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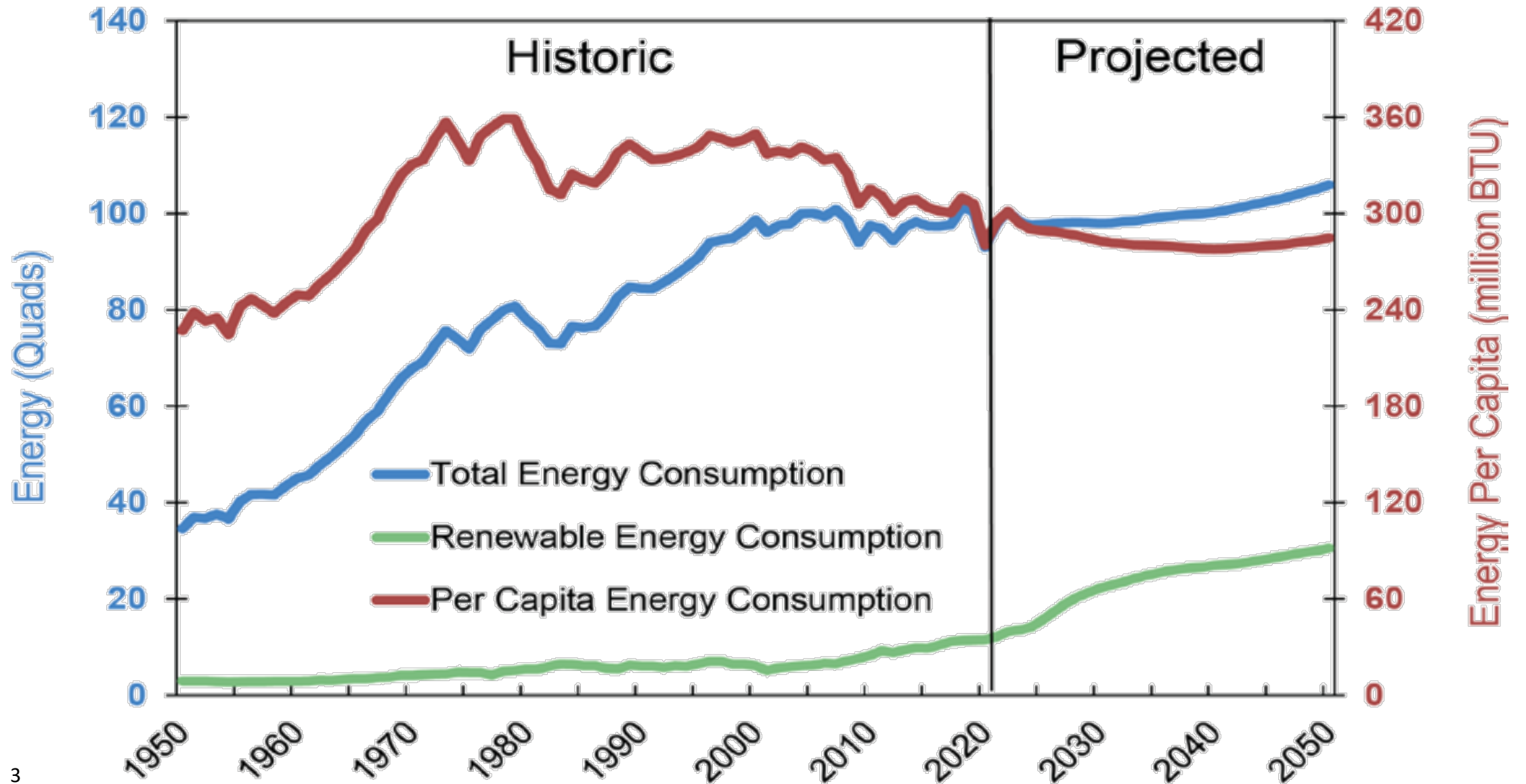
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Growing Demand for Renewable Energy

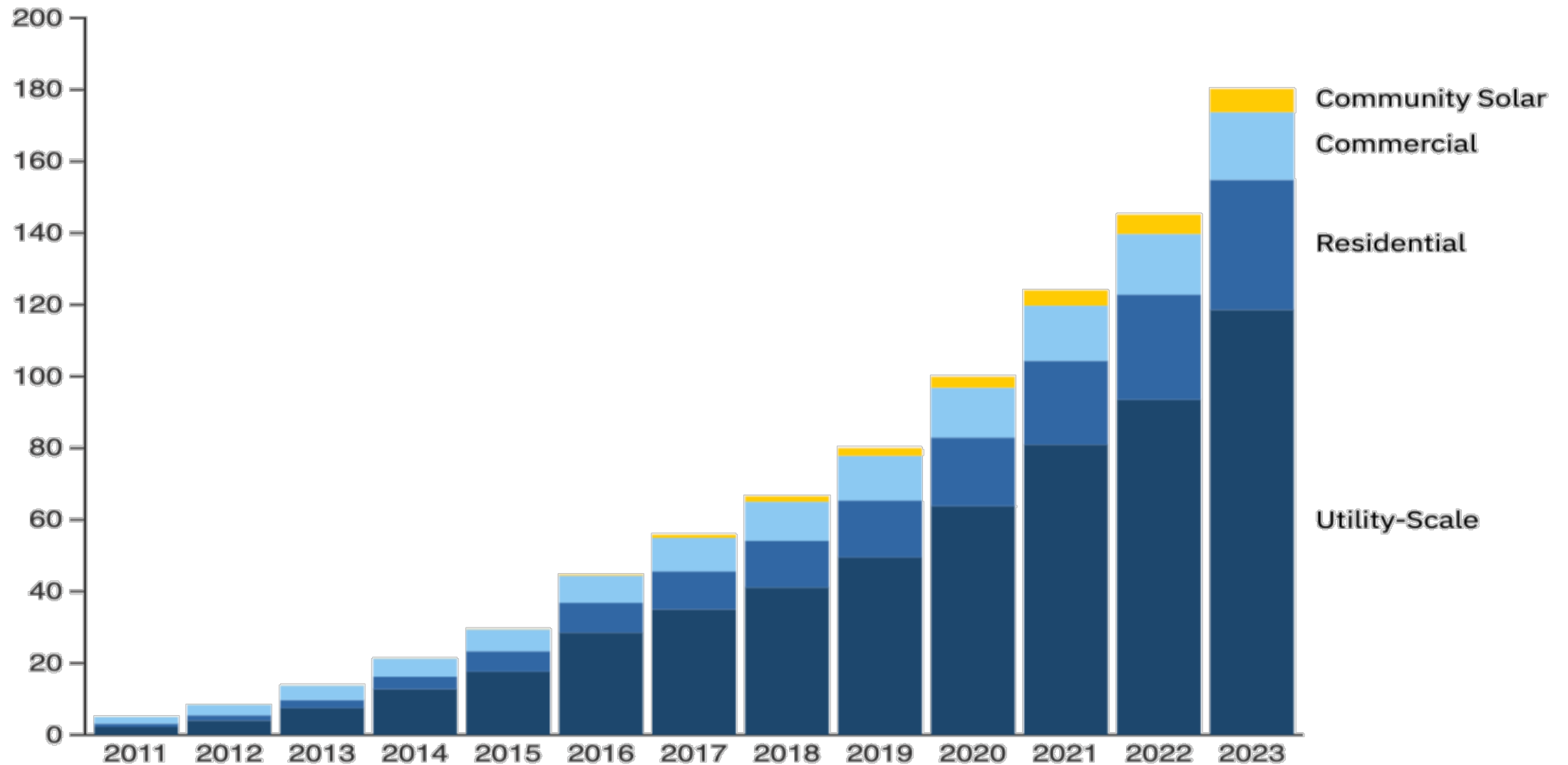
Key Drivers

- Demand for Energy
- Cost competitiveness
- Federal & state policies
- Utility decarbonization
- Corporate renewable procurement

U.S. Rising Energy Demand



U.S. Solar Capacity (gigawatts)

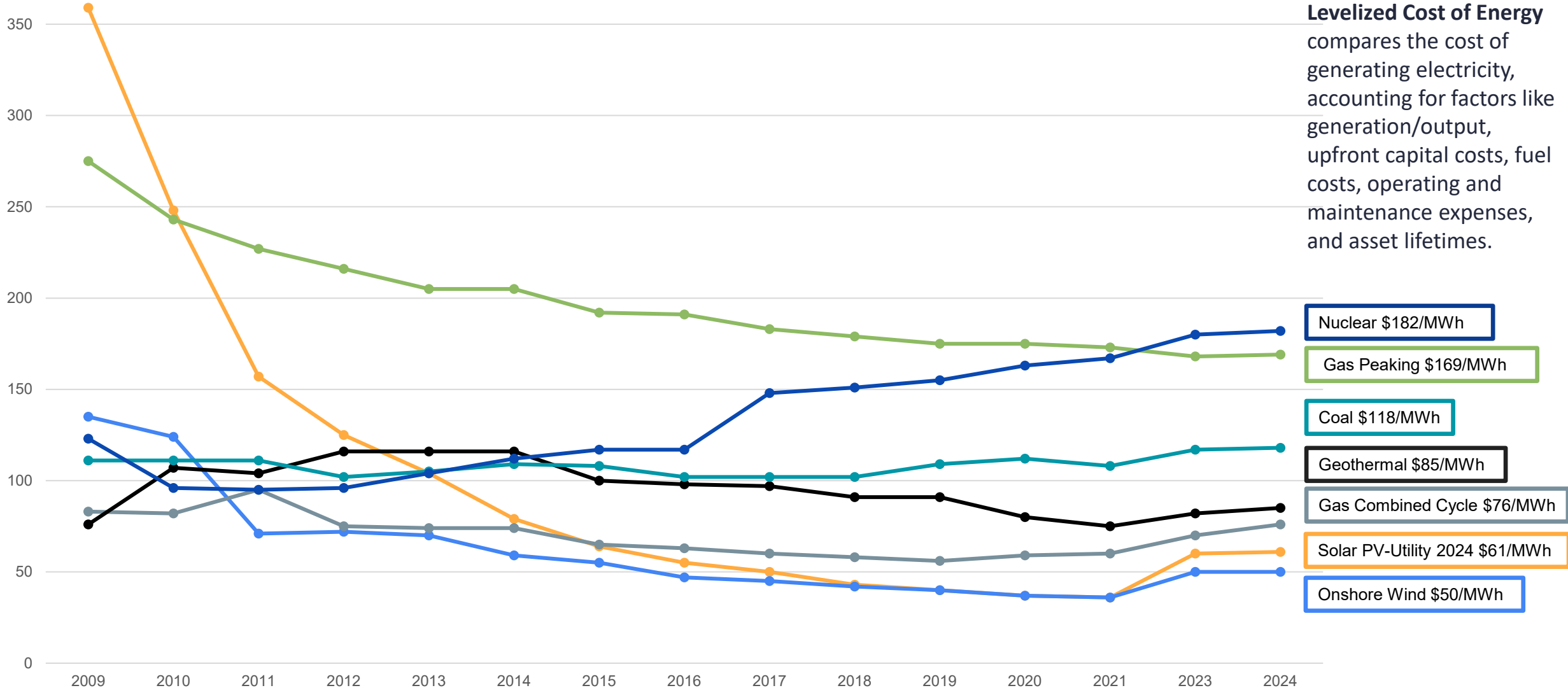


In 2023, renewables surpassed coal in energy generation.



Levelized Cost of Energy

Levelized Cost of Energy compares the cost of generating electricity, accounting for factors like generation/output, upfront capital costs, fuel costs, operating and maintenance expenses, and asset lifetimes.



Data Source: Lazard LCOE+ 2024

**Alberta Electric
System Operator**

**Electric System Operator
(IESO)**

**Midcontinent ISO
(MISO)**

**New York ISO
(NYISO)**

**New England
ISO (ISO-NE)**

PJM

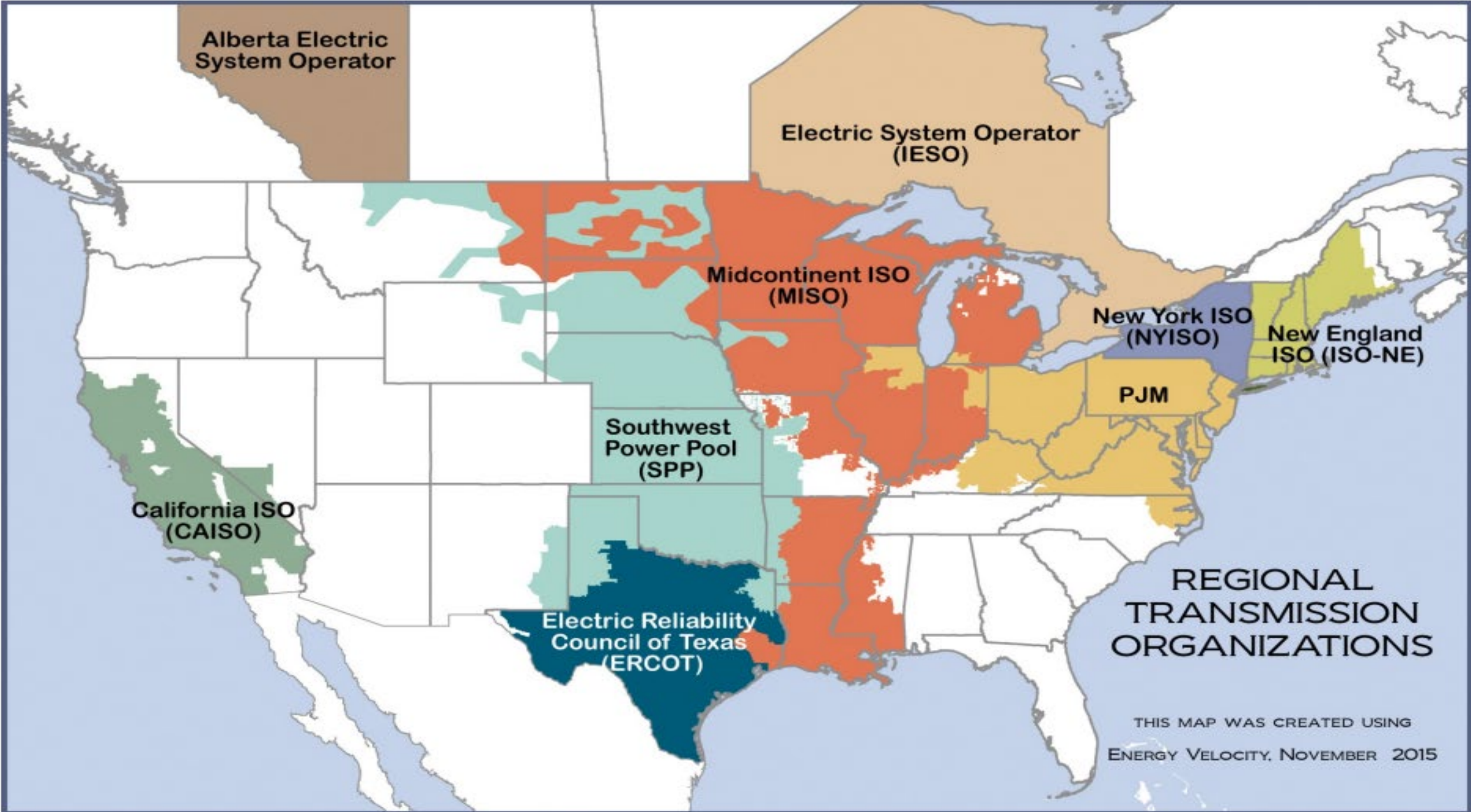
**Southwest
Power Pool
(SPP)**

**California ISO
(CAISO)**

**Electric Reliability
Council of Texas
(ERCOT)**

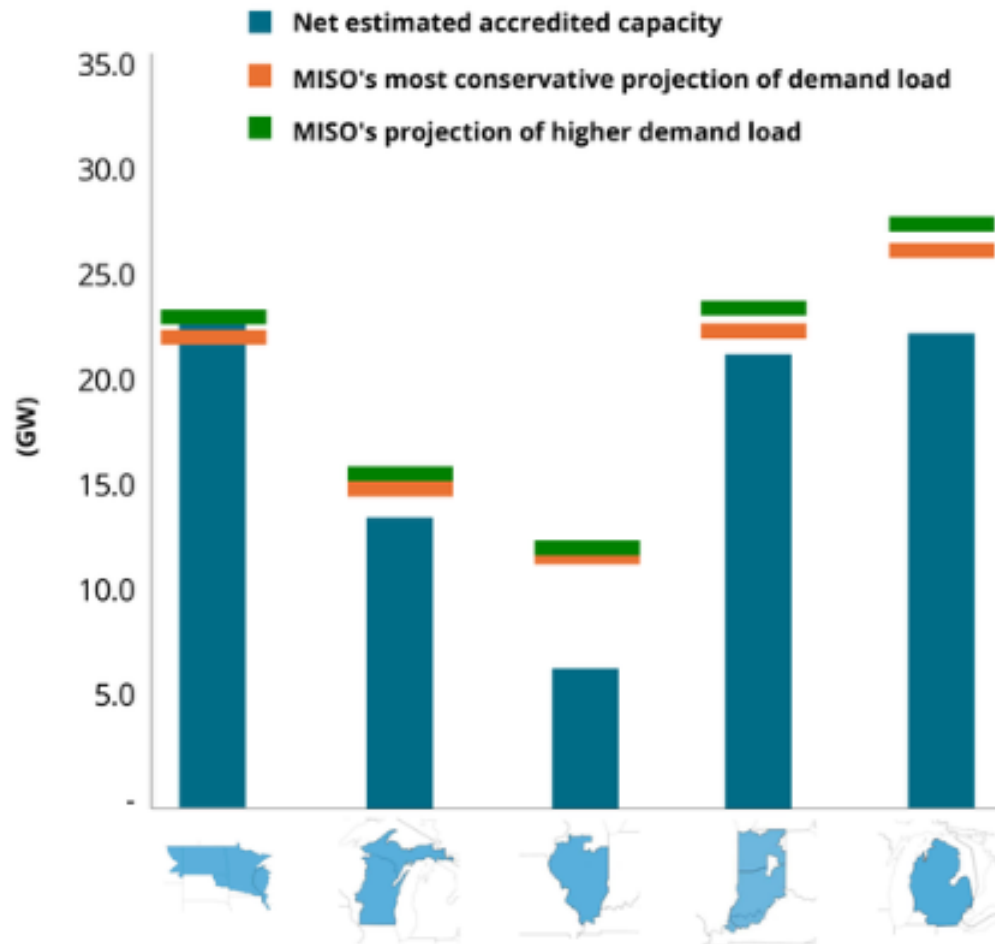
REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS

THIS MAP WAS CREATED USING
ENERGY VELOCITY, NOVEMBER 2015

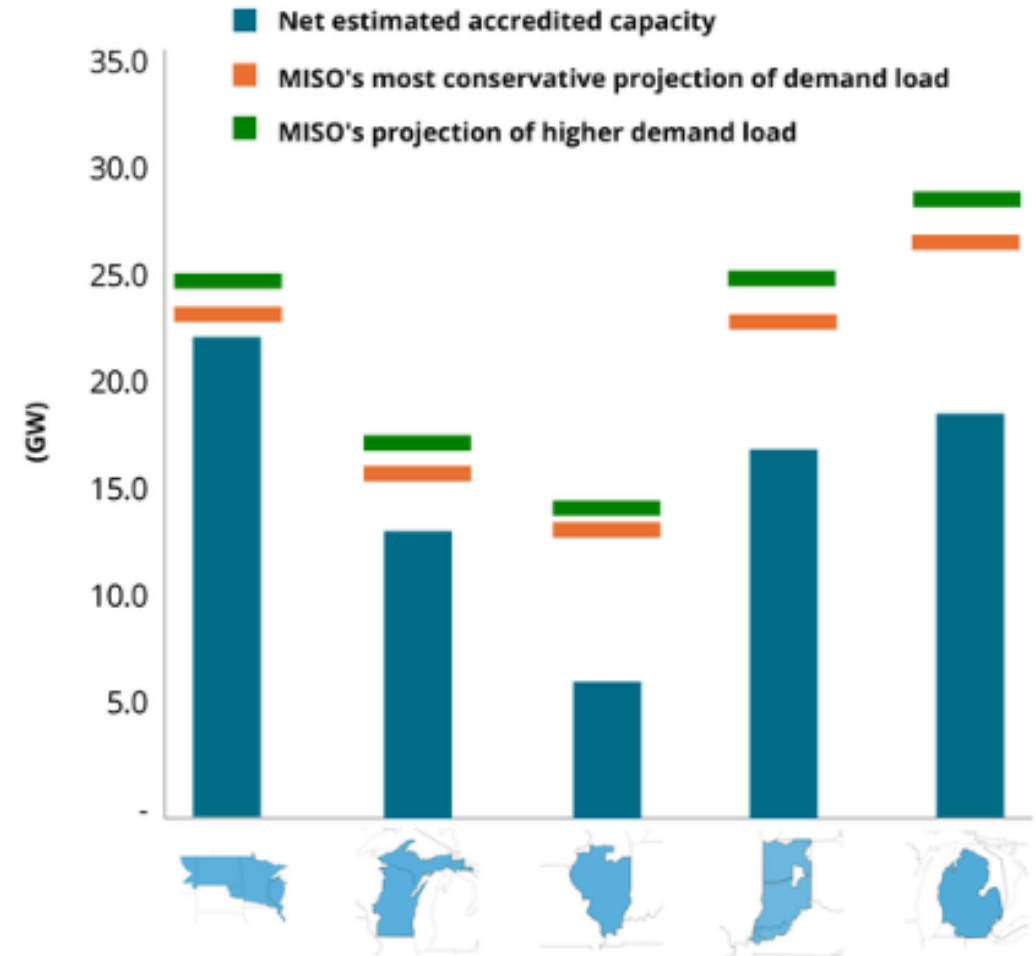


Region's Electric Supply Gap

5-Year Gap (2027)



10-Year Gap (2032)





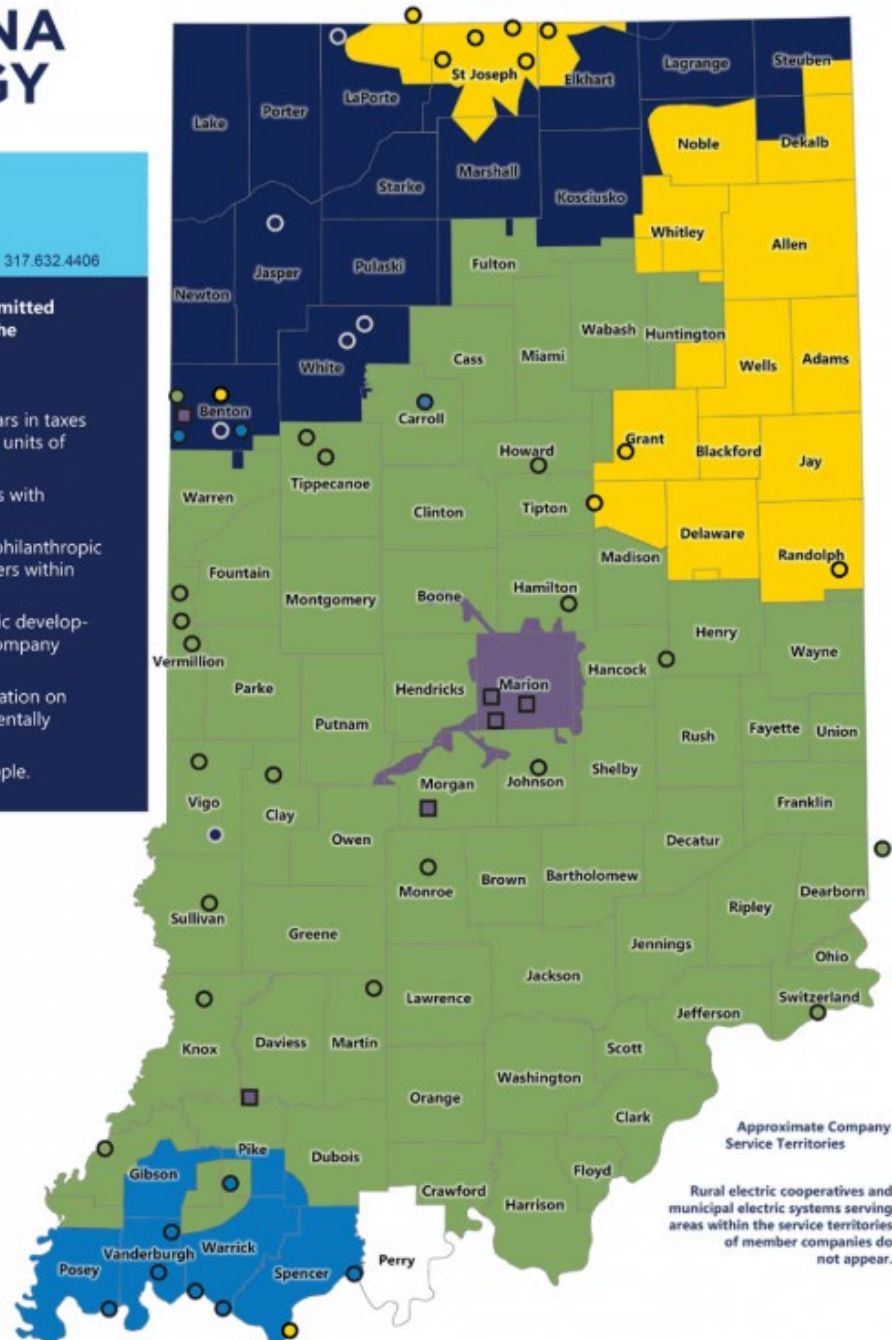
Electric Service Territories

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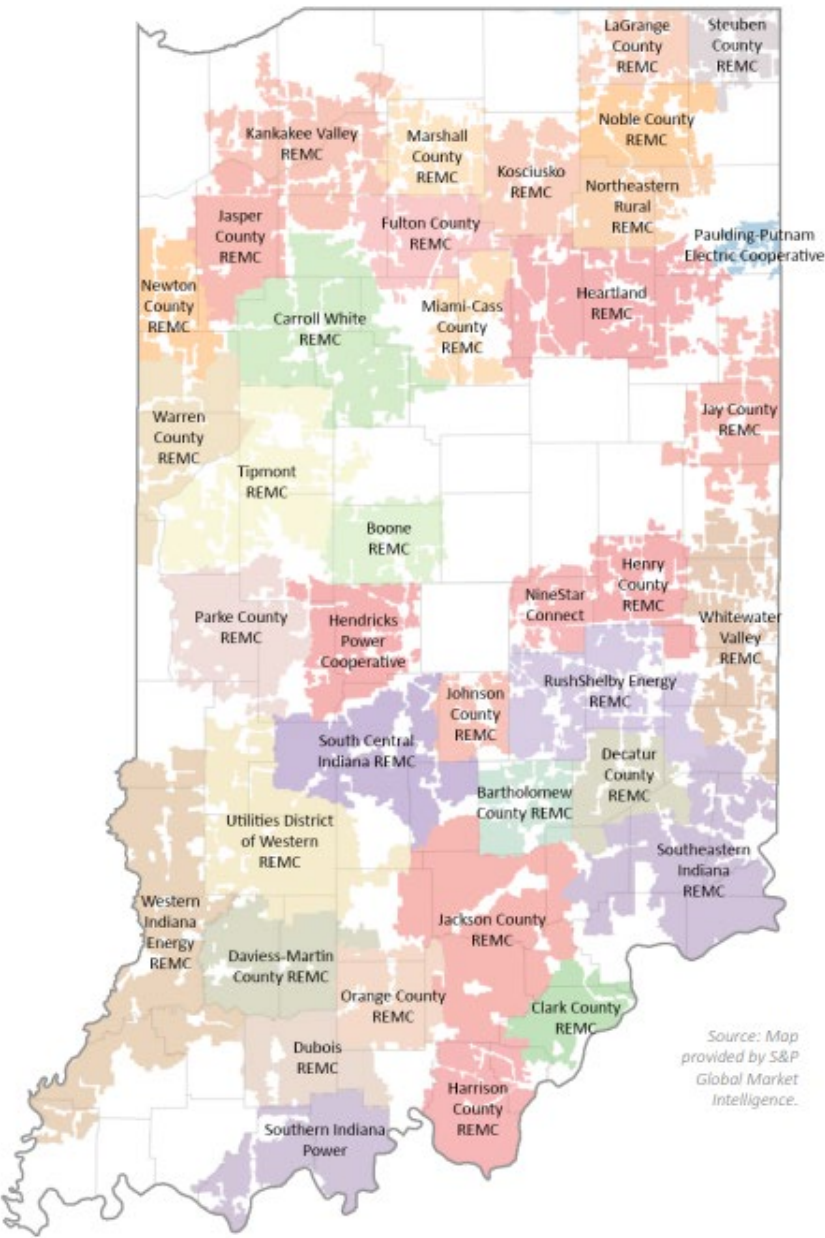
IEA member companies are committed to giving back to the state and the communities they serve.

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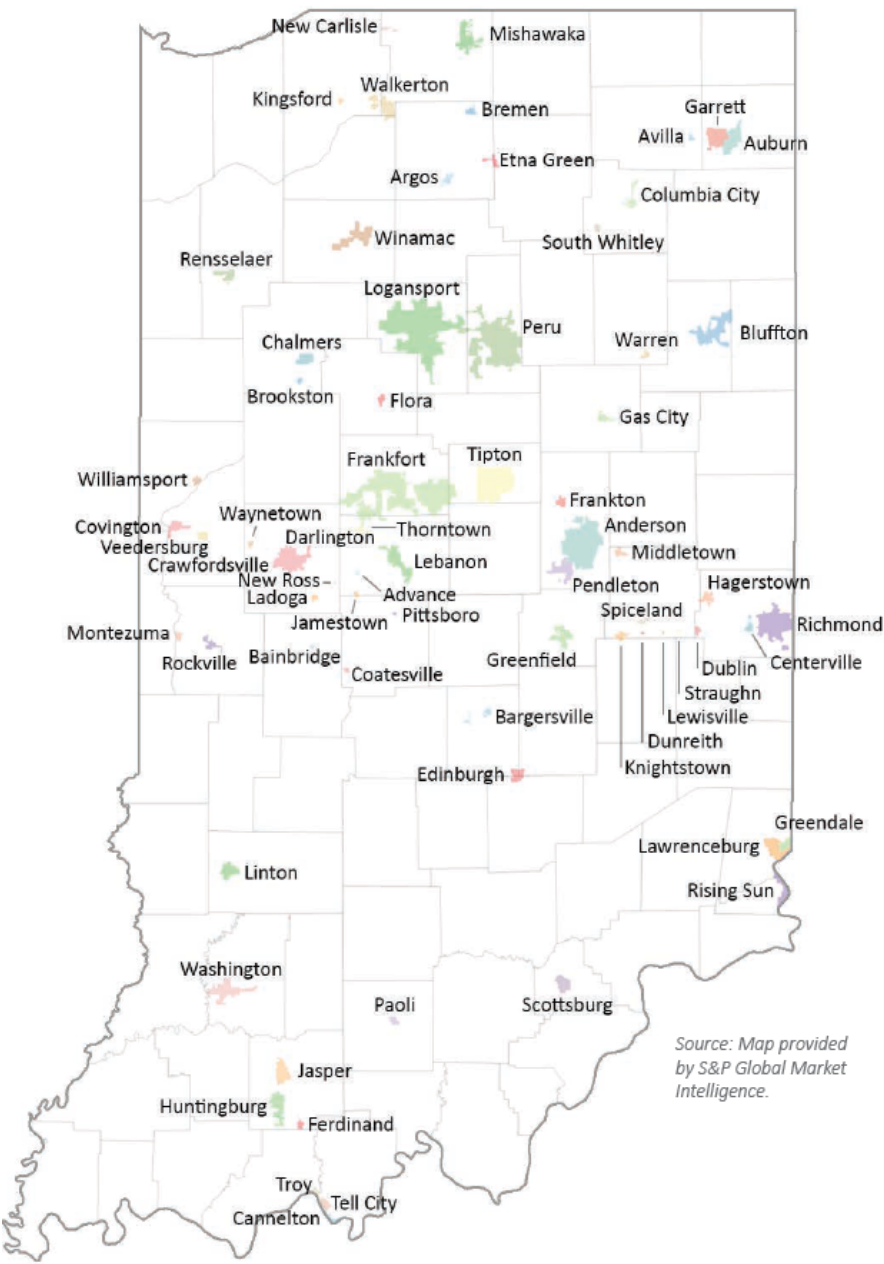
- Pay hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes to the state of Indiana and local units of government on an annual basis.
- Provide over 2.3 million Hoosiers with electricity at competitive costs.
- Contribute millions annually to philanthropic causes and low-income customers within the state of Indiana.
- Support state and local economic development activities through utility company programs and contributions.
- Provide ongoing customer education on the safe, efficient and environmentally sound use of electricity.
- Directly employ over 10,000 people.



Indiana Electric Cooperatives Service Territories



Municipal Electric Service Territories



Meeting Energy Demand



Utility designs, builds, owns, and operates the facility.

Power generated goes to utility company's customers.



Utility purchases the facility after it's built - then owns and operates the facility.

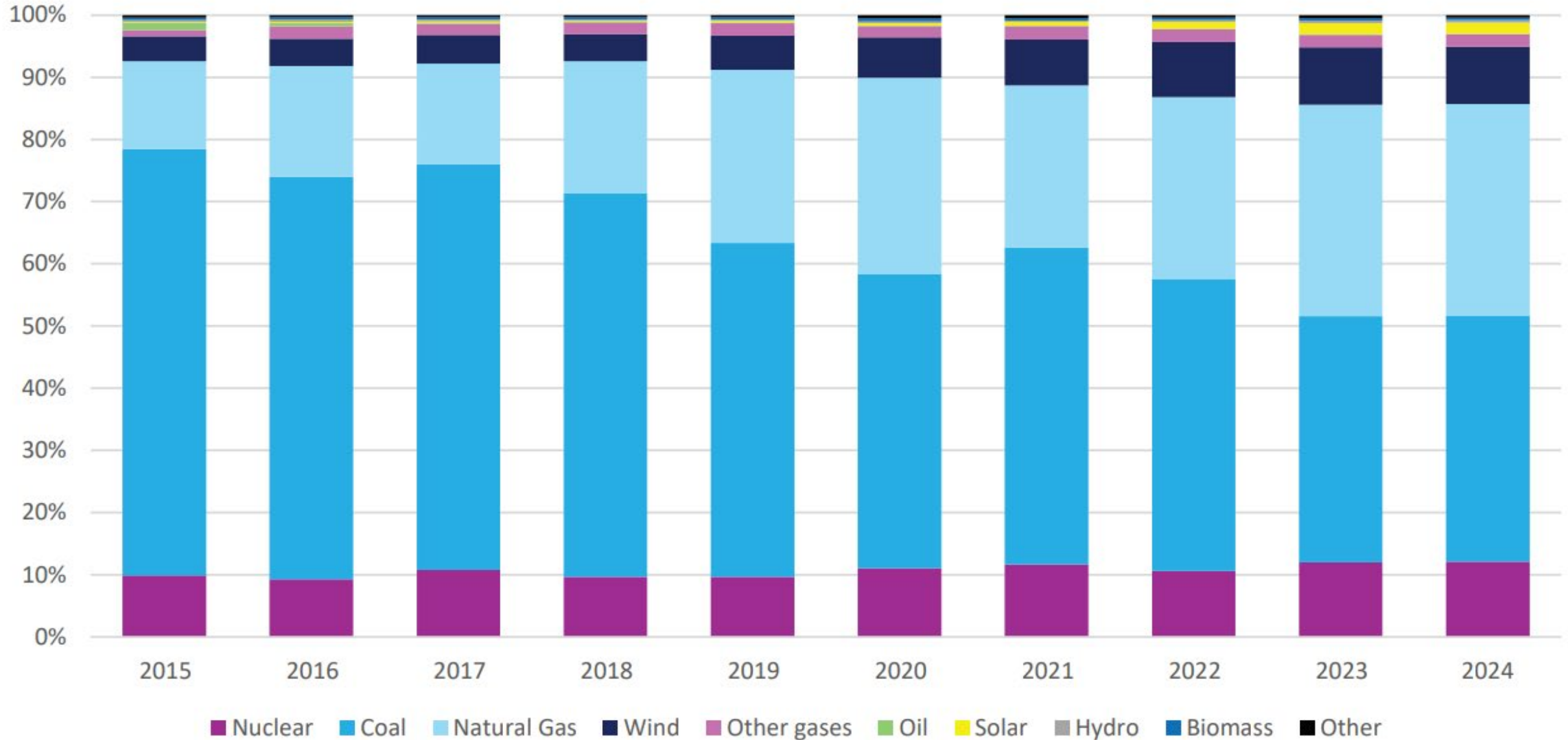
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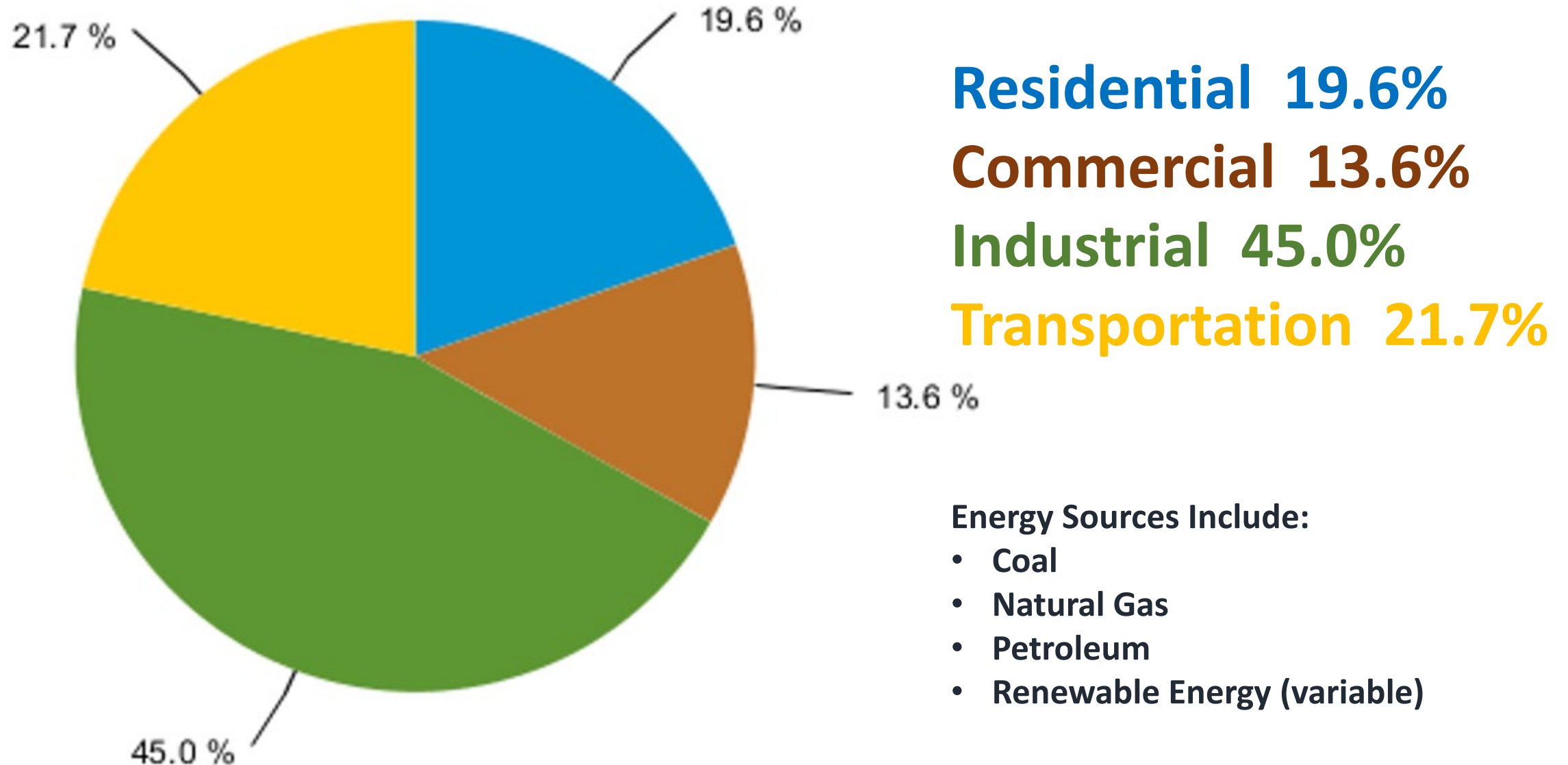
Utility enters a long-term contract to purchase the power – known as a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Power purchased goes to utility company's customers.

Indiana's Generation Mix

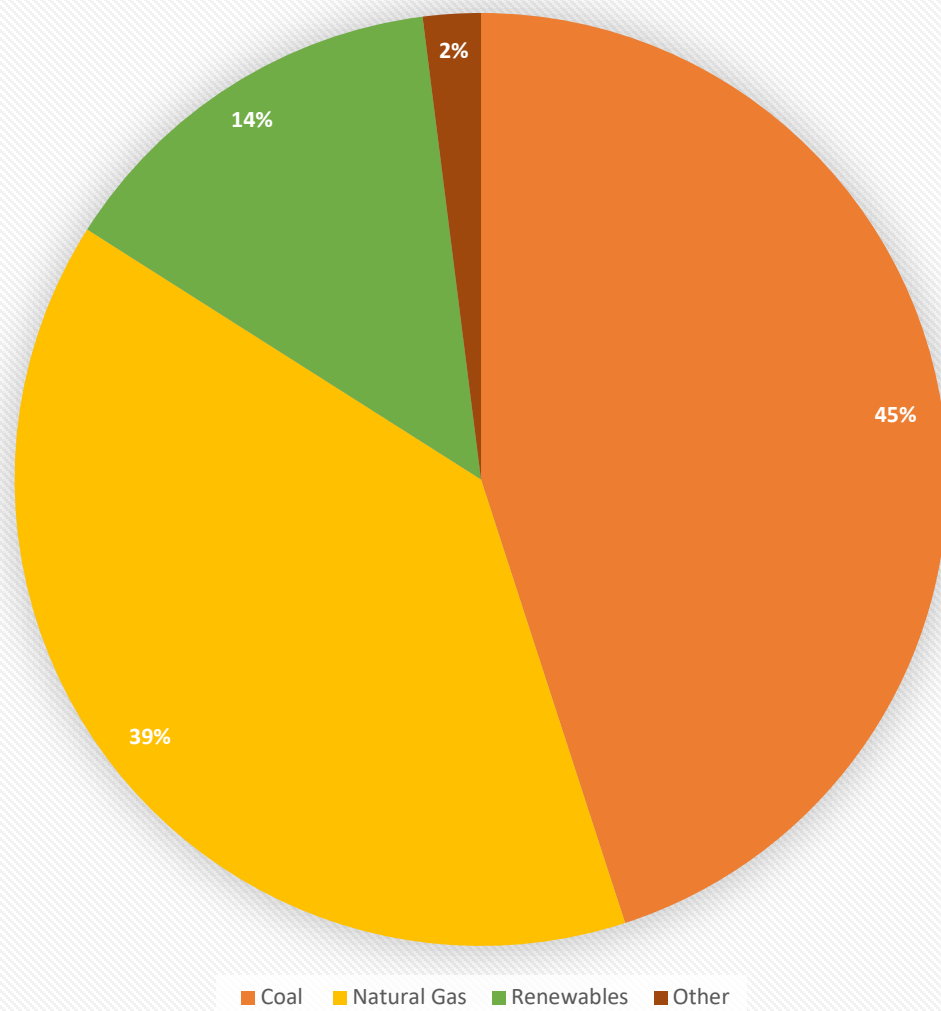


Indiana Energy Consumption by End-User



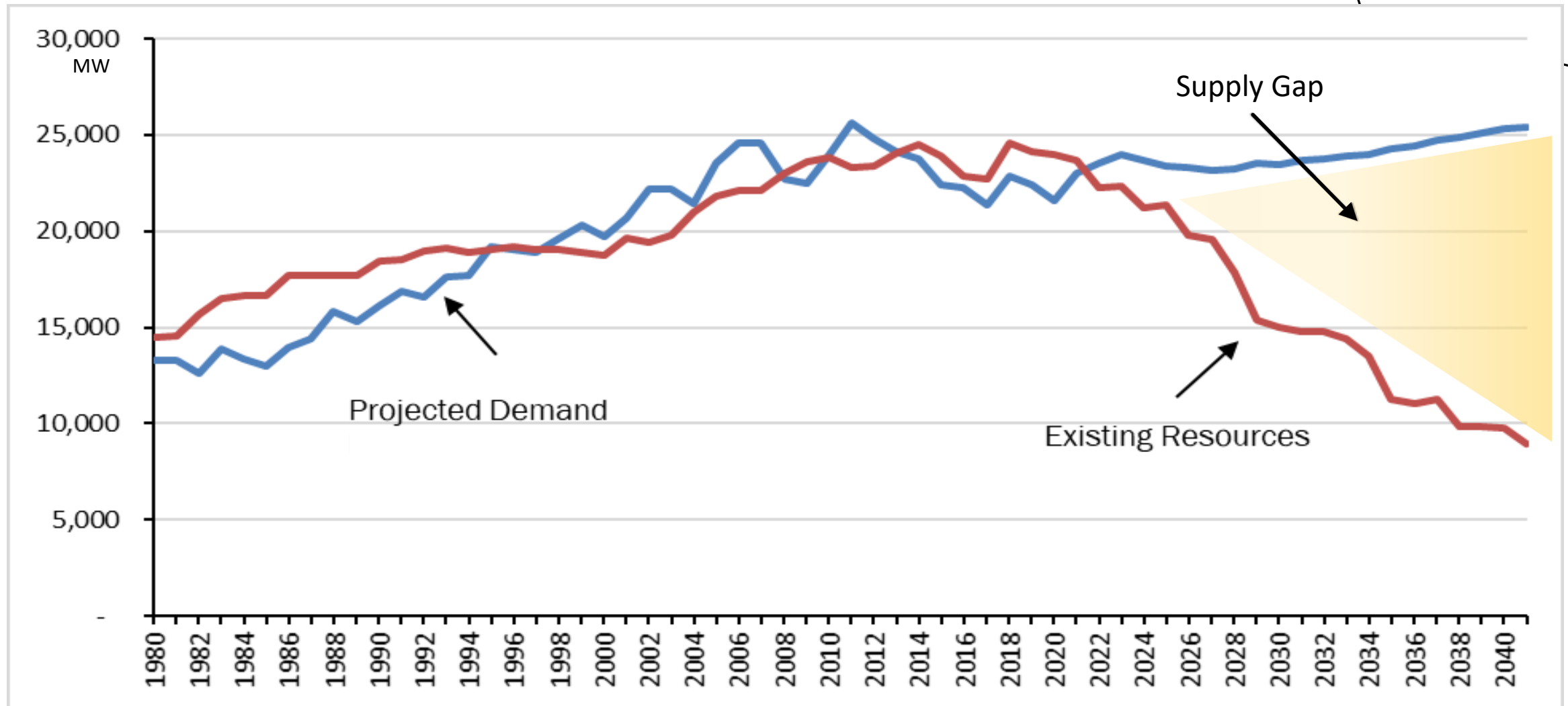
Indiana's Energy Use

Indiana's Energy Mix 2023*

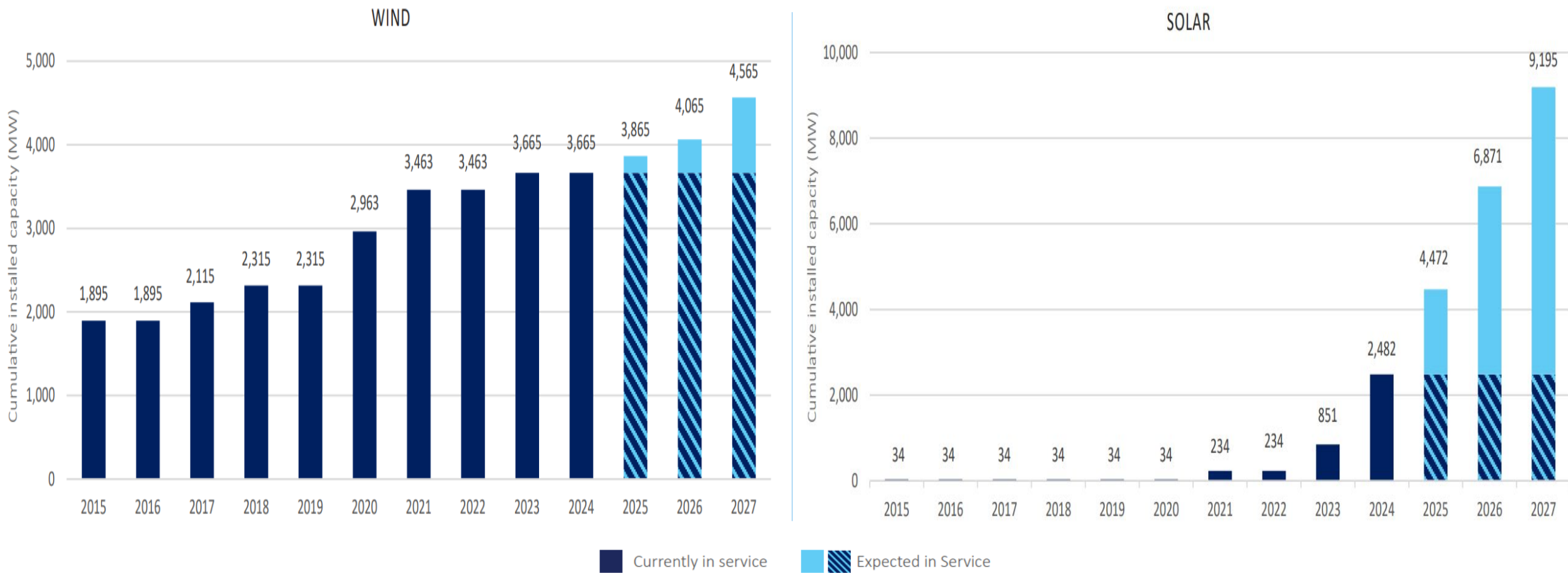


- Indiana is **11th in the US in total energy use** per capita (2024).
- Since 2012, Indiana has **used more electricity than we produce**.
- Indiana **consumes approximately 3x more energy** than we produce.
- Indiana's **industrial sector is** the state's largest energy consumer at almost half of the energy.
- In 2024, Indiana was the nation's **second-highest coal consumer**.

Indiana Electric Supply Gap



Indiana's Renewable Capacity Over Time



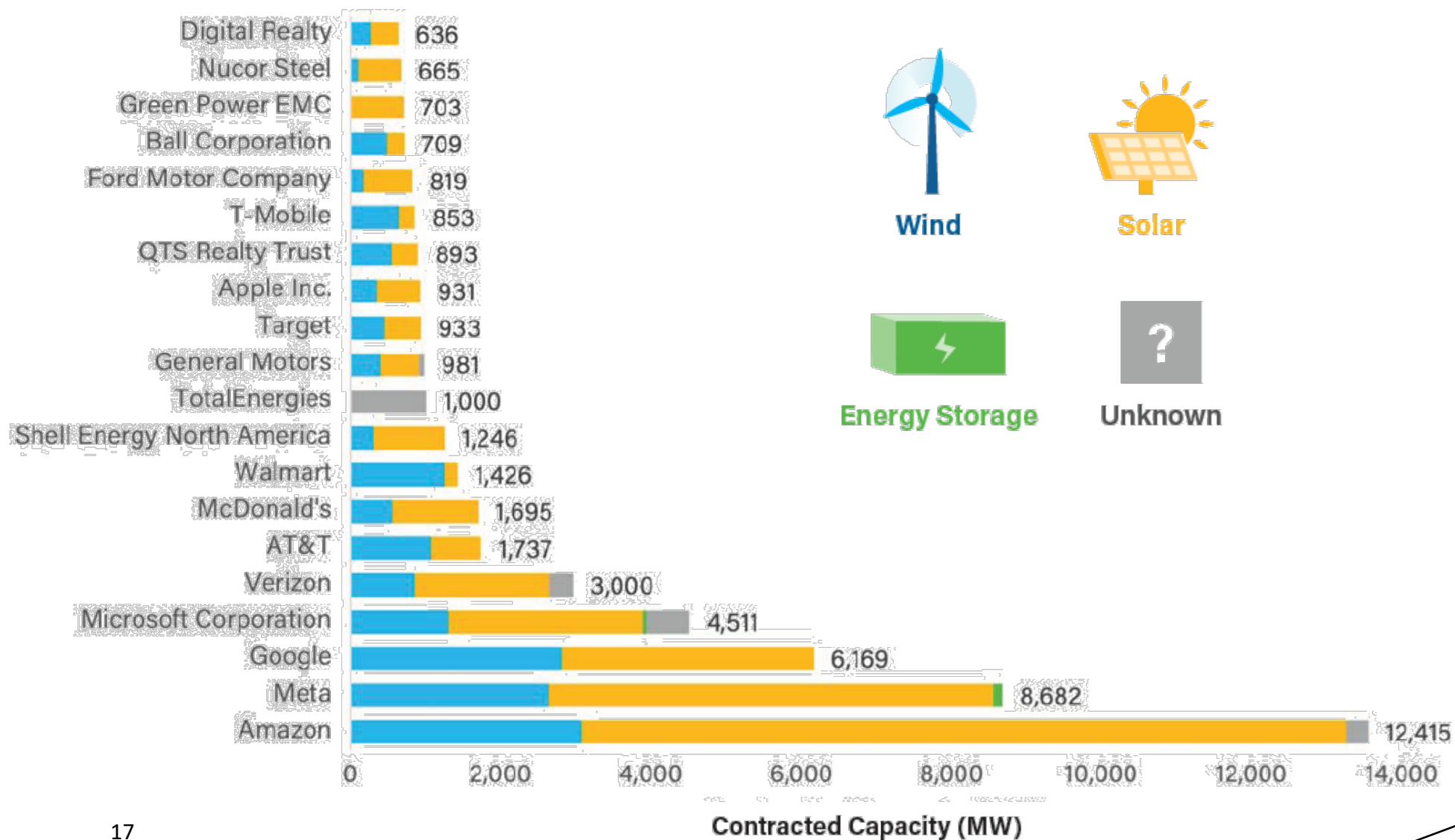
The charts above show the changes in generation capacity of both wind and solar (for merchant plants only) over the last several years, as well as projected growth based on projects that have filed with the Commission. This chart represents data provided to the Commission as of July 1, 2024.

Statewide Renewable Activity

	WIND		SOLAR	
	Capacity in MWac	No. of Facilities	Capacity in MWac	No. of Facilities
Operating	3,664	20	2,482	15
Under Construction	400	2	3,070	13
Construction Not Started	603	3	4,716	30
Total	4,667	25	10,268	58

Capitol Investment in Indiana exceeds: \$6.8B wind + \$1.7B solar

Top 20 Purchasers of U.S. Clean Energy by Technology 2022



Agrivoltaics



Agrivoltaics



Minnesota bee keeper, Jim Degiovanni, inspects "BareHoney" hives outside IMS Solar, a pollinator-friendly photovoltaic array site in St. Joseph, Minn. Credit: Dennis Schroeder National Renewable Energy Lab *Flickr* (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)



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Photo by American Farmland Trust.

Agrivoltaics

Produce growing under panels at Rutgers' Agricultural Research and Extension Center.



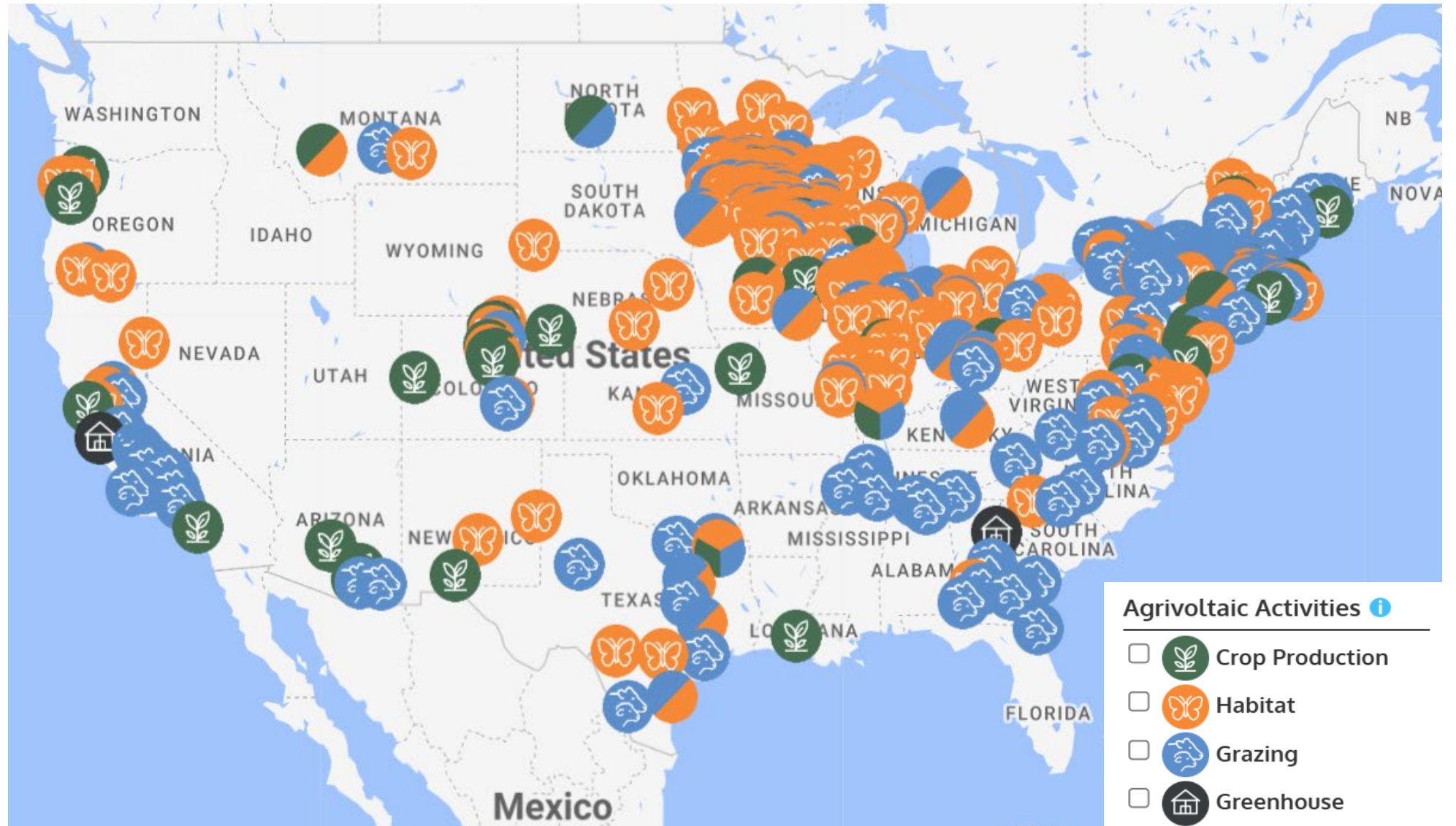
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Operating Agrivoltaics in the US


662
 Sites

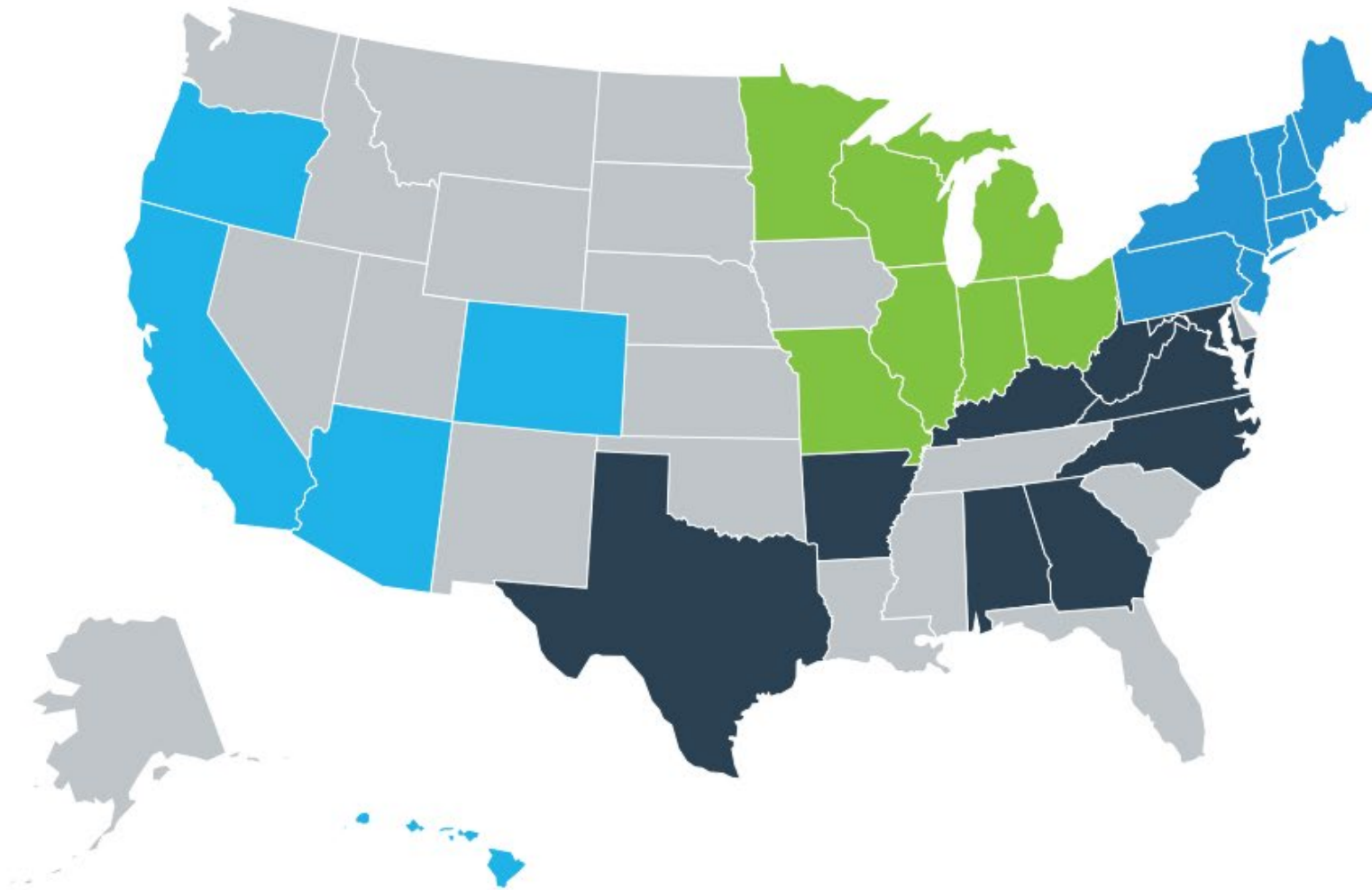

13775
 Megawatts


85129
 Acres



SOURCE: https://openei.org/wiki/InSPIRE/Agrivoltaics_Map

Solar Grazing in the United States



30 States

Reported Solar Grazing

129,261 Acres | 113,050 Sheep
506 Solar Sites

MIDWEST

6,852 Acres
13,254 Sheep
148 Sites

NORTHEAST

4,600.5 Acres
13,274 Sheep
145 Sites

WEST

30,728.25 Acres
24,541 Sheep
104 Sites

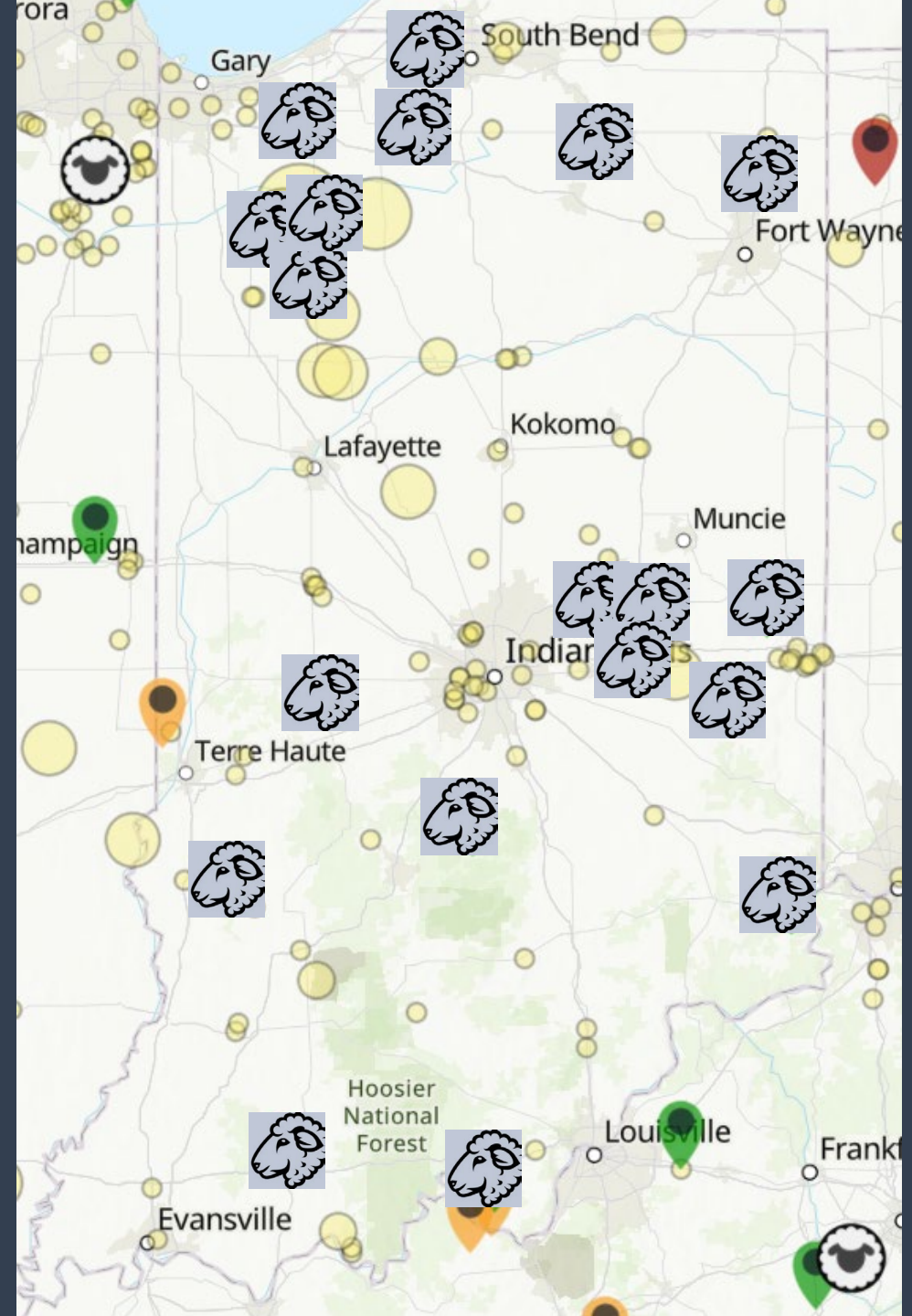
SOUTH

87,080 Acres
61,981 Sheep
109 Sites

Solar Grazing in Indiana

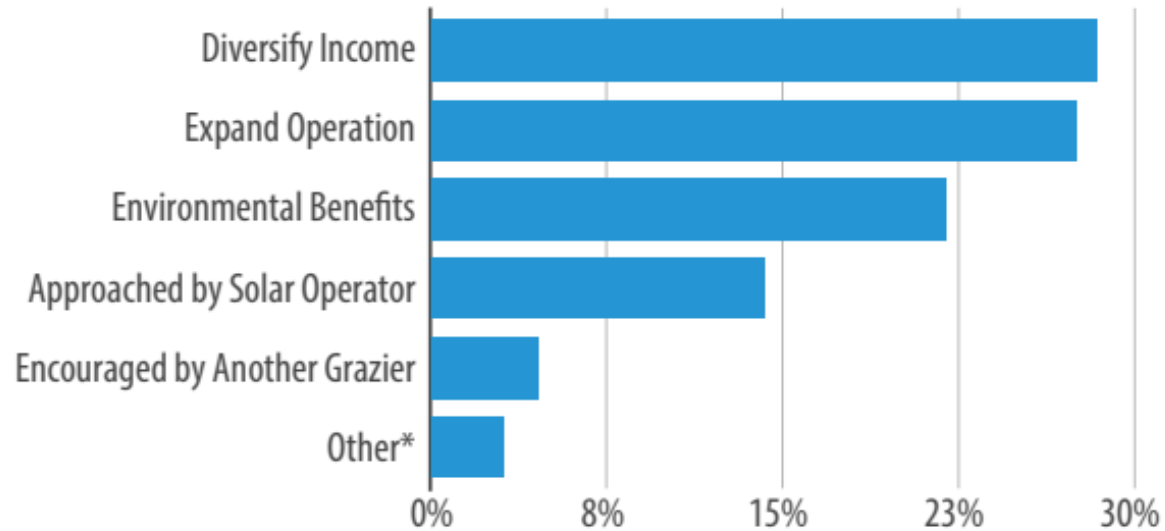
As of March 2026,

- ❖ Indiana hosts **119** solar projects
- ❖ **4,184 MW** of combined operating capacity
- ❖ **19+** solar grazing sites
- ❖ One of the largest solar projects in the US – **Mammoth Solar.**



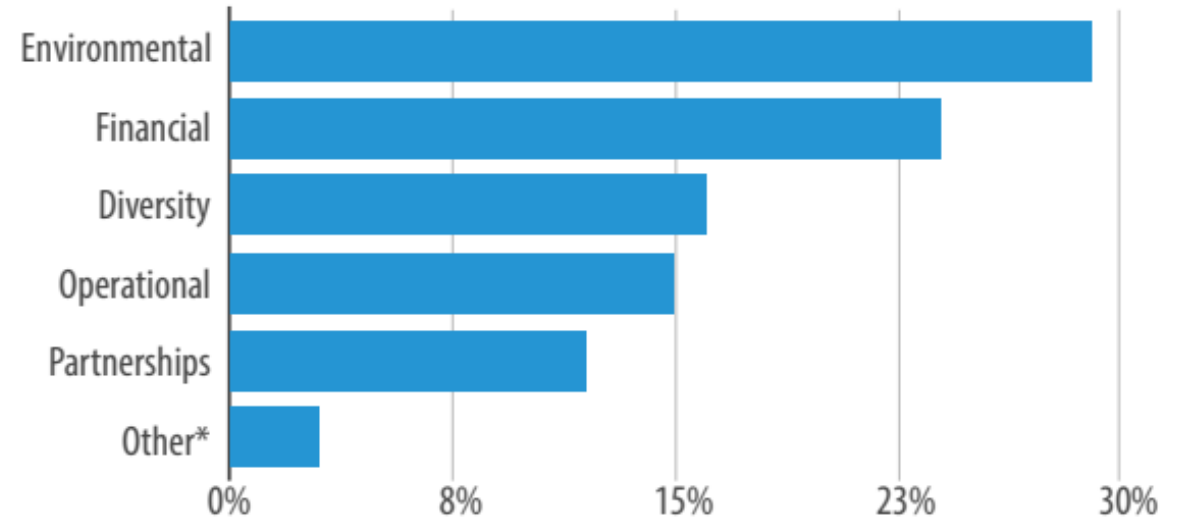
Why Start Solar Grazing?

WHY Did Respondents Start Solar Grazing?



*Alternative Vegetation Management, Research, Livestock Benefits

BENEFITS of Solar Grazing



*Agricultural Production, Education and Research, Animal Health and Welfare, Land Stewardship, and Survival



THANK YOU

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