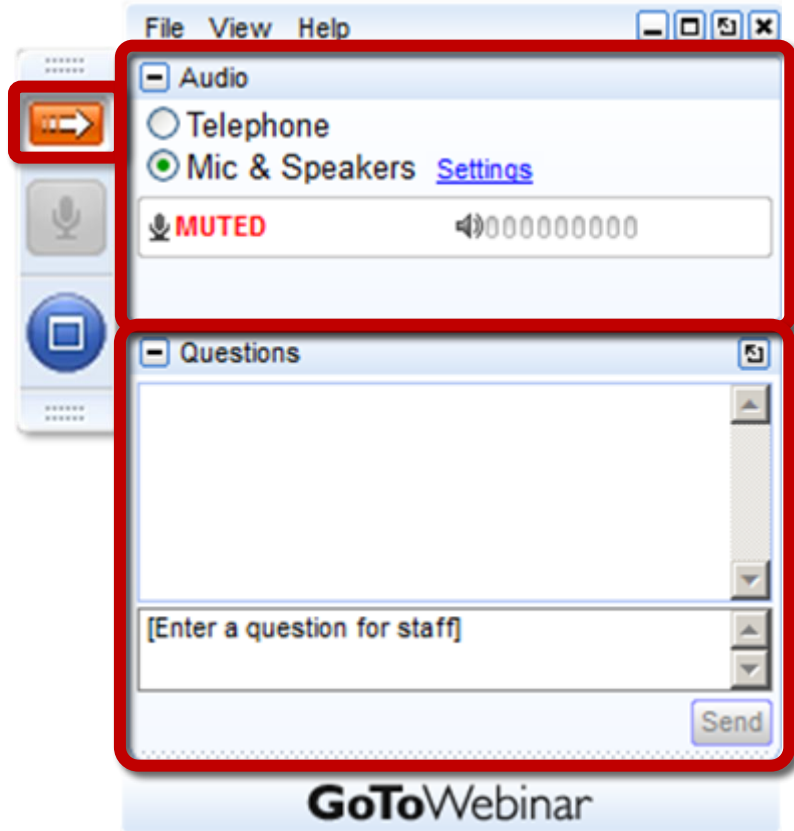




# State Plans for 100% Clean Electricity: Updates from California and Rhode Island

*April 6, 2021*

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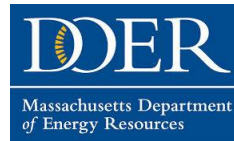
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Assists states and other entities that have 100% clean energy goals (or are considering adopting such a goal) by providing knowledge-sharing activities and analysis so that they can address program challenges and opportunities.

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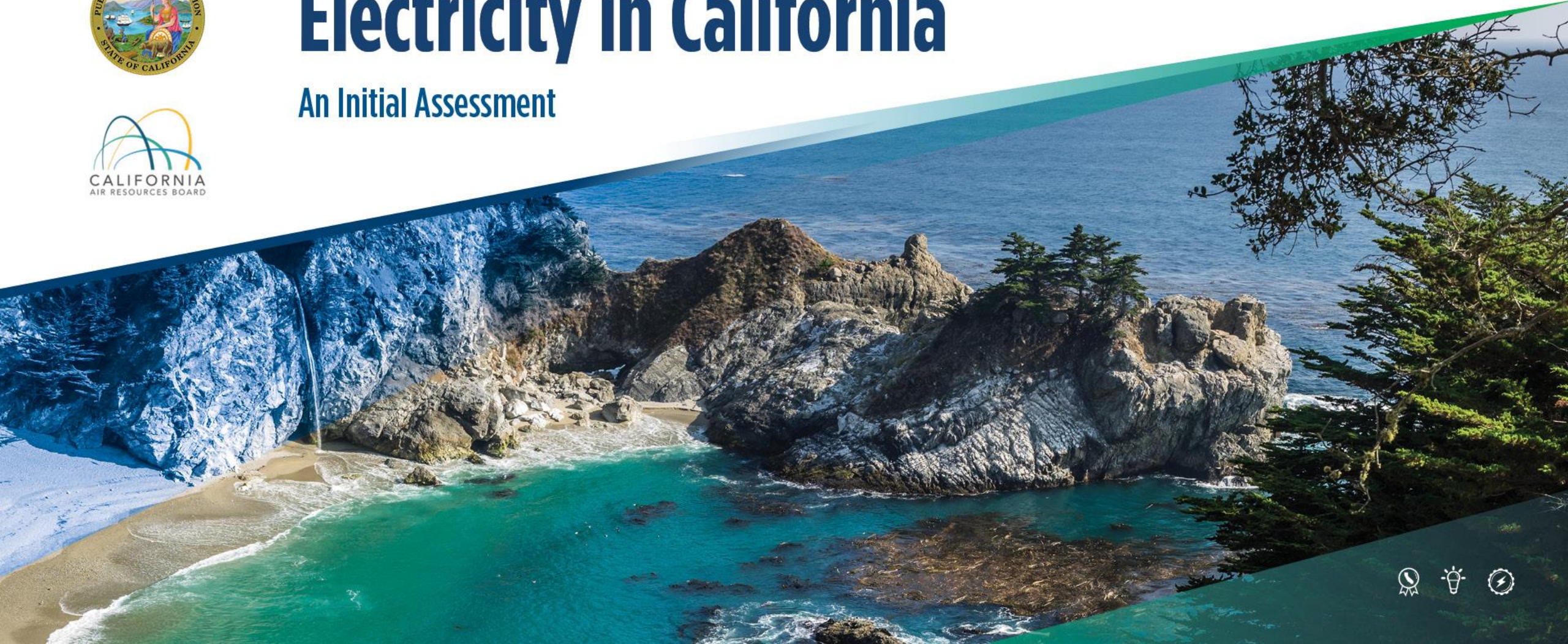




2021 SB 100 Joint Agency Report Summary

# Achieving 100% Clean Electricity in California

An Initial Assessment



# Senate Bill 100

Officially titled “The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018,”  
Senate Bill 100 (SB 100, De León):

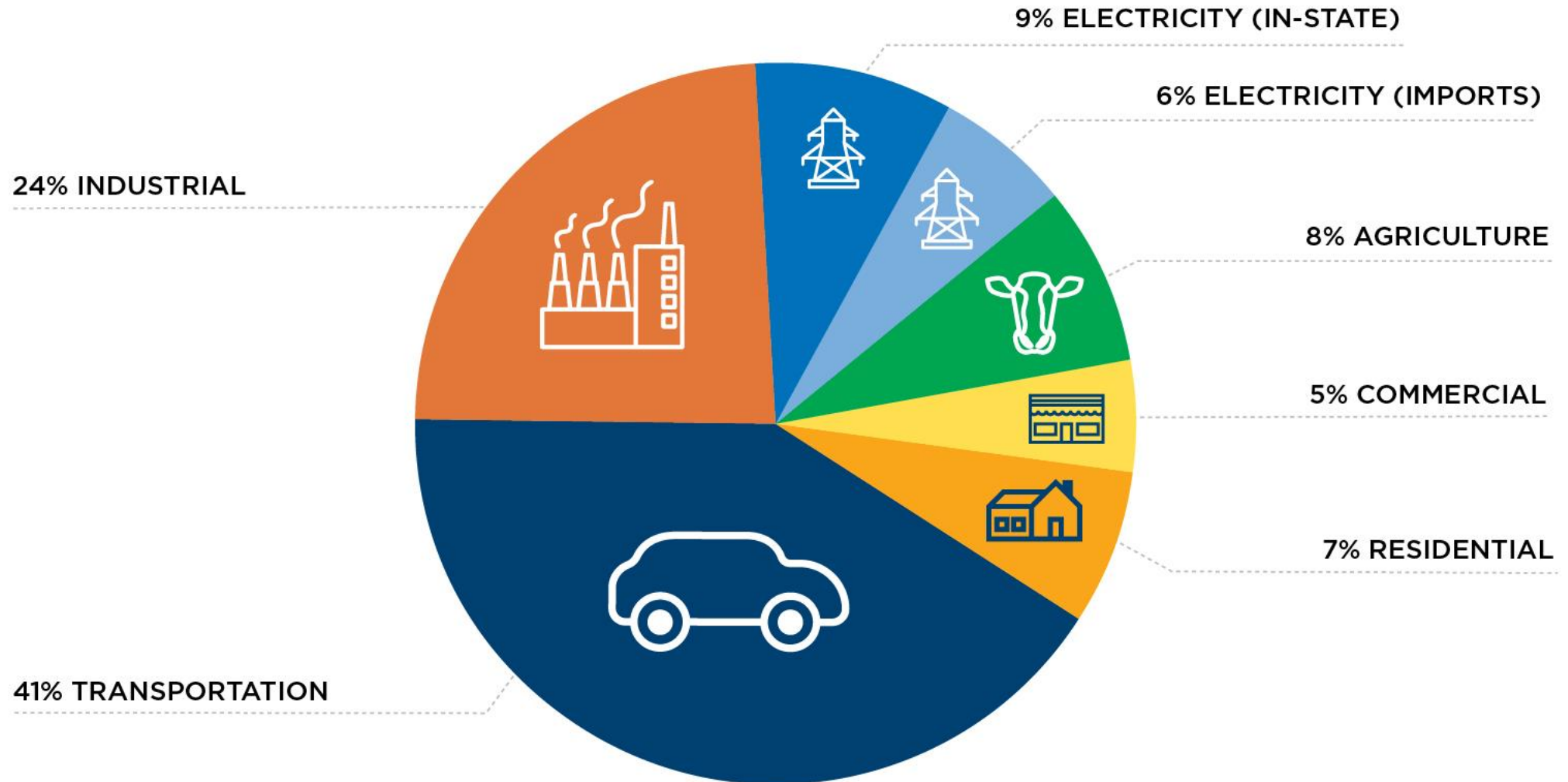
- 1** Sets a 2045 goal of powering all retail electricity sold in California with renewable and zero-carbon resources.
- 2** Updates the state’s Renewables Portfolio Standard to ensure that by 2030 at least 60 percent of California’s electricity is renewable.
- 3** Requires the CEC, CPUC, and CARB to use programs under existing laws to achieve 100 percent clean electricity and issue a joint policy report on SB 100 by 2021 and every four years thereafter.





# California's

## 2018 Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Source: California Air Resources Board



# Benefits

## of 100% Clean Energy



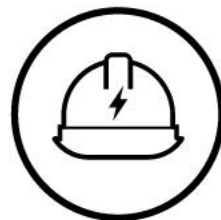
### Improves Public Health

More than 23 million Californians live in areas where smog-forming pollutants routinely exceed federal health-based standards. The phaseout of fossil fuel-generated electricity is expected to reduce smog-related deaths and illnesses.



### Advances Energy Equity

Disadvantaged communities — low-income neighborhoods that have historically suffered poor health, dirty air and other burdens — will reap the highest health benefits from clean electricity. Half of the state's natural gas power plants are in communities that rank among the 25 percent most disadvantaged.



### Restores and Creates Clean Energy Jobs

SB 100-driven growth in the capacity to generate and store clean electricity will restore thousands of clean energy jobs lost during the pandemic and create thousands of new high-quality clean energy jobs, especially in the installation and maintenance of solar and wind systems.



# The 2021 SB 100 Joint Agency Report

The 2021 report is a first step to evaluate the challenges and opportunities in implementing SB 100.

**It includes an initial assessment of the additional energy resources and the resource building rates needed to achieve 100 percent clean electricity, along with the associated costs.**

**The estimates in this report will change over time as additional factors, such as system reliability, land use, energy equity, and workforce needs, are more closely examined.**



# Public Outreach



**A diverse array of interests informed this report through a year-long series of public workshops and comment opportunities. Participants included:**

Community leaders

Energy experts with utilities, technology companies and trade groups

University researchers

Environmental groups

Environmental justice organizations

**The joint agencies also consulted with:**

The California Balancing Authorities

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group

# Renewable/Zero-Carbon Technologies Modeled:



Solar, photovoltaic  
and thermal (existing only)



Wind, onshore and offshore



Geothermal



Bioenergy



Fuels cells



Hydroelectric, existing  
large and small operations only



Nuclear, existing  
power plants only



# California

## Clean Electricity Resources

\*Includes in-state

\*\*Includes in-state and out of state capacity

†New hydro and nuclear resources were not candidate technologies for this round of modeling and could not be selected



Achieving 100% Clean Electricity in California



Solar (Utility-Scale)



Solar (Customer)



Storage (Battery)



Storage (Long Duration)



Wind (Onshore)



Wind (Offshore)



Geothermal



Biomass



Hydrogen Fuel Cells



Hydro (Large)



Hydro (Small)



Nuclear

Existing Resources

Projected New Resources

2019\*

2030\*\*

2045\*\*

12.5 GW

16.9 GW

69.4 GW

8.0 GW

12.5 GW

28.2 GW

0.2 GW

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48.8 GW

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# To Achieve Clean Energy

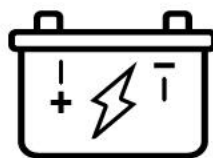
Development Needs  
To Rapidly Accelerate



Solar & Wind

# 3X

Solar and wind build rates need to nearly triple\*



Battery

# 8X

Battery build rates need to increase by nearly eightfold\*\*



\*Based on 10-year average | \*\*Based on 2020



## Additional Scenarios

The agencies also explored scenarios outside their interpretation of SB 100. These “study scenarios” are intended to inform broader state planning efforts on energy, climate, and public health:



### **No-Combustion:**

Modeling indicates this scenario may result in a 12 percent increase to annual costs by 2045.

### **Zero-Carbon Firm Resources:**

Results indicate that the inclusion of these resources could reduce annual electricity system costs in 2045 by \$2 billion, roughly 3 percent.

### **Accelerated Timeline:**

Preliminary results indicate these targets may be achievable but may increase overall costs.

# Key Takeaways from Modeling

This initial analysis suggests SB 100 is technically achievable through multiple pathways.

Construction of clean electricity generation and storage facilities must be sustained at record-setting rates.

Diversity in energy resources and technologies lowers overall costs.

Retaining some natural gas power capacity may minimize costs while ensuring uninterrupted power supply during the transition to 100 percent clean energy.

Increased energy storage and advancements in zero-carbon technologies can reduce natural gas capacity needs.

Further analysis is needed.





# Recommendations for Further Analysis



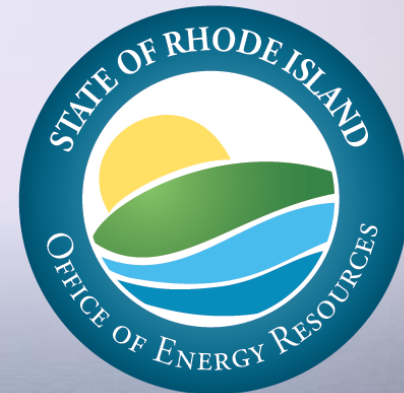
- 1** Verify that scenario results satisfy the state's grid reliability requirements.
- 2** Continue to evaluate the potential effects of cost-saving emerging resources, such as offshore wind, long-duration energy storage, green hydrogen technologies, and demand flexibility.
- 3** Assess environmental, social, and economic costs and benefits of the additional clean electricity generation capacity and storage needed to implement SB 100.
- 4** Hold annual workshops to support alignment among the joint agencies and continuity between SB 100 reports.



# Thank you!

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Final Report: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sb100>



The Road to 100%  
**Renewable Electricity**

**2030**



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-01

January 17, 2020

ADVANCING A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE  
FOR RHODE ISLAND BY 2030

WHEREAS, Rhode Island and the world face significant environmental, economic, energy, and public health challenges from the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is committed to mitigating economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions and their effect on climate change, while spurring new and innovative opportunities for investment and job growth throughout the state's clean energy economy; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's clean energy sector has seen a 74% increase in jobs since 2014, demonstrating that protecting against climate change and strengthening our economy are complementary goals; and

WHEREAS, the Resilient Rhode Island Act establishes targets for Rhode Island to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, to 45% below 1990 levels by 2035, and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4), in its December 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, made clear that a business-as-usual approach to reducing economy-wide greenhouse gases is insufficient to meet Resilient Rhode Island Act emission reduction targets; and

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# Executive Order 20-01

## Goal

Meet 100% of the state's electricity demand with renewable energy resources by 2030.

## Process

OER shall conduct economic & energy market analysis, and develop viable policy & programmatic pathways.

## Results

Implementable action plan by December 31, 2020.

Led by OER with consultant The Brattle Group with input from state agencies and public stakeholders.

# Timeline



Project website: [www.energy.ri.gov/100percent](http://www.energy.ri.gov/100percent)

# Putting the pieces together...



There are four integrated components of the 100% Renewable by 2030 effort:



**Foundational principles,** developed by the project team to align with the Governor's executive order and informed by stakeholders.



**Technical analysis,** informed by principles and stakeholder input, illuminated the costs and benefits of hypothetical resource portfolios.



**Stakeholder input,** informed the foundational principles, analytical inputs and assumptions, and shaped policy recommendations – thank you!



**Policy and programmatic recommendations,** developed to satisfy the goals of the Executive Order in a manner consistent with the principles, technical analysis, and stakeholder input.



# Guiding Principles for 100% Renewable Goal - Summary

## Decarbonization Principles

- Exemplify climate leadership
- Create incremental power sector decarbonization
- Facilitate broader decarbonization

## Economic Principles

- Pursue cost-effective solutions
- Improve energy and environmental equity
- Create economic development opportunities

## Policy Implementation Principles

- Ensure solutions are robust and sustainable beyond 2030
- Build upon RI's existing renewable energy mechanisms
- Be consistent with other RI priorities and policies

# Forecasting Demand



We forecasted demand in 2030 accounting for energy efficiency, behind-the-meter PV, thermal and transportation electrification, and trends in electricity consumption.

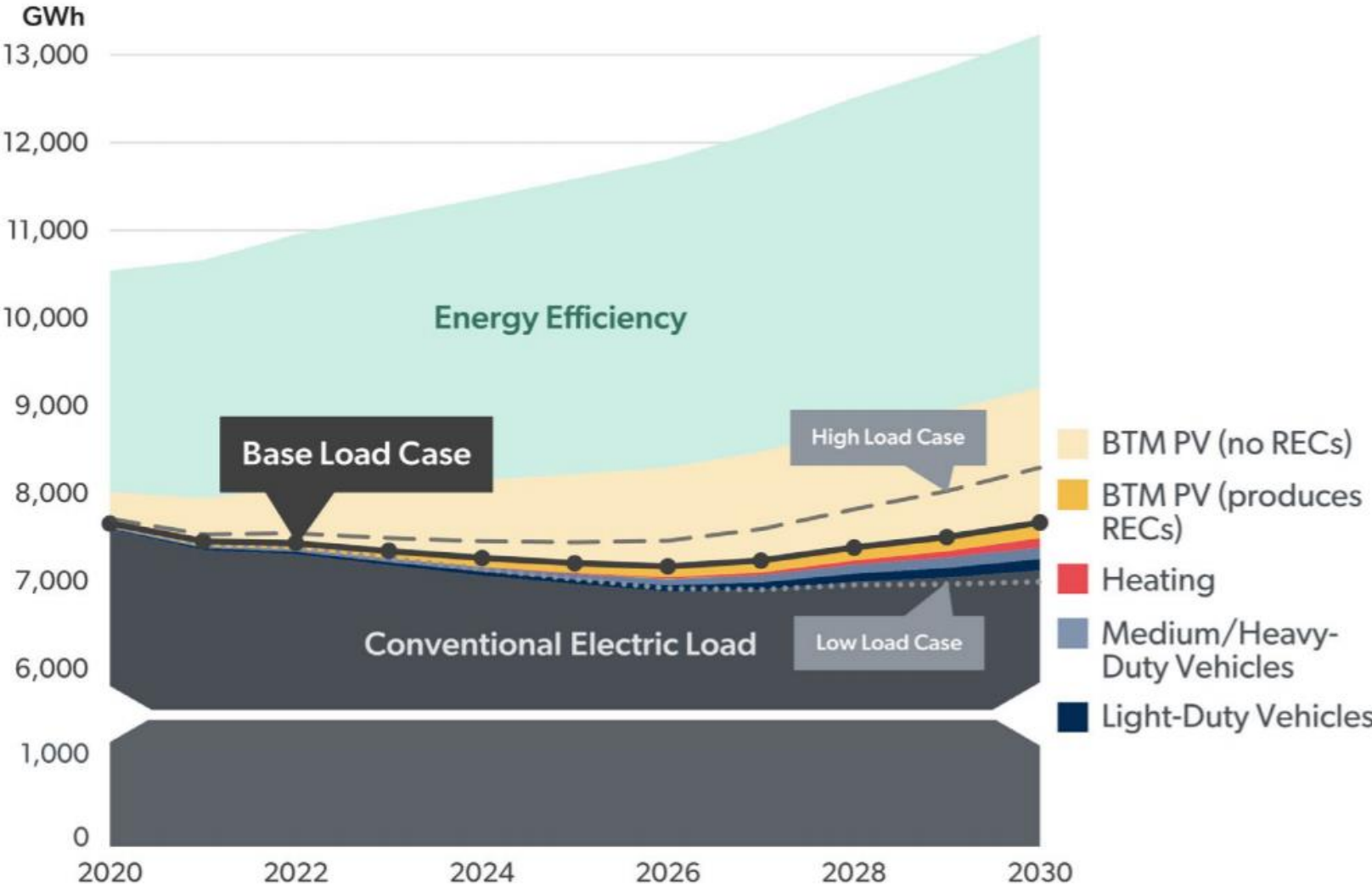


FIGURE 2: PROJECTED RHODE ISLAND ELECTRICITY DEMAND (2020-2030)

Note: "BTM PV" is Behind-the-Meter solar photovoltaic generation



# Estimating the Gap



We forecasting renewable energy growth from existing programs and contracts. The difference between demand and renewables is the gap: we will need to build or procure ~4,600 GWh of renewable energy by 2030

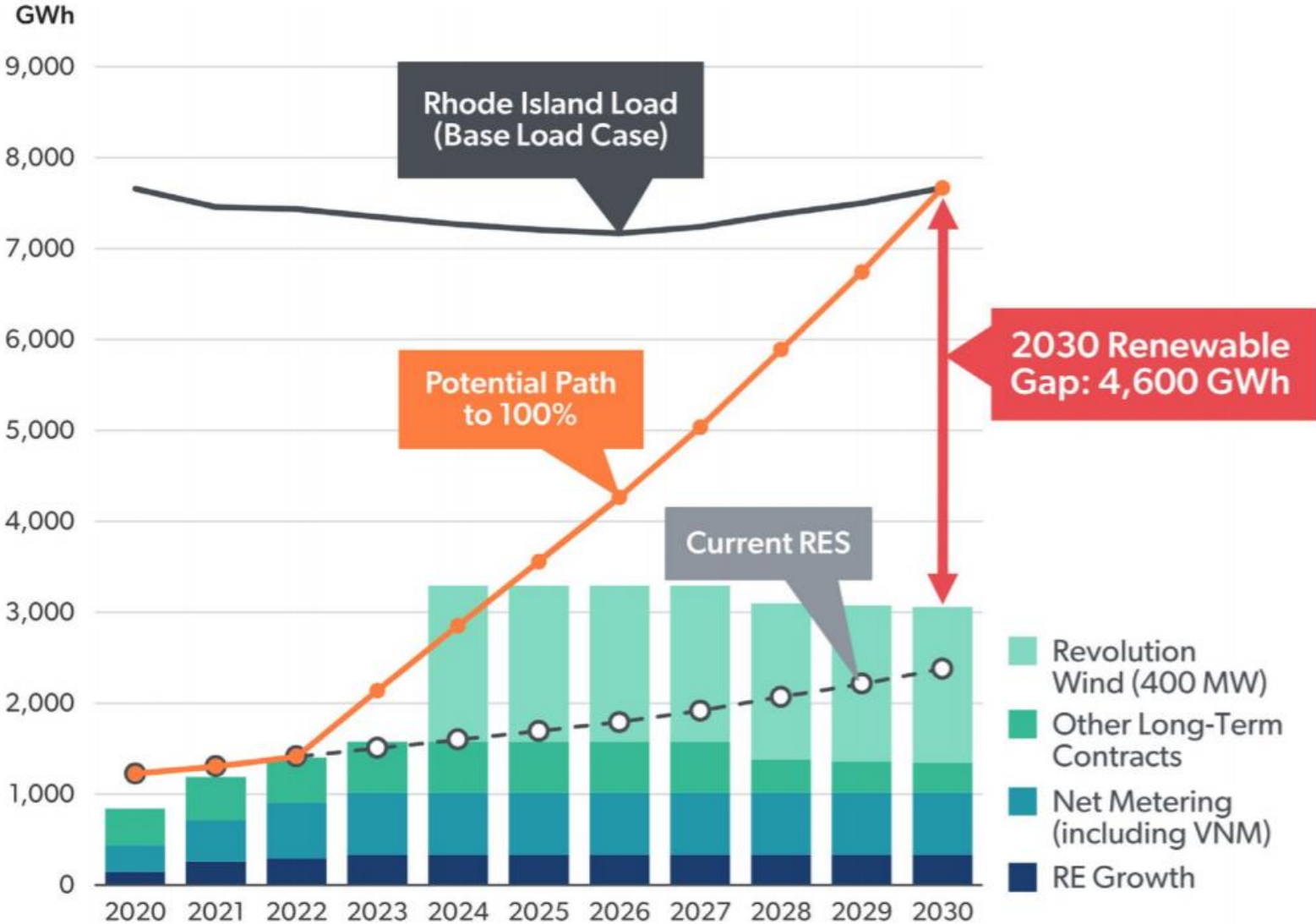


FIGURE 3: RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GAP TO ACHIEVE 100% RENEWABLES

# Filling the Gap in 2030



We considered four renewable energy resource types, first as “technology bookends” and then as pieces of mixed resource portfolios.

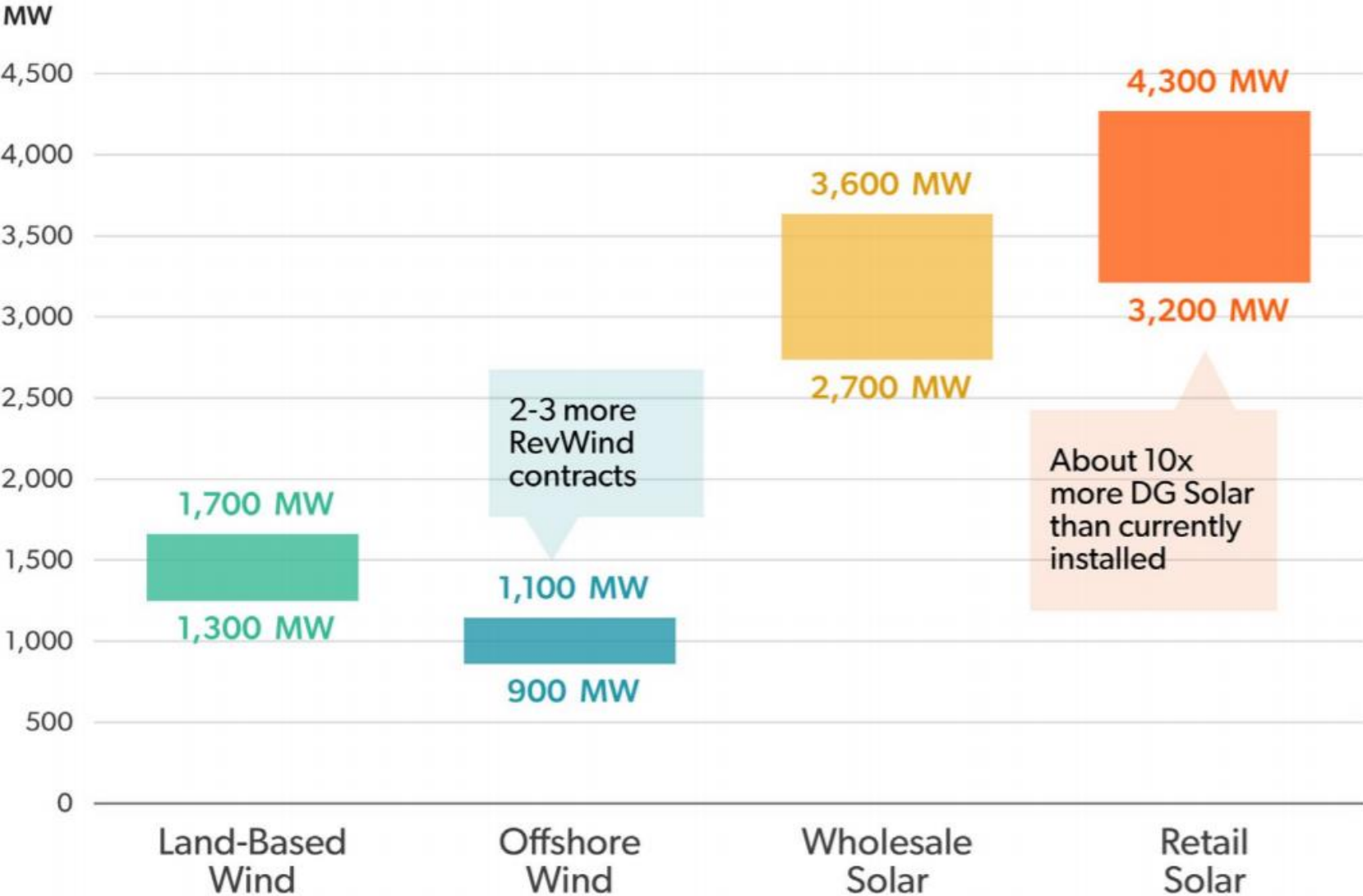


FIGURE 5: CAPACITY OF EACH TECHNOLOGY NEEDED TO FILL 2030 RENEWABLE ENERGY GAP

# Sustainable through 2050



Note that continued thermal and transportation electrification will add load and grow the gap from 2030-2050.

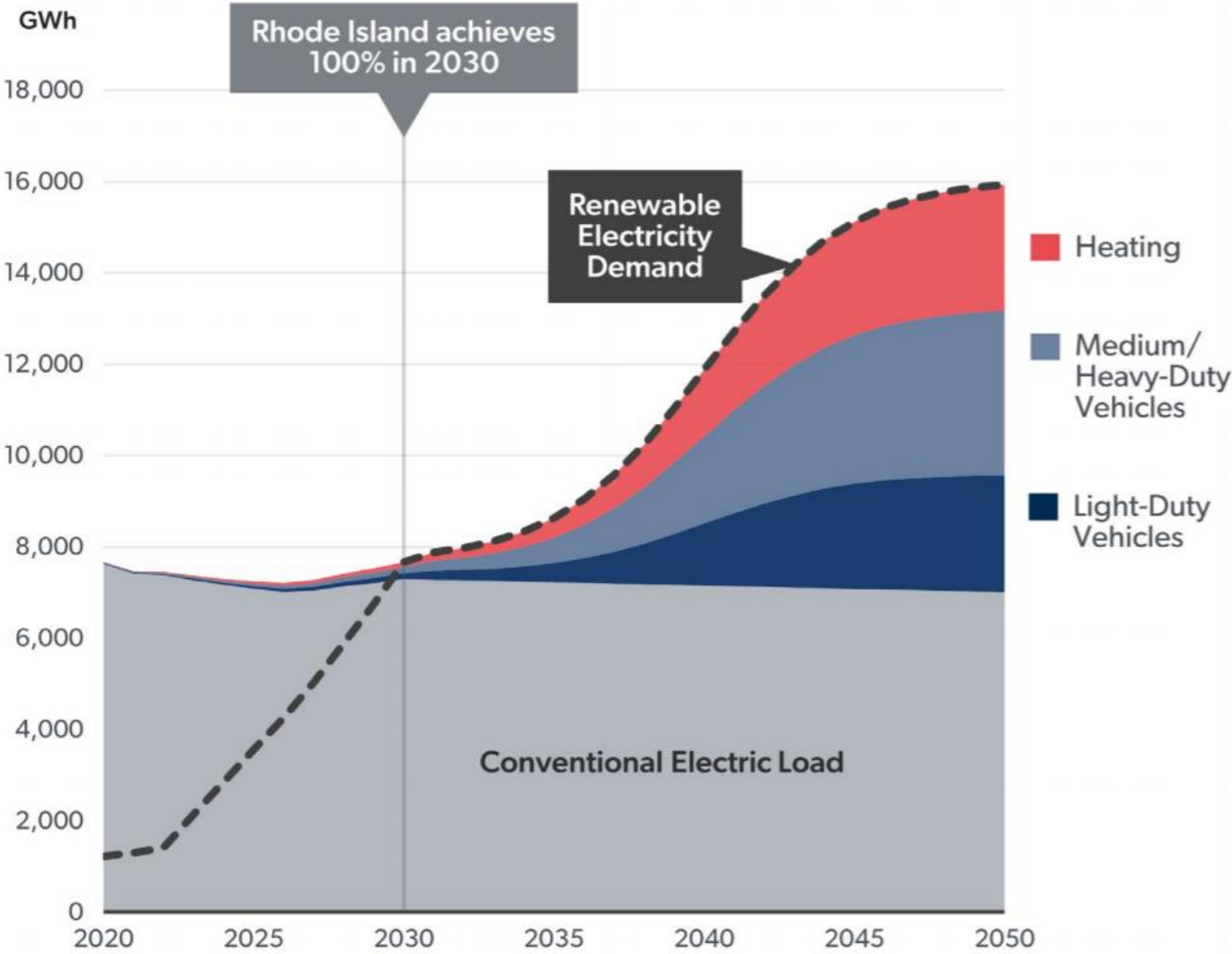
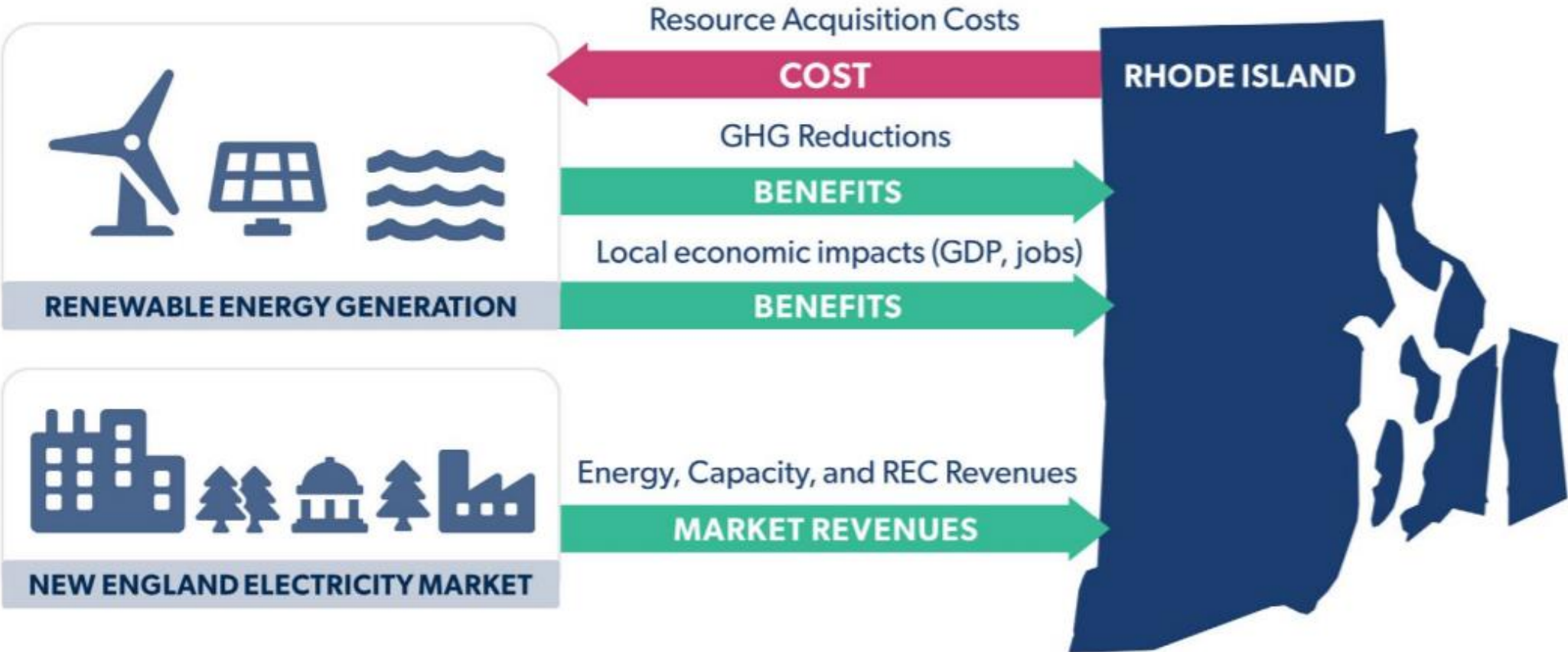


FIGURE 4: POTENTIAL RHODE ISLAND ELECTRICITY DEMAND PROJECTION TO 2050

# Pieces of the Model



**Net Cost to RI Ratepayers** = Resource Acquisition Costs – Market Revenues

**Economic Impacts:** Local Development, GDP, Jobs

**Other factors:** Equity, Land Use, Additionality of GHG Abatement

FIGURE 12: IMPACTS OF PROCURING RENEWABLE ENERGY TO ACHIEVE 100% BY 2030

# Resource Acquisition Costs



Using input from developers, market data, and cost trends developed by the National Renewable Energy Lab, we projected costs to acquire each type of renewable energy resource.



FIGURE 6: PROJECTED RESOURCE ACQUISITION COSTS THROUGH 2030

# Portfolio Costs



These bars represent net costs, after accounting for market revenues, to achieve each portfolio.

Technology bookend costs are compared to meeting the 100% goal by purchasing RECs in lieu of developing local renewable energy resources.



**FIGURE 13: NPV OF ABOVE-MARKET COSTS (2020–2040) OF ACHIEVING 100% RENEWABLES; BOOKENDS (NET OF ENERGY AND CAPACITY REVENUES, NOT RECS)**

**Note:** Ratepayer costs reflect the total incremental costs of achieving 100% net of energy and capacity revenues.

# Ratepayer Costs



Portfolio costs will flow to ratepayers through electricity rates, assuming continuation of current policies and programs.

Meeting 100% renewables will result in incremental costs relative to 2020 rates.

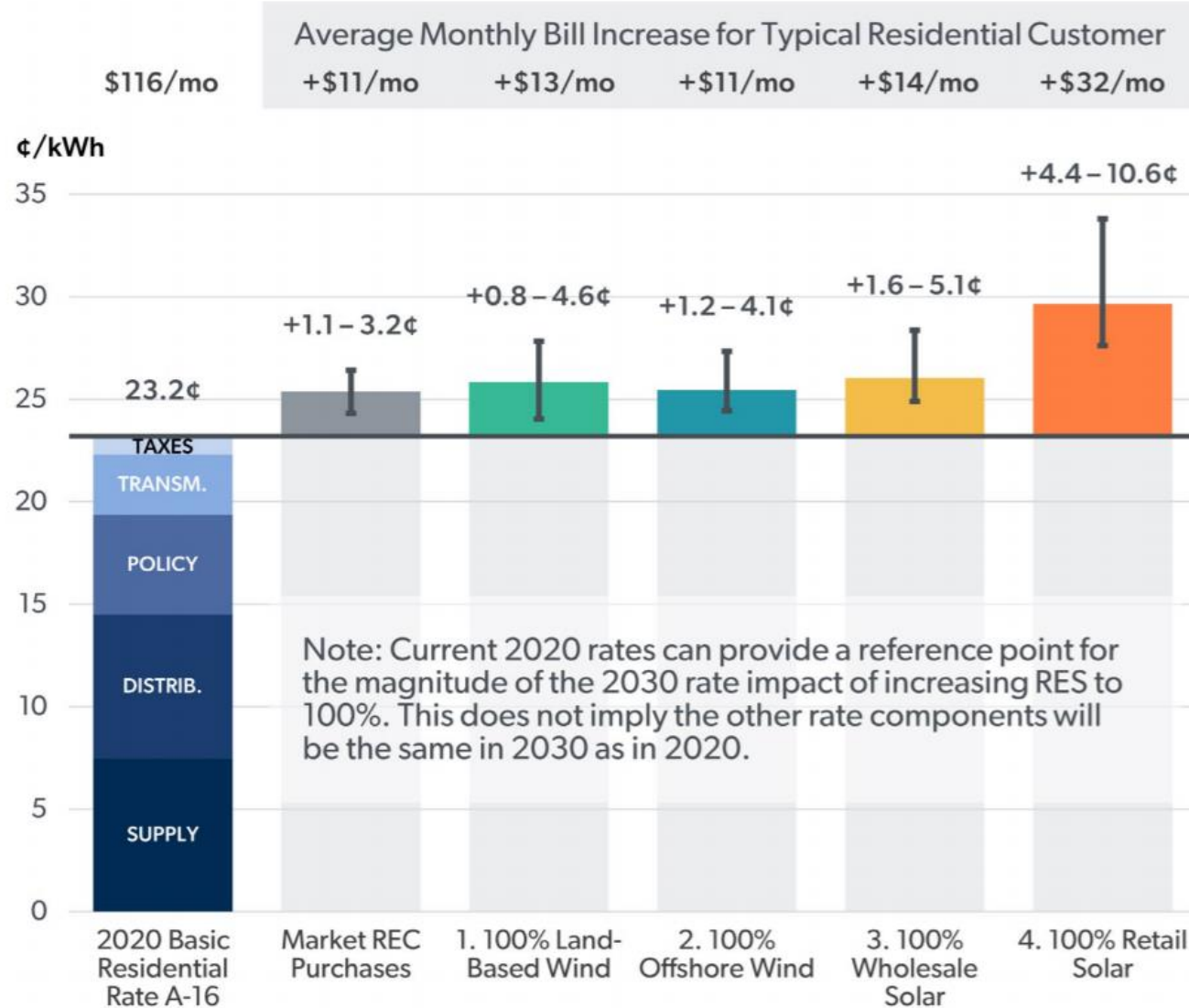


FIGURE 15: 2030 RATE IMPACTS OF 100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

Notes: Assumes typical residential customer consumes 500 kWh/mo.

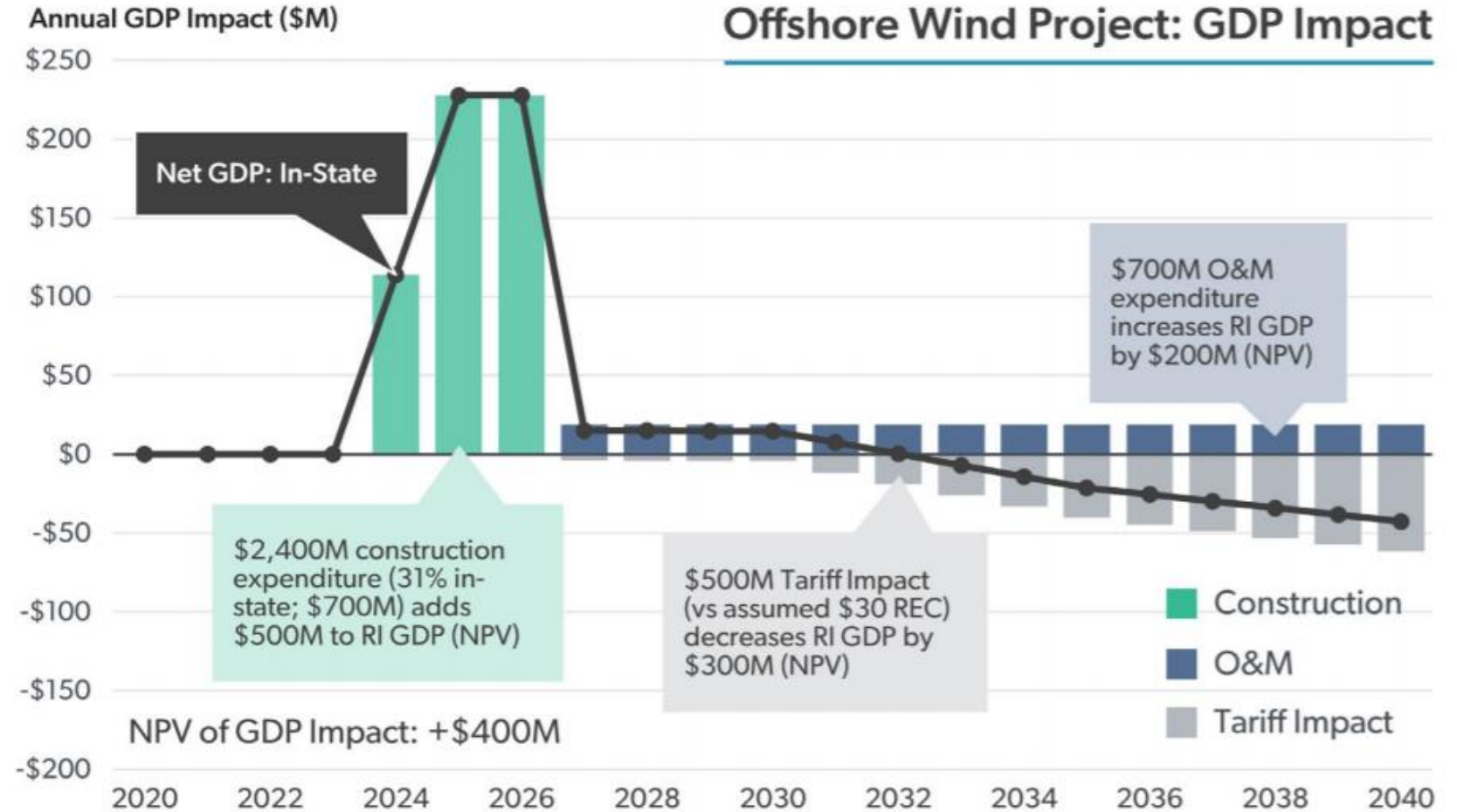
# Macroeconomic Impacts – Single OSW Project GDP



Annual GDP and job impacts were estimated for a single, representative project using IMPLAN, a macroeconomic modeling tool.

Project impacts were layered together based on capacity required in each portfolio.

In-state construction boosts GDP in beginning years, while O&M and tariffs drive impacts in later years.



**FIGURE 16: GDP AND EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS OF 600 MW OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT**

**Note:** NPV of GDP impact shows the net present value (3% real discount rate) of GDP impacts from 2020 through 2040.



# Macroeconomic Impacts – Single OSW Project Jobs



This figure shows the estimated annual and net jobs impact of a hypothetical 600 MW OSW project procured by Rhode Island, with a portion of construction expenditures made in-state.

One job-year is a full-time job for one year.

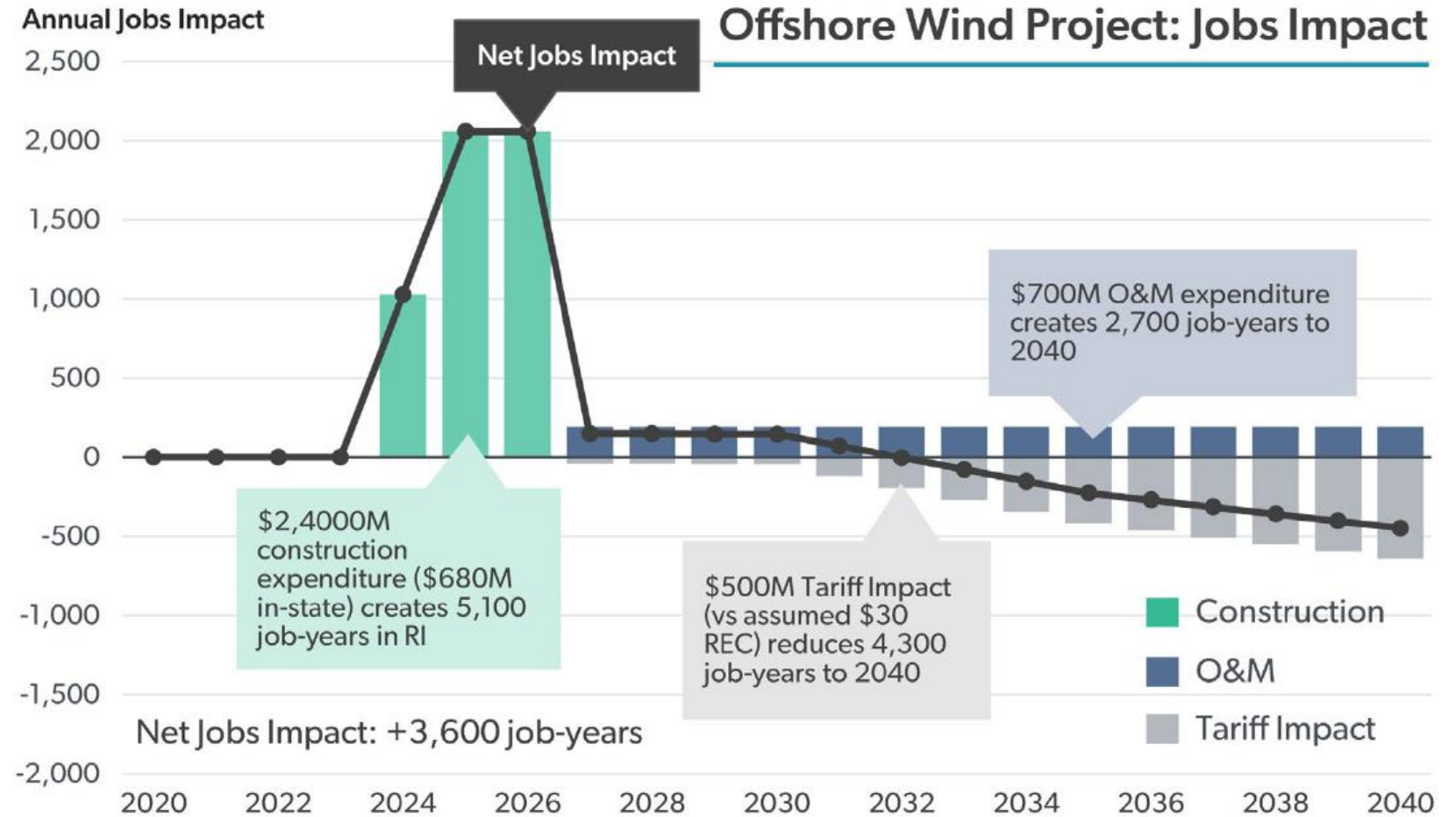


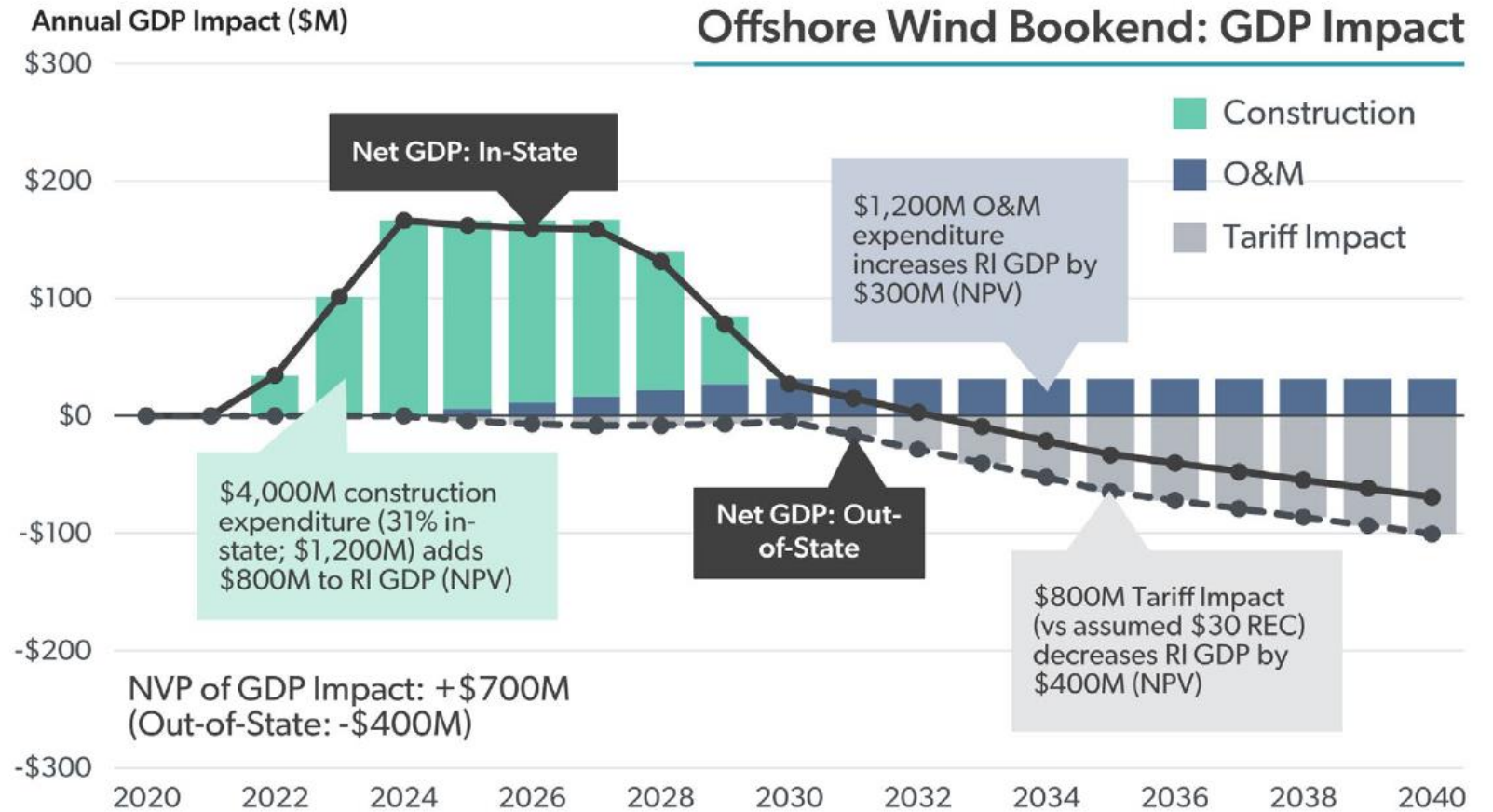
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# Macroeconomic Impacts – Bookend OSW GDP



This figure shows the GDP impact of utilizing an all-OSW portfolio rather than just procuring market RECs.

Note that GDP is calculated through 2040, however, O&M and tariff impacts would continue beyond that timeframe.



**FIGURE 17: RHODE ISLAND GDP IMPACT OF OFFSHORE WIND TECHNOLOGY BOOKEND**

**Note:** O&M and Tariff Impact continue until the off-shore wind plants shut down (or the contract terminates), but are not forecasted here beyond 2040, due to the challenges and uncertainties associated with projecting such distant periods. NPV is calculated for 2020-2040.

# Macroeconomic Impacts



Each renewable resource type will have unique macroeconomic impacts over time, although land-based wind, offshore wind, and wholesale solar impacts are generally clustered.

Impacts are sensitive to REC prices and resource costs, among other parameters.

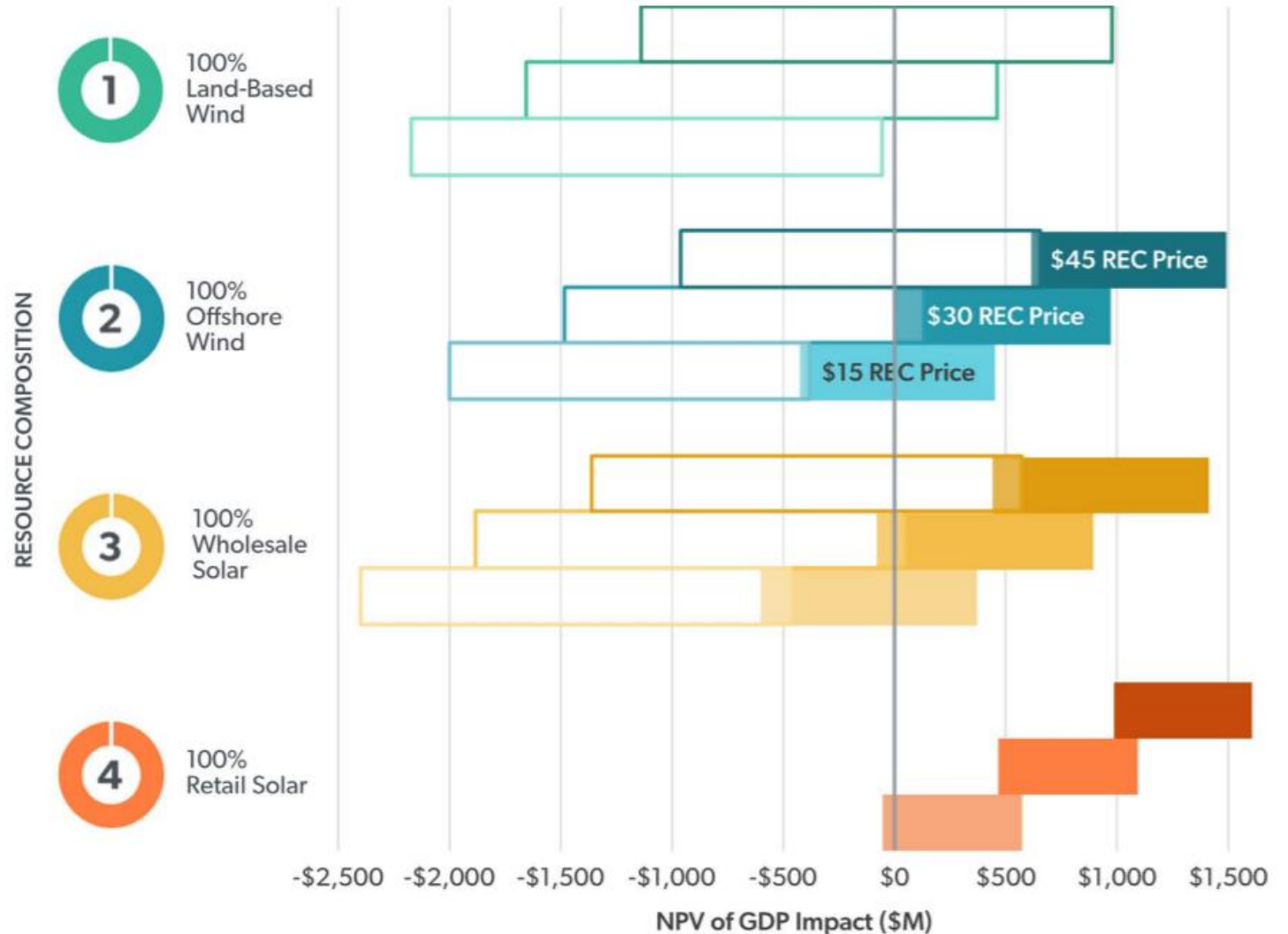


FIGURE 20: NPV OF RHODE ISLAND GDP IMPACT (2020-2040) WITH UNCERTAINTIES; BOOKENDS (REFLECTING RESOURCE COST & REC PRICE UNCERTAINTY)

# Building Mixed Portfolios

Rhode Island's clean energy future will almost certainly contain a mix of renewable energy resource types.

We constructed hypothetical, mixed portfolios that attempted to balance resource diversity, affordability, and local economic development opportunities, in line with our guiding principles.

	Description	Land-Based Wind	Offshore Wind	Wholesale Solar	Retail Solar
5	Max OSW, plus Wholesale Solar	--	600 MW (2,750 GWh)	Fill remaining gap (1,850 GWh)	--
6	Max OSW, RE Programs Maintained	--	600 MW (2,750 GWh)	Fill 50% of remaining gap (925 GWh)	Fill 50% of remaining gap (925 GWh)
7	Robust OSW, RE Programs Maintained	--	400 MW (1,825 GWh)	Fill 66% of remaining gap (1,850 GWh)	Fill 33% of remaining gap (925 GWh)
8	Robust OSW, RE Programs Doubled	--	400 MW (1,825 GWh)	Fill 33% of remaining gap (925 GWh)	Fill 66% of remaining gap (1,850 GWh)
9	Incremental OSW, RE Programs Doubled	--	200 MW (900 GWh)	Fill 50% of remaining gap (1,850 GWh)	Fill 50% of remaining gap (1,850 GWh)
10	Solar Heavy, Some LBW, No New OSW	100 MW (300GWh)	--	Fill ~60% of remaining gap (2,600 GWh)	Fill ~40% of remaining gap (1,700 GWh)

FIGURE 21: TECHNOLOGY PORTFOLIOS – DEFINITIONS

# Portfolio Cost Comparison

NPV of above-market costs rise from \$2B in Portfolio 5 to \$3B for Portfolio 10 (assuming Base Resource Costs), and the cost uncertainty also increases.

Cost uncertainty is primarily driven by the range of resource acquisition costs and results in significant overlap across portfolios.

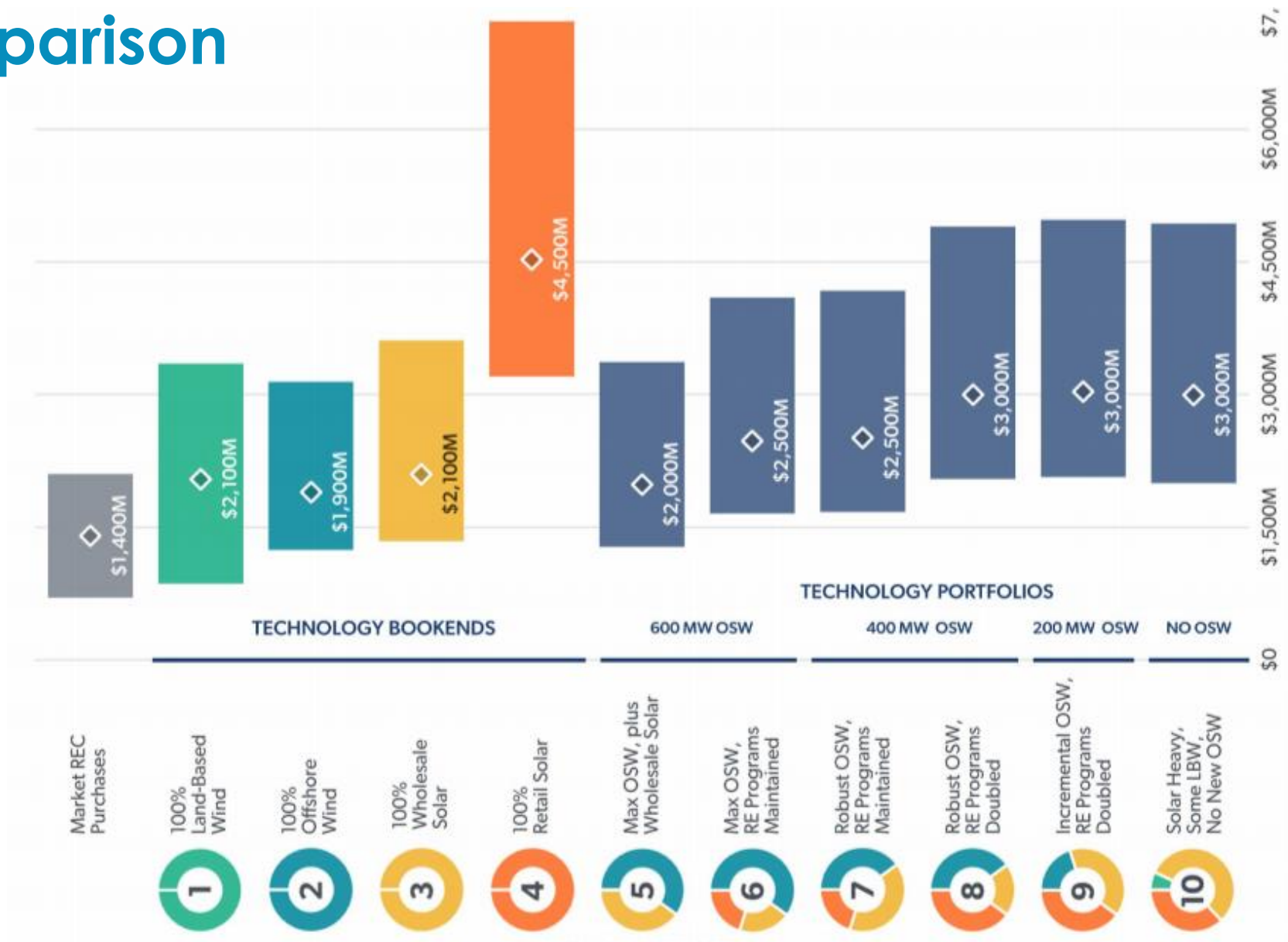


FIGURE 22: NPV OF ABOVE-MARKET COSTS (2020-2040) OF ACHIEVING 100% RENEWABLES; BOOKENDS AND PORTFOLIOS (NET OF ENERGY AND CAPACITY REVENUES, NOT REC REVENUES)

Note: Ratepayer costs reflect the total incremental costs of achieving 100% net of energy and capacity revenues.

# Portfolio Macroeconomic Impact Comparison



GDP impacts are similar across mixed resource portfolios, and the uncertainty in the impacts is much greater than the differences across the portfolios.

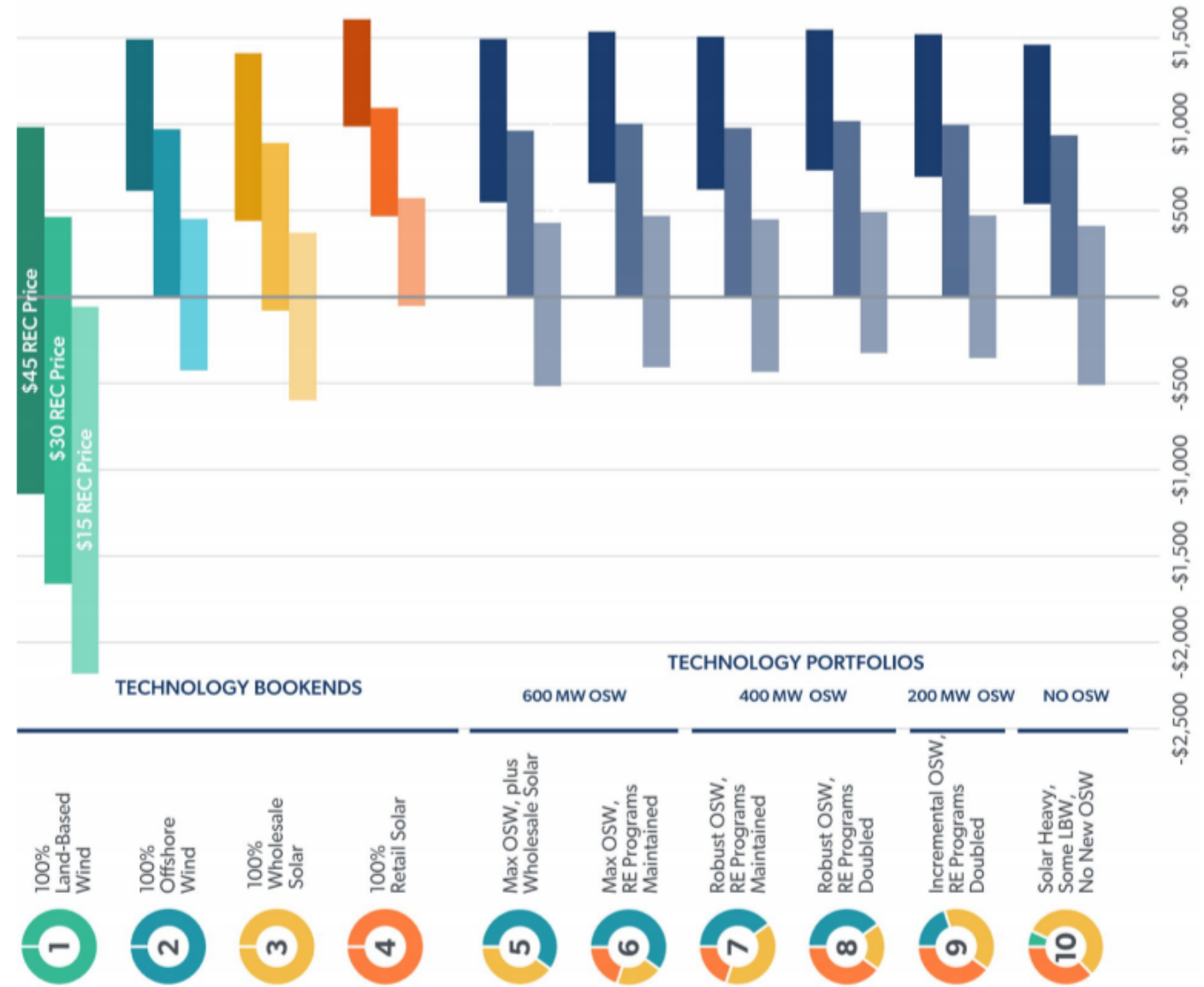


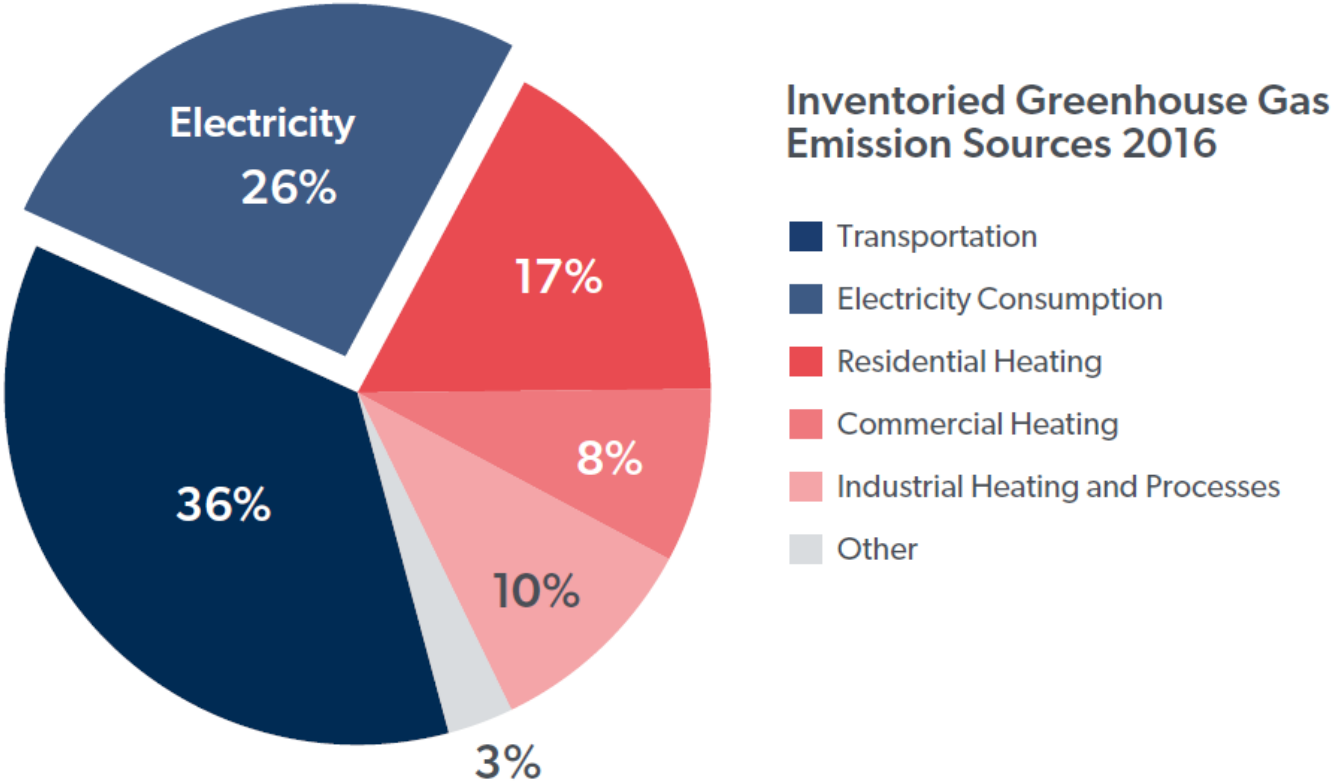
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# GHG Emissions Impacts [Initial Estimates]



Initial calculations show that achieving this goal will help reduce statewide GHG emissions by  $\approx$  2.4 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2030.

This corresponds to roughly 19% of our 1990 baseline – a significant step, and timely considering the state’s 45% by 2035 interim target.



**FIGURE 1: COMPOSITION OF RHODE ISLAND GHG EMISSIONS**

Source: Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Rhode Island’s 2016 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory Update, EC4 Meeting, September 12, 2019.



- 100% renewable electricity is achievable with in-state and surrounding resources.
- This will require ratepayer support, and net energy and economic benefits will be determined by the resource portfolio.
- Transparent accounting is paramount.
- All portfolios will require planning and investment to build out the resources themselves and the electric grid, though different portfolios will require different (and as-yet unknown) investments.
- Balancing supply and demand will become increasingly important as regional states decarbonize.



# Policy and Programmatic Recommendations



Study insights inform three categories of recommendations:



## Policy

Recommendations for defining, achieving, and procuring 100% renewable electricity.



## Planning & Enabling

Recommendations on ways to reduce risk, increase flexibility, and optimize renewable energy integration.



## Equity

Recommendations on ways to foster equitable outcomes developed in partnership with frontline communities.

# Policy Recommendations



**Policy** is needed to establish a strong, statewide framework and reach our goals in ways that align with our foundational principles.



We must ensure we meet our clean energy goals by advancing a **100% Renewable Energy Standard**.



Continued efforts to decrease energy consumption necessitate extension of **Least-Cost Procurement and Nation-Leading Energy Efficiency Programs**.



Maintaining continued support for in-state development, while supporting **programmatic evolution** to deliver more affordable and sustainable outcomes.

# Planning and Enabling Recommendations



We need to advance innovative, integrated, and collaborative **planning** to **enable** interconnection of clean energy onto the grid while minimizing costs and optimizing land use.



Optimize the electric grid through collaborative, **integrated grid planning**.



Facilitate integration of distributed energy resources by advancing **Power Sector Transformation** and **Grid Modernization**.



Build out a strategic role for **energy storage** technologies.



Continue **regional collaboration** on wholesale markets and interstate transmission.

# Equity Recommendations



We must center **equity** and include community engagement in program design to improve access to clean energy benefits for all Rhode Islanders. Throughout this effort, we will identify and address systemic racism and historic inequities.



**Partner** with trusted community organizations to listen, learn, support, and establish foundational definitions.

Based on foundational definitions, develop **equity metrics** with the community to track and monitor progress towards equitable outcomes.

Improve **outcomes** identified and prioritized by communities through rate design, program adjustments, and policy.

# Public Comment and Demographics

## Appendix: Summary of Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement was a key component of this study, designed to learn from, engage and inform stakeholders. This Appendix contains an overview of the public comment process and summaries of the comments and questions received, along with the project team's responses. Following that is a list of the organizations that provided comments, and demographic information that was shared by the attendees at the public technical workshops and the community listening sessions.

### A.1 Summary of Public Comment Process

To obtain feedback from a broad range of stakeholders and experts, the Office of Energy Resources held three public community listening sessions, three public technical workshops, and accepted written public comments from the start of the project through December 15, 2020. The technical workshops were held in June, September, and December with a primary focus on analytical methods, results, and policy implications. The community listening sessions were held in November and December and less technical in nature, with a focus on policy and programmatic recommendations. Meeting materials are available on [www.](http://www.)



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A list of the organizations that provided comments in writing and/or at workshops and listening sessions is also provided.

# Technical Support Document

## The Road to 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030 in Rhode Island

TECHNICAL SUPPORT DOCUMENT

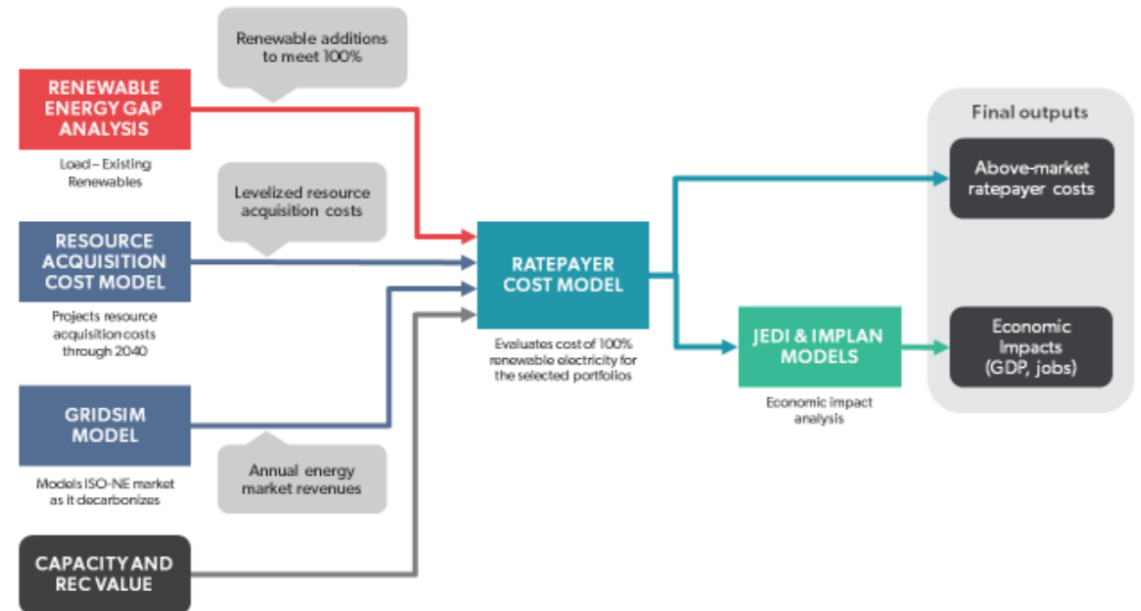
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Provides additional detail on the analyses supporting the 100% Report, including an overview of the analytic methodology and assumptions used.

FIGURE 1: ANALYTICAL MODEL OVERVIEW





# Thank You!

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## **Maryland Energy Storage Pilot Program: Exploring Business Models and Revenue Streams in PJM**

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