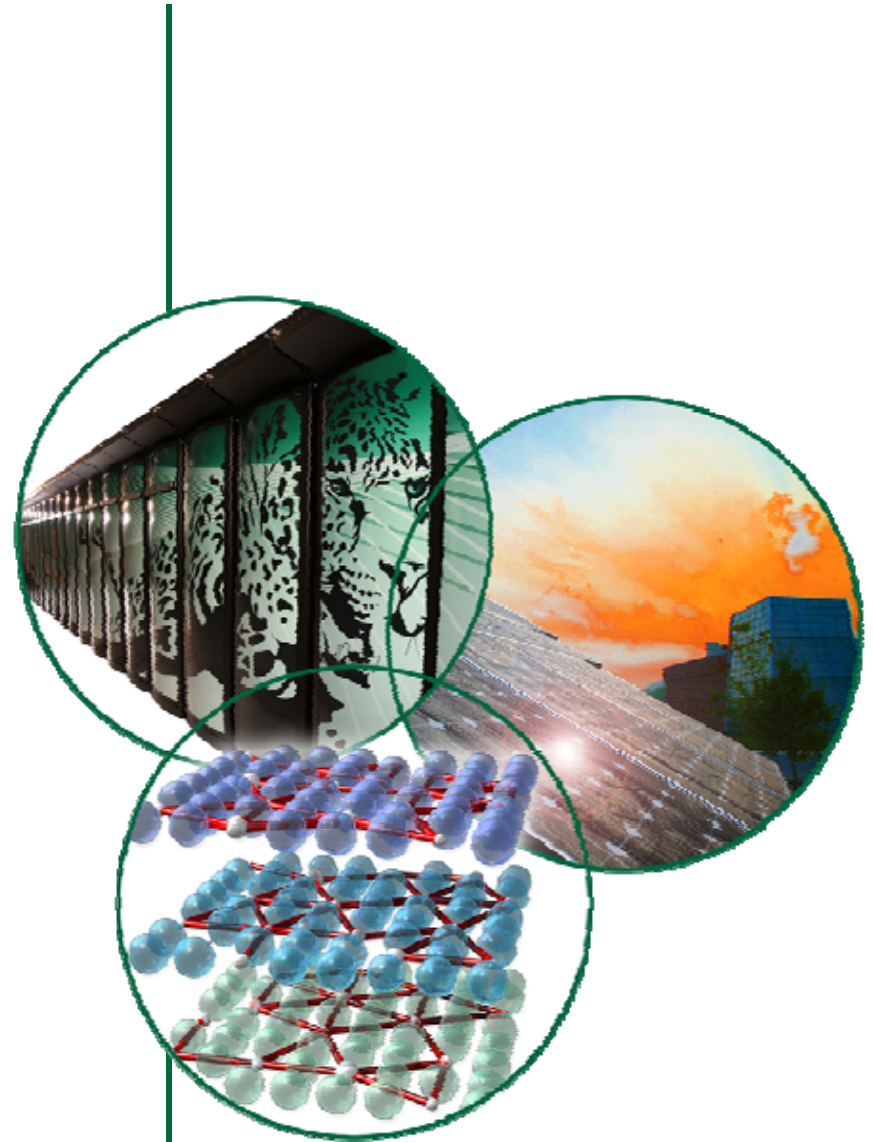
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# The EIPC Transmission Study: Facing the Future

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# EIPC Process Recap

- EIPC create Stakeholder Steering Committee with EISPC and other sectors
- Phase 1 in 2010-2011
  - Capacity expansion modeling through 2040
  - 8 major futures plus 72 sensitivities
  - Regional “Bubble and Pipe” model
- Phase 2 in 2012
  - 3 scenarios for 2030 as “bookends”
  - Build-out of transmission lines for reliability
  - Production simulation for 2030
  - Base scenarios plus 6 sensitivities
  - Capital cost estimations refined from Phase 1

## Futures Studied (Phase 2 in red)

Business As Usual

Carbon Constraint – National

Carbon Constraint – Regional

Aggressive EE/DR/DG

RPS – National

RPS – Regional

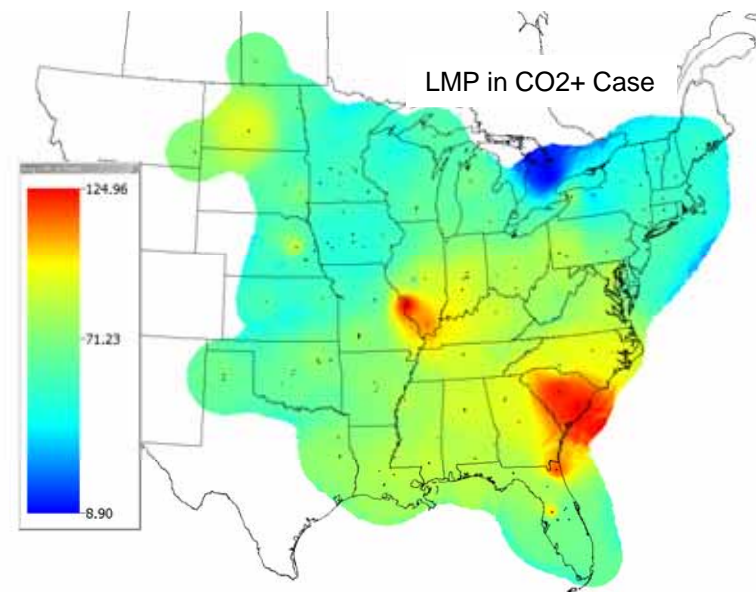
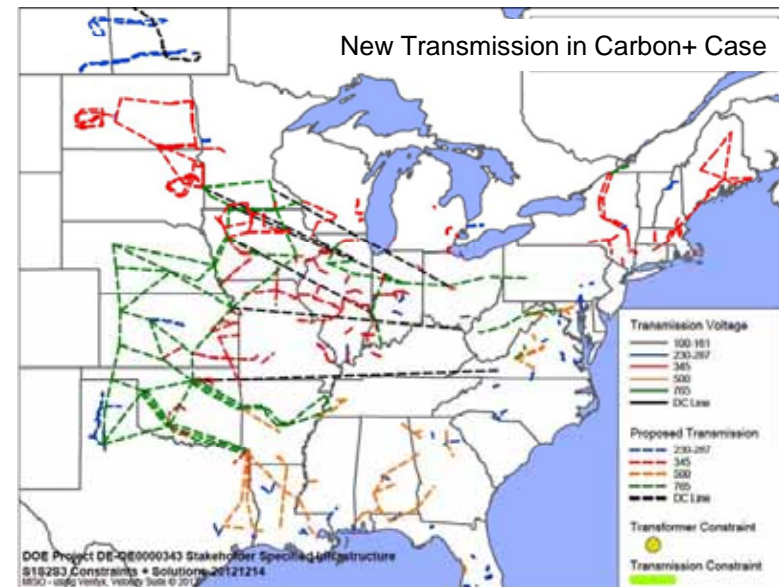
Nuclear Resurgence

Carbon + Aggressive EE/DR/DG



# Successes and Limitations

- Wide collaboration from industry, states, and stakeholder groups
- Better understanding by all of the complexities in interconnection-wide planning
- Produced possible transmission requirements and cost estimates under significantly different policy drivers
- Serial flow from model to model limited analysis
- Non-traditional resources difficult to model



# Technology Unknowns

- Supply

- Cost-competitive solar, off-shore wind, hydrokinetics, small nuclear, carbon sequestration, ...
- Natural gas supply expansion

- Demand

- Widespread deployment of smart grid responsive equipment
- Application of energy efficiency with lower demand growth
- Transportation electrification

- Delivery

- Cost-competitive distributed bulk storage
- HVDC deployment acceleration
- HVAC advances in capacity and control
- Operational response through advanced grid modeling

# Paradigm Shift affects future planning and operations

## Old Paradigm

- Supplies more controllable
  - Thermal and hydro generation
  - Most generation near load
  - Main fuel supplies stable
- Demand less controllable
  - Plan capacity to meet peak demand
  - Interruptions only used in emergency
  - Customers not aware of cost variations

## New Paradigm

- Supplies less controllable
  - Wind and solar generation
  - Gas increasing as fuel
  - Generation further from load
  - Independent markets
  - New construction difficult
- Demand more controllable
  - Smart Grid-enabled demand response
  - Widespread information flow to and from customers

- Any shift filters through a sector at different speeds
- The amount of shift is a key unknown that hinders planning



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## **Adjourn for the Day**

**Reconvene tomorrow  
at 9 a.m. in  
Renaissance Ballroom**



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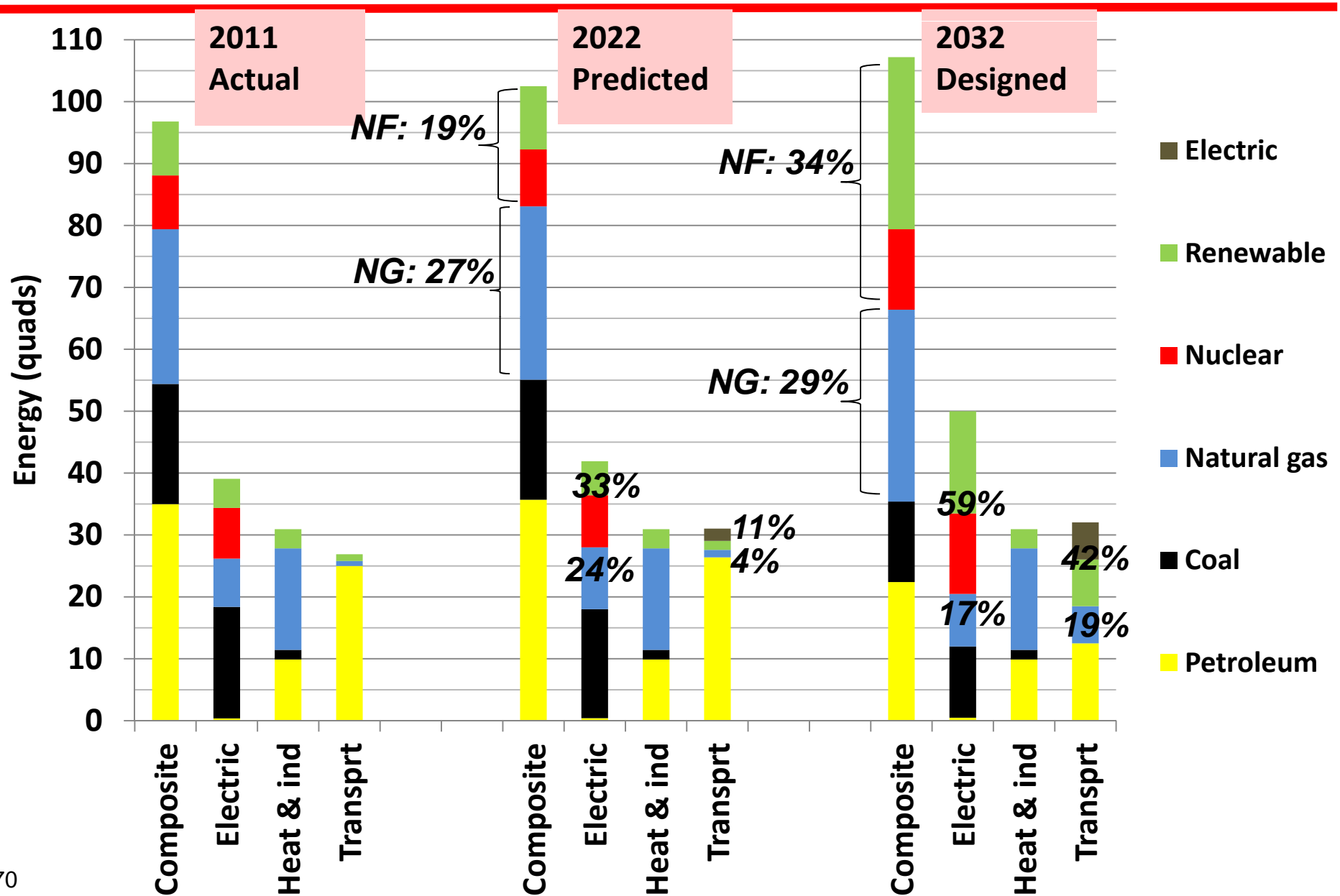
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## Panel 4

# Challenges (Part 2) – Gas/Electric Interface

# The national energy portfolio





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## Break

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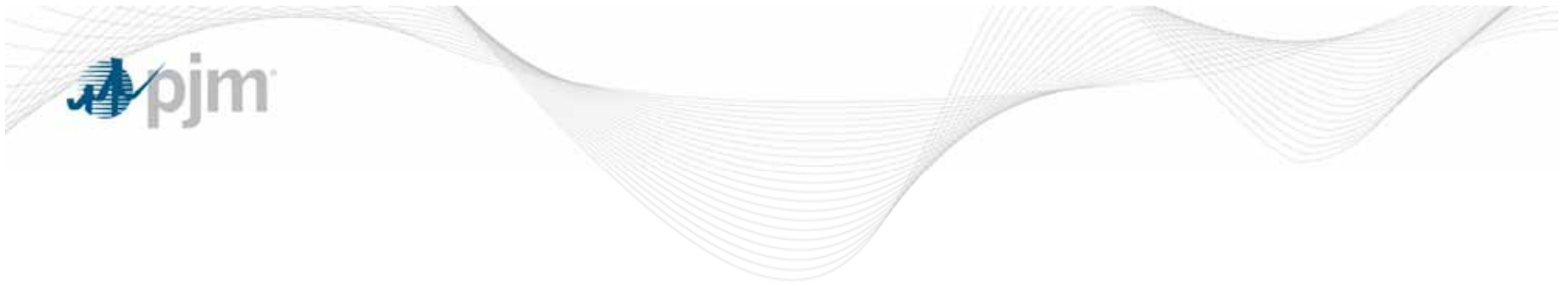


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## Panel 5

# Common Challenges (Part 3): Integration of Variable Generation



# Kenneth A. Schuyler, PE

## Manager, Renewable Services

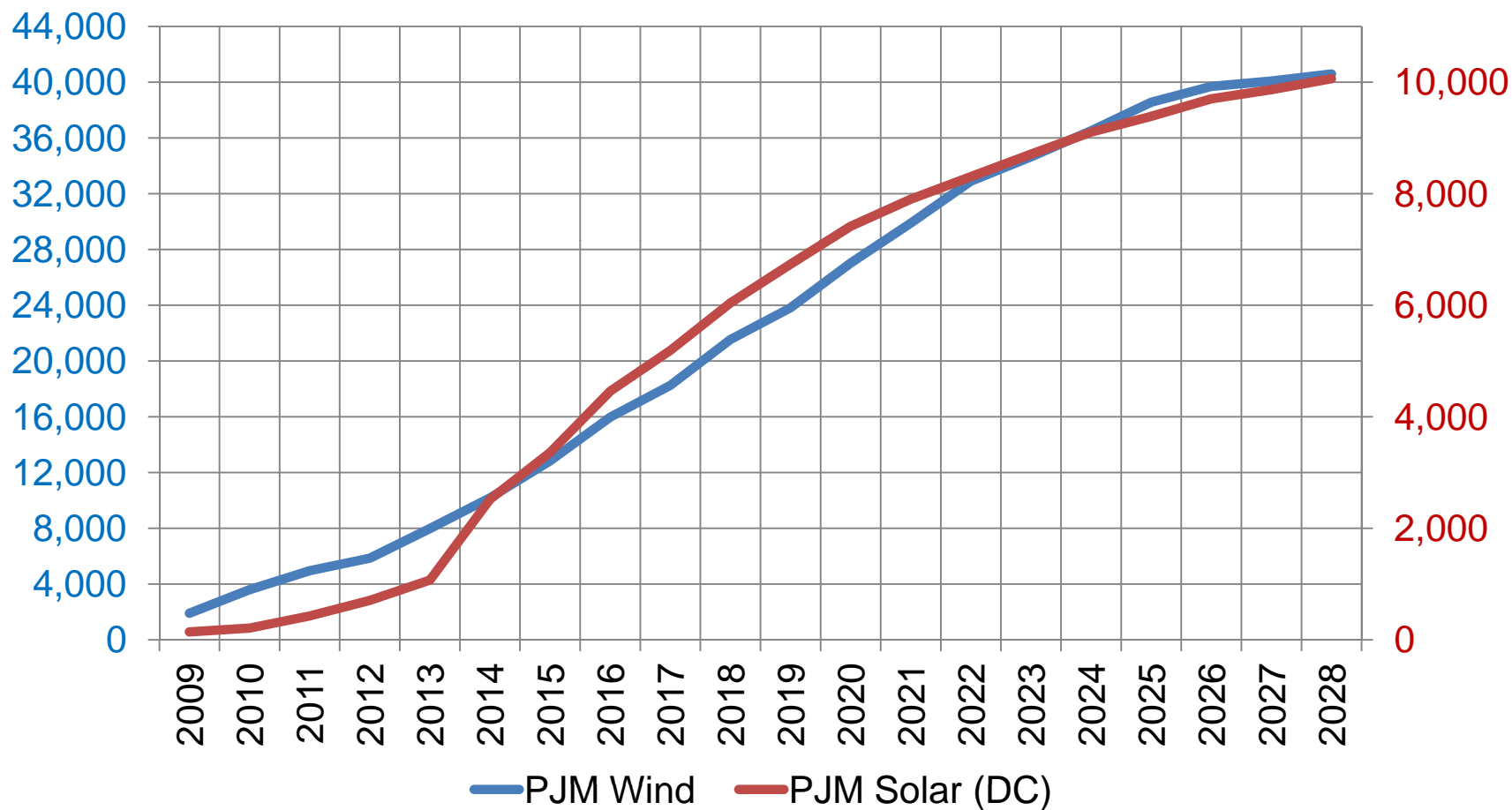
### PJM Interconnection, LLC





## Projected Renewable Energy Requirements in PJM

**By 2028:** 133,000 GWh of renewable energy, 13.3% of PJM annual net energy  
(**40 GW** of wind and **10 GW** of solar)



ISOs and RTOs reduce Variable Energy Resource integration costs:

Characteristic	Impact to Integration Cost
Larger balancing areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduces overall increase in variability</li><li>• Less regulation and ramping service required</li></ul>
Faster markets, i.e., shorter scheduling intervals (5-15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less regulation required to accommodate intra-hour variations</li></ul>
Larger geographic area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increases weather diversity and reduces overall variability</li></ul>
Centralized wind power forecasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost-effective approach to reduce scheduling impacts</li></ul>
Regional / Interregional Transmission Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost-effective upgrades to ensure grid reliability and mitigate congestion</li></ul>

- **Energy Markets / Operations**

- Implemented a centralized wind power forecast service.
- Implemented changes to improve wind resource dispatch / control.
- Demand Response / Price Responsive Demand improves operational flexibility
- Frequency Regulation – incents better performing resources (like storage)

- **Transmission Planning**

- Light load criteria implemented to improve grid reliability
- Expansion planning considers public policy impacts (i.e., RPS)
- Grid interconnection requirements for wind and solar being evaluated

- **Evaluating Potential Grid Impacts**

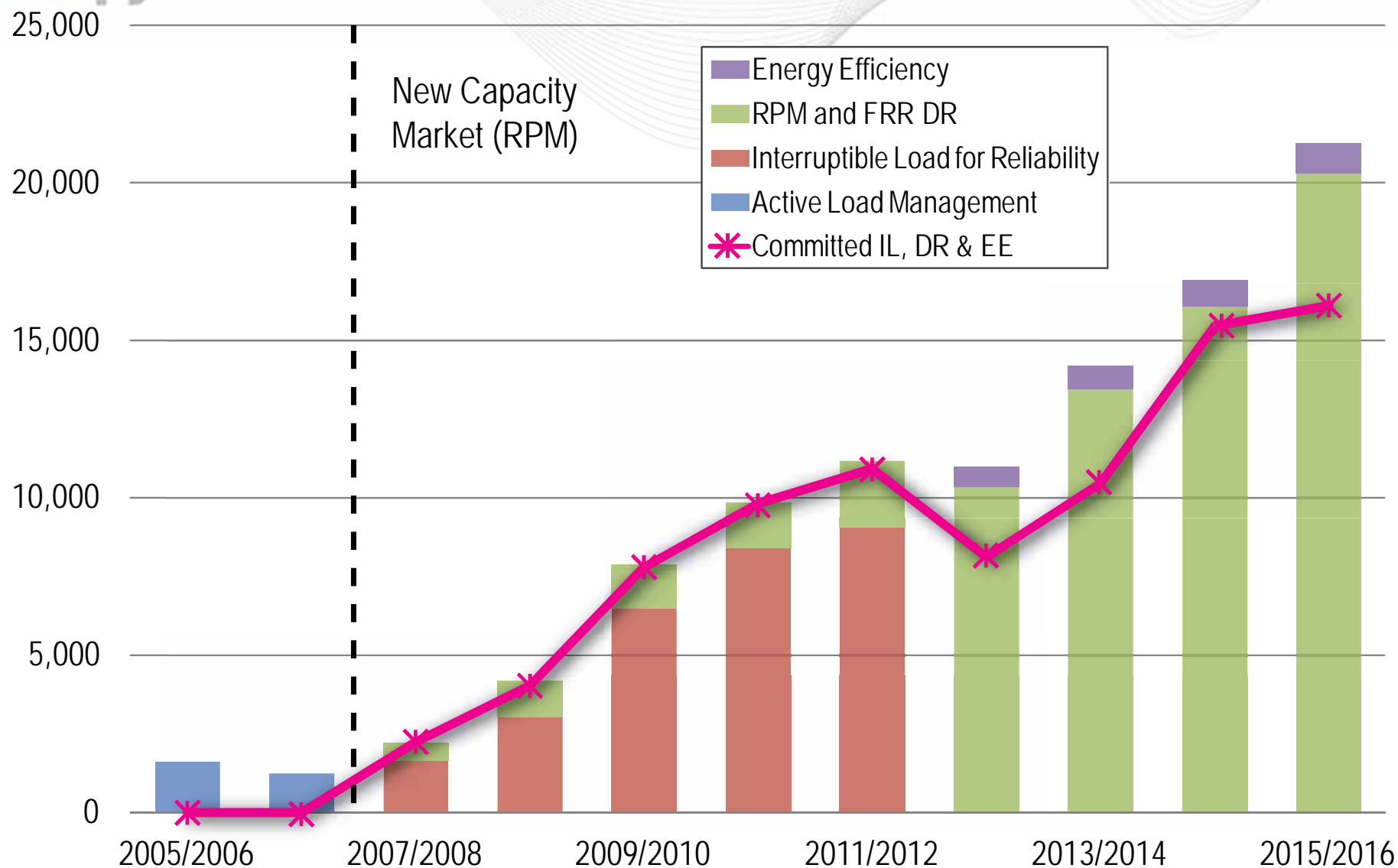
- Initiated a PJM Renewable Integration Study (PRIS) to assess grid impacts

- **Advanced Technology Research Program**

- Pilot programs to evaluate new technologies and remove barriers to participation in PJM markets and operations.



# Demand Resources Provide Operational Flexibility



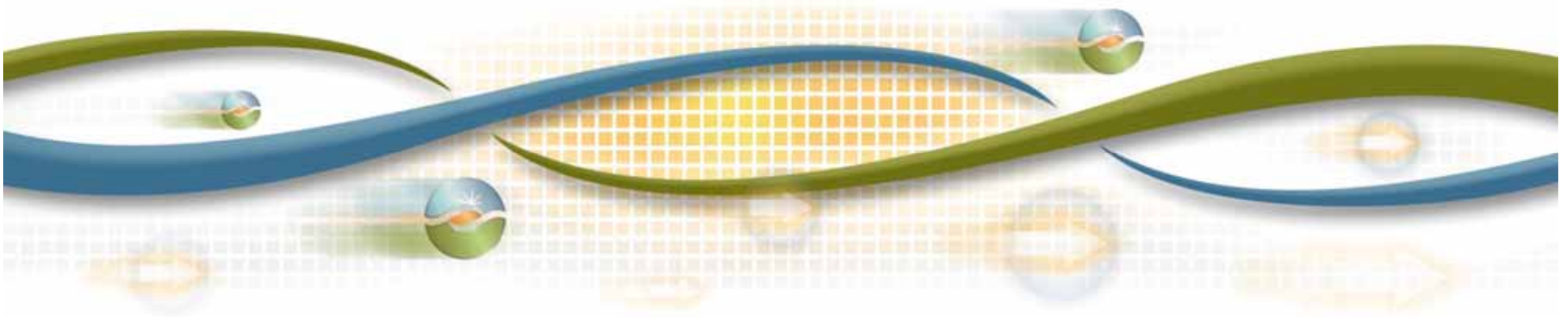
# The 3 Interconnections Meeting Facing the Future with interconnection-Wide Planning

**Clyde Loutan**

Senior Advisor – Renewable Energy Integration

Panel 5: Common Challenges – Integration of Variable Generation

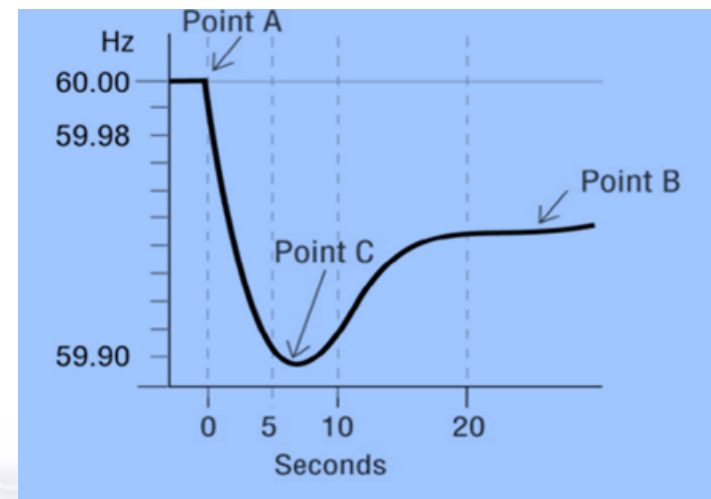
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# Summary of operational impacts to manage a grid that is more complex



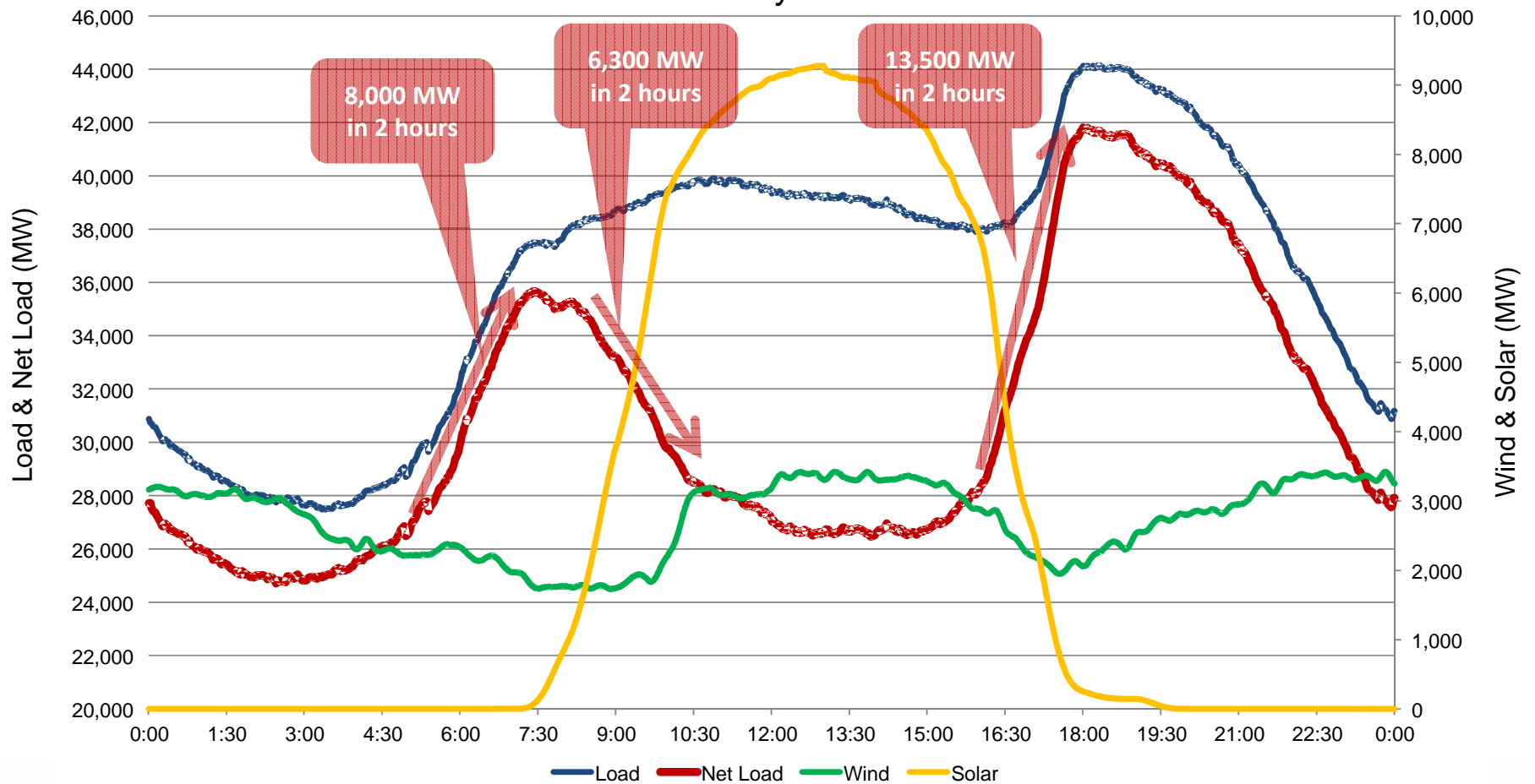
- Increased frequency and magnitude of operational ramps across various time-frames
- Increased frequency and magnitude of over-generation conditions
- Increased intra-hour load-following up and down requirements ... need for additional reserves? ...or a new product?
- Increased requirements for regulation Up/Down
- Impact of DER and non-traditional resources on the transmission grid is still not fully understood
- Lack of common standards and clarity of existing standards
- Concerns of arresting frequency post contingency
- Inadequate tools to assess the system in real-time



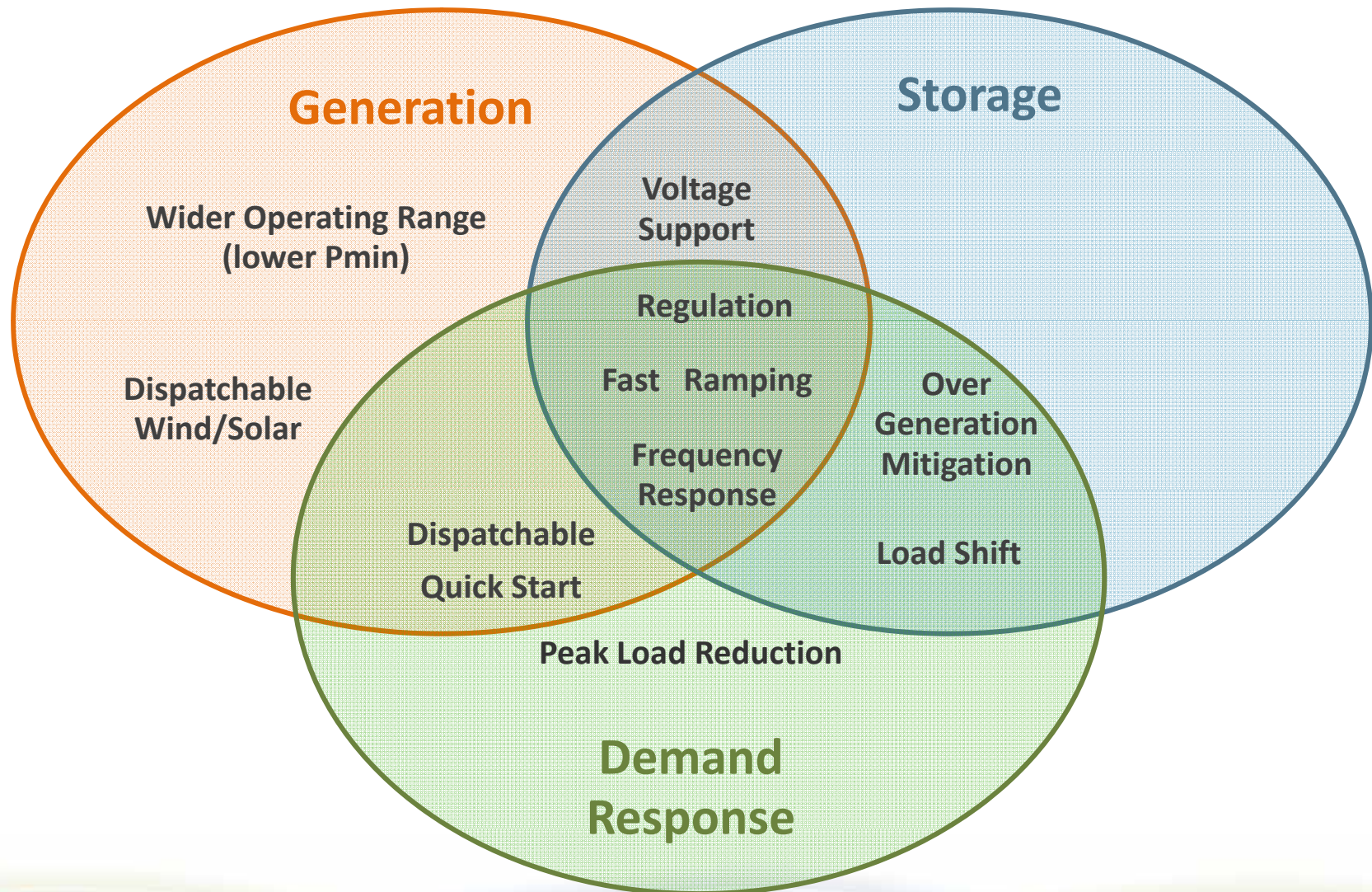


# Conventional resources will be dispatched to the net load demand curve – High Load Case

Load, Wind & Solar Profiles – High Load Case  
January 2020



# Meeting the operational challenges beyond 20% RPS



## The ISO has identified four characteristics of conventional generation that variable resources should provide

- Capability to provide reactive power support to the electric system;
  - Design and operating criteria
  - Voltage regulation and reactive power control requirements
- Capability to provide inertial response,
- Capability to increase or reduce energy output automatically in response to system frequency, and
- Ability to limit power production as needed (in smallest reasonable increments up to and including disconnection), for reliability reasons.

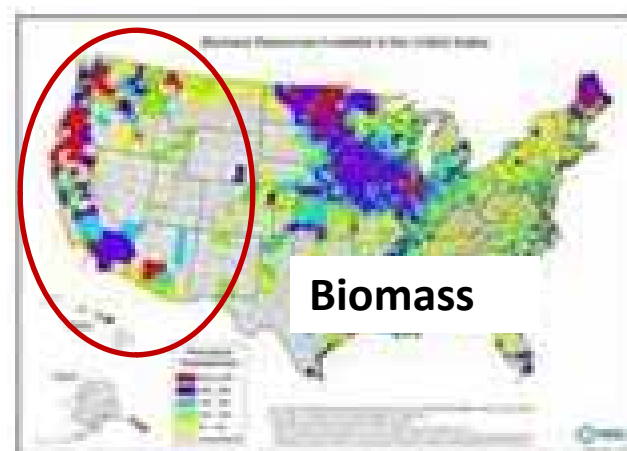
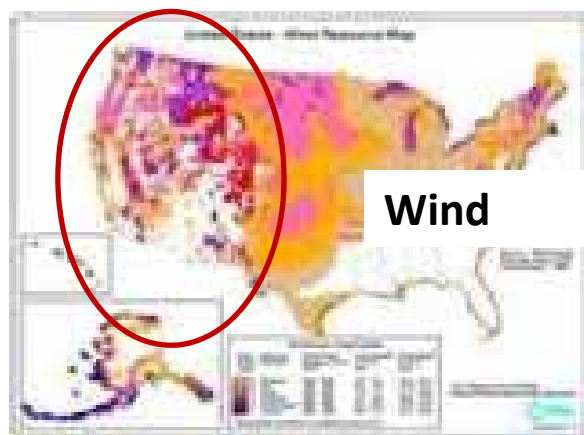
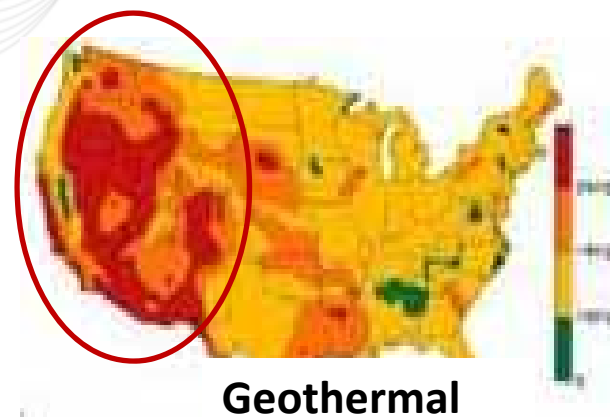
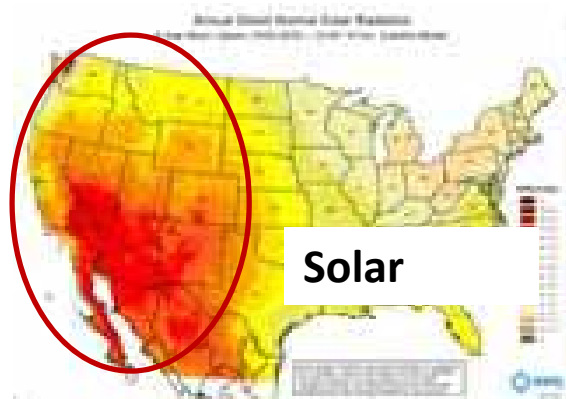


# Rebecca Wagner

## Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

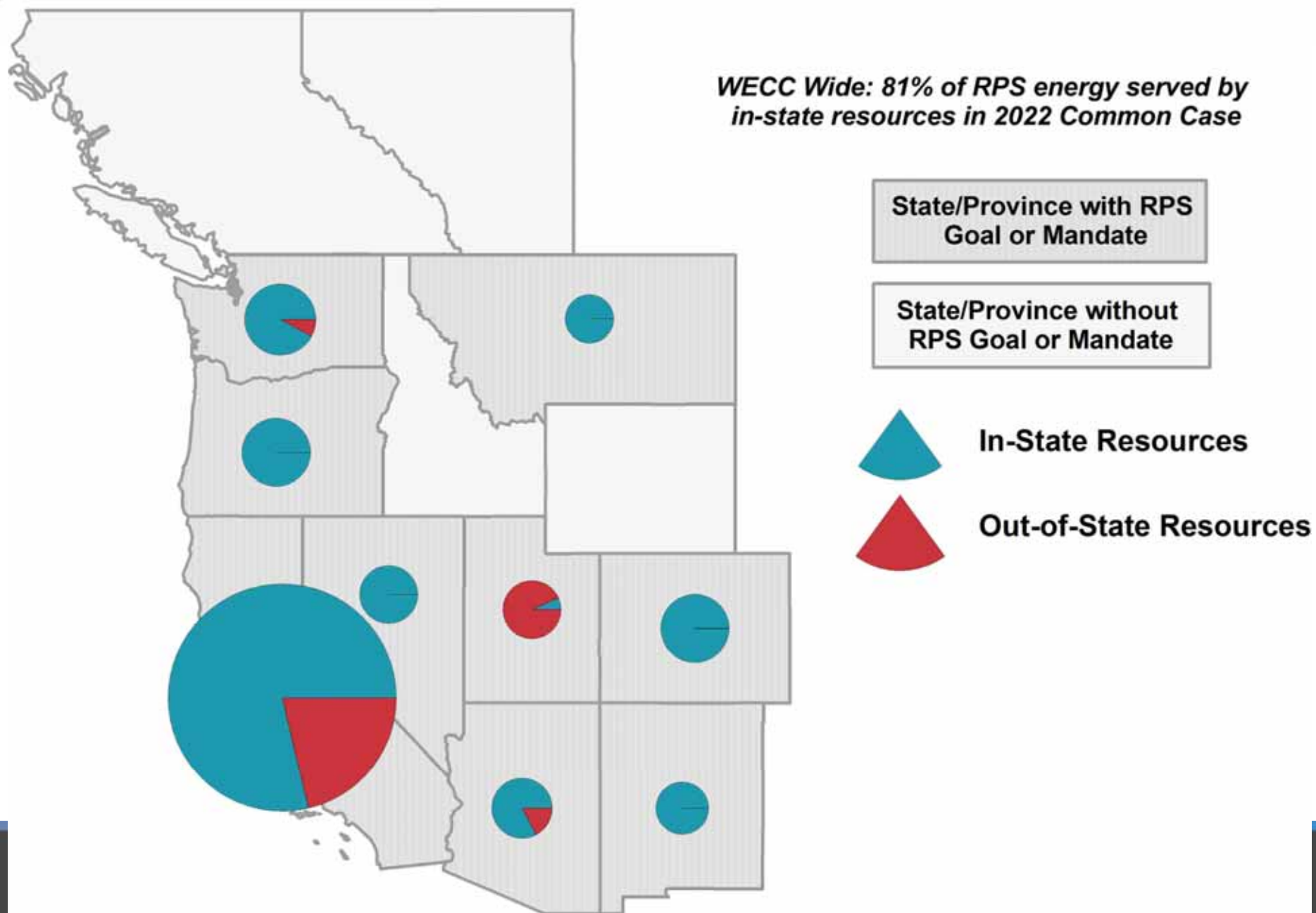
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# Excellent and Diverse Renewable Resources



## RPS Compliance Using In and Out of State/Province Resources (by Energy)

*WECC Wide: 81% of RPS energy served by in-state resources in 2022 Common Case*



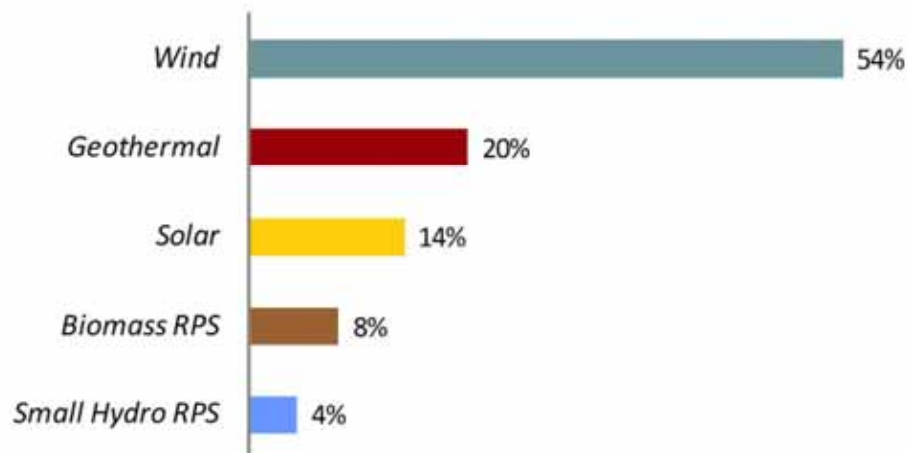


# Percentage of 2022 Total Renewable Energy Generation by Type and State/Province

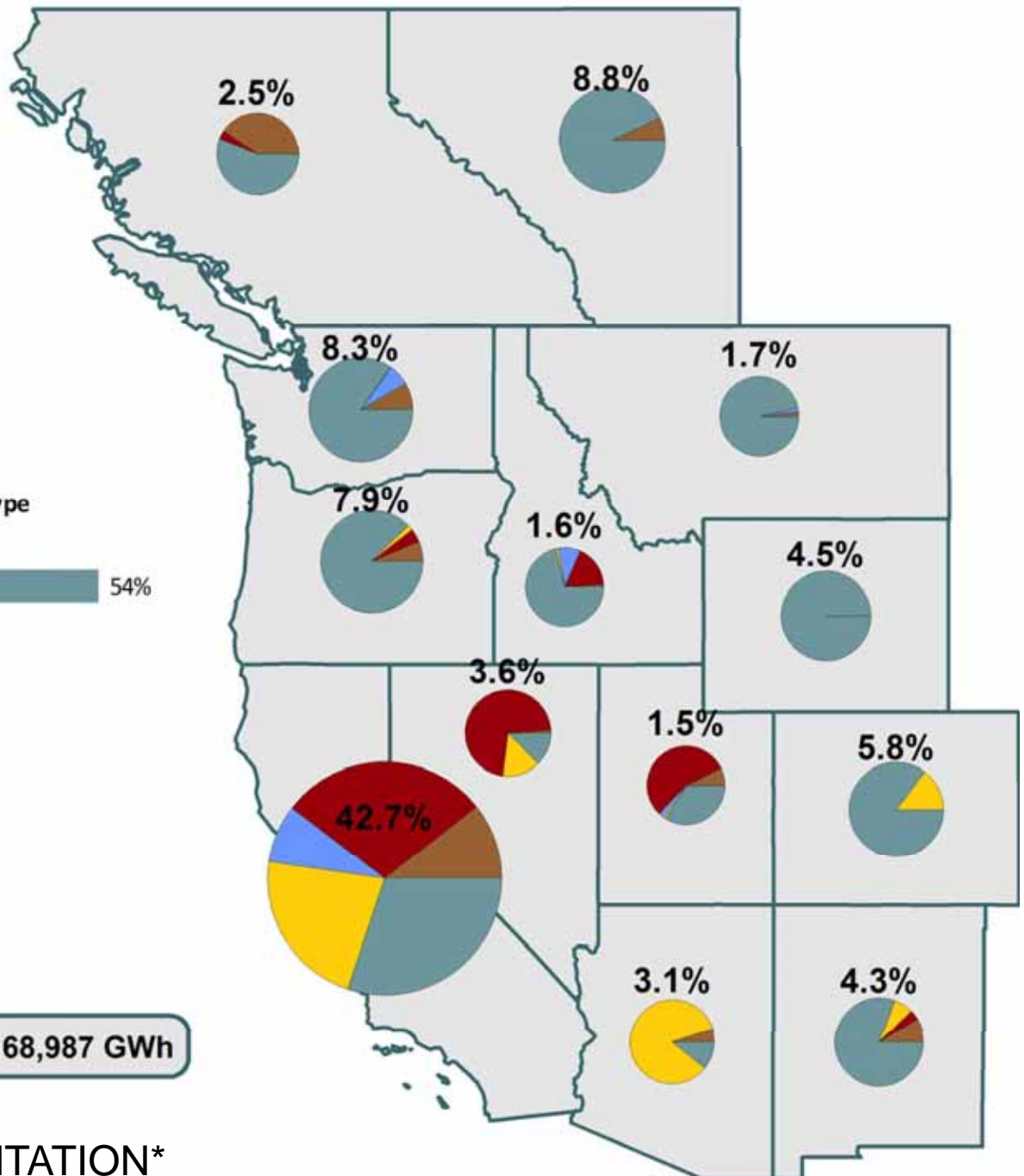


Note: Mexico (CFE) = 3.7%  
Texas (El Paso) = 0%

## Percentage of Renewable Generation by Type



2022 WECC Renewable Generation: 168,987 GWh



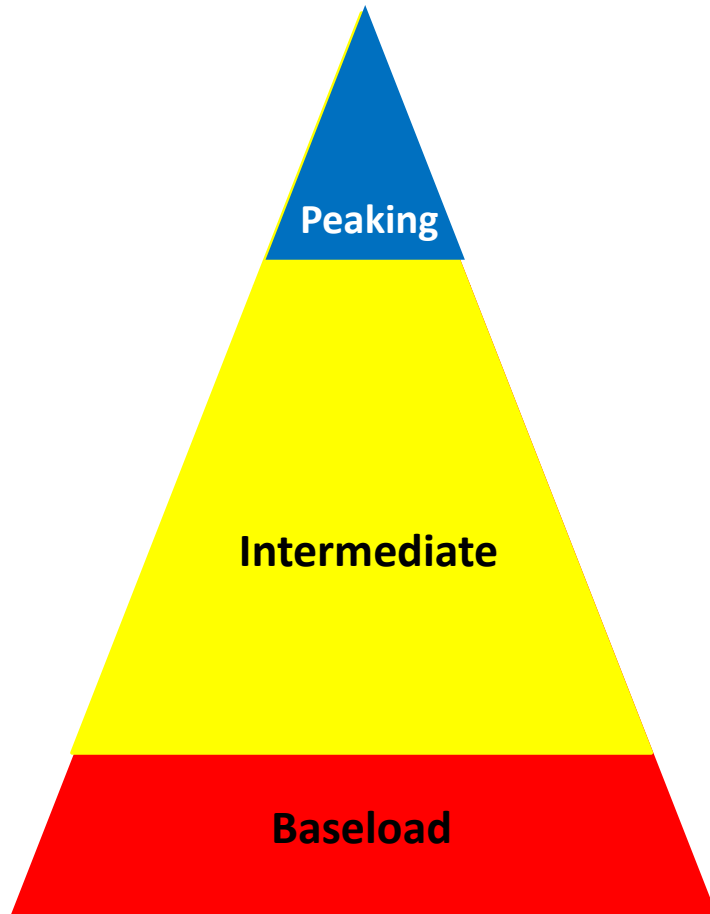
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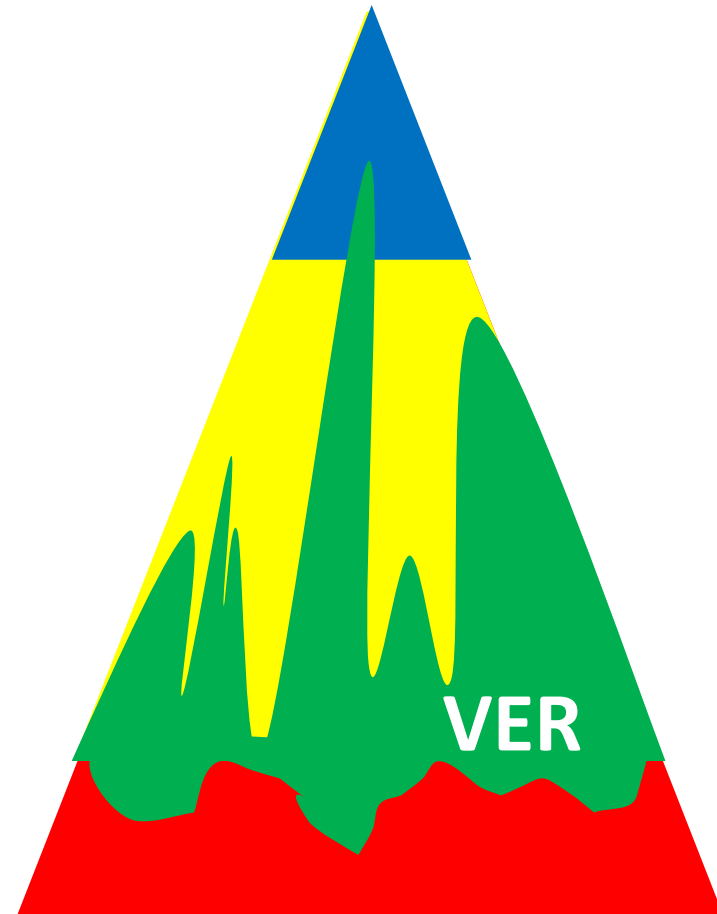
# Integration of Variable Generation

Doug Larson, Executive Director  
Western Interstate Energy Board

What we need: **MORE SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY**



*Old Paradigm*

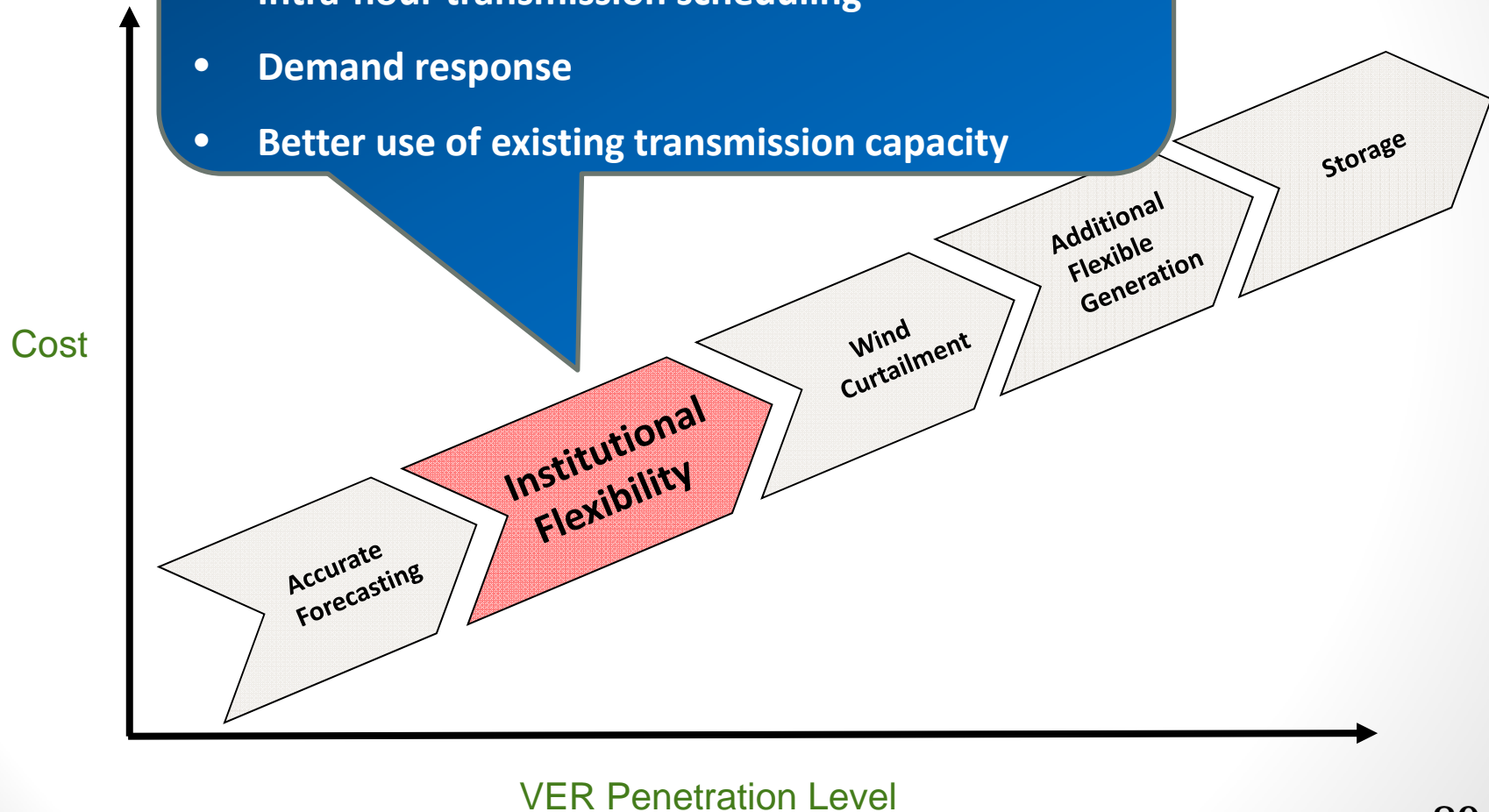


*New Paradigm*



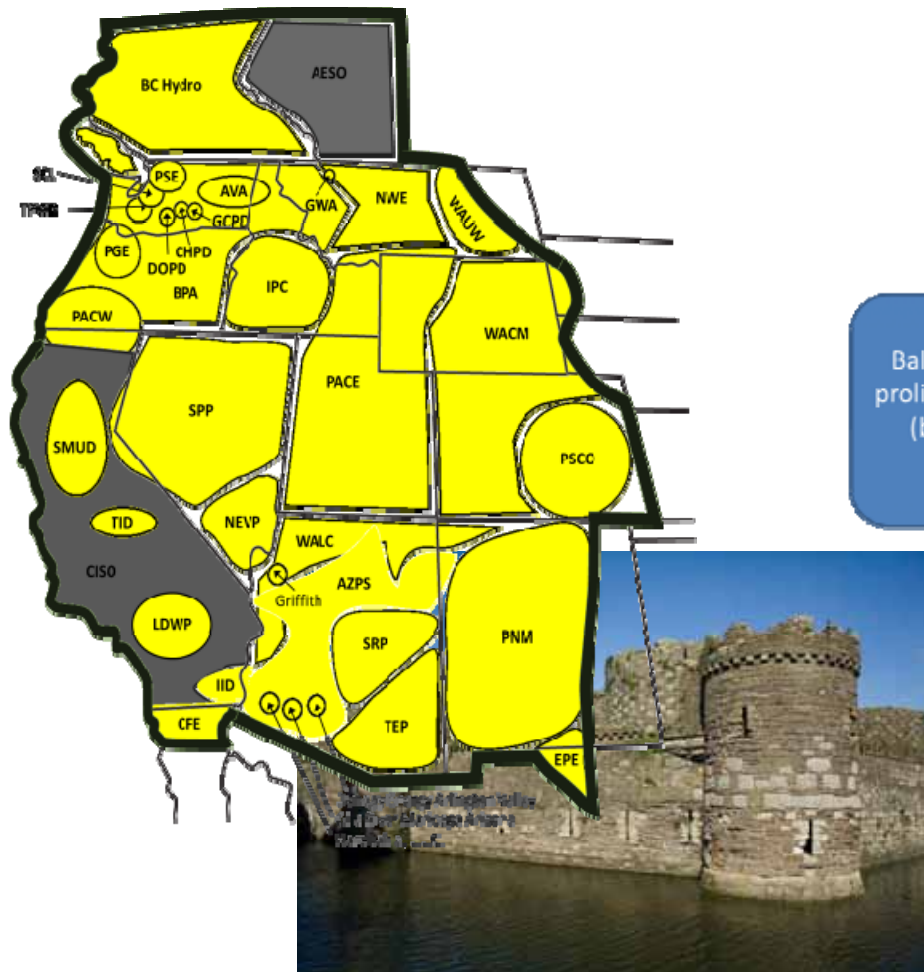
# Flexibility Supply Curve

- Balancing resources over a large geographic area
- Faster energy markets
- Intra-hour transmission scheduling
- Demand response
- Better use of existing transmission capacity



# What we have:

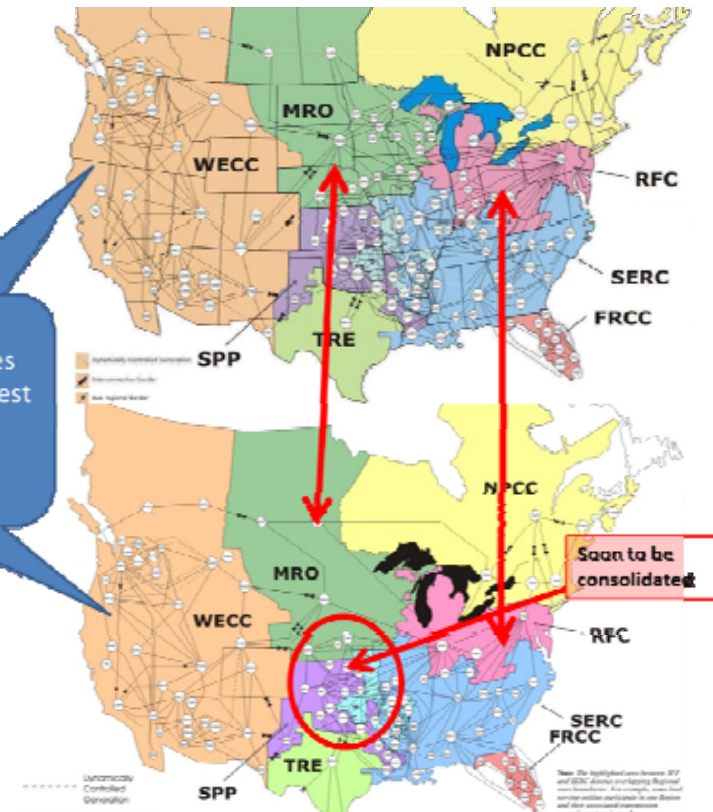
## 38 SEPARATE BAs, SLOW BI-LATERAL MARKETS



2007

Balancing Authorities  
proliferating in the West  
(but consolidating  
elsewhere)

2012



# What's Being Done Now

- Better wind/solar forecasting practices are being developed and deployed
- Measures to increase institutional flexibility are being considered
  - Energy Imbalance Market being studied
    - Past analyses by the PUC EIM Group and WECC
    - Ongoing study by the Northwest Power Pool
  - Other flexibility measures being studied
    - Expand a largely unused tool for faster bi-lateral markets
    - Dynamic scheduling
    - Intra-hour transmission
    - Reform of reserve sharing pools to address extreme ramps
- States/provinces are also –
  - Developing a “dashboard” on company actions to lower integration costs
  - Studying the use of Demand Response for integrating variable generation
  - Evaluating historical flows, schedules and ATC on transmission paths
  - Exploring new transmission technologies

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*Steve Beuning*

Thursday 2/7/13, 1045AM

Comments from Xcel Energy

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# Wind Penetration (YE 2012)

	PSCo	NSP	SPS
Installed Capacity (MW) as % of System Peak Load	<b>(2168)</b> <b>31%</b>	<b>(1867)</b> <b>20%</b>	<b>(734 / 1478)</b> <b>13%</b>
Installed Capacity (MW) as % of System Minimum Load	83%	55%	28%
Wind Generation (MWh) as % of Annual System Energy	16%	11%	6.6%

# Outlook for Xcel Energy Renewable Development

- NSP System
  - Next resource plan seeking more renewables, will issue an RFP in mid-February
- PSCO System
  - Will test the market for wind later this year, and will decide based on economics
- SPS System
  - Set for couple years, but seeing increased QF volume, which does not credit towards RPS compliance (per Texas RPS statute)

# Renewable Integration Observations

- What works:
  - Large regional markets
  - Regional network transmission access
  - Optimized ancillary services
  - Reliability-Based Control (RBC) balancing standard
- Less efficient:
  - Bilateral-only markets
  - Balkanized transmission providers
  - Lack of regional tools for seams coordination and dispatch optimization

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**U.S. Department of Energy**  
**Senior Advisor**



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**Keynote Speaker**

**Dr. Steven Chu**

**U.S. Department of Energy**

**Secretary of Energy**



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## Lunch

**\* 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. \***



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## Panel 6

# Interconnection-wide Planning and Regulation



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## **Closing Remarks**

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