

# How Industry is Working on Grid Security and Modernization Webinar

## MGA



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# Today's Speakers

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# Entergy Services

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## Xcel Energy



***Building a Carbon-free Future:***  
**Meeting Customer**  
**Expectations in a Time of**  
**Rapid Industry Change**

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# Xcel Energy



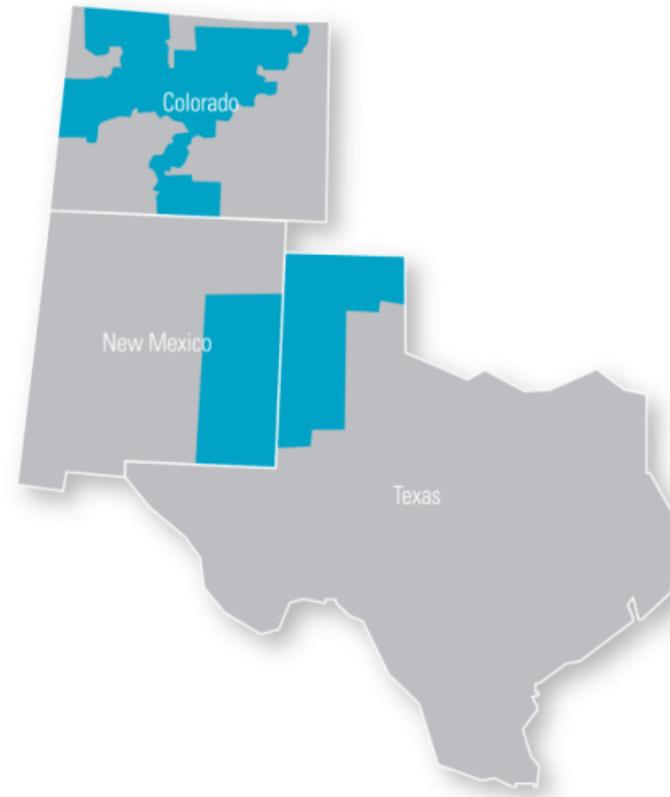
Serving eight states

- 3.6 million electricity customers
- 2 million natural gas customers



**Nationally recognized leader:**

- Wind energy
- Energy efficiency
- Carbon emissions reductions
- Innovative technology



# Xcel Energy Priorities



Lead the Clean  
Energy Transition



Enhance the  
Customer Experience



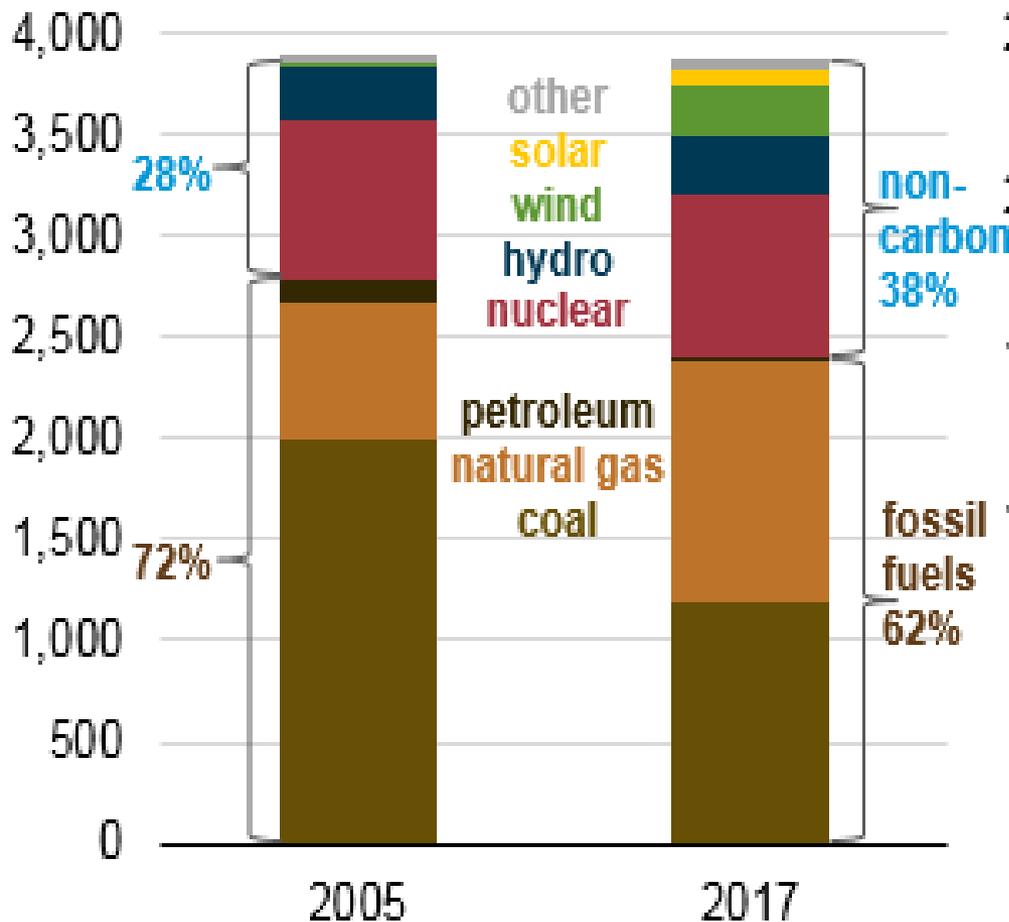
Keep Bills Low

# U.S. Power Sector in Transition

U.S. power sector electricity generation and CO2 emissions (2005 and 2017)

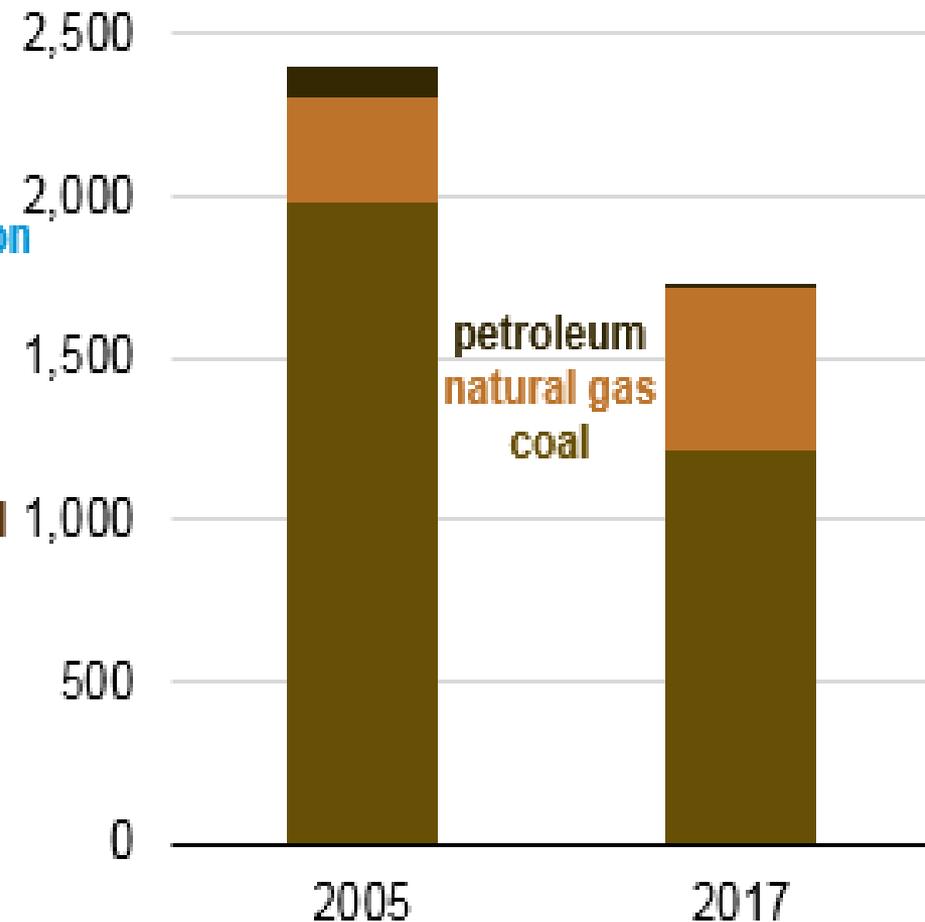
electricity generation

billion kilowatthours



CO2 emissions

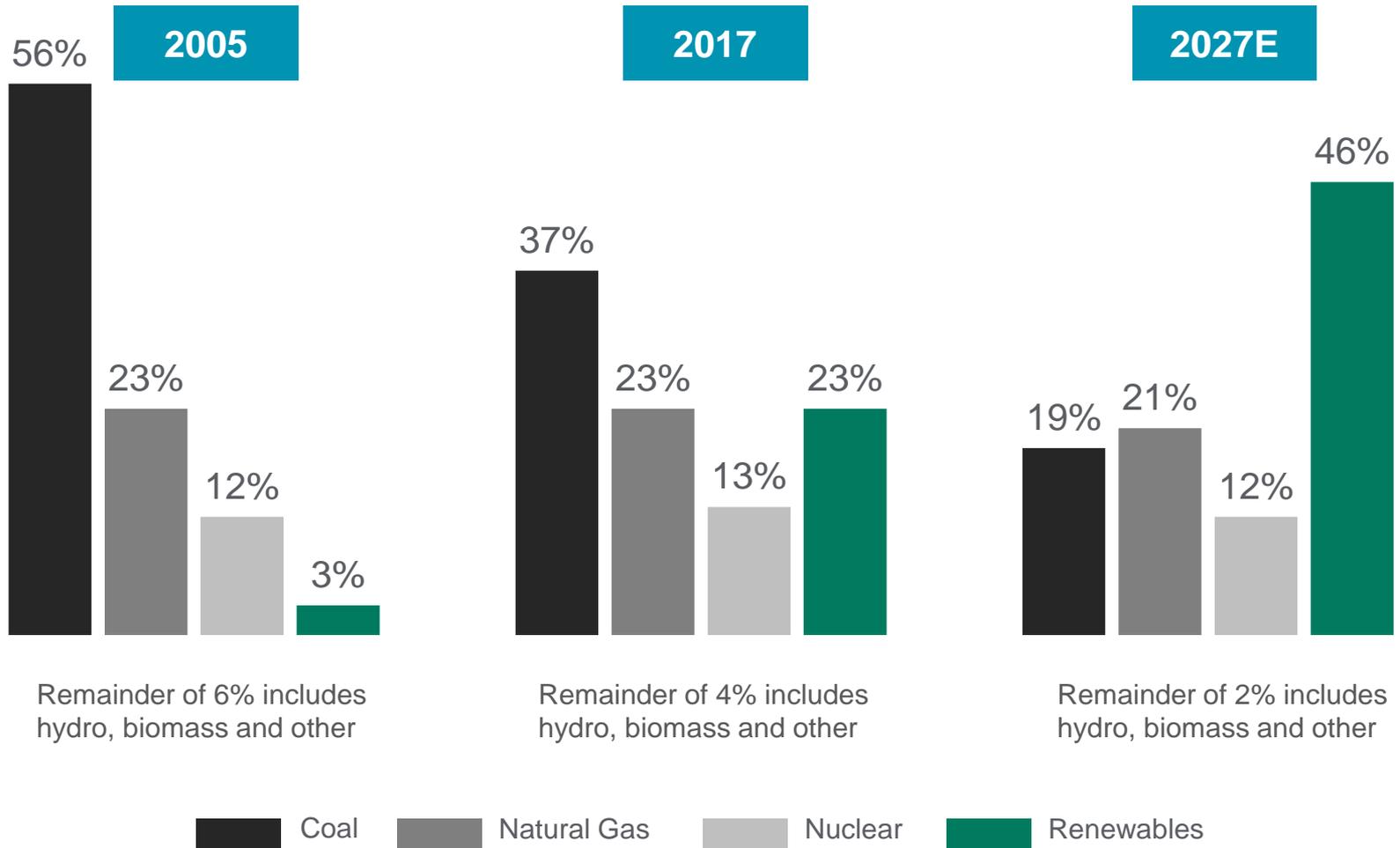
million metric tons



# Xcel Energy's System



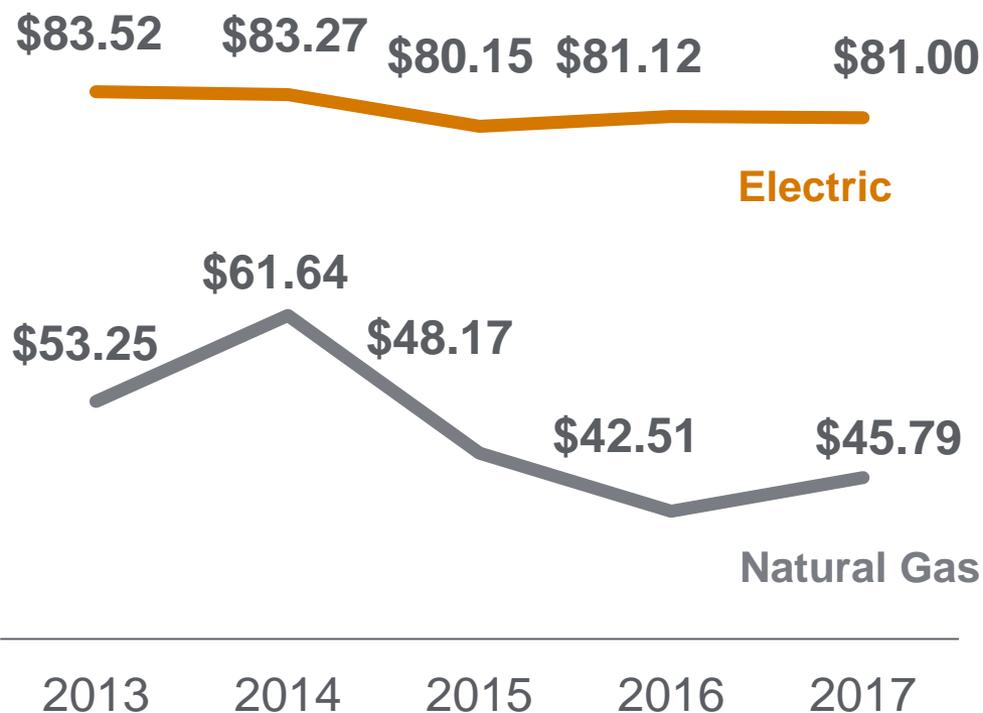
↓Coal, ↑Renewables, ↔Gas and Nuclear



# Affordable Clean Energy



## Average Residential Customer Bill



- At or below rate of inflation
- Below national average

# Leading the Clean Energy Transition

A bold vision for a carbon-free future

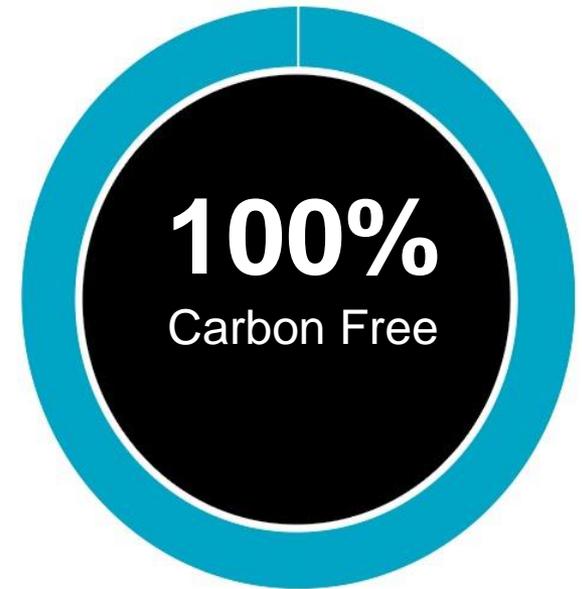
2018



2030



2050



# A Commitment that Resonates



BUSINESS

## Xcel's pledge to be carbon-free by 2050 makes good business sense

What we have here might simply be a case of a big company going carbon-free to meet the rising expectations of its customers.

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Xcel Energy is pledging to be carbon-free by 2050. Above, its Green Project serves customers in Colorado.

## WHY XCEL ENERGY'S PLAN TO GO 100% CLEAN ENERGY—IS A BIG DEAL

Xcel Energy, one of the biggest utilities in the US, has committed to going completely carbon-free by 2050 (and 80 percent carbon-free by 2030).

Bloomberg



Climate Changed

## Xcel Is First Big U.S. Utility to Swear Off Greenhouse Gas

By Brian Eckhouse

December 04, 2018 5:15 PM Updated on December 05, 2018 8:15 AM



Paul Douglas

@pdouglasweather

Xcel is on the leading edge. Other utilities will quickly discover that lowering carbon can reduce climate risk AND lower costs for consumers over the long haul. There is a real and sustainable ROI for all stakeholders involved



Al Gore

@algore

Follow

To bring global emissions down, we must demand that business & political leaders urgently #ActOnClimate. It can work: A major utility committed to a zero-carbon future, responding to investment opportunity & customer demand. Let's keep the pressure on!

BusinessWire  
A Berkshire Hathaway Company

## Xcel Energy Aims for Zero-Carbon Electricity by 2050

Photograph

The New York Times

## Utility Aims for Zero Carbon Emission From Electric Power

By The Associated Press

Dec. 4, 2018

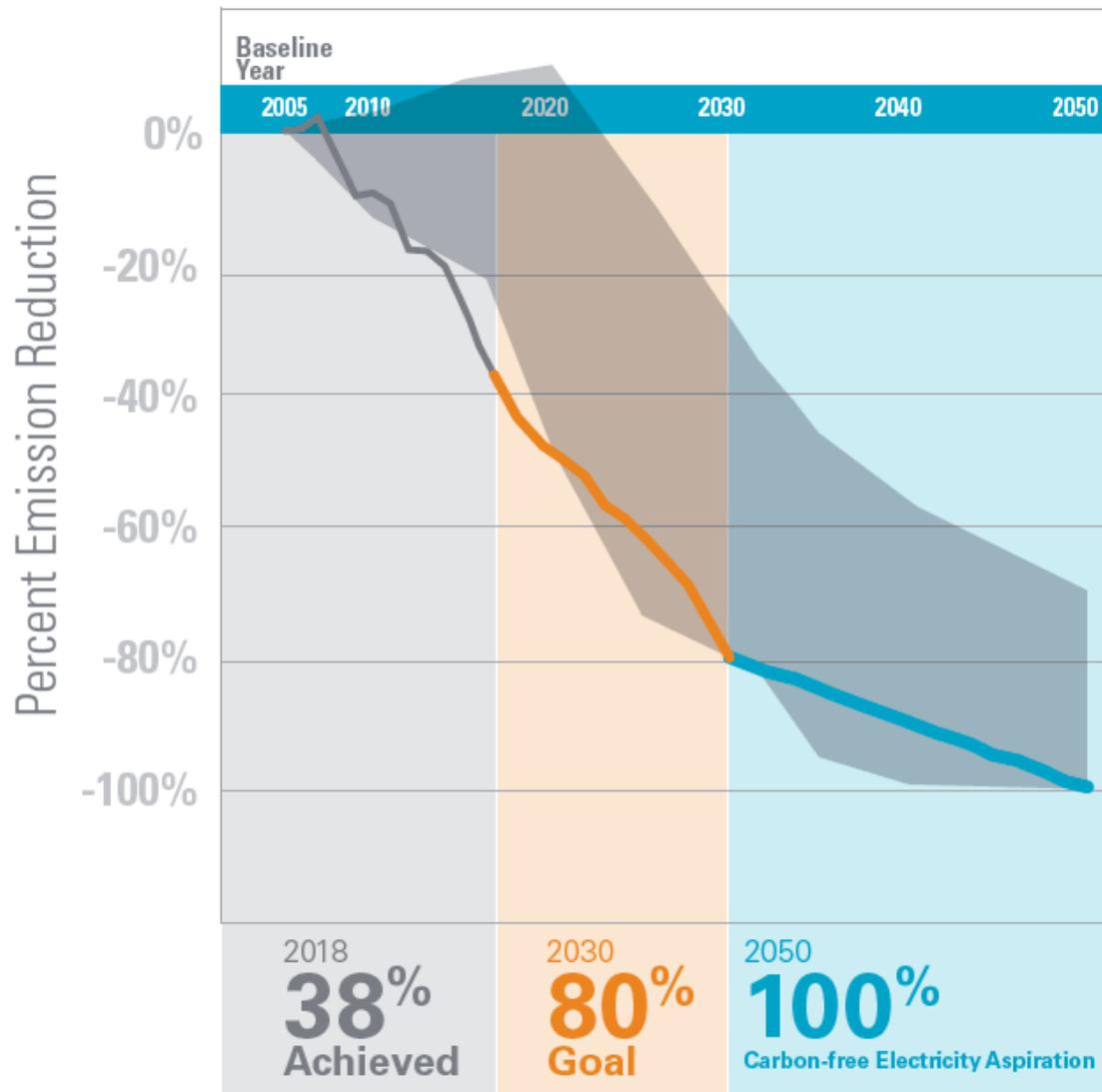


DENVER — A utility serving 3.6 million electricity customers in eight states said Tuesday it will try to eliminate all its carbon emissions from electrical generation by 2050.

# Grounded in Climate Science



## Xcel Energy Carbon Goals Compared to 2 C Scenarios



Goals align with Paris climate agreement target to limit warming to 2 C

Range of electric sector reductions in scenarios likely to limit warming to below 2 C

Analysis by Brian O'Neill, University of Denver and IPCC lead author

## Reducing carbon emissions is job #1

- Protect energy reliability and affordability
- Support from our states and stakeholders
- Advocate for constructive public policy
- Develop carbon-free 24/7 technologies for 2050

# Path to an 80% Reduction by 2030



Affordably and reliably, with current technology

- Increase renewables
- Natural gas and energy storage
- Preserve nuclear
- Retire coal and/or further changes to coal unit operations
- Strategic electrification
- Invest in the grid



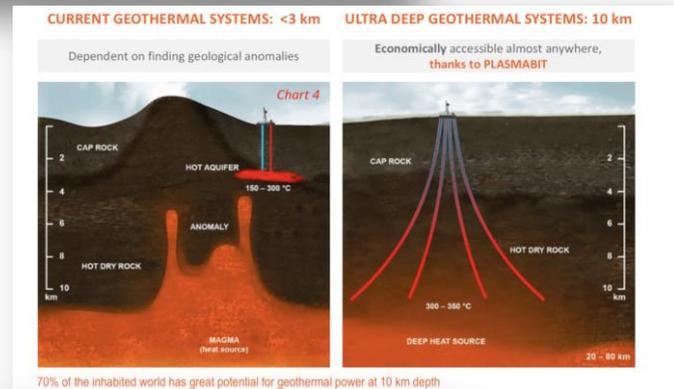
# Path to 100% Carbon-Free by 2050



Relies on new 24/7 carbon-free technology

May include:

- Gas with carbon capture and storage
- Advanced nuclear
- Power to gas
- Deep rock geothermal
- Seasonal storage
- Others



# Community Energy & Carbon Goals



Carbon Reduction Goals	
Minnesota	
Mahtomedi	100% by 2050
Edina	30% by 2025
Minneapolis	80% by 2050
Saint Paul	100% by 2050
Eden Prairie	80% by 2050
Saint Louis Park	100% by 2040
Red Wing	25% reduction
Winona	100% by 2050
Wisconsin	
Eau Claire	100% by 2050
Colorado	
Boulder	80% by 2050
Denver	80% by 2050
Englewood	12% by 2030
Fort Collins	100% by 2050
Lafayette	80% by 2050
Lakewood	50% by 2050
Garfield County	100% by 2040

Renewable Energy Goals	
Minnesota	
Minneapolis	100% by 2022 for municipal facilities 100% by 2030 community-wide
St Louis Park	100% by 2030
St. Cloud	80% by 2018
Wisconsin	
Eau Claire	100% by 2050
La Crosse	25% by 2025
Colorado	
Boulder	100% by 2030
Breckenridge	100% by 2025 for municipal facilities 100% by 2035 community-wide
Denver	100% by 2030
Fort Collins	20% by 2020
Lafayette	100% by 2030
Lakewood	45% by 2025
Longmont	100% by 2030
Nederland	100% by 2020 for municipal facilities 100% by 2025 community-wide
Garfield County	35% by 2020
Pueblo County	100% county-wide by 2035
Summit County	100% community-wide by 2035

# Challenges to a 100% Renewable Grid

1. Costs increase steeply over ~60% annual renewables
2. At 100%, “overbuilding” grid capacity as much as 8x peak is required
3. No great solution to use or store surplus renewable generation



# California Example:



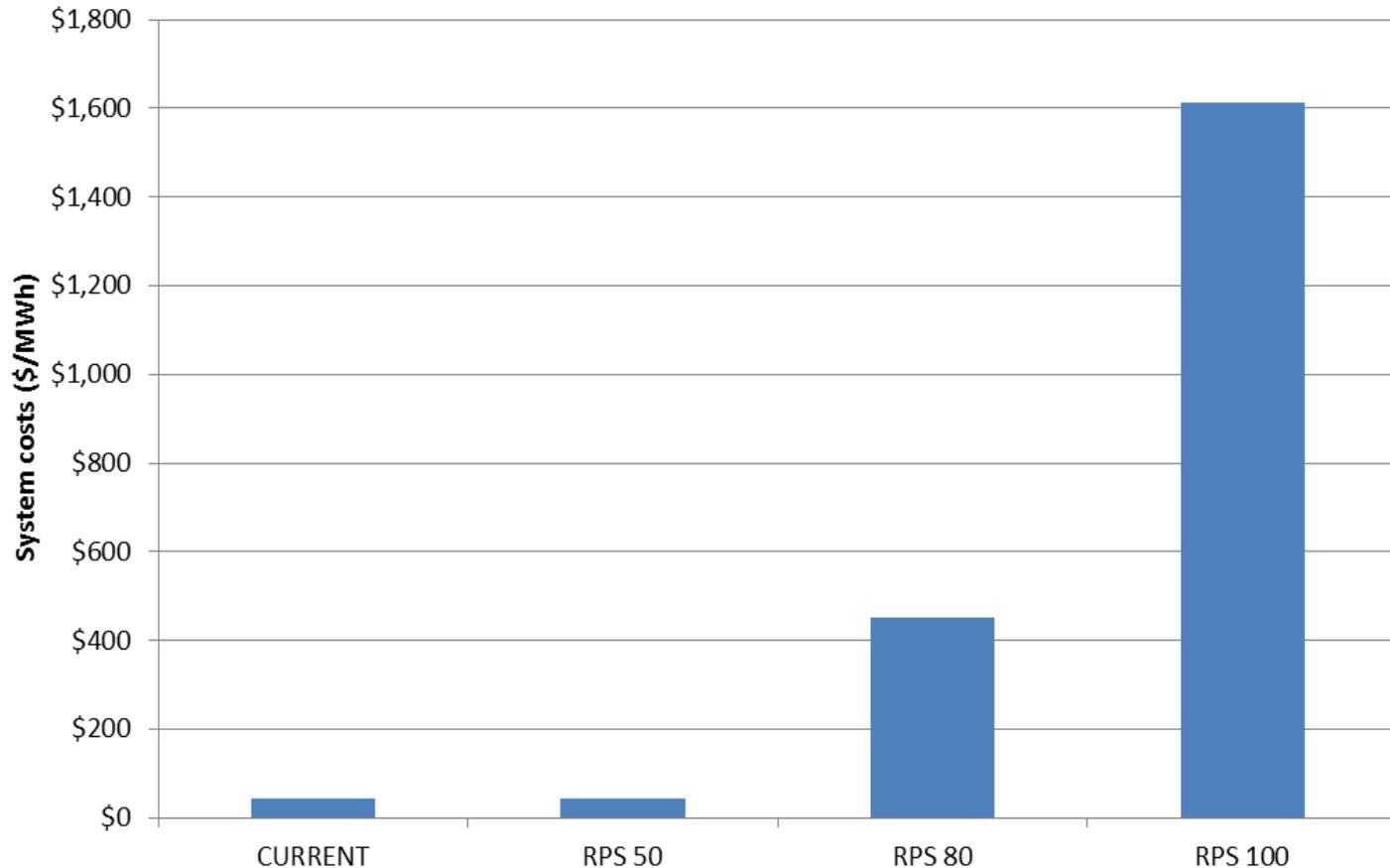
Steep cost increases above 50% renewable

*System energy costs of*  
**\$1,612/MWh**

Current avg.  
price: **\$50/MWh**

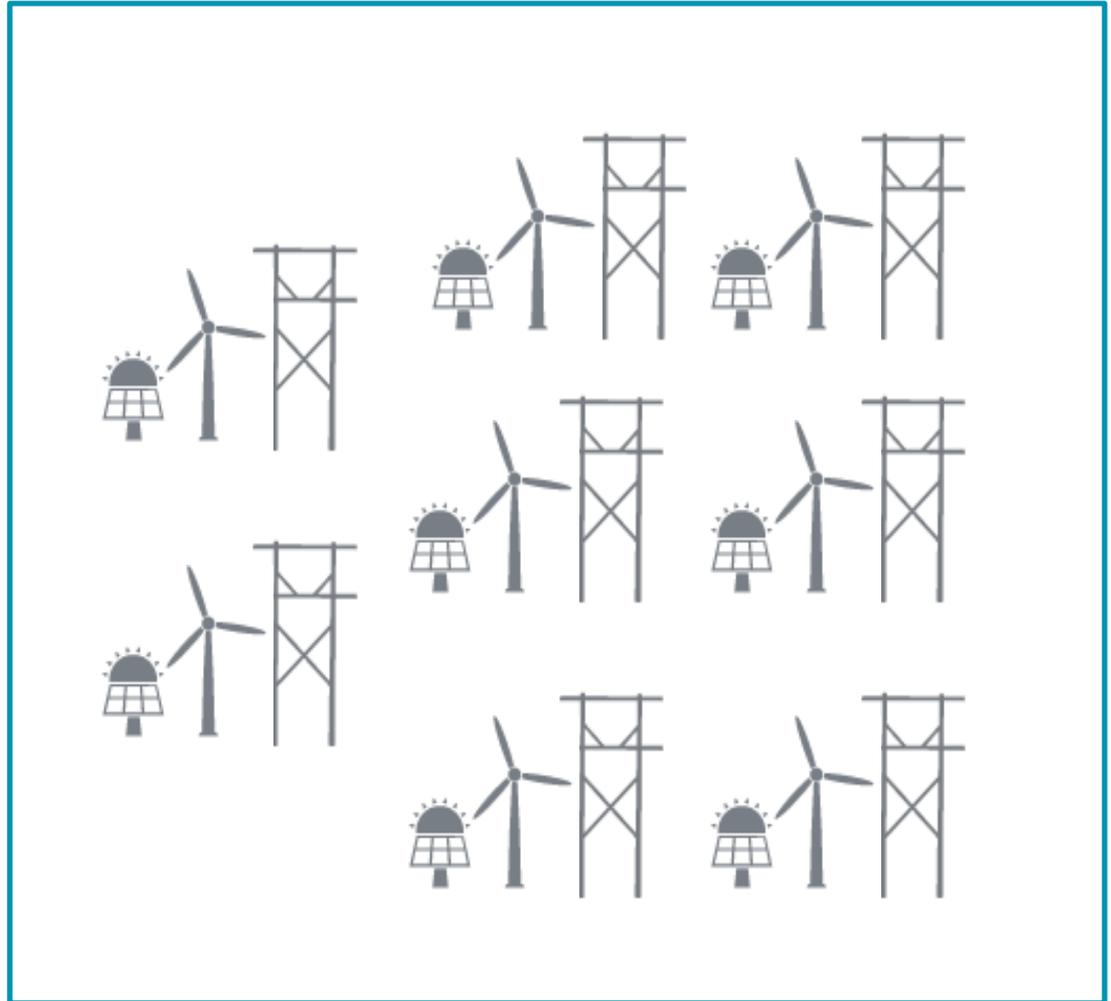
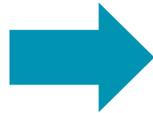
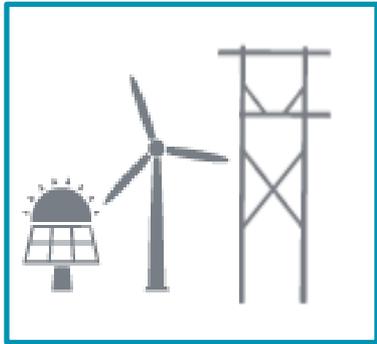
*Source: Clean Air Task Force*

CAISO POWER SUPPLY COSTS  
RPS LEVEL WITH FULL STORAGE



# Result is an “Overbuilt” Grid

Up to 8x the investment and resources



# Battery Storage Alone Does Not Solve This Challenge

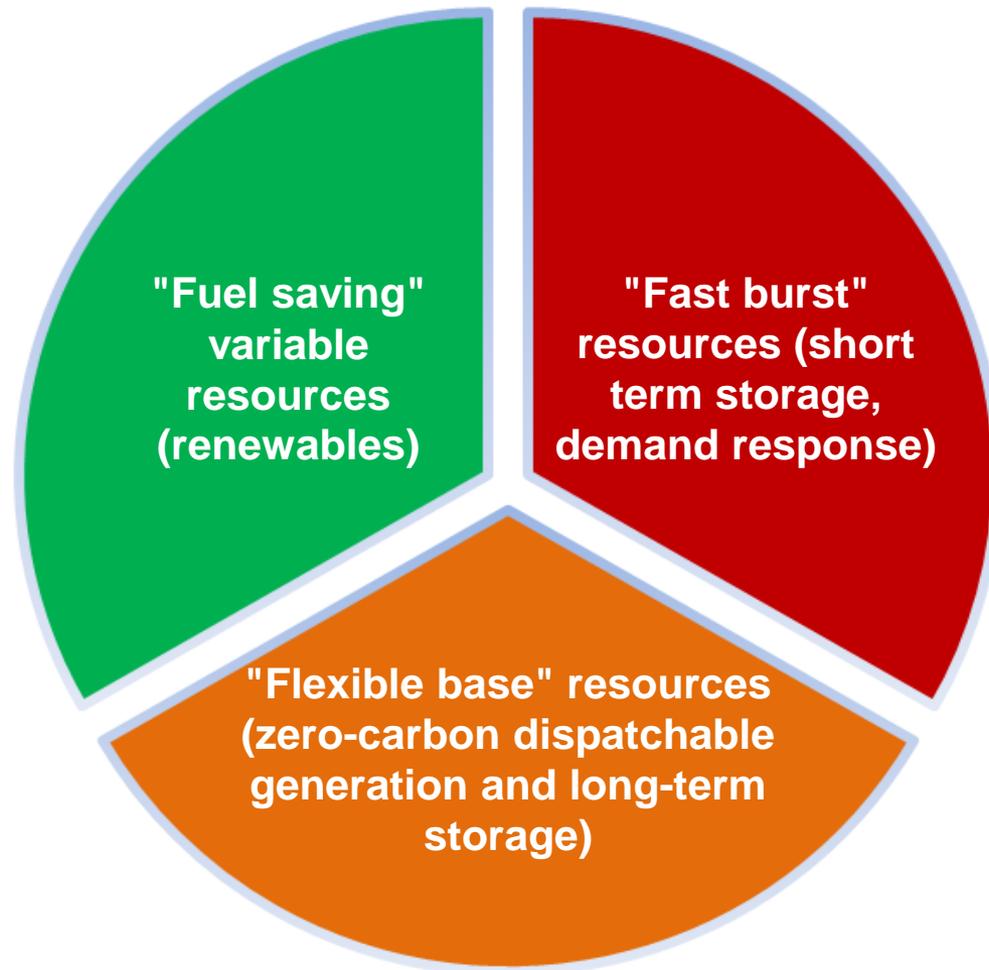
- 100% renewable scenarios create long-term imbalances of supply and demand
- Requires 8-16 weeks of storage
- Largest batteries today provide hours
- Storing all excess generation to avoid curtailment would cost trillions



Tesla's Hornsdale Power Reserve,  
South Australia: 100 MW/129 MWh

# A Balanced Portfolio

Renewables, storage, flexible demand, and new technology



# Eyes on the Prize

- Public policy should aim for the most cost-effective carbon reductions versus very high renewable mandates
- Keep all options open – add more renewables as long as they are the least-cost option, and invest in zero-carbon 24/7 technologies today



# Questions & Answers

# Upcoming Webinars

- April 9 - Changing State Priorities, Part 1
- April 30 - Changing State Priorities, Part 2

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