



Minnesota Energy Overview

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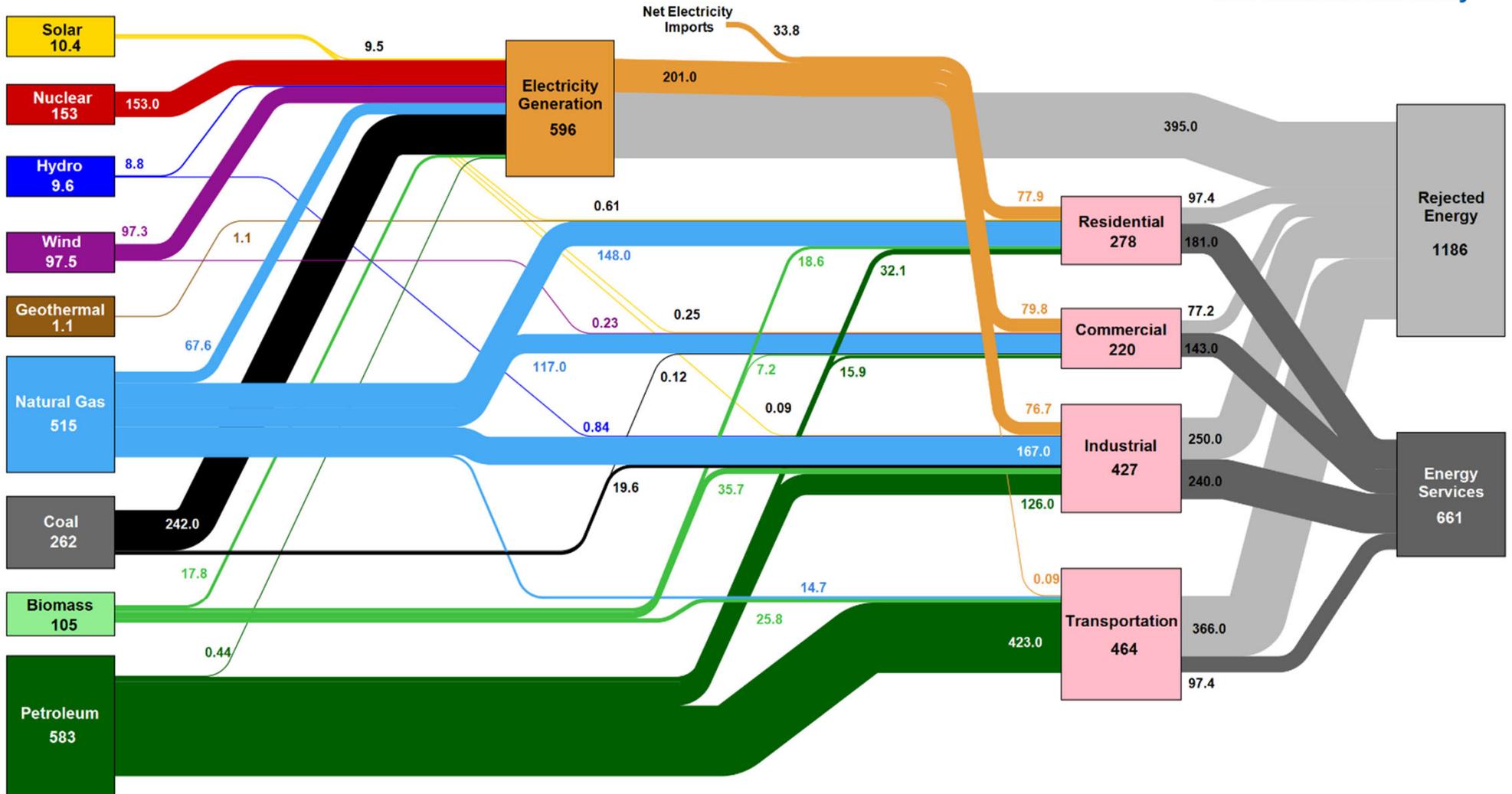


Conservation &
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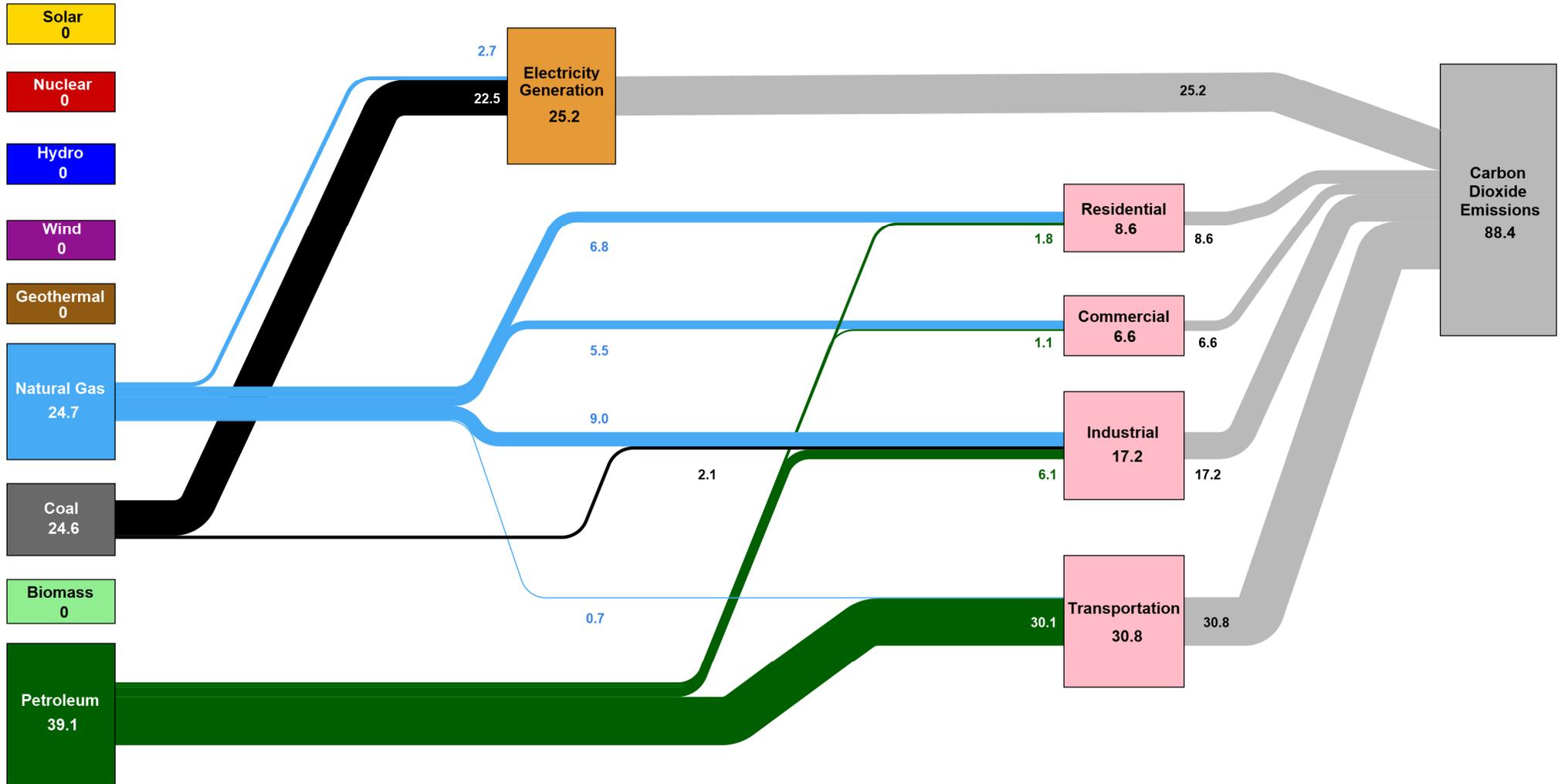
Where does our energy come from?



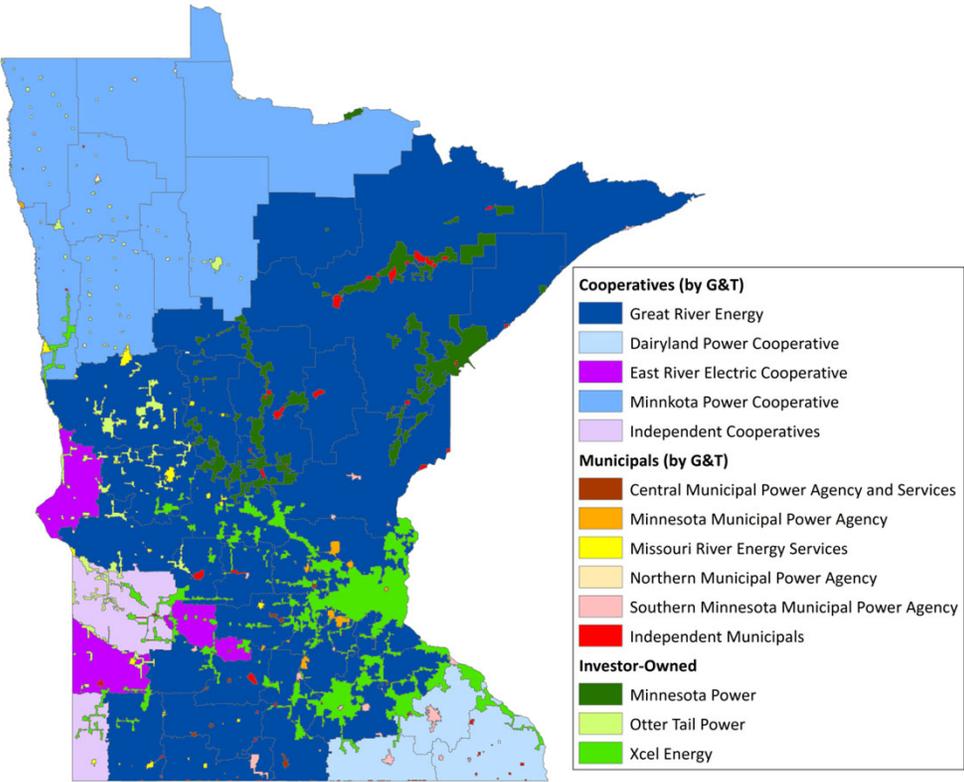
Estimated Minnesota Energy Consumption in 2018: 1,847 Trillion BTU



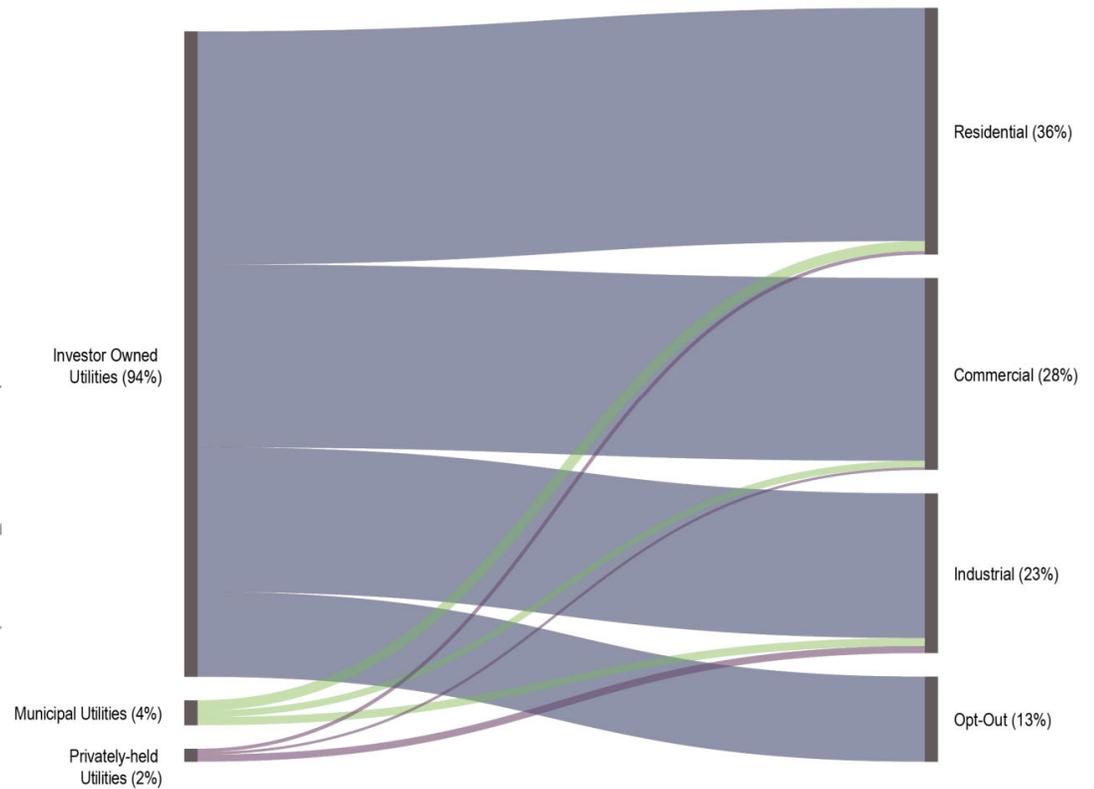
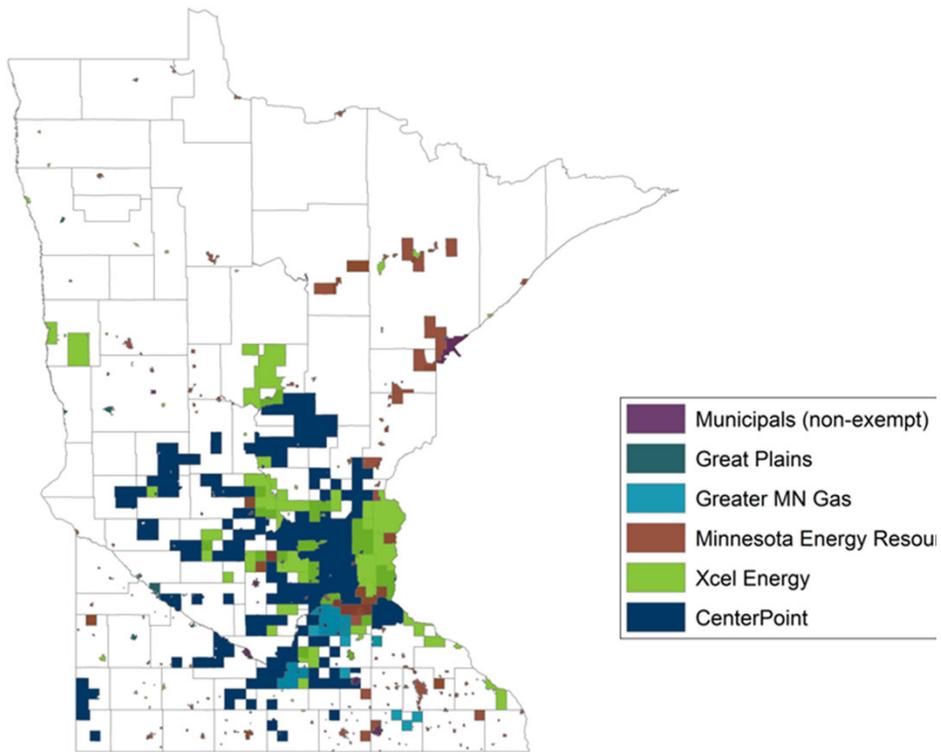
Estimated Minnesota Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2017: 88.4 Million Metric Tons

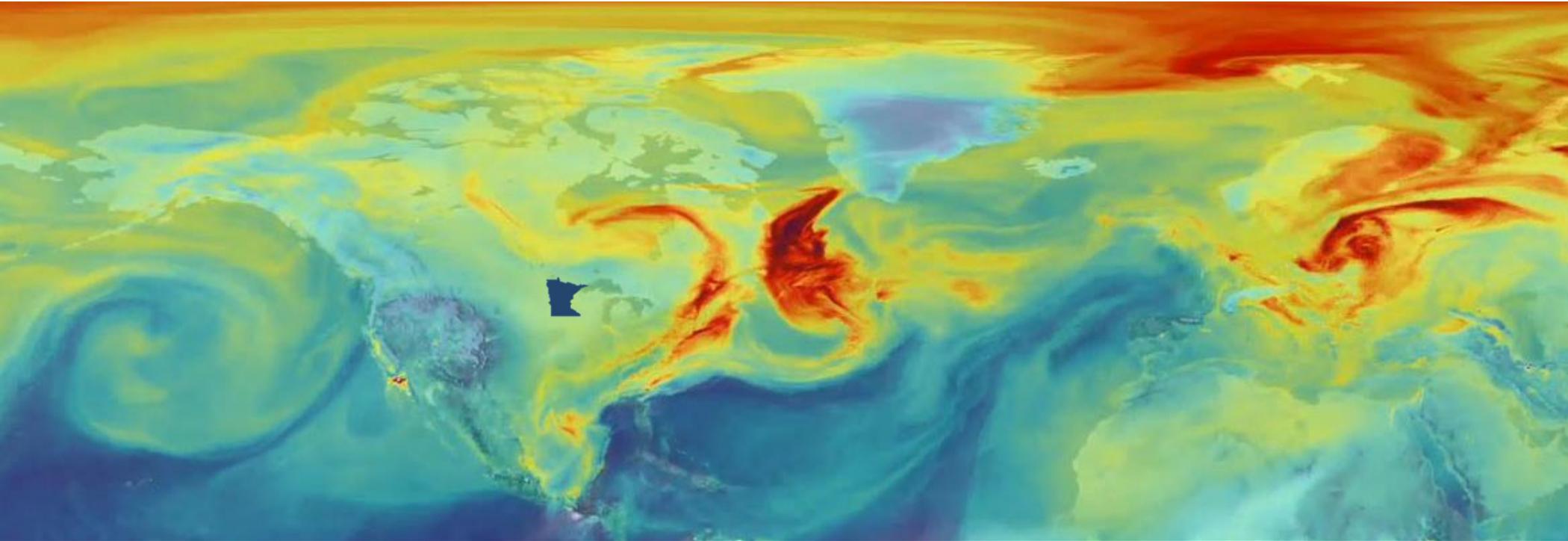


Electric Utilities and Customer Loads in Minnesota



Natural Gas Utilities and Customer Loads in Minnesota



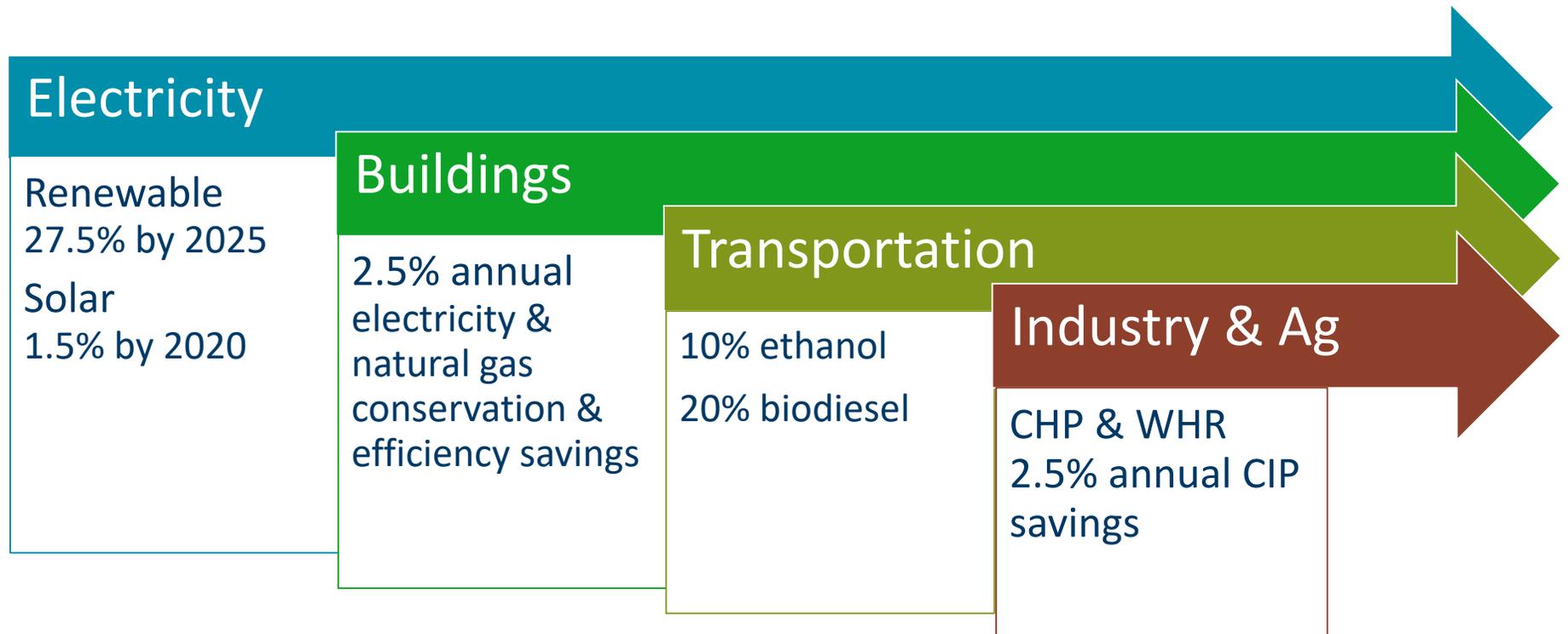


Minnesota's Energy & Climate Goals

Energy & Climate Goals

- 1980 Conservation Improvement Program
- 1981 Net Energy Metering
- 1994 Xcel Renewable Mandate (425MW wind, 110MW biomass by 2002)
- 2001 Renewable Energy Objective (10% RE x 2015)
- 2002 Metropolitan Emissions Reduction Project (Coal retirements)
- 2007 Next Generation Energy Act (27.5% RE x 2025 + 1.5% EE/yr)
- 2013 Solar Energy Jobs Act (28.5% RE x 2025)
- 2021 Energy Conservation & Optimization; Natural Gas Innovation Act

Current Policy Objectives



Impact of Policy Efforts to Date



Energy Efficiency

Saved
Minnesotans
over **\$6** Billion



Coal Generation in MN

Reduced from
over **60%** to
under **25%**



Electric Sector
CO₂ Emissions

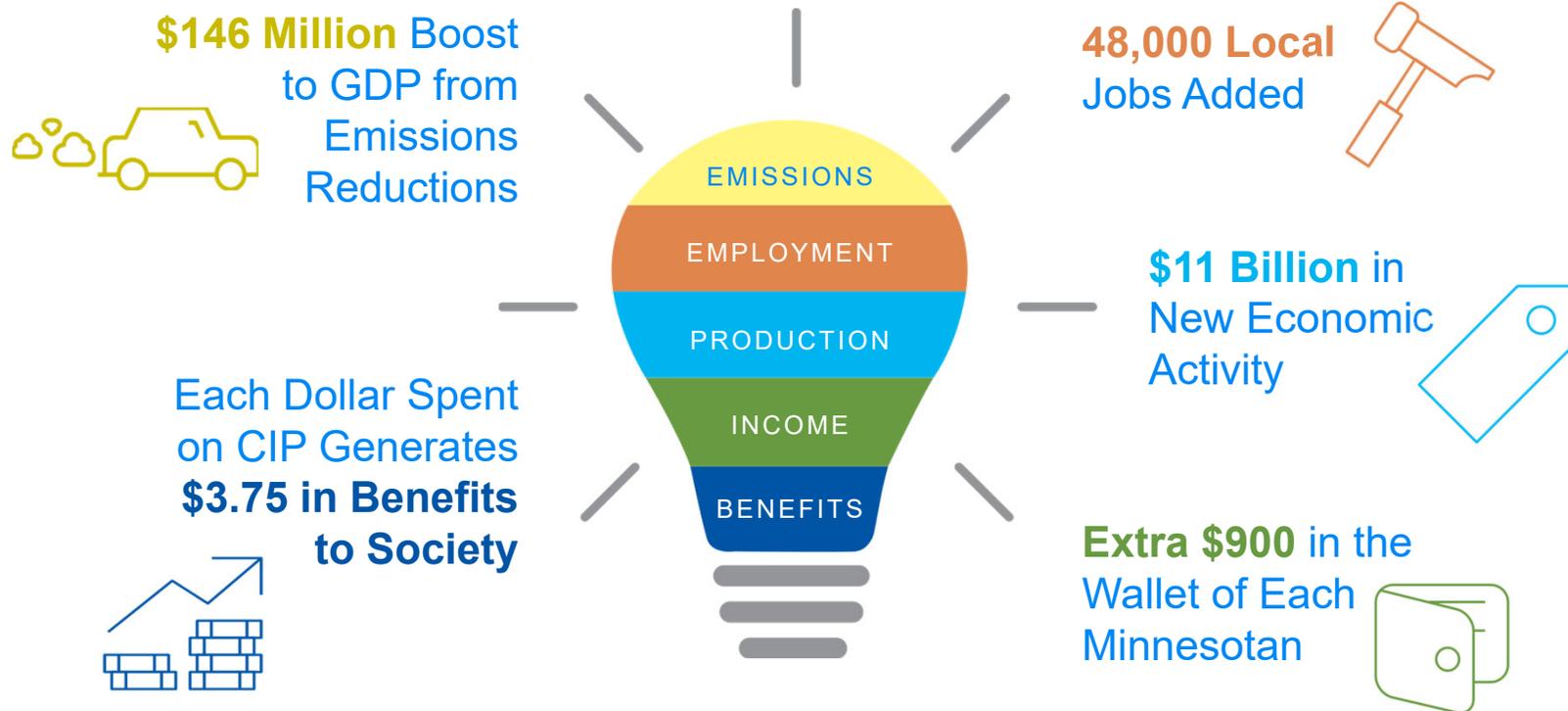
Reduced by **29%**
from 2005
baseline



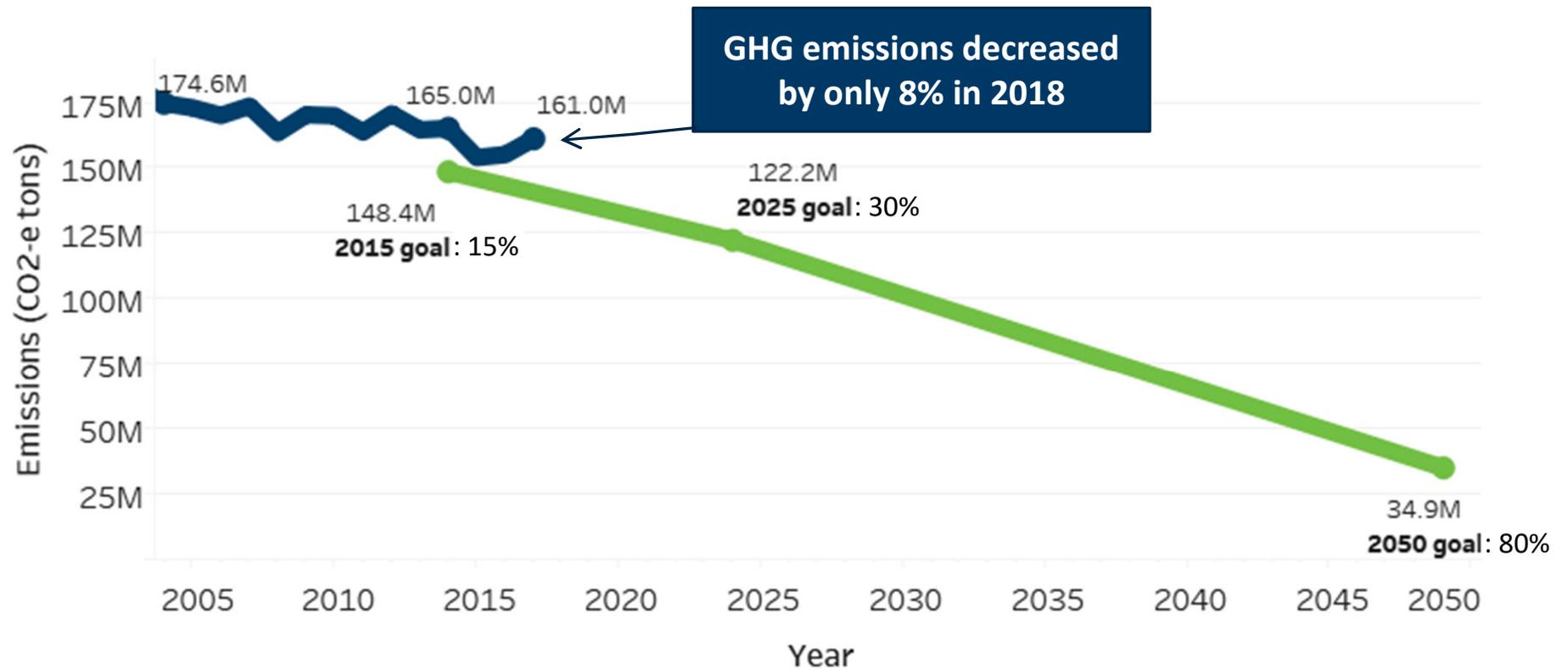
Renewable Energy

Developed nearly
6,000 MW's of
Wind & Solar

Economic Benefits of Energy Efficiency Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) investments 2013-2018

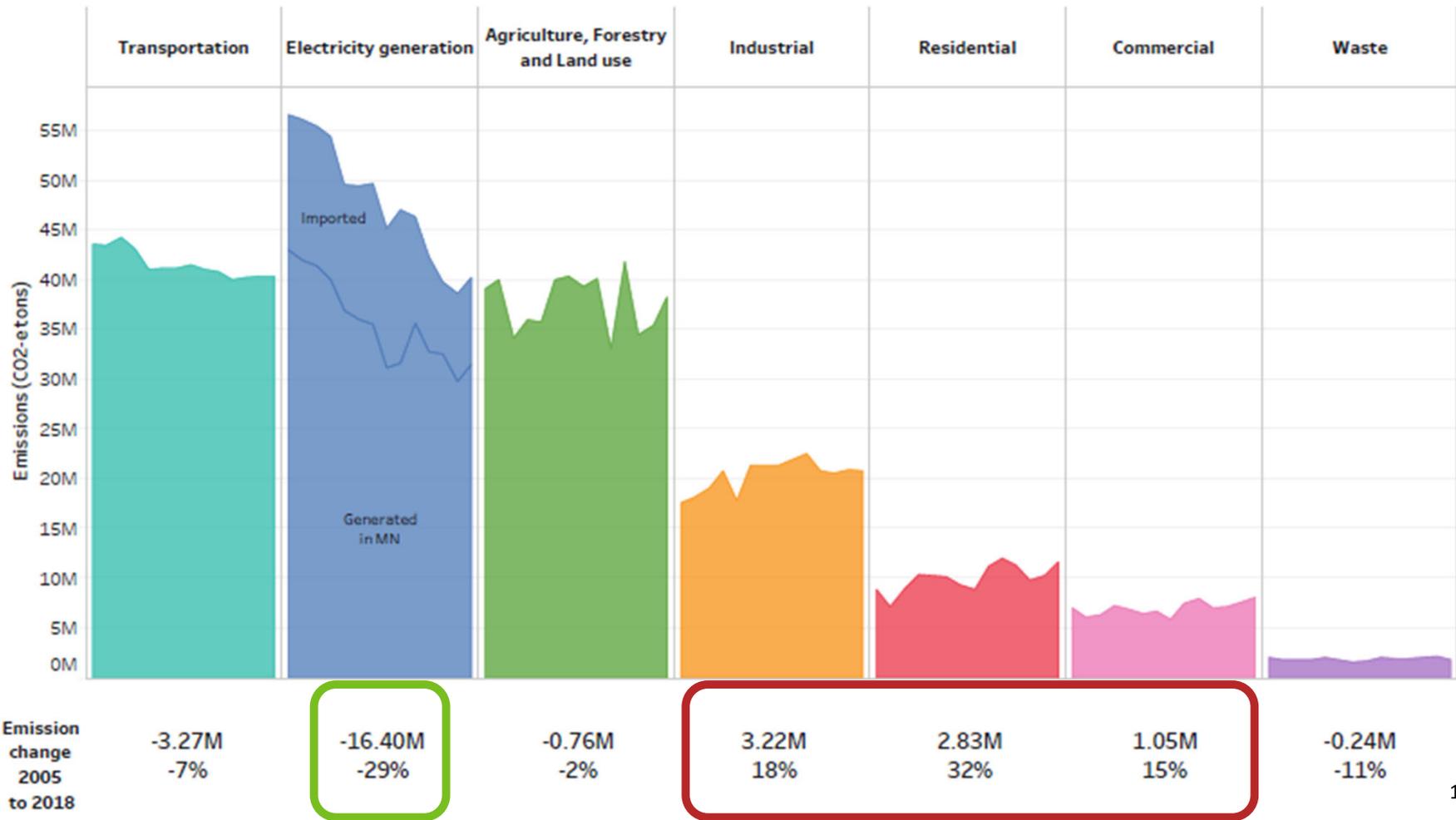


Minnesota is not on track to meet its GHG goals



Minnesota's actual GHG emissions, compared to the Next Generation Energy Act goals

Greenhouse gas emissions by sector





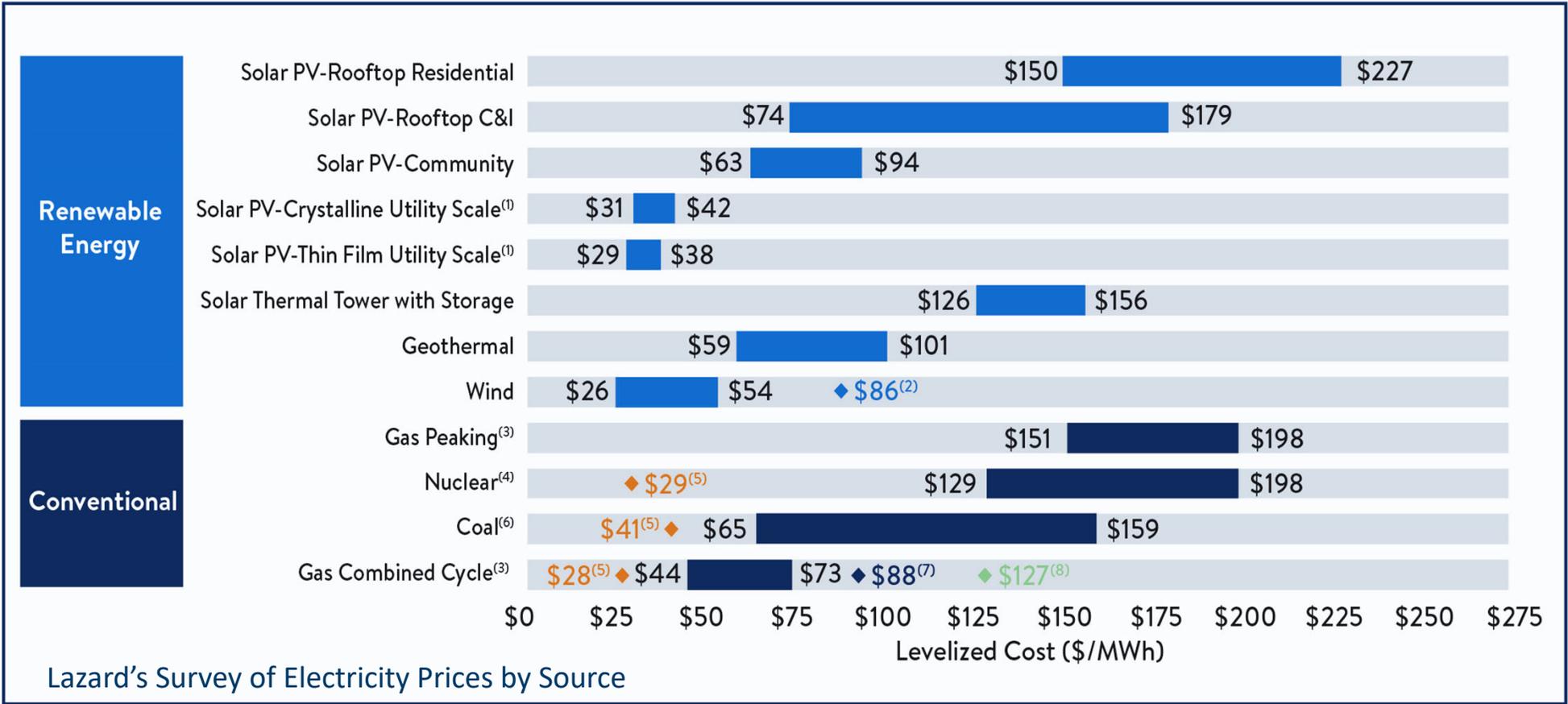
Power Sector Transformation

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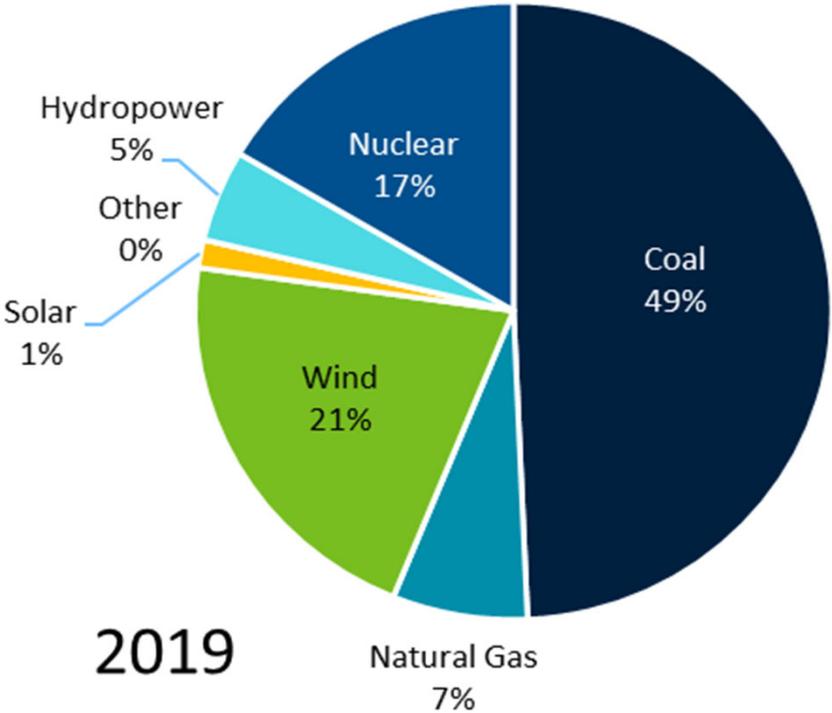
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Levelized Cost of Energy Comparison

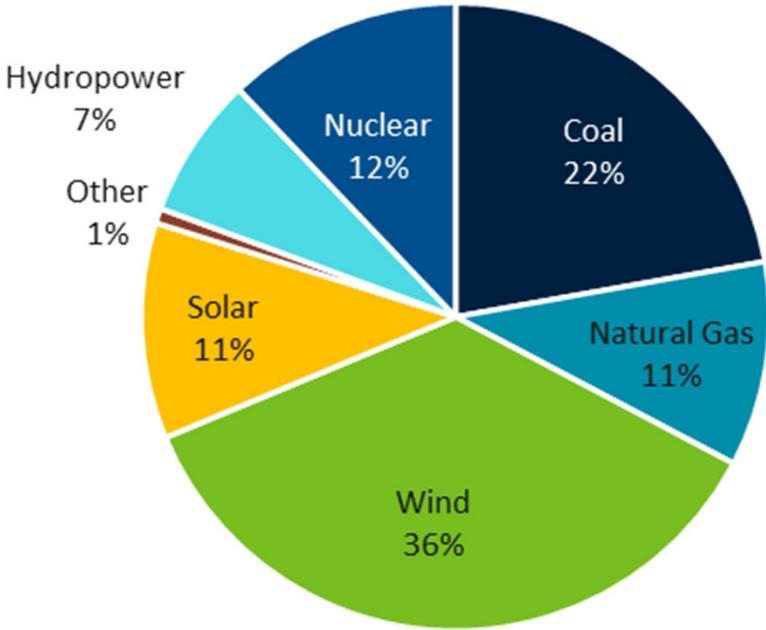


Upper Midwest Electricity in Transition

Current Plans: 2019 – 2034*



2019



2034

* Per Xcel, GRE, Mn Power, and OTP Resource Plans

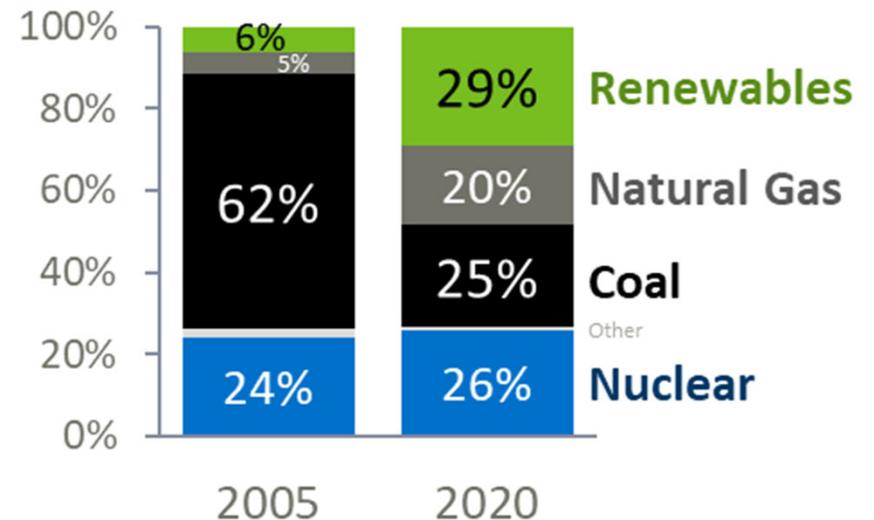
Minnesota's Generation Mix Over Time



Between 2005 and 2020:

- Renewable electricity increased from 6% to 29%
- Coal power dropped from 62% to 25%

Electricity Generated in Minnesota

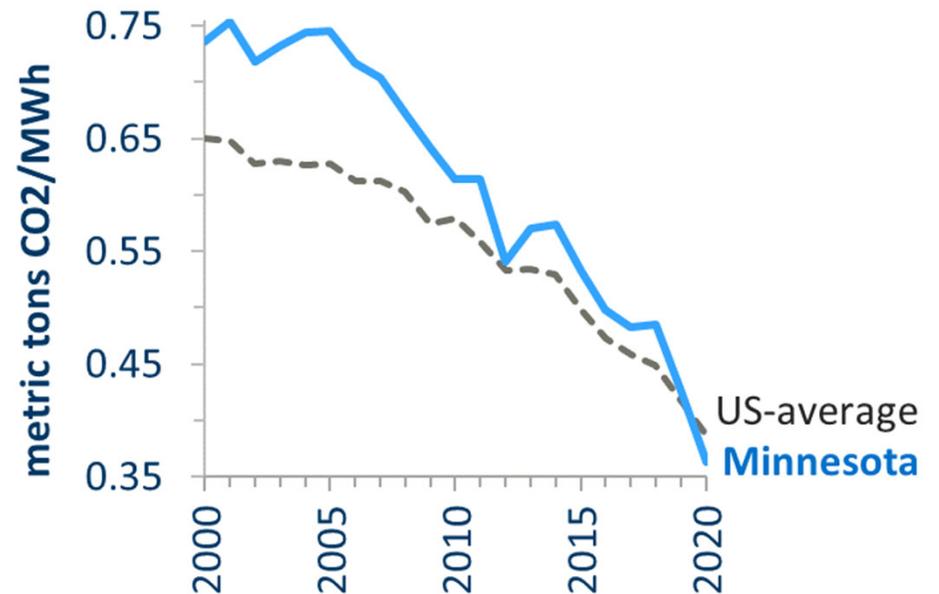


source: U.S. EIA

Generation Mix Over Time

- State policies and market forces have resulted in a rapid decarbonization of Minnesota's power sector.
- Minnesota's carbon intensity dropped below the national average in 2020

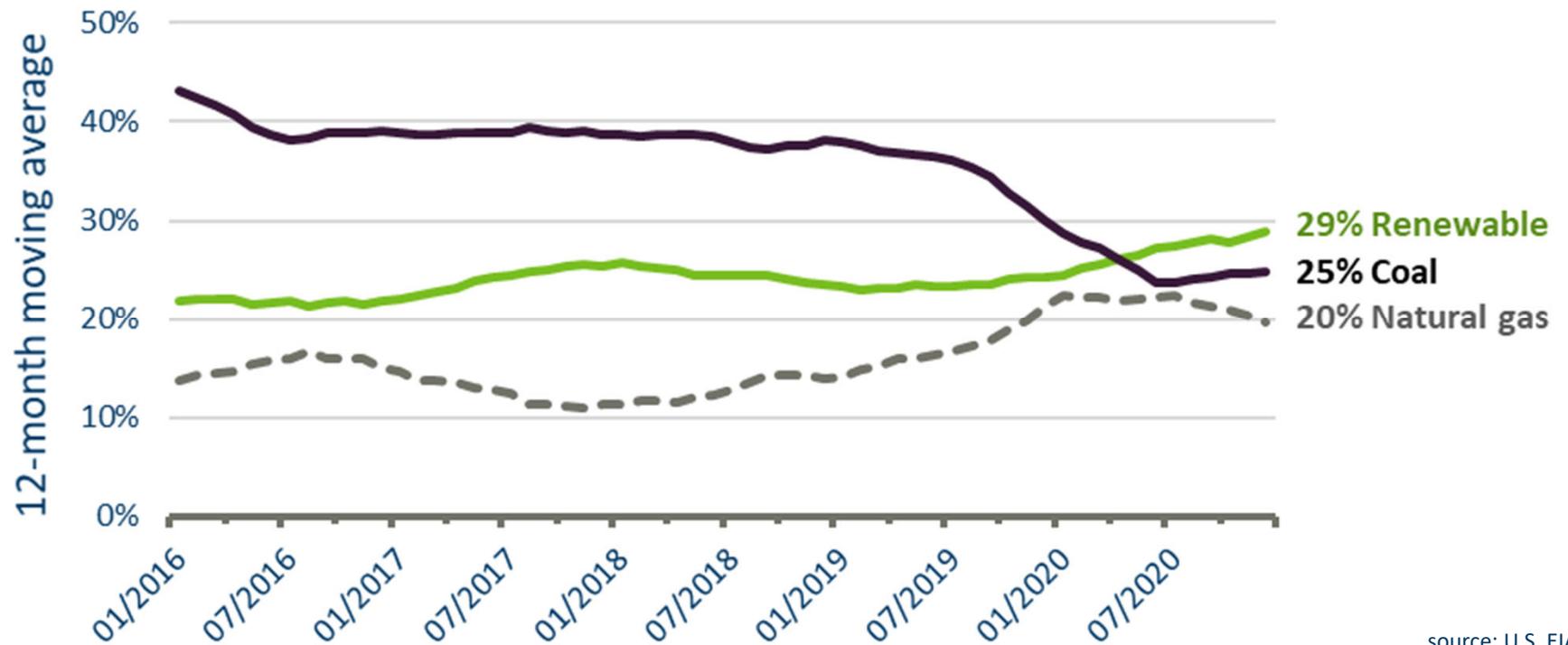
Carbon Intensity of Electricity



Source: U.S.EIA data

Electric System in Transition

2016-2020 Monthly Electricity Generation in Minnesota



source: U.S. EIA

Remaining Electric Utility Owned Coal-Fired Generation

Facility	Size (nameplate capacity, MW; rounded)	Status
Hibbing Public Utilities Commission		
Hibbing 3	10	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Hibbing 5	20	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Hibbing 6	6	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Minnesota Power		
Boswell unit 3	365	Operating
Boswell unit 4	558	Operating
Taconite Harbor Energy Center unit 1	75	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Taconite Harbor Energy Center unit 2	75	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Otter Tail Power Company		
Hoot Lake 2	54	Operating, full retirement by 2021
Hoot Lake 3	75	Operating, full retirement by 2020
Xcel Energy		
Sherburne County 1	680	Operating, full retirement by 2026
Sherburne County 2	682	Operating, full retirement by 2023
Sherburne County 3	876	Operating, proposed retirement by 2030
Allen S King	511	Operating, proposed retirement by 2028

- Most of the emissions reductions in the electric power sector have come from utilities retiring coal-fired electricity generating facilities.
- Recent and upcoming decisions by the MN Public Utilities Commission are expected to further reduce GHG emissions.
- Additionally, some utilities are beginning to seasonally dispatch existing coal-fired generating units ensuring economic operations with the potential for lower emissions.

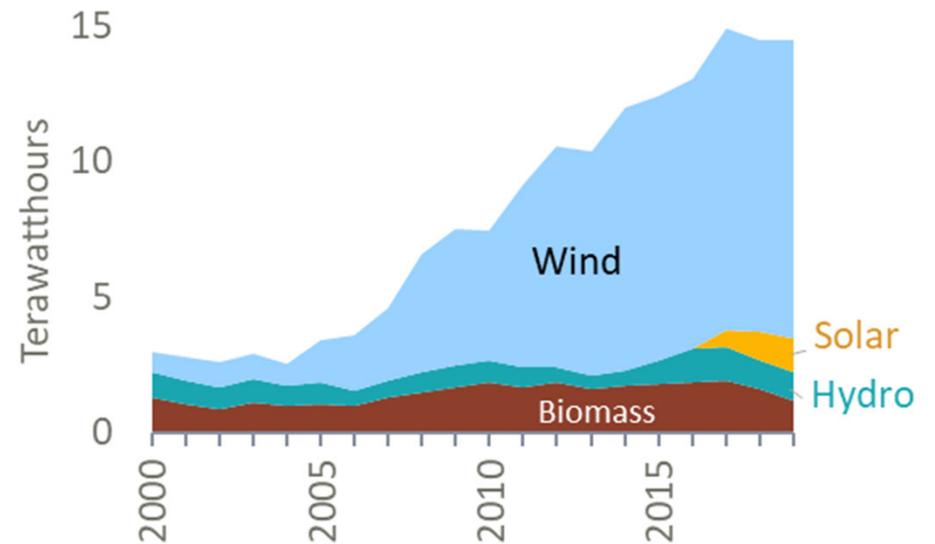
Minnesota's electricity market is transforming

In 2020, Wind generated 22% of MN's electricity

Solar is at 3%, small but growing fast.

MN Renewable Electricity Generation

source: U.S. EIA



Changing the way we use the grid

Grid Modernization

Interconnection

Data Access

Electrification

Electric Vehicles in Minnesota

- 18,000+ Plug in Electric Vehicles in Minnesota
- 7 million+ total registered vehicles in MN
- Of 265,000 new vehicle registrations in 2018, over 4,000 were EVs or PHEVs



Energy Sector – Current Commitments

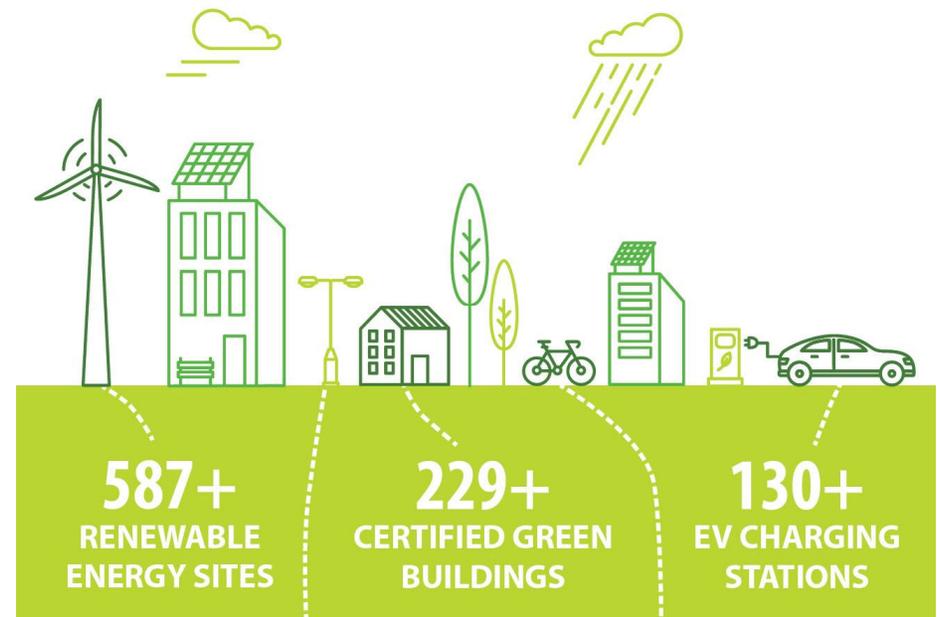
- **Xcel Energy:**
 - retire all coal for 80% carbon reduction by 2030
 - 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050
 - Net zero emissions natural gas by 2050
- **Great River Energy:** 95% carbon free by 2023
- **Minnesota Power:** 70% renewable by 2030, coal-free by 2035 & 100% carbon-free by 2050
- **SMMPA:** 80% carbon free in 2030
- **OTP:** 30% renewable energy & 40% carbon reduction by 2022



GreenStep Cities

By the numbers:

- 141 participants
- Covers 49% of Minnesota's population
- 35% are small cities (5,000 people or fewer)
- Achieves more than \$8 million savings per year on energy costs



Climate and Energy Goals

City	Climate Goals	Renewable Goals
Grand Marais	Climate Action Plan (2019): Carbon Neutral by 2040	Achieve energy resilience 100% renewable for city operations
Northfield	Climate Action Plan (2019): Carbon free by 2040	10% in-boundary renewable electricity (20 MW) Carbon-free electricity by 2030
Rochester	Energy Action Plan (2017): Supports state goal to reduce GHG emissions 80% by 2050	Mayoral proclamation: 100% renewable electricity by 2031
St. Louis Park	Climate Action Plan (2018): Carbon neutral, community-wide by 2040	100% renewable electricity by 2030 10% in-boundary (37 MW) City ops currently at 100% renewable
St. Paul	Climate Action and Resilience Plan (2019 draft): Reduce emissions 50% by 2030, carbon neutral by 2050, community-wide	10% in-boundary renewable electricity (200 MW)
Minneapolis	Climate Action Plan (2013): 80% reduction in emissions from 2005 by 2050, community-wide	100% renewable electricity by 2030 community-wide 100% renewable electricity for city ops by 2022

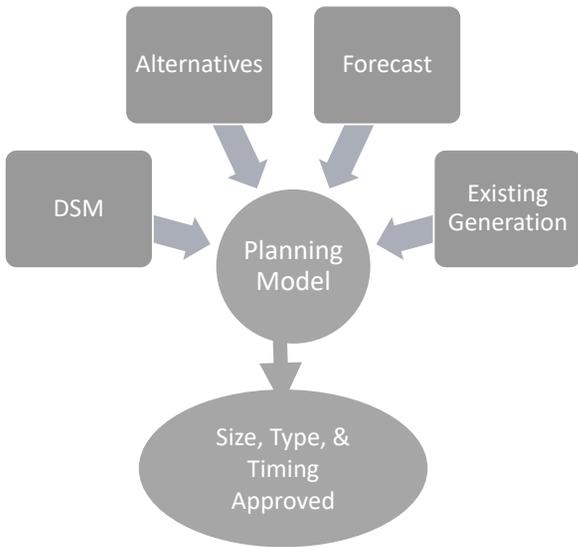
Source: Great Plains Institute

Economy-Wide Strategies to Reduce Carbon Emissions

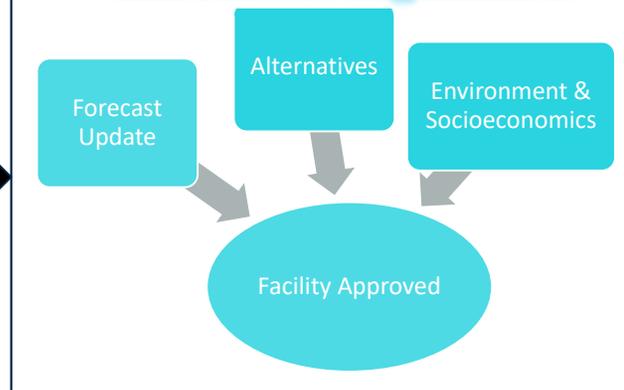
- Electricity/Power Sector – Walz/Flanagan 100% Path to Clean Energy
- Buildings – Building Performance Standards and Retrofitting
- Commercial/Industrial process – Waste energy capture (Infancy)
- Transportation – Decarbonization through Electrification and Biofuels
- Agriculture – Biofuels, Effectively lower-carbon fuel standards

Leverage success in the power sector to decarbonize other sectors

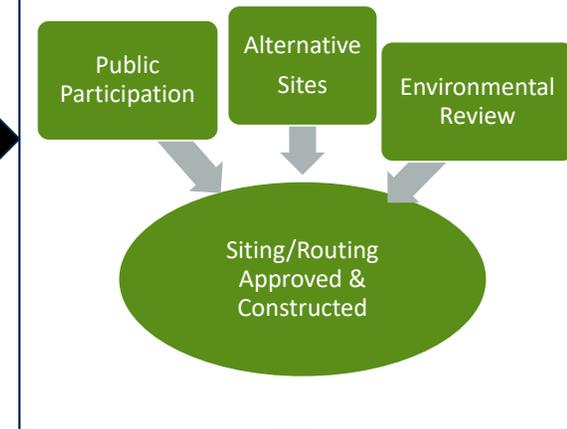
Resource Planning



Resource Acquisition

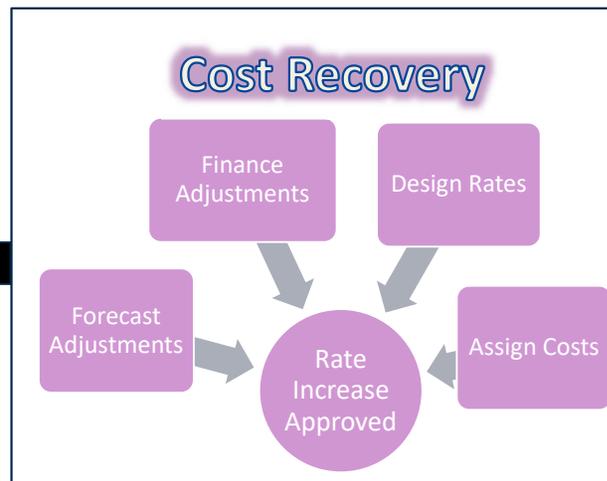


Facility Siting & Routing

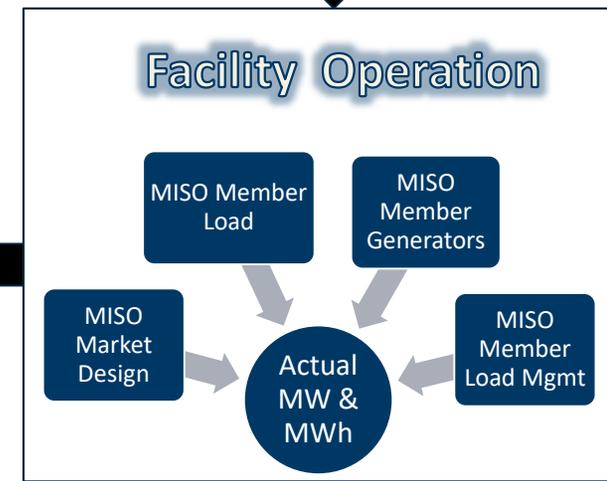


The Commission's Regulatory Process

Cost Recovery



Facility Operation



Thank you!

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