



# ***U.S. Wind Industry: On the Move***

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# ***Market Update***



# U.S. is World Leader in Wind Power

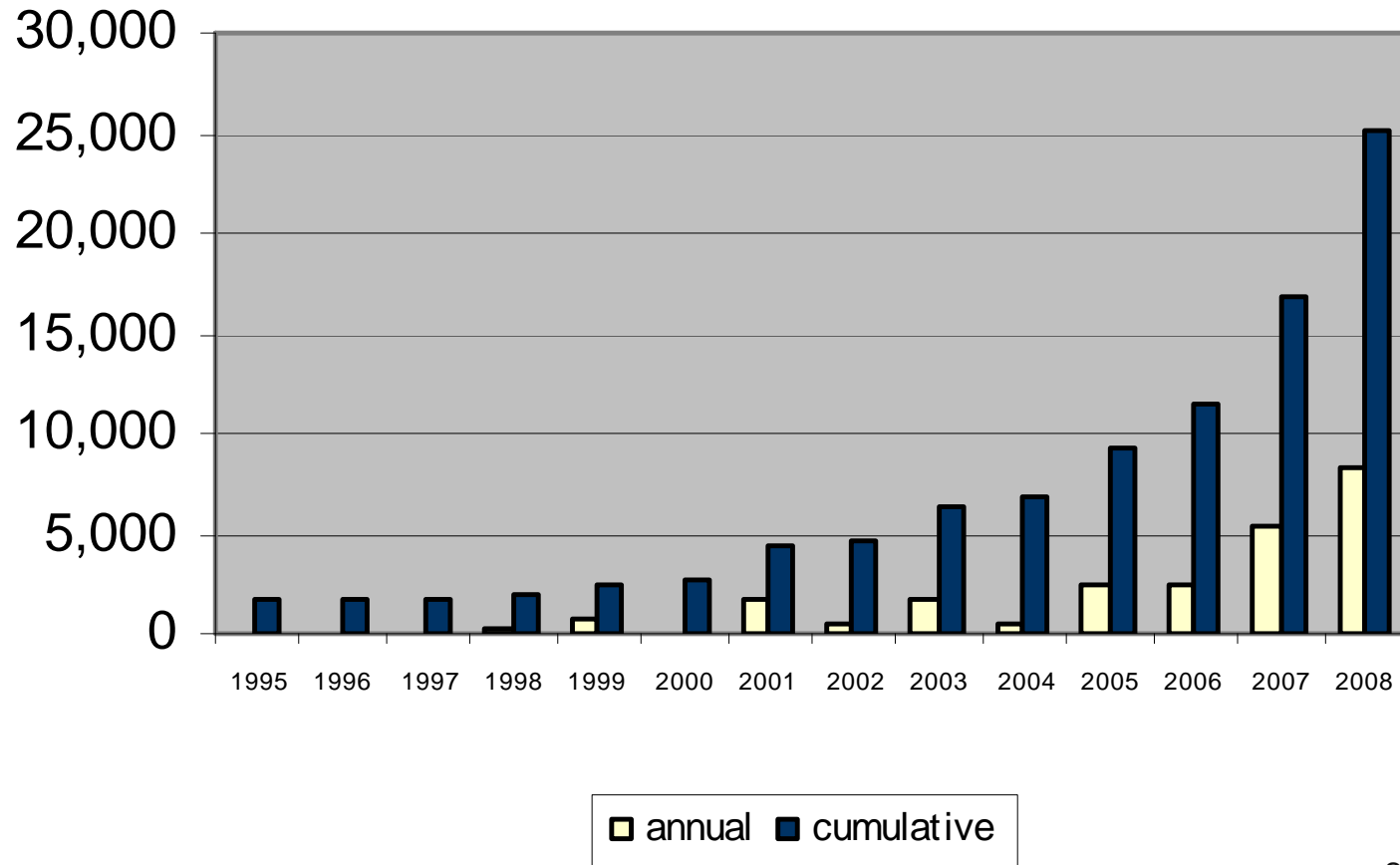
With over 25,000 megawatts, the U.S. is now the #1 wind energy producer in the world.

Global Wind Energy  
Council,  
January 2009



# U.S. Wind Power Installations (MW)

*Nearly 8,500 MW installed from 5,000 turbines in 2008*

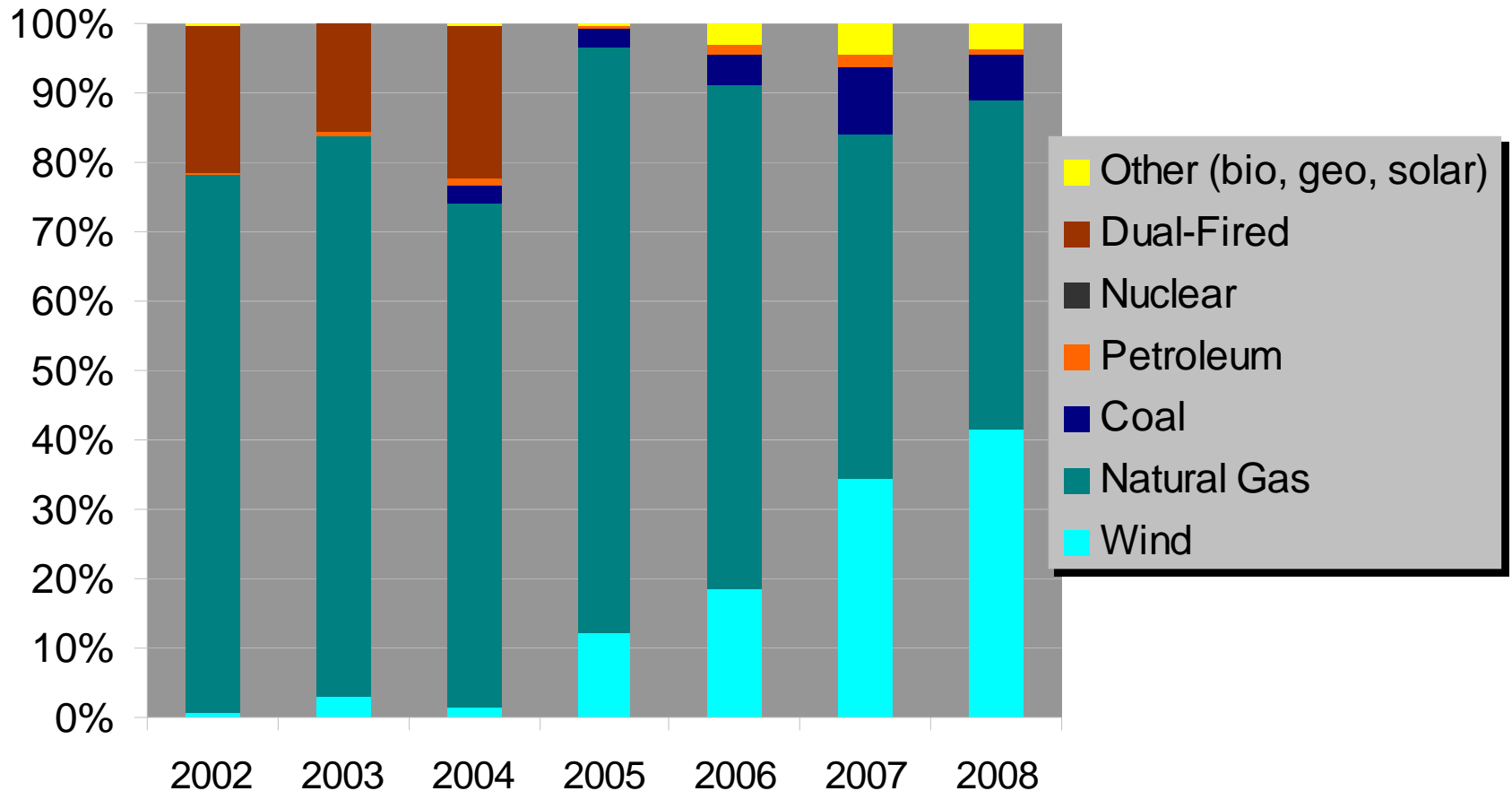


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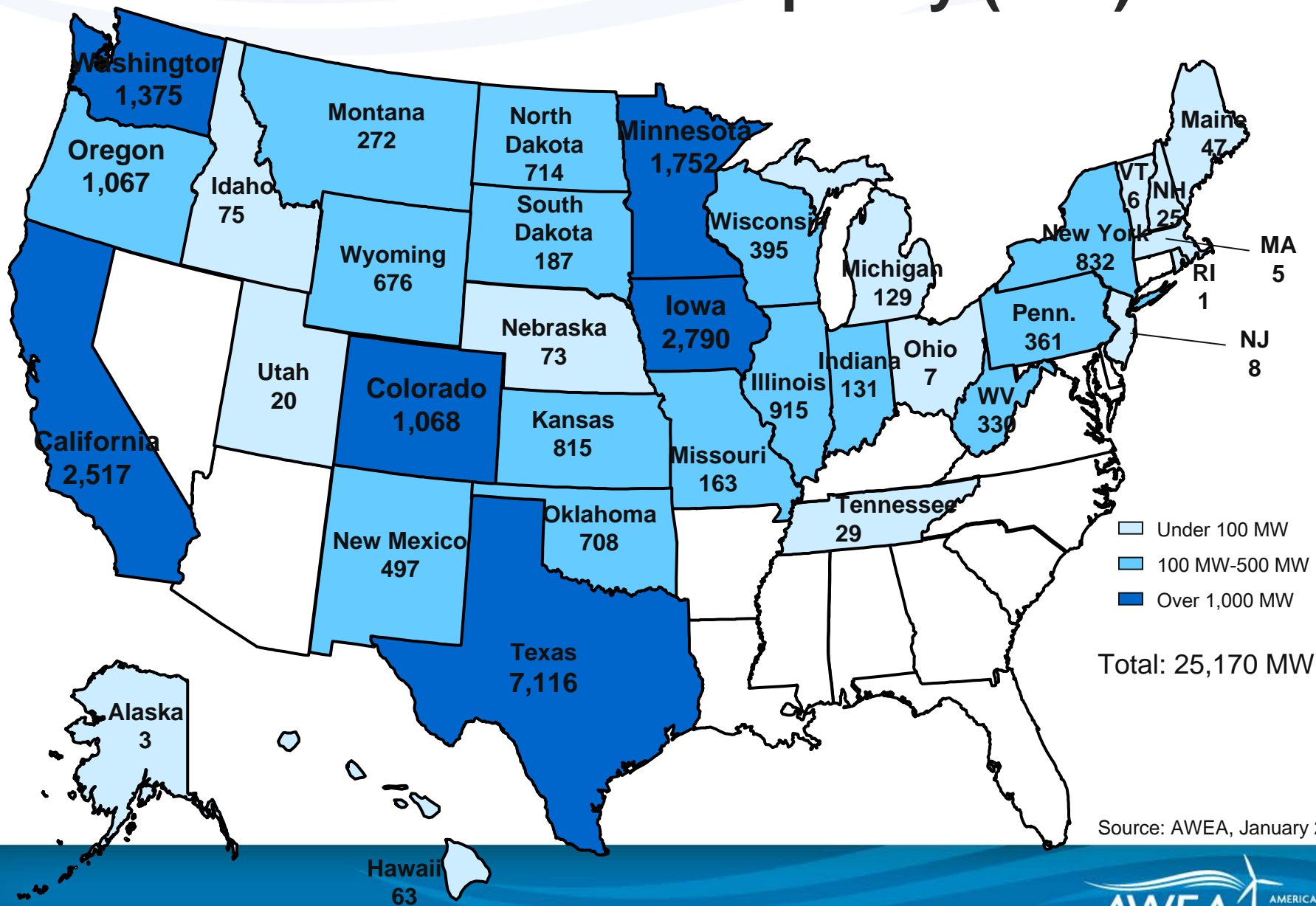


# Wind - One of the Leaders in New Electric Capacity

In 2002, wind was less than 2% of new capacity and is now over 40%



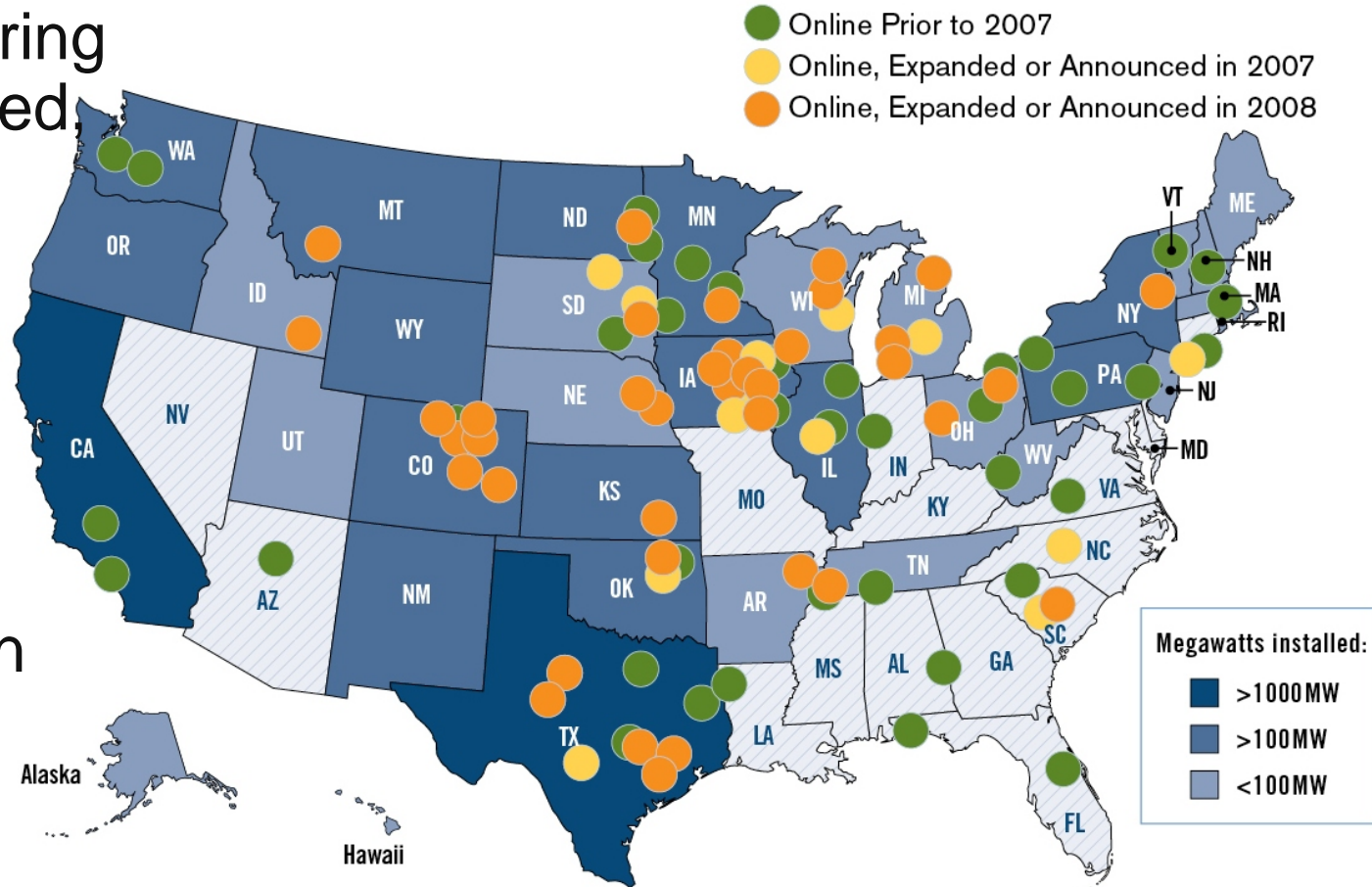
# U.S. Wind Power Capacity (MW)



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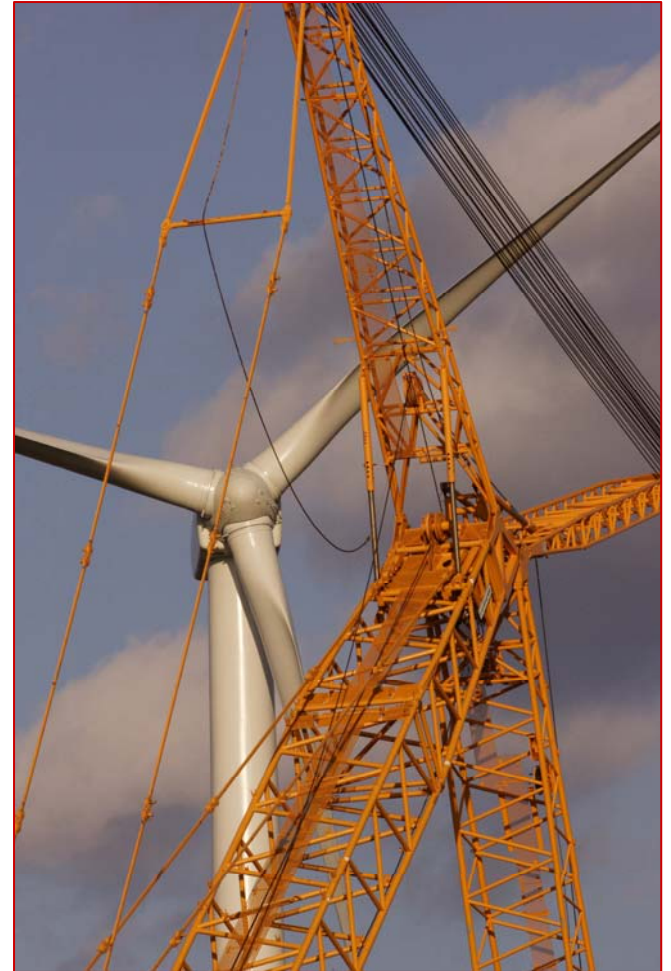
# New Manufacturing

- 55 manufacturing facilities opened, expanded or announced in 2008
- 35,000 wind industry jobs created in one year



Source: AWEA, Sample of Manufacturing Facilities, November 2008

# ***Growing the Wind Industry***

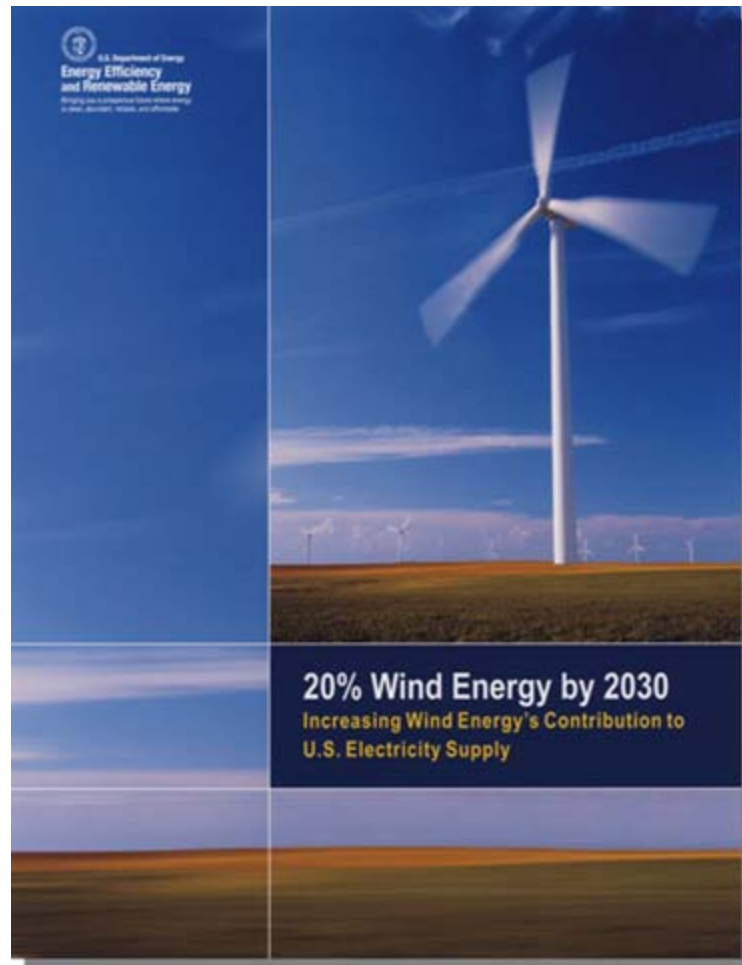




# 20% Wind Energy by 2030

The U.S. possesses sufficient and affordable wind resources to obtain at least 20% of its electricity from wind by the year 2030.

U.S. Department of Energy,  
May 2008



# Doubling Renewable Energy in Three Years

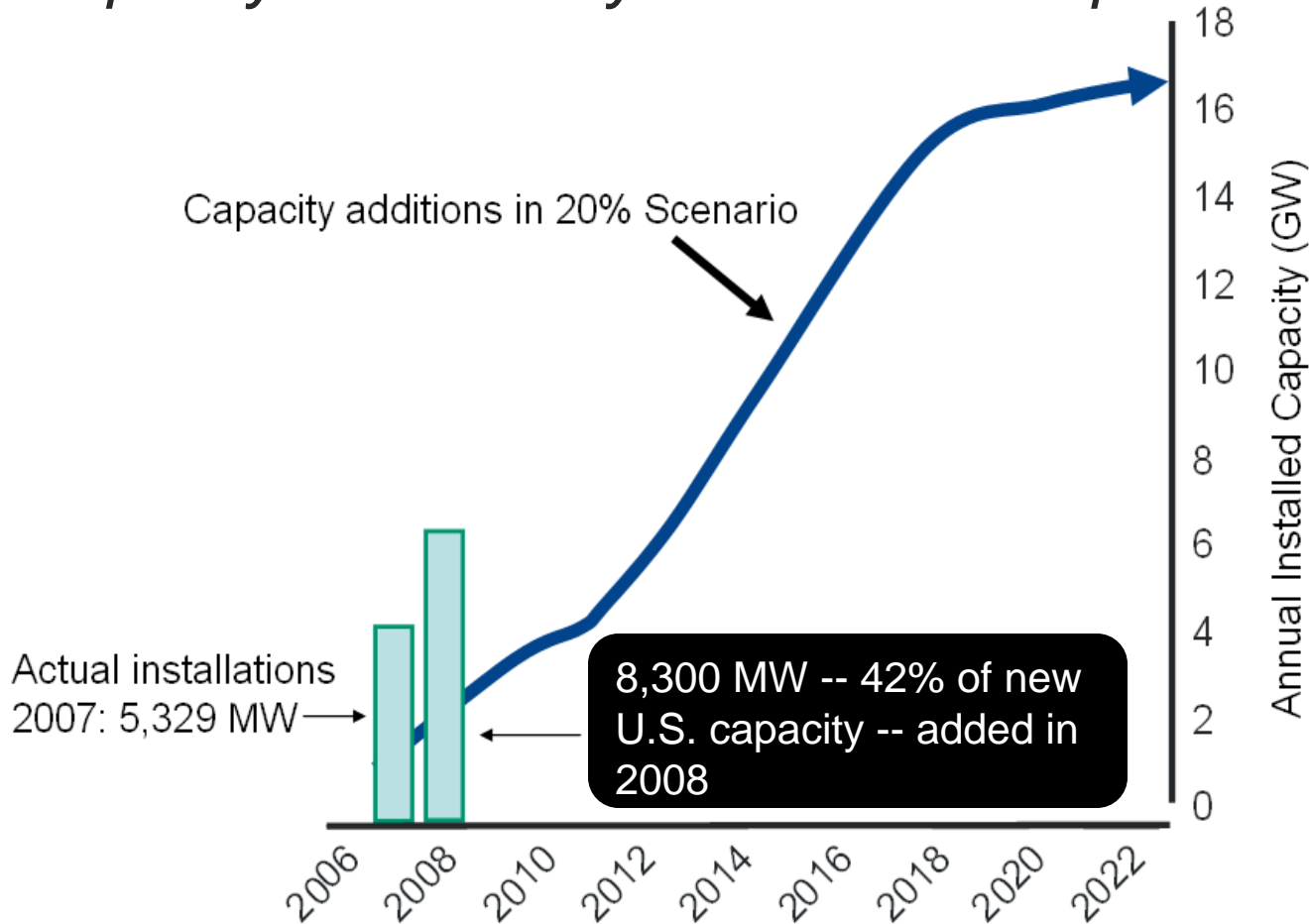
- President Obama has called for the U.S. to double its production of renewable energy in 3 years



President Obama gives “thumbs up” to wind energy industry leaders at AWEA member Cardinal Fastener manufacturing facility

# Wind Industry Ahead of Curve in Achieving 20% Wind Energy by 2030

*Wind capacity has already doubled in the past three years*



# Legislative Priorities

## ☒ Immediate Impact:

- Restructure PTC to work in adverse economy

## ☒ Short-Term Impact:

- Multi-year PTC Extension

## ☐ Mid-Term Impact:

- National Renewable Electricity Standard (RES)
- Transmission Legislation

## ☐ Long-Term Impact:

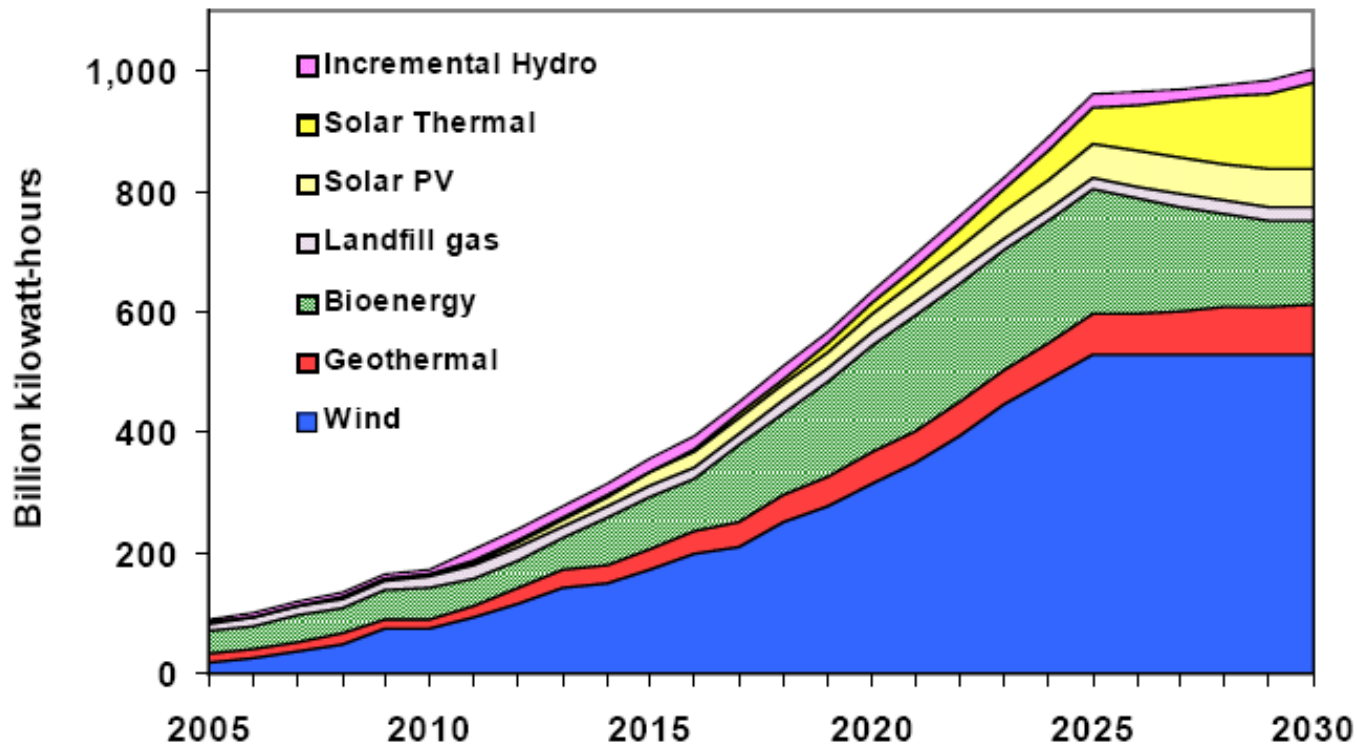
- Effective Carbon Regulation

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# National Renewable Electricity Standard

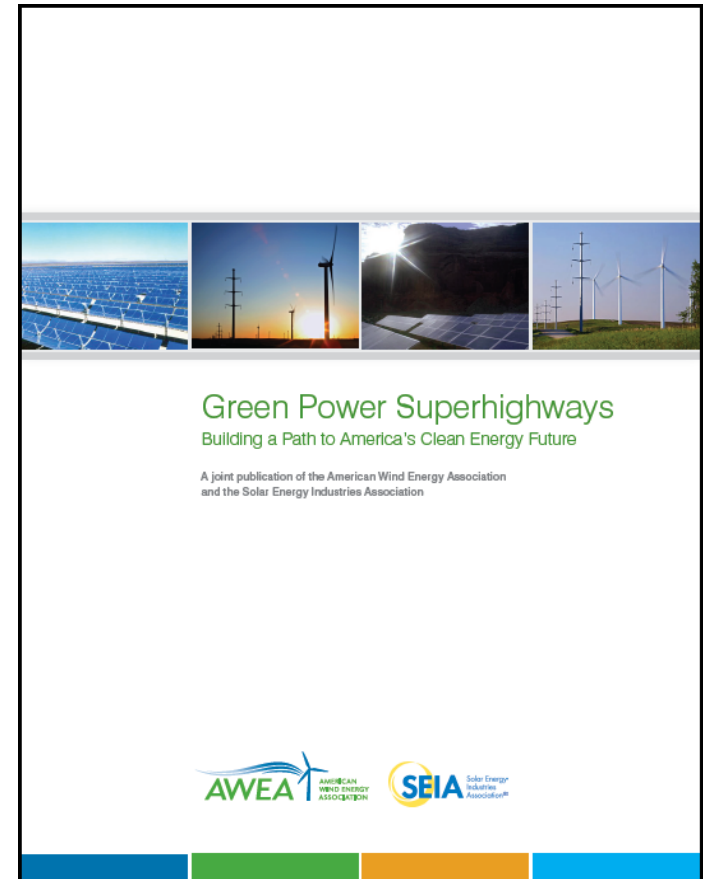
- Seeking a 25% by 2025 RES
- Generation from wind could increase 10-fold compared to today, and meet over 10% of U.S. generation needs
- Wind installations could increase from 25 GW today to 150 GW more by 2025



Source: UCS, 2009

# Federal Level Transmission Policies

- Interconnection-Wide Transmission Planning
- Interconnection-Wide Transmission Cost Allocation and Certainty for Cost Recovery
- Federal Siting

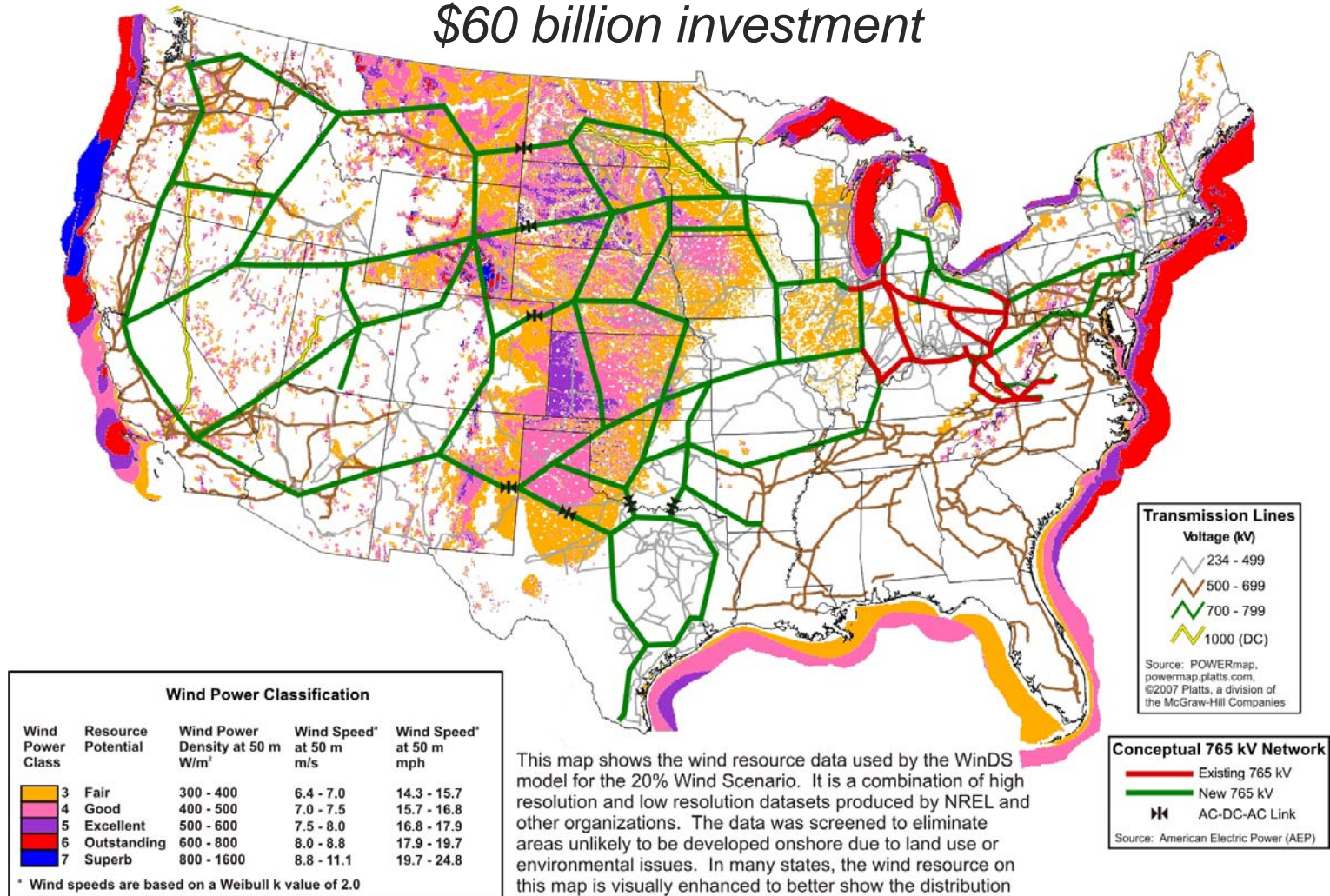


[www.awea.org/GreenPowerSuperhighways.pdf](http://www.awea.org/GreenPowerSuperhighways.pdf)

# Conceptual Transmission Expansion Plan

*Accommodate 400 GW of wind power*

*\$60 billion investment*



# National Climate Change Legislation

- A national RES is the first and critical step toward achieving 20% wind power and reaching climate targets as proven in Europe
- National climate policy will get us even closer





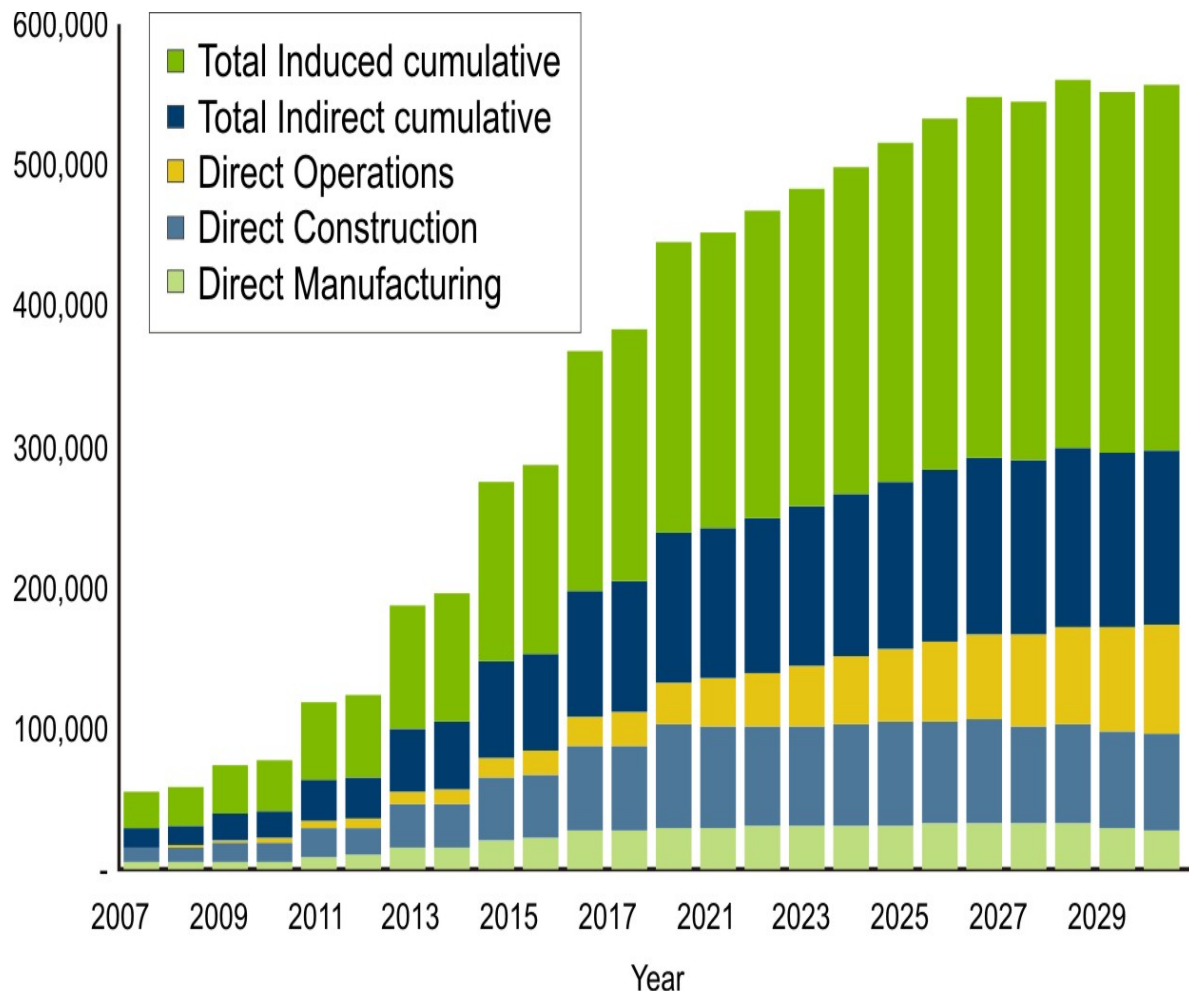
# ***Benefits of Achieving 20% Wind Power***

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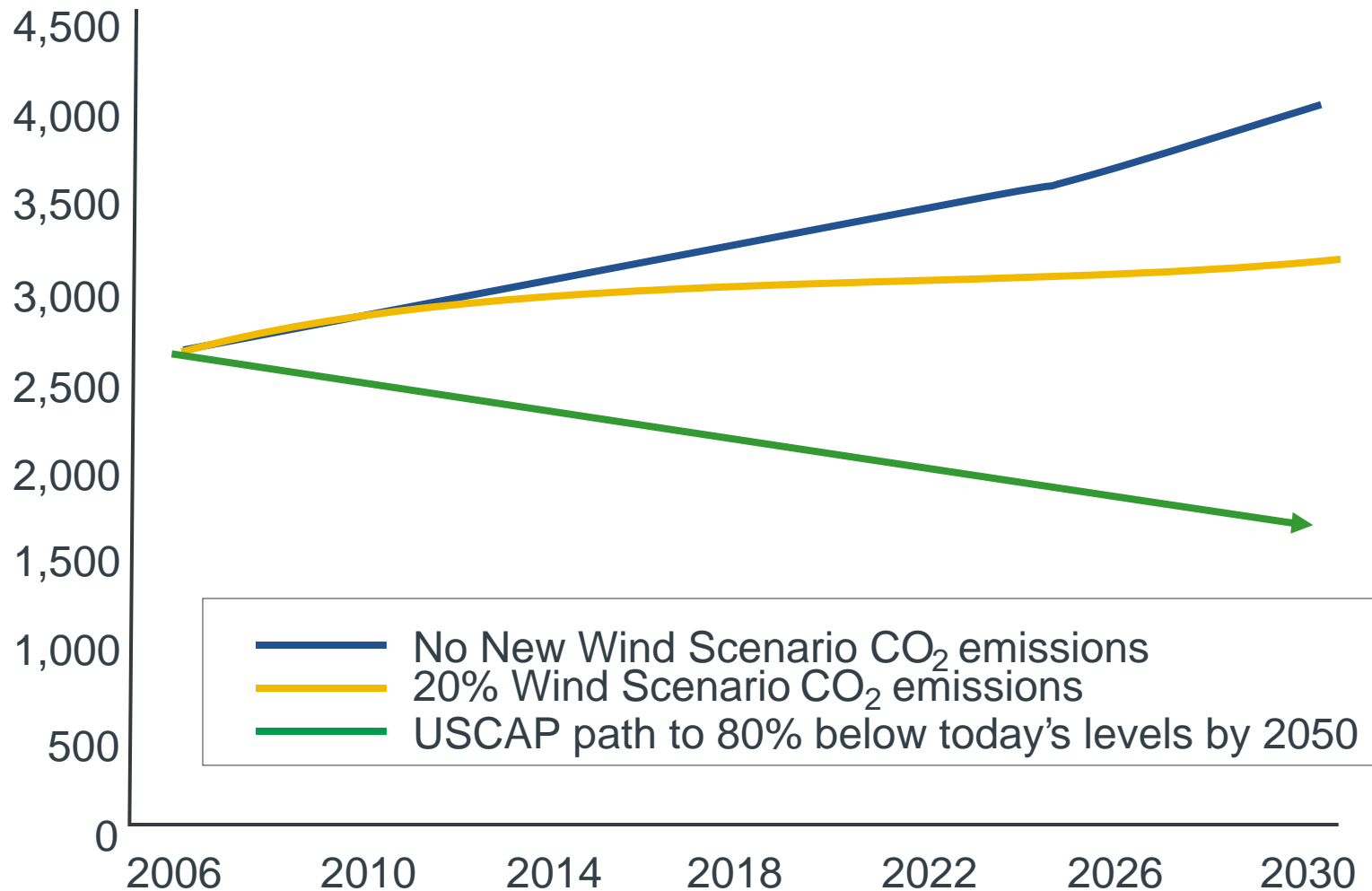
# Job Projections Under 20% Report

- Over 500,000 total jobs would be supported by the wind industry
- Wind industry currently employs 85,000 Americans



Source: U.S. DOE, 20% Wind Energy by 2030

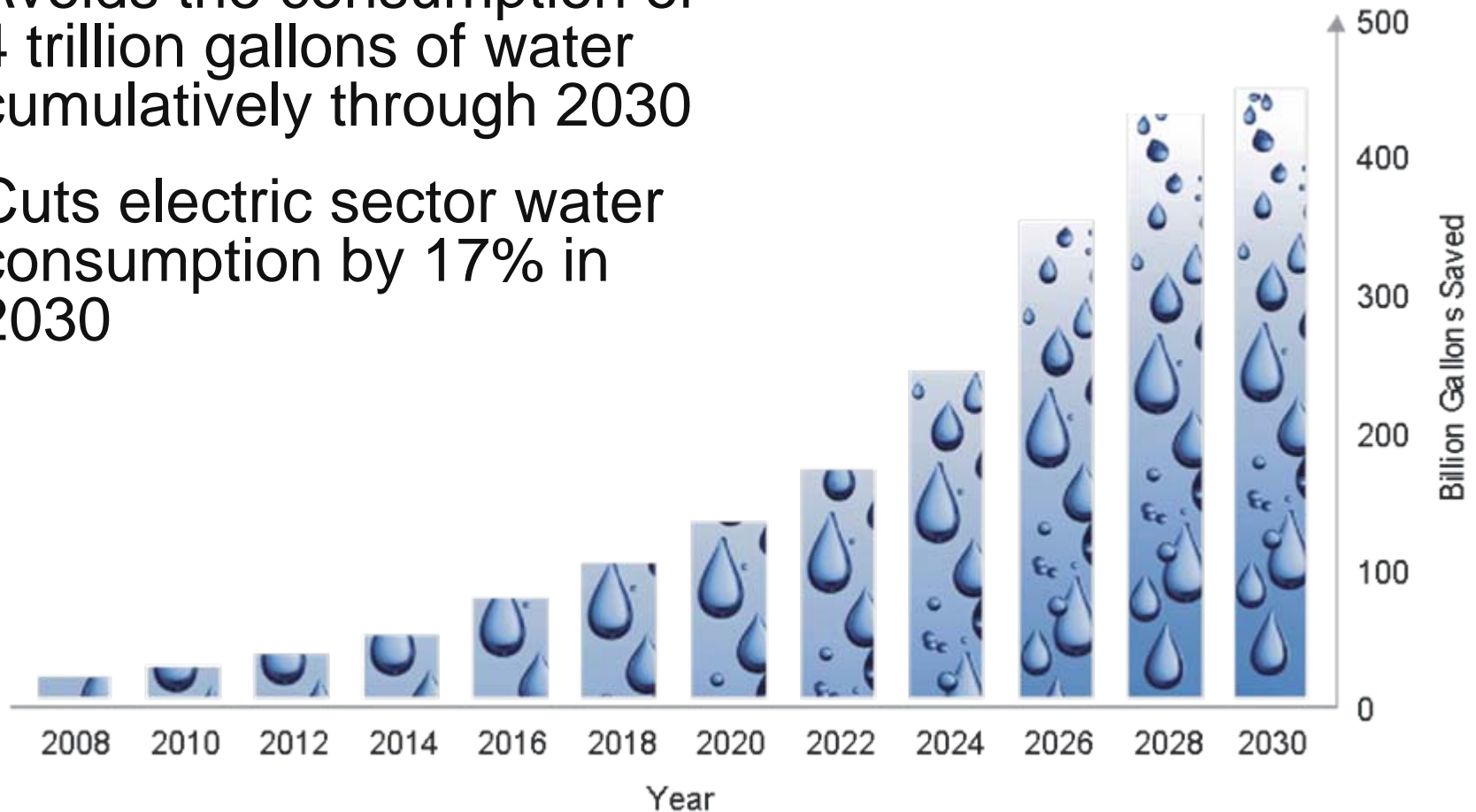
# CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions From Electricity Sector



Source: U.S. DOE, 20% Wind Energy by 2030

# Significant Water Use Savings

- Avoids the consumption of 4 trillion gallons of water cumulatively through 2030
- Cuts electric sector water consumption by 17% in 2030



Source: U.S. DOE, 20% Wind Energy by 2030



# Managing Wind's Variability

- Wind is an energy resource, not a capacity resource
  - 'Reliability' concerns often founded on serious misunderstandings of how grid operates, how wind projects fit into system operations
- Wind power output is 'variable,' not 'intermittent'
  - Wind forecasting plays key role today, will play increasingly important role in future
- There is a cost to managing wind's variability - depends upon system's characteristics, but is generally low
  - Many wind integration studies have been performed in US, EU



# Wind Integration Costs

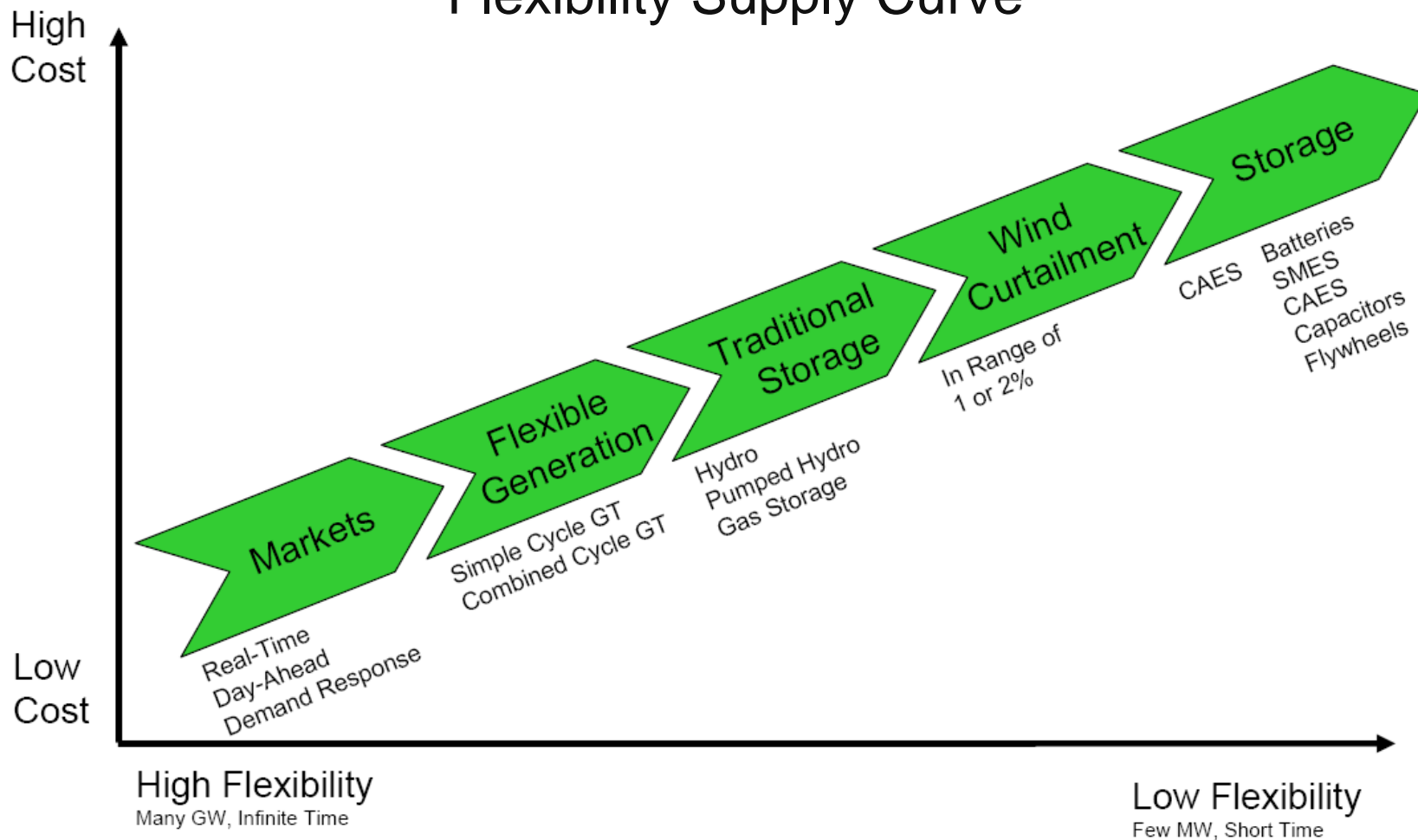
Date	Study	Wind Capacity Penetration (%)	Regulation Cost (\$/MWh)	Load Following Cost (\$/MWh)	Unit Commitment Cost (\$/MWh)	Gas Supply Cost (\$/MWh)	Total Operating Cost Impact (\$/MWh)
2002	BPA	7	.19	.28	1.00-1.80	na	1.47-2.27
2003	GRE	16.6	na	na	na	na	4.53
May '03	Xcel-UWIG	3.5	0	0.41	1.44	na	1.85
Sep '04	Xcel-MNDOC	15	0.23	na	4.37	na	4.60
July '04	CA RPS Phase III	4	0.36	na	na	na	na
June '03	We Energies	4	1.12	0.09	0.69	na	1.90
June '03	We Energies	29	1.02	0.15	1.75	na	2.92
2005	PacifiCorp	20	0	1.6	3.0	na	4.6
April '06	Xcel-PSCo	10	0.20	na	2.26	1.26	3.72
April '06	Xcel-PSCo	15	0.20	na	3.32	1.45	4.97

# Wind Integration Lessons Learned

- Wind forecasting can significantly reduce integration costs by reducing uncertainty
- Wind resources spread over larger areas are less variable
- Diverse wind has very little variability on the minute-to-minute time scale
- Wind is easier to integrate on more flexible power systems
- Market/system operation reforms, such as control area consolidation, can significantly reduce wind integration costs, as can coordinated regional operations

# Accommodating Variability on the Power Grid

## Flexibility Supply Curve



Source: U.S. DOE, Wind Dispatchability and Storage



# Thank you!

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# ***Appendix***

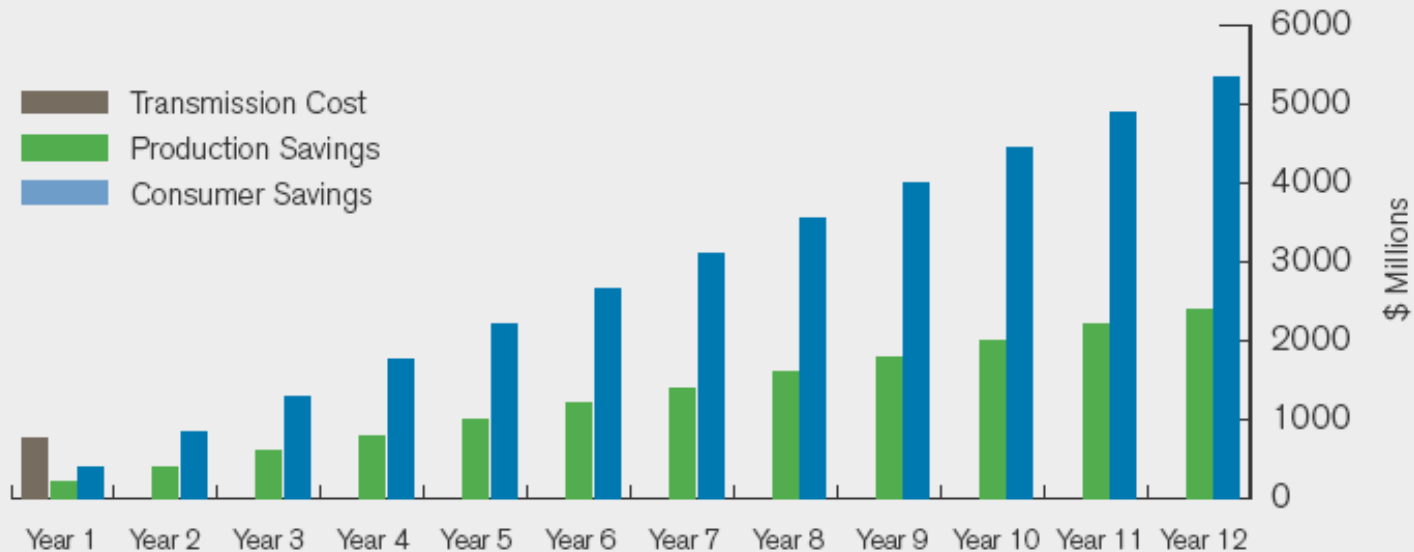
# Wind Energy Variability

*Because wind energy output adds almost no variability on the minute-to-minute time scale, very large amounts of wind energy can be added to the grid with virtually no impact on the use of spinning reserves.*

Study	Wind Amount	1 minute	5 minute	1 hour
Texas 2008	15,000 MW	6.5 MW	30 MW	328 MW
California 2007	12,500 MW (plus 2,600 MW of Solar)	3.3 MW	14.2 MW	129 MW
New York 2005	3,300 MW	- - -	1.8 MW	152 MW

# Transmission: A Smart Investment

## Results from Texas Study Show that Benefits of Transmission for Wind Exceed Costs



(Source: Electric Reliability Council of Texas)