



# HOW CHANGE HAPPENS: RENEWABLE ENERGY

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# ABOUT RENEW WISCONSIN:

FOUNDED 1991

SUPPORT FOR:

- SOLAR
- WIND
- BIOMASS & BIOGAS
- GEOTHERMAL
- HYDROPOWER
- *NEW*: ELECTRIC VEHICLES



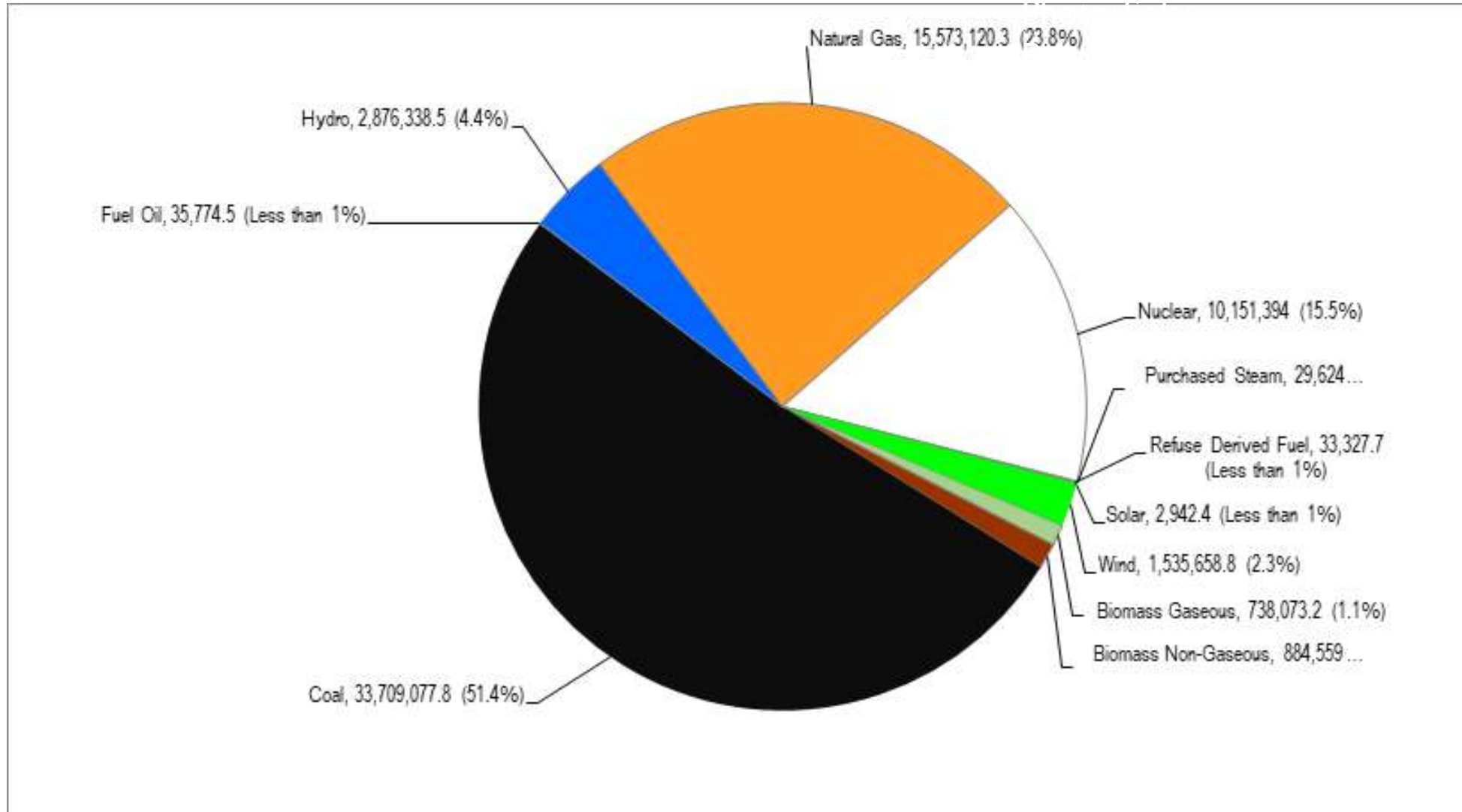
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## HOW CHANGE HAS HAPPENED IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

- 1) POLICIES BROKE THE ICE
- 2) PUBLIC, POLICYMAKER, AND BUSINESS SUPPORT LED TO GROWTH
- 3) ECONOMICS & SCALE ARE TAKING OVER



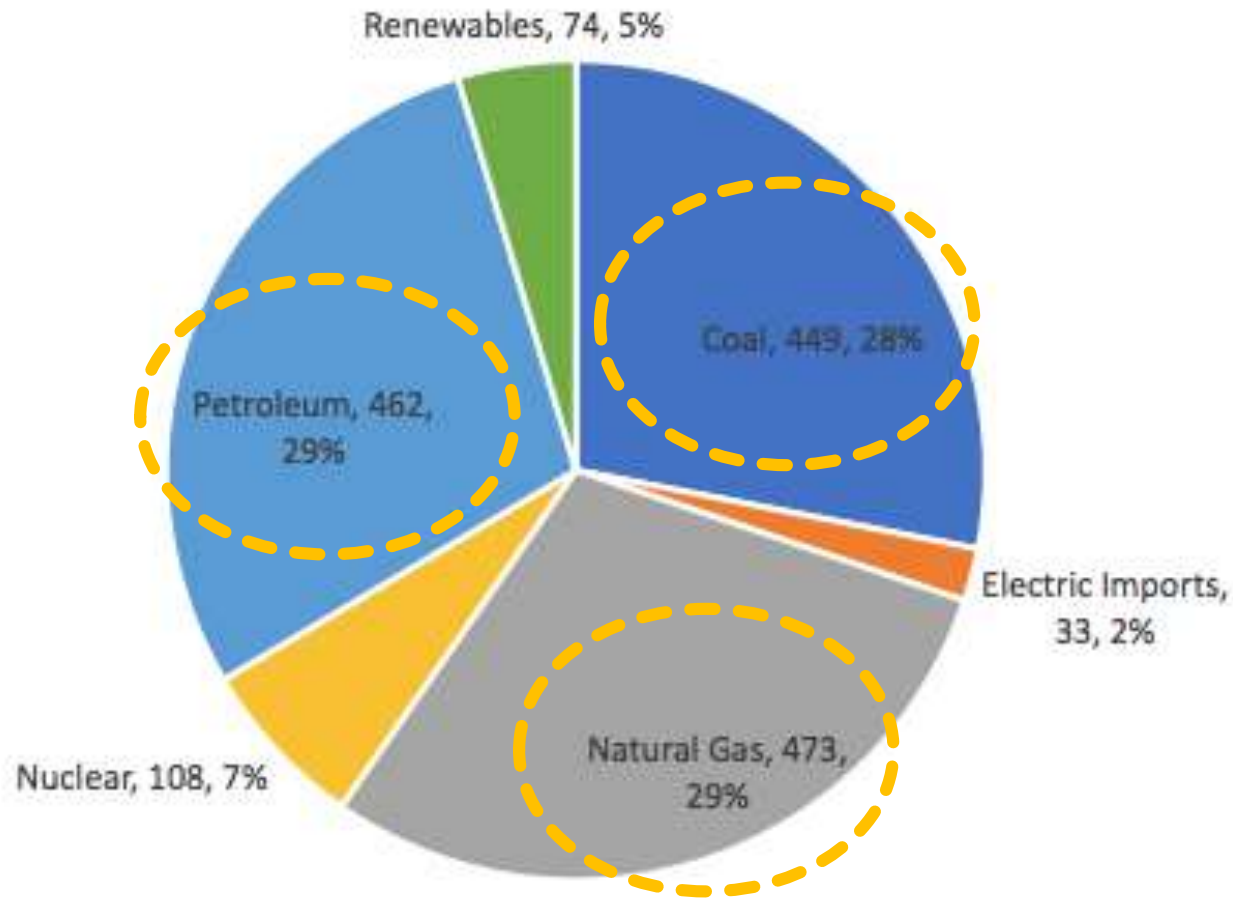
# Level-Setting - WI 2017 Electric Generation Mix



Source: Public Service Commission Strategic Energy Assessment

# ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF WISCONSIN ENERGY USE

Wisconsin Energy Use - 2015



## Costs to Import Resources (2015)

Coal: \$1.1 billion

Natural Gas: \$4.1 billion

Petroleum: \$8.2 billion (down from \$11+ billion 2011-2014)

## I. Policies Break the Ice

# POLICIES BREAK THE ICE

Examples of some key policies:

1992: Wisconsin Energy Priorities Law

1992: Advanced Plan 6 Decisions: 10 MW wind pilot; 20 kilowatt net metering for small distributed generators

1992: First federal tax credits for wind energy

1999: Wisconsin's first Renewable Portfolio Standard: 2.2% renewables goal

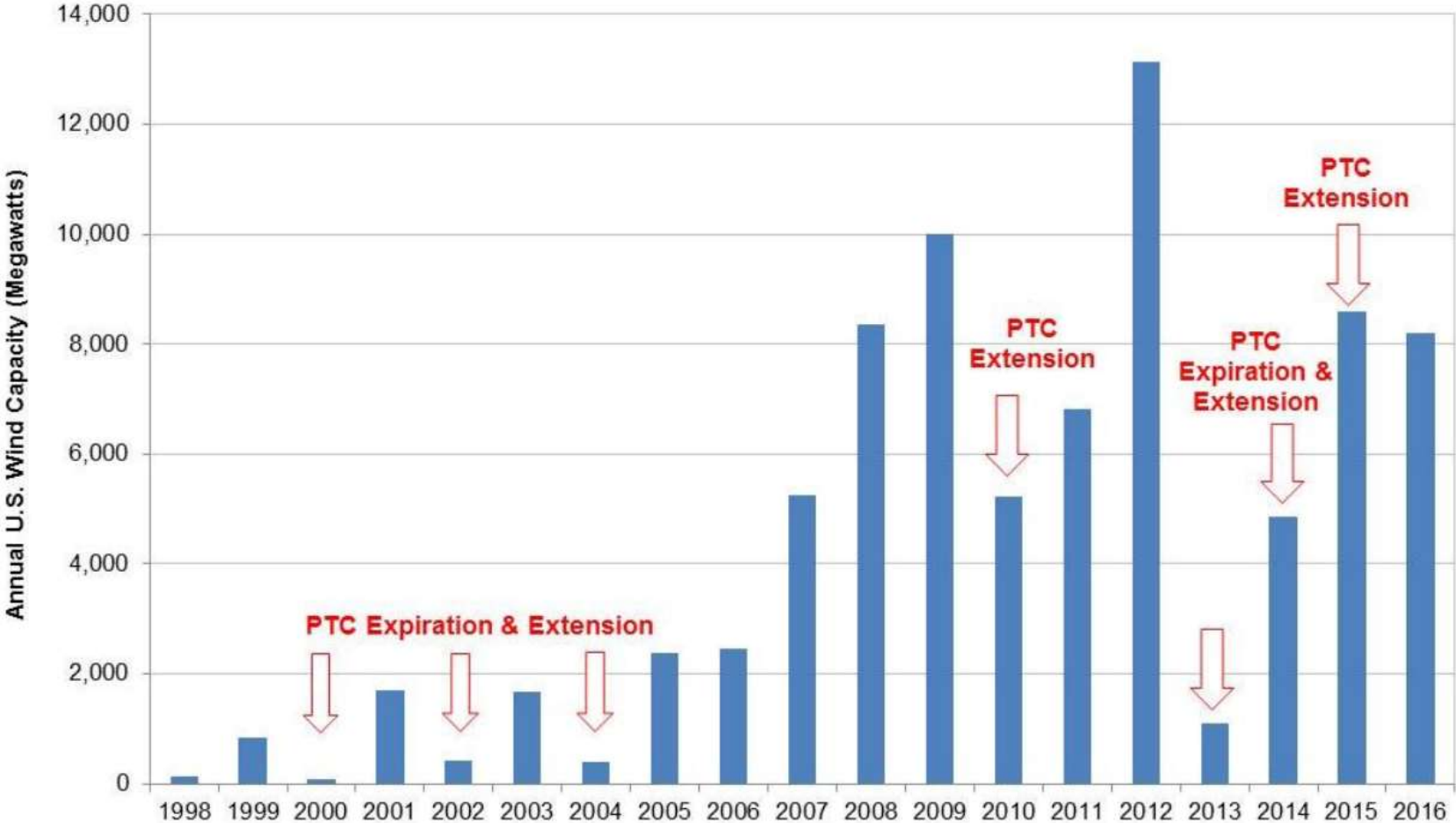
2005: Wisconsin's 2<sup>nd</sup> RPS: 10% statewide goal; Focus on Energy re-vamp

2008: First federal tax credits for solar energy

2015: Extension of federal wind tax credits through 2019, solar through 2021

# POLICIES BREAK THE ICE

## Example: Federal Policy Drives Wind Development



Source:  
<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IF/IF03/20170329/105798/HHRG-115-IF03-Wstate-ClemmerS-20170329.pdf>

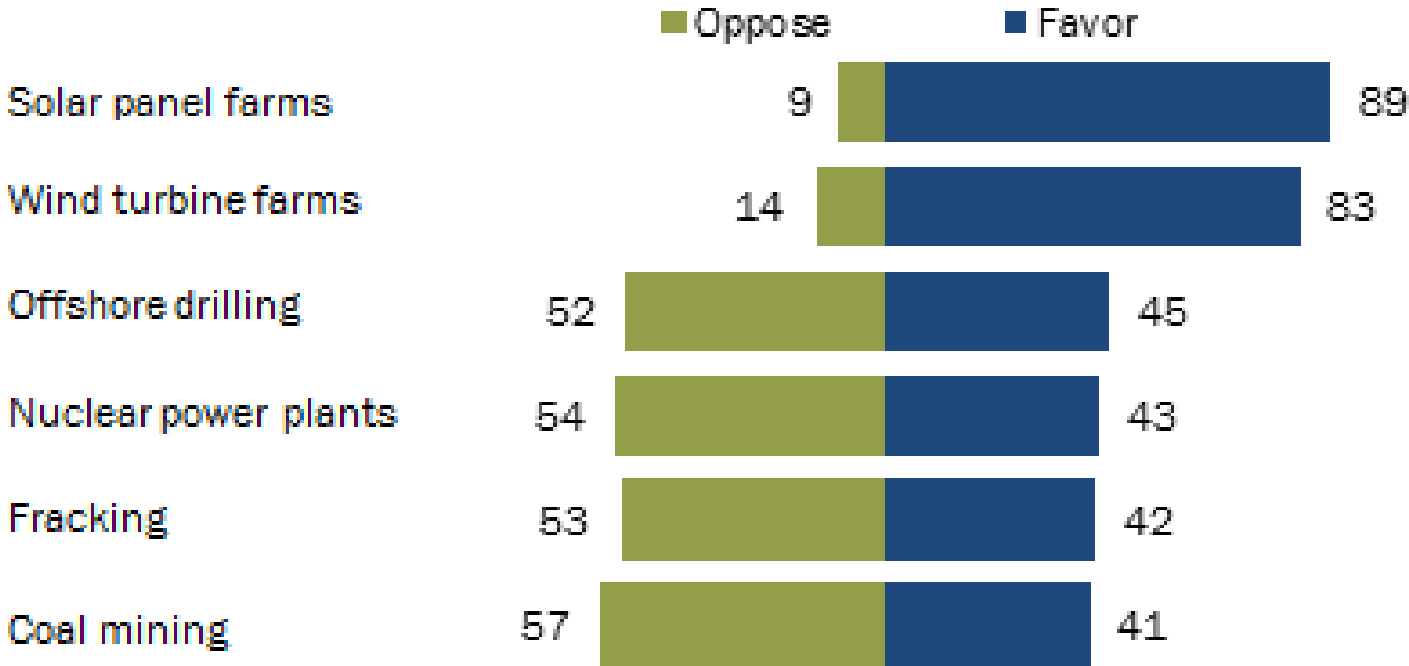


2. Public, Policymaker, and Business Support Have Led to Growth

# PUBLIC, POLICYMAKER, AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

## Strong public support for expanding wind, solar power

*% of U.S. adults who say they favor or oppose expanding each energy source*



Note: Respondents who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Survey conducted May 10-June 6, 2016.

"The Politics of Climate"

# PUBLIC, POLICYMAKER, AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

In-state job growth and revenue diversification for farmers drives policymaker support

## **CLEAN JOBS AMERICA** **NEARLY 3.3 MILLION CLEAN ENERGY JOBS<sup>1</sup>**

**In every region and every state in America, clean energy is creating jobs at**  
Nationwide, more than 110,000 net new clean energy jobs were created in 2011, increasing the total number of Americans who work in clean energy to 3.26 million.

### **INDUSTRY JOB TOPLINES**

- Energy Efficiency – **2,324,865 jobs**
- Renewable Energy – **508,484 jobs**
- Solar Energy – **334,992 jobs**
- Wind Energy – **111,166 jobs**
- Clean Vehicles – **253,599 jobs**
- Clean Storage – **74,569 jobs**
- Grid Modernization – **64,377 jobs**
- ALL US Clean Energy Sectors – **3,264,383 jobs**

# PUBLIC, POLICYMAKER, AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

Procter & Gamble to make iconic brands including Tide and Dawn with wind power

*New Texas based wind farm to provide 100 percent electricity to all P&G Fabric & Home Care plants in the US and Canada*



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## GM Commits to 100 Percent Renewable Energy by 2050

GM pledges to source global electricity from wind, sun and landfill gas, joins RE100

2016-09-14



**CORPORATE RENEWABLE ENERGY BUYERS' PRINCIPLES: INCREASING ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**78** COMPANIES      **69** MILLION MW OF DEMAND FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY      **\$7.8** TRILLION IN MARKET GAP

Bloomberg | BB | Sprint | eBay | Volvo | eBay | Microsoft | Berry | AMD | VISA

f | 3M | ARUP | P&G | Gap Inc. | VMware | Starbucks | Nike

AT | adidas | Walmart | AT&T | Amazon | CHEF

MARS | Intel | YAHOO! | Kimberly-Clark | Oracle | McDonald's | Cisco

Intel | PepsiCo | Target | LinkedIn | Instacart | CXC | McDonald's

Martell | Synovate | Samsung | Google | Switch | Intuit | P&G | HP

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## Organic Valley goes all renewable in deal to bring low-cost solar to rural residents

CHRIS HUBBUCH [chubbuch@tacossetribune.com](mailto:chubbuch@tacossetribune.com) Nov 2, 2017 16



The Organic Valley office building in Cashton is equipped with solar panels that contribute to the buildings exclusively green power supply.

Peter Thomson, La Crosse Tribune

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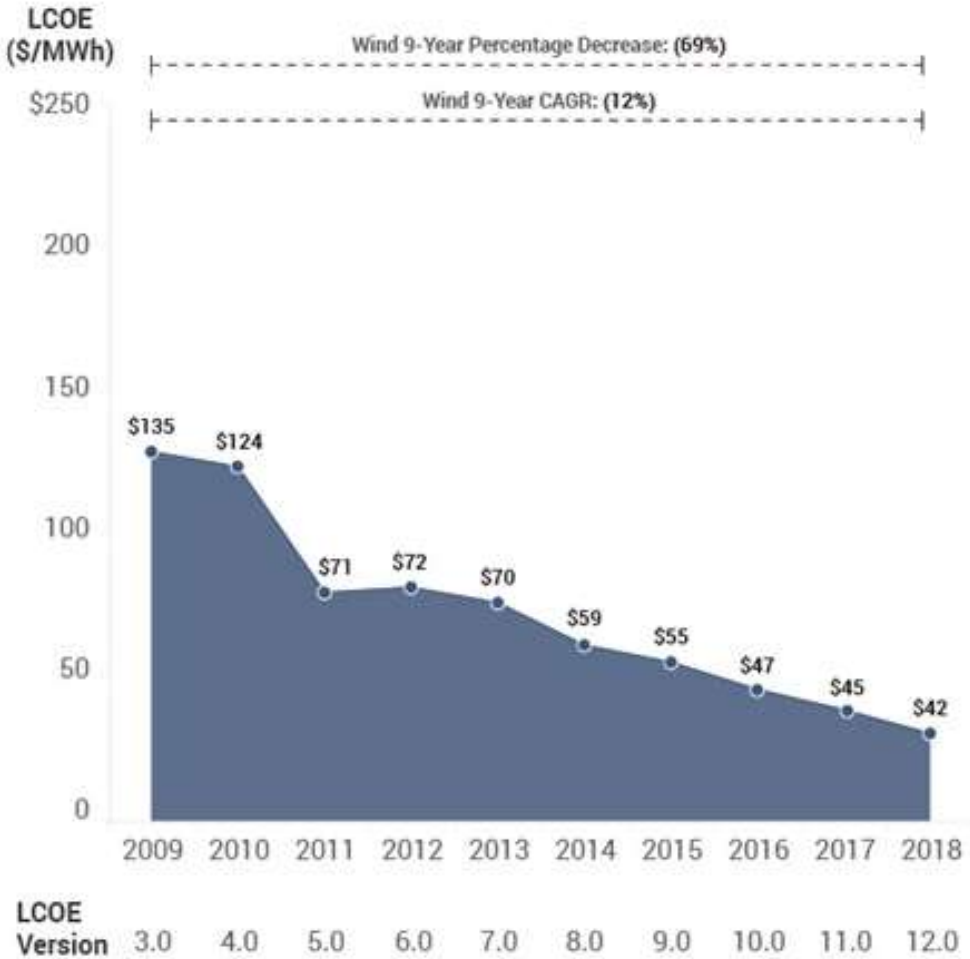
### Key Drivers for Business:

- Long-term, low-cost, price stability
- Customer interest
- Employee attraction & retention

### 3. Economics are Taking Over

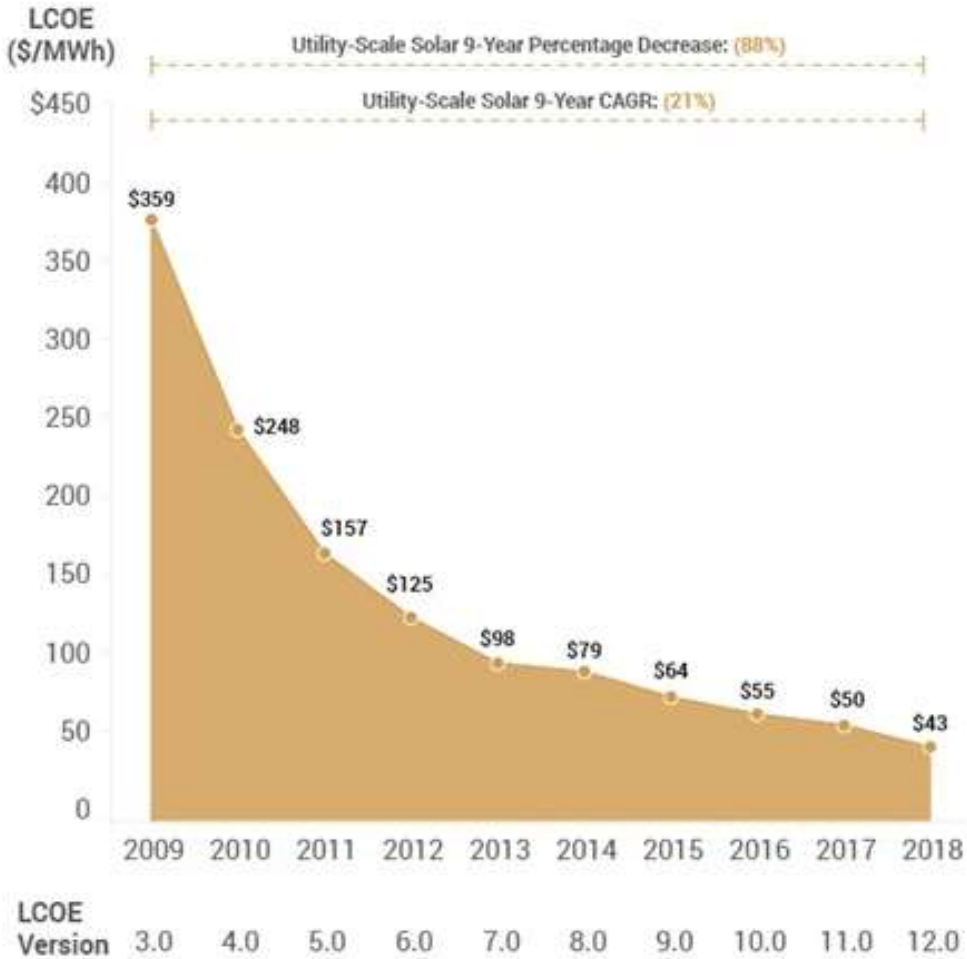
# ECONOMICS TAKING OVER: WIND & SOLAR PRICE DECLINES 2009-2018

### Unsubsidized Wind LCOE



**WIND: ▼ 69%**

### Unsubsidized Solar PV LCOE



**SOLAR: ▼ 88%**

# WIND & SOLAR ARE ON THE HORIZON

*Wisconsin Solar & Wind in August 2019 MISO Queue:*

*6,150 MW Solar - (130 MW today)  
 1,196 MW Wind - (737 MW today)  
 421 MW Battery - (0 MW today)*

*If all this were built:*

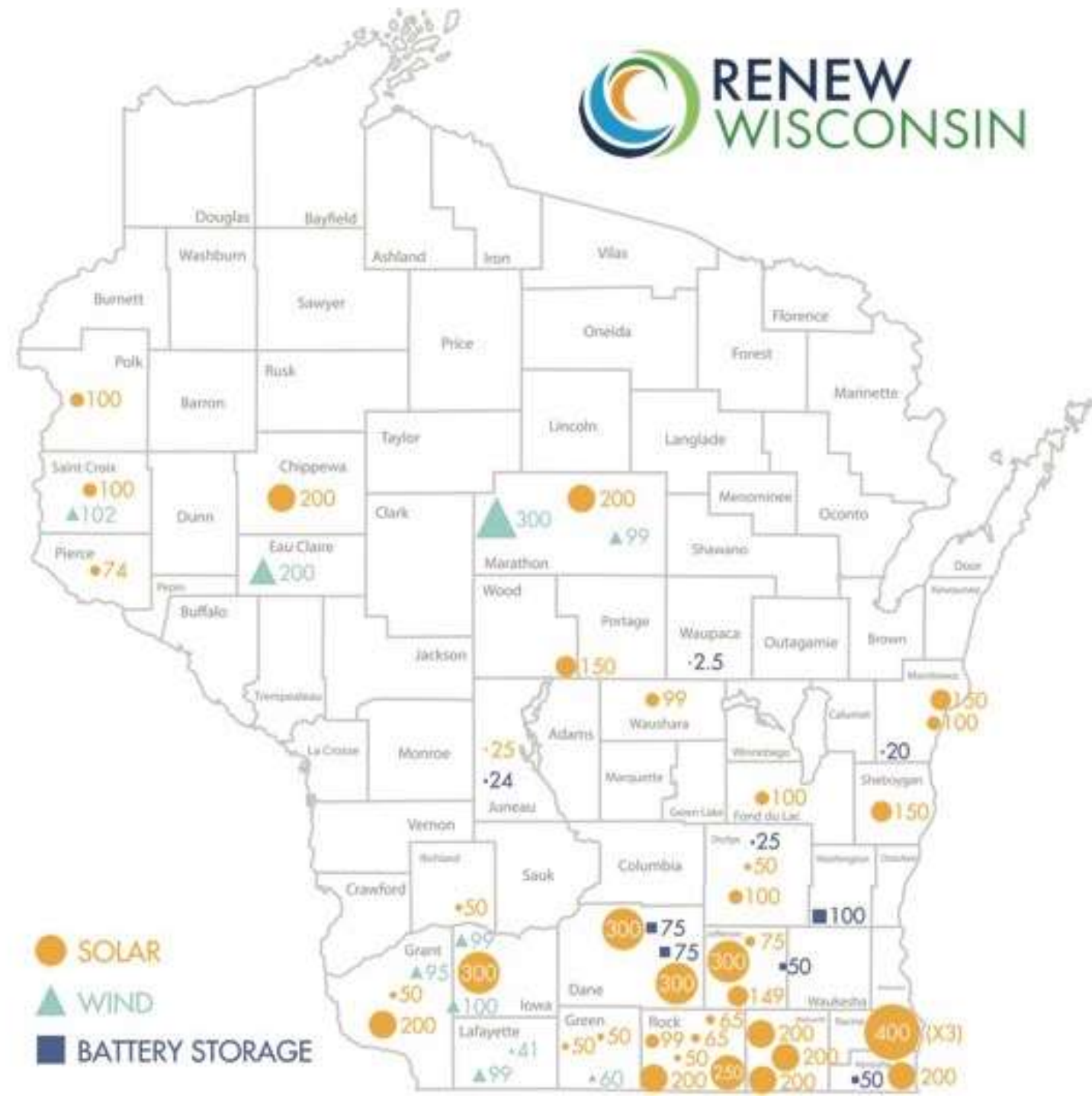
*16.7% Solar*

*+6.2% Wind*

*34% Total Renewable Electricity*

*\$29 million to local governments +*

*~\$33 million to landowners annually*



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## RENEW Wisconsin Estimate:

- Assume “flat load”
- Assuming IOU commitments are met
- → ~62% renewable / carbon-free electricity by 2050

# LOCAL CHAMPIONS ARE MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE

In Chequamagon Bay, local champions are driving major solar change:

- 2016: 300 kilowatt community solar w/ Bayfield Electric
- 2018: 552 kilowatts through solar group buy
- 2017-19: Working with school districts and community: Ashland County Courthouse, Greater Bayfield Wastewater Treatment, Washburn Elementary, and many more
- 2019: ~300 kilowatt solar group buy
- 2019-2020: Electric Vehicles!





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