

# Wind Energy Update

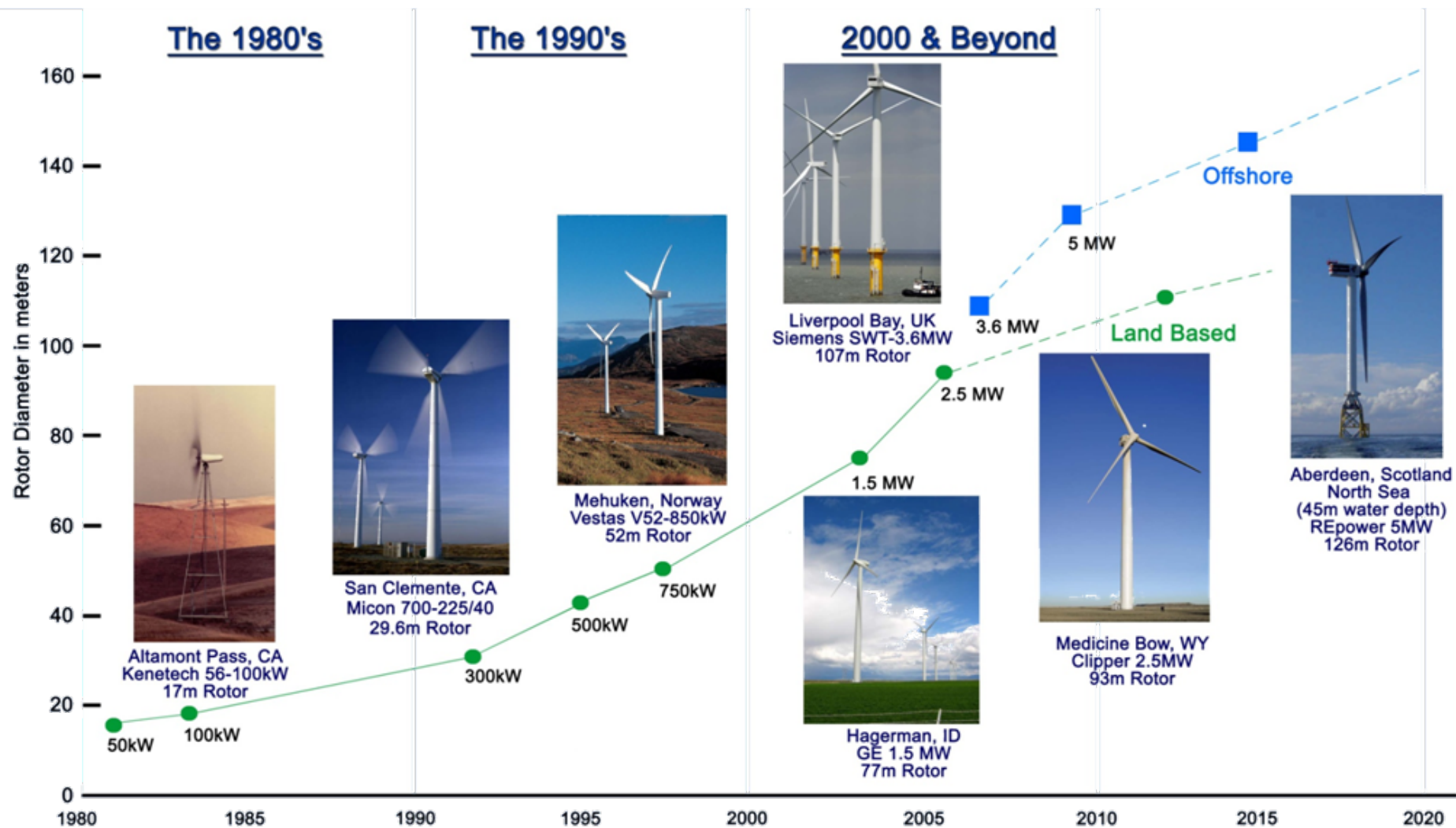


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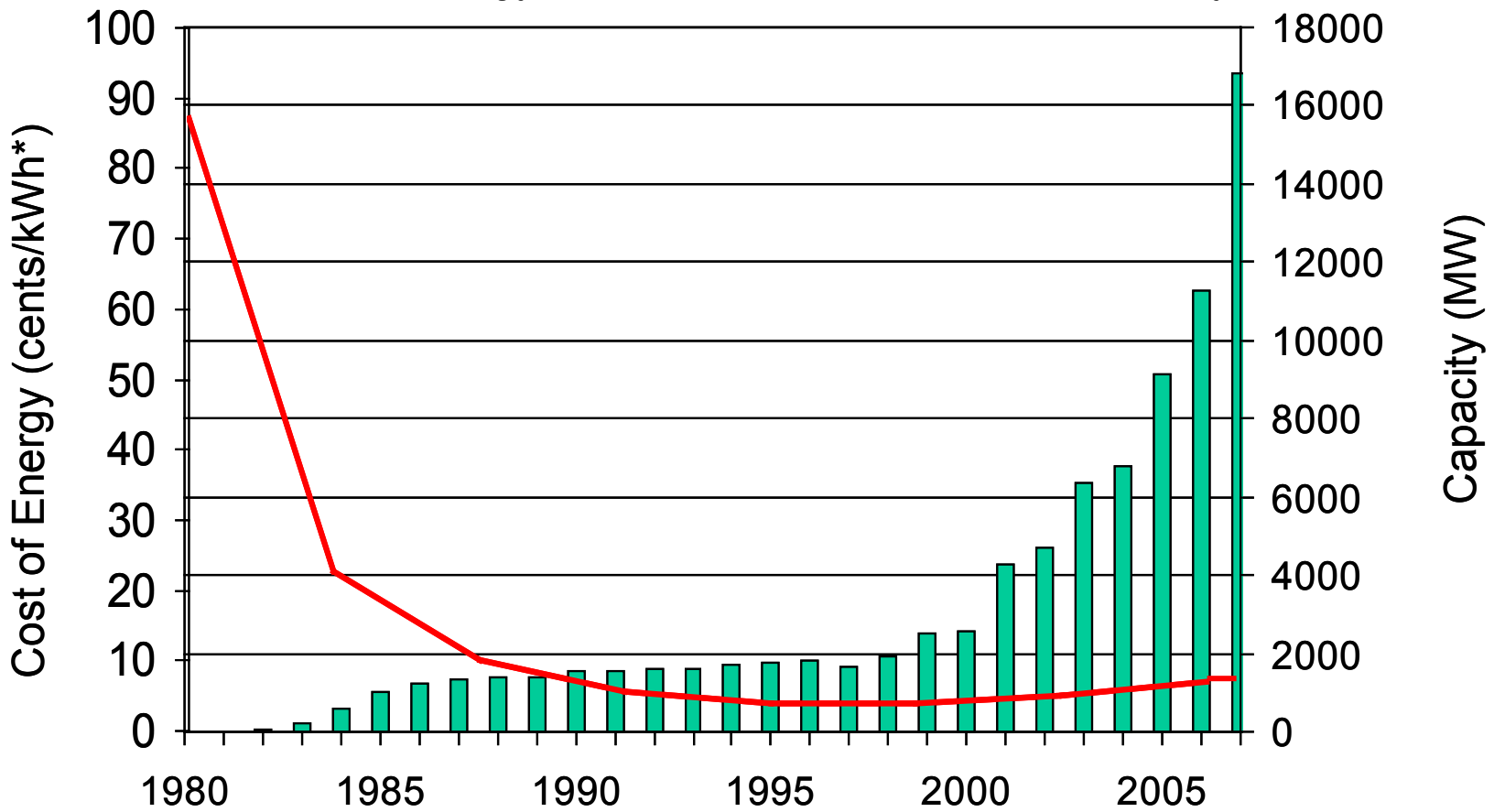
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# Evolution of Commercial Wind Technology



# Capacity & Cost Trends

## Cost of Energy and Cumulative Domestic Capacity

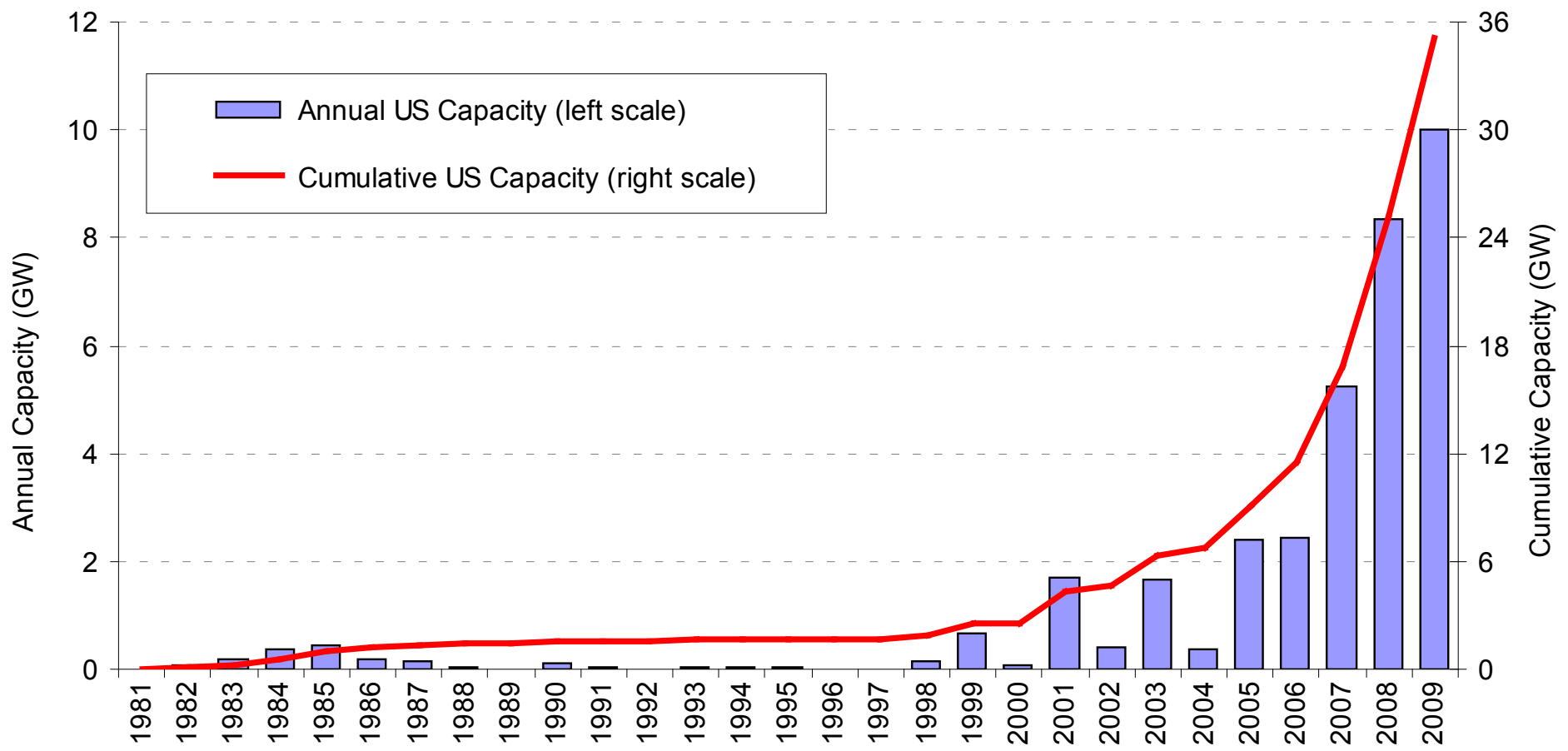


\*Year 2000 dollars

Increased Turbine Size - R&D Advances - Manufacturing Improvements

# Five Years of Strong Growth:

## 2009: 9,994 MW Added; \$21 billion Investment

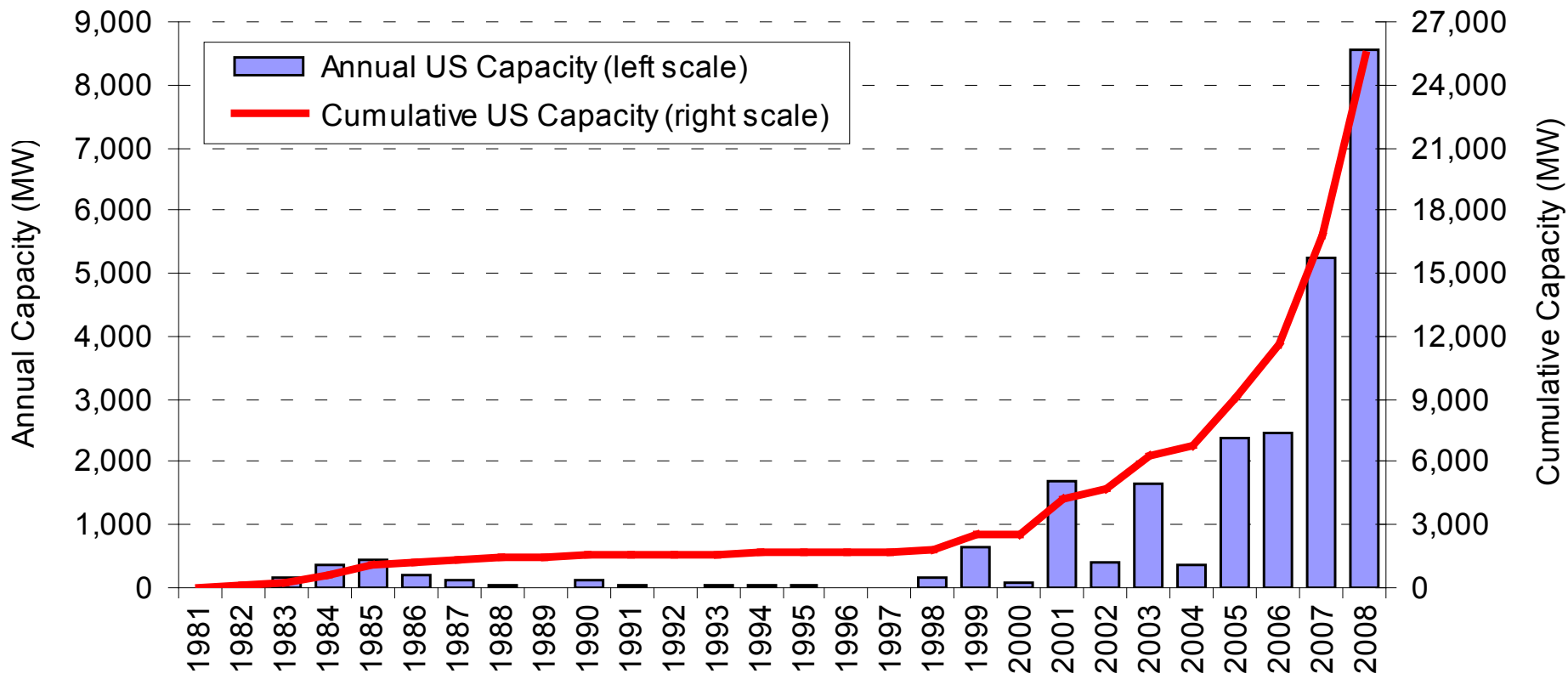


2<sup>nd</sup> largest market (behind China) in 2009 capacity additions; largest market in terms of cumulative capacity



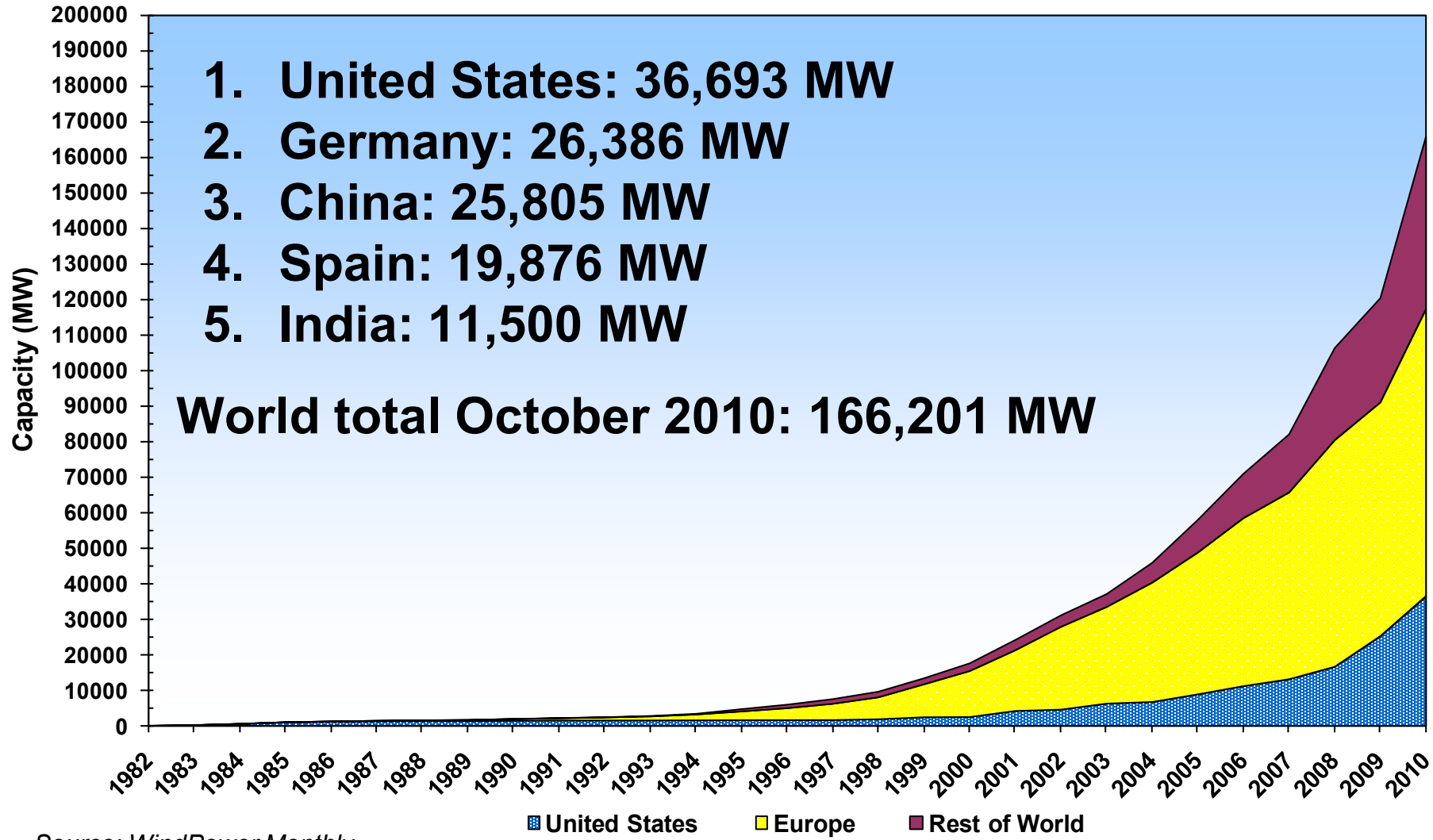
# Four Years of Strong Growth:

## 2008: 8,558 MW Added; \$16 billion Investment



# People Want Renewable Energy!

### Total Installed Wind Capacity



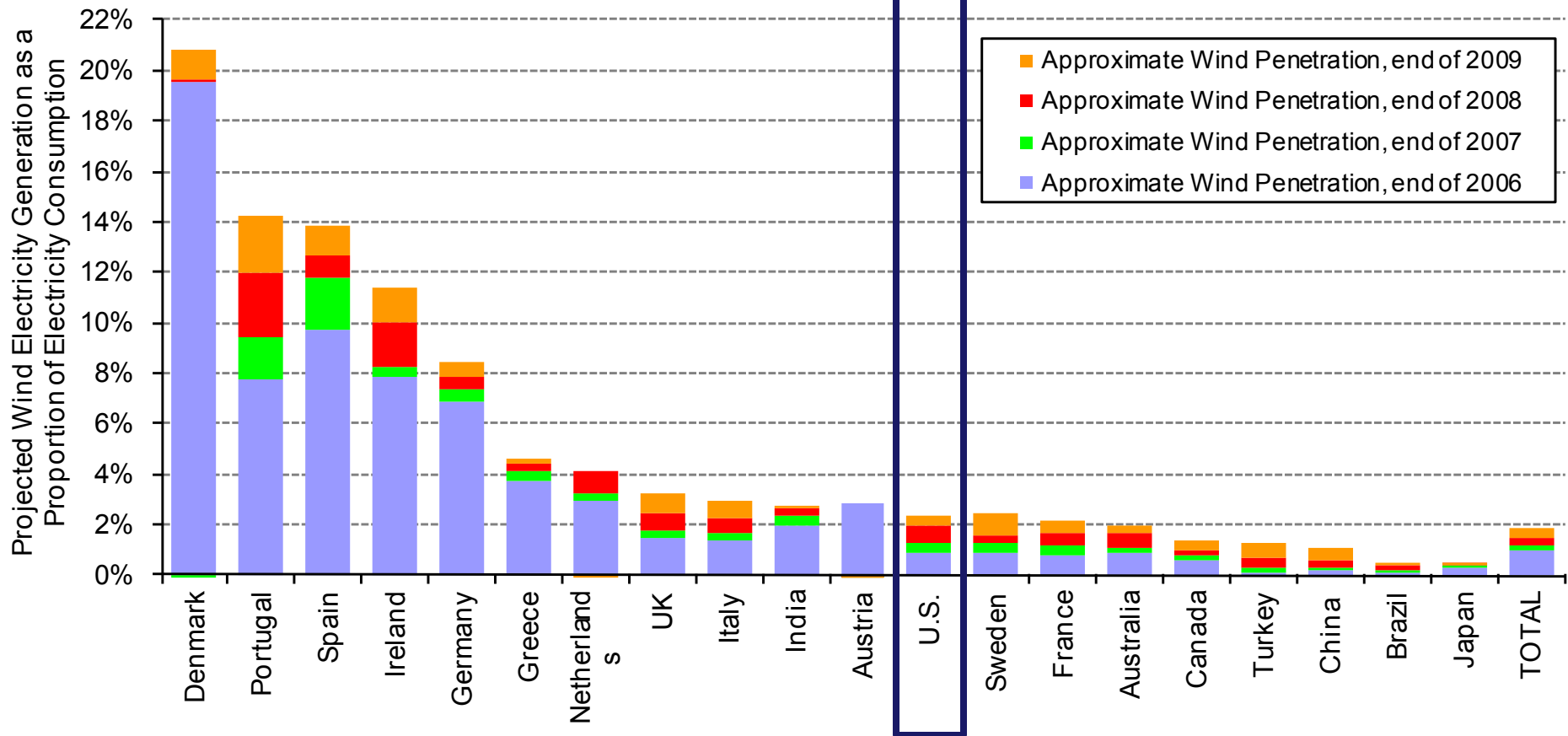
Source: WindPower Monthly

# Four States Have Achieved > 10% Wind; Texas Continues to Lead in Capacity

Annual Capacity (2009, MW)		Cumulative Capacity (end of 2009, MW)		Estimated Percentage of In-State Generation	
Texas	2,292	Texas	9,410	Iowa	18.8%
Indiana	905	Iowa	3,670	South Dakota	13.6%
Iowa	879	California	2,798	North Dakota	11.5%
Oregon	754	Washington	1,908	Minnesota	10.0%
Illinois	632	Oregon	1,821	Oregon	8.7%
New York	568	Minnesota	1,810	Kansas	7.2%
Washington	542	Illinois	1,547	Colorado	7.0%
North Dakota	488	New York	1,274	Wyoming	6.9%
Wyoming	425	Colorado	1,246	Texas	6.3%
Pennsylvania	388	North Dakota	1,203	Oklahoma	5.0%
Oklahoma	299	Oklahoma	1,130	Montana	4.8%
California	281	Wyoming	1,101	Washington	4.5%
Utah	204	Indiana	1,036	New Mexico	4.4%
Kansas	199	Kansas	1,014	California	3.1%
Colorado	178	Pennsylvania	748	Maine	3.1%
Missouri	146	New Mexico	597	Idaho	2.9%
Maine	128	Wisconsin	449	Indiana	2.7%
South Dakota	126	Montana	375	Hawaii	2.2%
Montana	104	West Virginia	330	Illinois	2.1%
New Mexico	100	South Dakota	313	New York	2.0%
<i>Rest of U.S.</i>	358	<i>Rest of U.S.</i>	1,376	<i>Rest of U.S.</i>	0.25%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,994</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,155</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

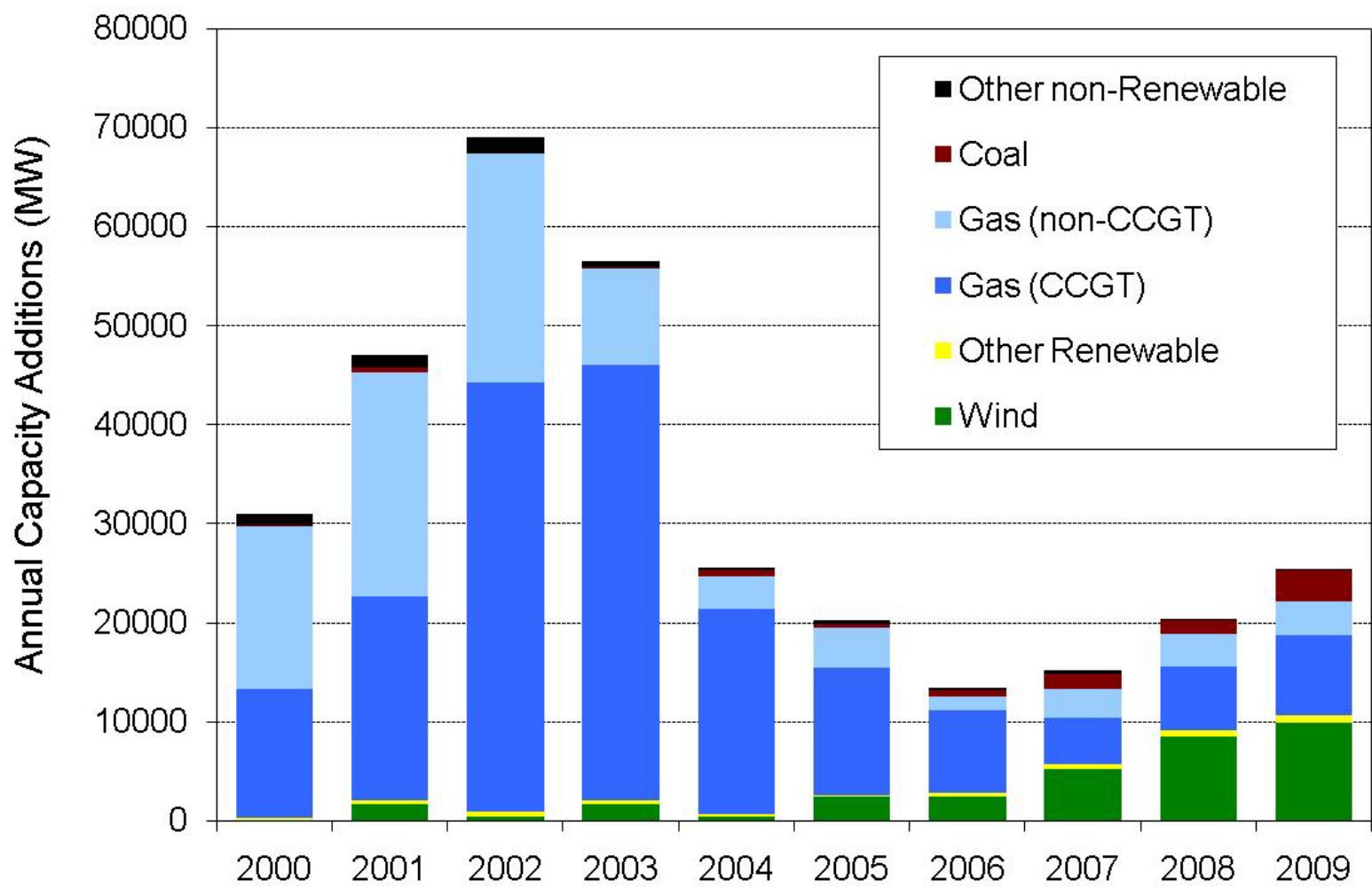
Source: AWEA project database, EIA, Berkeley Lab estimates

# Wind Capacity at End of 2009 Could Deliver 2.4% of US Electricity Supply



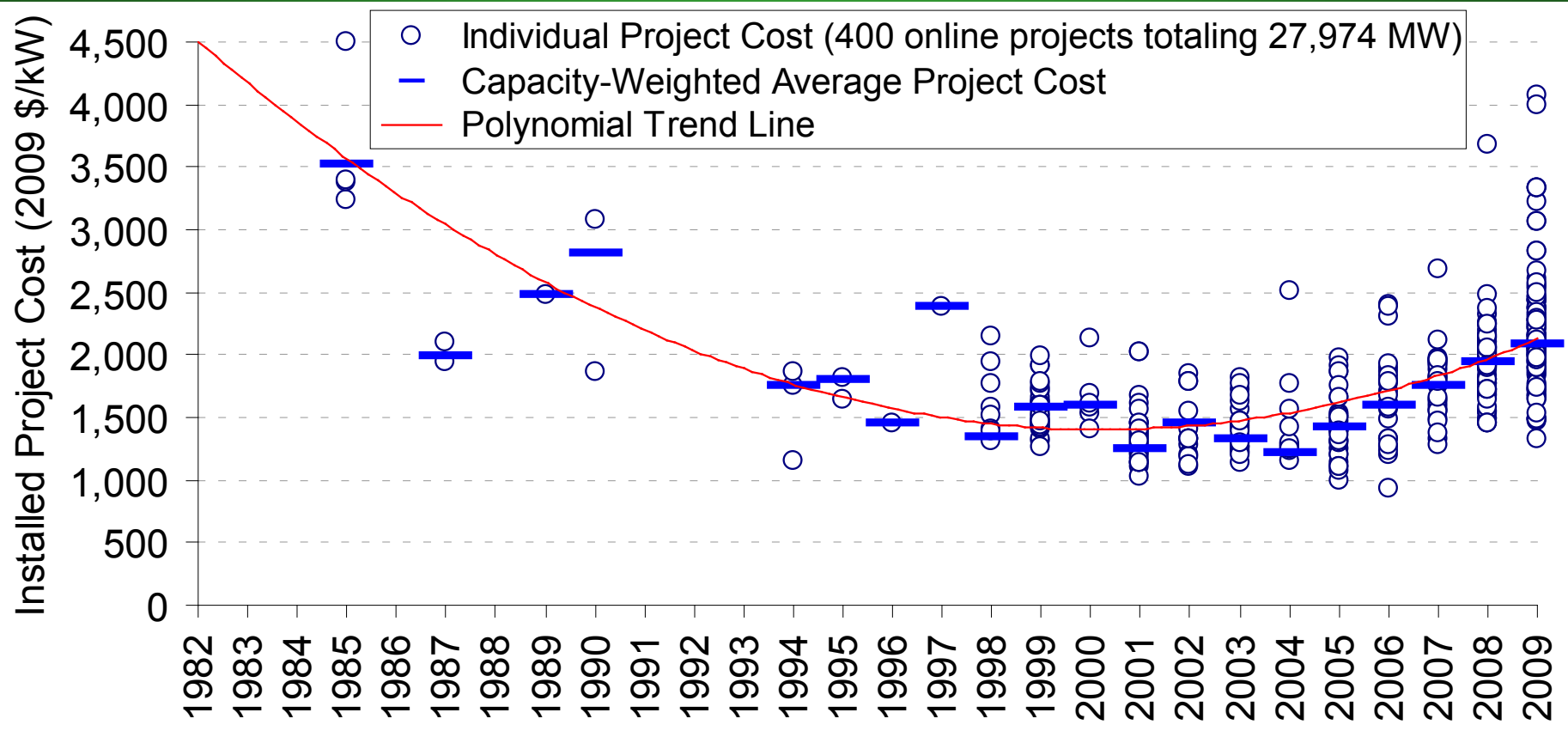
Note: Figure only includes the 20 countries with the most installed wind capacity at the end of 2009

# Wind Is a Major Source of New Capacity Additions: 39% in 2009



Source: EIA, Ventyx, AWEA, IREC, Berkeley Lab

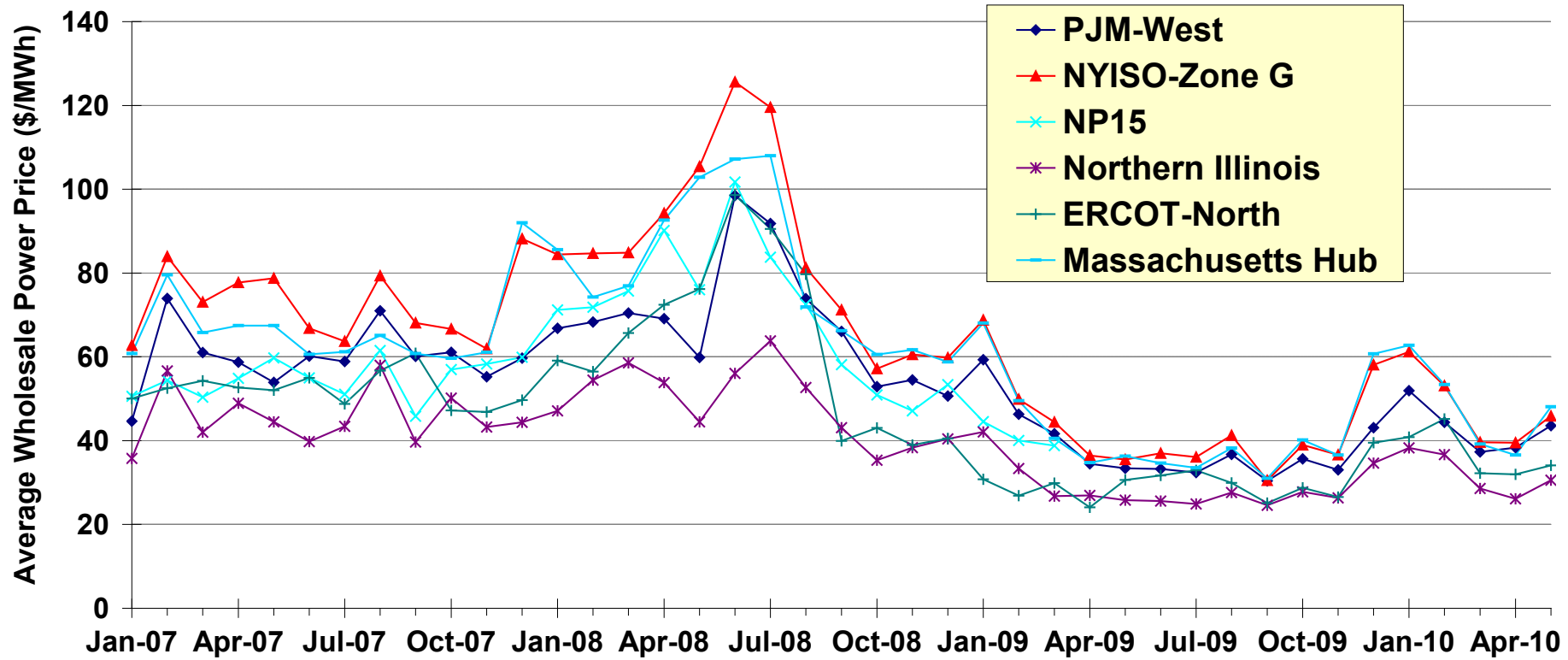
# Wind Project Installed Costs in 2009 Continued to Rise, on Average



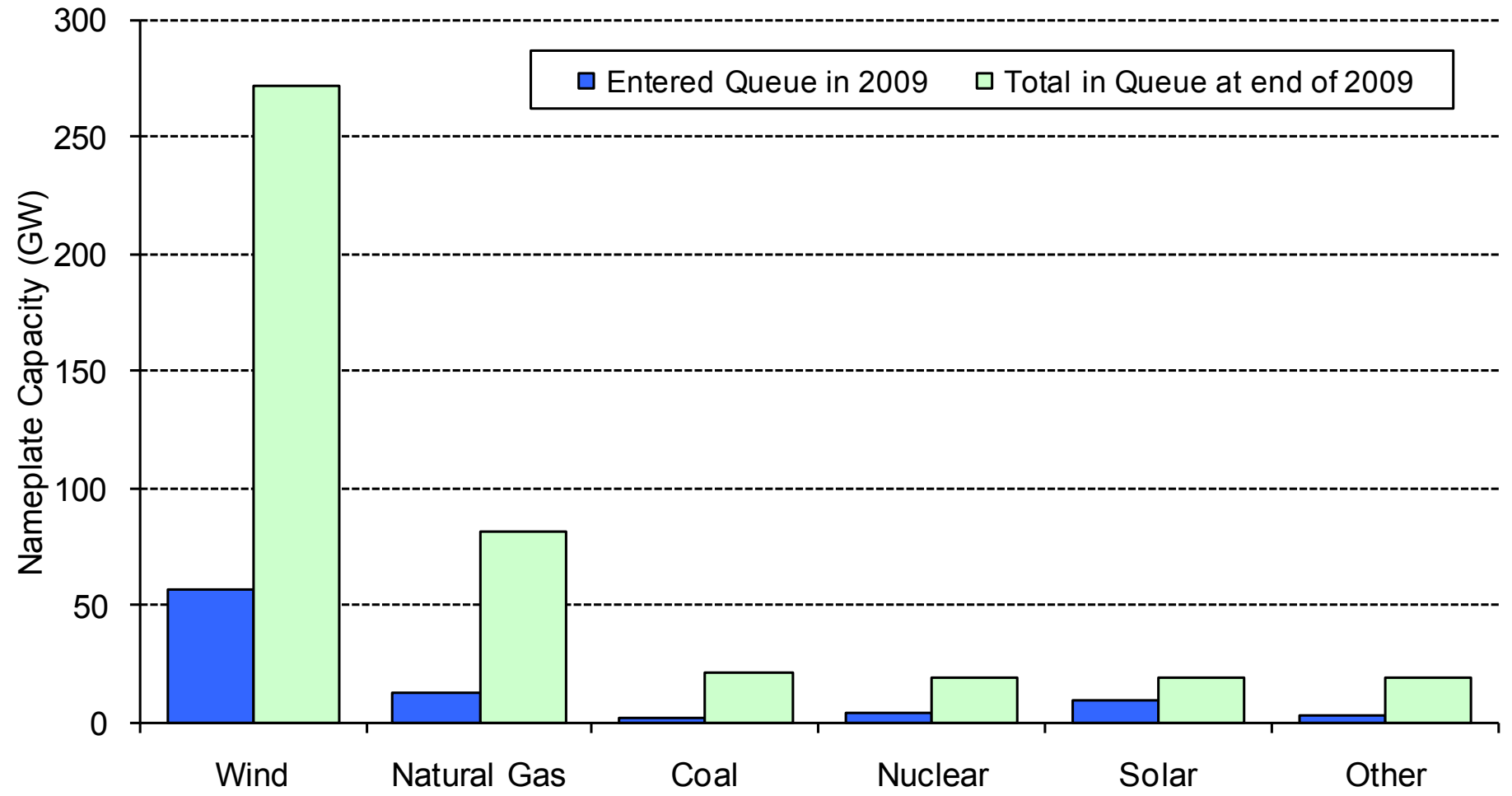
Project costs bottomed out in 2001-2004, and have risen by roughly \$800/kW, on average, through 2009



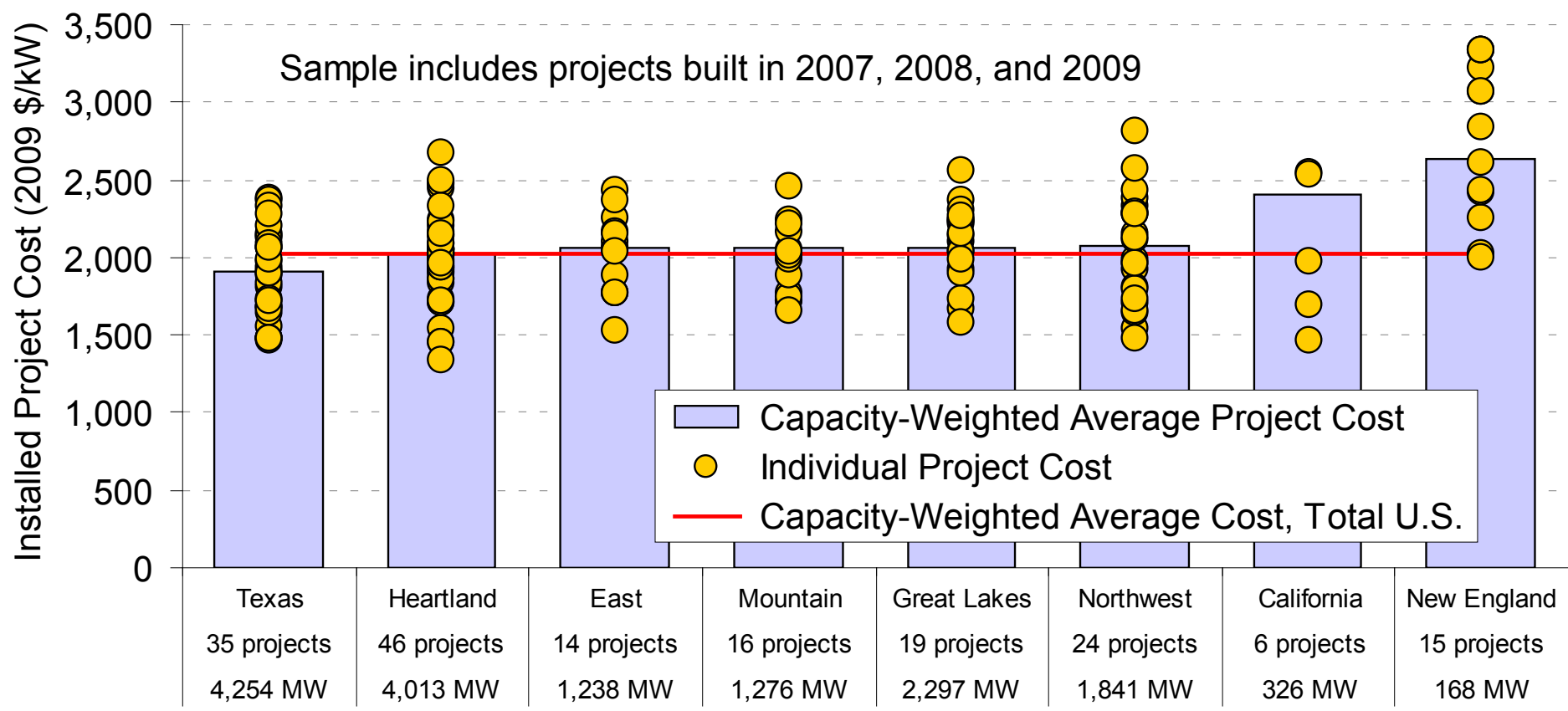
# ...While Wholesale Prices Have Recently Plummeted (with Natural Gas Prices)



# Interconnection Queues Are Clogged with Wind Projects: Nearly 300 GW

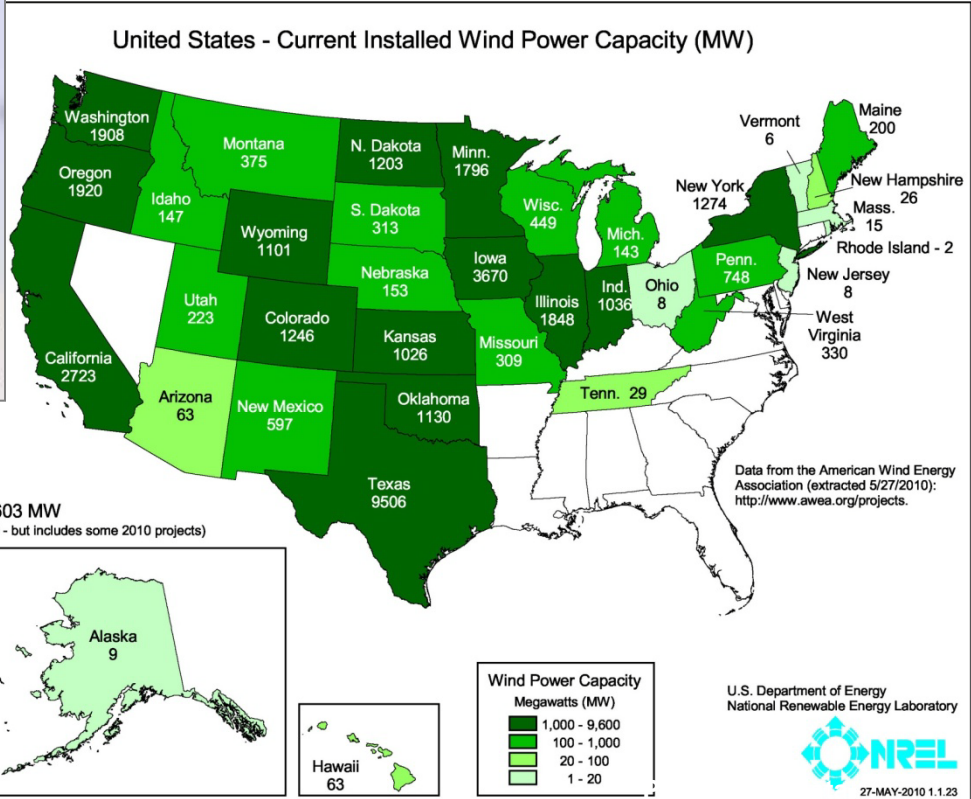
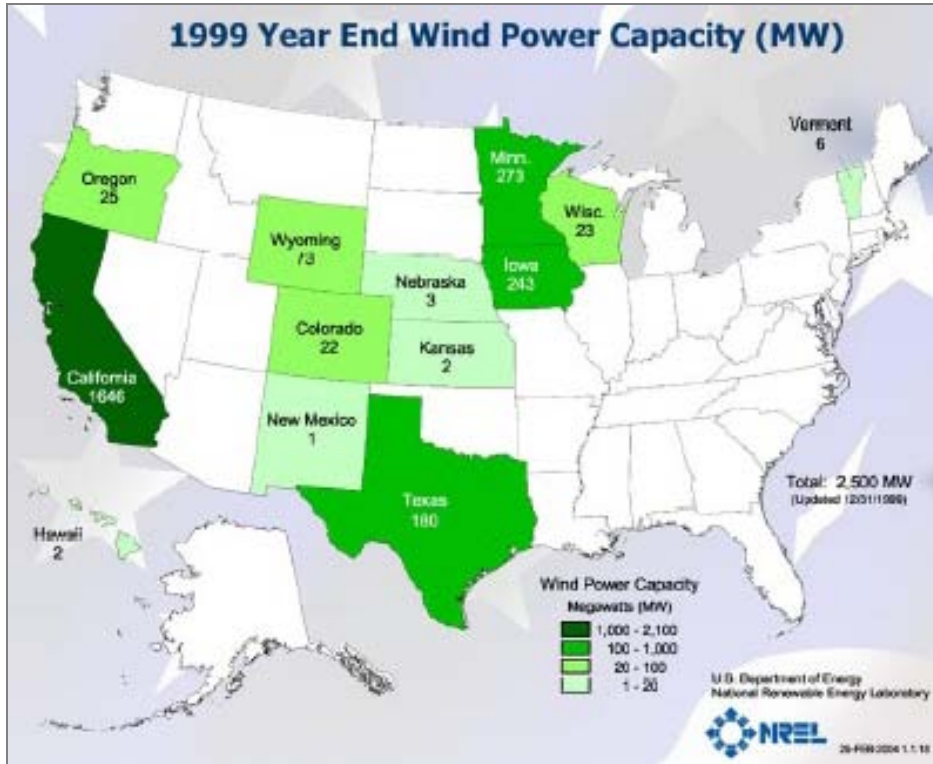


# Wind Project Costs Vary Somewhat By Region



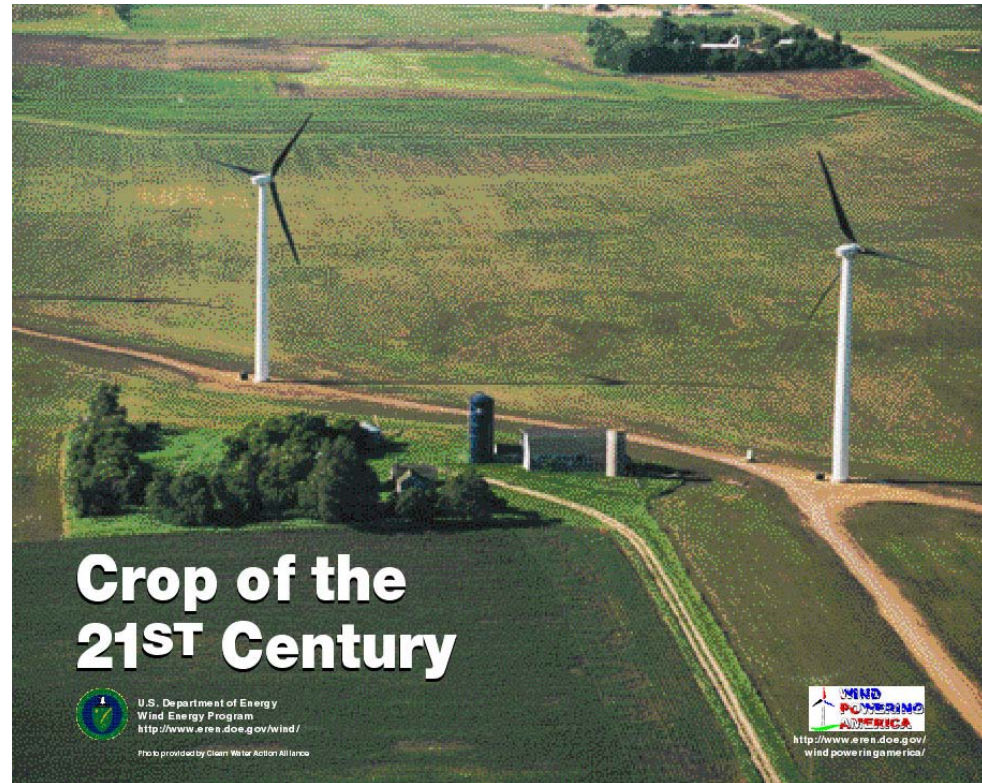
**Higher average costs in New England and California; lower average costs in Texas**

# Installed Wind Capacities ('99 – '10)



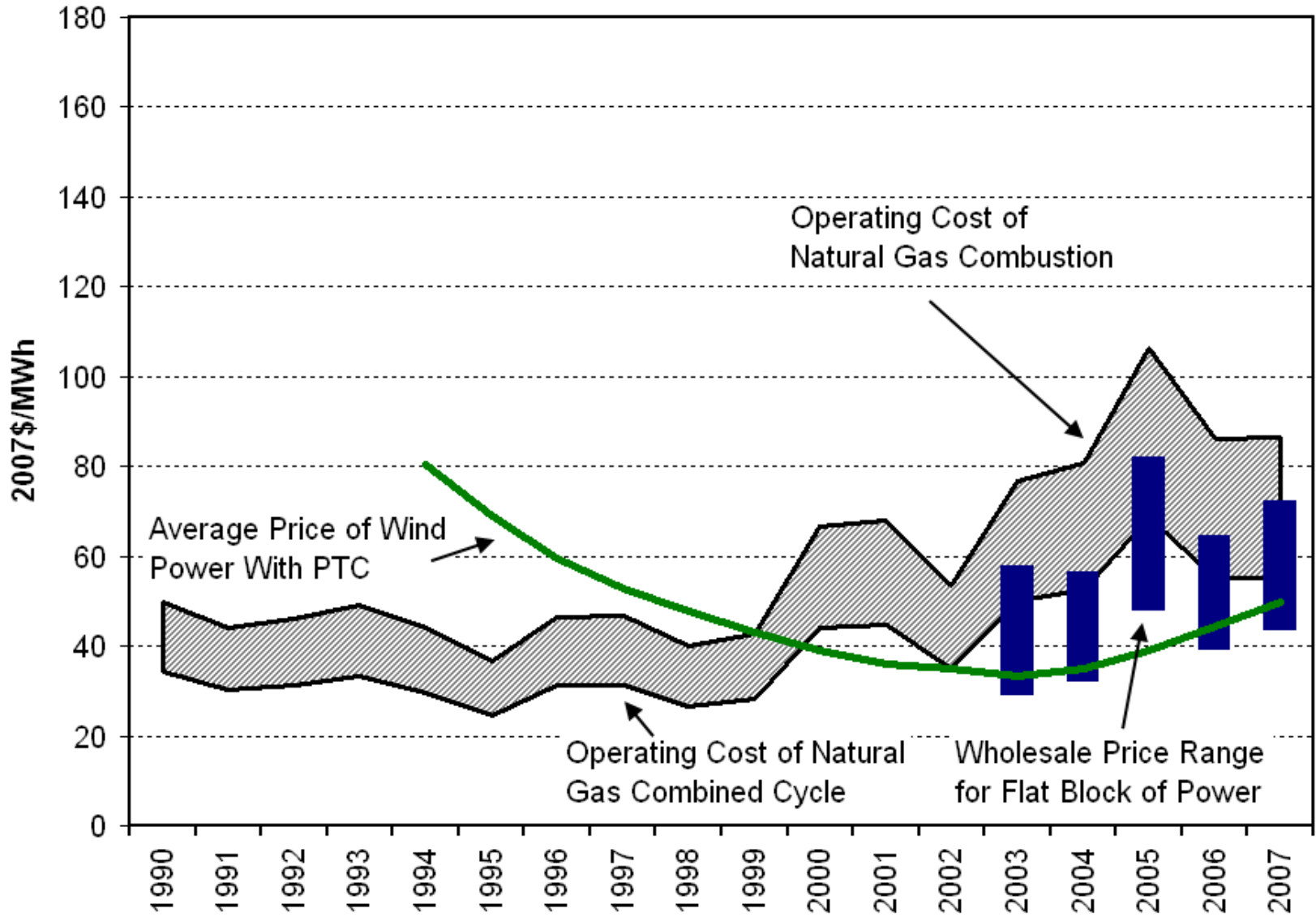
# Drivers for Wind Power

- Declining Wind Costs
- Fuel Price Uncertainty
- Federal and State Policies
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Public Support
- Green Power
- Energy Security
- Carbon Risk



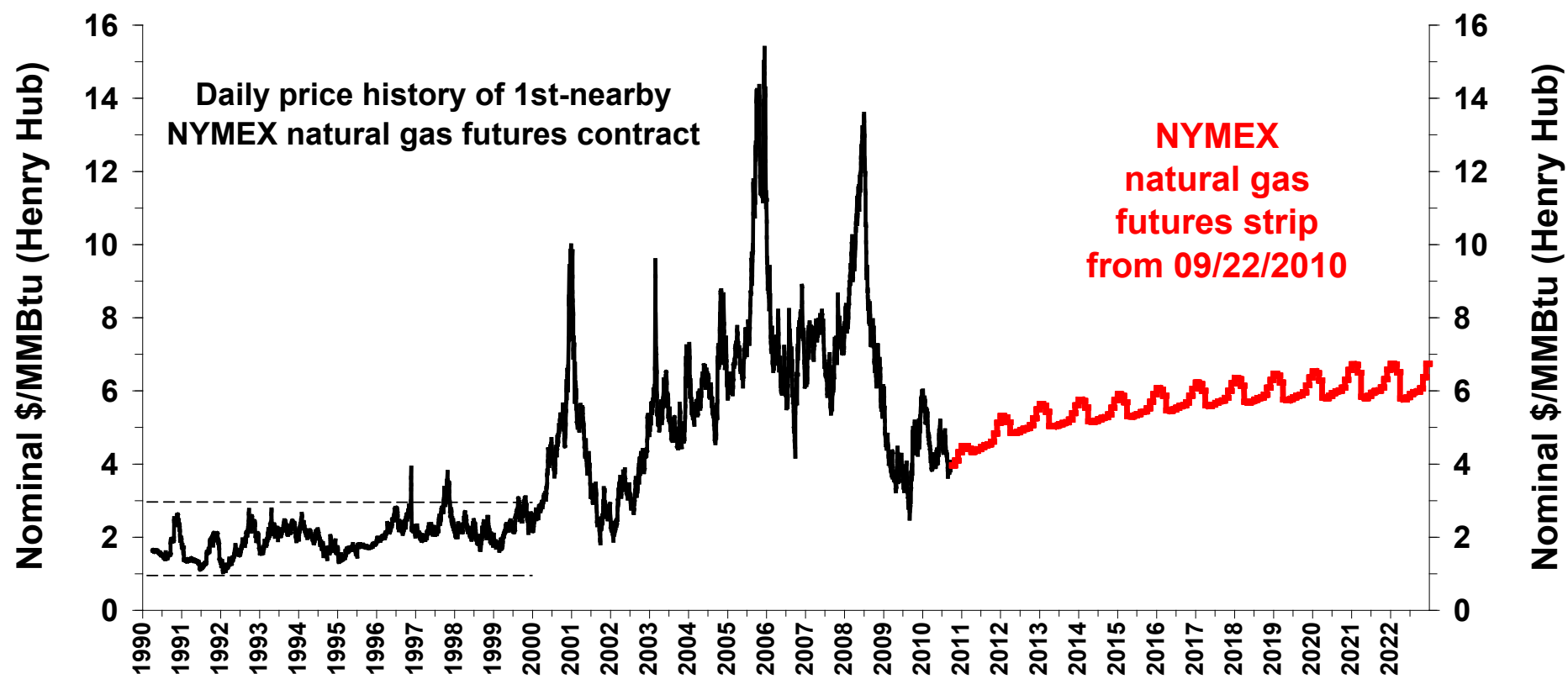


# Comparative Generation Costs



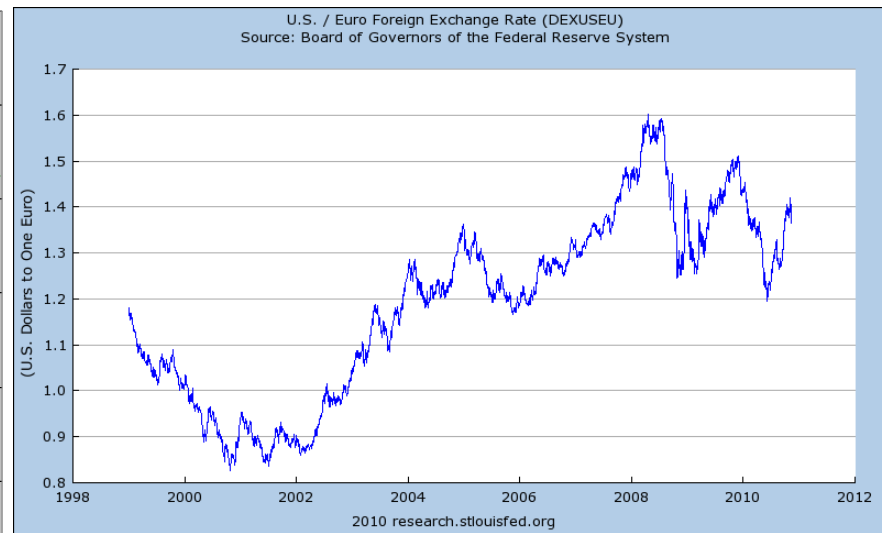
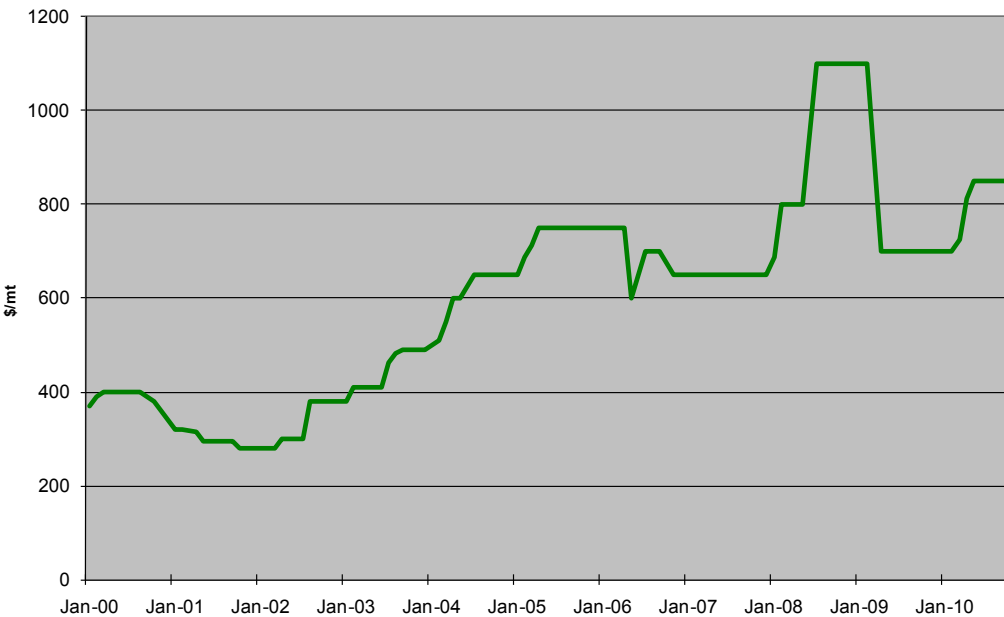


# Natural Gas – Historic Prices

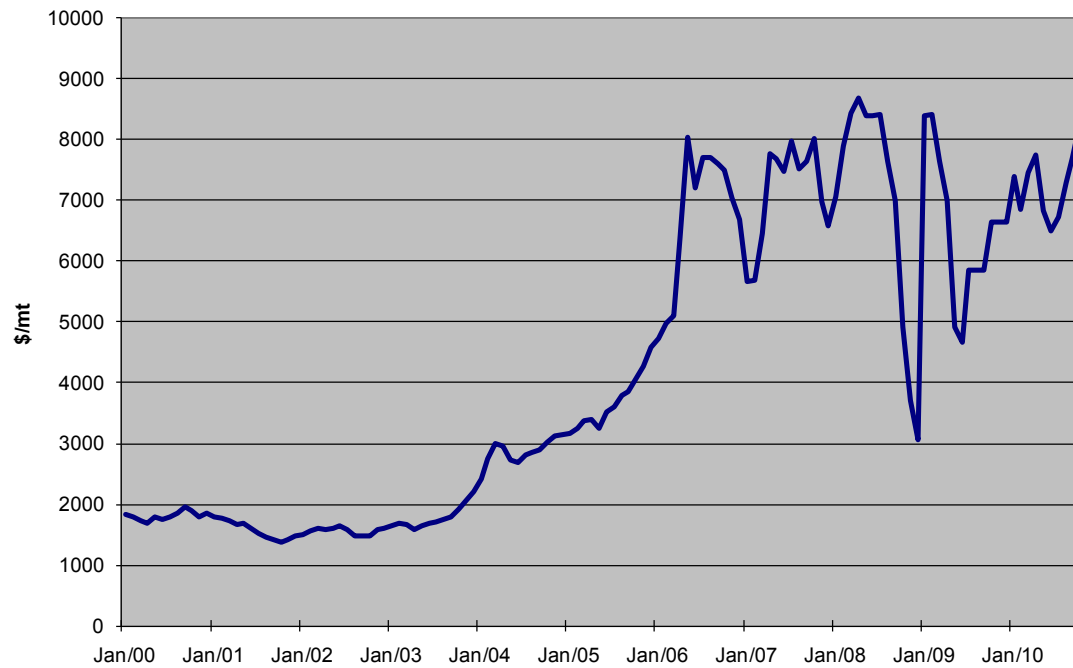


Source: LBNL

### Historic Steel Prices - Cold Rolled

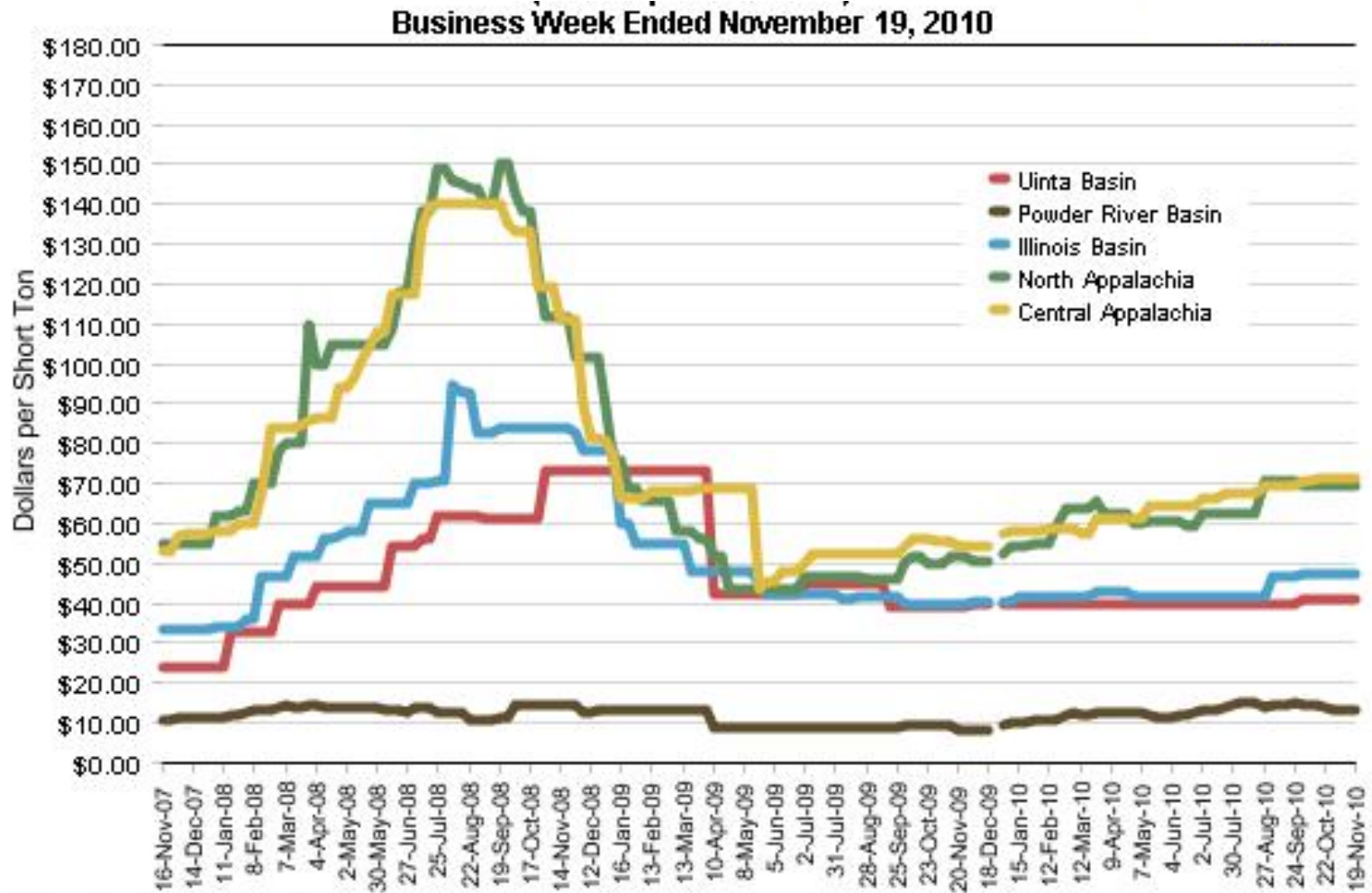


### Historic Copper Prices



# Wind Cost Drivers

# Historical Coal Prices



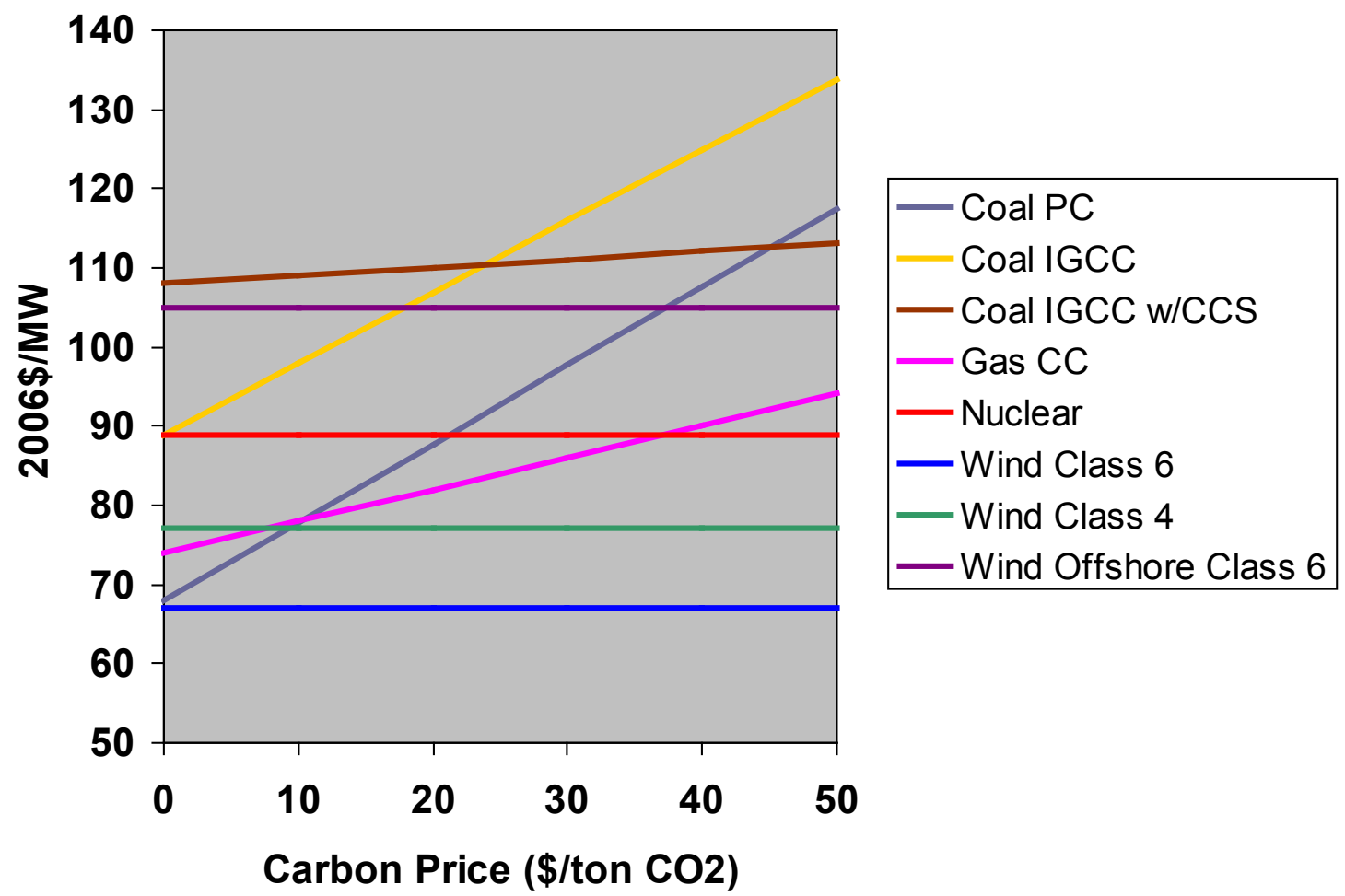
**Key to Coal Commodities by Region'**

Central Appalachia: Big Sandy/Kanawha 12,500 Btu, 1.2 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/mmBtu  
 Northern Appalachia: Pittsburgh Seam 13,000 Btu, <3.0 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/mmBtu  
 Illinois Basin: 11,800 Btu, 5.0 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/mmBtu

Powder River Basin: 8,800 Btu, 0.8 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/mmBtu  
 Uinta Basin in Colo.: 11,700 Btu, 0.8 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/mmBtu

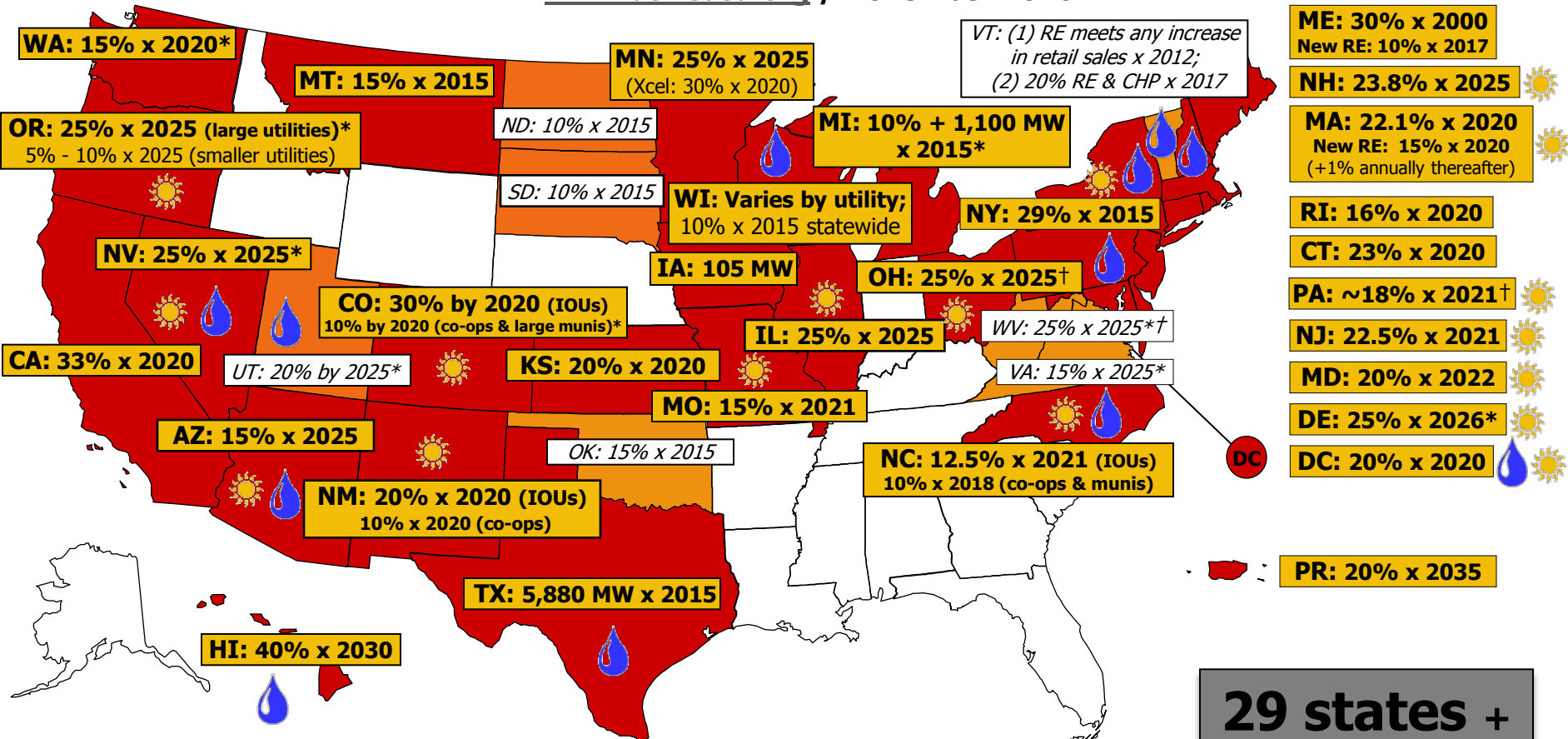
# CO<sub>2</sub> prices significantly increase the cost of coal

## Levelized Cost of Electricity (2010) vs. CO<sub>2</sub> Price



# Renewable Portfolio Standards

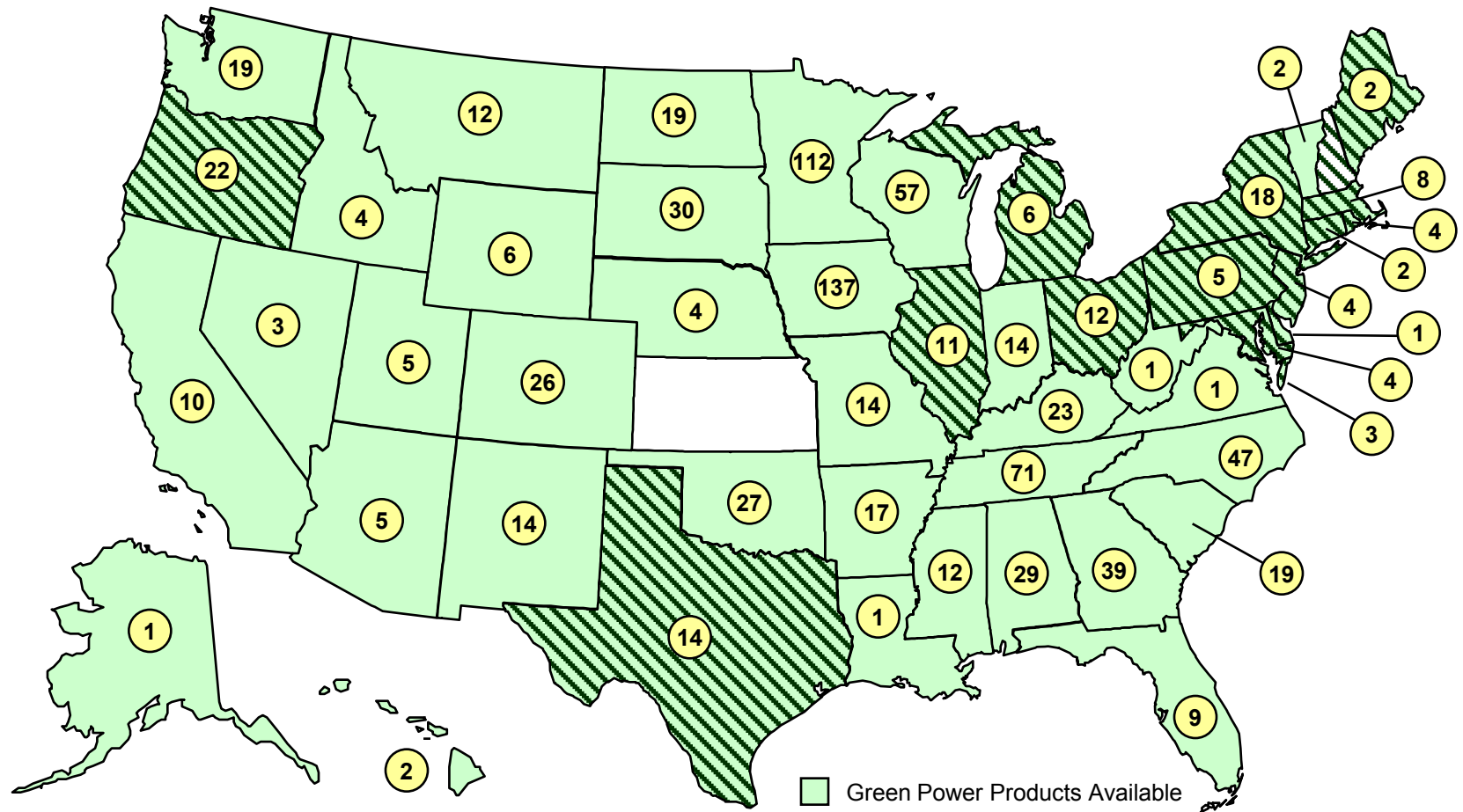
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- Renewable portfolio standard
- Renewable portfolio goal
- 💧 Solar water heating eligible
- ☀️ Minimum solar or customer-sited requirement
- ✳️ Extra credit for solar or customer-sited renewables
- † Includes non-renewable alternative resources

**29 states + DC and PR have an RPS**  
*(7 states have goals)*

# States with Green Power Programs



- Green Power Products Available
- Restructured Electricity Market
- No Green Power Activity
- # Indicates Number of Utilities/Companies Offering Green Power Products

Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (September 2008)



# Wind Energy Investors



BP Solar

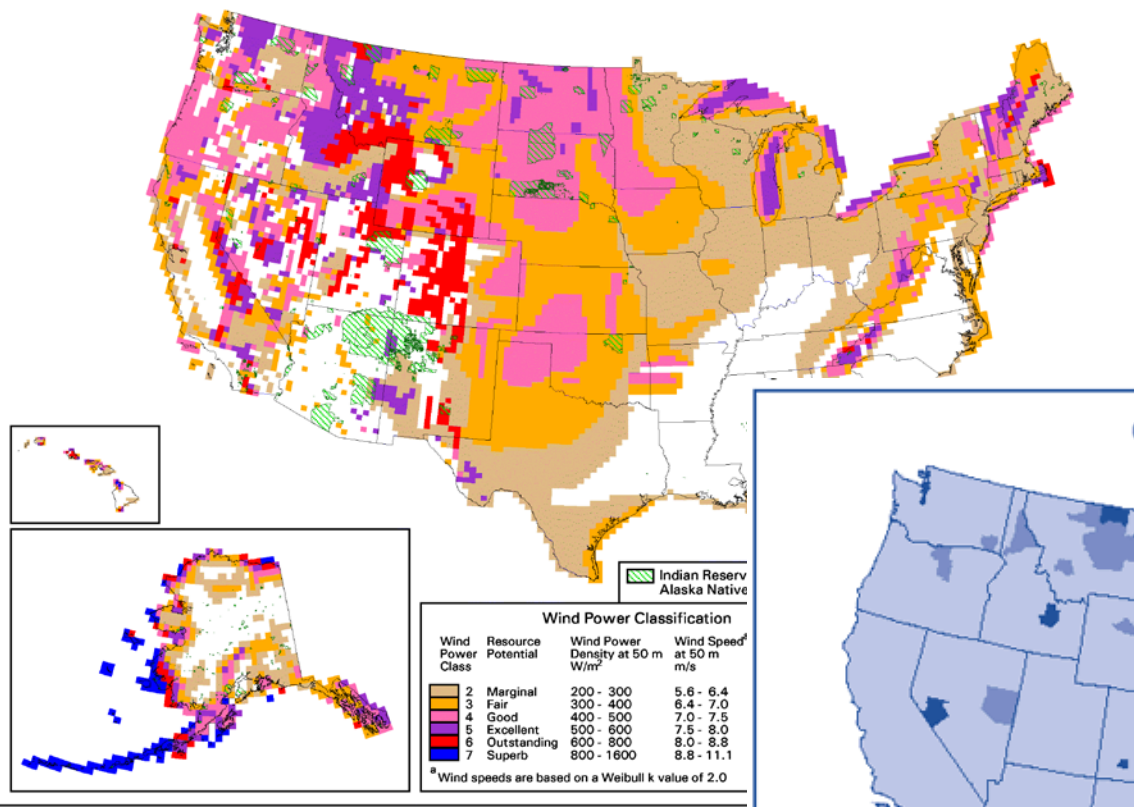


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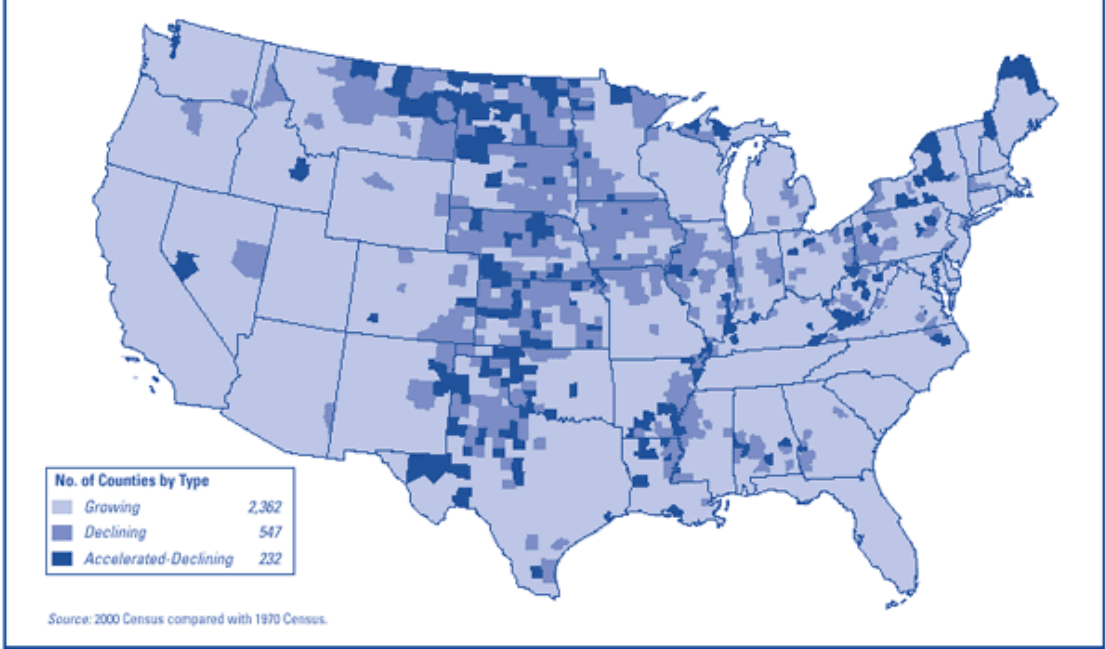


# Windy Rural Areas Need Economic Development

United States - Wind Resource Map



Geographic Distribution of Depopulation



# Economic Development Impacts

- **Land Lease Payments:** 2-3% of gross revenue \$2500-4000/MW/year
- **Local property tax** revenue: ranges widely - \$300K-1700K/yr per 100MW
- 100-200 **jobs**/100MW during construction
- 6-10 permanent O&M **jobs** per 100 MW
- Local construction and service industry: concrete, towers usually done locally







## Direct jobs and parts during construction

Truck drivers,  
crane operators



Wind Turbine Components



Earth moving, cement pouring



Management and support



Construction



# Direct wind project jobs during **operations**

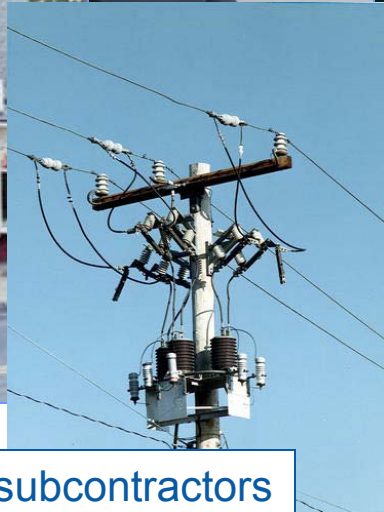


Operations and maintenance, management

Landowner royalties



Parts and materials purchased

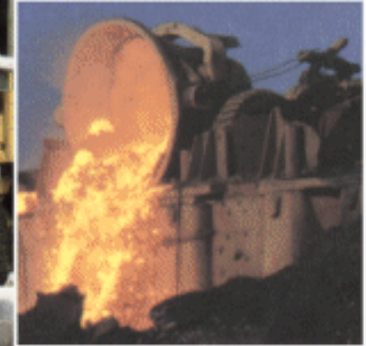


Utility services and subcontractors





# Indirect jobs, services, materials



Steel mill jobs, parts, services

Photos: E.C.Levy, Inc, Detroit, MI



Wind subcomponent manufacturing and sales



# Induced jobs, services, materials

Child care, grocery store, clothing, other retail, public transit, new cars, restaurants, medical services



## Wind Energy's Economic Impacts

JEDI Model Version W1.09.03e

Wind energy's economic "ripple effect"

### **Project Development & Onsite Labor Impacts**

Construction Workers  
Management  
Administrative Support

Legal, siting, and permitting  
Cement truck drivers  
Road crews  
Maintenance workers



### **Turbine & Supply Chain Impacts**

Blades, towers, gear boxes  
Boom truck & management, gas and gas station workers

Supporting businesses, such as bankers financing the construction, contractor, manufacturers and equipment suppliers. Utilities.

Hardware store purchases and workers, spare parts and their suppliers

### **Induced Impacts**

Jobs and earnings that result from the spending supported by the project, including benefits to grocery store clerks, retail salespeople, and child care providers

Construction Phase = 1-2 years  
Operational Phase = 20+ years

# Case Study: Iowa

## 240-MW Iowa wind project

- \$640,000/yr in lease payments to farmers (\$2,000/turbine/yr)
- \$2M/yr in property taxes
- \$5.5M/yr in O&M income
- **40 long-term O&M jobs**
- **200 short-term construction jobs**
- Doesn't include multiplier effect





# South Dakota Wind Energy Center

- 40.5 MW (1.5-MW turbines)
- Landowner payments: \$3,500-\$4,000/year
- 100 – 125 workers during peak construction
- 3 fulltime O&M positions
- **Property taxes: \$220,000/year**
- Sales and use tax: \$1.2 million payable in 2003
- Located near Highmore, SD (population 808)
- Owned by FPL Energy
- Constructed in 2003



# Peetz Table Wind Energy Center, CO

- 400.5 MW (1.5-MW turbines)
- Landowner payments: \$2 million/year, \$65 million over 30-year period
- 300 – 350 workers during peak construction (80% local)
- **16 – 18 O&M positions**
- Total annual tax payments: \$2.3 million/year (10% of total county budget); \$70 million over 30 years
- Located near Peetz, CO
- Owned by FPL Energy
- Constructed in 2007



# Weatherford Wind Energy Center, OK

- 147 MW (1.5-MW turbines)
- **Landowner payments: \$300,000 in annual lease payments**
- 150 workers during peak construction
- 6 fulltime O&M positions
- Property taxes: \$17 million over 20 years
- Sawartzky Construction received \$300,000 in revenue from the project
- Owned by FPL Energy
- Constructed in 2005



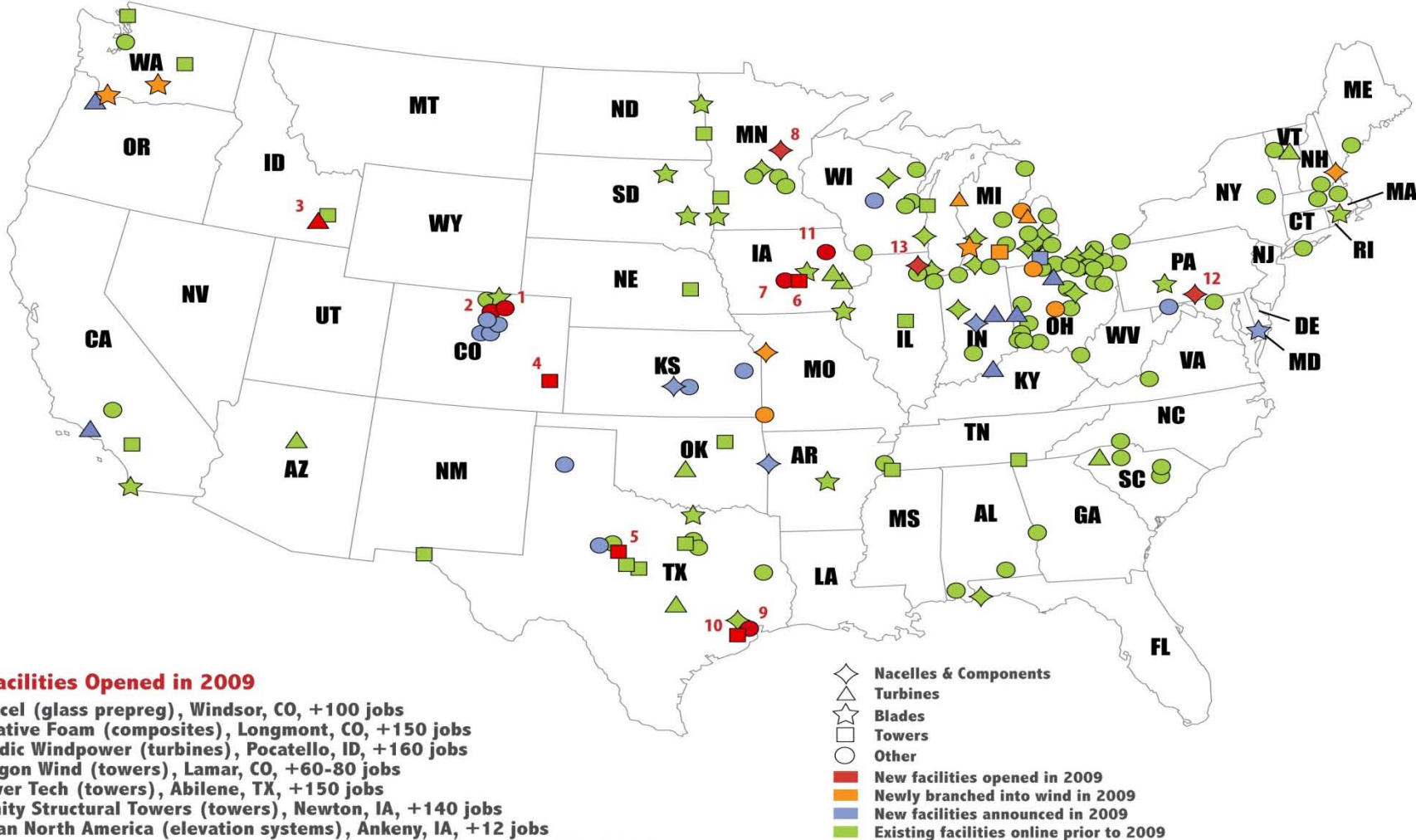
# Wyoming Wind Energy Center

- 144 MW (1800-kW turbines)
- Landowner payments: \$18 million over the life of the project
- 175 workers during peak construction (25% local)
- 8 fulltime O&M positions
- Property taxes: \$1 million (2006/7)
- **50 Wyoming companies subcontracted during the construction period**
- Located in Uinta County, WY (population 20,213)
- Owned by FPL Energy
- Constructed in 2003





# Soaring Demand Spurs Expansion of U.S. Wind Turbine Manufacturing



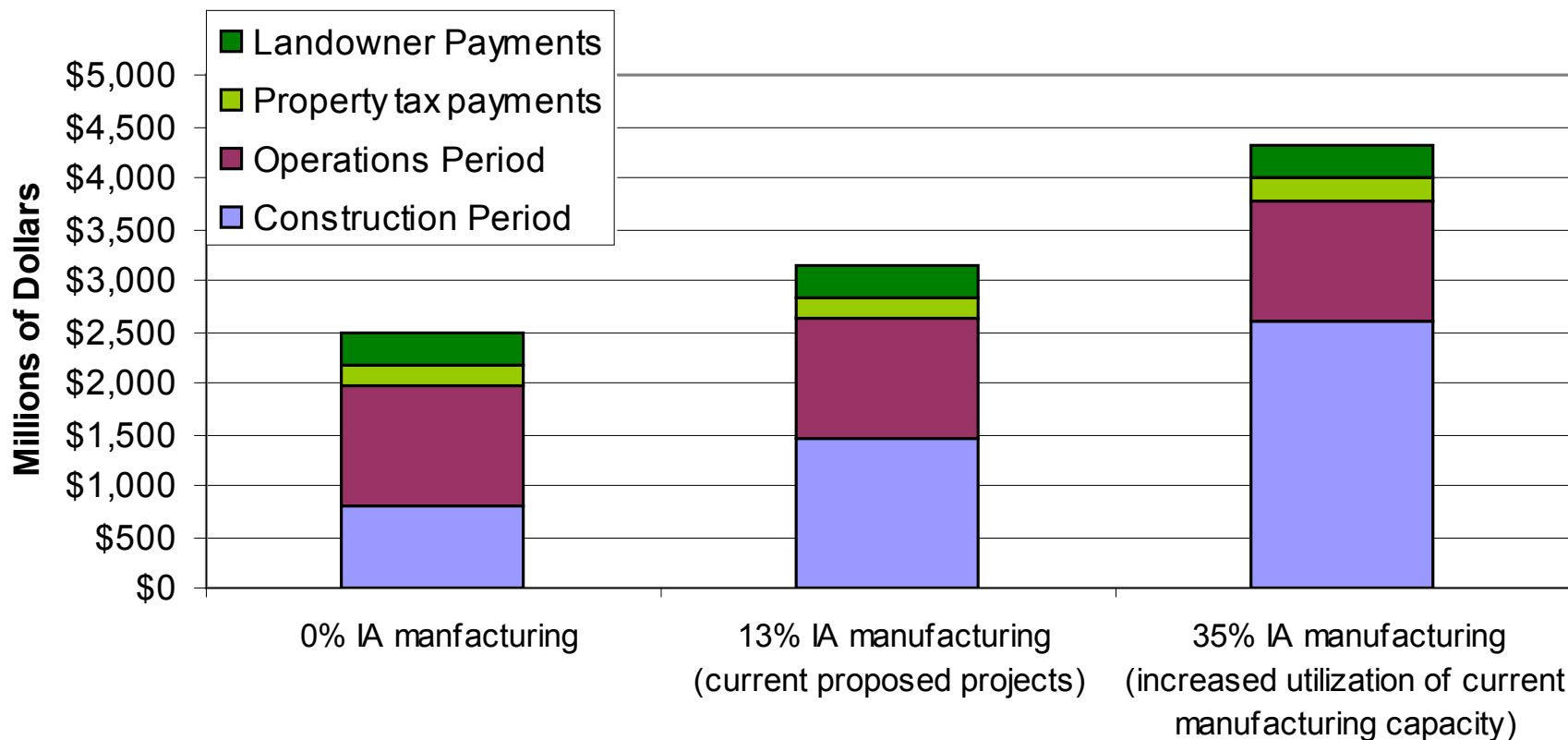
## New Facilities Opened in 2009

1. Hexcel (glass prepreg), Windsor, CO, +100 jobs
2. Creative Foam (composites), Longmont, CO, +150 jobs
3. Nordic Windpower (turbines), Pocatello, ID, +160 jobs
4. Dragon Wind (towers), Lamar, CO, +60-80 jobs
5. Tower Tech (towers), Abilene, TX, +150 jobs
6. Trinity Structural Towers (towers), Newton, IA, +140 jobs
7. Goian North America (elevation systems), Ankeny, IA, +12 jobs
8. Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (generators), Mille Lacs Reservation, MN, +7 jobs
9. RLTC Wind Towers (towers), MacGregor, TX, +75-250 jobs
10. RBC Bearings (bearings), Houston, TX, +35 jobs
11. Sector 5 Technologies (components), Oelwein, IA, +99 jobs
12. Vacon Inc (AC drives), Chambersburg, PA, +94 jobs
13. Winergy (gear drives), Elgin, IL, +300 jobs

Figure includes wind turbine and component manufacturing facilities, as well as other supply chain facilities, but excludes corporate headquarters and service-oriented facilities. The facilities shown here are not intended to be exhaustive. Those facilities designated as "Turbines" may include turbine assembly and/or turbine component manufacturing, in some cases also including towers, nacelles and blades.

# Manufacturing and Economic Development

**Total economic development impacts in Iowa  
(2,400 MW of development)**



# Local Ownership Models

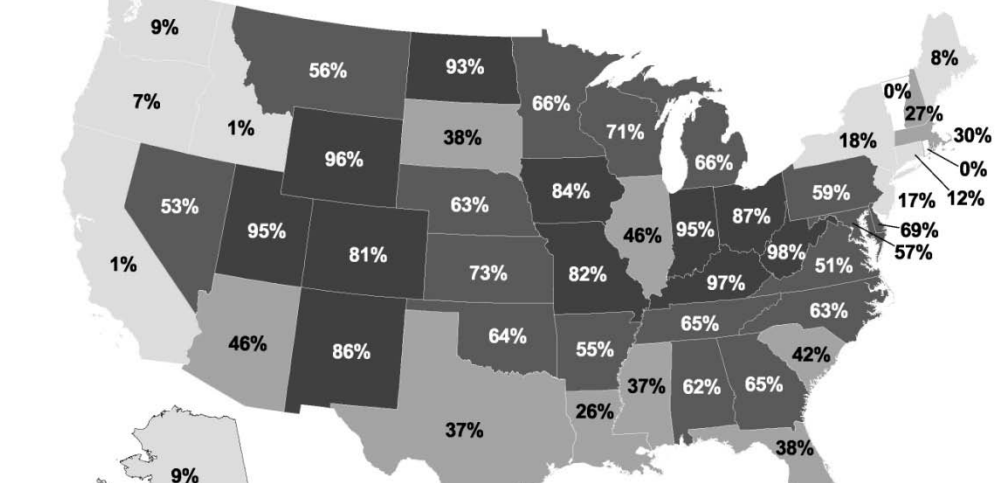
- Minnesota farmer cooperative (Minwind)
- FLIP structure
- Farmer-owned small wind
- Farmer-owned commercial-scale



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### Percentage of State Electricity from Coal

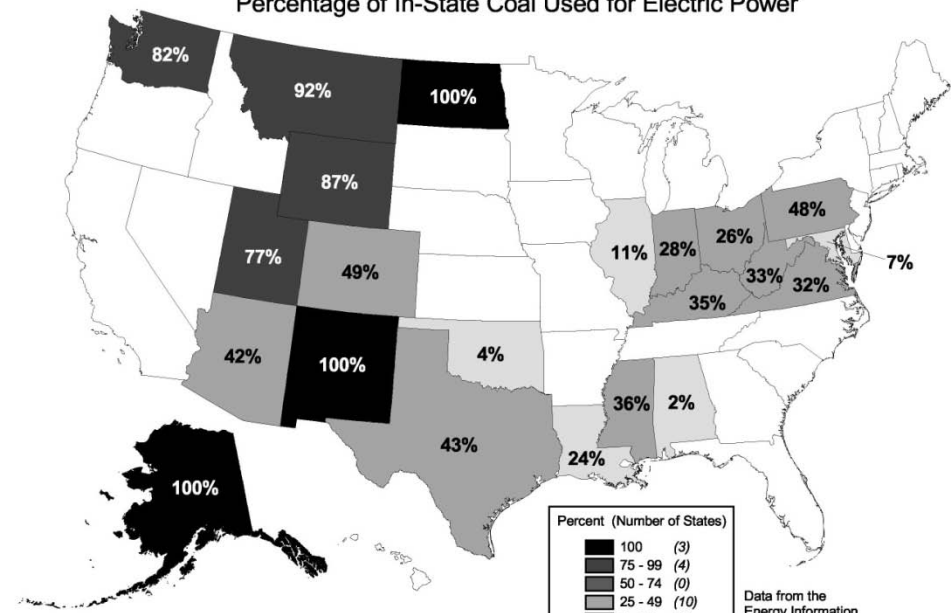


Percent (Number of States)

75 - 99	(11)
50 - 74	(17)
25 - 49	(10)
1 - 24	(10)
0	(2)

Data from the Energy Information Administration (2004)

### Percentage of In-State Coal Used for Electric Power

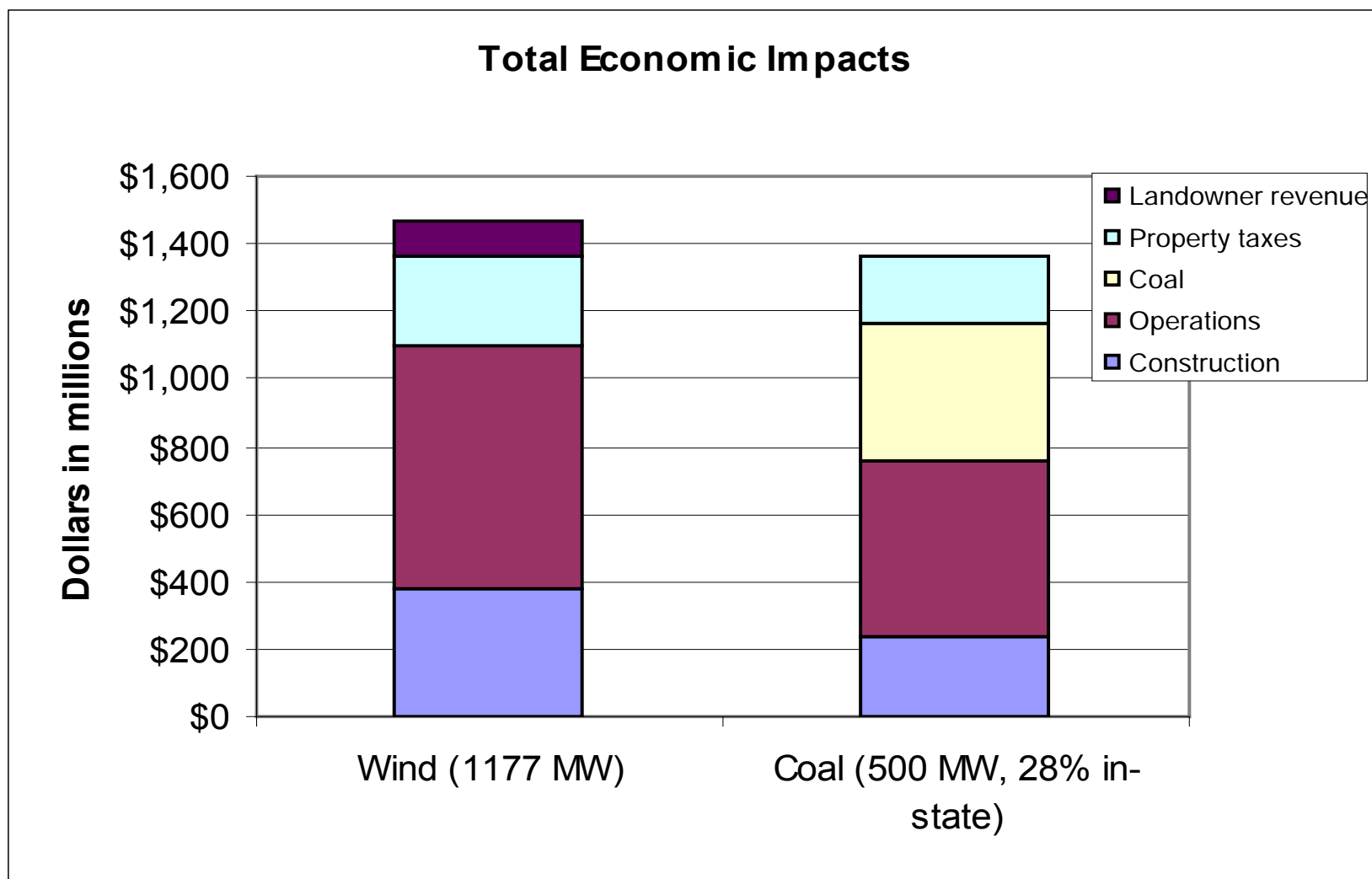


Percent (Number of States)

100	(3)
75 - 99	(4)
50 - 74	(0)
25 - 49	(10)
1 - 24	(5)
0	(28)

Data from the Energy Information Administration (2004)

# Comparing wind and coal in Indiana





Wind energy's economic "ripple effect"

### Project Development & Onsite Labor Impacts

**Landowner Revenue:**

- \$3 million/year

**Local Property Taxes:**

- \$5.7 million/year

**Construction Phase:**

- 502 new jobs
- \$39 million to local economies

**Operational Phase:**

- 51 new jobs
- \$3.4 M/year to local economies



### Turbine & Supply Chain Impacts

**Construction Phase:**

- 3,059 new jobs
- \$414.8 million to local economies

**Operational Phase:**

- 73 new jobs
- \$16.3 million/year to local economies

### Induced Impacts

**Construction Phase:**

- 1,197 new jobs
- \$143.1 million to local economies

**Operational Phase:**

- 63 new jobs
- \$7.6 million/year to local economies

**Totals (construction + 20 years)**

Total economic benefit: \$1.32 billion

New local jobs during construction: 4,758

New local long-term jobs: 187

Construction Phase = 1-2 years  
Operational Phase = 20+ years

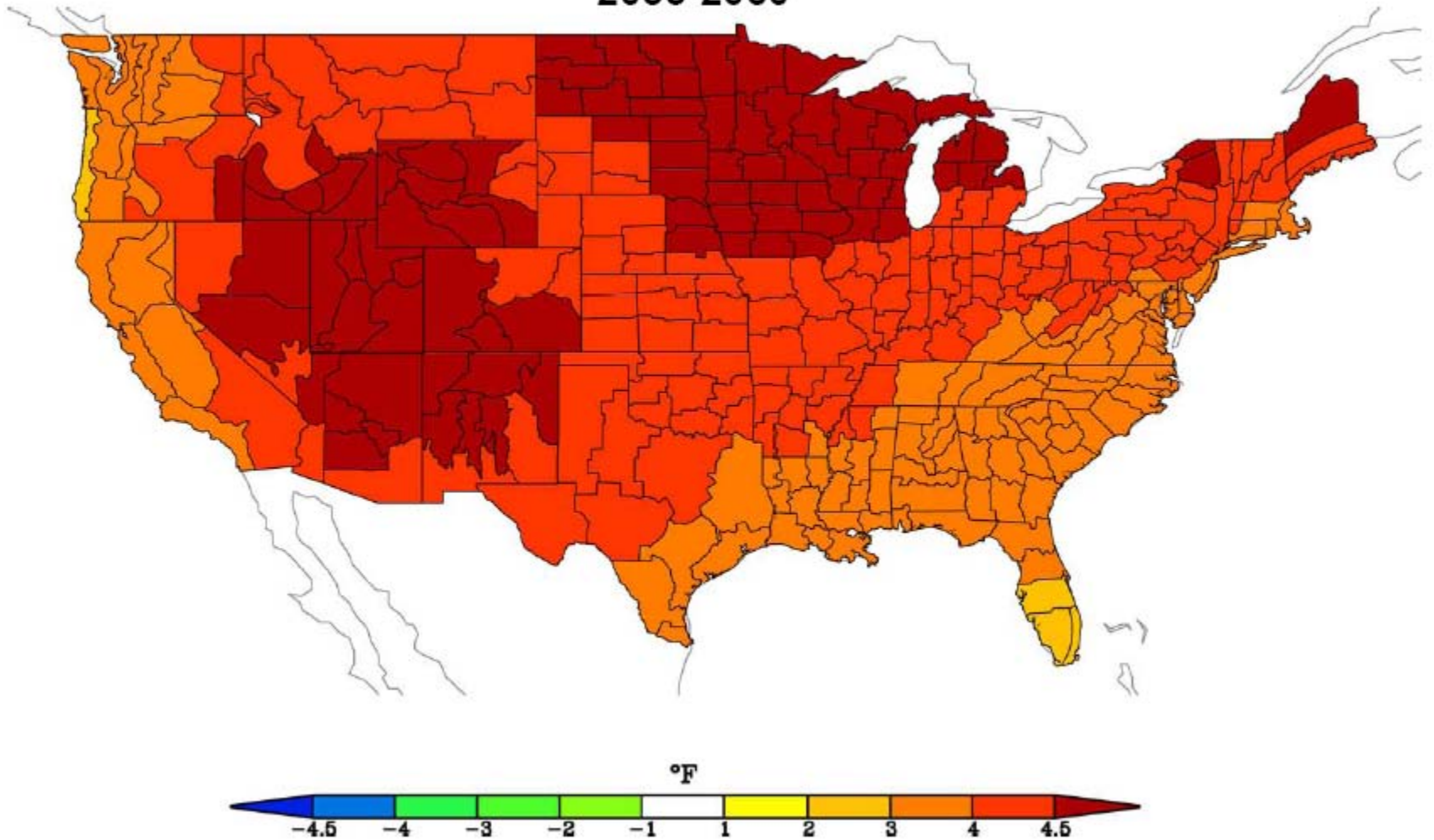
# Environmental Benefits

- No SO<sub>x</sub> or NO<sub>x</sub>
- No particulates
- No mercury
- No CO<sub>2</sub>
- No water

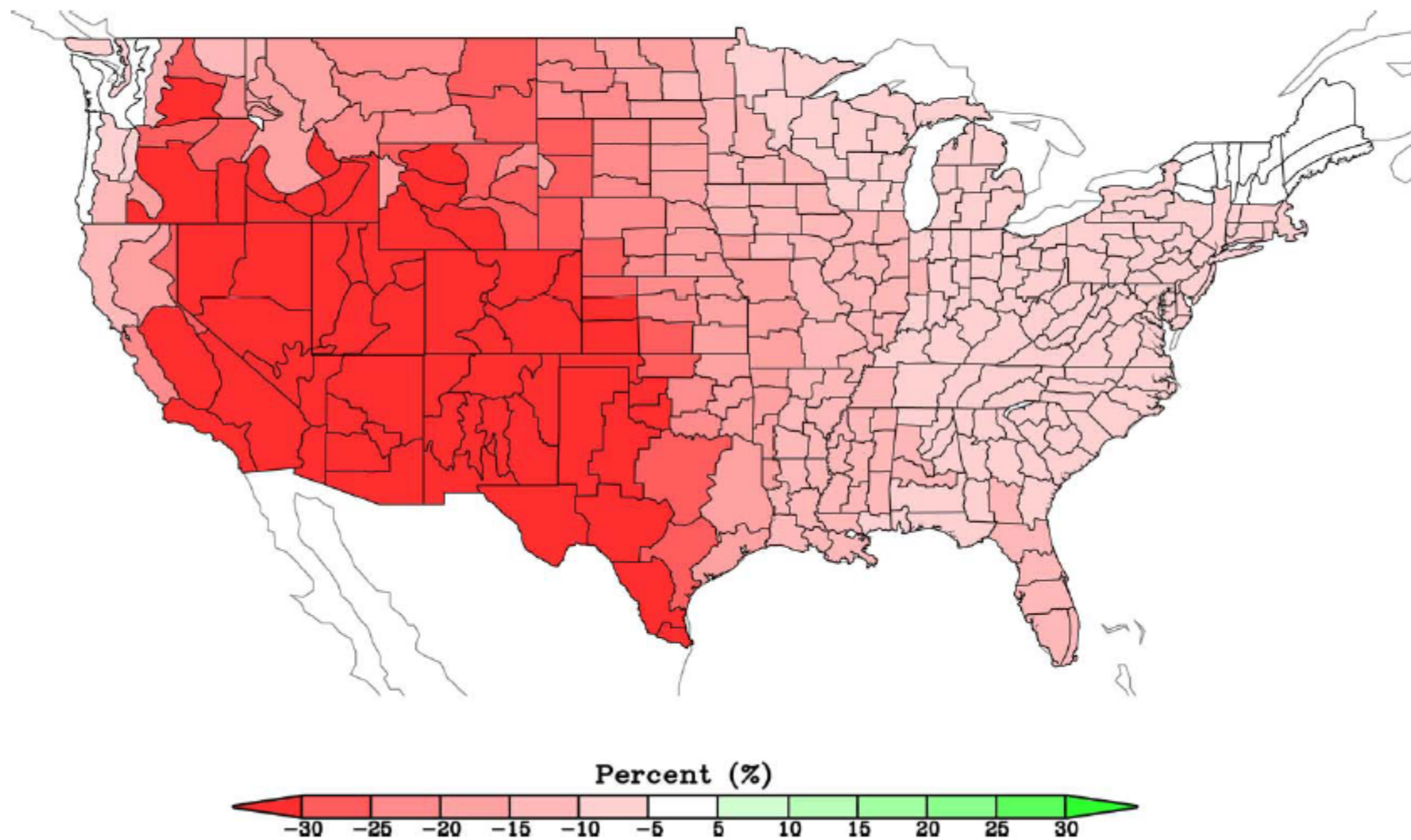




## Change in Annual Temperature 2035-2060



## Change in Annual (PCPN-Potential Evapotranspiration) 2035-2060



# Energy-Water Nexus





# Key Issues for Wind Power



- Policy Uncertainty
- Siting and Permitting: avian, noise, visual, federal land
- Transmission: FERC rules, access, new lines
- Operational impacts: intermittency, ancillary services, allocation of costs
- Accounting for non-monetary value: green power, no fuel price risk, reduced emissions



**20% Wind Energy by 2030**  
Increasing Wind Energy's Contribution to  
U.S. Electricity Supply

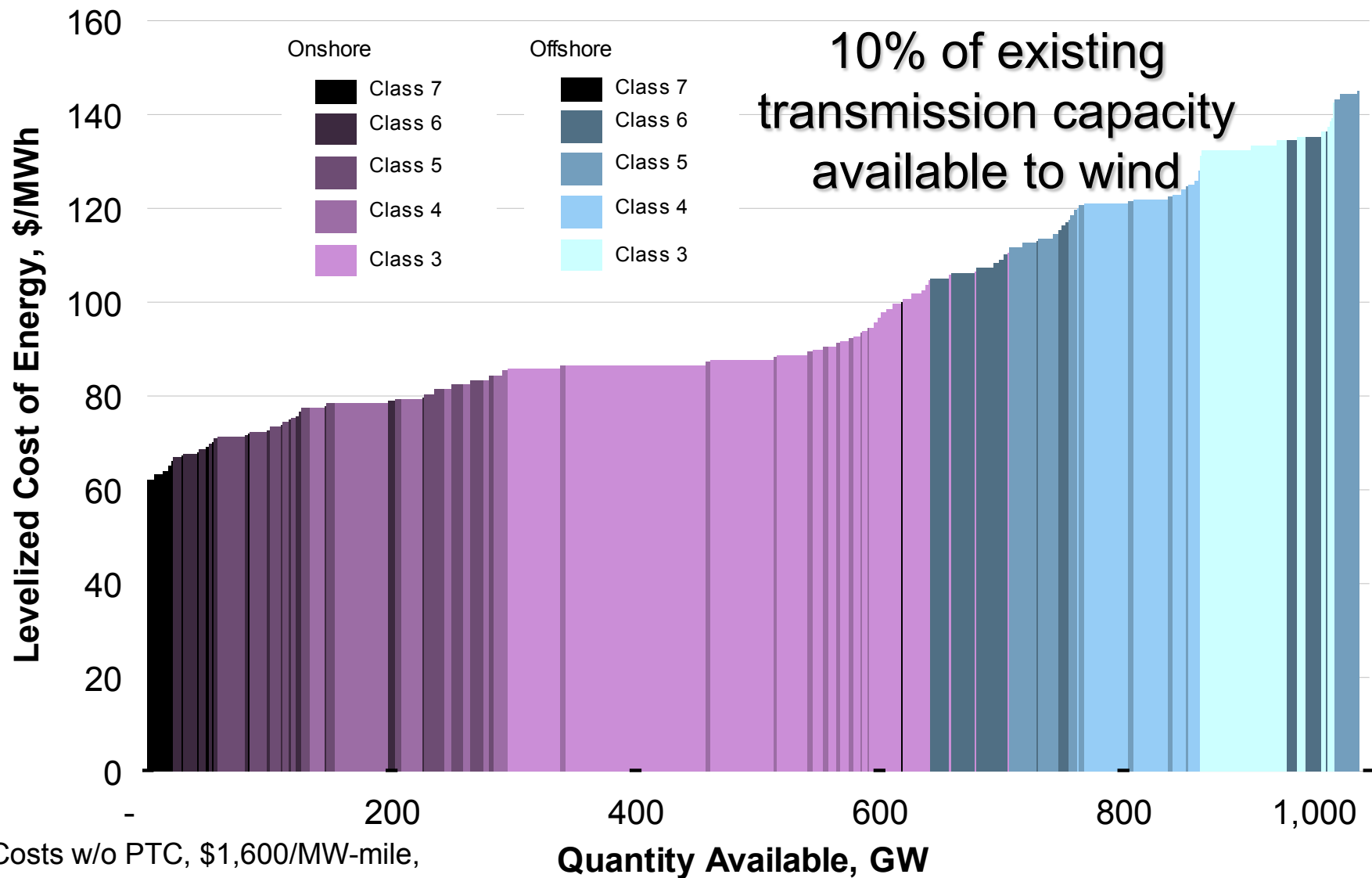
“The future ain’t  
what it used to be.”  
- Yogi Berra

# The 20% Technical Report

- Explores one scenario for reaching 20% wind electricity by 2030 and contrasts it to a scenario in which no new U.S. wind power capacity is installed
- Is not a prediction, but an analysis based on one scenario
- Does not assume specific policy support for wind
- Is the work of more than 100 individuals involved from 2006 - 2008 (government, industry, utilities, NGOs)
- Critically examines wind's roles in energy security, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability

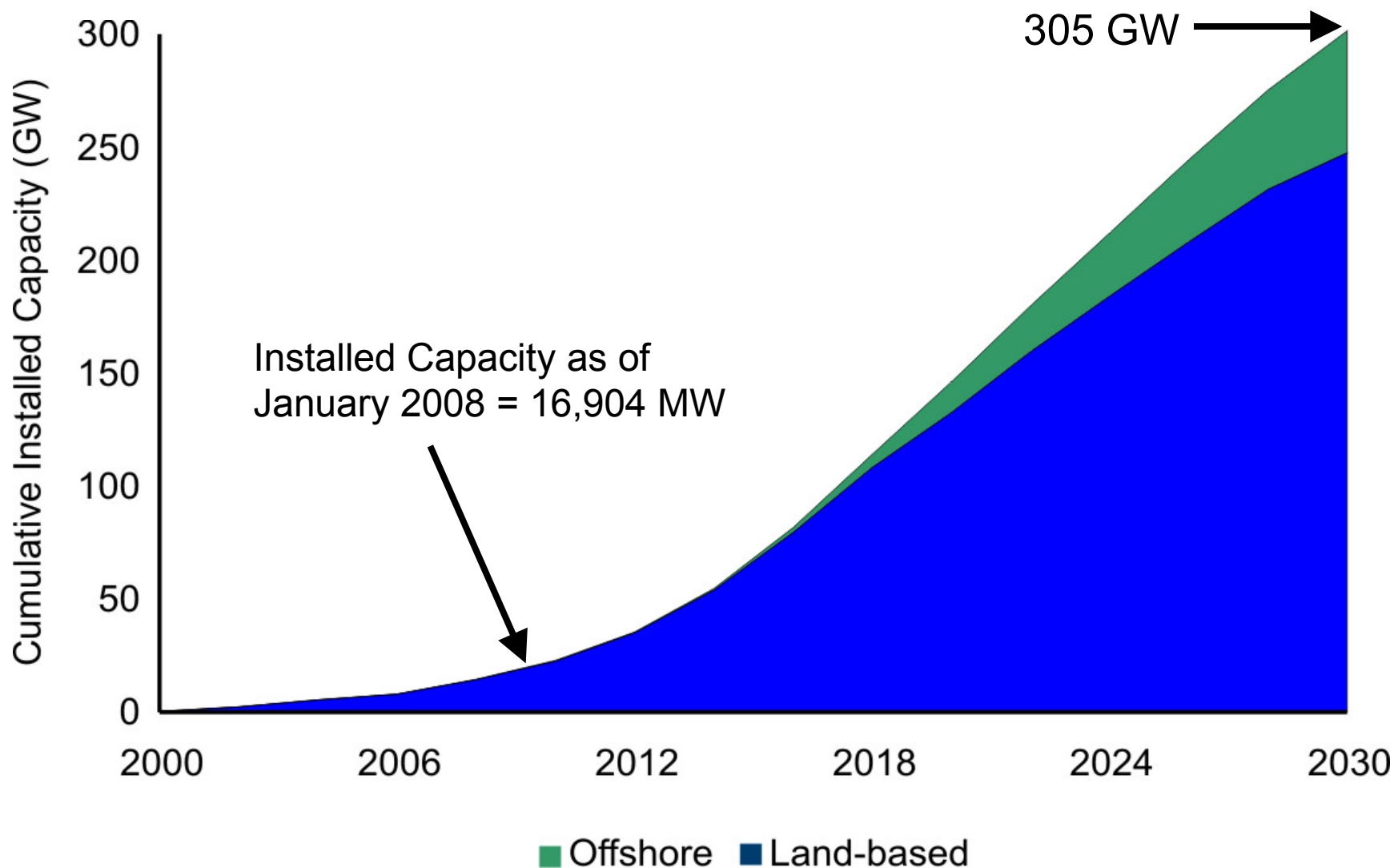


# Supply Curve for Wind Energy: Energy and Transmission Costs



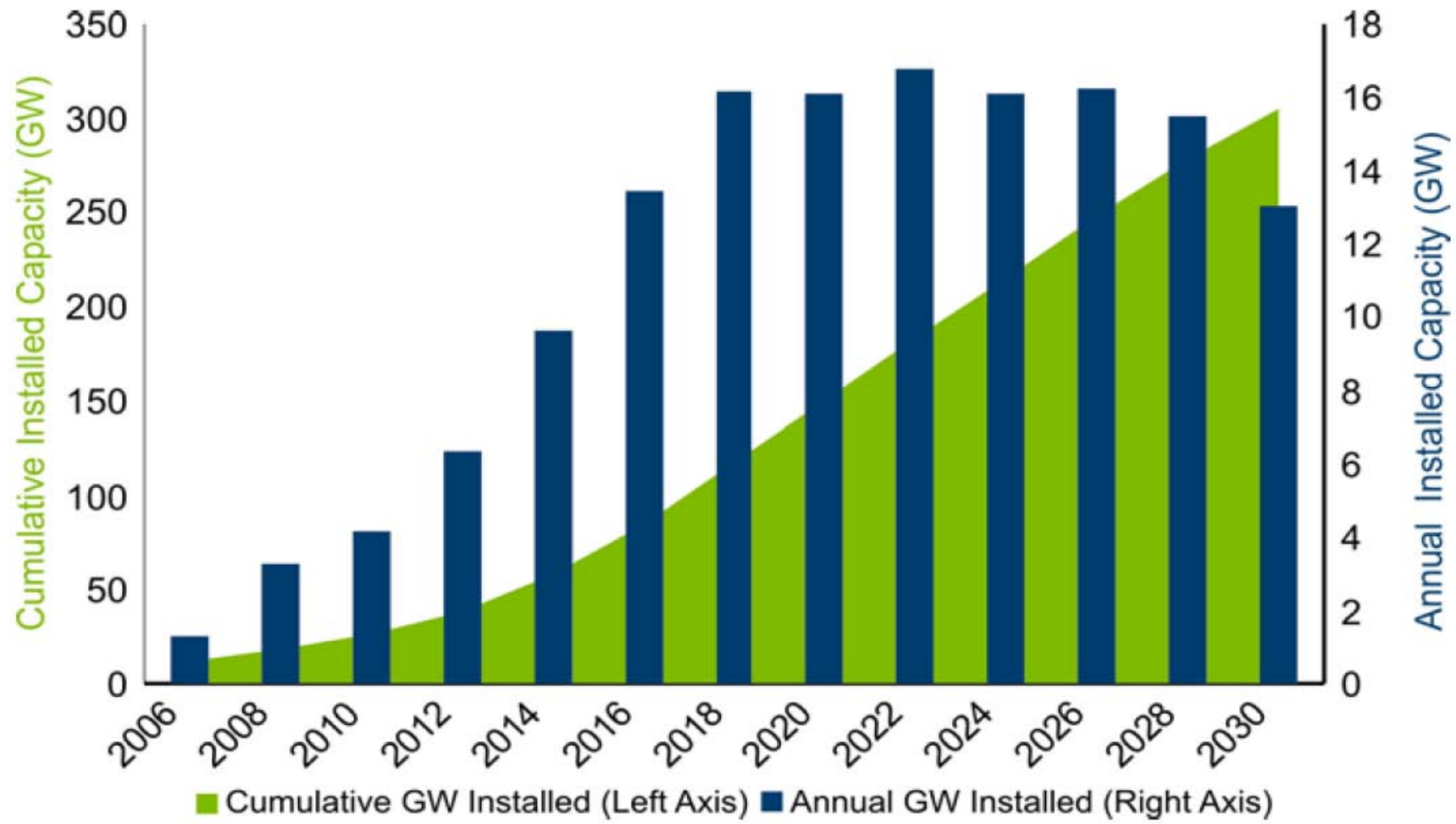
2010 Costs w/o PTC, \$1,600/MW-mile, w/o Integration costs

# 20% Wind Scenario



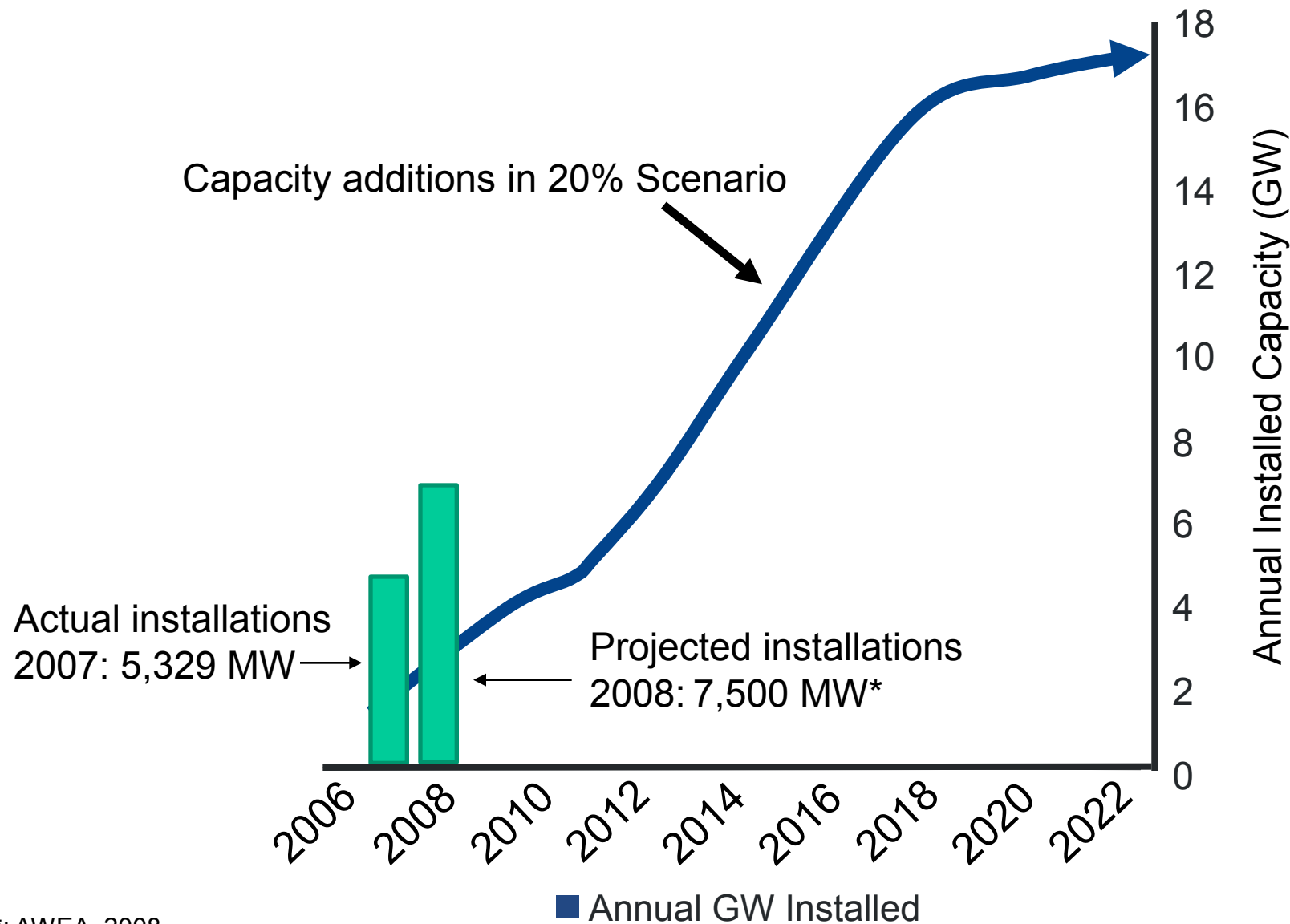
# What does 20% Wind look like?

Figure 1-4. Annual and cumulative wind installations by 2030

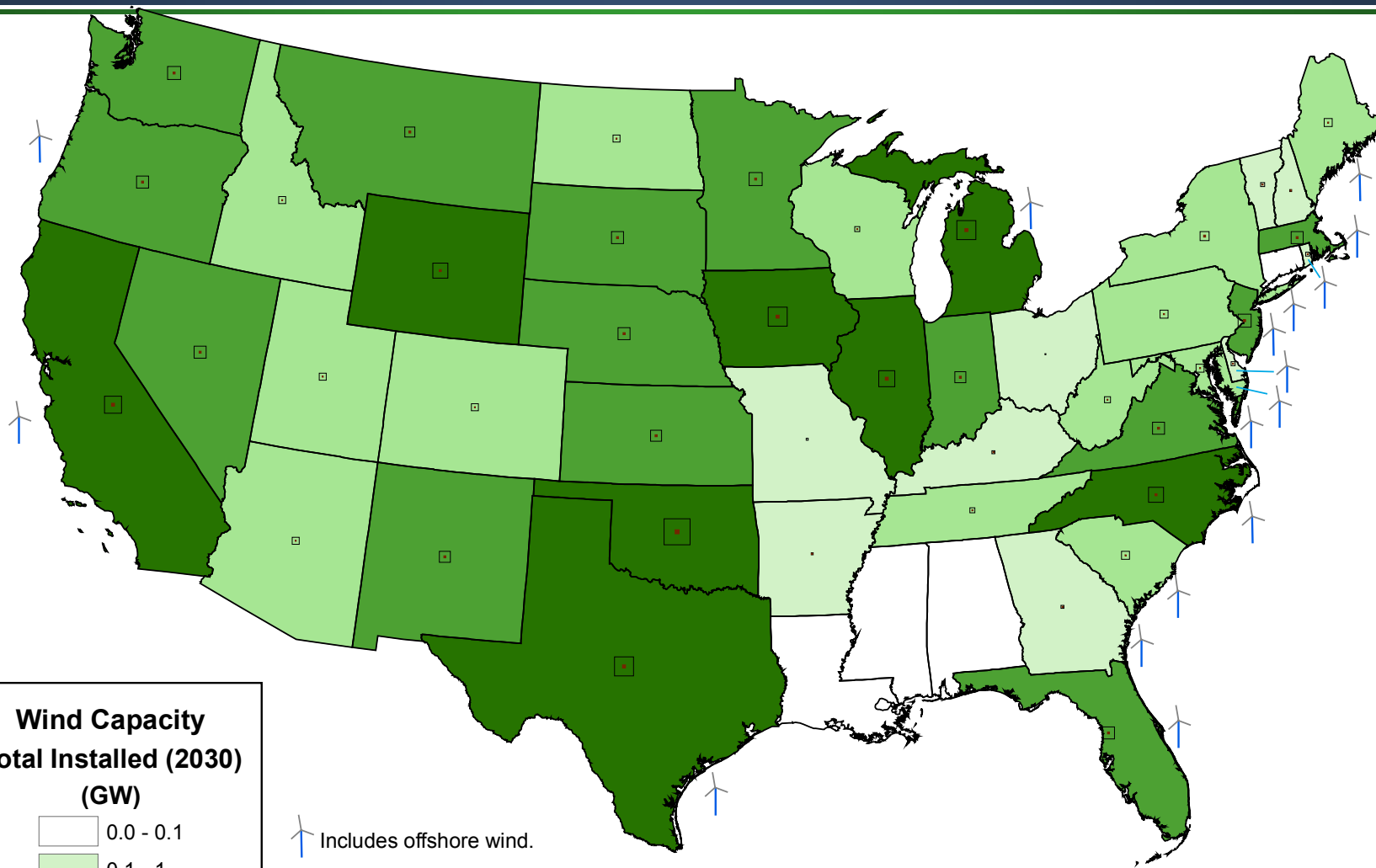


Source: DOE 20% Report






# Annual Installed Capacity vs. Current Installed Capacity




# Substantial Wind Development by 2030



**Wind Capacity  
Total Installed (2030)  
(GW)**

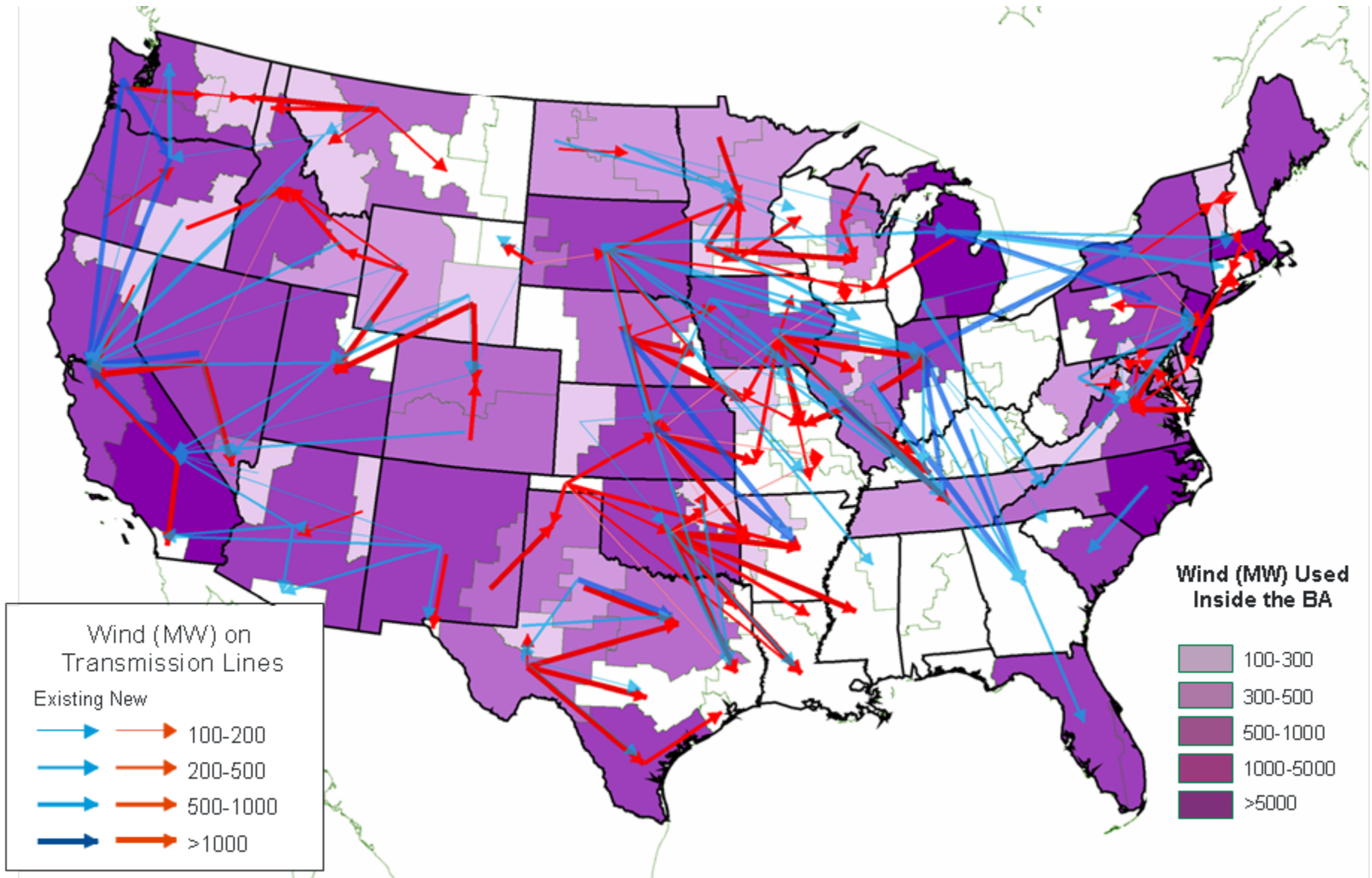
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 Includes offshore wind.

The black open square in the center of a state represents the land area needed for a single wind farm to produce the projected installed capacity in that state. The brown square represents the actual land area that would be dedicated to the wind turbines (2% of the black open square).

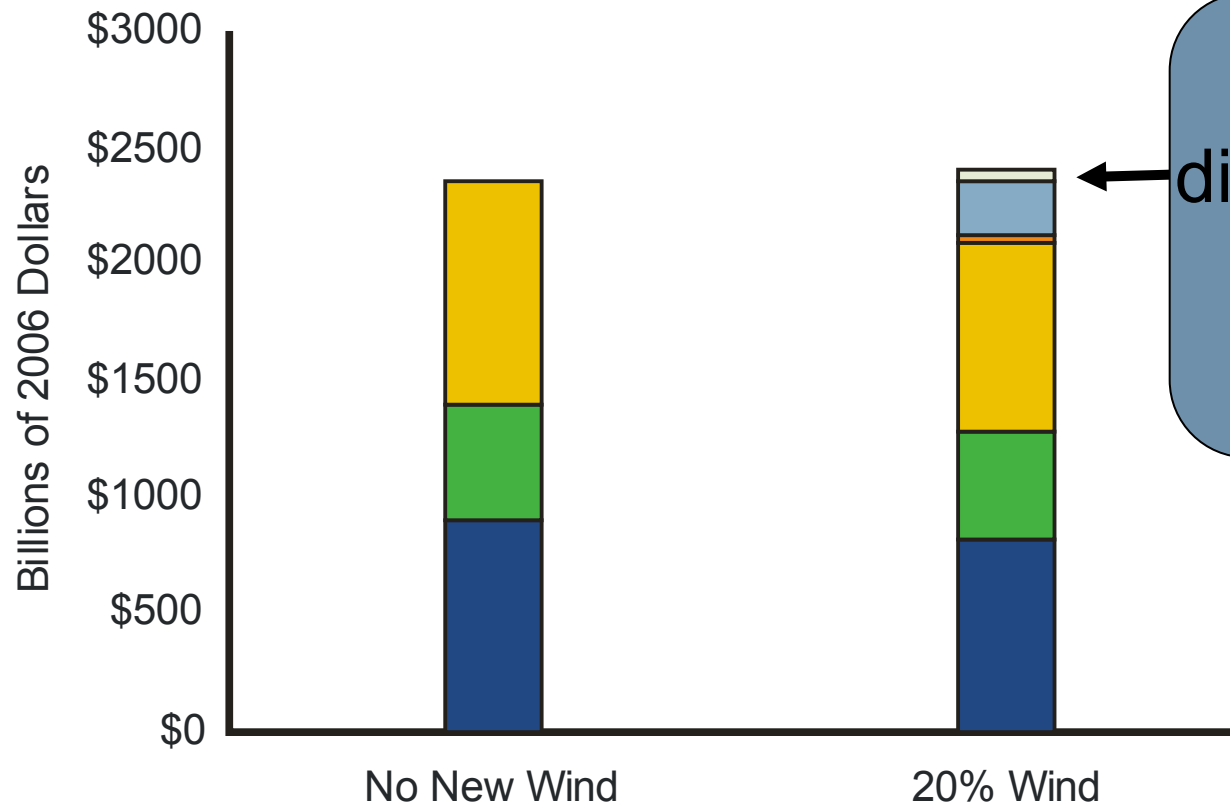


# Need for New Transmission: Existing and New in 2030



# Economic Costs of 20% Wind Scenario

Incremental investment cost of 20% Wind Scenario

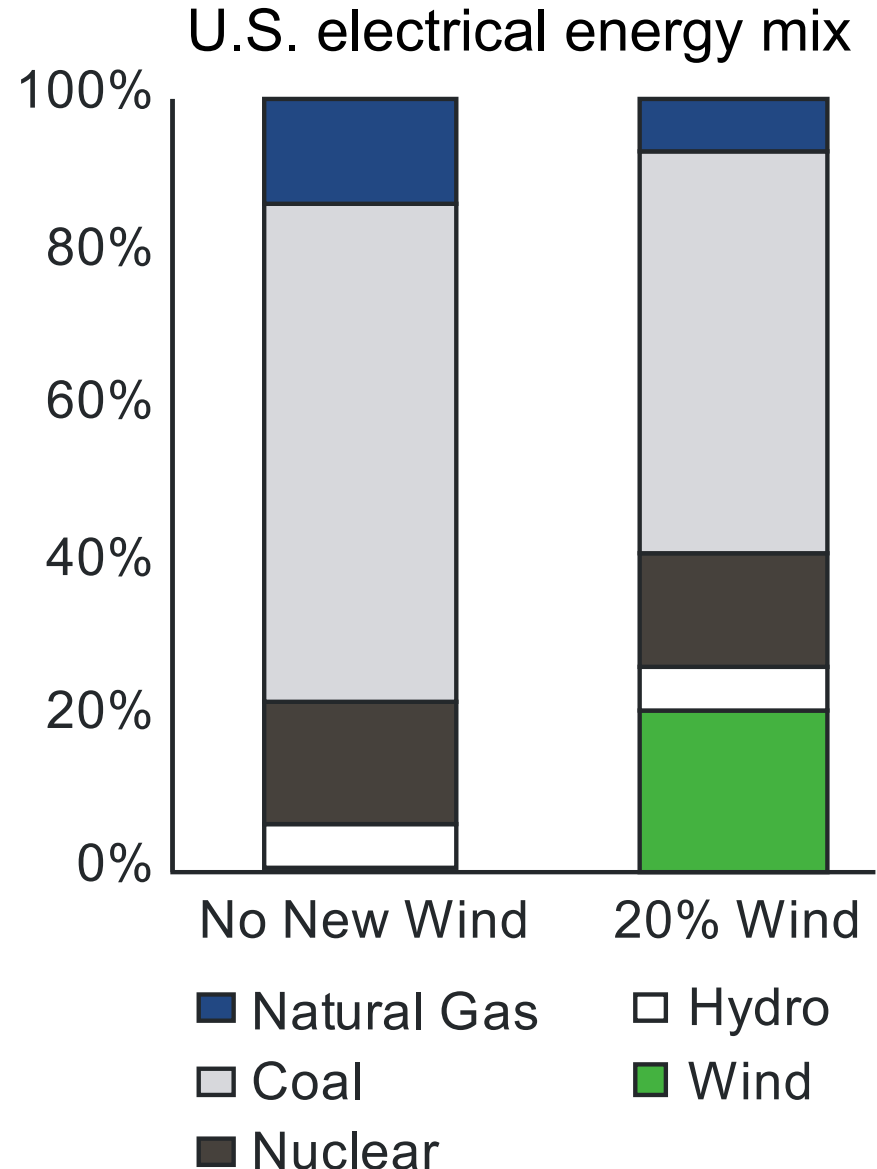


2% investment difference between 20% Wind and No New Wind

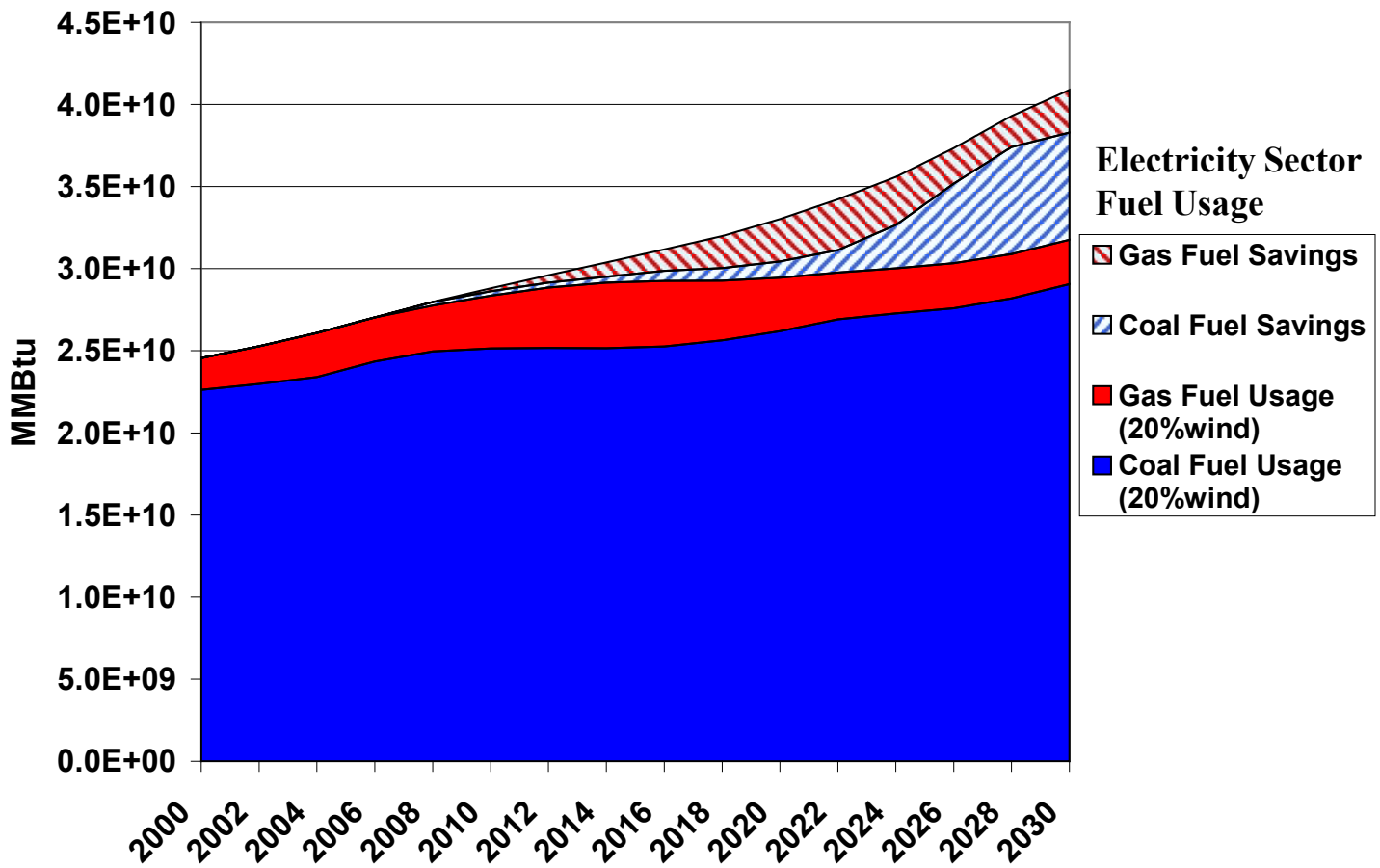
- Wind O&M Costs
- Wind Capital Costs
- Transmission Costs
- Fuel Costs
- Conventional O&M Costs
- Conventional Capital Costs

# 20% Wind Scenario Impact on Generation Mix in 2030

- Reduces electric utility natural gas consumption by 50%
- Reduces total natural gas consumption by 11%
- Natural gas consumer benefits: \$86-214 billion\*
- Reduces electric utility coal consumption by 18%
- Avoids construction of 80 GW of new coal power plants



# Fuel Savings from Wind

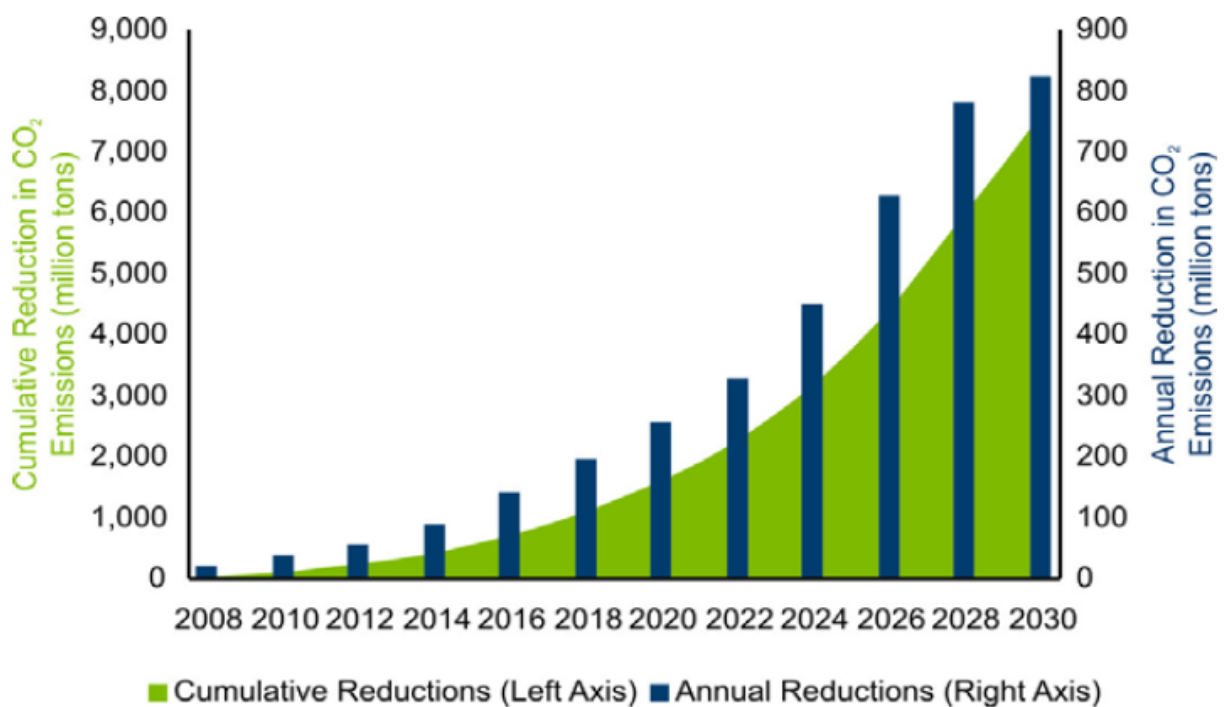


Reduction in National Gas Consumption in 2030 (%)	Natural Gas Price Reduction in 2030 (2006\$/MMBtu)	Present Value Benefits (billion 2006\$)	Levelized Benefit of Wind (\$/MWh)
11%	0.6 - <b>1.1</b> - 1.5	86 - <b>150</b> - 214	16.6 - <b>29</b> - 41.6

# Cumulative Carbon Savings

Figure 1-12. Annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided (vertical bars) would reach 825 million tons by 2030.

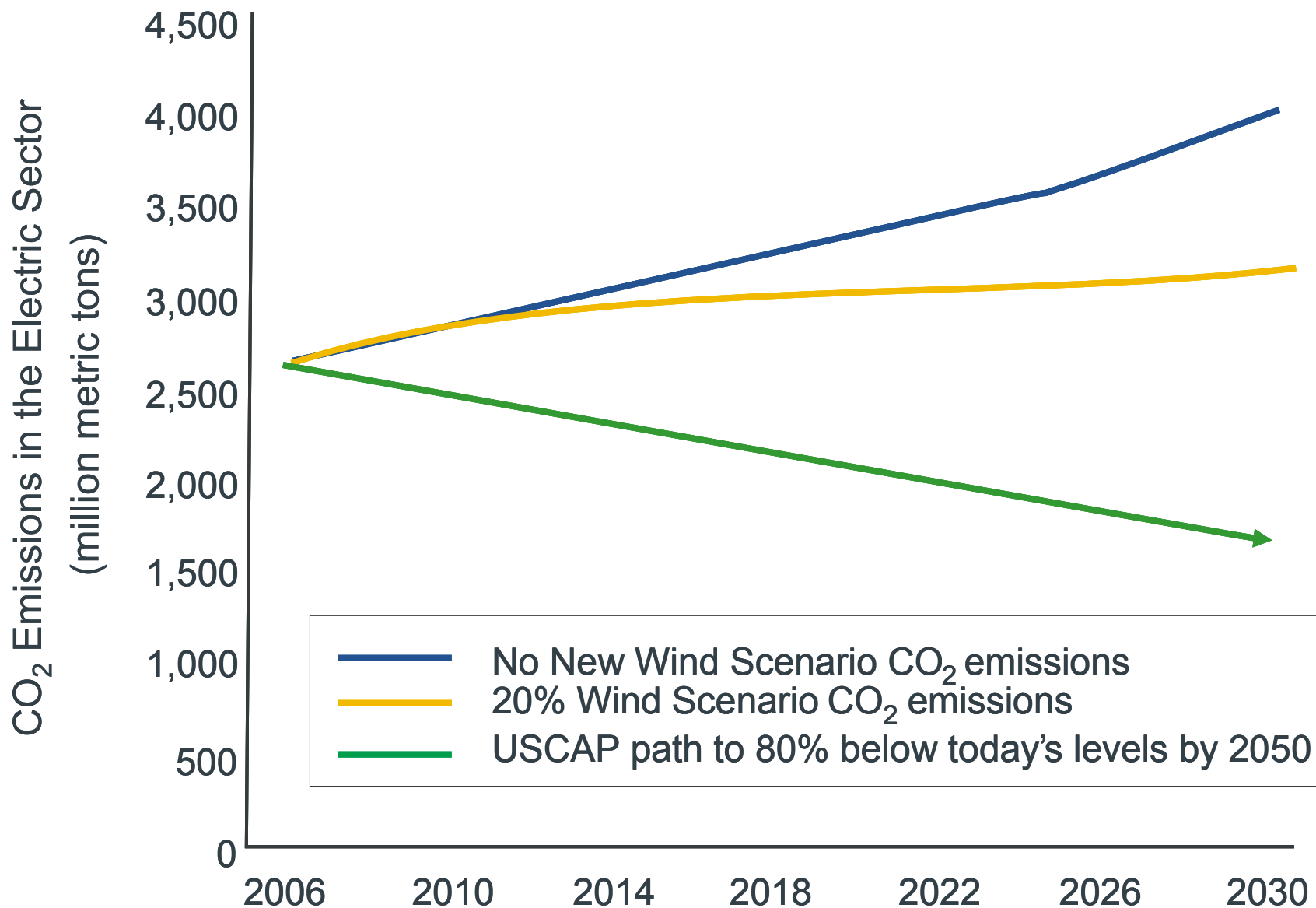
The cumulative avoided emissions by 2030 would total 7,600 million tons.



Cumulative Carbon Savings (2007-2050, MMTCE)	Present Value Benefits (billion 2006\$)	Levelized Benefit of Wind (\$/MWh-wind)
4,182 MMTCE	\$ 50 - \$145	\$ 9.7/MWh - \$ 28.2/MWh



# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from the Electricity Sector



## Wind energy's economic "ripple effect"

### Project Development & Onsite Labor Impacts

#### Landowner Revenue:

- \$783 million

#### Local Property Taxes:

- \$1,877 million

#### Construction Phase:

- 834,072 FTE jobs
- \$65 billion to the US economy

#### Operational Phase:

- 366,441 FTE jobs
- \$17 B to the US economy



### Local Revenue, Turbine, & Supply Chain Impacts

#### Construction Phase:

- 2.63 M FTE jobs
- \$526 billion to the US economy

#### Operational Phase:

- 1.3 M FTE jobs
- \$207 billion to the US economy

### Induced Impacts

#### Construction Phase:

- 2.75 M FTE jobs
- \$353 billion to the US economy

#### Operational Phase:

- 1.64 M FTE jobs
- \$192 billion to the US economy

### Totals (construction + 20 years)

Total economic benefit: \$1.36 trillion

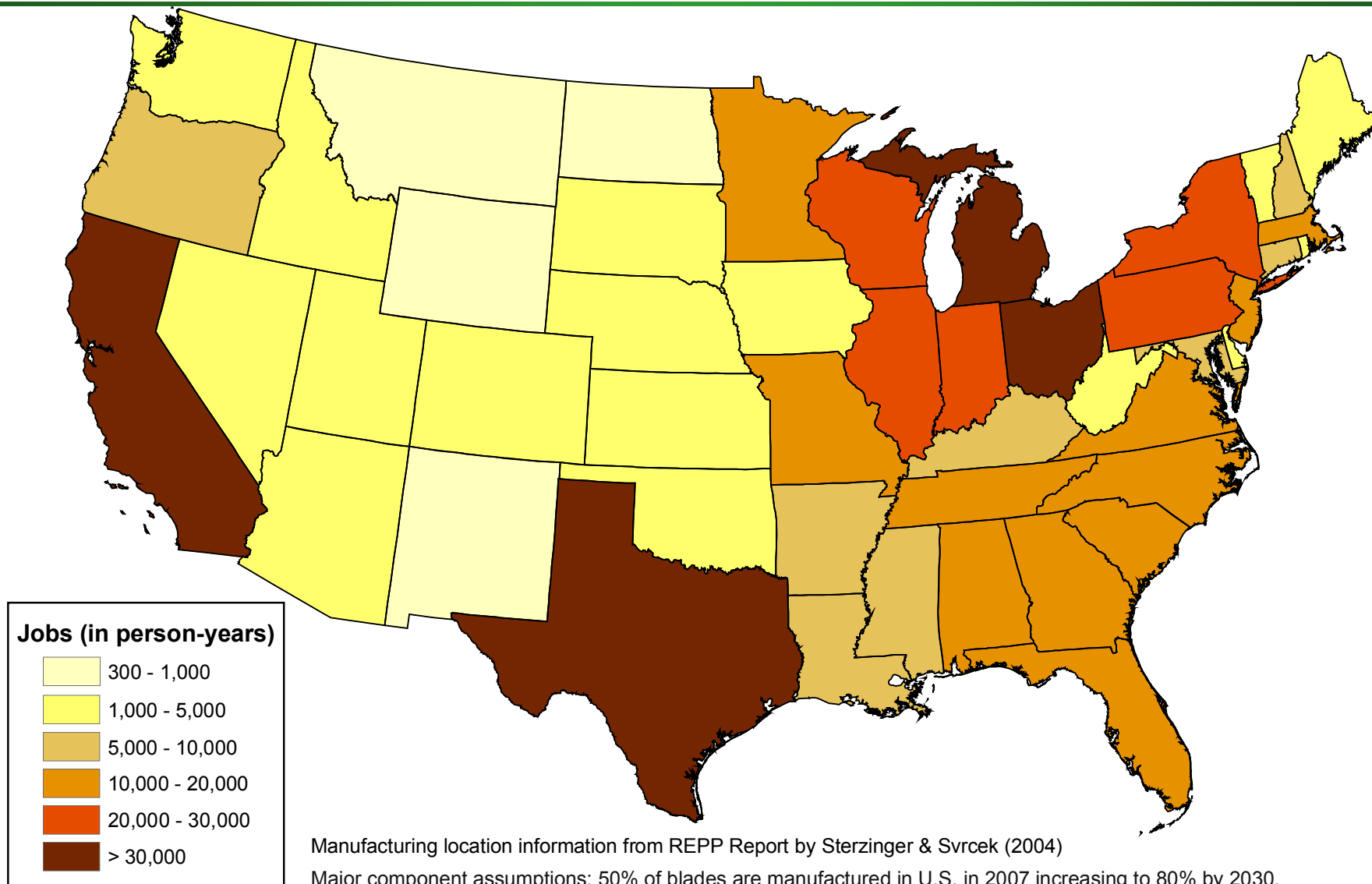
New local jobs during construction: 6.2 M FTE

New local long-term jobs: 3.3 M FTE

Construction Phase = 1-2 years  
Operational Phase = 20+ years

All assumptions based on DOE Report: 20% Wind Energy by 2030

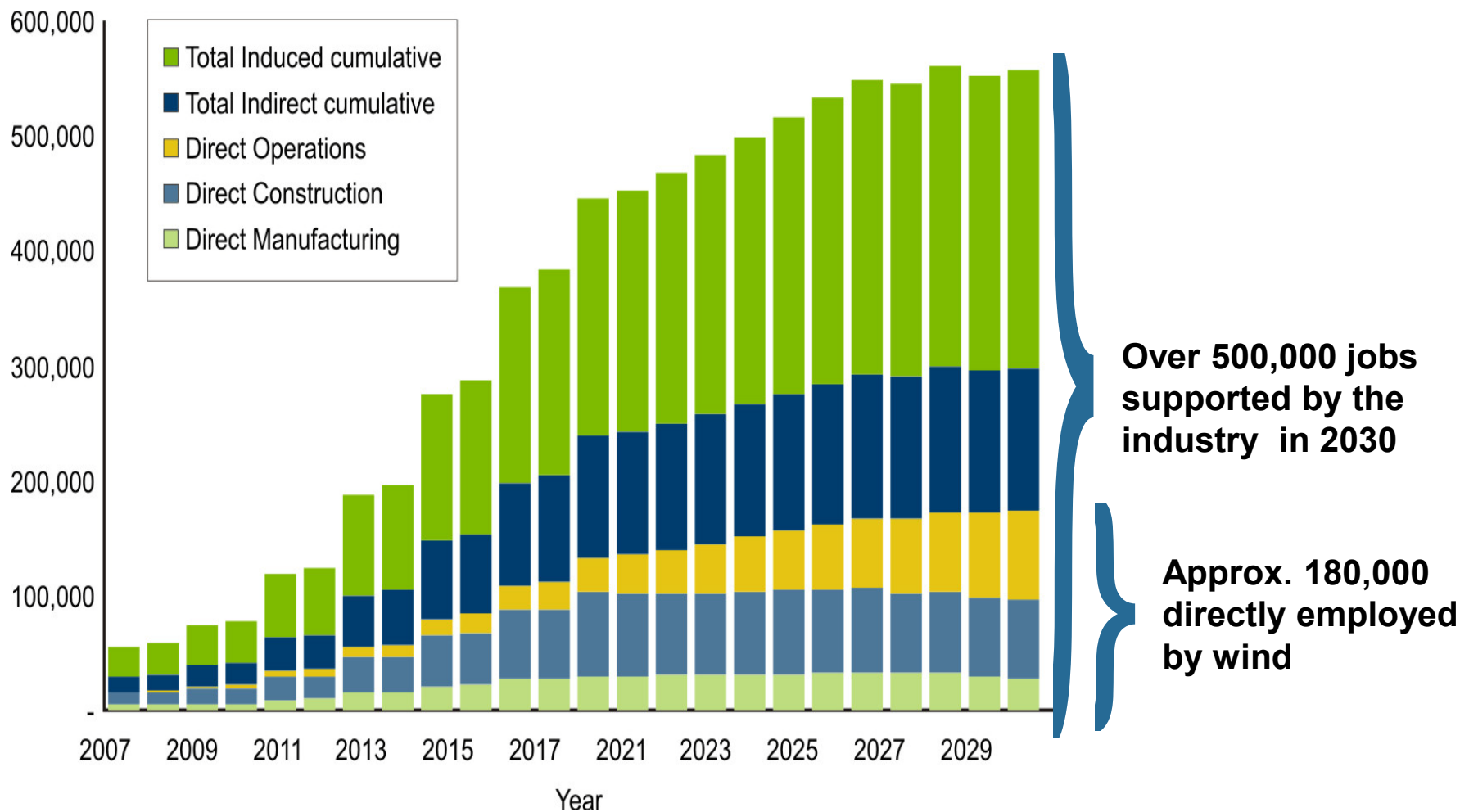
# Manufacturing Jobs Supported by State



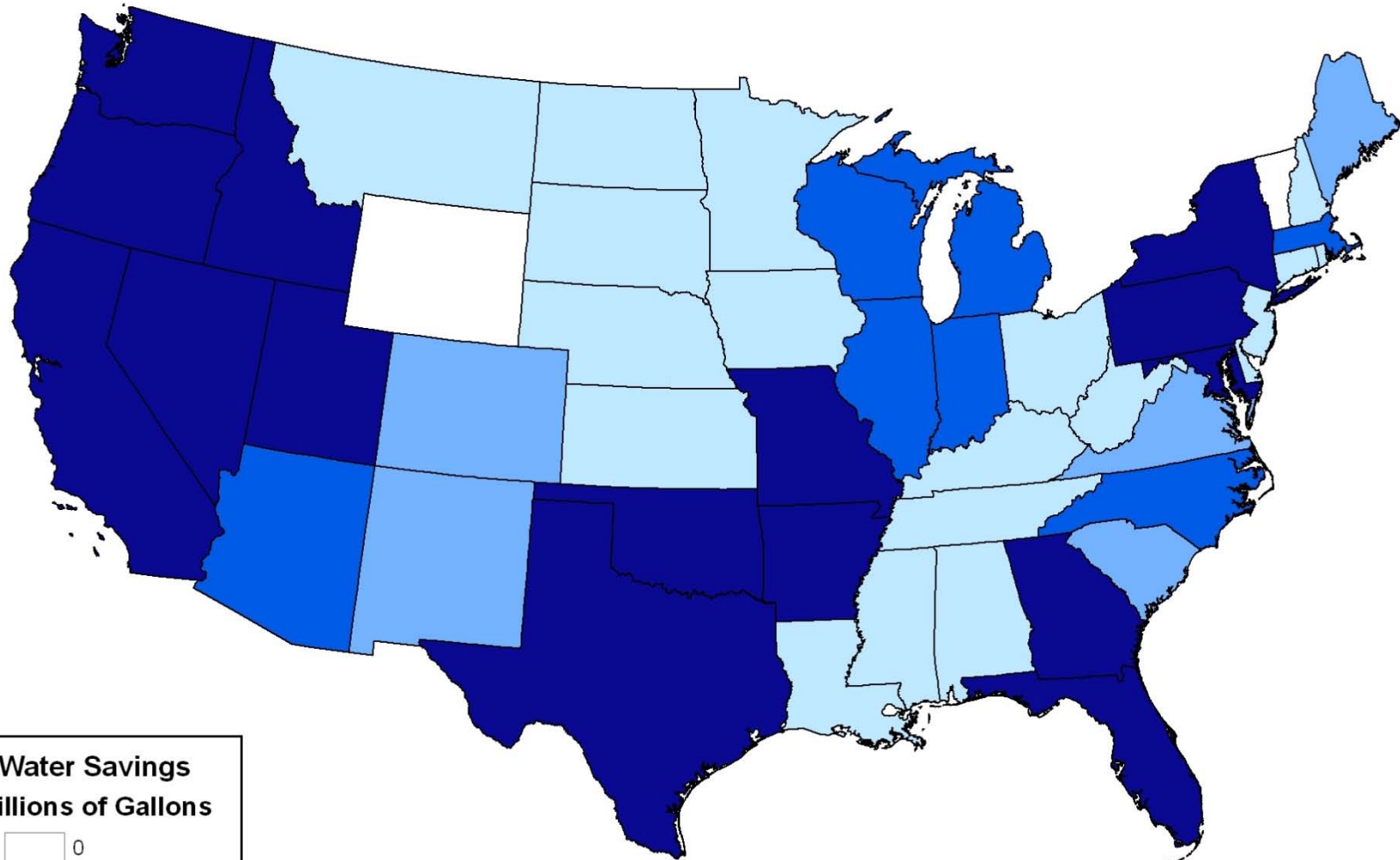
Major component assumptions: 50% of blades are manufactured in U.S. in 2007 increasing to 80% by 2030, 26% of towers are from the U.S. in 2007 increasing to 50% by 2030 and 20% of turbines are made in the U.S. increasing to 42% by 2030.

# Jobs Supported by the 20% Scenario

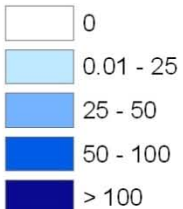
**Over 500,000 jobs would be supported between 2007 and 2030**



# Cumulative Water Savings from 20% Scenario



Water Savings  
Billions of Gallons



*Reduces water consumption of 4 trillion gallons through 2030  
(represents a reduction in electric sector water consumption by  
17% in 2030)*



# Wind Power Avoids Other Negative Impacts

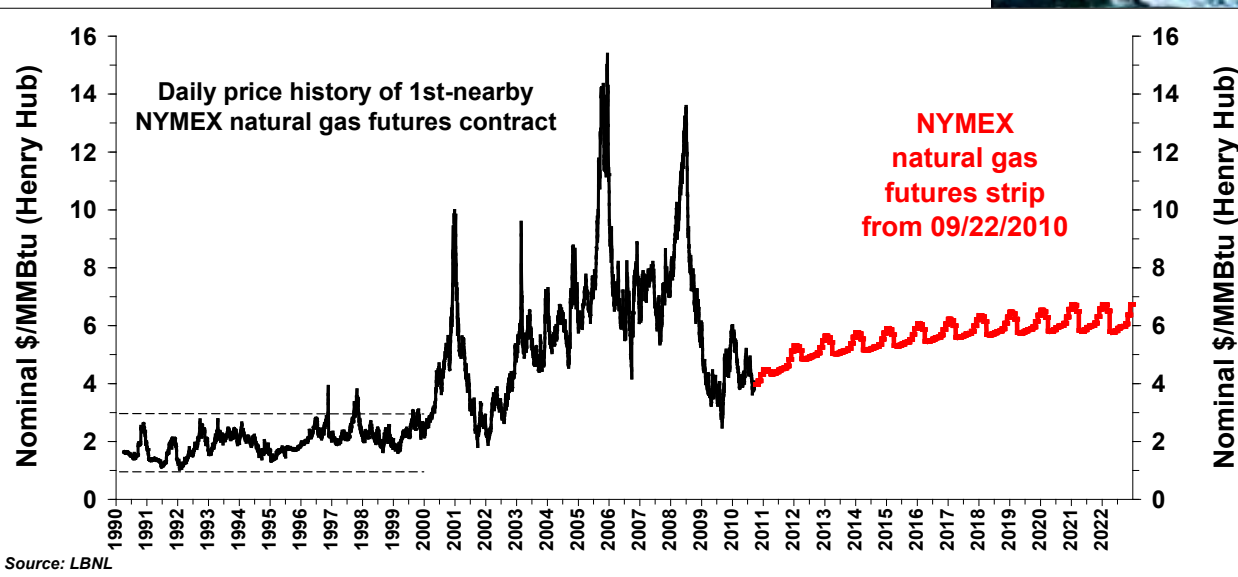
- Wind power avoids the negative impacts of fossil fuel-based electricity generation:
  - Air emissions of mercury or other heavy metals
  - Emissions from extracting and transporting fuels
  - Lake and streambed acidification
  - Production of toxic solid wastes, ash, or slurry



Photo courtesy: NREL

# Other Benefits of 20% Wind Energy

- Improves energy security by diversifying electricity portfolio with an indigenous energy source
- Reduces fossil fuel demand and fuel prices, helping to stabilize electricity rates



# Results: **Costs** & **Benefits**

Incremental direct cost to society	<b>\$43 billion</b>
Reductions in emissions of greenhouse gasses and other atmospheric pollutants	825 M tons (2030) <b>\$98 billion</b>
Reductions in water consumption	8% total electric 17% in 2030
Jobs created and other economic benefits	150,000 direct \$450 billion total
Reductions in natural gas use and price pressure	11% <b>\$150 billion</b>
<b>Net Benefits: \$205B + Water savings</b>	

# Conclusions

- 20% wind energy penetration is possible
- 20% penetration is not going to happen under business as usual scenario
- Policy choices will have a large impact on assessing the timing and rate of achieving a 20% goal
- Key Issues: market transformation, transmission, project diversity, technology development, policy, public acceptance
- 20% Vision report: May 2008 ([www.20percentwind.org](http://www.20percentwind.org))



# Wind Stakeholders





# *Carpe Ventem*

