



## SECO – Energy Topics

Funding Opportunities and Select Analysis

Nov 1, 2018



#### **Introductions**





- Welcome
- Presenter Introductions
- Thanks to NCTCOG & Texas Energy Aggregation
- Introduction to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)



## Agenda



- 1. Overview of SECO
  - SECO Schools and Local Government Program
  - SECO LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Program
- 2. Changes in HVAC Design
  - Schools and Local Governments Considerations
- 3. Utility Rate Analysis
  - Basic Method







## RENEWABLE PROJECTS QUALIFY





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#### **Funding & Incentives**

SECO Funding Opportunities LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Program Other Funding Resources



#### **Programs**

Alternative Fuels Program Clean Energy Incubators Industrial Energy Efficiency Innovative Energy Demonstration Program



Schools Program

State Agency and Higher Ed. Program Pantex Program



#### **Energy Reporting**

State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Ed. Local Government

Utilities

Schools

#### Resources

Combined Heat and Power in Texas Energy Efficiency Best Practices Guide **Energy Savings Performance Contracting** SECO Reports Remote Energy Audits



#### **Energy Codes**

Training & Code Compliance Energy Code Adoption Process Code Contacts

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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

SECO makes energy engineering expertise available to political subdivisions in Texas through its Technical Assistance Program (TAP). Eligible public entities include municipalities, counties, and other special-purpose districts such as port and transit authorities and airports.

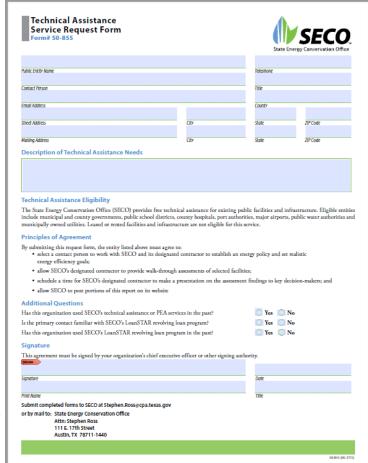
SECO contracts with leading engineering firms having a high degree of technical knowledge. They provide customized, on-site, energy-related services across a broad spectrum, ranging from basic consultation to feasibility studies.

Officials of eligible entities may request assistance with either energy or water-related technical matters. Upon determination that the requested services are reasonable and within the contractors' scope of work, SECO will assign an engineer to contact the officials to determine the level of service necessary to provide assistance. There is no charge to the entity.

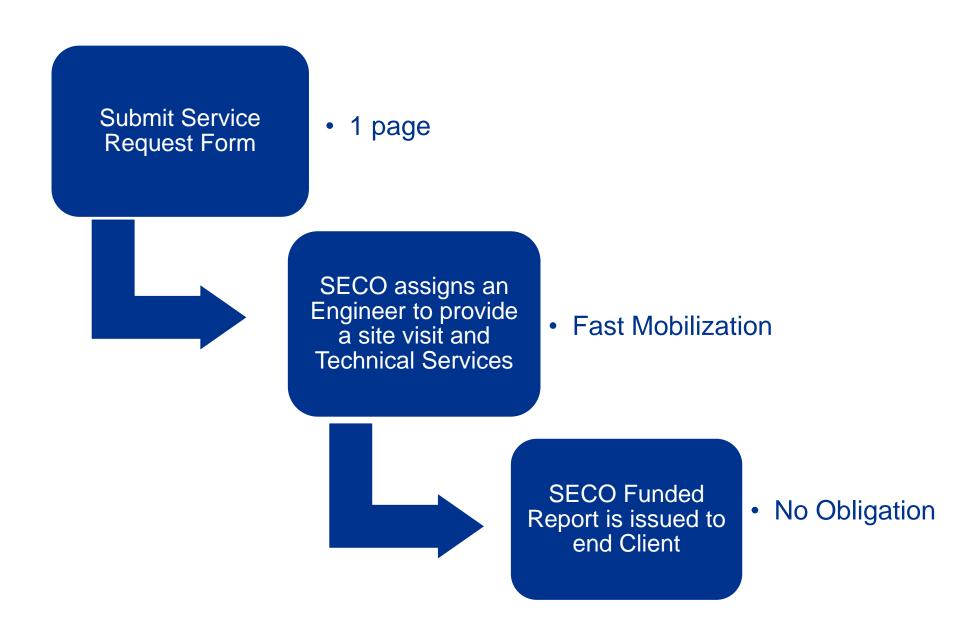
#### **How to Apply**

To initiate participation in the program, complete the Technical Assistance Request Form and email it to Stephen Ross.

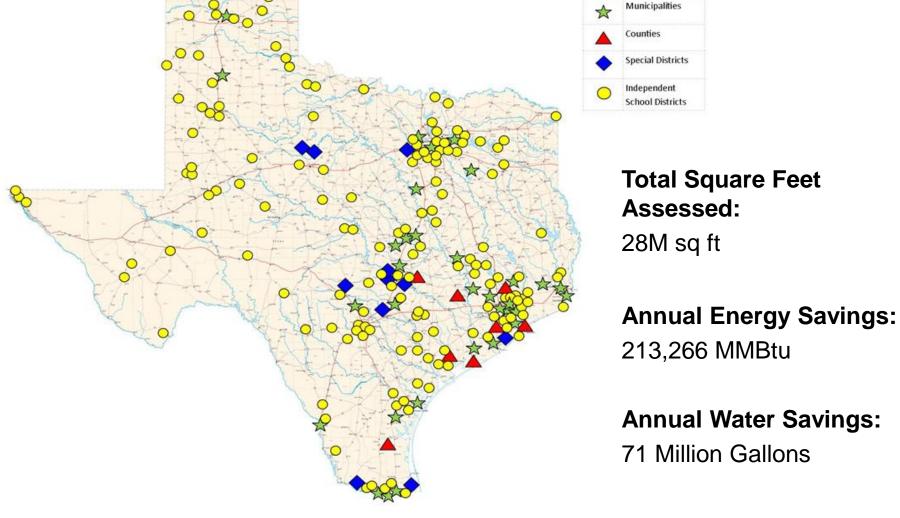
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**PEA Completions:** 



**Identified Potential Annual Savings (2014 – 2016)** 









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## Availability and Interest Rates

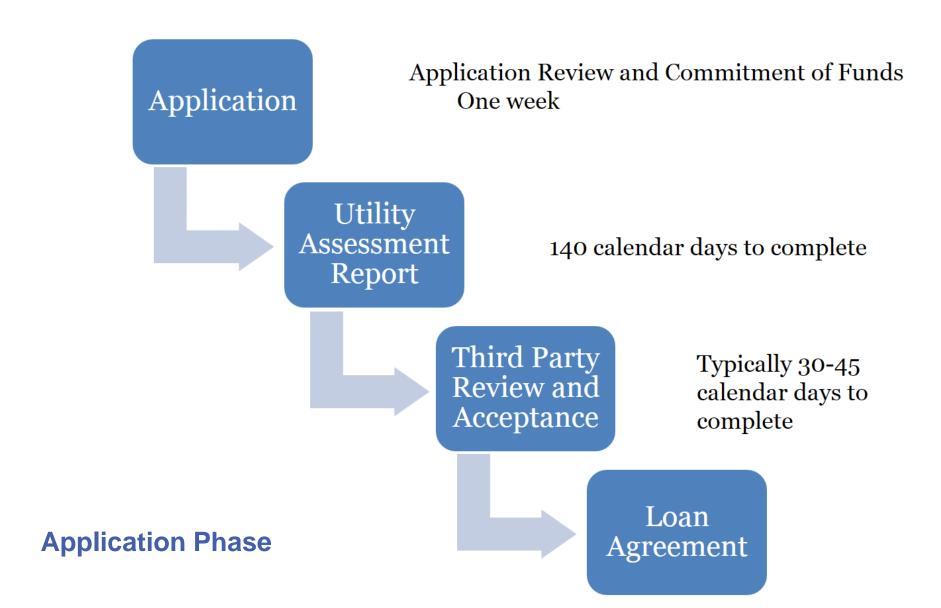
- Issuance: October 19, 2018
- Deadline: August 31, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. CT
- Maximum Loan Amount: \$8.0 million
- Maximum 3 loans per borrower per application period
- <u>Recent NOLFA Interest Rates</u>
  - 2% interest
  - 1% interest (ARRA restrictions and reporting)

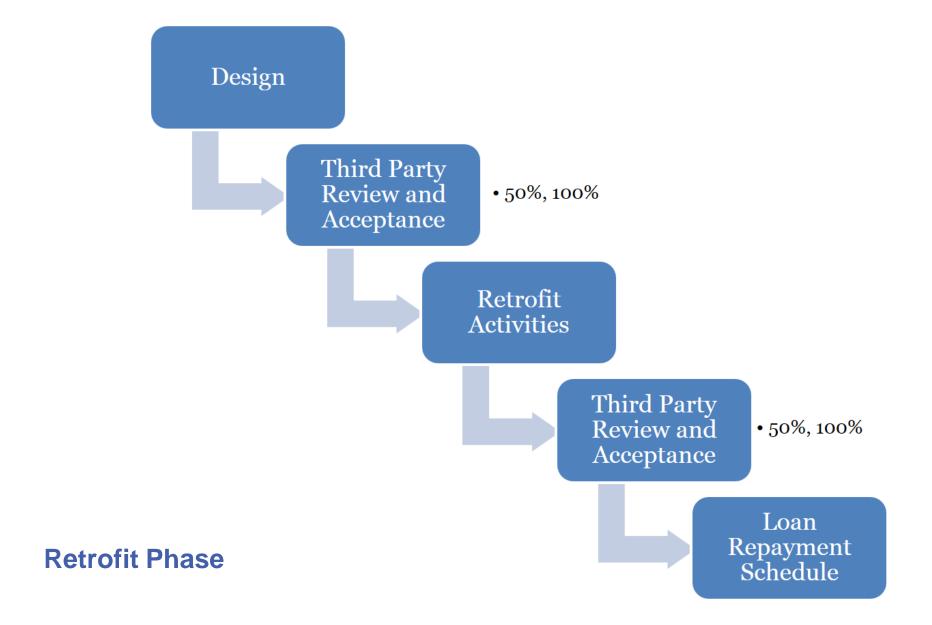


## 300 loans, Over \$400 million

Borrower	Number of Loans	Average Simple Payback (years)
K-12 Public Schools	134	8
State Agencies	72	7
<b>Local Governments</b>	57	9
Higher Education	14	9
Hospitals	13	8

Borrower	Number of Design Build or Design Bid Build Contracts	
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State Agencies	59	13
Local Governments	41	16
Higher Education	13	1
Hospitals	12	1









#### Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)

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## **HVAC Design Changes**

Schools and Local Governments Considerations

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## What's Happening?

Changes in HVAC Design
And
What they mean to you

#### From 2004 to 2013, Eight Climate Zones for 90.1

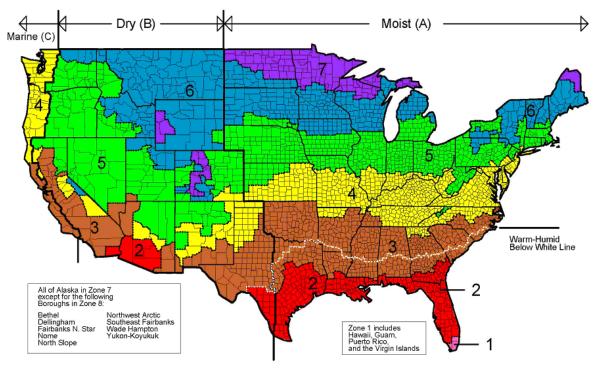
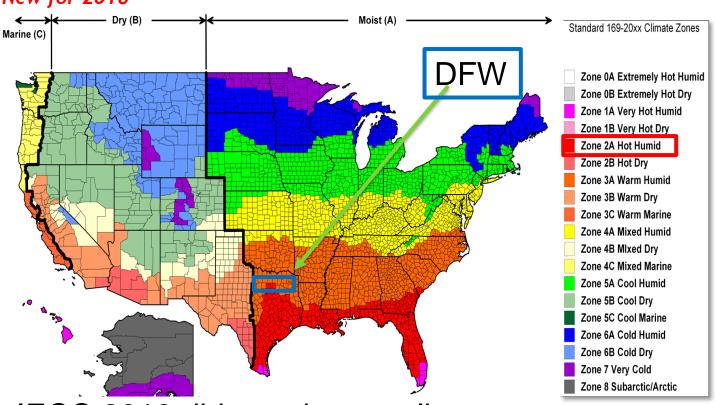


Figure B-1 Climate Zones for United States Locations (Page 134 of Std. 90.1-2010)

ASHRAE 90.1 and the IECC agreed on this map







The IECC 2018 did not change climate zones



#### 50% AEDGs 7 years old

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Reposted withminor changes, 9/27/11
Reposted with errata dated 2/19/14 incorporated, 2/19/2014



# Advanced Energy Design Guide for Small to Medium Office Buildings

Achieving 50% Energy Savings
Toward a Net Zero Energy Building



#### Net Zero - 2018 AEDG - Schools First

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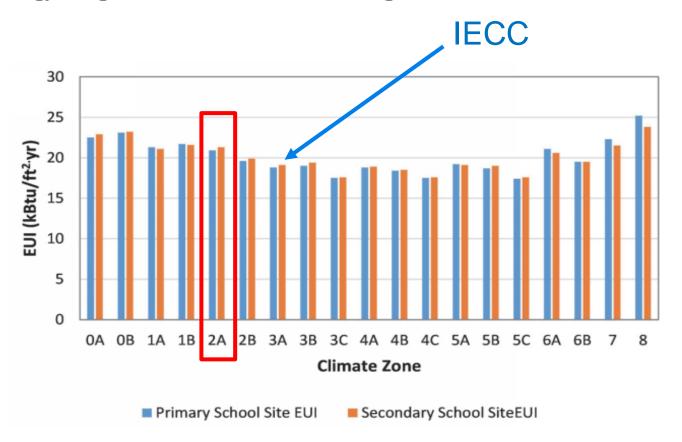
ACHIEVING
ZERO ENERGY

Advanced Energy Design Guide
for K–12 School Buildings



## **Target Site EUI**

#### 6 | Advanced Energy Design Guide for K-12 School Buildings





## Right here in DFW – page 21 of the AEDG

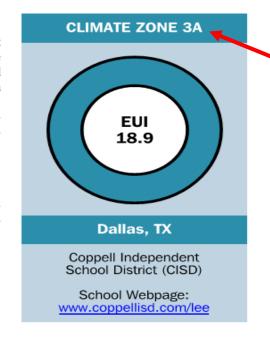
#### RICHARD J. LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Coppell Independent School District (CISD) set out to construct a sustainable 21st Century school that is sustainable, while providing the best educational environment for the students. The floor plan is arranged in eight "neighborhoods" with collaborative teaching spaces that each open up into a large multipurpose learning space.

The 358 KW solar photovoltaic (PV) system is composed of approximately 1100 panels, all roof mounted. The entire PV system was constructed within the allocated budget.

#### KEY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE FEATURES

- Variable-speed dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) with demandcontrolled ventilation to provide appropriate outdoor air to the learning environment and control building CO<sub>2</sub>
- · All spaces can control their temperature and lighting
- Geothermal HVAC
- LED lighting with 0.60 W/ft<sup>2</sup> lighting power density (LPD)
- Orientation and windows to maximize natural lighting and students' views
- 2900 W wind turbine
- · Recycled products integrated into design
- · Reduced construction waste.
- 20,000 gal rainwater storage tank for flushing toilets and urinals



Built in 2014, before the weather changed



## **Changing in Your Building – HVAC Cost %**



Latent Loads

How many of you have a humidistat in your building

**Outside Air** 

DDC

**Controls** 

Variable Everything

Lighting

Envelope

Equipment

Sensible Loads



#### Richard J. Lee

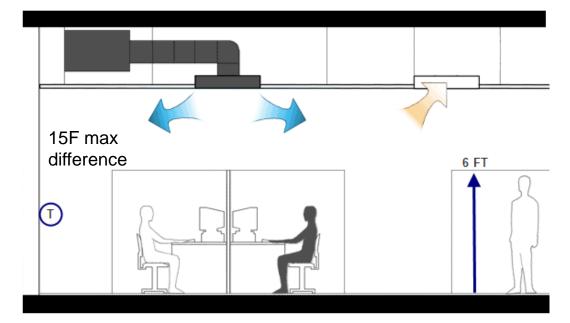
- Used DOAS to control outside air normally largest cooling load in DFW
- Used Demand-Controlled Ventilation to reduce outside air
- Used Geothermal HVAC to reduce cost of rejecting heat and serve the loads with water instead of air.
  - Do not blow air for long distances (2018 Decentralized systems)
  - AEDG 2018 Single zone chilled water fan coils, VRF systems, and GSHP
  - What happened to VAV systems?
- You have to use DOAS in the DFW area
- You do not have to use Geothermal



# ASHRAE 62.1 VAV rules – Most popular System

1

15F max difference between supply and T stat 100 FPM 4' from floor Or 20% more OA to supply warm air and return warm air at the ceiling



2

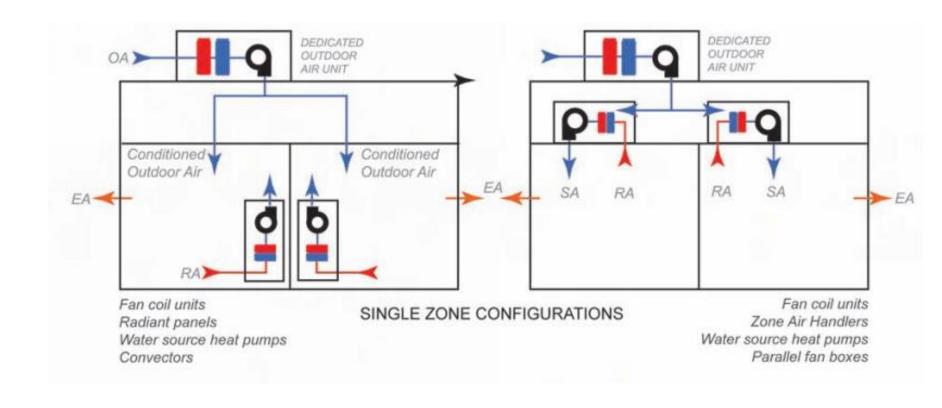
% OA supplied to space is set by the space that needs the highest % served by the AHU



Low sensible load. Cooling CFM at full load less than 0.5 CFM Part load down to 0.2 CFM cooling. Heating CFM more than the 50% allowed by ASHRAE 90.1 People want to have air movement in the space. Water flow very low. Series Fan Powered Boxes are needed.

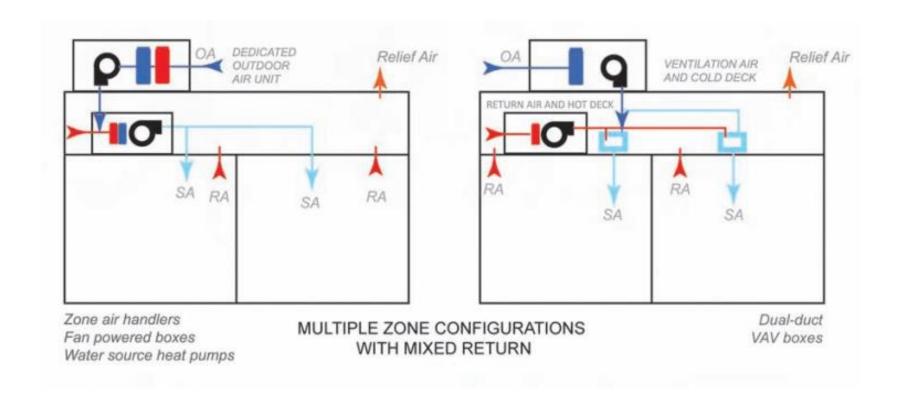


## Single Zone DOAS – to the room / to the unit



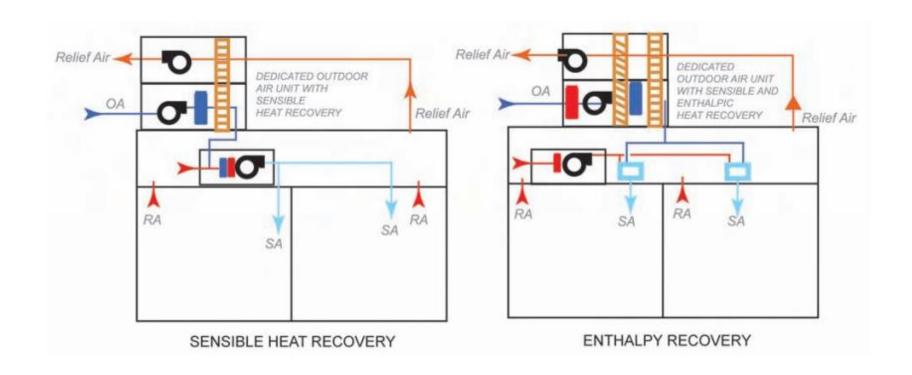


## Multiple Zone – to the room / to the unit ASHRAE 62.1



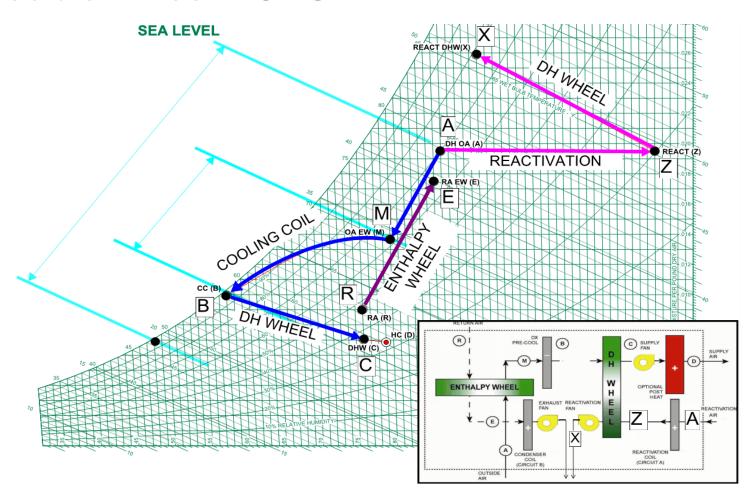


## **Use Energy Recovery – Everybody Does**



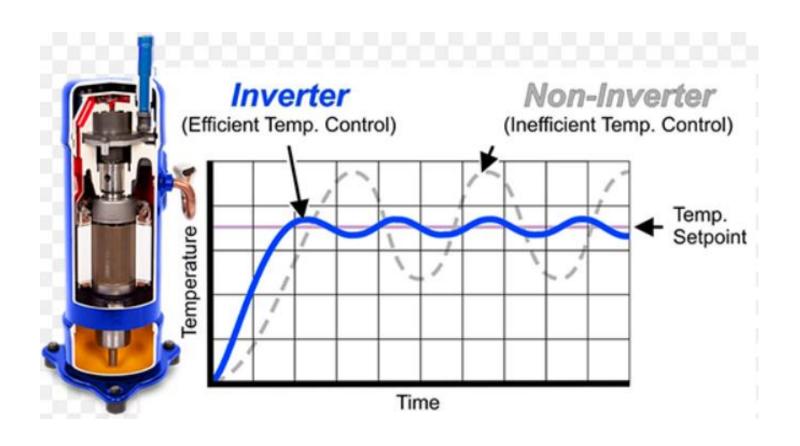


#### **Double Wheel DOAS**





## **New RTUs – Variable Speed Compressors**





#### **Questions**



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## **SECO – Basic Utility Bill Analysis**

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## **Utility Rate Analysis - Energy Cost Savings**

- Typical billing parameters for analysis:
  - Supply
    - Customer Charges
    - Supply Charges (kWh)
      - Time-of-Use (Month, Day, Hour)
      - Consumption Blocks
  - Delivery
    - Transmission & Distribution (kW, kWh)
      - Time-of-Use (Month, Day, Hour)
      - NCP (kW)
      - 4CP (kW)
      - Demand Ratchet (kW)
      - Power Factor (kW)
    - Riders (kW, kWh)
  - Taxes





## **Utility Rate Analysis - Energy Cost Savings**

Sample Bill



Component	Charge	Unit	Description
Customer Charge:	\$6.80	per month	Base Charge
	\$22.14	per month	Meter Charge
	\$11.59	per month	Energy Efficiency Charge
	\$3.980	per month	Advanced Meter Charge
Consumption Charge	\$0.05974	per kWh	REP charge
	\$0.000654	per kWh	System Benefit Fund
	-\$0.00025	per kWh	RTSPP Settle Charge
Demand Charge	\$4.38000	per Billed KW	Distribution Charge (Annual Load Factor > 26%)
	\$5.01000	per Billed KW	Distribution Charge (Annual Load Factor 21%-25%)
	\$5.16000	per KW	Distribution Charge (Annual Load Factor 16%-20%)
	\$5.47000	per KW	Distribution Charge (Annual Load Factor 11%-15%)
	\$6.10000	per KW	Distribution Charge (Annual Load Factor 0%-10%)
	\$2.22297	per kW	Transmission Cost Recovery Factor
	\$0.17100	per Billed KW	Transition Charge TC1
	\$0.26400	per Billed KW	Transition Charge TC2
	\$0.007521	per Billed KW	Rate Case Surcharge
	\$0.04400	per Billed KW	Nuclear Decommission Charge

## **Utility Rate Analysis - Energy Cost Savings**

Time-of-Use



#### SUMMARY OF BILLING COMPONENTS:

	Summer (Jun-Sep)	Winter (Oct-May)
Customer Charge:	\$1,000.00/month	\$1,000.00/month
Energy Charges:	_	•

Block 1, first 250 KWH/KW:	\$0.0369/KWH	\$0.0369/KWH
Block 2, all remaining KWH:	\$0.0329/KWH	\$0.0329/KWH
Average Fuel Adj. Cost <sup>1</sup> :	\$0.01104/KWH	\$0.01104/KWH
Average Reg. Adj. Cost <sup>1</sup> :	\$0.00271/KWH	\$0.00271/KWH

Summer

#### Demand Charges:

· ·		
Direct Demand Charge:	\$10.45/KW	\$8.30/KW



Winter

### **Utility Rate Analysis - Energy Cost Savings**

### Riders



II. Nuclear Decommissioning Charge: See Rider NDC per kWh

III. Transmission Cost Recovery Factor: See Rider TCRF

IV. Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor: See Rider EECRF

V. Competitive Meter Credit: See Rider CMC

Other Charges or Credits

VI. Rate Case Expense Surcharge: See Rider RCE per kWh

VII. Remand Surcharge: See Rider RS per kWh

VIII. Capital Structure Refund: See Rider CSR per kWh

IX. Distribution Cost Recovery Factor: See Rider DCRF per kWh

X. Tax Refund Factor: See Rider TRF per kWh



# **Utility Rate Analysis - Energy Cost Savings**

### Power Factor



Meter	Type	Dates	Current Meter Read	Previous Meter Read		kWh Usage	kW Demand	Power Factor
091692353LG	ACT	03/18 - 04/16		5798.99	1500	180,039.60		0.9
<b>Current Char</b>	ges					Qty I	Rate	Amount
Electric Service	•					•		
CKWH: Com	merc	ial Energy			180,039	.60 0.0	5530	\$9,956.19
HUB-LZ Basi	s Cha	arge			180,039	.60 0.0	0291	\$523.97
TDSP: TDSF								\$8,587.00
DIS001:Dis	tributio	on Charge			938	9.00 5.	01000	\$4,704.39
MSC025:Nu	MSC025:Nuclear Decommissioning				1,222	2.00 0.	04400	\$53.77
BAS001:Basic Customer Charge					1.00 6.	80000	\$6.80	
TRN002:Fir	m Po	oint to Poir	nt Transmis	sion Service	84	5.00 3.	77038	\$3,185.97
BAS003:De	livery	Point Charge	9			1.00 22.	14000	\$22.14
MSC041:Er	nergy	Efficiency	Cost Reco	very Factor	180,03	9.00 0.	00035	\$63.55
MSC049:Ra	ate Ca	se Expenses	Surcharge		1,222	2.00 0.	01140	\$13.93
MSC029:Re	ecover	y of securit	tzed portion	of stranded	1,22	2.00 0.	17200	\$210.18
MSC036:Re	ecover	y of securit	tized regulat	ory assets -	1,22	2.00 0.	26700	\$326.27
Total Current C								\$19,067.16

# **Utility Rate Analysis - Energy Cost Savings**

Unmetered Facilities



### **MONTHLY RATE**

I. Unmetered Facilities

Points of Delivery (POD) Charge: \$57.41 per governmental entity served by the Competitive Retailer.

Lamp	Watts	Lumens	kWh	Schedule			Rectangular*	Post-Top*
				Δ	B*	C* and D		
Metal Halide	150	14,000	65	\$12.42	N.A	\$1.43	N.A.	N.A.
	175 (see note 2)	14,000	65	\$12.42	\$18.80	\$1.43	N.A.	N.A.
	250	25,000	100	\$14.26	\$22.29	\$2.13	\$36.62	N.A.
	400	36,000	160	\$14.74	\$23.04	\$3.34	\$36.62	N.A.
	1,000*	110,000	370	\$17.75	\$26.03	\$7.56	\$40.98	N.A.
LED/Low Wattage (See Note 3)	100		40	N.A.	N.A.	\$0.92	N.A.	N.A.



# Renewable Energy Planning & Procurement for Cost Savings and Budget Certainty

# November 1, 2018 Presented at North Central Texas Council of Governments Arlington, Texas













# **Speaker Introductions**

**TJ Ermoian** – TEA President & Founder

Mike Bendewald – TEA Chief Operating Officer

**Dan Seif** – Principal, Seif Consulting



# Disclaimers & Disclosures

- 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments does not endorse or recommend any energy provider, pool or purchasing method, and the material presented here today is for educational purposes.
- 2. Texas Energy Aggregation (TEA) is providing this information today at our own expense.
- 3. TEA is compensated by energy providers chosen through an RFP process meeting State purchasing standards. Compensation method for any service provided is listed on the Comptroller's TXSmartBuy web site.
- 4. TEA is only compensated if we are successful in helping a client obtain an energy agreement.
- 5. If you have interest in utilizing any of TEA's services, we would be happy to discuss further specifics with you at another date.

### Questions?

### **Meeting intention and objectives**

### Intention:

Provide NCTCOG members knowledge of opportunities to reduce cost and create long-term budget certainty through renewable energy purchasing agreements.

### **Objectives:**

- 1. To understand the fundamental economics of how renewables save energy cost and create budget certainty
- 2. To be able to summarize and simplify the contracting options and process of procurement
- To increase collaboration among peers and trust in the process
- 4. To identify common goals for aggregation potential



- Your name, title and organization
- What you hope to get out of today's workshop
- Current electricity purchasing method (if you know or would like to share)
  - Run your own RFP
  - State program (Comptroller or GLO)
  - Interlocal agreement (such as TASB, TIPS, TCAP)
  - Other method?

### **State Contract Design and Organization**



**Texas Comptroller, Statewide Procurement Division** designs and releases RFP in 2017 for **Electricity Sourcing Services** interlocal purchasing contract

Any State agency, municipality,

school district, college or university

may use this contract through the

TXSmartBuy portal



The State Energy **Conservation Office** is chosen to oversee this contract and the RFP process



2018 - State approval of Texas Power Pool through **Electricity Sourcing Services** contract terms

Non-profit Rocky **Mountain Institute** is included as renewables consultant



2017 Texas Energy **Aggregation** wins RFP as selected aggregator/facilitator/consultant





Facilitated by the Texas Comptroller's Statewide Procurement Division

### Purpose: To provide a simplified method for public entities to:

- Participate in renewable energy buys
- Achieve the lowest historical fixed energy rates
- Ensure adherence to safe, legal State purchasing guidelines
- Access to other comprehensive services in a simplified, unified contract, including:
  - Demand Response programs (voluntary load shedding or dispatch of backup generation assets) for additional revenue/cost reductions
  - On-site solar to reduce regulated delivery costs
  - Includes regulated areas



### **Ground Rules**

- Be present
- Confidentiality
- Step forward, step backward



# Today's agenda

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[2:55-3:10] Experiences\*

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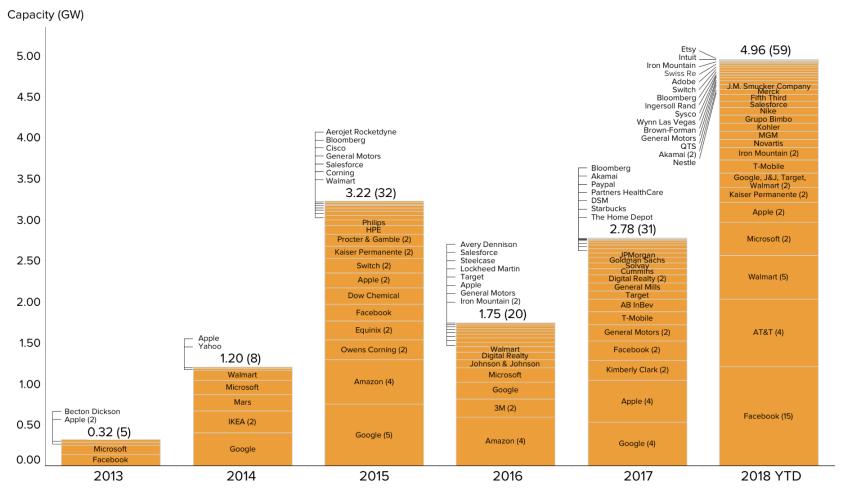
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# Corporates are driving much of the demand for utility-scale power purchase agreements



### Corporate Renewable Deals

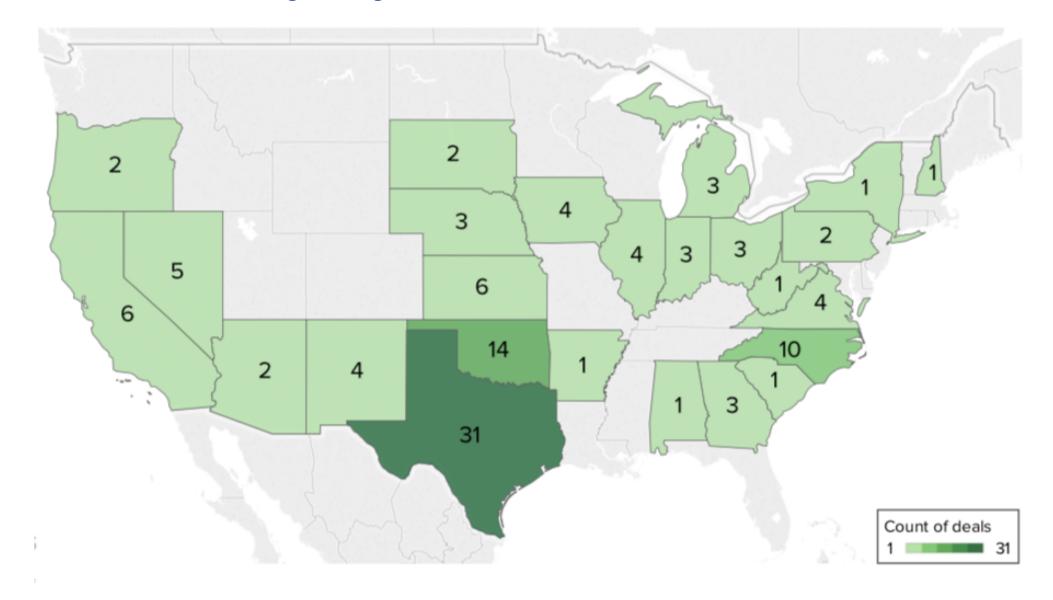
2013 - 2018 YTD



As of October 17, 2018. Publicly announced contracted capacity of corporate Power Purchase Agreements, Green Power Purchases, Green Tariffs, and Outright Project Ownership in the US, 2013 – 2018 YTD. Excludes on-site generation (e.g., rooftop solar PV) and deals with operating plants. (#) indicates number of deals each year by individual companies.

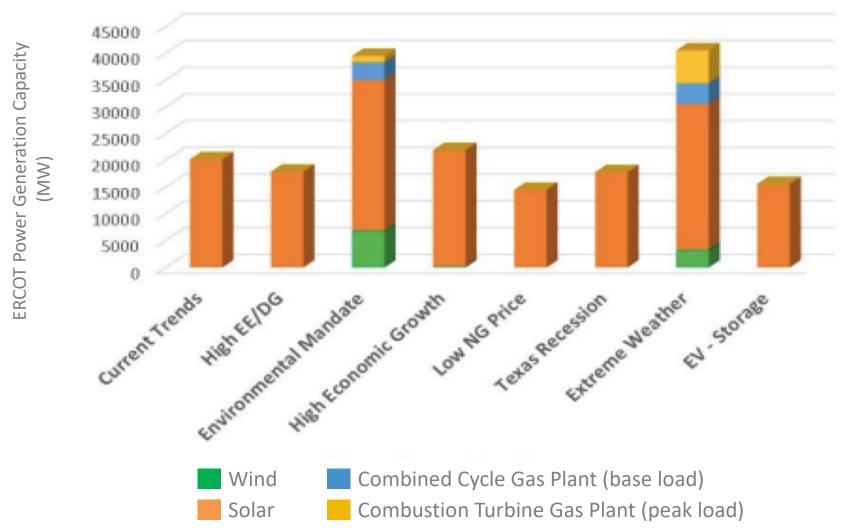
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# Most deals are getting done in Texas



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# ERCOT's outlook on new-build generation concludes solar is most cost effective the next 20 years





# City of Houston — off-site solar generation

### Description

- "SolaireHolman" 50 MW solar array
- PPA executed in 2016, online in 2017
- 20 year contract
- Meets 10.5% of Houston's municipally owned load

# OKLAHOMA Nongergen Angels AND MERICO Lalgos Fort Worthe 2 Designation CHITUAHIA Origination CHITUAHIA Origination COMMUNIA CONSTITUTE CON

203,840 panels, assembled by 148 workers, power....

#### Lessons

- Long-term (>15 years) necessary for cost savings
- Node for this project has been poorly priced
- Cost savings are somewhat difficult to track
- May be possible to increase project sizes if more power demand viable

#### **Benefits**

- ~\$2m/yr average savings over term
- Budget certainty for 10.5% of energy-portion of power bill
- #1 US EPA ranking for local government green power users
- #7 ranking by US EPA for overall green power users



Zoo Bob Lanier Public Works Bldg. IAH Terminals WWT Plants

"As the nation's largest municipal purchaser of green power, we are living proof that large, industrial cities like Houston can have a robust economy but also help fight climate change"

- Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner



# University aggregation case study

### **Description**

- Aggregation of George Washington
   University (GW), American University (AU)
   and the George Washington University
   Hospital (GWUH)
- 53.5 MW of solar

#### Lessons

- Signed a 20-year power purchase agreement
- ~50% of power consumption is met by solar, remainder is market power

#### **Benefits**

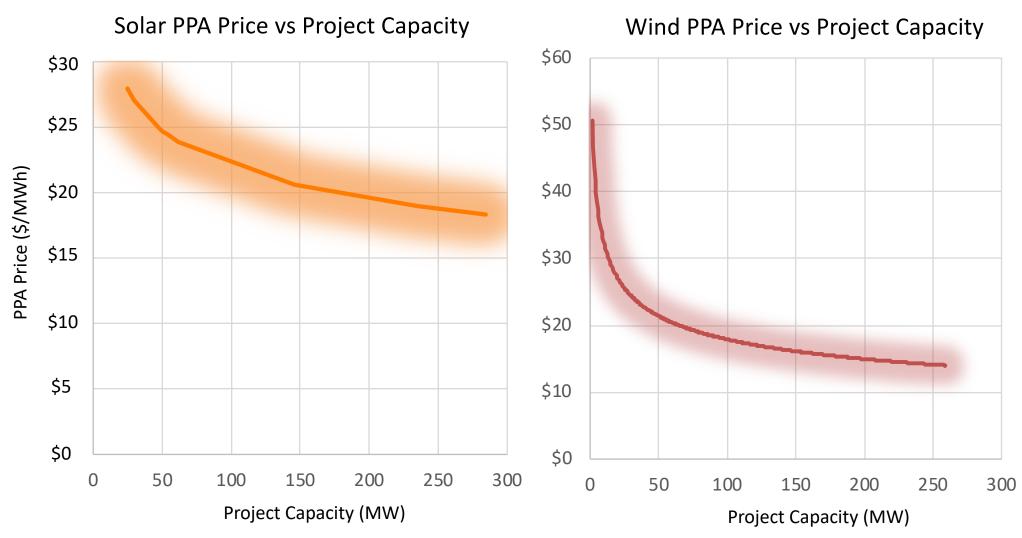
- Reach carbon reduction goal
- Economic savings over time



"It really is a model for what universities and other institutions can do together to build capacity for alternative energy."

 Steven Knapp, GW President, during remarks to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the project completion

# PPA price variability: Bigger projects offer lower pricing



Data source: Lawrence Berkeley National Lab; data does not distinguish between hub and zone settlement; assume +/- \$4/MWh margin of error



# Move quickly or wait?

### **Current Status**

- Solar and wind PPAs at all time low pricing
- Imposition of panel trade tariffs in early 2018 have caused solar PPA pricing plateau, but not increase
- Presumption that wind and solar PPAs only get cheaper is not accurate –
   Wind PPAs got more expensive for 6 consecutive years (2003–2009)
- Immediate savings available

### **Risks of Waiting**

- Elimination-or-reduction of TX Section 313 property tax abatements by Comptroller
- Increases in solar/wind (and related materials like steel) tariffs
- Increase in power market futures prices (projects will then sell at market and not cost)—market prices currently near record lows
- Tax credits are coming to an end—last opportunity is 2020 for wind and 2020–2023 for solar (steps down over 3 years from 30% to 10%)

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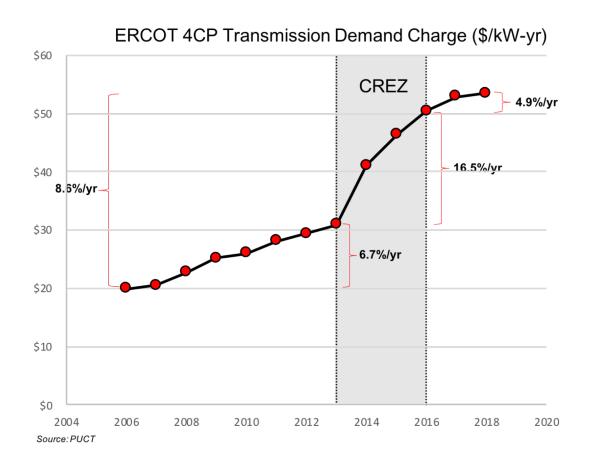
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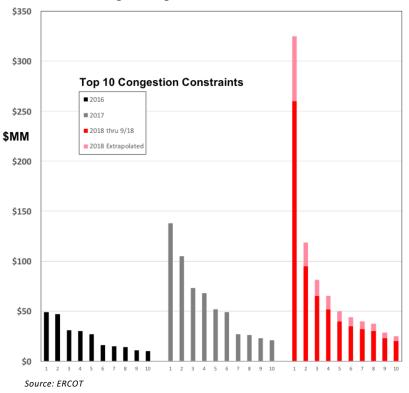
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- Located on site of the buyer's facility
- Transmission costs have been on the rise, creating tremendous economic case
- Regulated-region customers can work with local co-op or muni

# **ERCOT Transmission Charge Escalation**



### Worsening Congestion Drives More Transmission



# **ERCOT Transmission Charge Escalation**

- Oncor transmission charges will closely follow ERCOT "Postage Stamp" Rate
- Slight discount to "Postage Stamp" rate due to cross-subsidization (small commercial and residential paying a little more than their fair share)

ERCOT "Postage Stamp" Rate = \$53.58 / kW-yr = \$4.47 / kW-mth Sept. '18 Average Oncor Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") = \$47.48 / kW-yr = \$3.96 / kW-mth

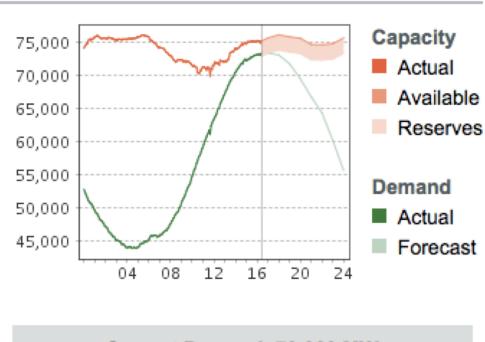
Oncor - Docket 48408					
Class	Charg	es			
Secondary > 10 kW IDR	per 4CP kW	\$4.566693			
Primary > 10 kW IDR	per 4CP kW	\$4.107310			
Primary > 10 kW Substation	per 4CP kW	\$3.148377			
Transmission IDR	per 4CP kW	\$4.006269			

# On-site solar reduces transmission charges

Every 4CP moment has occurred between 3:45 and 5pm...

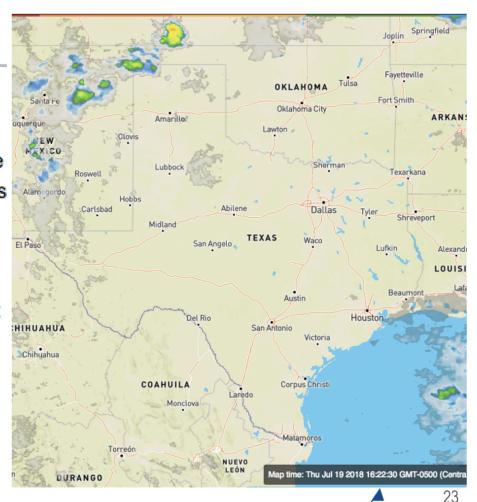
...No need to enroll in 4CP predictive services because the sun is shining >90% of time

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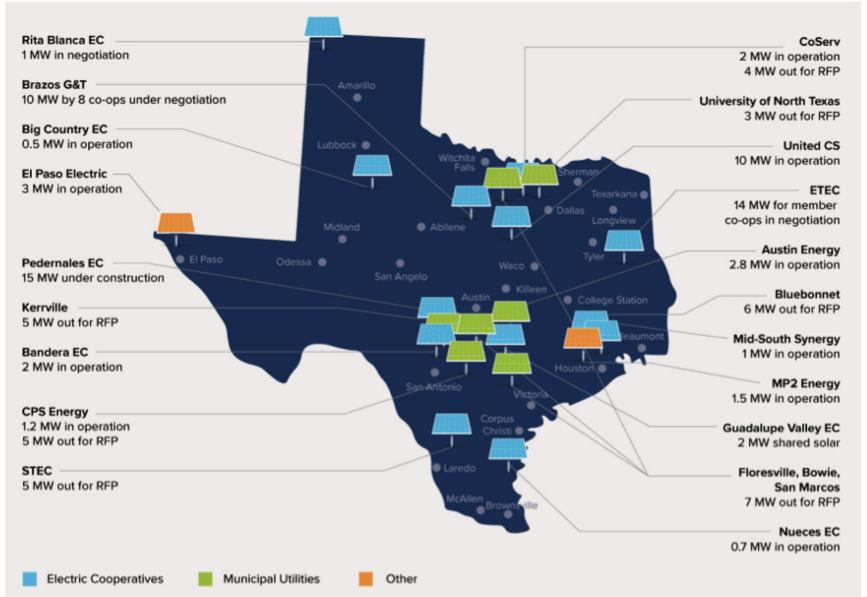


Current Demand: 73,360 MW

Last Updated: Jul 19, 2018 - 16:24



# Co-ops and muni's are racing ahead with solar



# City of Kerrville — utility-customer solar generation agreement

### **Description**

- Local non-profits host solar arrays for municipal utility, KPUB
- Projects are front-of-the-meter (on distribution grid)
- Sized at 0.99 MW to capture transmission savings
- Hosts receive discounted power rates
- Remaining power provides lower rates to low income housing.
- KPUB developed tariff structure, determined hosting finalists, and awarded solar projects in 2018

#### Lessons

- Took a substantial time and internal resources for KPUB to find non-profit hosts and the solar provider
- Utility-scale renewables procurement is a lower resource burden for KPUB

#### **Benefits**

- Provides savings to KPUB via transmission (4CP) and energy cost savings – savings passed on to hosts and low-income housing
- Property tax payments of power projects stays within community



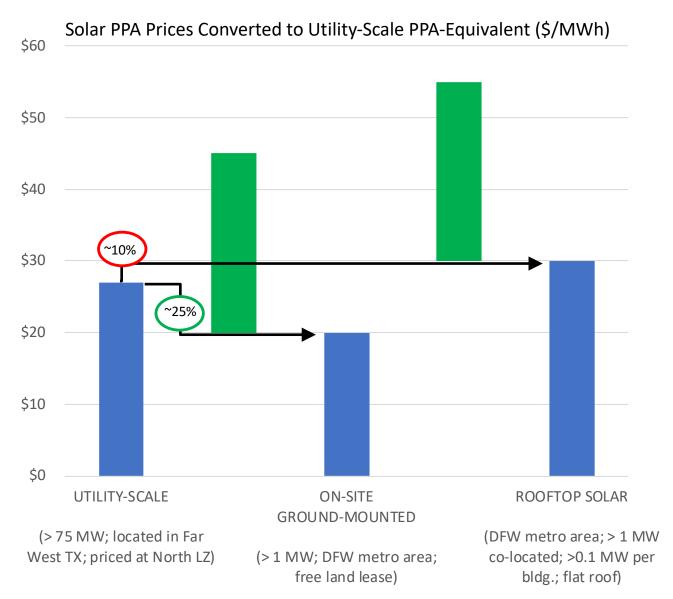
# 'Solar Partners' chosen for two local panel sites

Mike Wittler, general manager of Kerrville Public Utility Board, explained the planned north-south orientation of solar panels to be erected on this acreage on Schreiner University's Weston Farm between East Main Street and Singing Wind Drive. The SU property is one of two leases set for the project.

Source: Hill Country Community Journal

# Comparing utility- and distributed-scale solar

### **UTILITY SCALE versus DISTRIBUTED SCALE**



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# Experiences

### 2:55-3:10

- 1. Form small groups
- 2. Share your experiences with renewables (10 min)
  - a) Have you considered renewables? Why or why not?
  - b) How did the renewable energy offers perform?
- 3. Sharing in the plenary (5 min)
  - a) Volunteers share their discussions/insights

# Framework: How do the renewables energy offers perform?

Performance Indicator	Performance 1 = very weak 5 = very strong
Contracting simplicity	
Competitively bid on supplier qualifications	
Competitively bid on price	
Budget certainty	
Length of contract	
Cost savings	
Ability to track savings	
Additionality (sustainability)	
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# Framework: Rate your priorities

Performance Indicator	How important?  1 = not important  5 = very important
Contracting simplicity	
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# Distributed Solar: Options for Procurement

### **Description**

### **Assessment**

1. Selfprocurement

- Release RFP
- Evaluate bids and select a provider
- Highly customized
- Proceed at your own pace
- Higher price

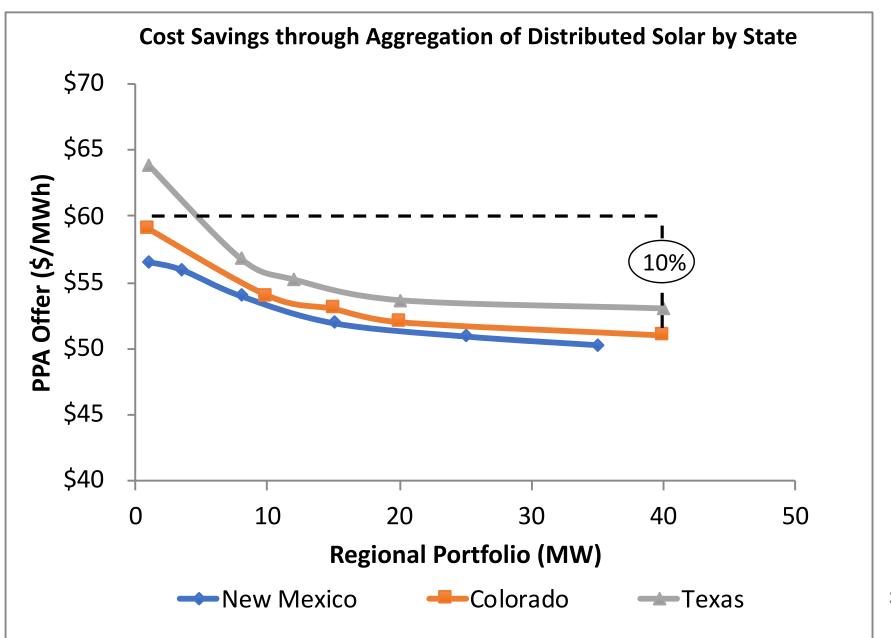
- 2. Muni or Co-op
- Work with local utility to procure the solar
- Bilateral contract/tariff
- Enables transmission cost savings for better economics
- Can be part of an aggregation
- Muni or co-op can be challenging to work with

3. Aggregation

- Multiple entities release RFP together
- Individual contracts

- Can reduce cost by ~10% in relation to self-procurement
- Additional buyers can complicate the procurement

# Aggregation of distributed solar saves 10% on PPA price



# Utility-scale Renewables: Options for Procurement

### **Description**

1. Retail Electricity Provider

- Contract for "100% renewable" power
- Fixed price, matches load
- 2–10 year term

2. PowerPurchaseAgreement

- Agreement with renewable project developer
- Variable volume, fixed price
- 15–20 year term

3. Public Power Blocks

- Subscription to an aggregated power purchase
- Fixed price block
- 15–20 year term

Public Power Block is the biggest public entity renewables aggregation, offering low prices and budget certainty



### What it is

- A 150+ MW block of power composed of new-build solar, new-build wind, and grid power (natural gas, coal, nuclear, and existing renewables)
- 15–20 year term, beginning mid-2020
- To be competitively bid on <u>price</u> and qualifications for the Texas Power Pool early 2019

### Why it matters

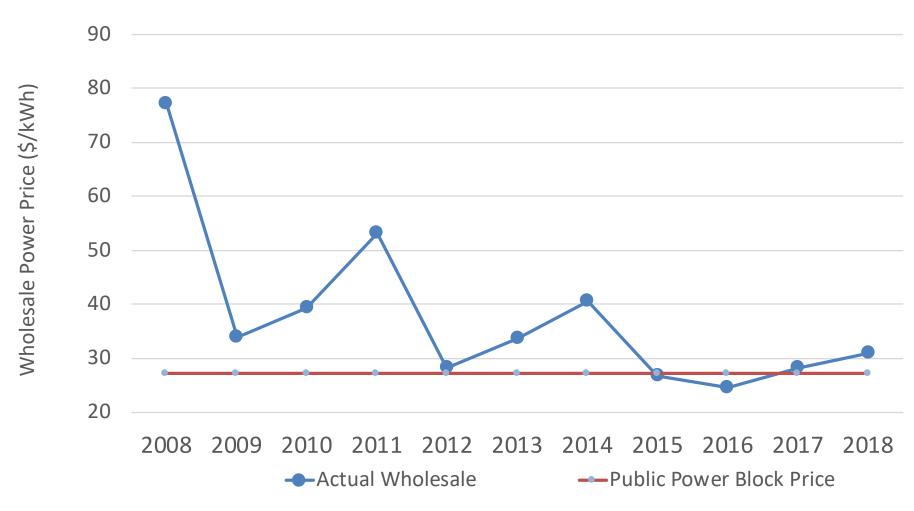
- Immediate cost savings
- Reduced exposure to electricity market volatility
- Integrates with existing and future retail electricity provider contracts
- Enables 150–200 MW of new-build solar and/or wind
- Creates revenue for Texas university systems

### **Target Customers**

- State of Texas entities or AA-rated-or-higher Texas municipal entities, ISDs and universities
- Minimum 20 million kWh annual power consumption

# The Public Power Block (PPB) enables public entities to lock in historic low *temporary* pricing, but now for 15–20 years





Source: Actual wholesale values are historical load zone settlement prices taken from ERCOT State of the Market reports.



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# **Action Planning**

### 4:00-4:25

- 1. Form small groups
- 2. How can you overcome renewable energy procurement challenges? (5 min)
  - a) What are your procurement challenges?
  - b) What does success look like?
- 3. What are the most important steps to take? (10 min)
  - a) What do you need to accomplish?
  - b) Who should be involved?
  - c) How will you know when you are making progress?
- 4. Sharing in the plenary (10 min)
  - a) Volunteers share their discussions/insights

# Concluding messages

- Texas Power Pool is a power purchasing option made available through the Comptroller Statewide Procurement Division
- Renewable energy is the lowest cost power in Texas if procured long-term
- No need to wait for your retail power contract to expire
- Renewable energy provides long term hedge against future prices
- Savings vs long-term market prices are not guaranteed, but most deals are done based on high probability

### THANK YOU

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