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# New England's Energy Resource Mix is Changing Rapidly

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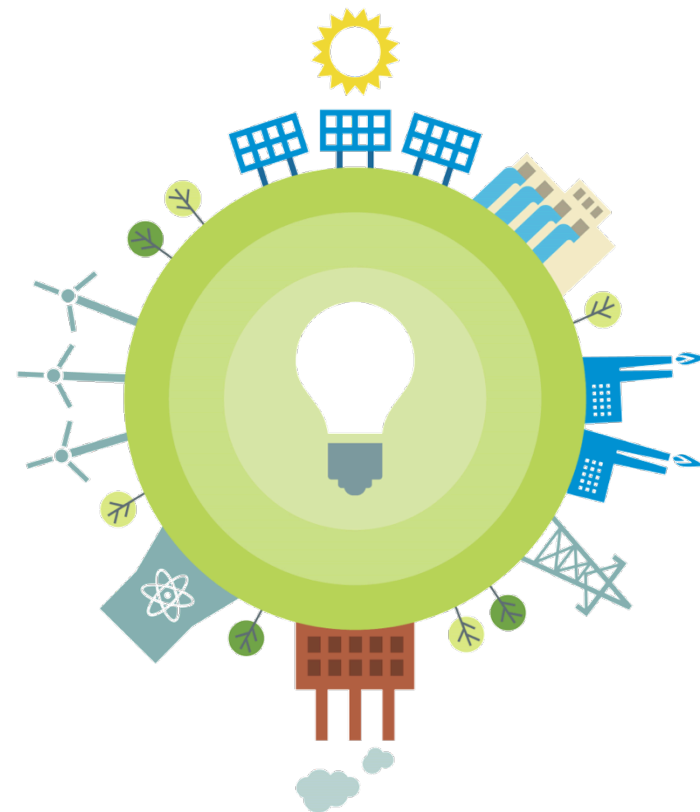
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# About ISO New England

- **Regulated by** the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- **Reliability Coordinator and Planning Coordinator** for New England under the North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- Two decades of experience **overseeing** New England's restructured power system
- **Independent** of companies in the marketplace



# Reliability is the Core of ISO New England's Mission

*Fulfilled by three interconnected and interdependent responsibilities*

Overseeing the day-to-day  
**operation** of New England's  
electric power generation and  
transmission system

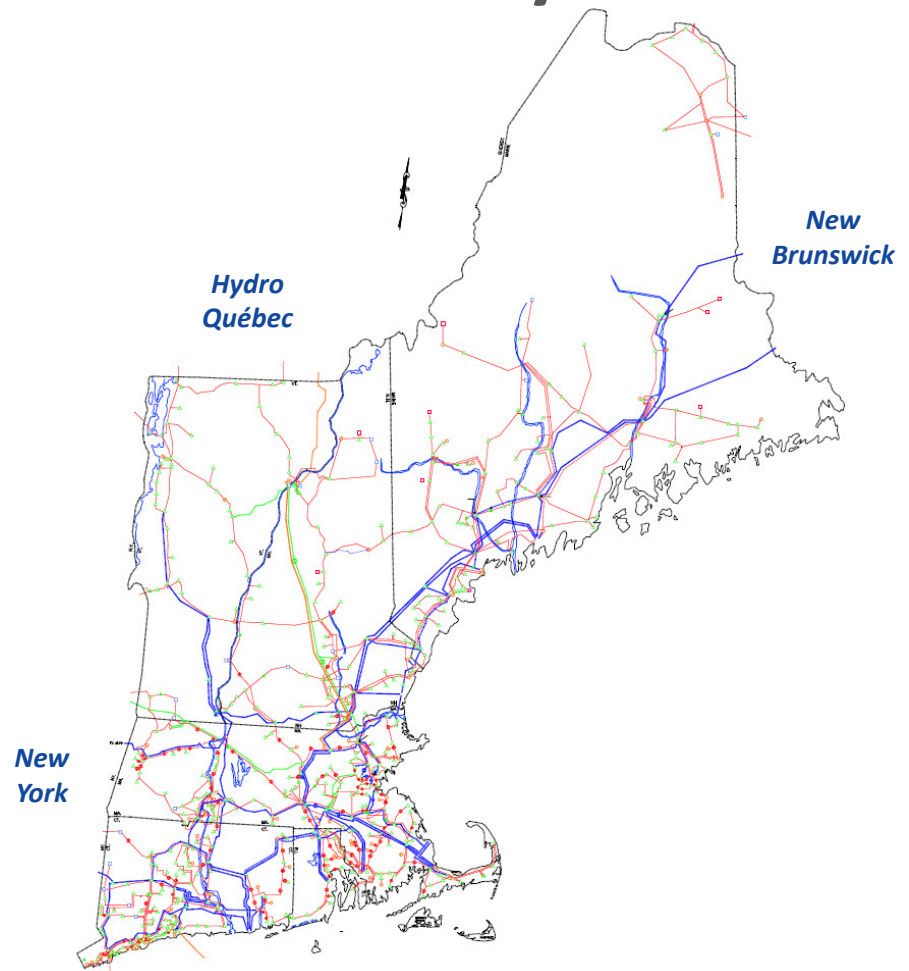
Managing  
comprehensive  
regional power  
**system planning**

Developing and  
administering the region's  
competitive **wholesale  
electricity markets**



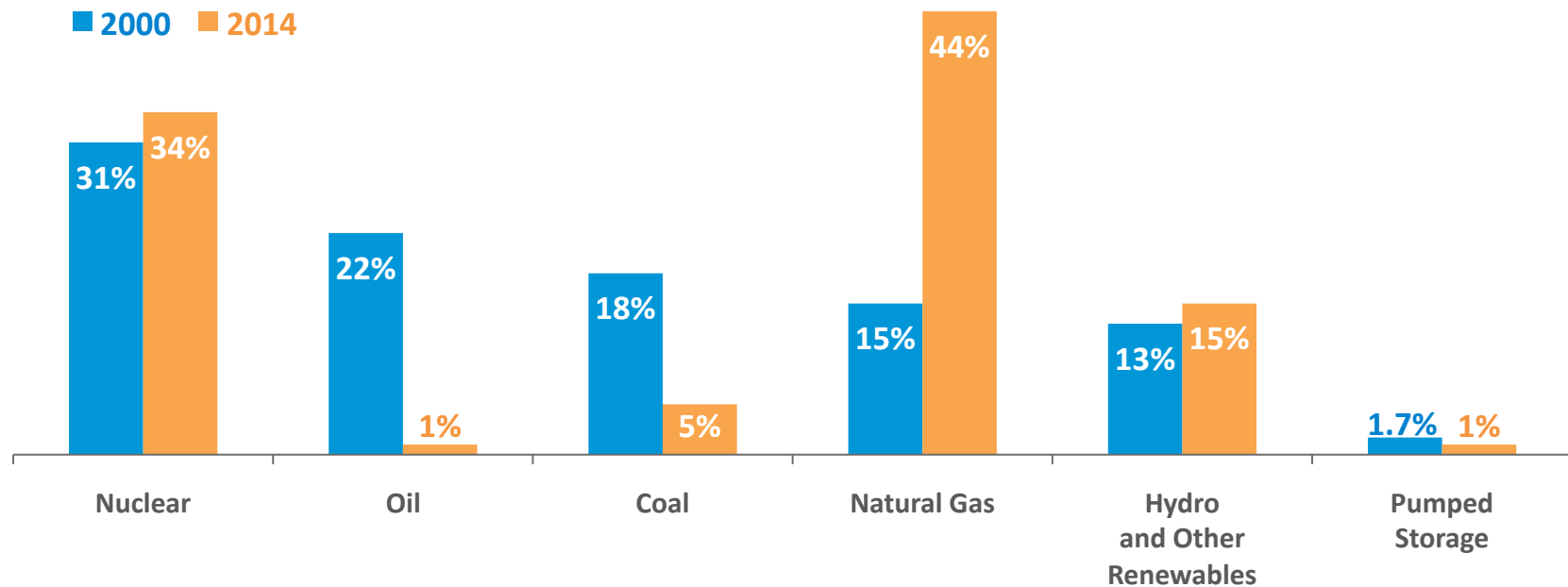
# New England's Transmission Grid is the Interstate Highway System for Electricity

- **8,500 miles** of high-voltage transmission lines (115 kV and above)
- **13 transmission interconnections** to power systems in New York and Eastern Canada
- **16%** of region's energy needs met by imports in 2014
- **\$7 billion** invested to strengthen transmission system reliability since 2002; **\$4.5 billion** planned
- Developers have proposed **multiple** transmission projects to access non-carbon-emitting resources
- Merchant generators own more than **90%** of the region's capacity following industry restructuring



# New England has Seen Dramatic Changes in the Energy Mix from Oil and Coal to Natural Gas

Percent of Total **Electric Energy** Production by Fuel Type  
(2000 vs. 2014)

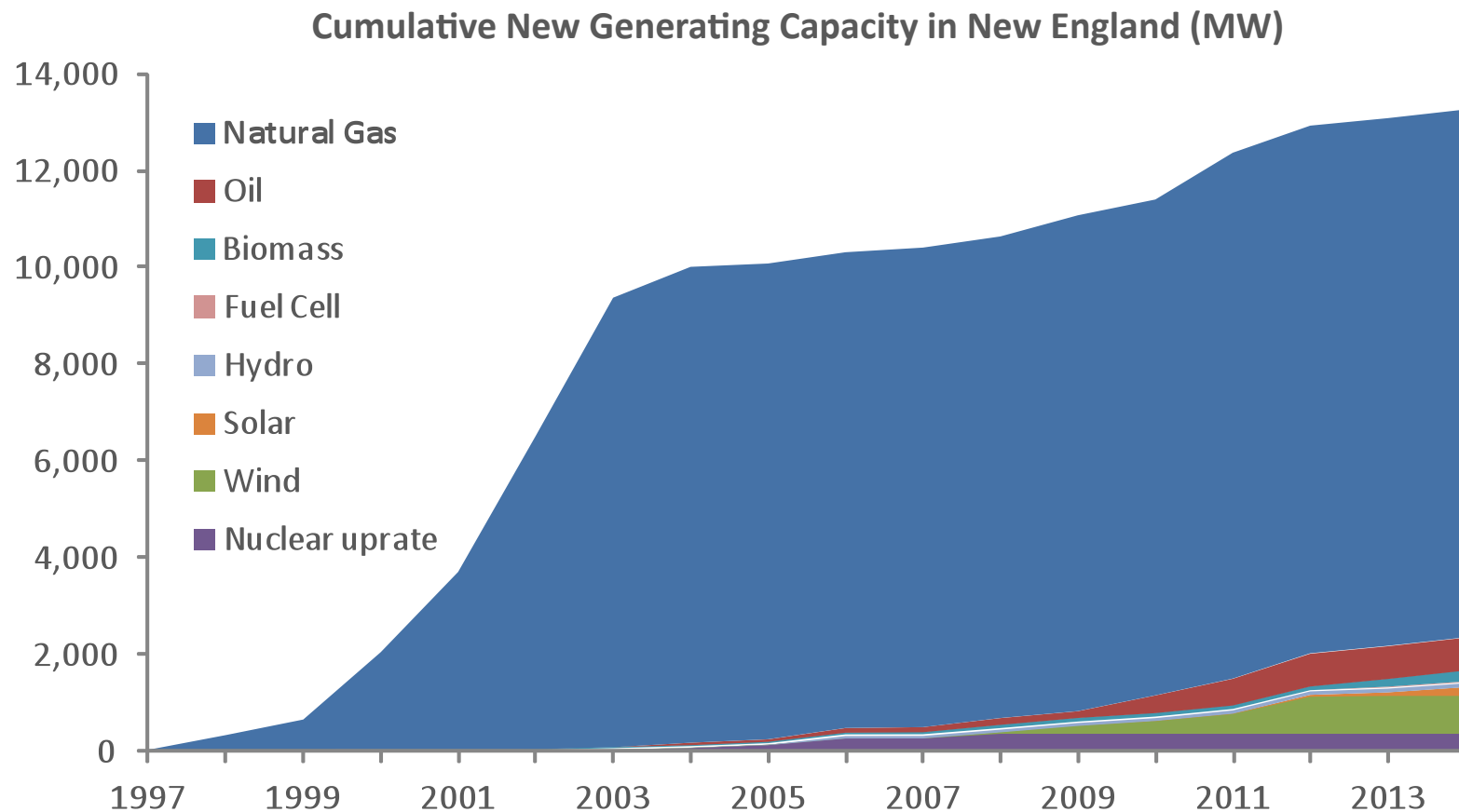


Source: ISO New England [Net Energy and Peak Load by Source](#)

Other renewables include landfill gas, biomass, other biomass gas, wind, solar, municipal solid waste, and miscellaneous fuels

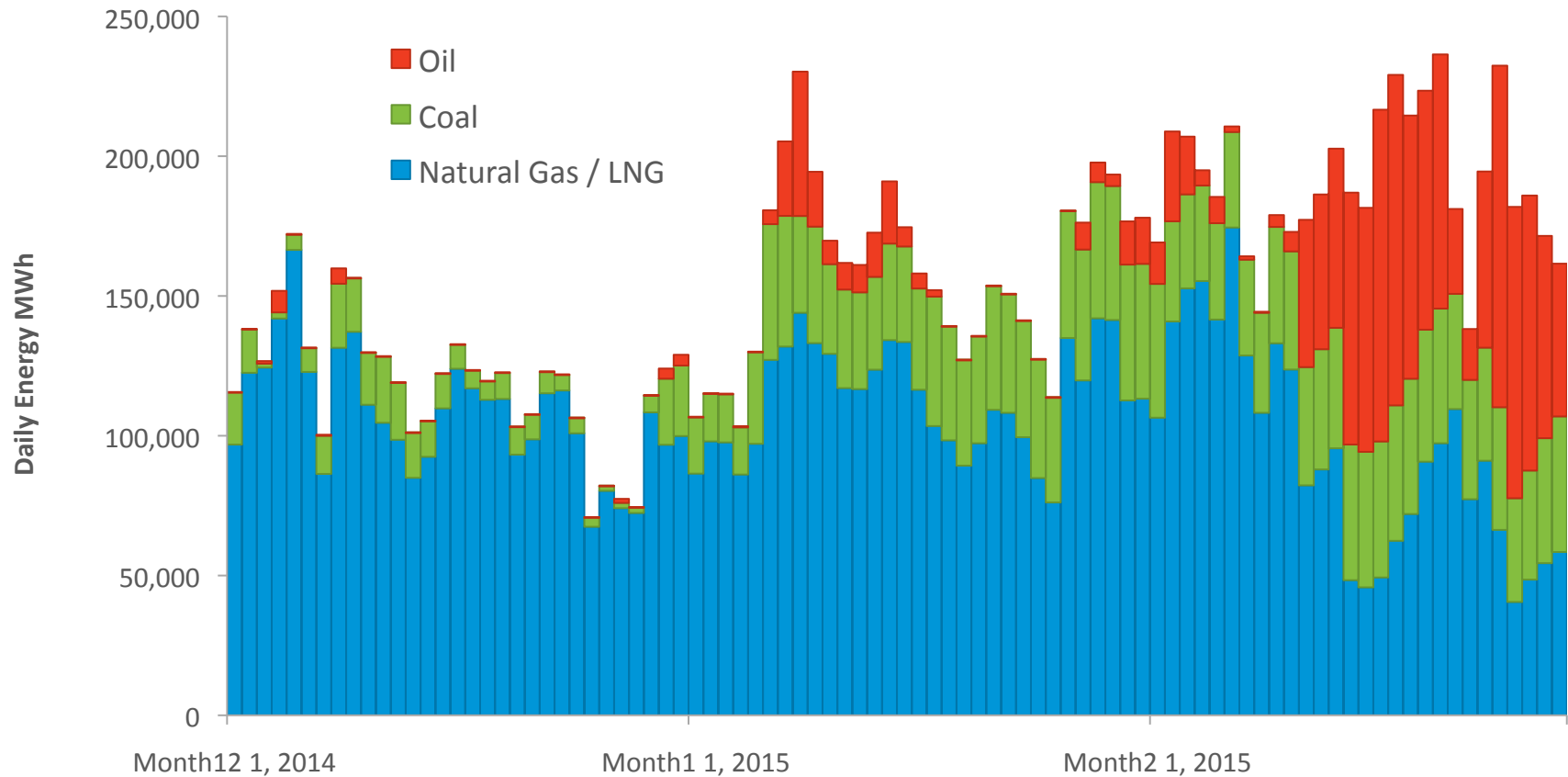


# Region has Not Developed Gas Pipeline Infrastructure to Keep Pace with Growth of Gas-fired Generation



# Region has Shifted to Coal and Oil in the Winter

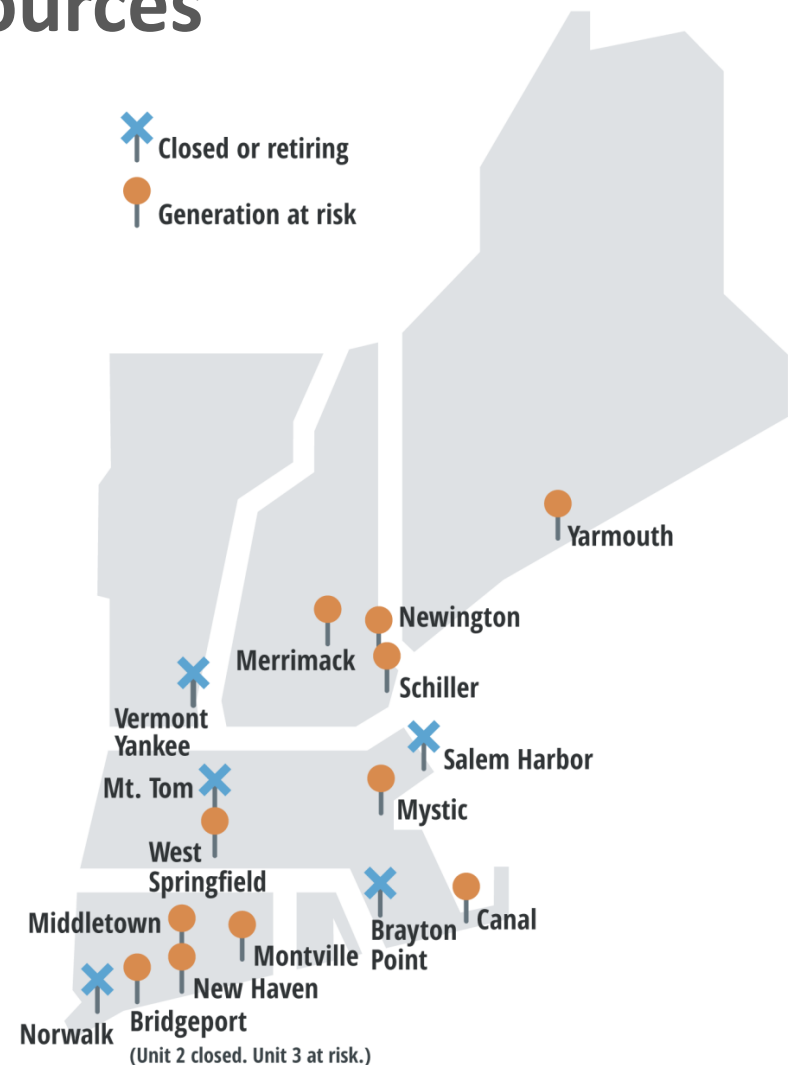
Daily Energy for December 2014 - February 2015 (MWh)



# Region has Lost and is at Risk of Losing Substantial Non-Gas Resources

## Major Retirements Underway:

- Salem Harbor Station (749 MW)
  - 4 units (coal & oil)
- Vermont Yankee Station (604 MW)
  - 1 unit (nuclear)
- Norwalk Harbor Station (342 MW)
  - 3 units (oil)
- Brayton Point Station (1,535 MW)
  - 4 units (coal & oil)
- Mount Tom Station (143 MW)
  - 1 unit (coal)
- *Additional retirements are looming*

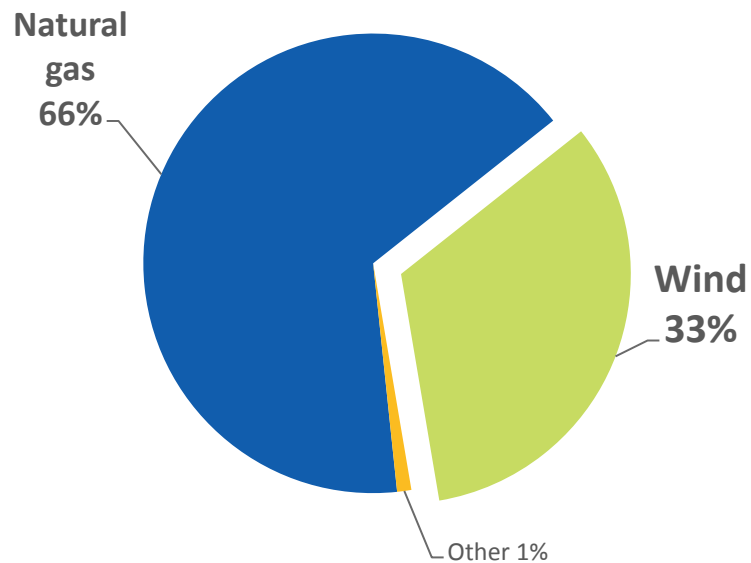




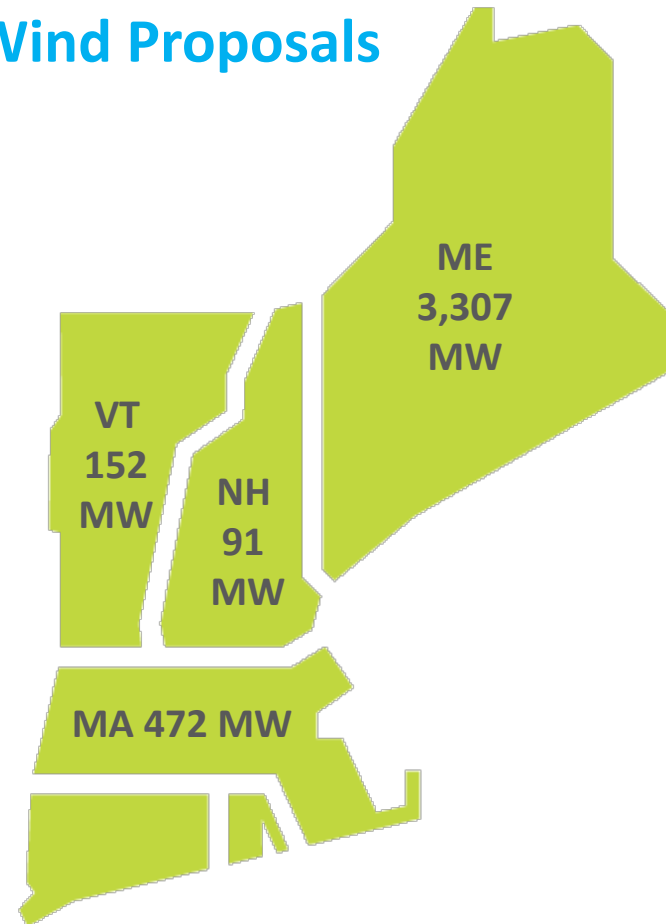
# Infrastructure will be Needed to Deliver Energy From Proposed Resources

## All Proposed Generation

Developers are proposing to build more than 12,000 MW of generation, including 8 GW of gas-fired generation and 4 GW of wind



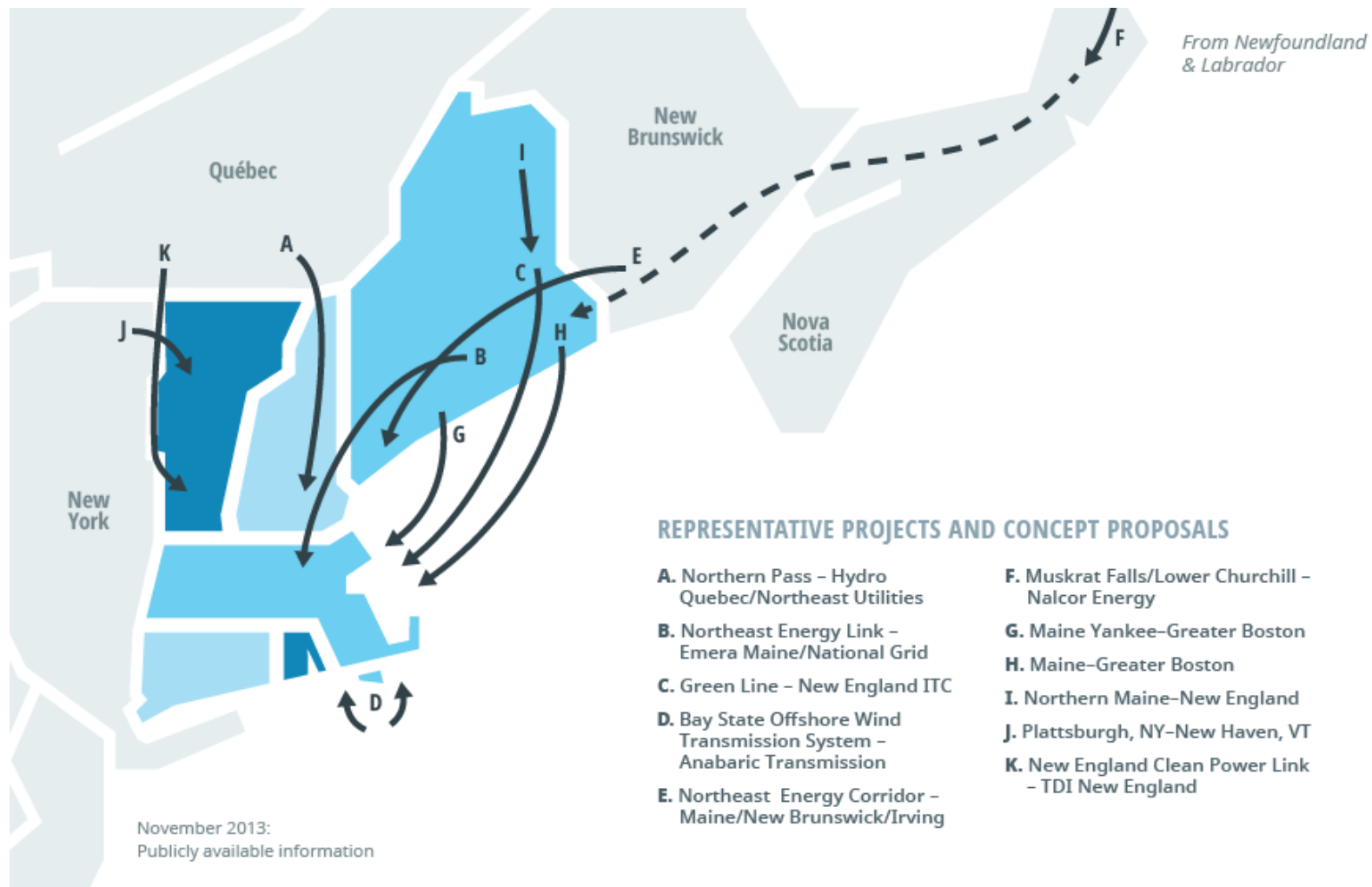
## Wind Proposals



Source: ISO Generator Interconnection Queue (June 2015)  
FERC Jurisdictional Proposals Only



# On- and Off-shore Transmission Proposals are Vying to Move Renewable Energy to New England Load Centers

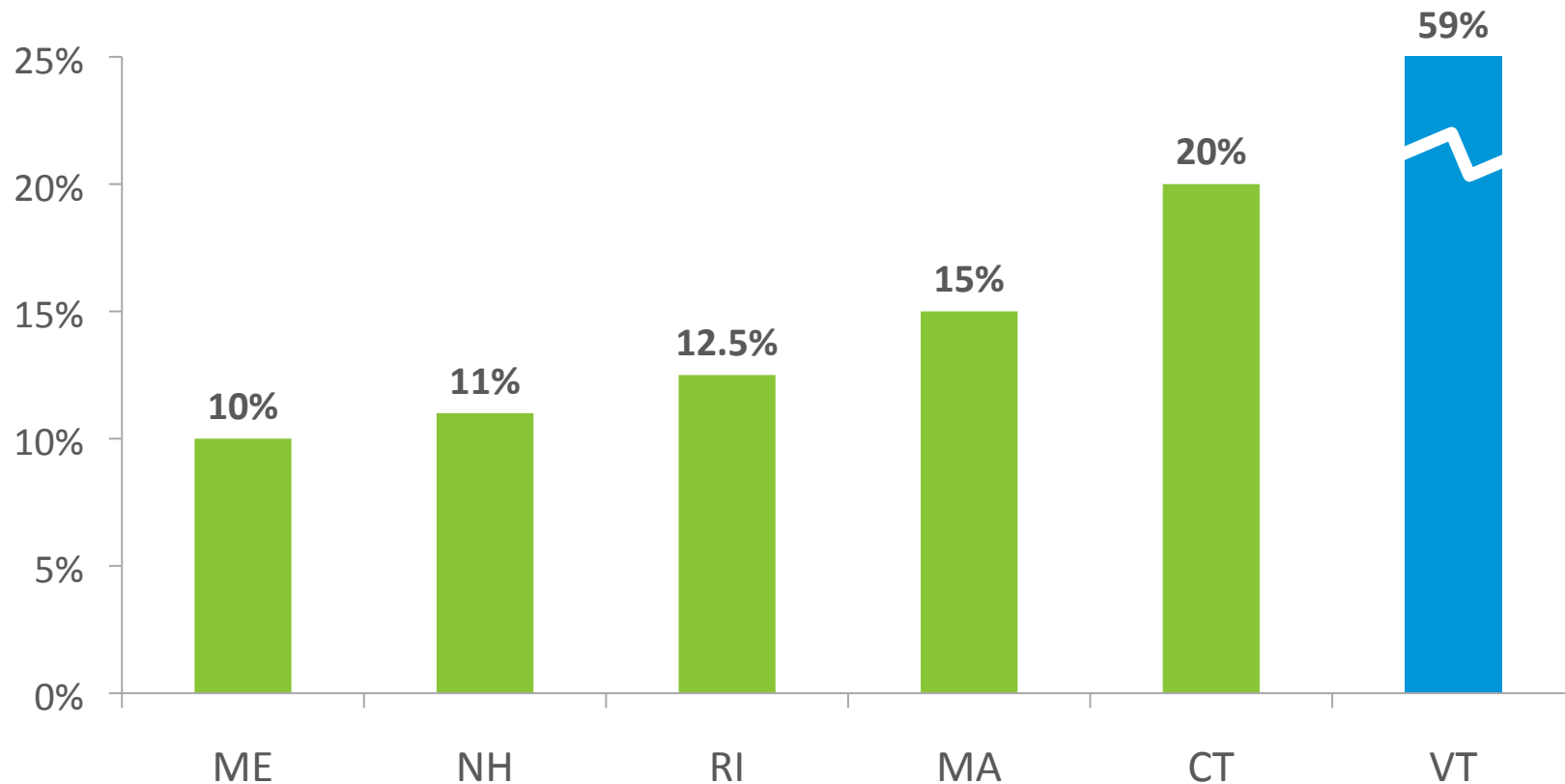


Note: These projects are NOT reliability projects, but ISO New England's role is to ensure the reliable interconnection of these types of projects.



# State Requirements Drive Development of Renewable Energy

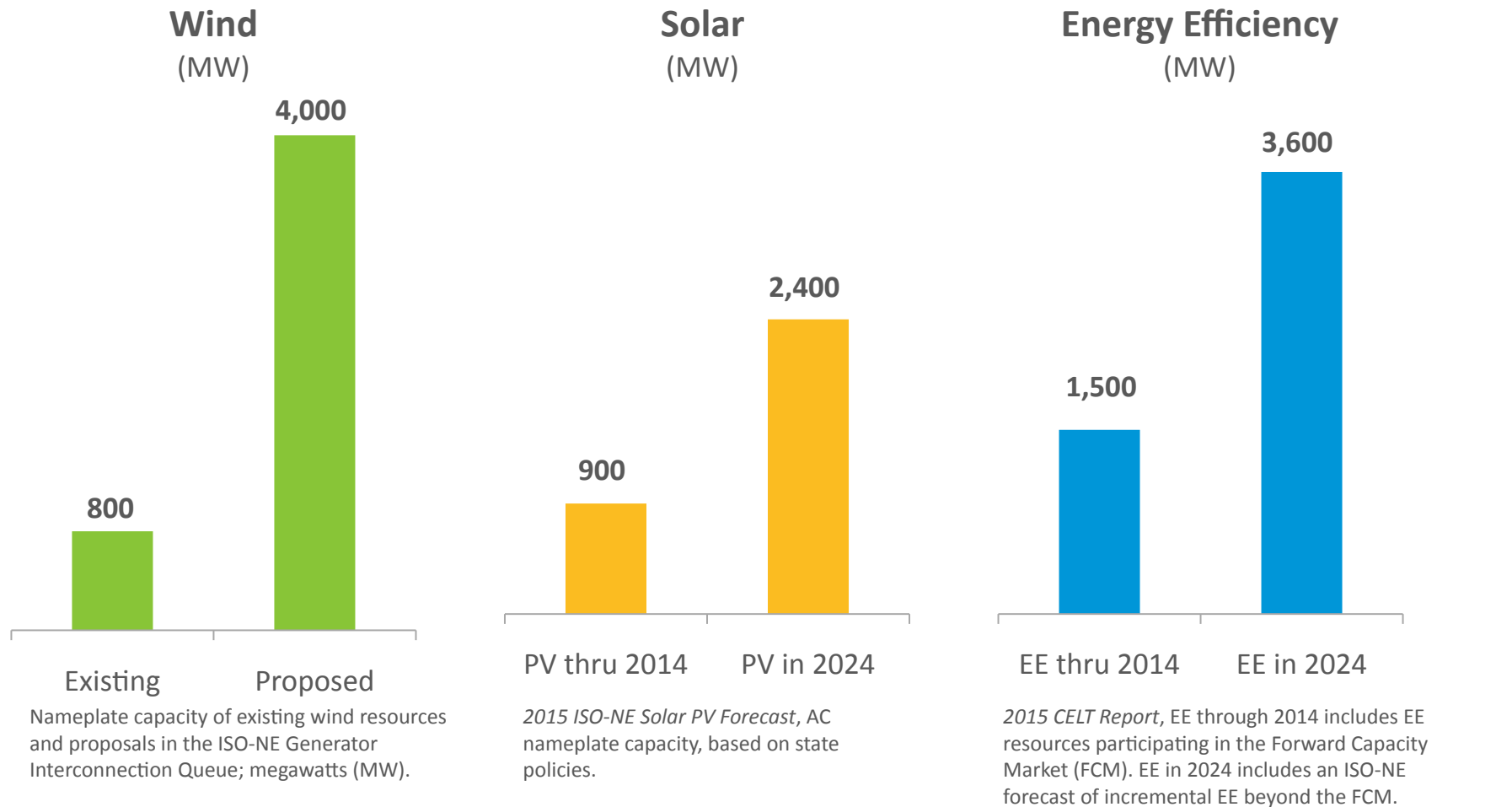
State Renewable Energy Requirements by 2020\*



\* State Renewable Portfolio Standards (CT, MA, ME, NH) and Renewable Energy Standards (RI, VT) require electricity providers to serve a minimum percentage of their retail load using renewable energy from defined technologies. Vermont's program has a high renewable requirement, but unlike other states, defines renewable energy to include large-scale hydro.

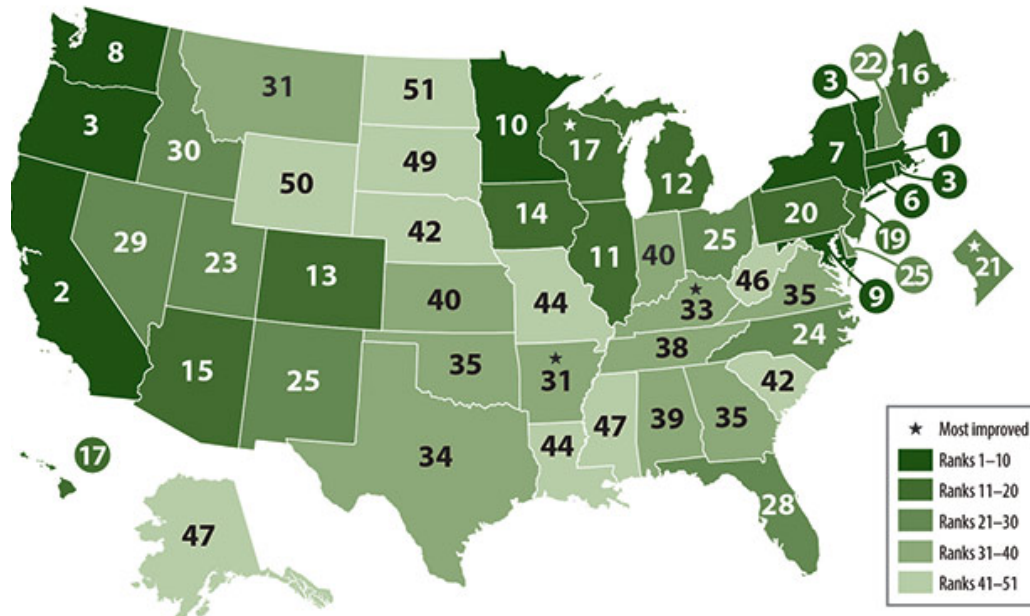


# Renewable and EE Resources are Trending Up



# Energy Efficiency is a Priority for New England

2014 State Energy-Efficiency Scorecard



Source: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

Ranking of state EE efforts by the *American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy*:

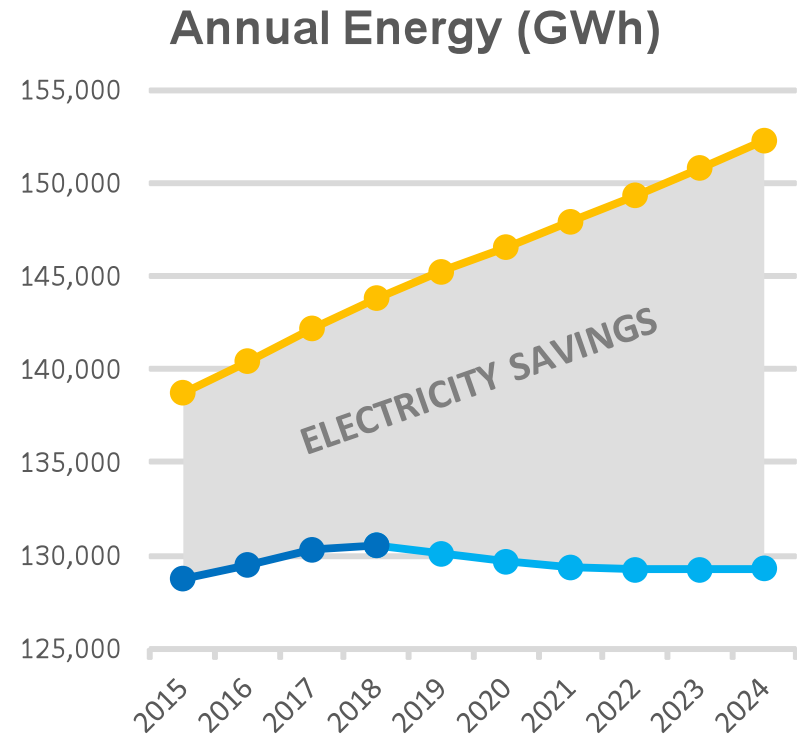
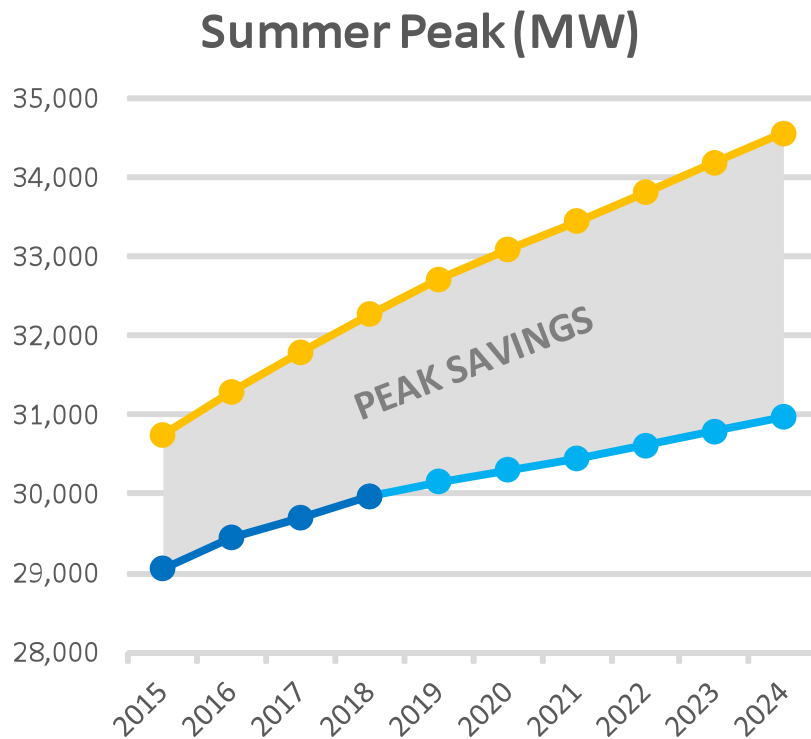
- Massachusetts 1
- Vermont 3
- Rhode Island 3
- Connecticut 6
- Maine 16
- New Hampshire 22

- Billions spent over the past few years and more on the horizon
  - Approximately \$3 billion invested from 2009 to 2013
  - ISO estimates \$6.2 billion to be invested in EE from 2019 to 2024



# EE Affects New England's Electricity Consumption

*Peak demand growth is lower; energy use is flat*



■ The gross forecast of energy use for the region

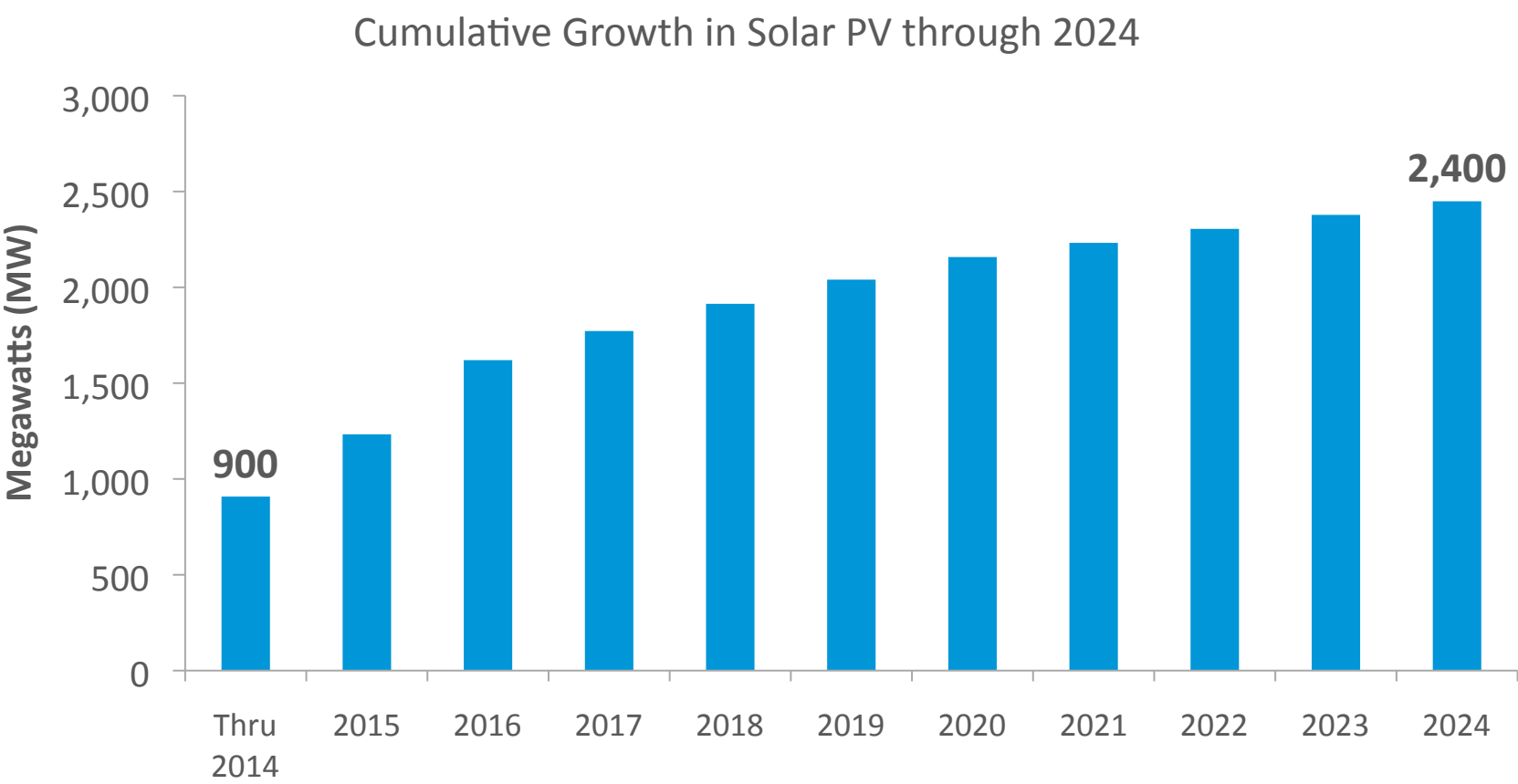
■ The forecast minus the impact of EE resources participating in Forward Capacity Market auctions to date

■ The forecast minus anticipated EE growth

Source: [Final ISO New England EE Forecast for 2018-2023](#) (April 2015)



# States are Driving Strong Growth in Solar PV



Source: Final PV Forecast (April 2015); Note: MW values are AC nameplate



# Summary

- New England is seeing a tremendous change in the energy and capacity mix to serve the region's power supply needs
  - This change is driven largely by market forces and state policies
  - Energy efficiency and solar resources are having a profound change on overall system demand
- Natural gas and electric transmission infrastructure upgrades will be required to support reliable operation of the power system
- The ISO will develop any necessary operational strategies to maintain reliability based on the timing of infrastructure improvements and unit retirements





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