



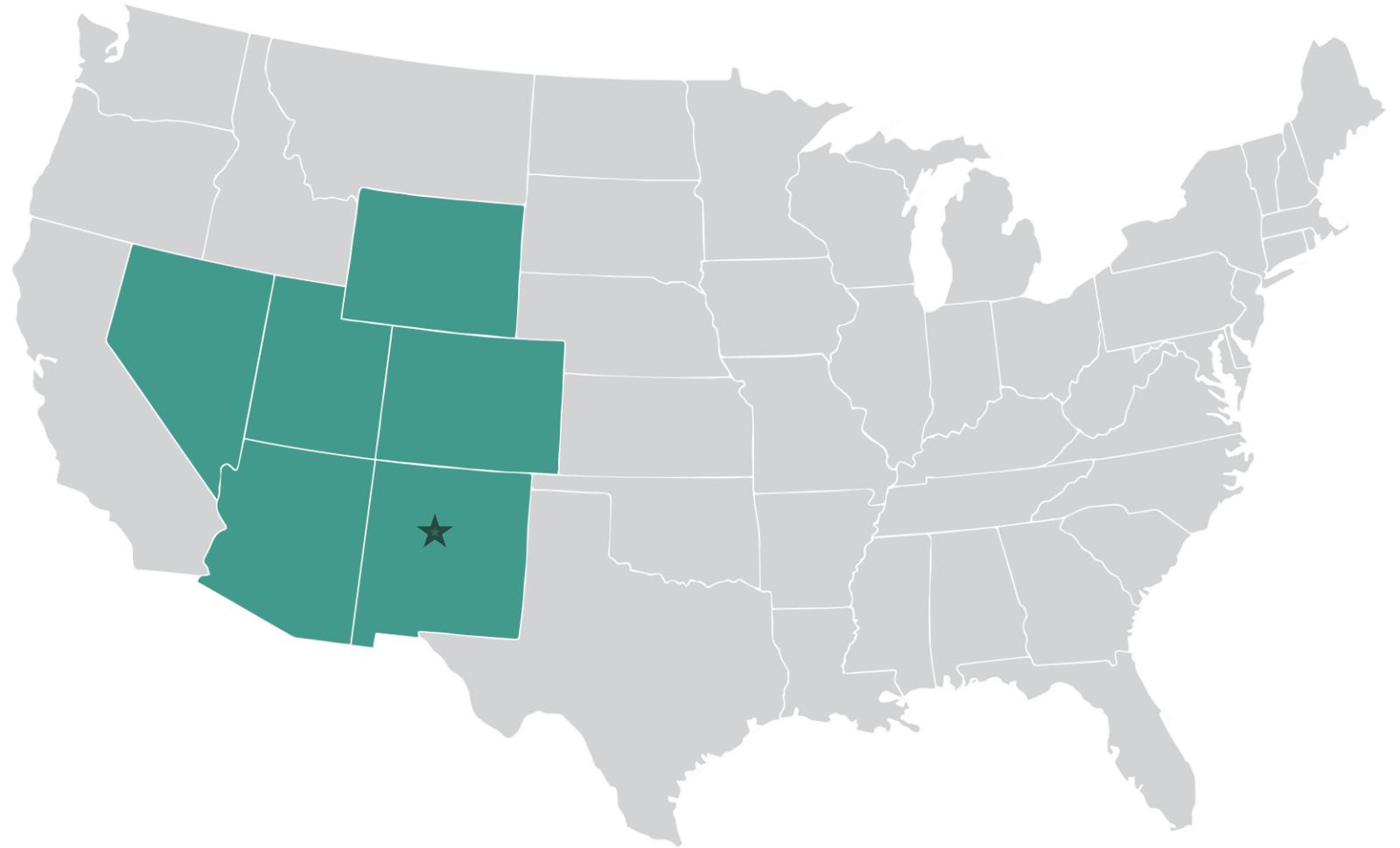
# RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET IN NEW MEXICO

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# INTERWEST ENERGY ALLIANCE

- **Regional non-profit trade association** representing nation's leading developers and manufacturers of wind, solar, geothermal, and storage technologies, working with environmental NGOs
- **Mission** is to make the Intermountain West a leader in deployment of **reliable, cost-effective, and diverse** renewable energy resources.



New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Arizona

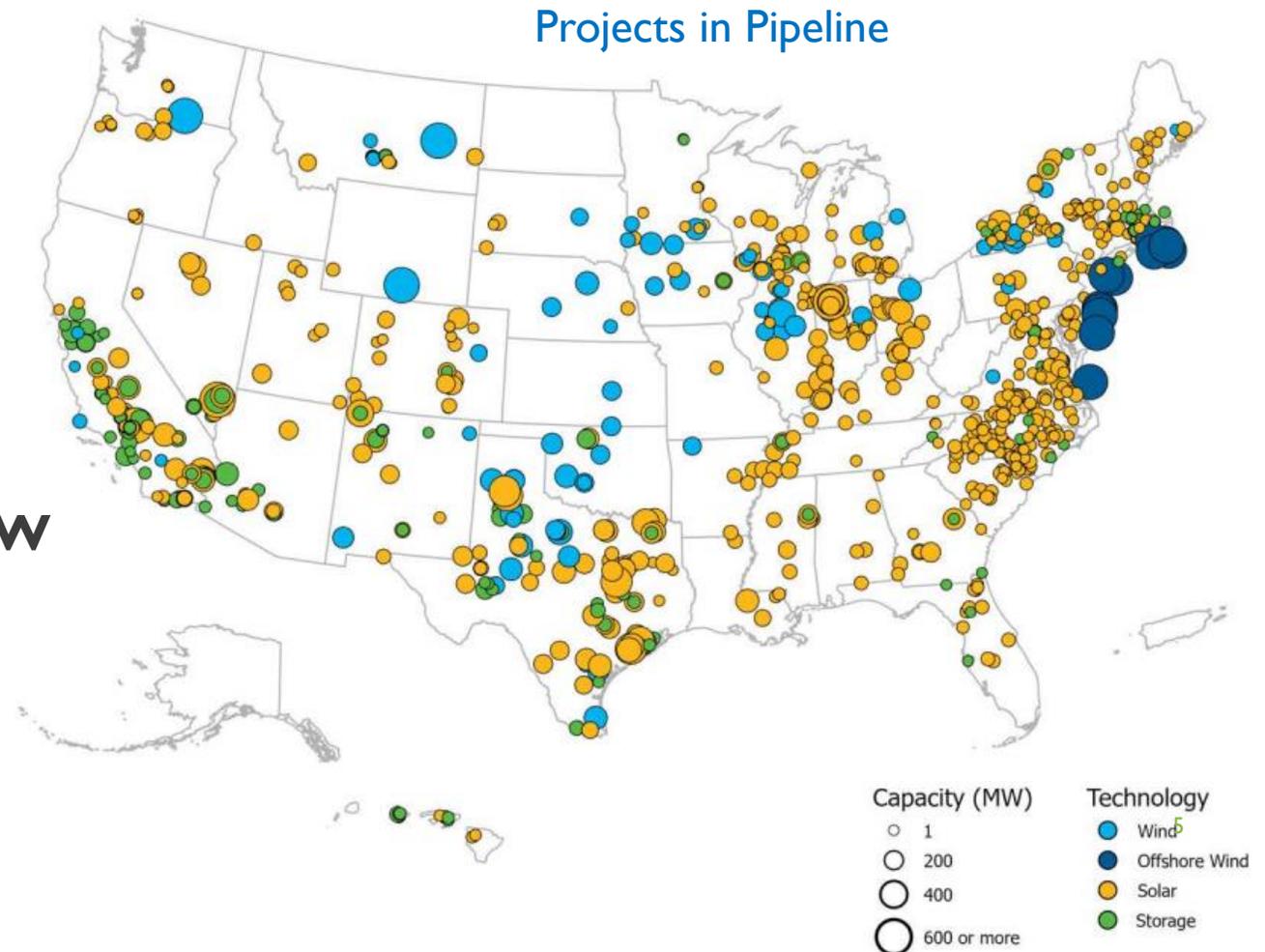




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- Renewables online in NM: **5,105 MW**
  - Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> nationally
- Renewables under construction: **881 MW**
- Renewables in advanced development: **1,768 MW**



# ETA RELATED PROJECTS

## **San Juan Replacement Projects:**

**Total proposal solar generation = 650 MW**

**Total proposed 4-hr storage = 300 MW**

### Arroyo Solar + Storage:

300 MW solar PV

150 MW 4-hour storage

Expected to come online April 2023

McKinley County

### Rockmont Solar + Storage:

100 MW solar PV

30 MW 4-hour storage

Timing uncertain, unlikely for summer 2023

San Juan County, in CCSD

### Jicarilla Solar + Storage:

50 MW solar PV

20 MW 4-hour storage

Expected to come online March 2023

Rio Arriba County

### San Juan Solar + Storage:

200 MW solar

100 MW 4-hour storage

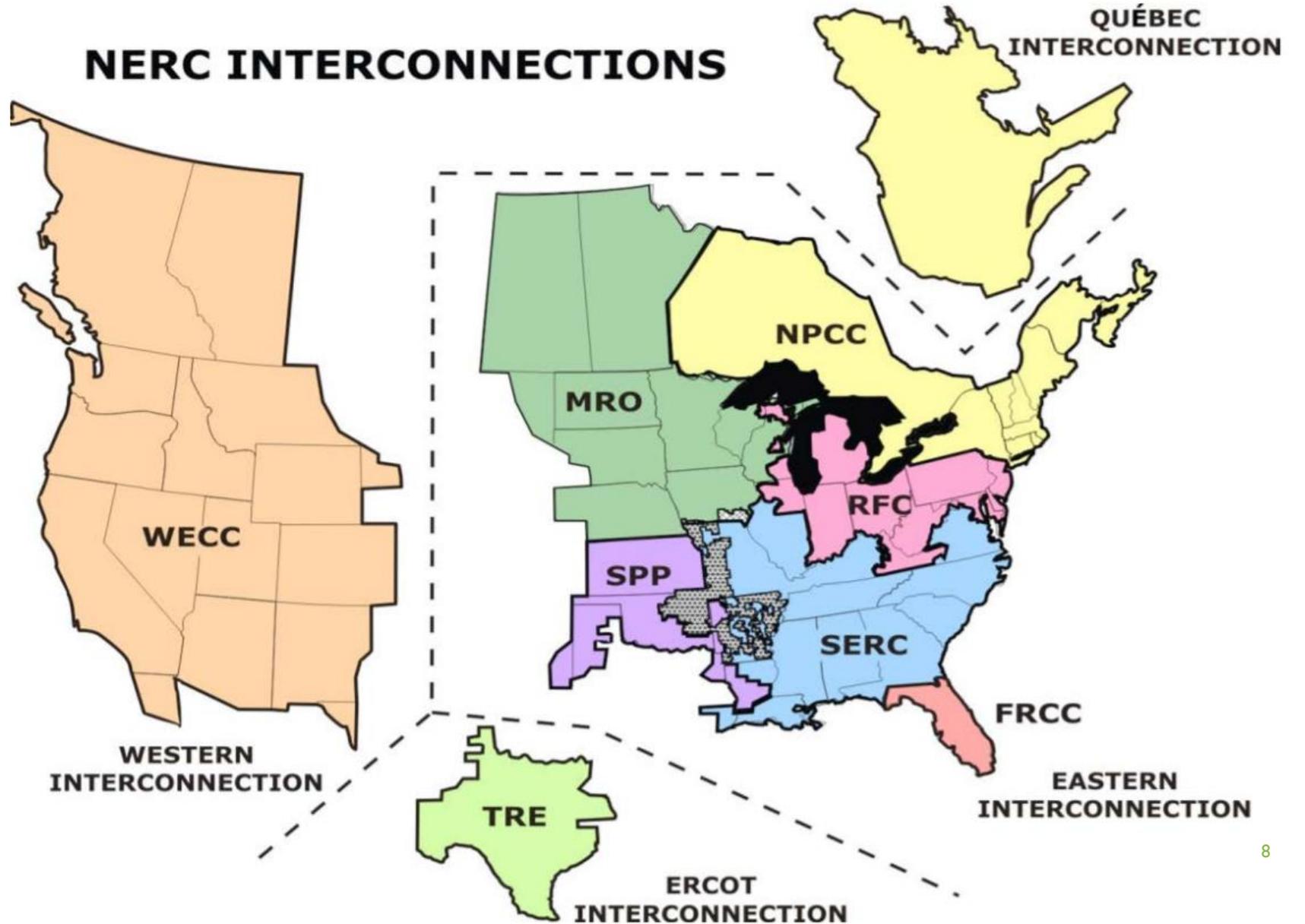
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# REGIONAL DEMAND

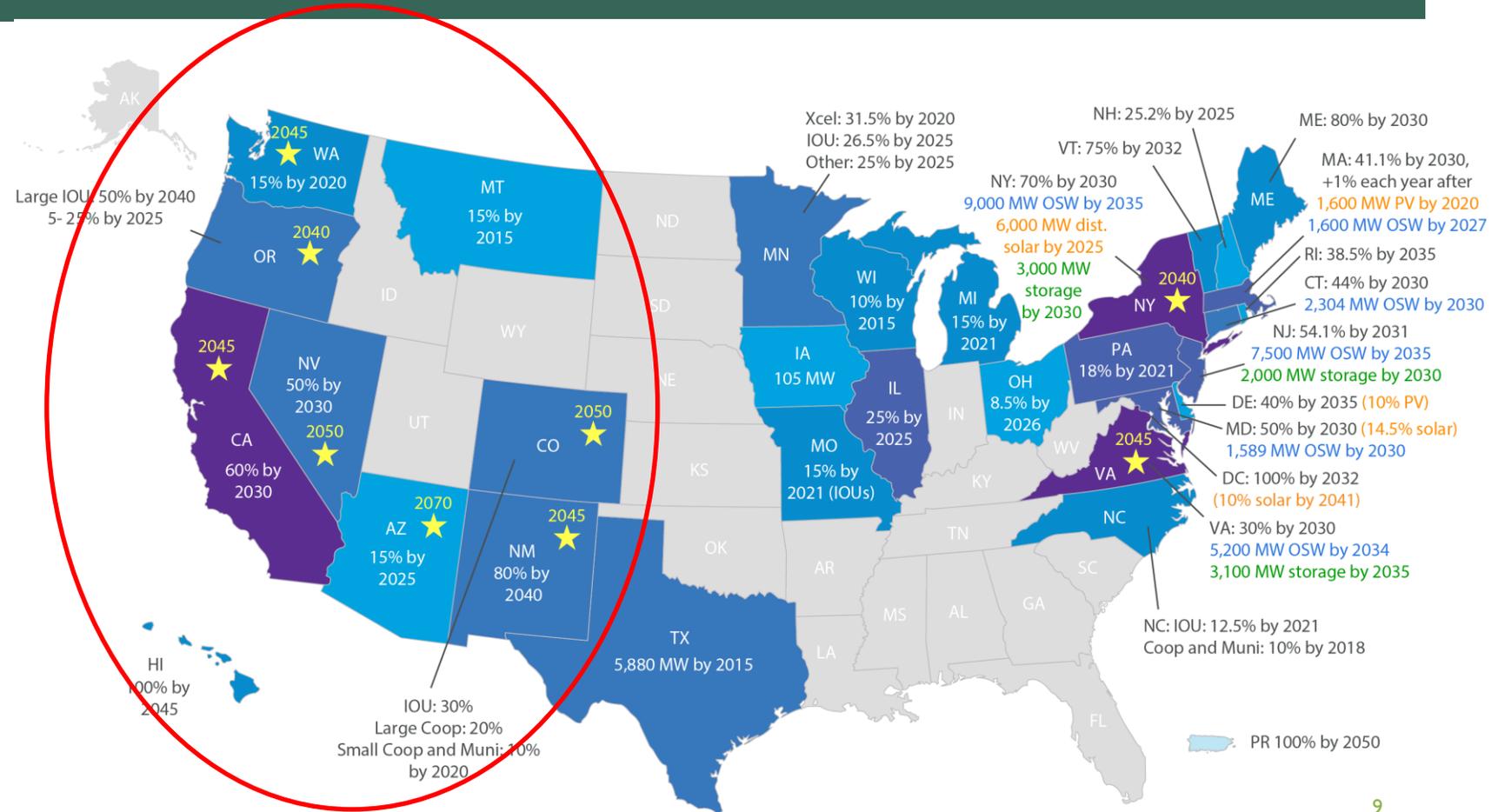
# NERC INTERCONNECTIONS



NM electricity demand makes up just 3.5% of total WECC demand

# REGIONAL POLICY DRIVERS

80% of energy use in the West is now aligned on decarbonization policies



2050 RPS Renewable Electricity Demand (GWh)

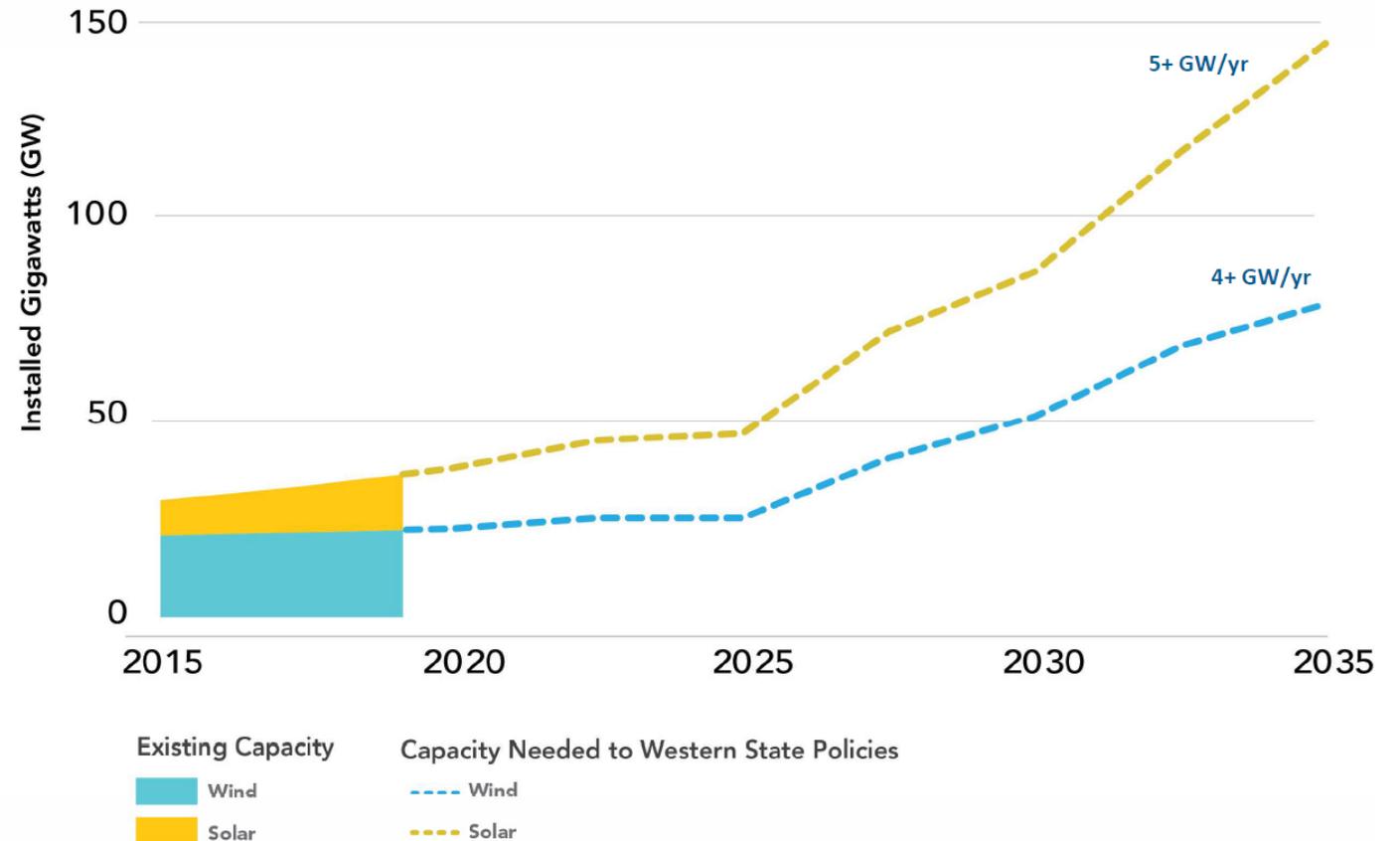
- 0 - 4,000
- 4,001 - 14,000
- 14,001 - 27,000
- 27,001 - 50,000
- 50,001 - 100,000 (none)
- Over 100,000

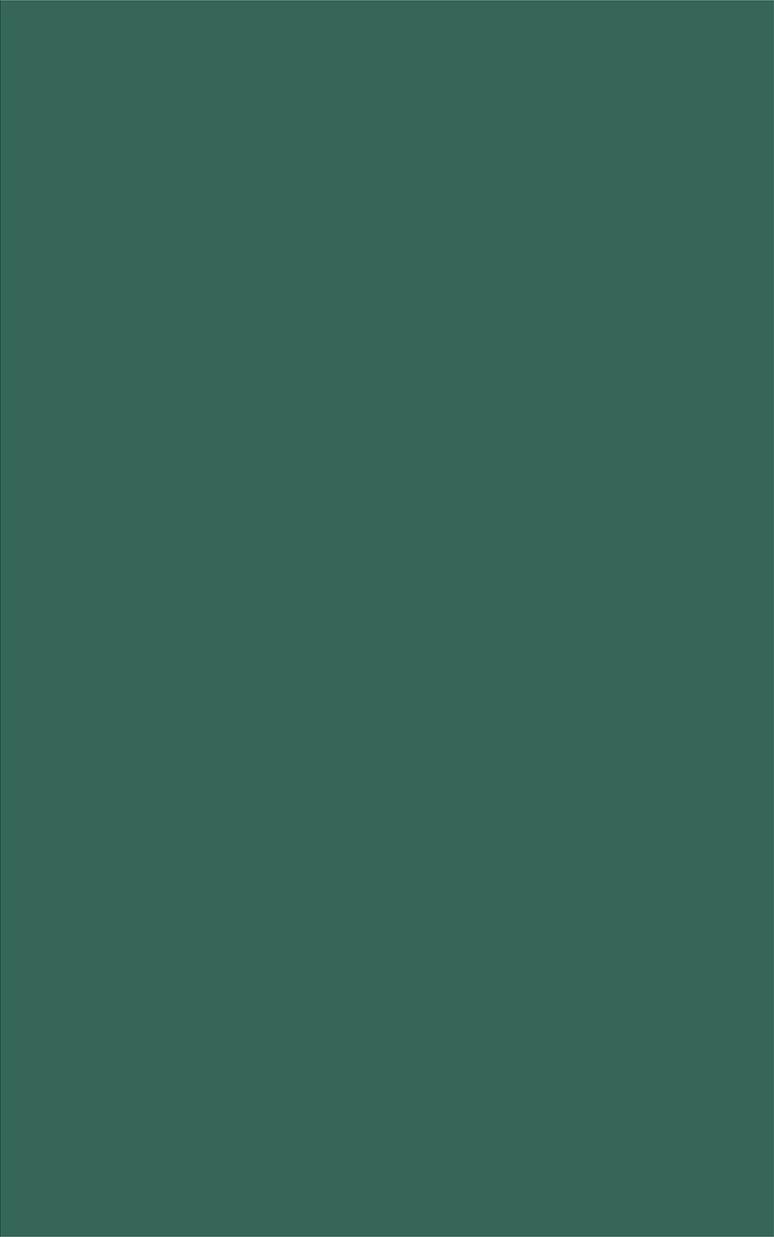
★ 100% clean energy standard

# INCREASED DEMAND FOR RENEWABLES

- Existing policies in the West require ~9 GW new renewables per year starting in 2026
- By 2050 the total demand in the West is upwards of 150 GW
- NM Renewables critical to meeting Western demand

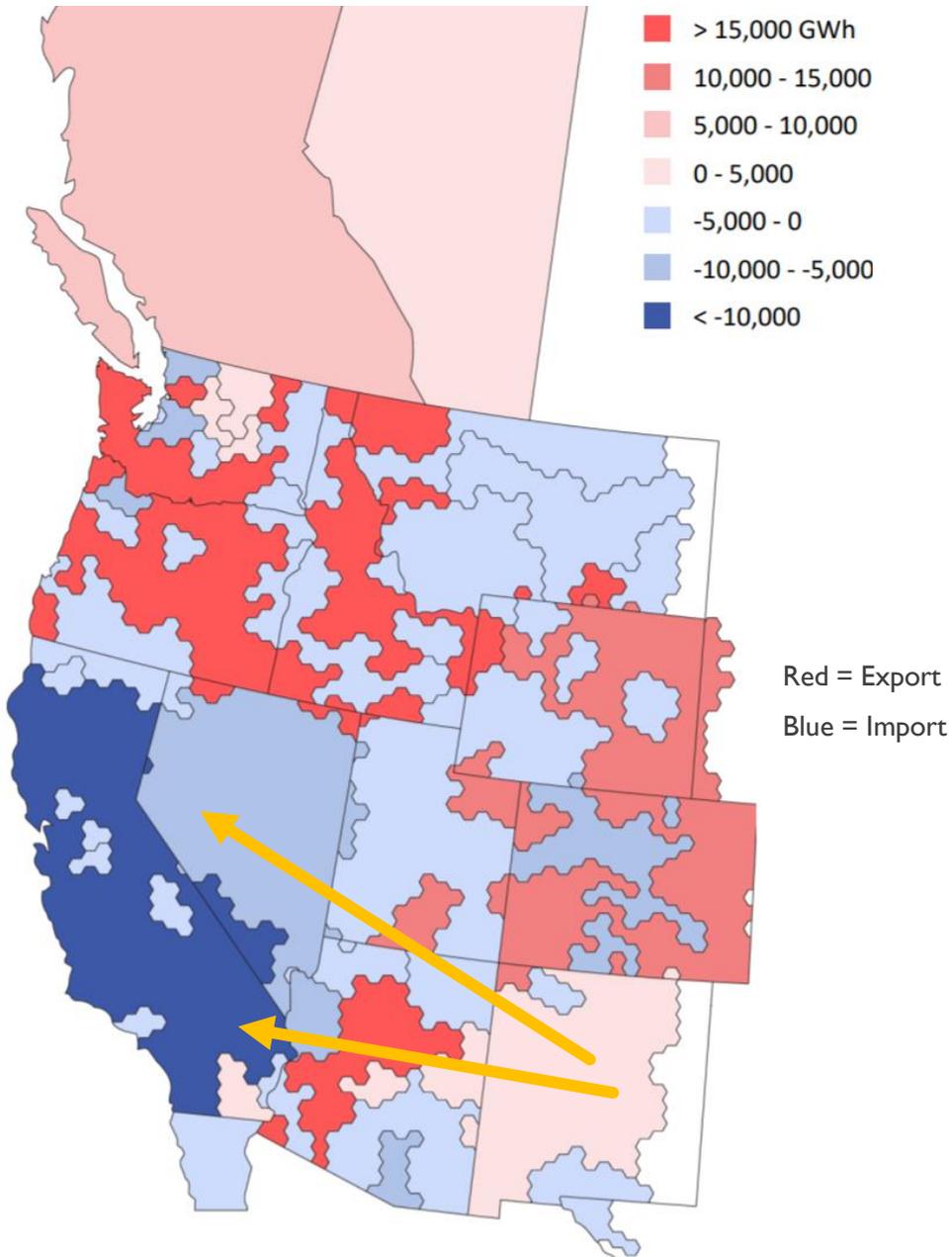
Wind and Solar Needed in the Western U.S. to Meet Existing State Policies





# WHY NEW MEXICO?

## 2016 Net Interchange by Balancing Area



**New Mexico projects can serve customers around the region, but projects must win competitive solicitations.**

### Standard steps:

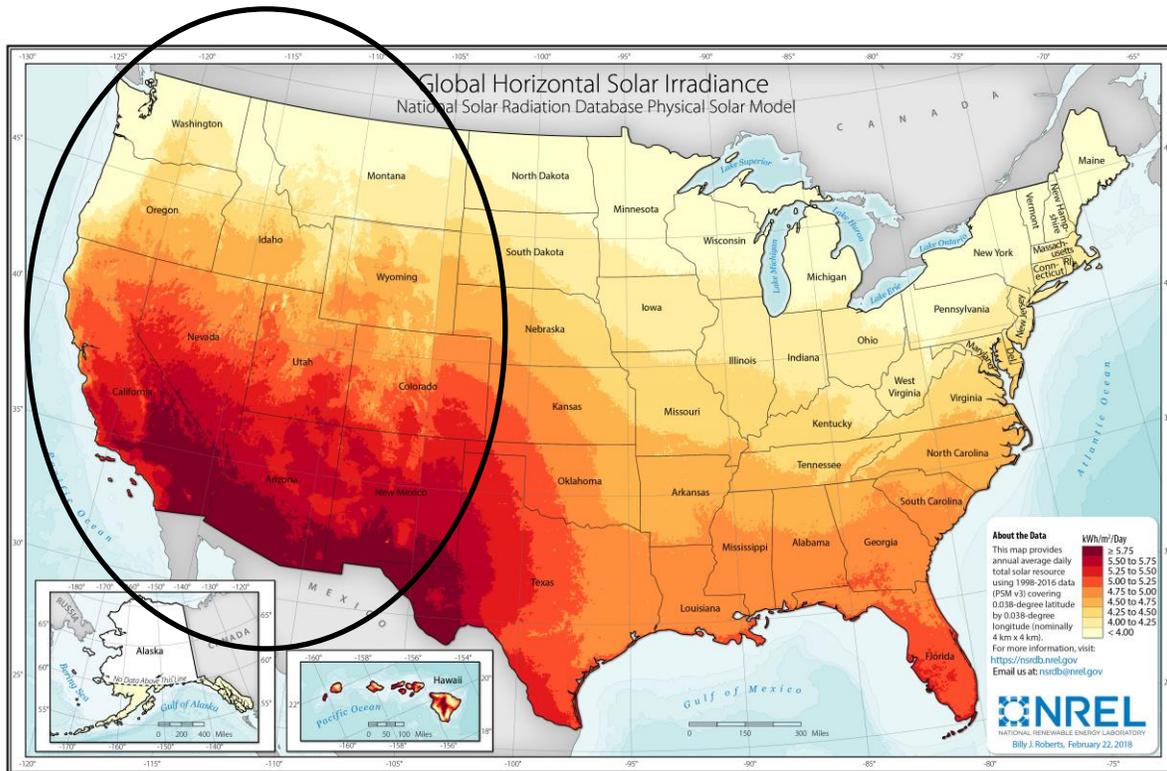
- Utility issues RFP (request for proposals) for energy resource
- Companies bid in proposed projects from around the region
- Utility selects the best project (considering cost, resource type, etc.)
- **If bid is not selected, project does not get built.**

# RFP RESULTS: PSCO 2018 RFP FOR 454 MW

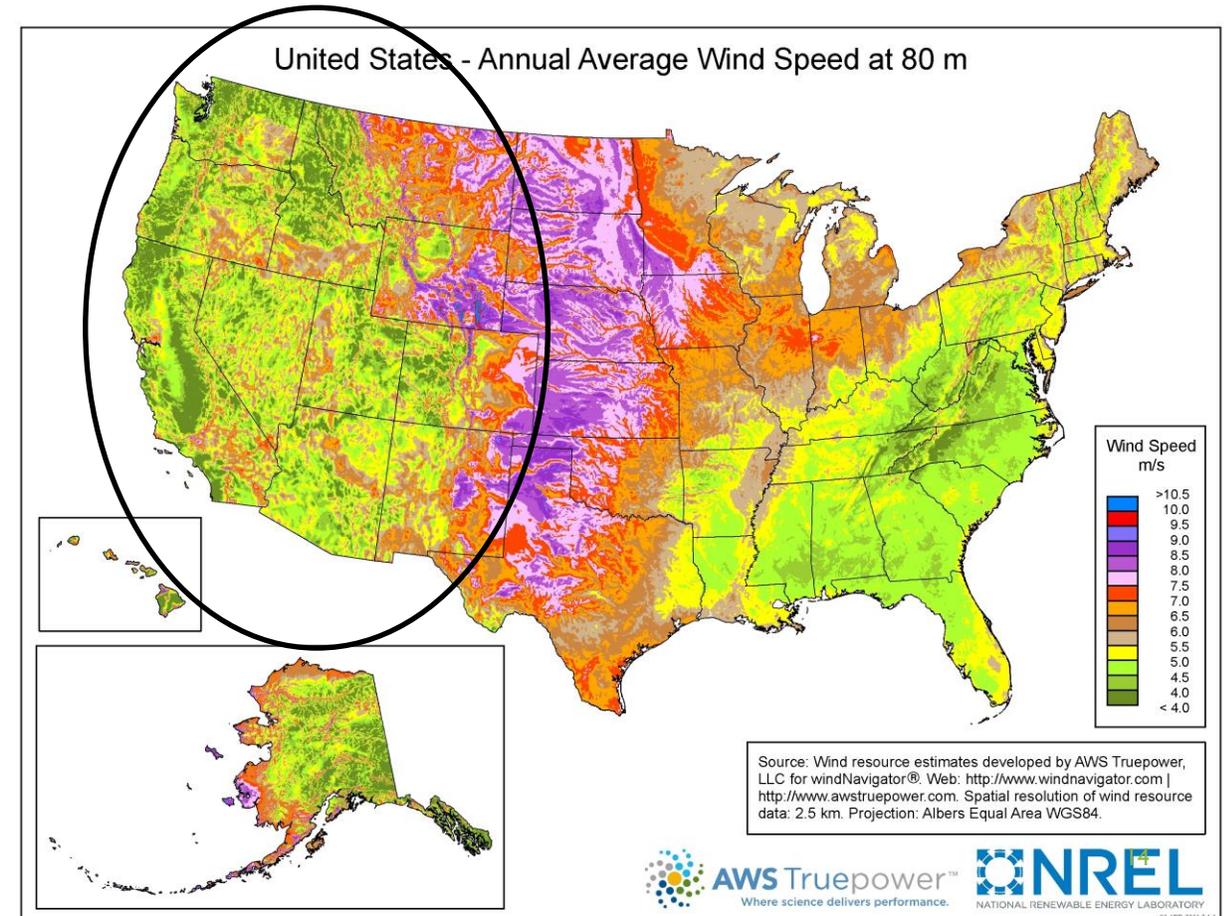
## RFP Responses by Technology

Generation Technology	# of Bids	Bid MW	# of Projects	Project MW	Median Bid	
					Price or Equivalent	Pricing Units
Combustion Turbine/IC Engines	30	7,141	13	2,466	\$ 4.80	\$/kW-mo
Combustion Turbine with Battery Storage	7	804	3	476	6.20	\$/kW-mo
Gas-Fired Combined Cycles	2	451	2	451	6.70	\$/kW-mo
Stand-alone Battery Storage	28	2,143	21	1,614	11.30	\$/kW-mo
Compressed Air Energy Storage	1	317	1	317	14.60	\$/kW-mo
Wind	96	42,278	42	17,380	\$ 18.10	\$/MWh
Wind and Solar	5	2,612	4	2,162	19.90	\$/MWh
Wind with Battery Storage	11	5,700	8	5,097	21.00	\$/MWh
Solar (PV)	152	29,710	75	13,435	29.50	\$/MWh
Wind and Solar and Battery Storage	7	4,048	7	4,048	30.60	\$/MWh
Solar (PV) with Battery Storage	87	16,725	59	10,813	36.00	\$/MWh
IC Engine with Solar	1	5	1	5	50.00	\$/MWh
Waste Heat	2	21	1	11	55.40	\$/MWh
Biomass	1	9	1	9	387.50	\$/MWh
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>111,963</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>58,283</b>		

# CONSIDERATIONS: RESOURCE



Source: NREL: Global Horizontal Solar Irradiance 1998-2016

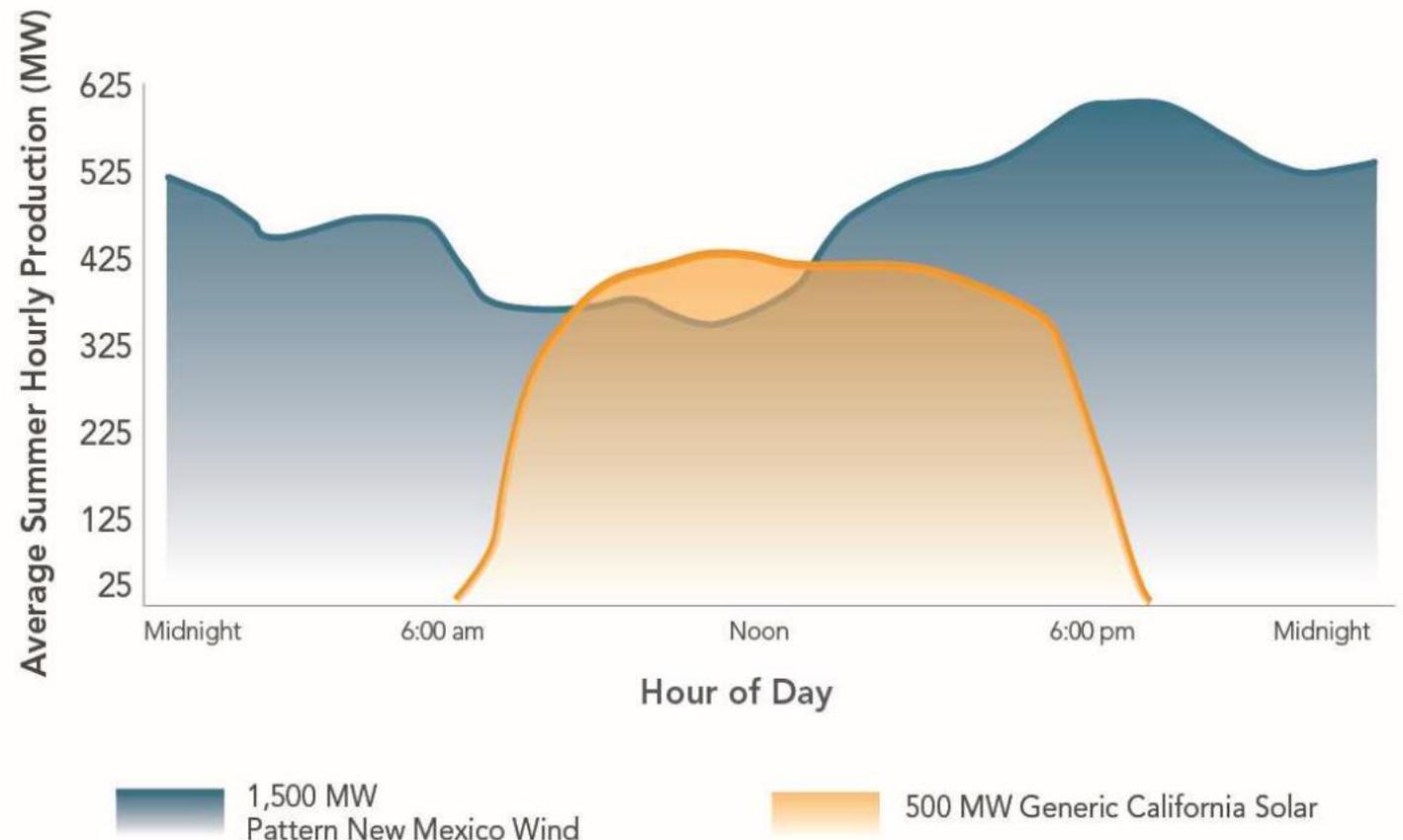


Source: NREL: US 80m Wind Resource

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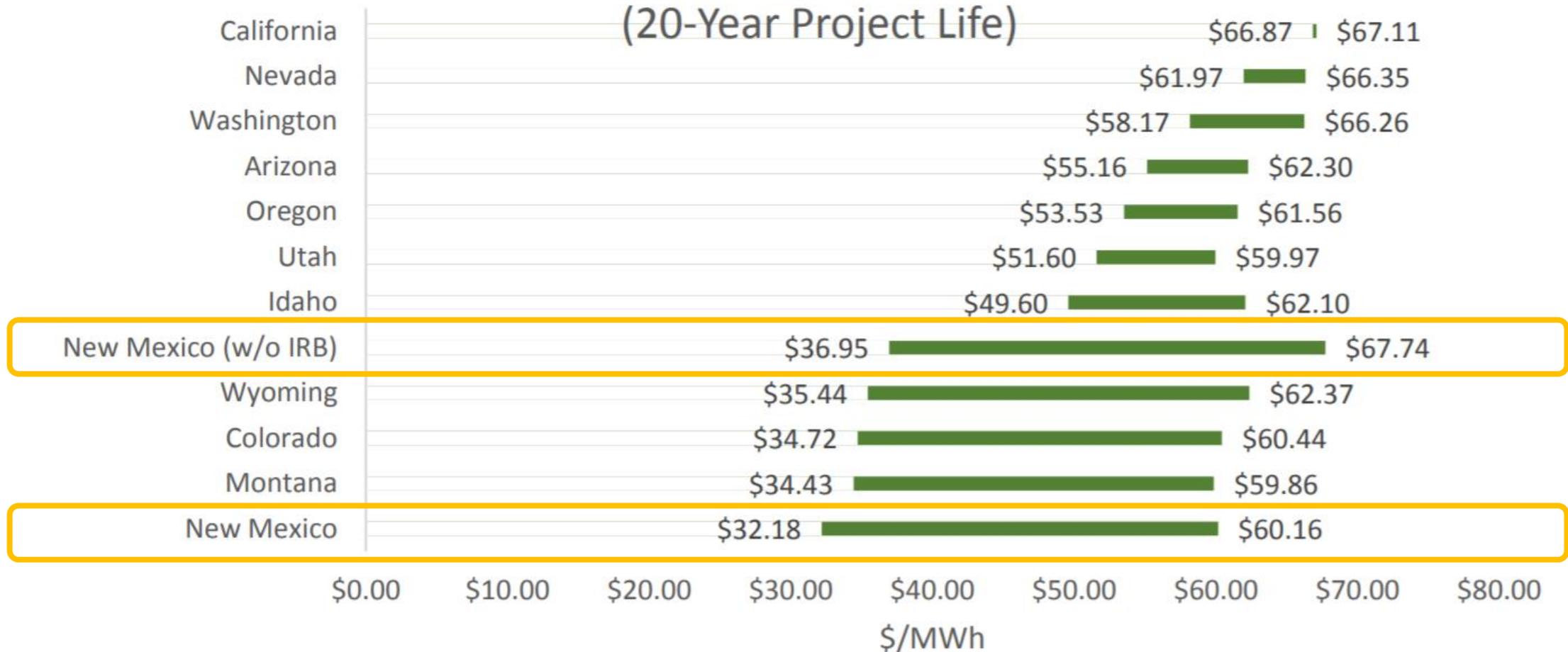
- Regional Electricity markets benefit from geographic diversity
- “Duck Curve” challenges are affecting many markets with high renewable penetration
- Regional coordination enables least cost, highly efficient pairing of wind and solar resources

NM Wind and CA Solar



# CONSIDERATIONS: COST

State Wind Cost of Energy with Current Taxes  
(20-Year Project Life)



# RFP RESULTS: NVE AND BHE

## Price difference is a matter of cents

- NV Energy 2018 RFP Shortlist
  - Approx. difference between highest and lowest bid = \$0.50/MWh
- Black Hills Energy 2019 RFP Shortlist
  - Approx. difference between highest and lowest bid = \$0.87/MWh



# ECONOMIC BENEFITS

# TAXES FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

- **Gross Receipts Tax** (direct and induced) on:
  - Construction
  - Operations (example: any purchased services like maintenance)
  - Consumed electricity and other purchased commodities
- **Corporate Income Tax**
- **Personal Income Tax** on:
  - Payroll
  - Land Lease Payments to Property Owners
  - Operating revenue of vendors providing contract services
- **Property Taxes**, if a non-IRB project, or Payment in lieu of taxes (**PILT**) to each county and school district touched by the project with an IRB

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Capital Investment:** \$9 billion

**Landowner Payments:** \$31.7 million annually

- Consistent income that flattens peaks and valleys
- Keeps local farmers and ranchers on their land

**Jobs:** 3,800 renewable energy jobs in the state

- Employment numbers highest during construction
- Additional jobs in Engineering, Tech, Law

# REVENUE SHARING ON STATE TRUST LANDS

- According to the New Mexico State Land Office, there exists about nine million acres of land in the state available for lease to renewable energy companies.
- Current wind and solar leases bring in ~\$2 million per year in lease payments to the state.
  - 16 Active Wind leases = 619 MW
  - 11 Active Solar leases = 303 MW
- More revenue on the horizon (expecting ~\$3million per year):
  - 12 Wind Lease Applications = 2,570 MW
  - 35 Solar Lease Applications = 3,146 MW





LOOKING  
FORWARD

# NM WILL BENEFIT FROM GROWTH SCENARIO

- Additional renewable development means additional revenue for the state
  - Bulk of state tax collection comes during construction phase
- Need to stay competitive in order to win bids
  - Projects generally will not be built if they cannot win RFPs
- Transmission expansion/grid modernization
  - More transmission is needed to move electrons
  - A “Regional Transmission Organization” can help us achieve our goals

# QUESTIONS?

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