



**BRING YOUR OWN PROBLEM**



# Agenda

- 11:00 am ● Registration
- 11:15 am ● Welcome
- 11:20 pm ● The Steps in our Climate Action Plan (CAP) to Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
Dennis Carlberg, Boston University
- 12:00 pm ● Lunch and  
Building Energy Performance & Conservation: Performance Contracting vs. Long-Term Partnerships  
Caitlin Holley, The Ohio State Energy Partners
- 1:00 pm ● BYOP Working Sessions
- 2:30 pm ● BYOP Report Out
- 3:00 pm ● Rethinking Energy Issues  
Michael Webber, University of Texas at Austin
- 3:45 pm ● Closing Remarks
- 4:00 pm ● Book Signing with Michael Webber  
Power Trip: The Story of Energy



# The Steps in our Climate Action Plan (CAP) to Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions

## Dennis Carlberg

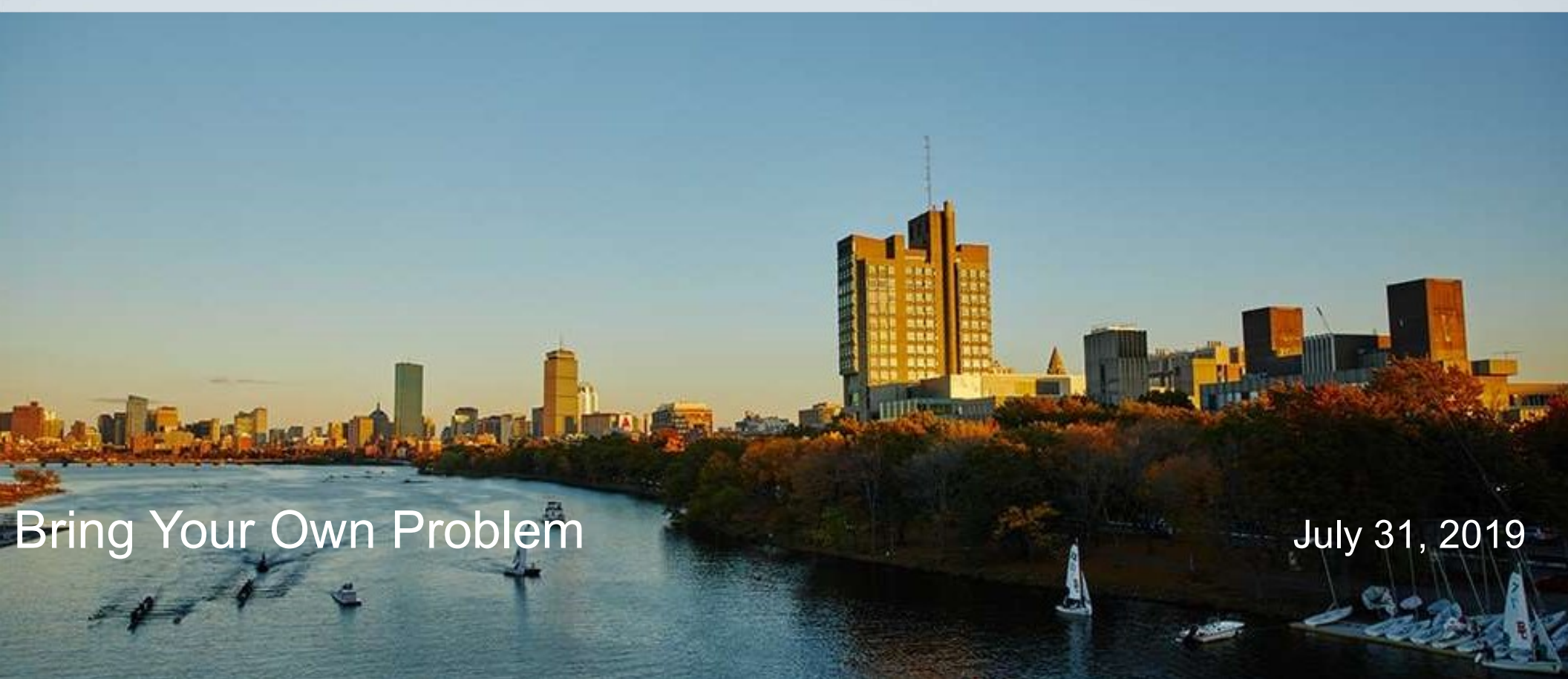


# BU Climate Action

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July 31, 2019



# Carbon Free Boston



Reduce demand for energy and maximize energy efficiency



Use GHG-free electricity and fuels

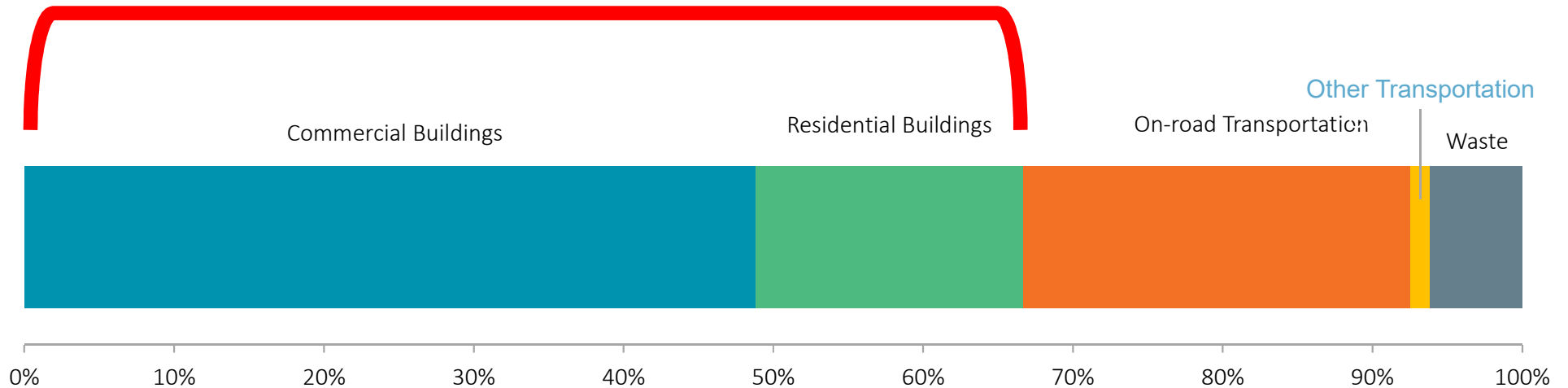


Address all sources of emissions

## GHG Challenge

- 2015: 7.2 Million MTCO<sub>2</sub>e
- 2/3s in Building Sector

## BUILDING SECTOR



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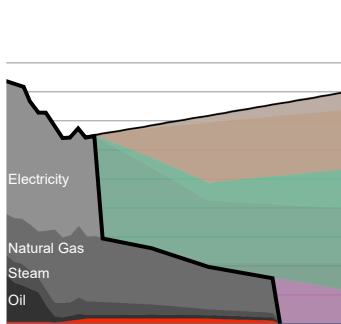
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**PREPARE  
BU FOR  
CLIMATE  
CHANGE**



**NET ZERO  
DIRECT  
EMISSIONS  
BY 2040**



**ACT ON  
INDIRECT  
EMISSIONS**



**CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
EDUCATION  
& RESEARCH**



**INTEGRATE  
THE CAP WITH  
BU STRATEGIC  
PLAN**



# #2

## NET ZERO DIRECT EMISSIONS BY 2040

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Organization

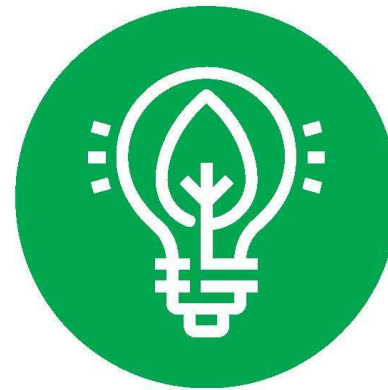
- New Facility Engineering
- Planning Design & Construction
- Sustainability Office

#### 2. Green Buildings

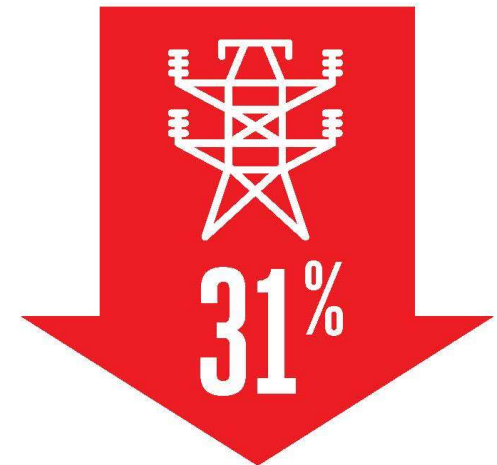
- LEED Gold w/ Architecture 2030 energy targets
- Electrification - Geothermal (GSHP)

#### 3. Renewable Energy

- BU Wind
- On Site Solar

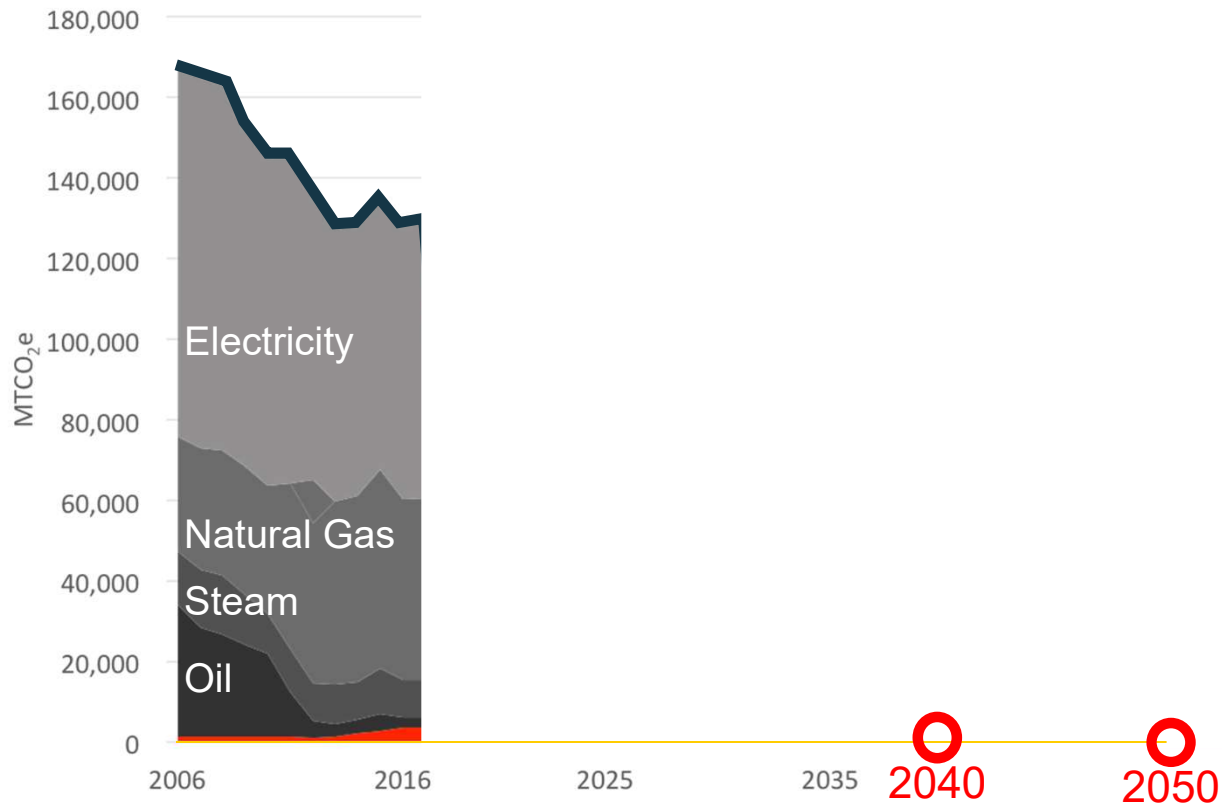


**100%**  
RENEWABLE  
ENERGY



**REDUCTION  
IN ENERGY  
USAGE BY 2032**

# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040



**22%** reduction by **2018**

## Carbon Free Boston

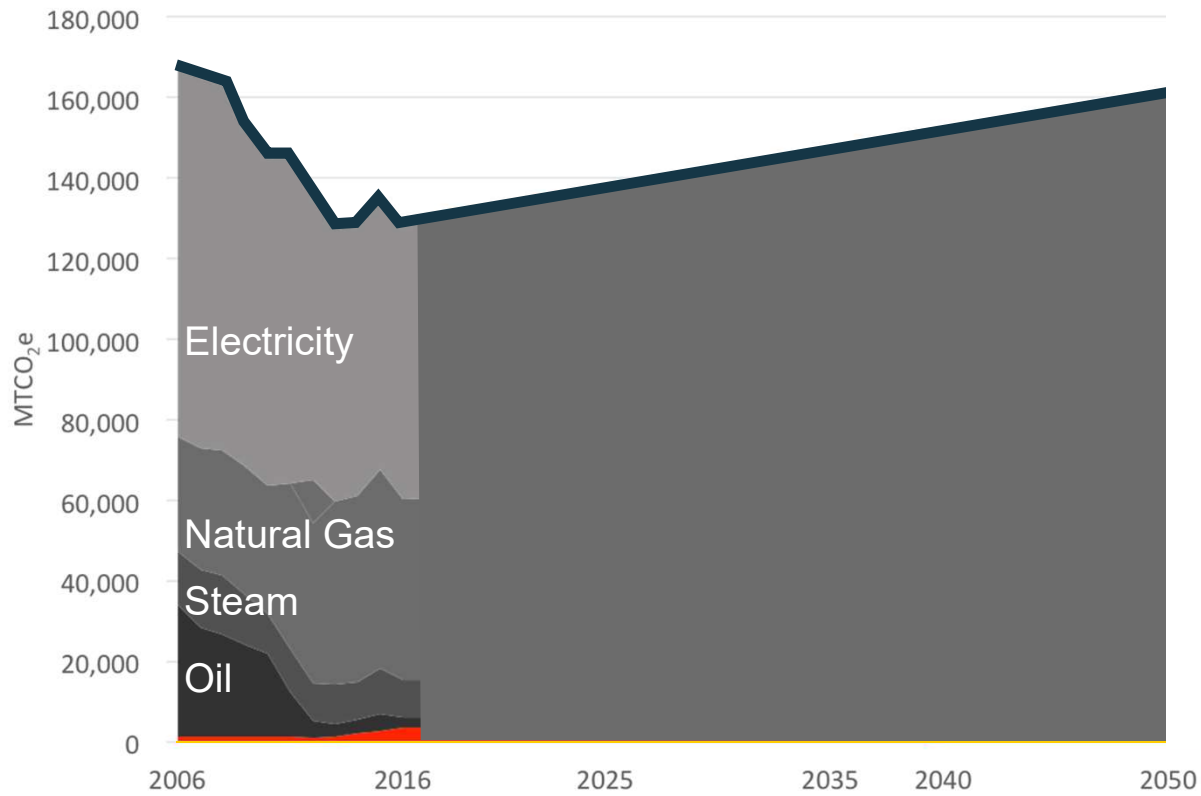
BU Institute for Sustainable Energy

Leadership

CarbonFree Boston



# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040



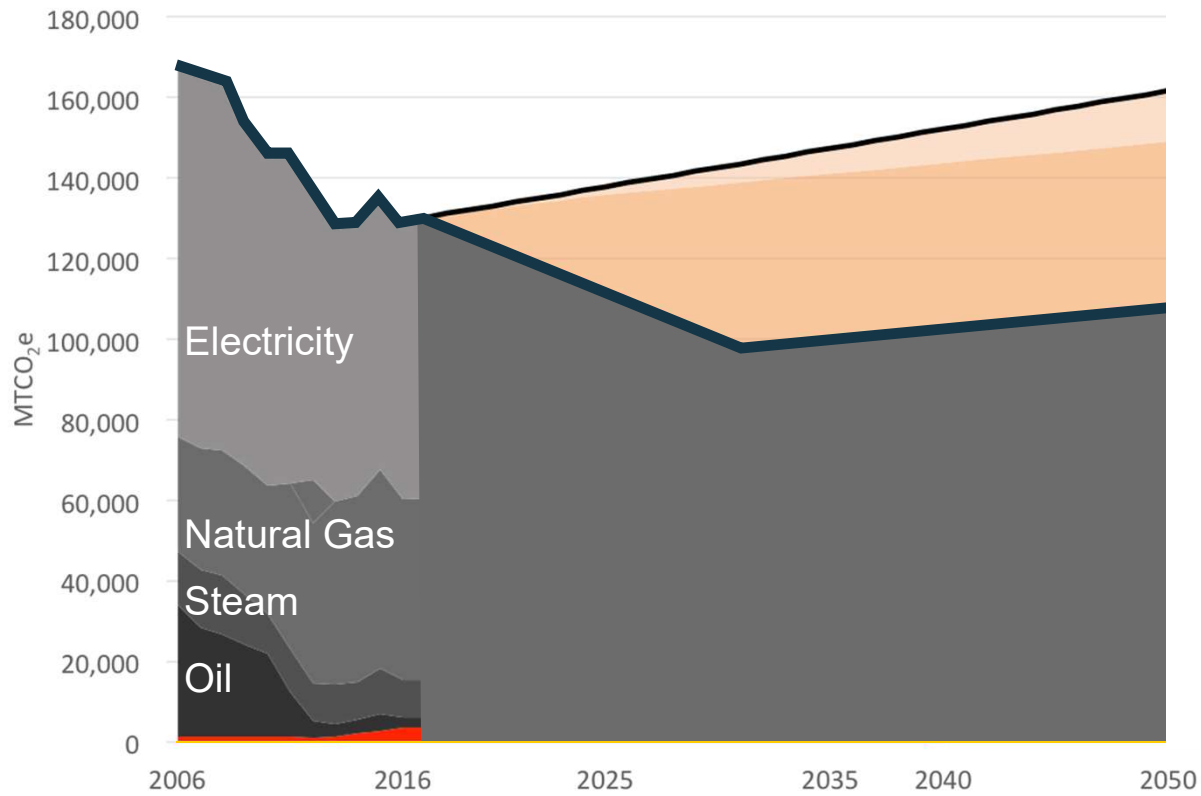
**Net Zero by 2040**

## Assumptions

Campus Growth

- 0.75% / year

# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040



## Net Zero by 2040

### Strategies

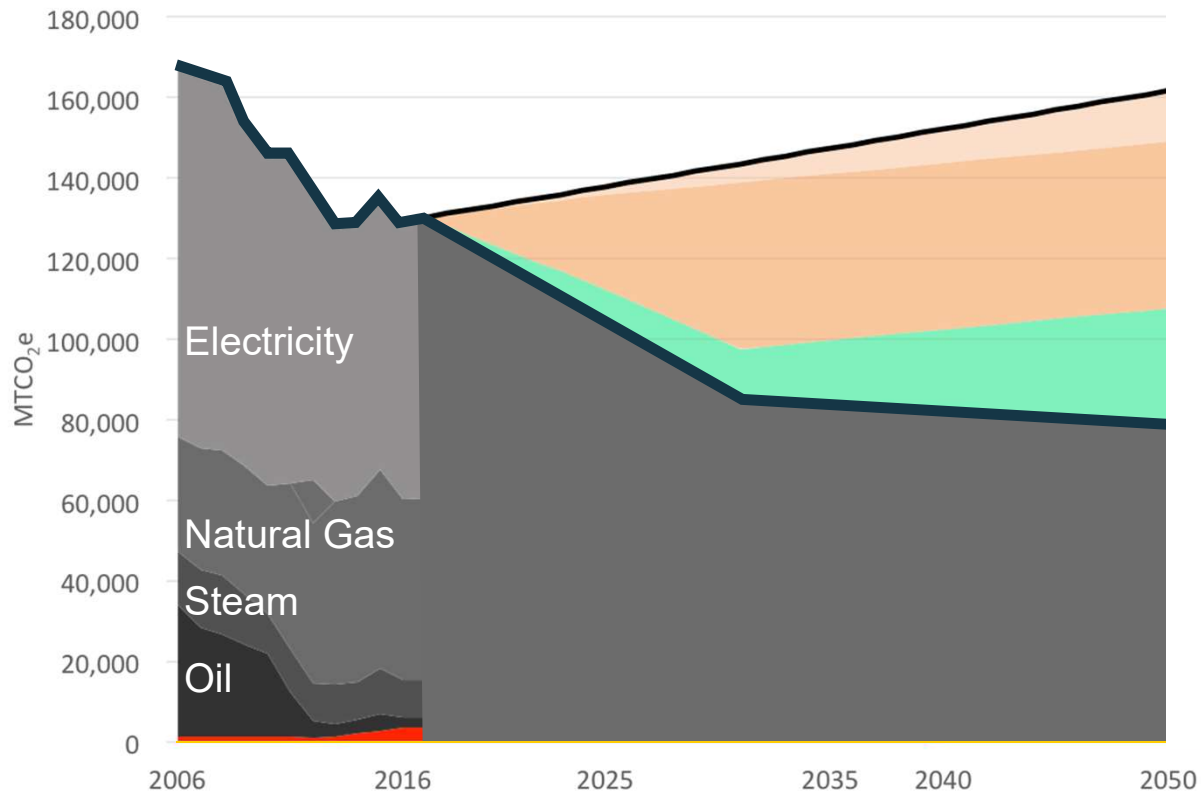
Energy Efficiency

- 31% by 2032

New Buildings

- EUI 90 kBtu/sf

# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040



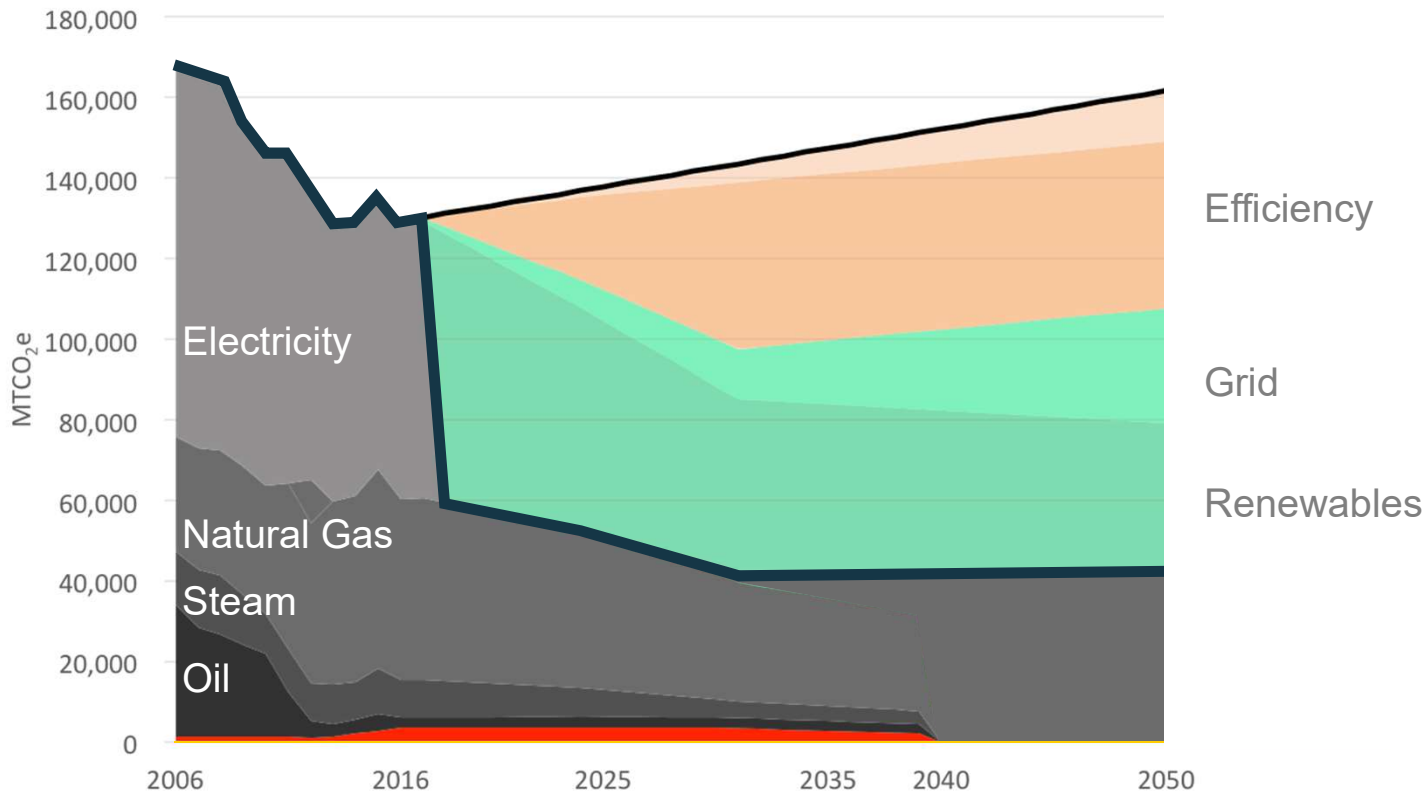
**Net Zero by 2040**

## Assumptions

Greener Grid

▪ 1.25% / year

# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040



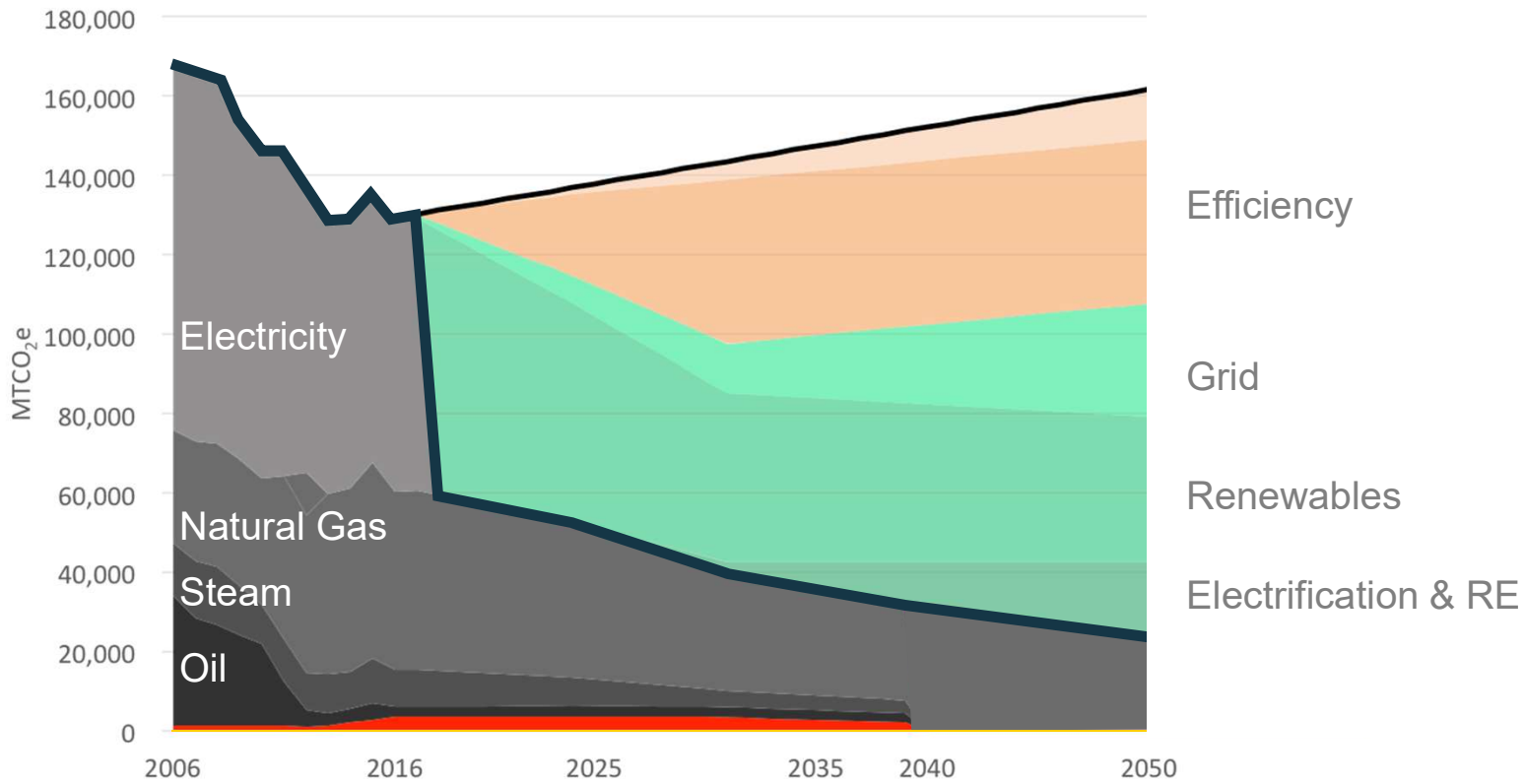
**Net Zero by 2040**

## Strategies

Renewable Energy

▪ 100% starting in 2019

# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040

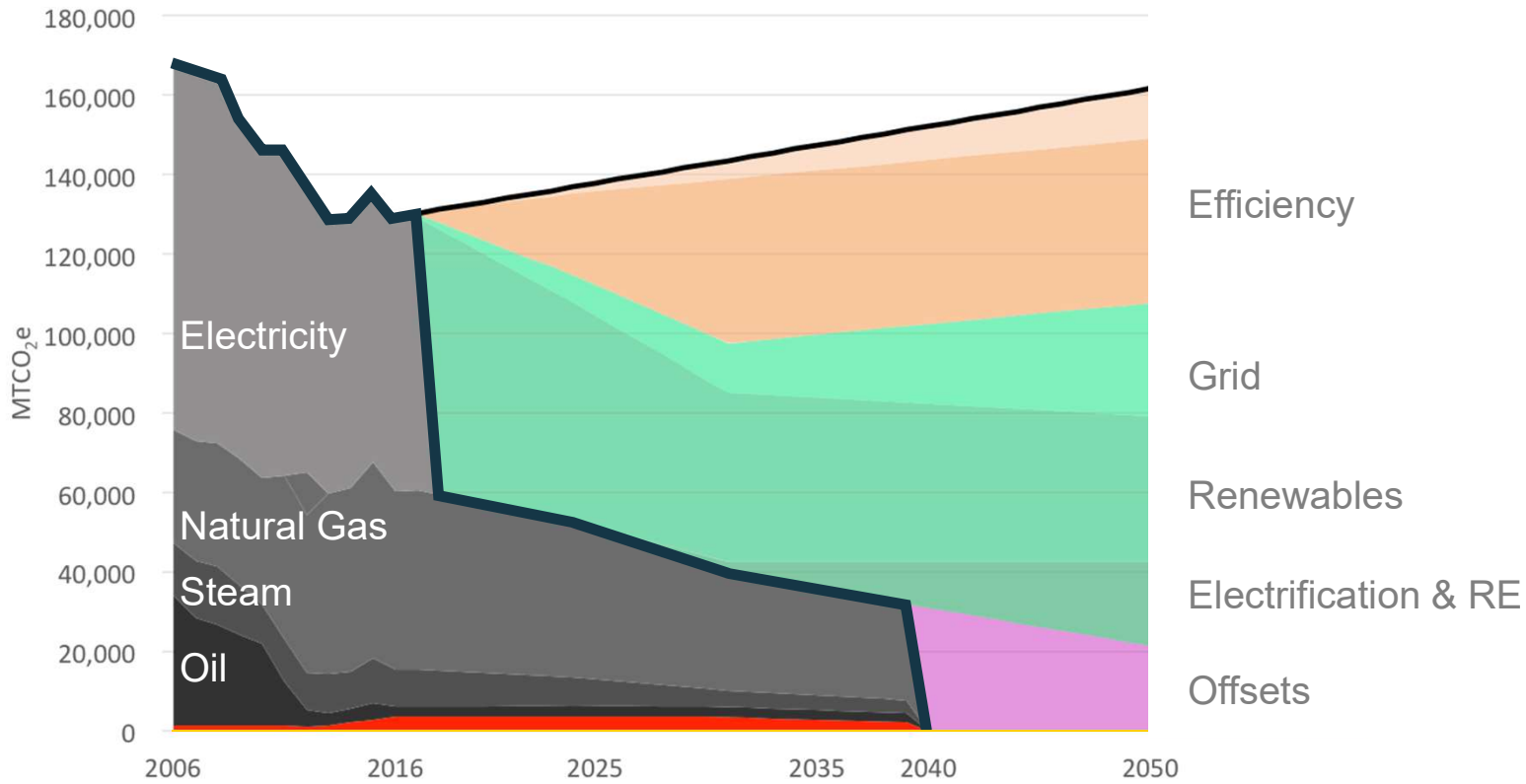


## Net Zero by 2040

### Strategies

- Electrify Heating
- End of Useful Life
- Source with Renewables
- 100%

# Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2040



Net Zero by 2040

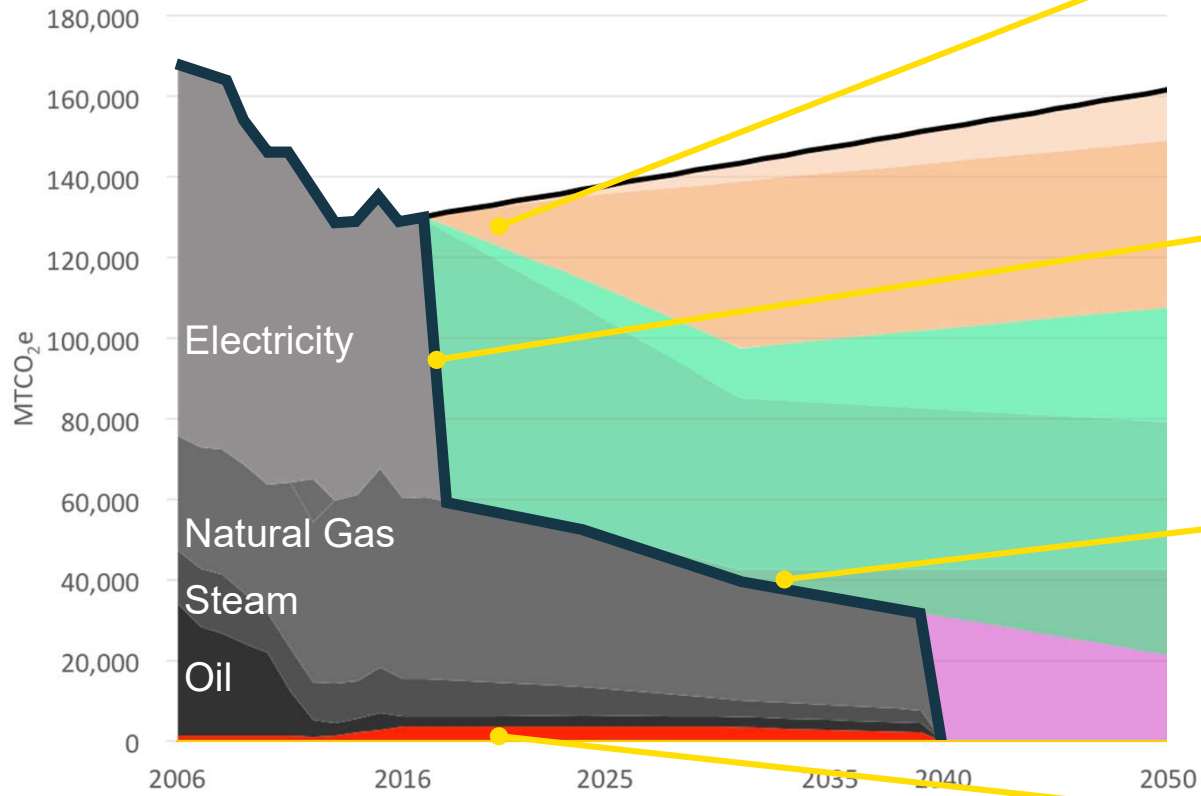
## Strategies

Offsets

- Shortfall to reach 100% starting in 2040

Cumulative Reduction  
**3,300,000** MTCO<sub>2</sub>e

# Implementation



Efficiency  
31%



BU Wind  
53%

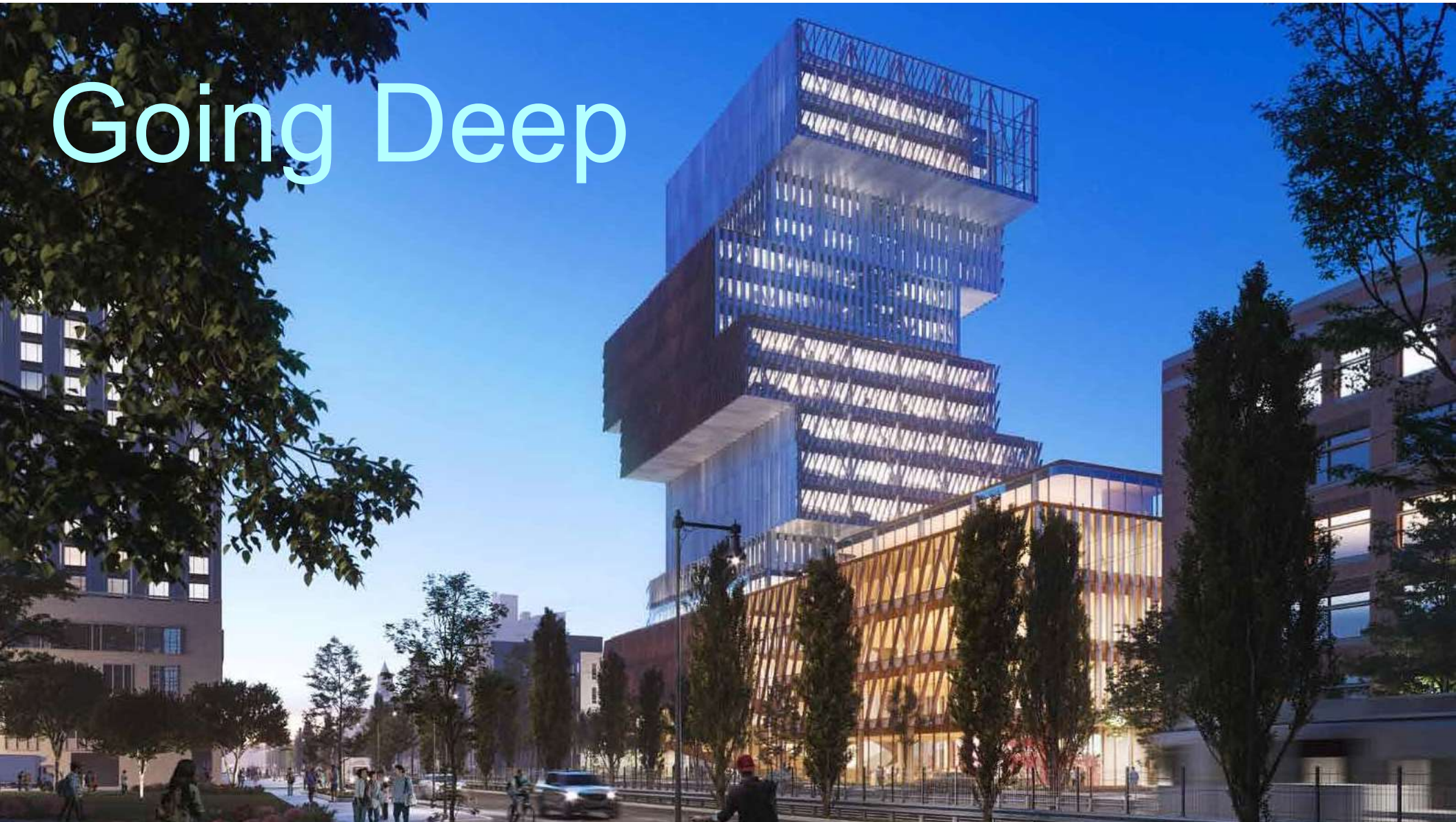


Geothermal  
8%



EV Transition  
3%

# Going Deep

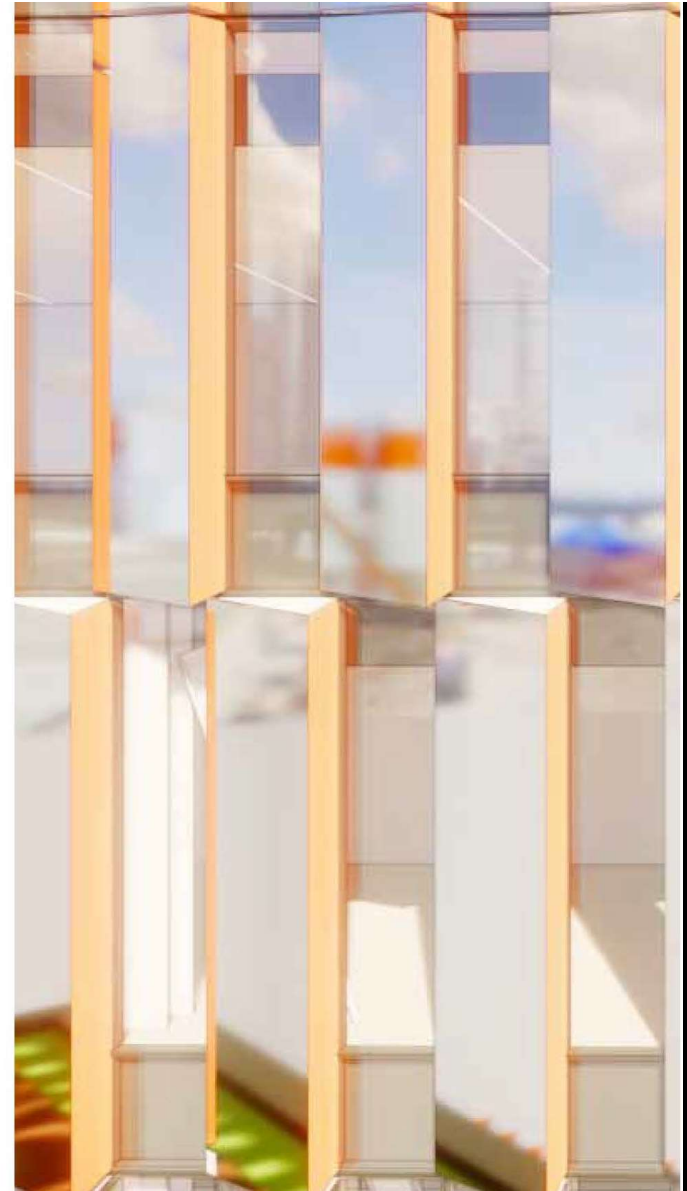
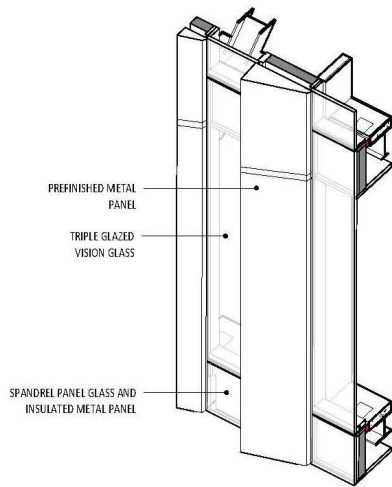
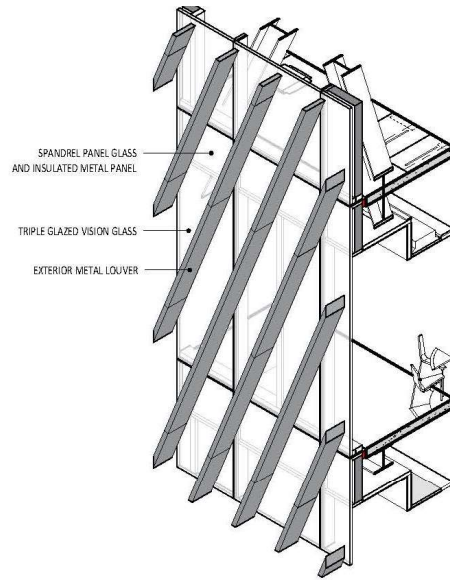
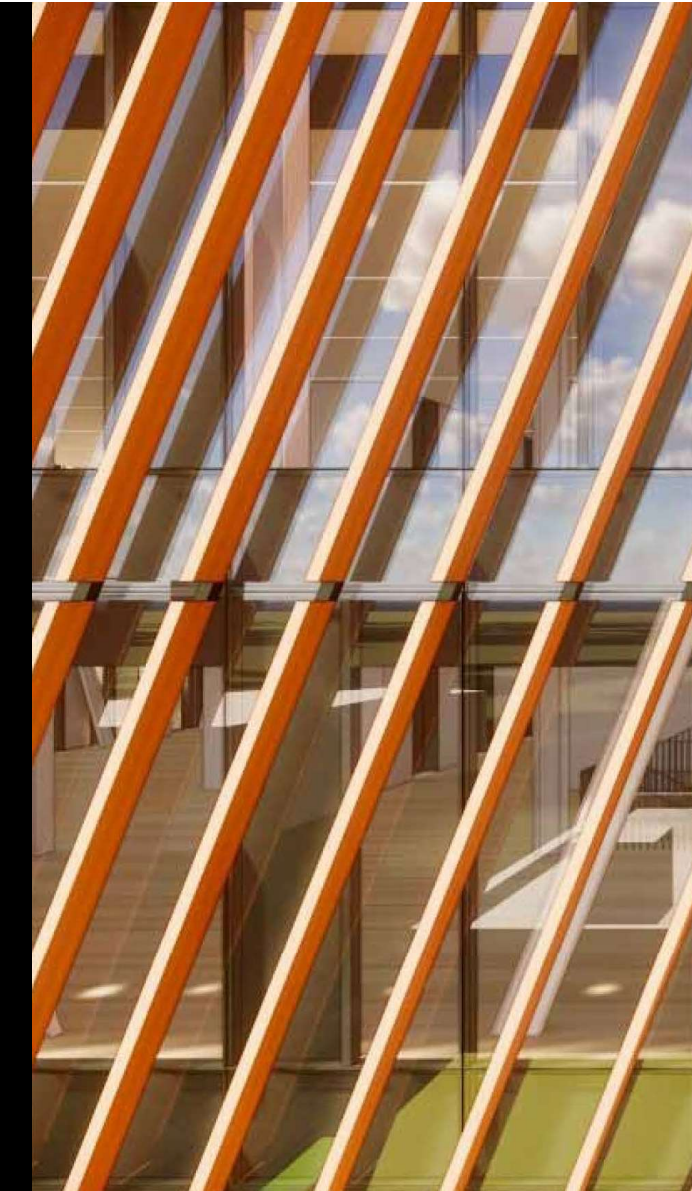






## Data Sciences Center

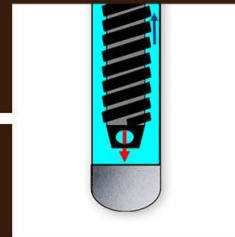
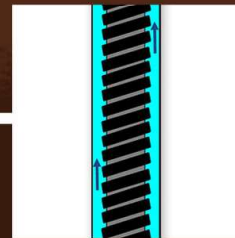
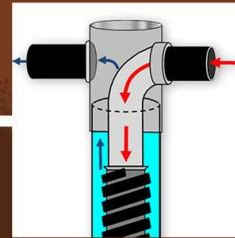
1. 19 Stories
2. 345,000 square feet
3. Gross Site EUI 41.5
4. Net Site EUI 31.2 with solar
5. Fossil Fuel Free





## Ground Source Heat Pump

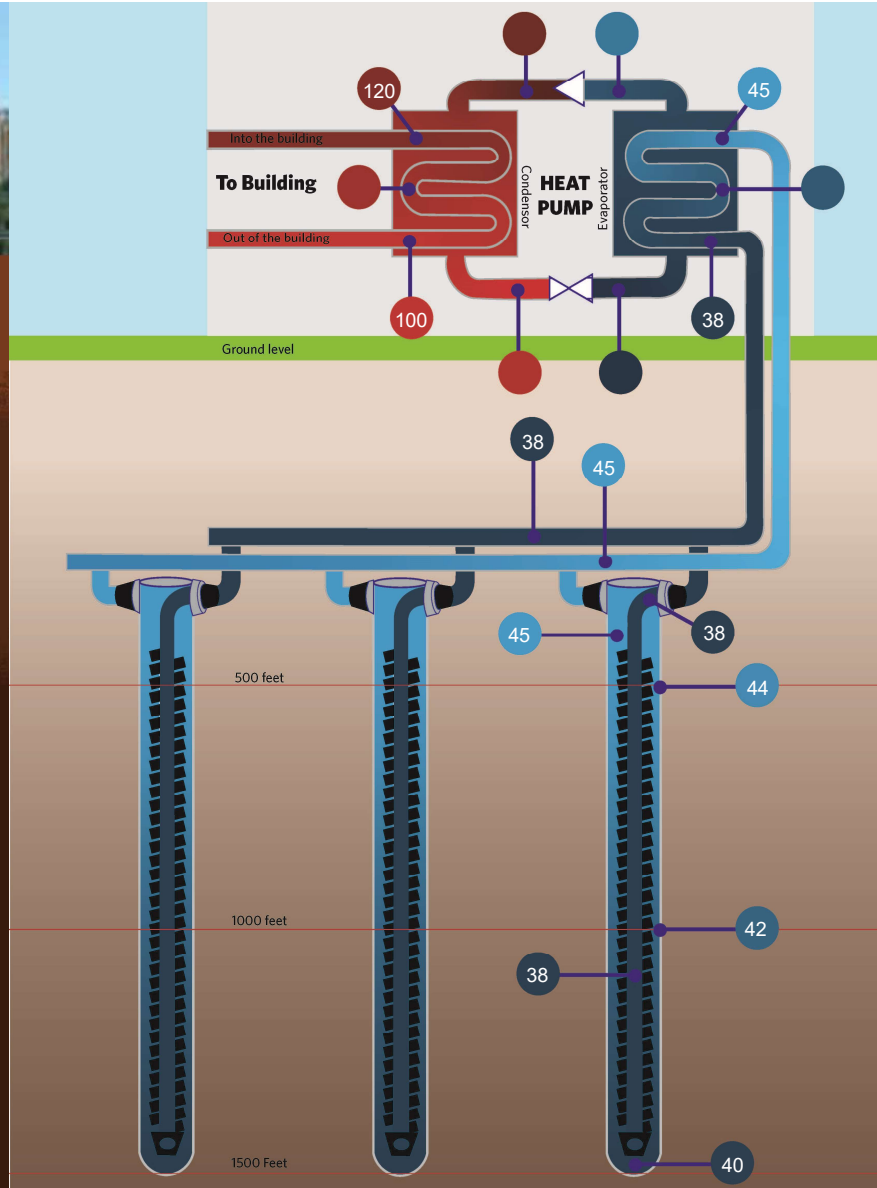
1. 31 – 1,500 foot deep wells
  - 300 ton capacity
  - 90% of heating demand
2. Ryan Closed Loop System
  - Maximize ground heat transfer
  - Minimize thermal bridging
3. Supplemental Electric Boilers
  - Peak demand
4. No gas line connection





# Ground Source Heat Pump

5. 7 degree F temperature difference



BU Wind



# Renewable Energy Project Criteria

- › **Impact, New Build (Additionality)** – Generate new renewable energy that would not otherwise have been generated
- › **Education & Research Opportunities** – Benefit student education and faculty research
- › **GHG Reduction (CO<sub>2</sub>e lb/MWh)** - Strong correlation between high grid carbon intensity at time of renewable energy production; the purpose is to maximize the BU's impact on global GHG reduction
- › **Green-e Certified RECs** - Project-based Green-e Certified RECs are necessary to validate the claims for the emissions reductions
- › **Project Developer Financial Strength** - Long-term owner/operators have resources, experience, & financial strength to manage relationship over term
- › **Project Economics (strong NPV/MWh)** - Financial strength based on risk-adjusted, projected cash flows, and impact on BU financial position and credit rating. The driver in a Contract for Differences is the margin modeled between the PPA price and the grid price/MWh. Favorable project economics are a prerequisite
- › **Environmental & Health Co-benefits** - Favor projects with lower construction and operational environmental and health impacts
- › **Integration with BU on-site procurement** - Integrate PPA purchases and sales into BU's energy purchasing through hedges or other mechanisms



# BU Wind

Buy wind power for **100%** of the electricity BU uses every year  
Match our load with new, additional renewable energy



# How

Buy **205,000 MWh** of wind energy through a PPA

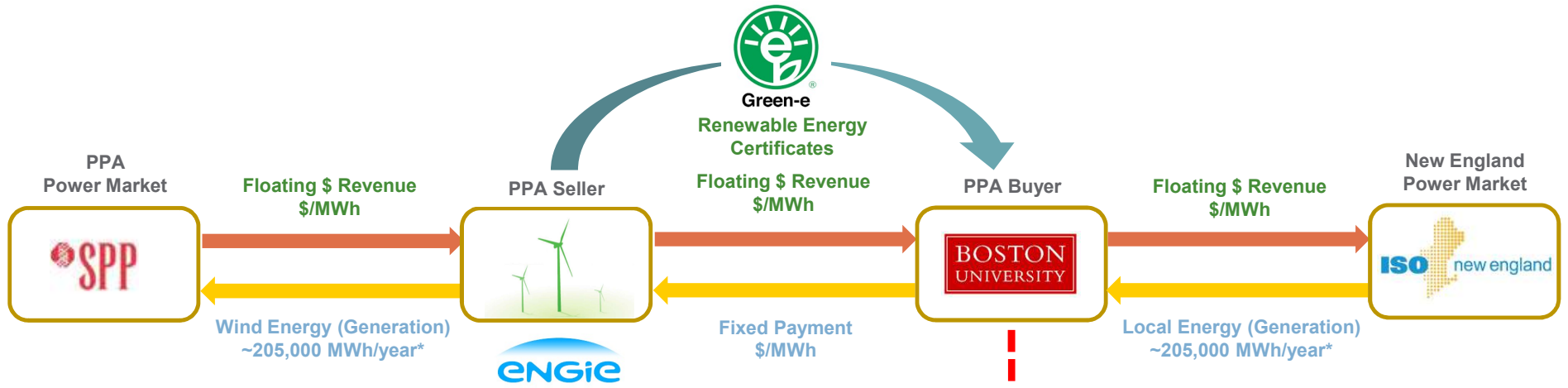
Power Purchase Agreement for 15 years

BU will buy 48.6 MW of wind generation capacity annually

Credit: EdisonEnergy



# Power Purchase Agreement



## PPA Power Market



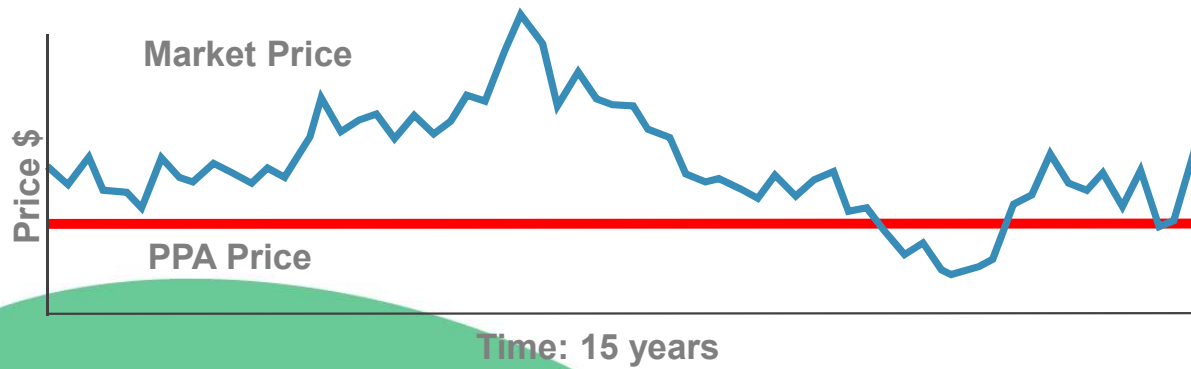
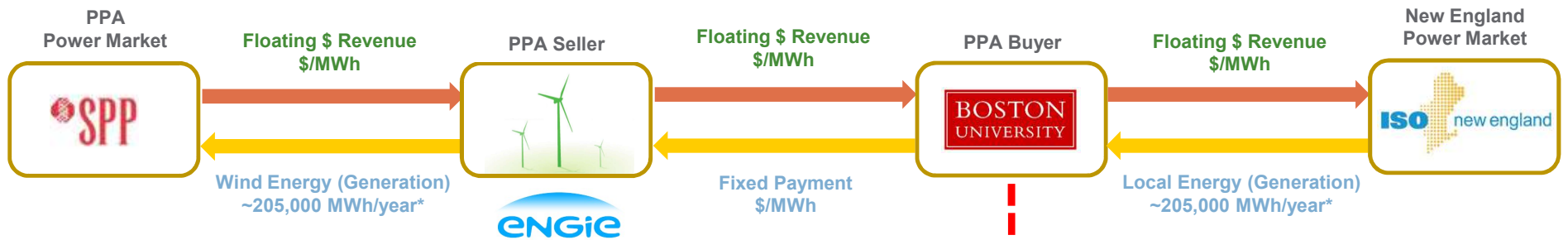
1,482 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh

## Local Power Market

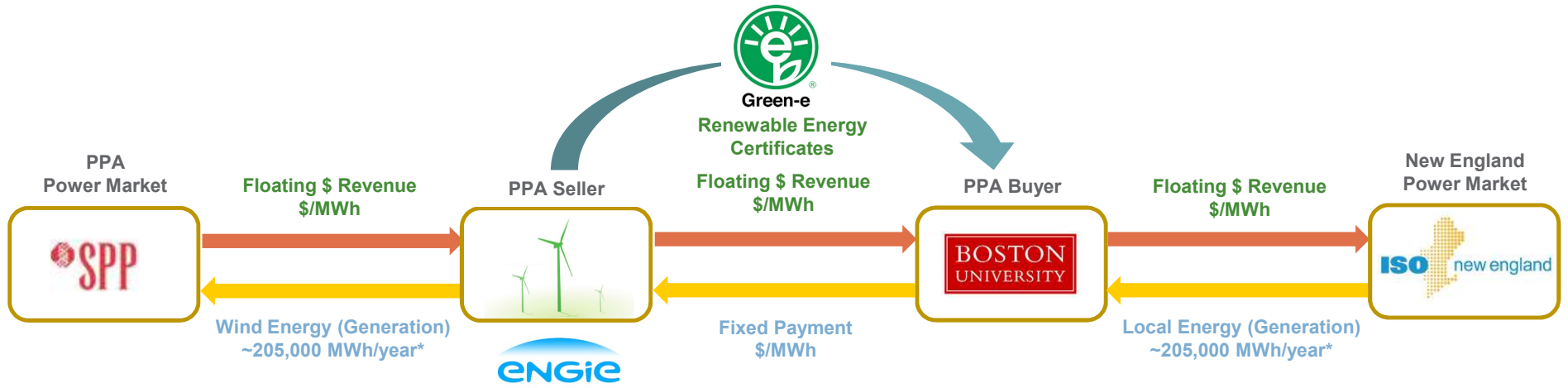


577 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh

# Power Purchase Agreement



# Power Purchase Agreement



# Where



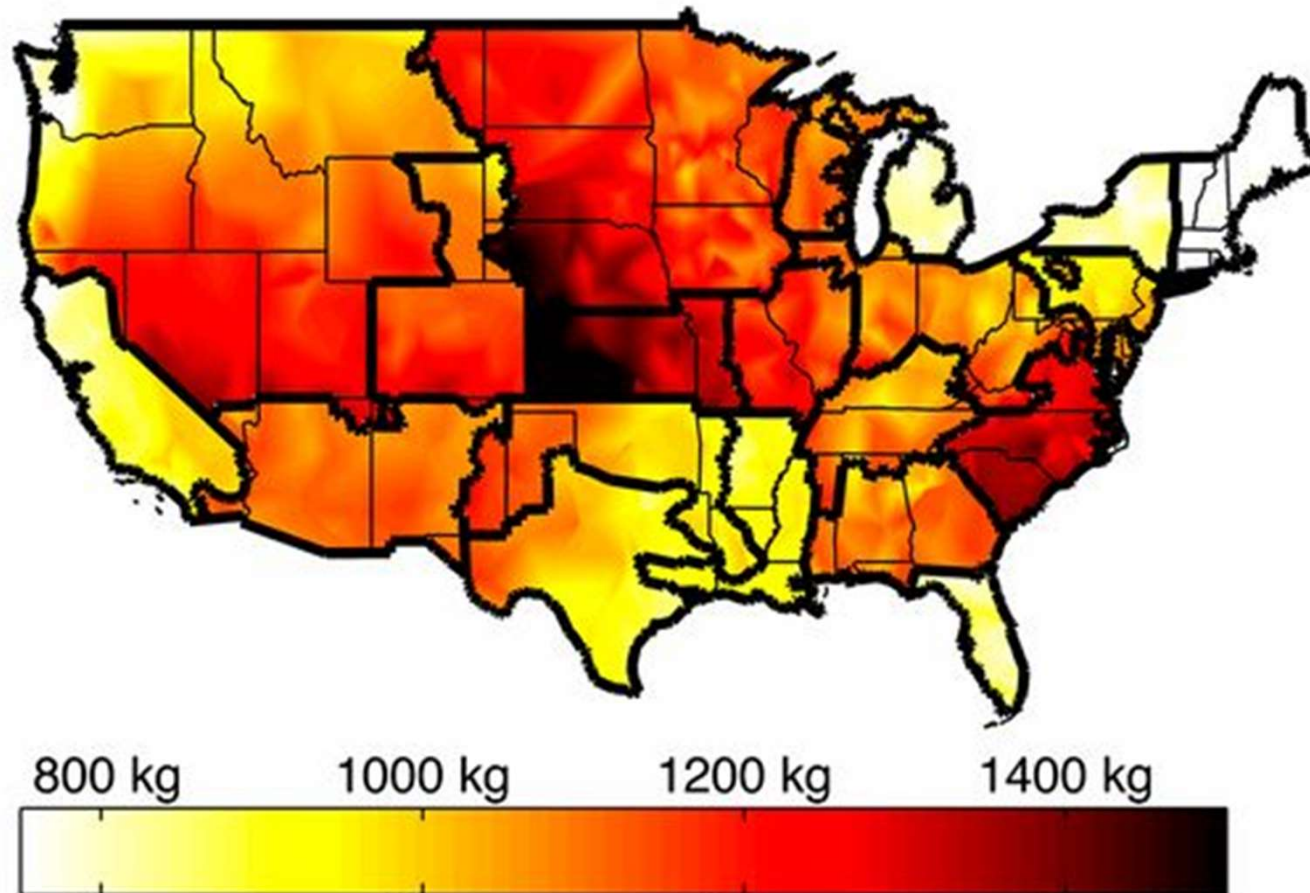
**South Dakota** where BU can have the greatest **global impact**

A grid reliant on fossil fuels

Marginal emissions best align with wind energy generation

Credit: NREL/DOE

## Maximizing Global Impact



# Why



For maximum **global impact** on greenhouse gas reduction

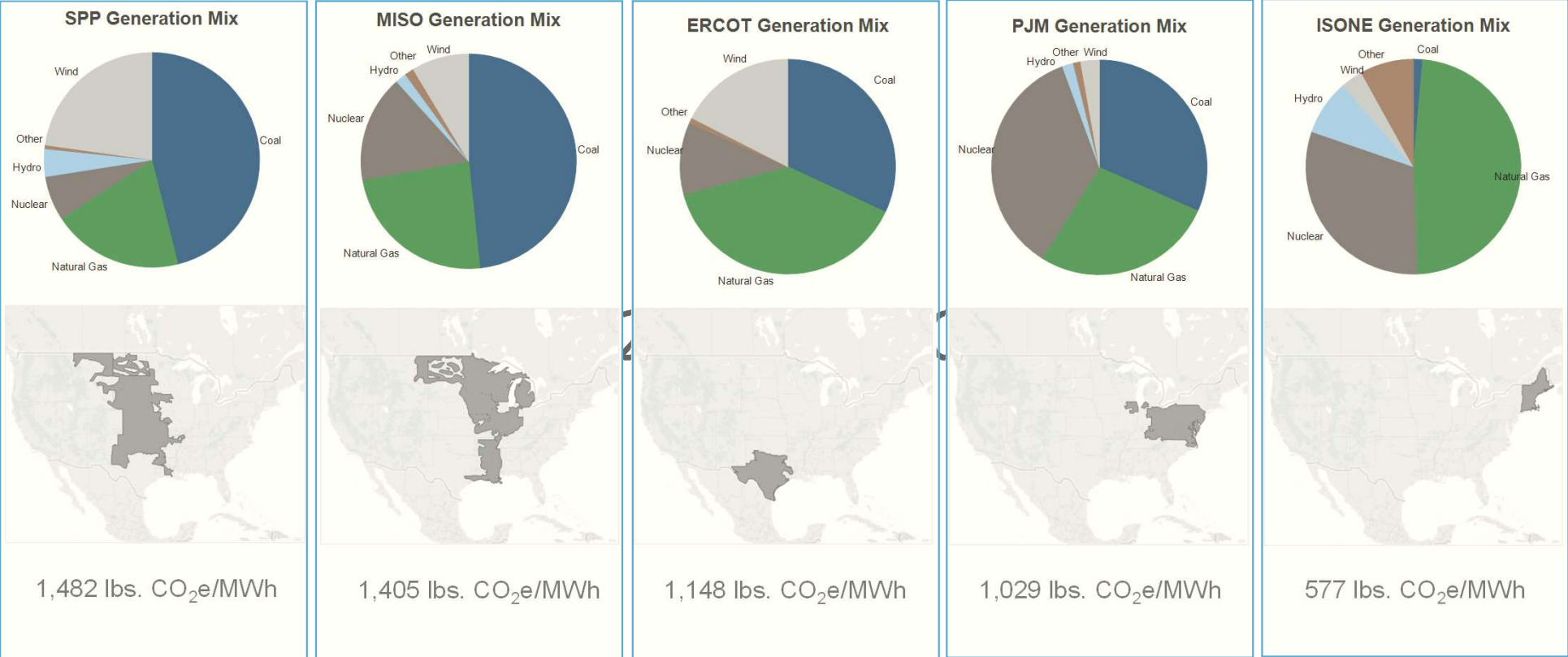
Goal: Displace the greatest amount of fossil fuel generated CO<sub>2</sub> possible

Reduce BU emissions by **53%**

**2 – 3 x greater** impact on emissions than in New England

Toward BU's goal to be carbon neutral by 2040

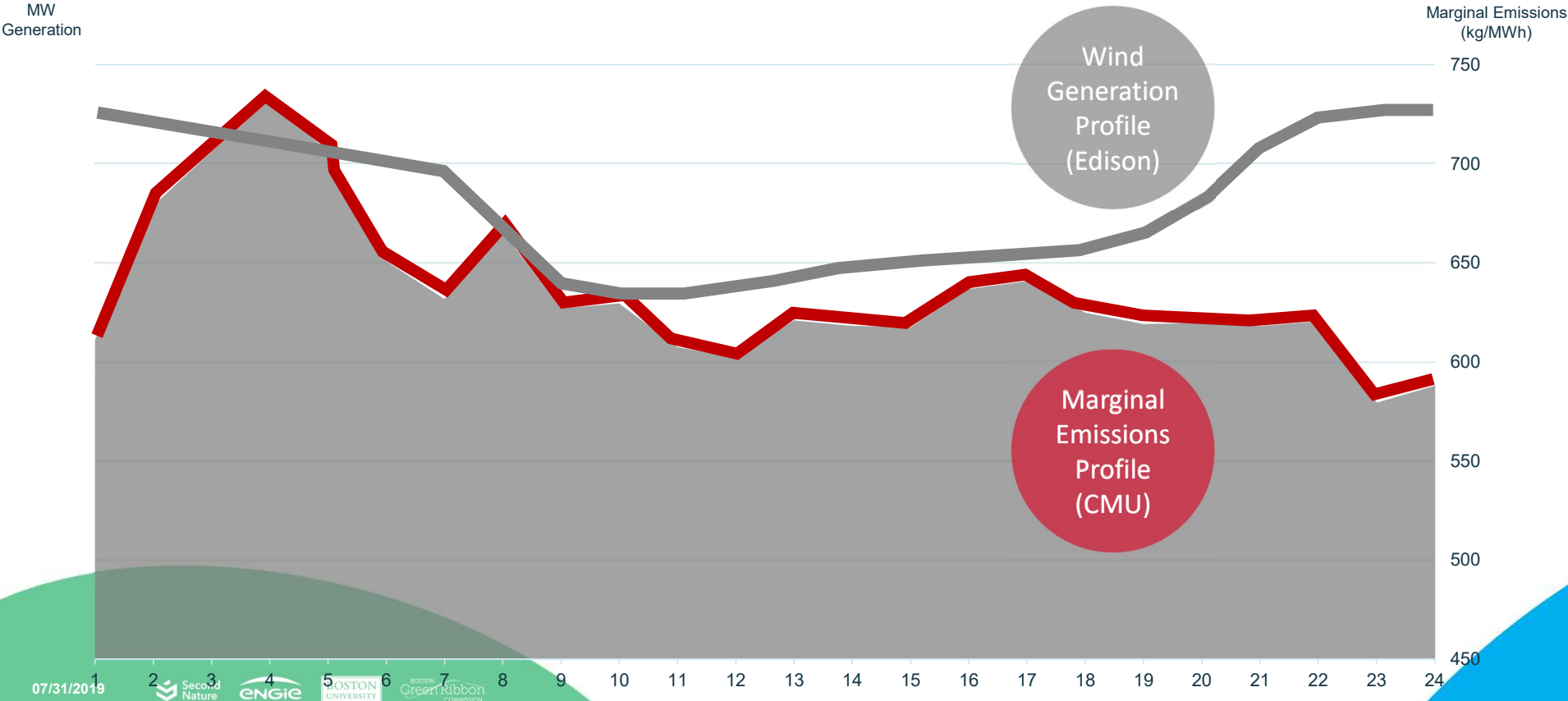
# Maximizing Global Impact



Emissions Data based on eGrid 2014 v2 Data by NERC Region: SPP represents average of SPNO, SPSO, MROW, PJM represents average of SRVC, RFCW, RFCE, MISO represents average of RFCM, MROE, MROW, SRMW  
 Generation Mix based on 2017 ISO Data, by MWh

# Maximizing Global Impact

## Align Generation with Marginal Emissions



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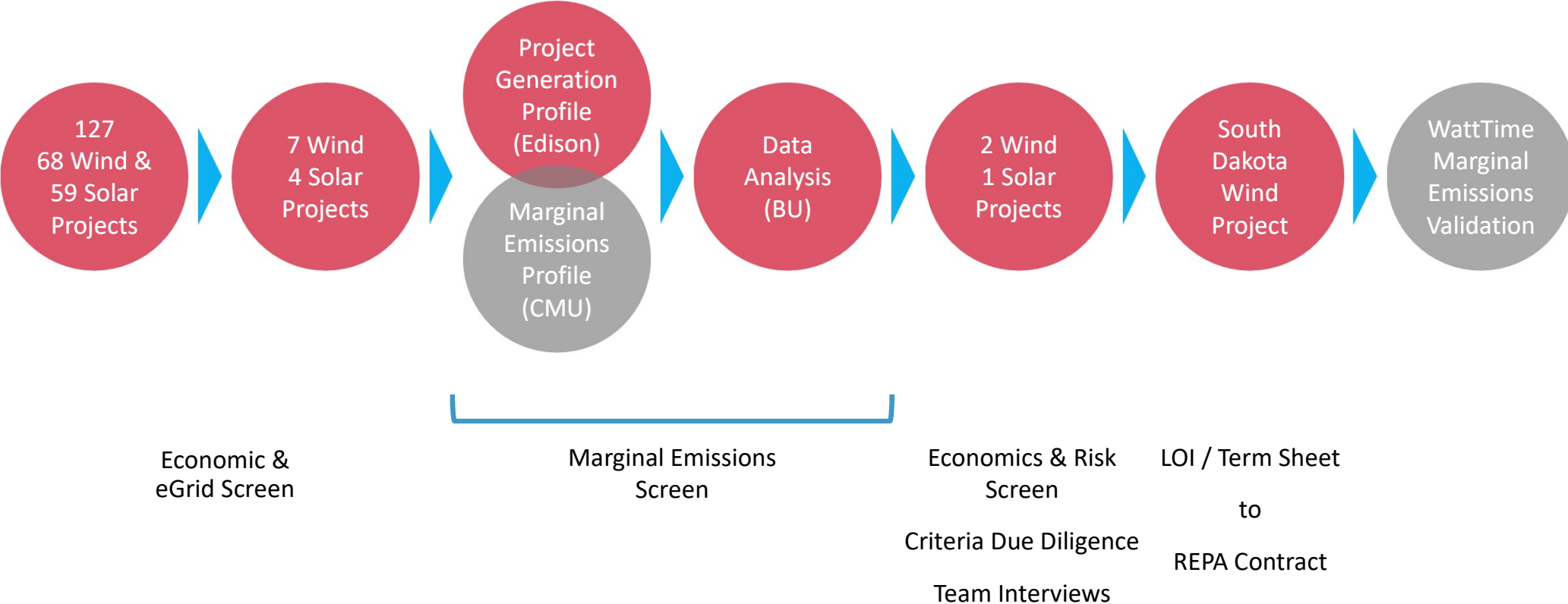
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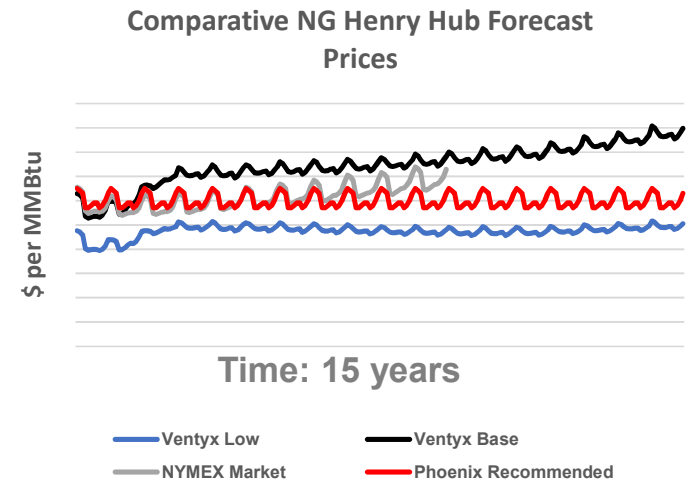
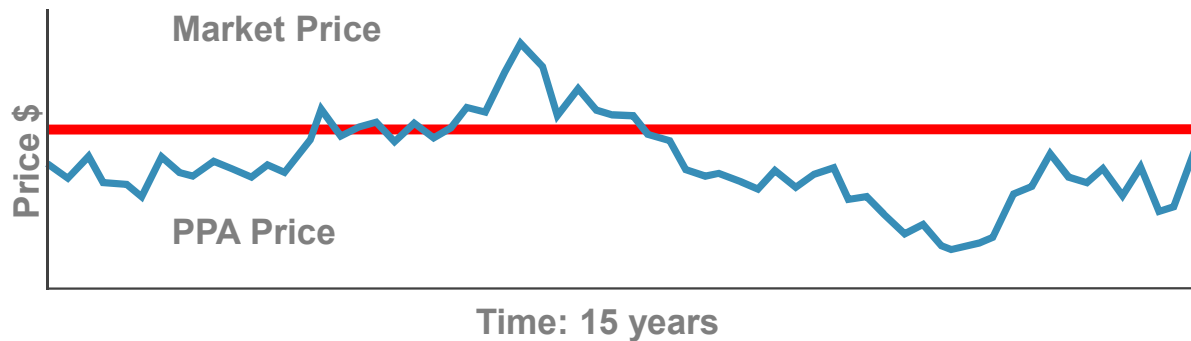
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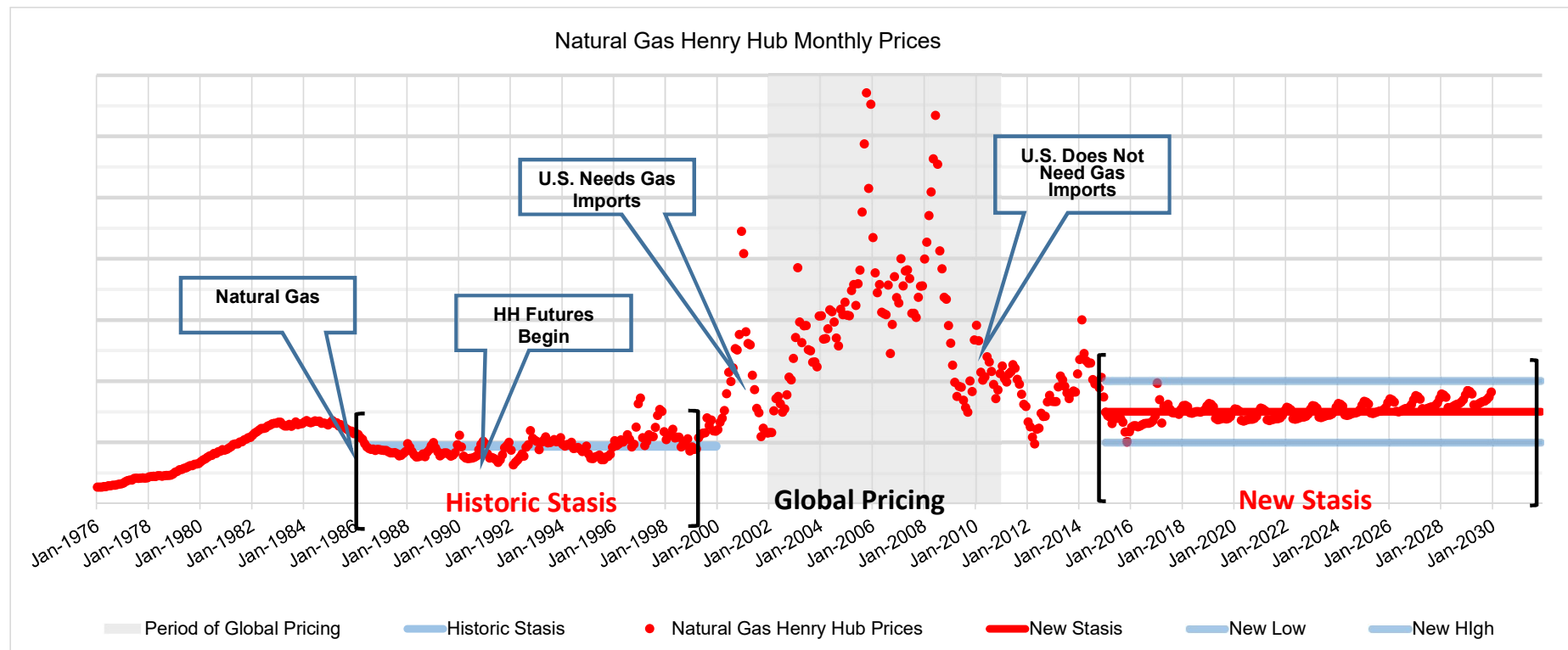


# Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

## 1. Market Advantage

- a. 45% lower PPA price than similar deal in 2015
- b. Contract for Differences economics work with today's low natural gas prices
- c. Provides hedge on our natural gas spend
- d. Declining Production Tax Credit
- e. Thorough Market Risk Analysis





- Natural gas prices are likely to stay relatively stable for the next 8-12 years as technology offsets inflation.
- After that period, prices could move higher or lower depending on demand and technology.

# When



**2020** when this new project is complete and energized

Financing underway

Construction start August 2019

Credit: NREL/DOE

# Who

A large, diverse crowd of people walking on a university campus. The crowd is dense and fills the frame, with people of various ages and ethnicities. In the background, there are trees and a building. A red and blue banner is visible on the right side of the image.

Education & Internship opportunities for BU students  
Research opportunities for BU faculty

Credit: Boston University

# BU Renewable Energy Procurement Advisor

## Edison Energy (formerly Altenex)

- An energy management firm that Fortune 1000 companies, universities and municipalities use to source clean power for their energy portfolios. We are proud to have supported engagements for the procurement of over 3GW, including clients such as: General Motors, The Home Depot, Bloomberg, University of Richmond, and Boston University.
- Key Players:
  - **Christen Blum**, Managing Director, Renewables
  - **Emily Williams**, Senior Director of Energy Markets and Sustainability
  - **Colin Schofield**, Commercial Manager, Renewables
  - **Camden Holland**, Senior Account Manager

# BU Due Diligence Team

## Phoenix Energy

- Independent energy purchasing consulting firm.  
Clients include: Beacon Capital Partners, Callahan Capital Partners, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, and Northeastern University
- Key player: **John Leidy**, President

## Foley Hoag LLP

- Legal counsel providing renewable energy contract negotiations support.  
Clients include for wind and solar PPAs: Akamai, Partners Healthcare, American Honda Motor Company, Hampshire College, and Five Colleges Inc.
- Key player: **Adam Wade**, Counsel

## Boston University

- **Gary Nicksa**, Senior VP Operations
- **Dennis Carlberg**, Associate Vice President for University Sustainability
- **Shaun Finn**, Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs
- **Jason Mahler**, Associate General Counsel

# Renewable Energy Provider

## ENGIE

- A \$76 Billion energy company operating in 70 countries around the world. ENGIE is actively selling fossil fuel assets to acquire and transition to fossil fuel free energy generation and efficiency services.
- Key Players:
  - **Emily Cohen**, VP Commercial Strategy
  - **George Nelson**, Director of Origination
- Educational & Research Opportunities:
  - **Data:** Detailed, real time data from wind characteristics, and power generation and 5 minute interval ISO marginal emissions.
  - **Site Visits:** Annual site visit for students, faculty & staff.
  - **Turbine Factory Tour:** Students, faculty & staff tour of turbine factory while turbines are being manufactured.
  - **Project & Data Display:** Project details, video feed, and data display on campus.
  - **Summer Internships:** 2 paid summer internships for BU students with a GPA of 3.5 or better.
  - **Research:** Site visits 2 times/year after Commercial Operation Date by faculty and students as agreed to in advance.
  - **Ribbon-cutting** ceremony expected for Q4 2020 with chance to meet and greet with development, construction engineering personnel responsible for bringing the 250 MW wind energy facility to operation



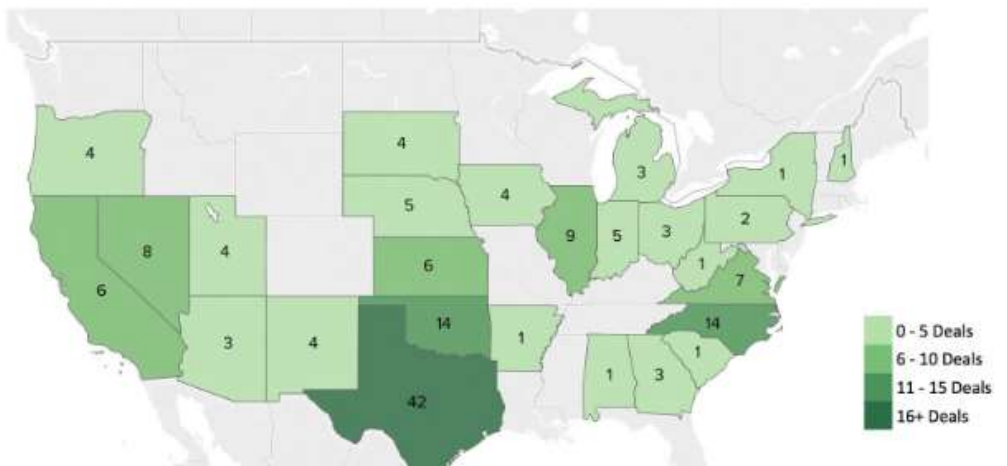
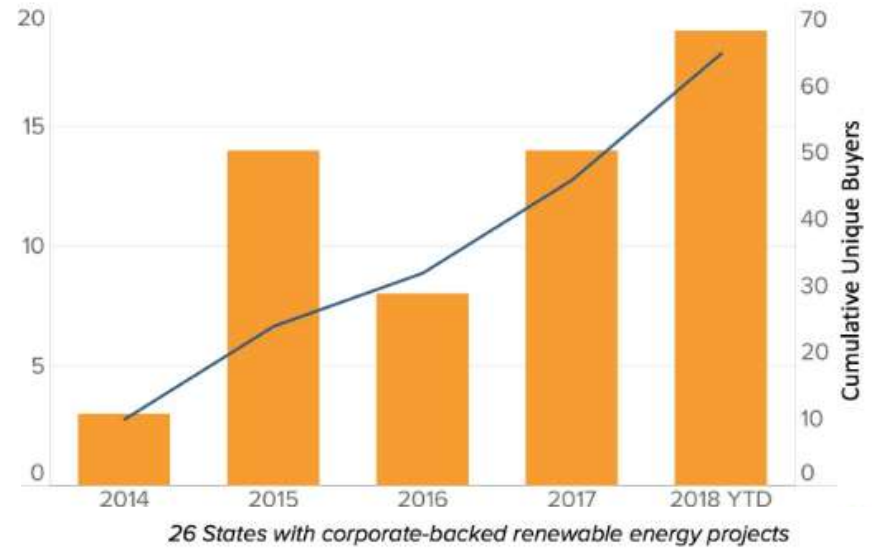
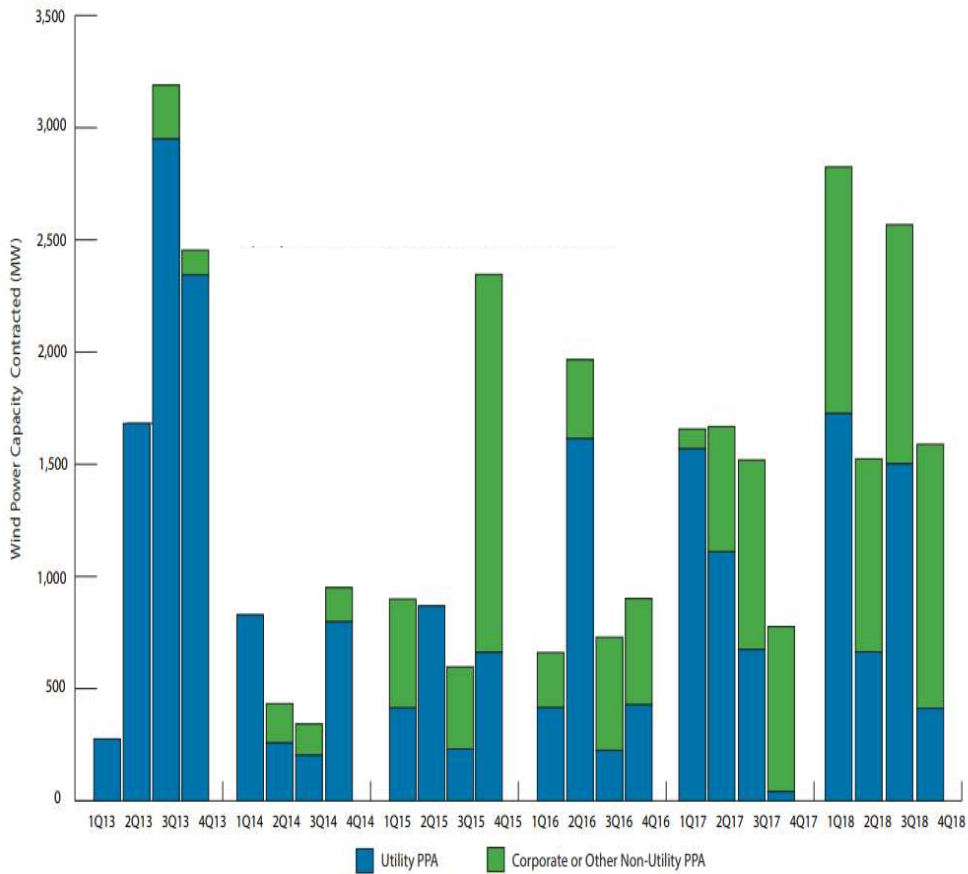


# ENGIE among the leaders in North America wind since 2018

- Successfully developed over 2,000 MW of wind projects
- Over 500 MW wind brought on-line in last nine months, with an additional 500 MW expected by year-end
- To date, ENGIE wind team has secured over 1,500 MW of additional offtake that is expected to be in operation in 2020
- Over 8,000 MW of wind projects under development throughout SPP, ERCOT, PJM, and MISO
- Over 1000 MW of corporate customer VPPAs with customers such as Boston University, Walmart, Target, T-Mobile

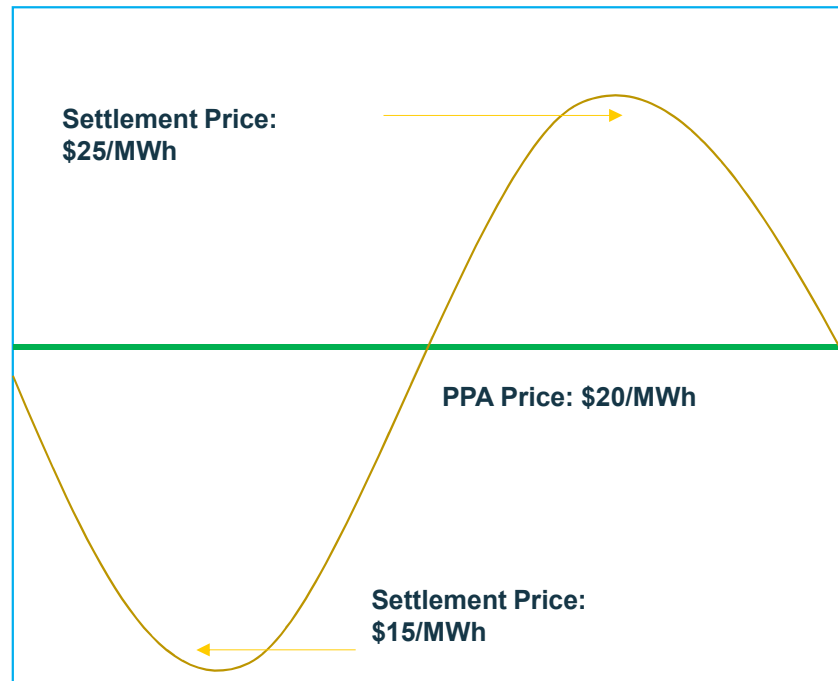


# Non-Utility Power Purchase Agreements driving growth in the wind industry



# “Virtual” Power Purchase Agreements are financial instruments enabling wind project construction

- **Financially settled fixed-for-floating swap**
  - Fixed = MWh generated × VPPA Price
  - Floating = MWh generated × Real-time price @ Trading Hub
  - If Floating > Fixed, project pays  $\Delta$  to off-taker; if Floating < Fixed, off-taker pays  $\Delta$  to project
- **Credit requirements typically around \$100/kW**
  - ENGIE will typically provide a Letter of Credit until Commercial Operation then offer parent company guaranty
  - No posting required by Campbell's as long as investment grade credit maintained

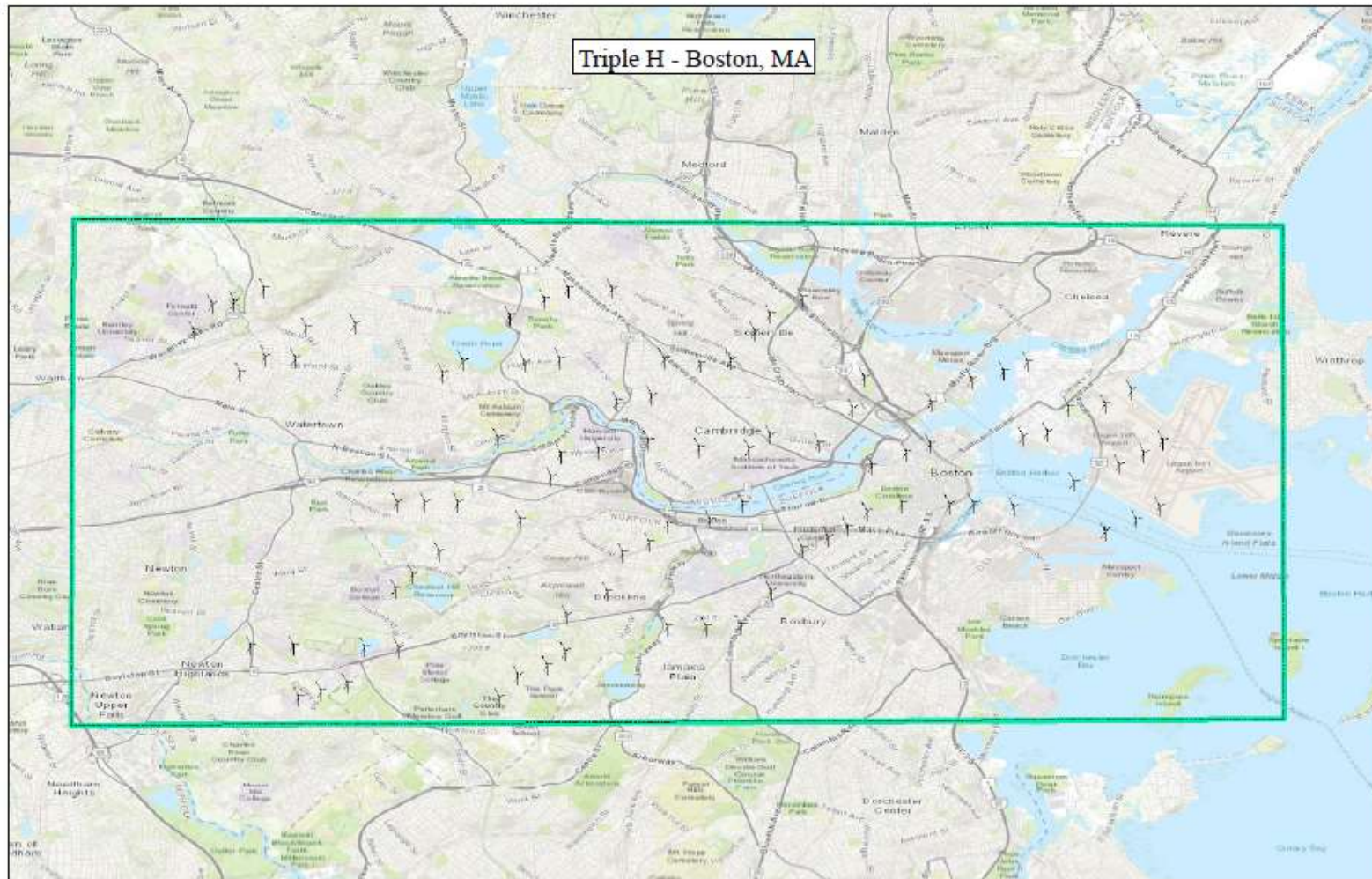


## Example: VPPA Price: \$20/MWh

Settlement Price: \$25/MWh  
Seller Pays Buyer \$5/MWh

Settlement Price: \$15/MWh  
Buyer Pays Seller: \$5/MWh

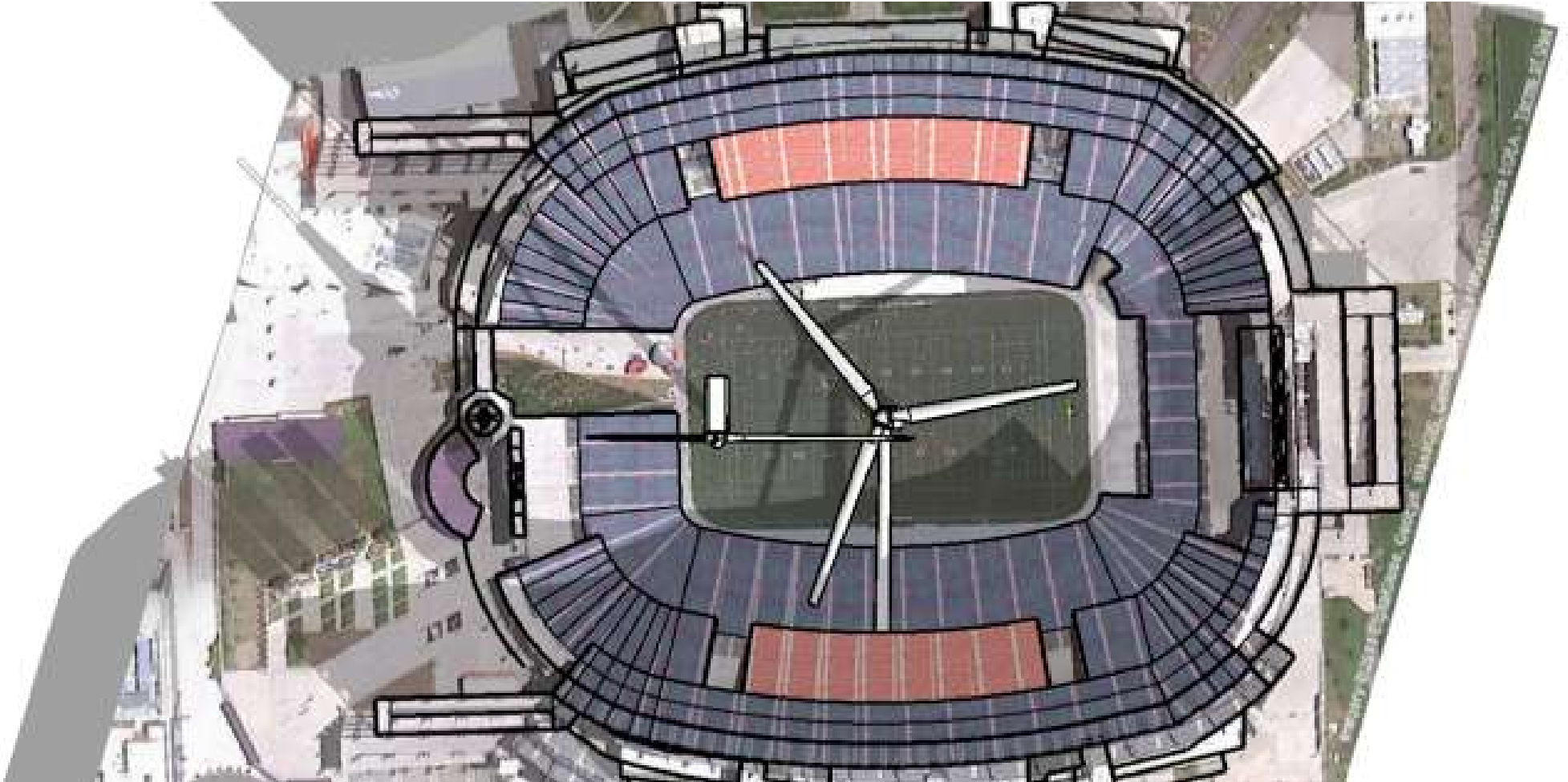
# Boston land constraints prohibit utility-scale economic wind projects



## Wind turbine superimposed on Gillette Stadium

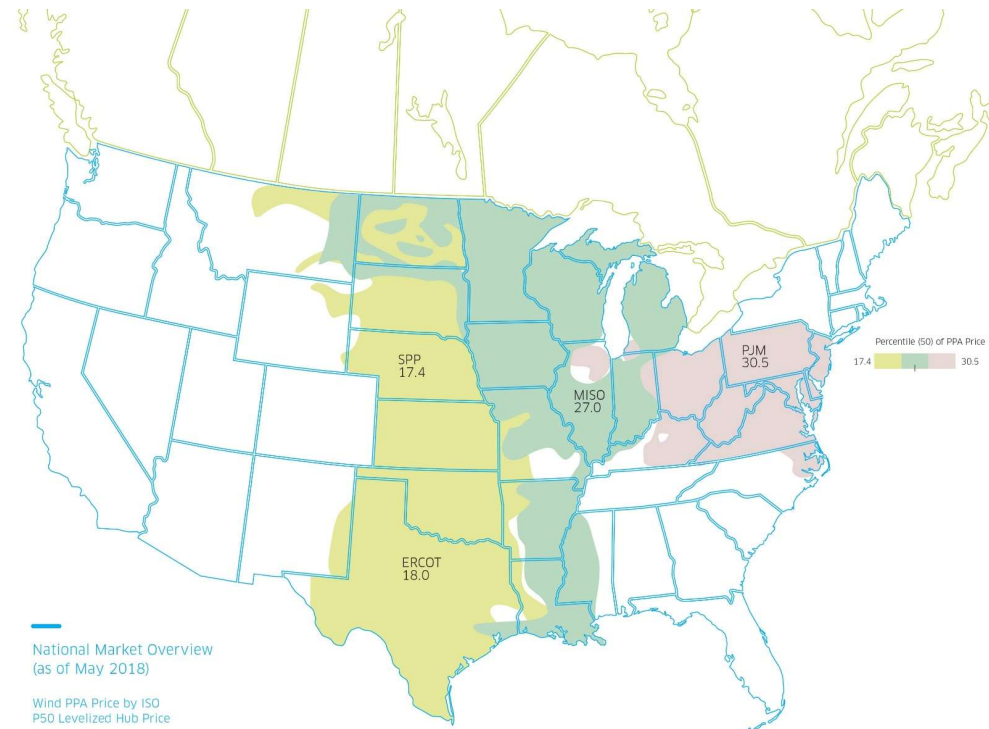
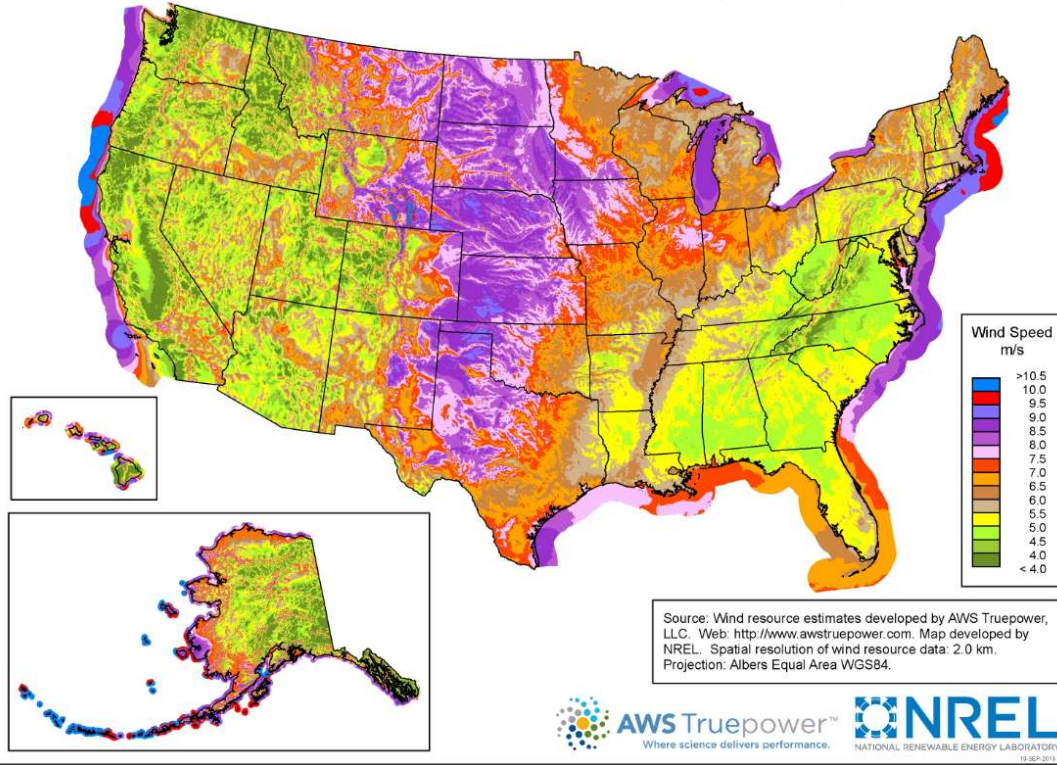


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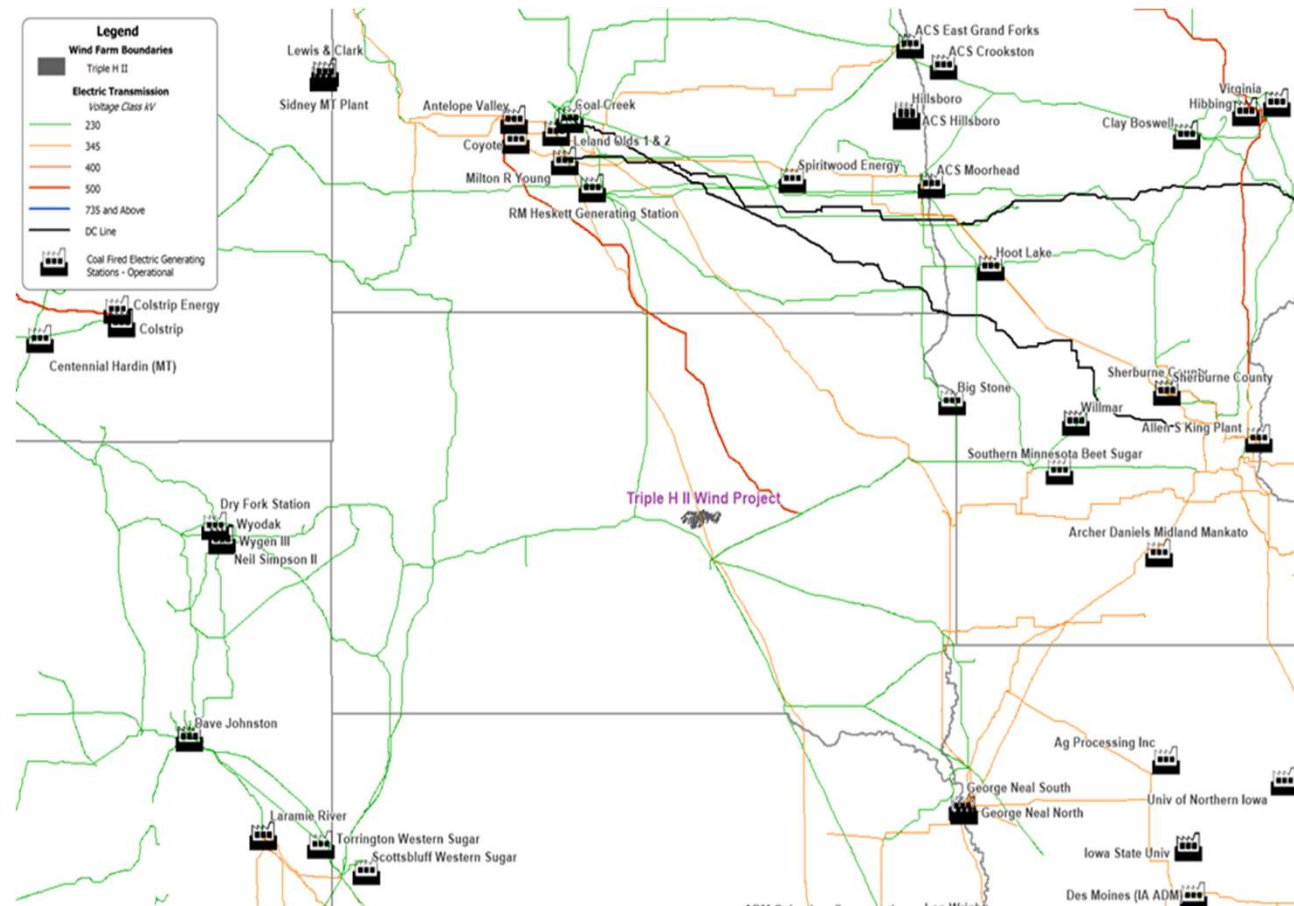
# High wind speeds, open land and low cost of energy drives SPP wind market

United States - Land-Based and Offshore Annual Average Wind Speed at 100 m



# South Dakota wind projects are displacing area coal plants

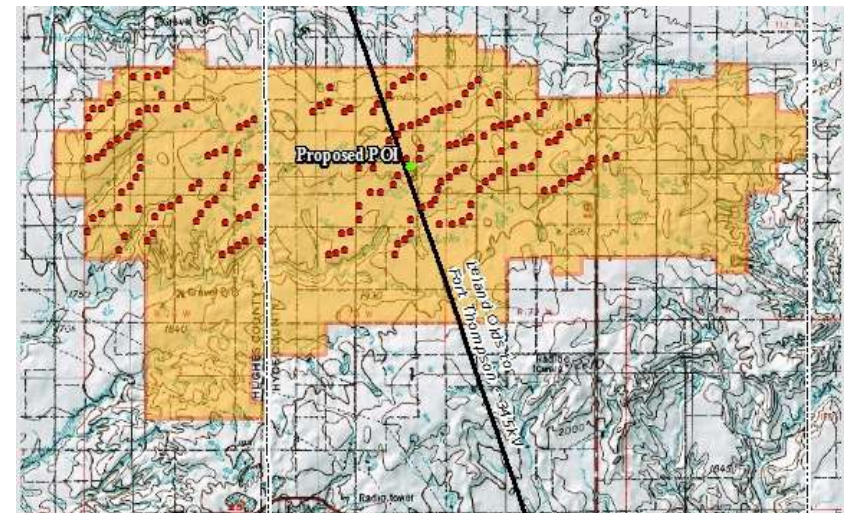
- In a carbon intensive region with a large amount of coal generation. The project shares a transmission line with several coal plants, and is well situated to displace fossil fuel generation in the region
- With project generating a total of 425 MW of clean wind power, fewer coal plants in the region will be dispatched which in turn creates a positive impact on the region's GHG emissions, air quality for the local community, and conserves water in the region used by coal





# ENGIE: Build-ready project providing greatest environmental impact and best economics

- Interconnection agreement executed in March 2019
- Construction beginning August 1, 2019
- Over two years of biological/environmental field studies have been completed
- FAA Determination of No Hazards received
- Wind data accumulated through 2006, decreasing site uncertainty
- Located in one of the strongest wind regimes in one of the strongest wind states resulting in high wind / low-cost resource
- Geotech sampling indicates suitable soil conditions
- Turbine Supply and Balance of Plant agreements signed in Q2 2019
- ENGIE wind team has successfully built and placed into operation every wind project that it has contracted

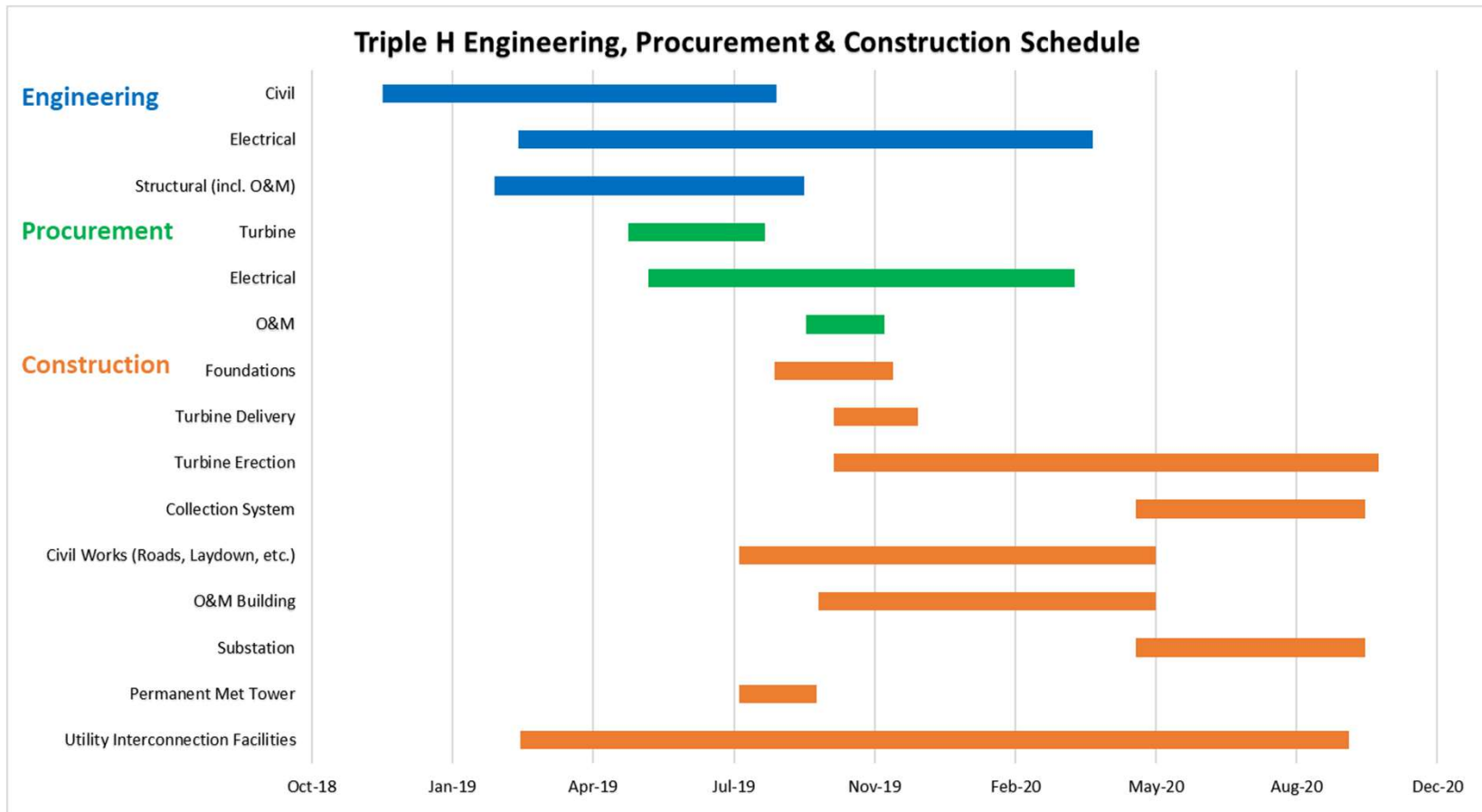


## ENGIE's South Dakota wind project offers local benefits to strengthen communities

- ENGIE's wind team has been in South Dakota since 2002 developing project and creating relationships with the community
- \$190 million investment in Hyde County
- \$20 million of tax benefits over 25 years to the State, Hyde County, and the school district
- Approximately 200 construction jobs
- Indirect benefits related to increased use of local services, suppliers, sales tax revenue
- Predictable, stable, long-term land easement income for 100 landowners at an estimated \$1 million a year during the operating life of the project, in addition to income during the development and construction periods of the project



# Project start of construction with operations expected for Q4 2020 or sooner

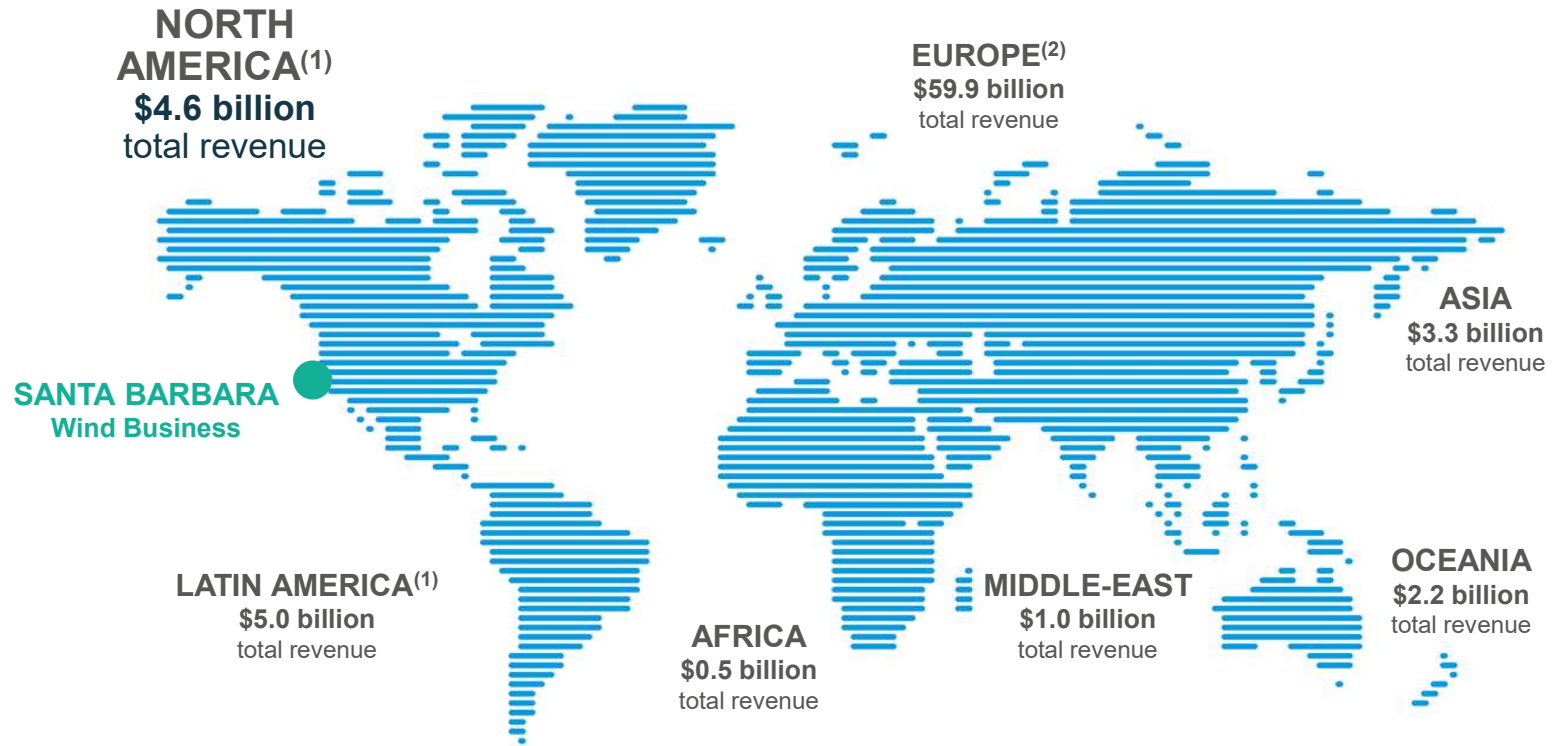


# ENGIE is present in 70 countries across 5 continents

**150,000**  
employees

**\$76 billion**  
total revenue

**A- / A3**  
Credit ratings from  
S&P and Moody's



• (1) Including Mexico. (2) Including Turkey.

# BU Climate Action

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Questions



# Building Energy Performance & Conservation

Performance Contracting vs. Long-Term Partnerships

Caitlin Holley



# Introductions



- Caitlin Holley



- The Ohio State University



- Long-term Energy Management Partner



- Operator of The Utility

# Why Energy Performance and Conservation Matter

- 💡 Each university is unique
- 💡 Sustainability and environmental impact are important
- 💡 Energy use plays a major role



# To Share Today...

## Energy Conservation Options for Universities

- Performance Contracting
- Long-term Partnerships

## The Ohio State University Experience as a Case Study

- University attributes and energy profile
- Experience with multiple strategies
- Risks and challenges
- Results and benefits
- Perspective to share

This illustrates the proposed ECMs. These measures were not designed in silos, but in a holistic manner to deliver one coherent, integrated project for the University.



# Energy Conservation

## Options for Universities

# Building Energy Savings Performance Contracting

## The Concept

- **Scope** the project, define how many facilities will be included in one project
- **Procure** the services, bid and award to an Energy Service Company (ESCO)
- **Perform** the audit, the ESCO performs an Investment Grade Audit
- **Execute** the Energy Savings Performance Contract
- **Understand** guaranteed savings, financing agreement
- **Oversee** implementation and verification through monitoring

Benefits	Drawbacks
<i>Limited scope can limit risk</i>	<i>Piecemeal approach may draw on resources</i>
<i>ESCO finances work based on guaranteed (energy) savings</i>	<i>Energy savings may not provide as high dollar savings as expected</i>
<i>Audits can be reviewed and decisions made on individual build results</i>	<i>Audits are based on projected (modeled) consumption; results may vary</i>
<i>Relationship is short-term; ESCO is incentivized by (potential) repeat business</i>	<i>Long-term accountability for results remains with the university</i>

# Long-term Comprehensive Energy Management Program

## The Concept

- **Define** the campus energy systems for management and the desired duration
- **Identify** university goals and required performance at the university level
- **Set** strong key performance indicators (KPIs) and accountability metrics
- **Partner**, through (competitive) bidding and detailed contracting with a provider of energy-as-a-service to meet financial and operational needs
- **Maintain** partnership using the contract as a basis and adapt/amend as needed

Benefits	Drawbacks
<i>Long-term relationship governs all decision making</i>	<i>Partnership must be a good fit for the needs of the university</i>
<i>Program is holistic and completely covered in one contractual structure</i>	<i>No contract can cover every aspect during initiation; revisions will be required</i>
<i>Energy efficiency is measured through long-term energy partner accountability</i>	<i>Longer payback periods may not satisfy all needs; cutoff points may be required</i>
<i>Management is developed through the partnership and is established through execution</i>	<i>Partnership will require more up-front legal, contractual, and leadership attention</i>
<i>Performance risk shifts to the partner for the contractual term</i>	<i>Control shifts to the partner for the specified energy systems</i>

# The Ohio State University

A Case Study



# The University at a Glance



**490** buildings on  
≈ 2,000 acres



**100,000**  
people daily



**1,300** hospital  
beds



**60,000** patient  
admissions



**1.7 million**  
outpatients



**3** stadiums =  
120,000 seats



**14,000+**  
residence beds



**40** commissaries/  
restaurants

# The University in Energy



Electricity, gas,  
steam, chilled  
water generation  
and distribution  
systems



**3** high-voltage  
substations



**750,000** MWh  
of electricity



≈ **\$115 million**  
annual spending



**110** MW peak demand



**2.9 million** mmBTUs of  
steam (natural gas)



High reliability and  
resiliency requirements

# Experience with Performance Contracting

**5-BUILDING  
EXPERIENCE**

**WORK PERFORMED,  
REPORT PROVIDED**

**FINANCIAL BENEFIT  
CONSTRAINED GROWTH**

**SAVINGS: CALCULATED VS.  
ACTUAL**







**INTERNAL EXPERTISE FOR  
RESULTS VERIFICATION**

**LONG-TERM RESULTS VS.  
EXPECTATIONS**



# Approach for Long-term Energy Partnership

*50-YEAR  
AGREEMENT FOR  
COMPREHENSIVE  
ENERGY  
MANAGEMENT*

-  Operate, maintain & upgrade the utility systems on Campus
-  Advise the university on natural gas and electricity procurement
-  Grow & optimize the utility system to meet Campus expansion demand
-  Reduce total energy consumption per sq. ft. by at least 25% in 10 years within a \$250M budget
-  Academic Collaboration (\$150M program)
-  Significantly change the Campus carbon foot print in the right direction

# What's in it for...

## *Ohio State Energy Partners*

- **Stable, long-term investment in assets**
  - Positive history and forecast
  - Steady and predictable returns and cash flows
- **Distributed utility system operations**
  - Aligns with core strengths
  - District systems, single partner interface
- **Opportunity to be an industry leader**
  - Academic collaboration and Innovation
  - Showcase a energy management expertise

## *The Ohio State University*

- **Stable, long-term investor operator**
  - Achieve efficiency and sustainability goals
  - Steady and predictable cash flows
- **Distributed utility system operations**
  - Not the university's core strengths
  - Campus systems, single partner interface
- **Opportunity to be a university leader**
  - Redirect capital to academic mission
  - Showcase a new energy management model

# Lessons Learned: Risks and Challenges



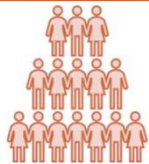
## Contract language is key

- The contract should be a framework; fluidity is a necessity
- Provisions for expanding scope are recommended



## Performance metrics matter

- Metrics should map directly to university's goals
- Partnership should incentivize mutual goals



## Internal organization is required

- Clarity within the University about the partnership
- Internal disconnects will surface through partnership engagement

# Lessons Learned: Results and Benefits



## Financial value

- Financial structure can shift investment burden to partner
- Long-term stability in fluctuating markets



## Performance accountability

- Shift risk and accountability of energy savings to partner
- Secure guaranteed performance through KPIs



## Technical expertise

- Professional energy partner provides external technical expertise
- Continual support through changing markets, emerging technologies

# Summary Perspective from the Ohio State Experience

Patience is key; development is an extended process.  
*Results are worth the effort.*

Universities are unique; financial, contractual, and technical expertise are needed.  
*Build a framework work flexibly within.*

Communications planning and organizational structure are required.  
*Bring all stakeholders to the same understanding.*

A true partnership is a win-win for the university and energy partner.  
*Incentivize common goals; balance both sides risks and rewards.*

# Thank You

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## Questions & Answers

# Bring Your Own Problem Working Sessions

## Session A:

1. **Senior Leader Buy-in:** Distributing a University clear climate action vision from the highest level / Uninformed senior administrators / Lack of on-campus political will to have hard conversations
2. **Energy Retrofits:** Deep energy retrofits for out existing buildings / Decreasing Carbon in Residence Halls / Balance of promoting energy efficiency with an risk adverse staff
3. **Bigger Picture:** Integration of our sustainability problems (and solutions) with teaching and research / Aligning efforts to among competing priorities / Weaning ourselves off fossil fuels

## Session B:

1. **Kickstarting a Plan:** Kick Starting a Climate Action Plan / Working toward a Carbon Neutral Goal / Climate Resilience prep / Engaging students and other stakeholders / Separating the practical and impractical expectations
2. **Financing:** Cost of capital & Off-book financing / Allocating funding NOW to start executing projects / How to lower out-of-pocket costs for new systems (heating, eVs, etc)
3. **Thermal solutions:** Planning for campus geothermal. / District scale ground source heat pump development / Solar hot water heater system to offset hot water demand in cafeteria / Decarbonization of campus heating systems

# Bring Your Own Problem Working Session

## Session A: 1:00 - 1:40 pm

- 1. Senior Leader Buy-in:** Distributing a University clear climate action vision from the highest level / Uninformed senior administrators / Lack of on-campus political will to have hard conversations / Separating the practical and impractical expectations / How to get buy in from senior management because renewable energy programs, data, and "green" policies are disorganized.
- 2. Energy Retrofits:** Deep energy retrofits for out existing buildings / Decreasing Carbon in Residence Halls / Balance of promoting energy efficiency with an understandably risk adverse operational staff / How to identify best strategy for improving efficiency of buildings located on a large campus
- 3. Bigger Picture:** Integration of our sustainability problems (and solutions) with teaching and research / Aligning efforts to among competing priorities / Weaning ourselves off fossil fuels



# Bring Your Own Problem Working Session

## Session B: 1:50 - 2:30 pm

- 1. Kickstarting a Plan:** Kick Starting a Climate Action Plan / Working toward a Carbon Neutral Goal / Climate Resilience prep / Engaging students and other stakeholders
- 2. Financing:** Cost of capital & Off-book financing / Allocating funding NOW to start executing projects / How to lower out-of-pocket costs for new systems (heating, eVs, etc)
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# Rethinking Energy Issues

## Michael Webber





# Break

