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ENERGY**

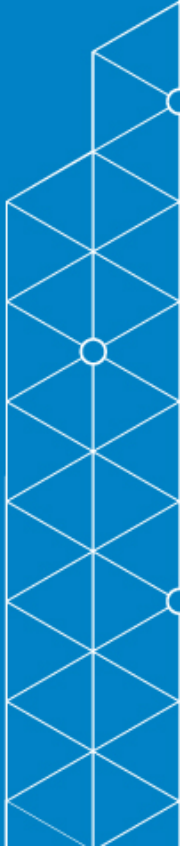
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# Integrating Renewable Energy In the Rural Midwest

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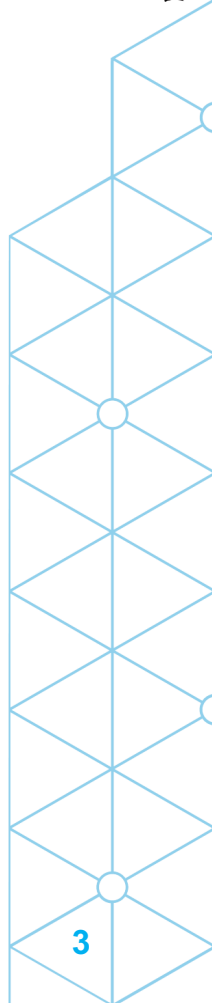
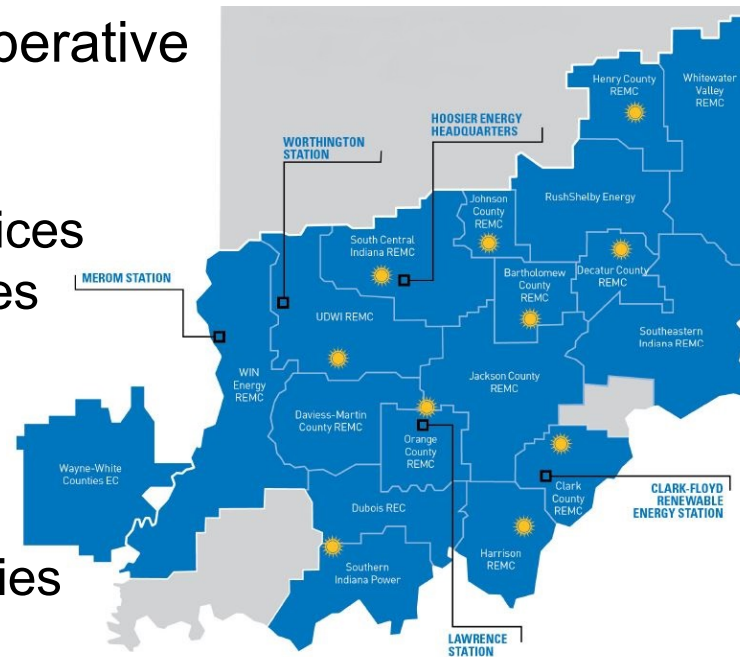


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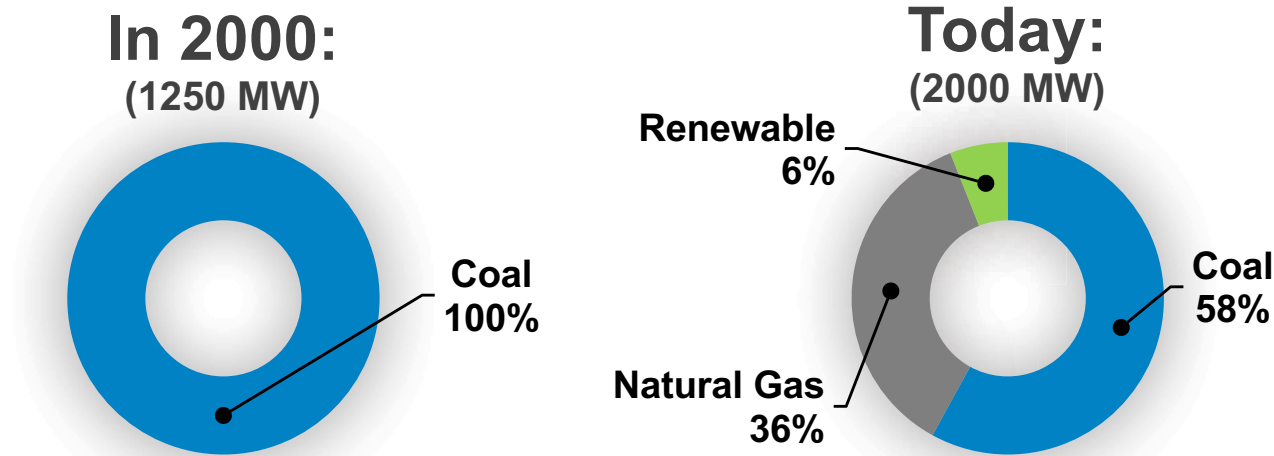
# Hoosier Energy

- Generation and Transmission Cooperative
  - Founded in 1949
  - Based in Bloomington, Indiana
  - Wholesale electric power and services
  - 18 member distribution cooperatives
  - ~2,000 MW generation
  - ~1,700 miles of transmission lines
- Member Distribution Cooperatives
  - Serve 59 Indiana and Illinois counties
  - 36,000 miles of distribution lines
  - Nearly 300,000 consumers
  - Estimated 686,000 people

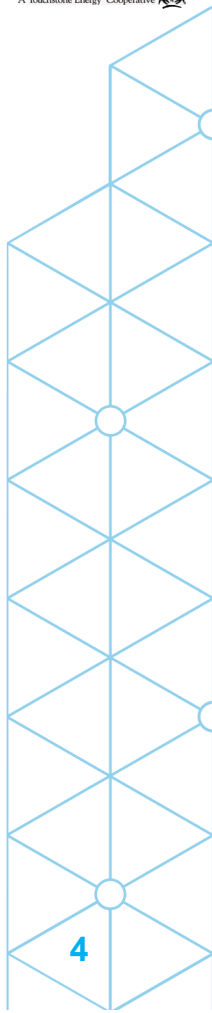


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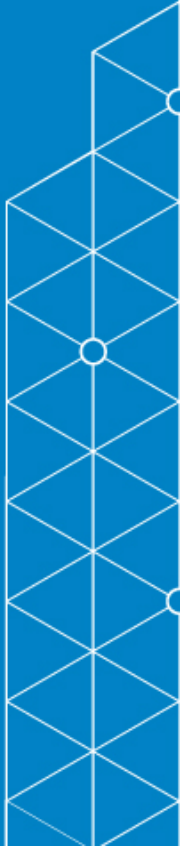
- Diversified Generation Portfolio
  - Coal, natural gas, wind, solar, hydro and landfill gas resources
  - Energy efficiency



- Voluntary Board Approved Renewable Energy Policy
  - 10 percent of member energy by 2025
- Additions since 2000 have been gas and renewables

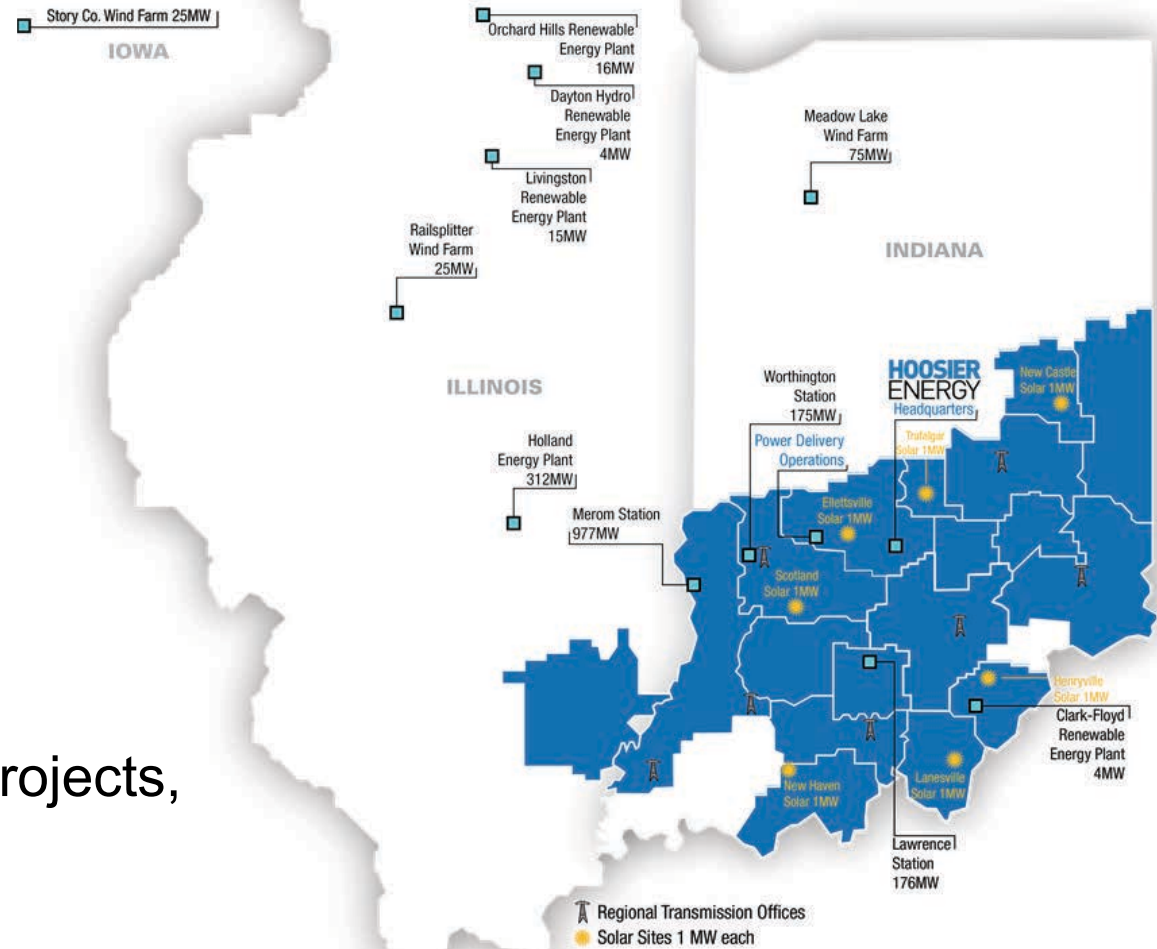


# Hoosier Energy Renewables



# Renewables

- 17 projects
- 4 technologies
  - Solar
  - Wind
  - Hydro
  - Landfill Gas
- 3 states
- 2 RTO's
- 4 PPAs, 3 owned projects, 10 leased assets

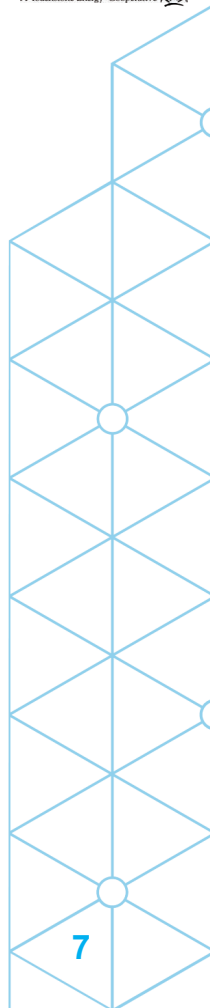


# 1MW Solar Fields Details

- 3,888 panels used in 2017 (340W)
  - 4,320 panels in 2015 (310W)
- 18 string inverters, converting 1000v DC to 480v AC
  - 2 central inverters used in 2015
- Single axis tracking system
  - Panels move as the sun moves
  - Generates 20% more energy
- 25 year life expectancy
- ~ Three month construction process
- 30% tax credit and accelerated depreciation



Ogilville Solar Site – Bartholomew County REMC & Jackson County REMC





# Landfill Gas Facilities

- **Clark Floyd Landfill Gas Facility**

- Borden, Indiana
- Clark County REMC's service territory
- 4MW

- **Livingston Landfill Gas Facility**

- Pontiac, Illinois
- 15MW capacity

- **Orchard Hills Landfill Gas Facility**

- Rockford, Illinois
- 16MW capacity



Orchard Hills Landfill Gas Facility – Rockford, Illinois



# Dayton Hydro Facility

- Power Purchase Agreement with Eagle Creek Renewables
- Located in Dayton, Illinois on the Fox River
- 3.6MW until end of 2031
- Three turbines
- In operation since 1979



# Wind Power Purchase Agreements

- **Story County Wind Farm**

- NEXtera Energy
- Story County, Iowa
- 25MW until end of 2018

- **Meadow Lake Wind Farm**

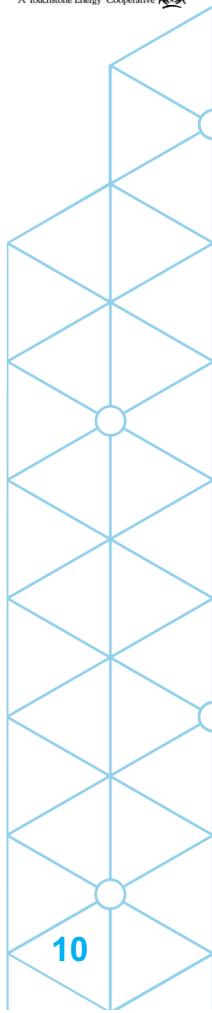
- Dedicated on Oct 10, 2017
- EDP Renewables
- Northwest Indiana
- 25MW in 2018
- Additional 50MW in 2020
- Agreement expires at end of 2039

- **Rail Splitter Wind Farm**

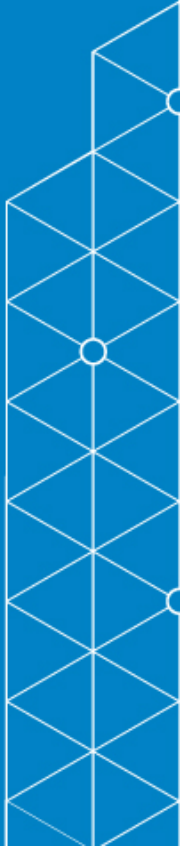
- EDP Renewables
- Central, Illinois
- 25MW until end of 2029



Meadow Lake Wind Farm Phase V Dedication –  
10/10/17

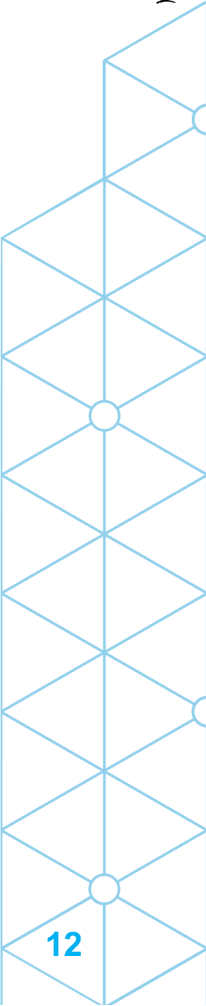
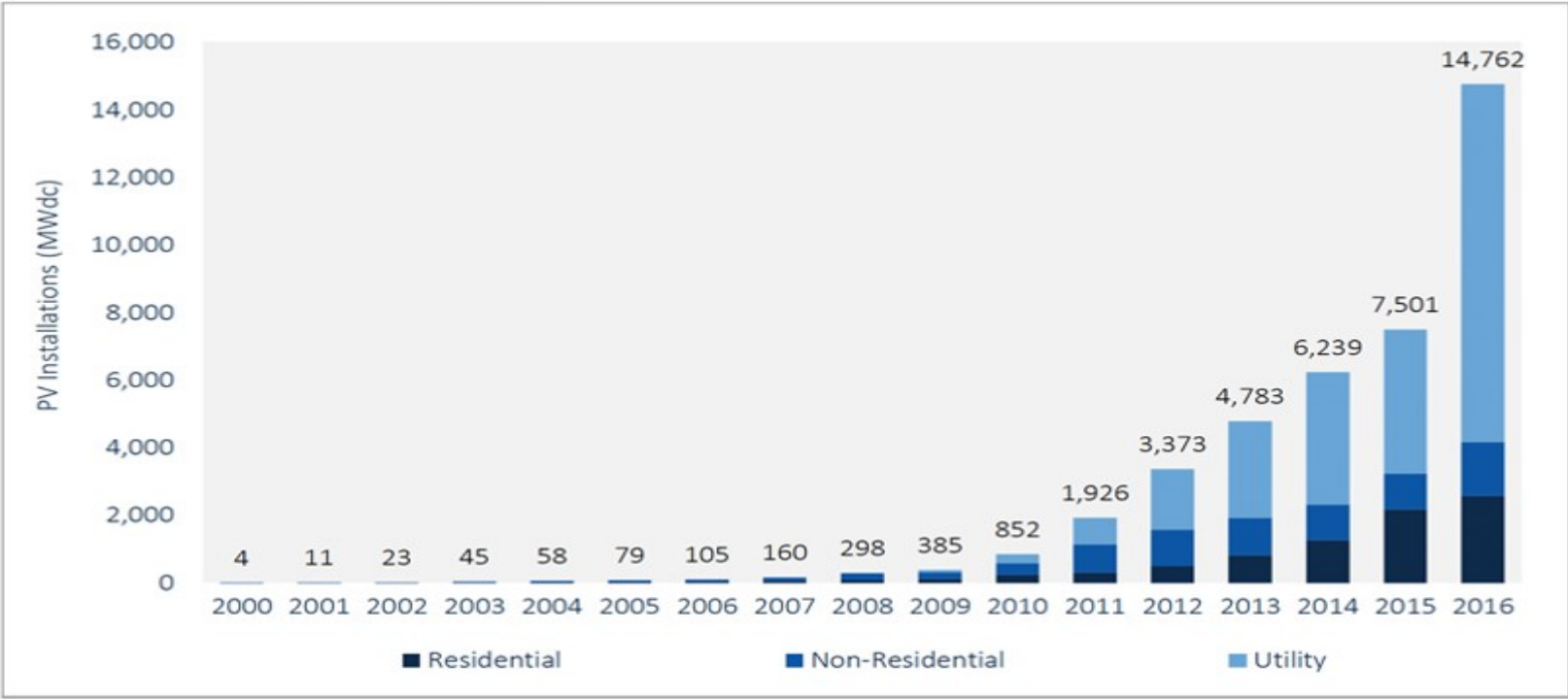


# Solar Trends



# PV Capacity (MW) Trend

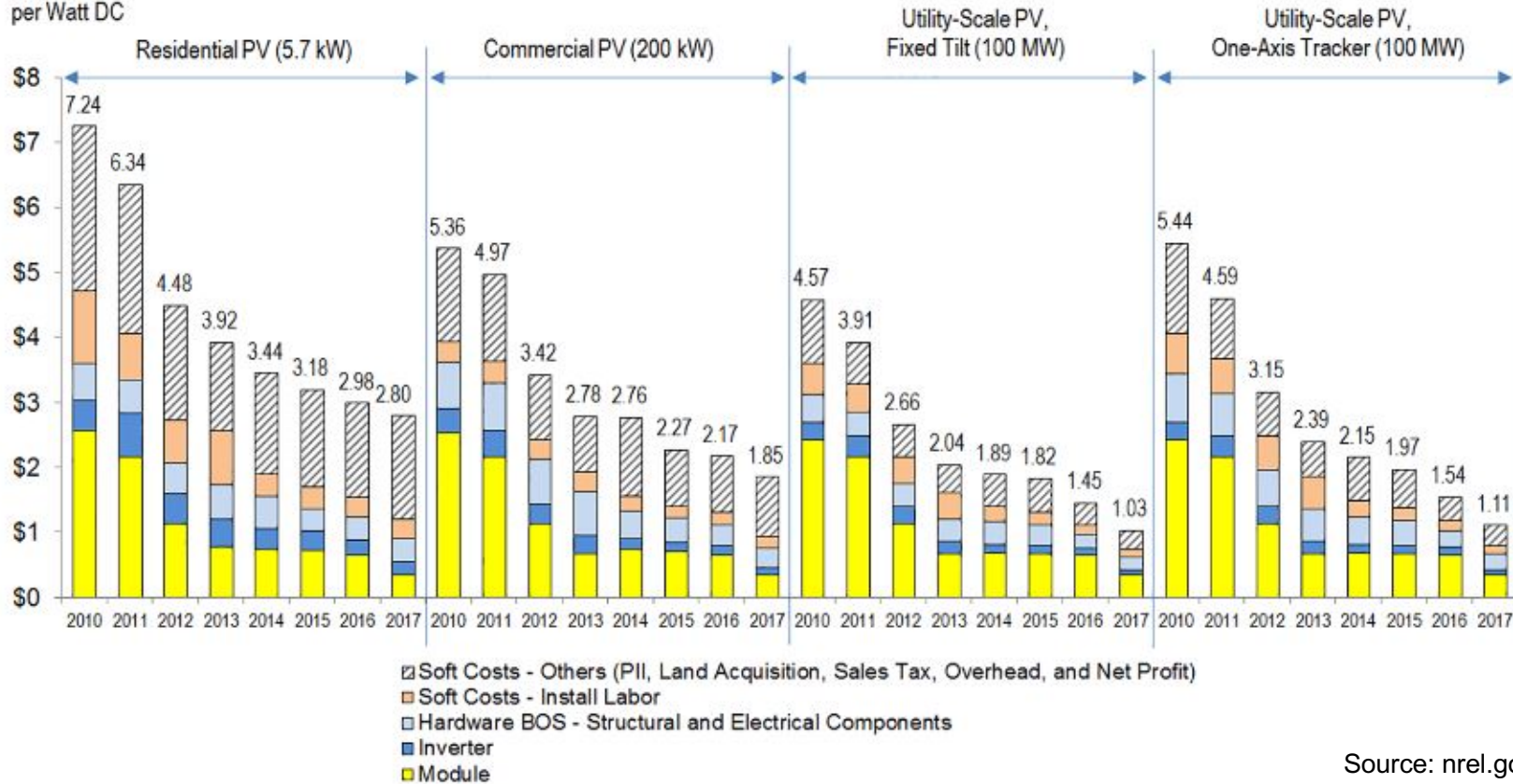
Figure 1.1 Annual U.S. Solar PV Installations, 2000-2016



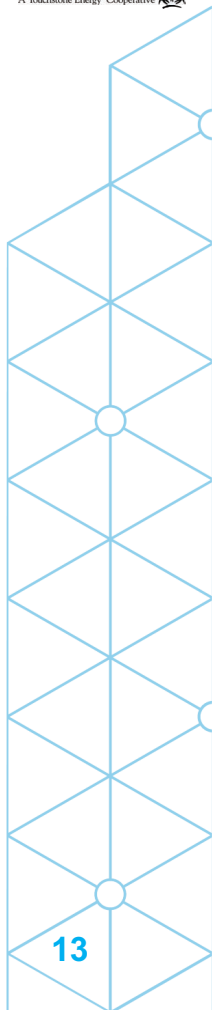
# PV Cost Trend

NREL PV system cost benchmark summary (inflation adjusted), 2010–2017

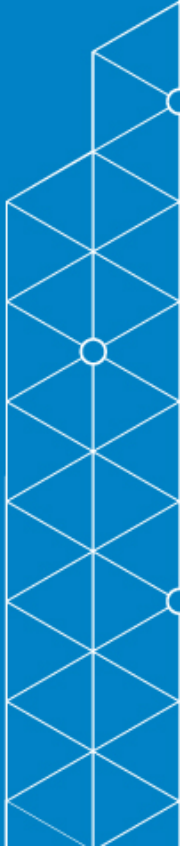
2017 USD  
per Watt DC



Source: nrel.gov



# Tools, Tips and Interconnection Process





# Production On Website

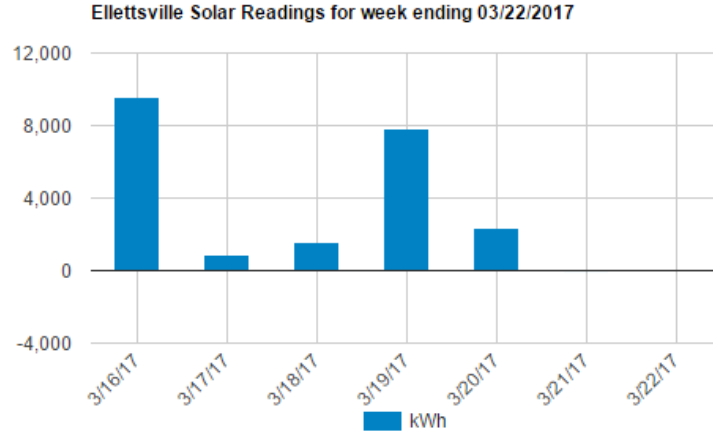
## Ellettsville Solar Generation

Select a site:

Select a start date:

### Cumulative Totals:

From  to



### Ellettsville

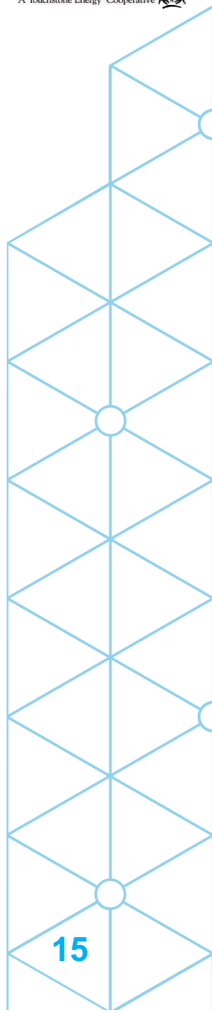
Date operational: 10/17/2016

#### Features

- 1.08MW(AC)
- 4,104 315W solar panels
- Single Axis Tracking System - 2 motors
- Power for 150 average cooperative homes each year
- 18 60kW String Inverters



<https://hoosierenergy.com/about/energy-strategy/renewable-energy/>





# Tools

- [nrel.gov](http://nrel.gov) – National Renewable Energy Laboratory
  - Free tools for all facets of renewables
    - [pvwatts.nrel.gov](http://pvwatts.nrel.gov) - estimates energy production and cost of grid-connected PV systems
    - [sam.nrel.gov](http://sam.nrel.gov) – performance and financial model for renewables
    - [nsrdb.nrel.gov](http://nsrdb.nrel.gov) – National Solar Radiation Database – complete collection of meteorological and solar irradiance data sets
- [solarreviews.com](http://solarreviews.com) – local installer reviews
- [dsireusa.org](http://dsireusa.org) – Renewables and efficiency incentive database
- [seia.org](http://seia.org) – Solar energy industries trade organization

# Utility Scale vs. Residential Solar PV

- **Residential / Small Commercial**

- Size: 4 kW – 500 kW
- Space: 1 kW = 100 sq. ft.
- Cost: \$2 – \$4.50 / Watt
- Build time: 1 day – 2 months

- **Large Commercial / Utility Scale**

- Size: 500 kW and above
- Space: 1 MW = ~8 acres
- Cost: \$1.50 - \$3 / Watt
- Build Time: 2 – 8 months



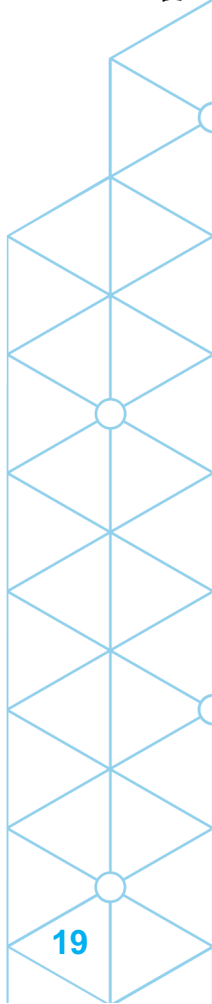
# Tips

- Energy conservation first
  - Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
  - Saves money without having to spend any
- Smart energy efficiency projects next
  - Allows you to put in smaller solar system
  - Offers best pay back
- Engage with your utility early
  - Interconnection application and agreement



# Interconnection Process

- Understand the Interconnection Process
  - Typically varies by size, type, and voltage
  - Process typically has various time associated with each phase
    - Contact the electric utility
    - A State-Level Comparison of Processes and Timelines for Distributed Photovoltaic Interconnection in the United States (NREL/TP-7A40-63556) – <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy15osti/63556.pdf>
- Interconnection Application/ Request
  - Application and timeline impact
  - System Impact Study
- Interconnection Agreement
  - Construction, commissioning, testing and inspections
  - Permission to Operate
  - Understand capital and O&M responsibilities of the interconnection

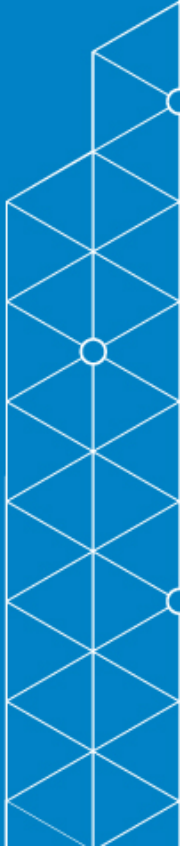


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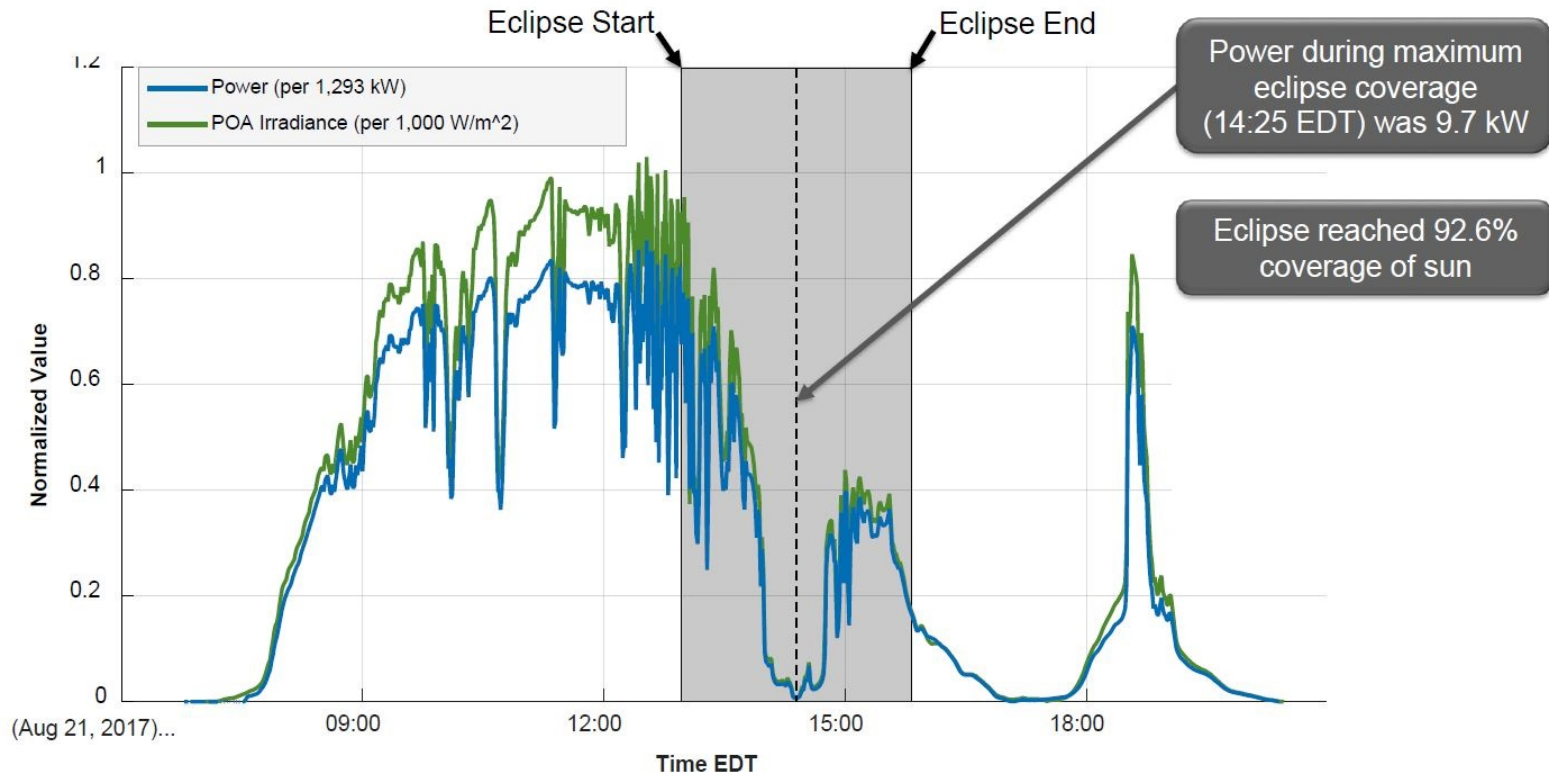
- Have a site audit performed to determine feasibility
- Find the right installer
  - Obtain several quotes
- Understand any necessary warranties, financing needs, maintenance, tax implications, etc...



# Weather Events



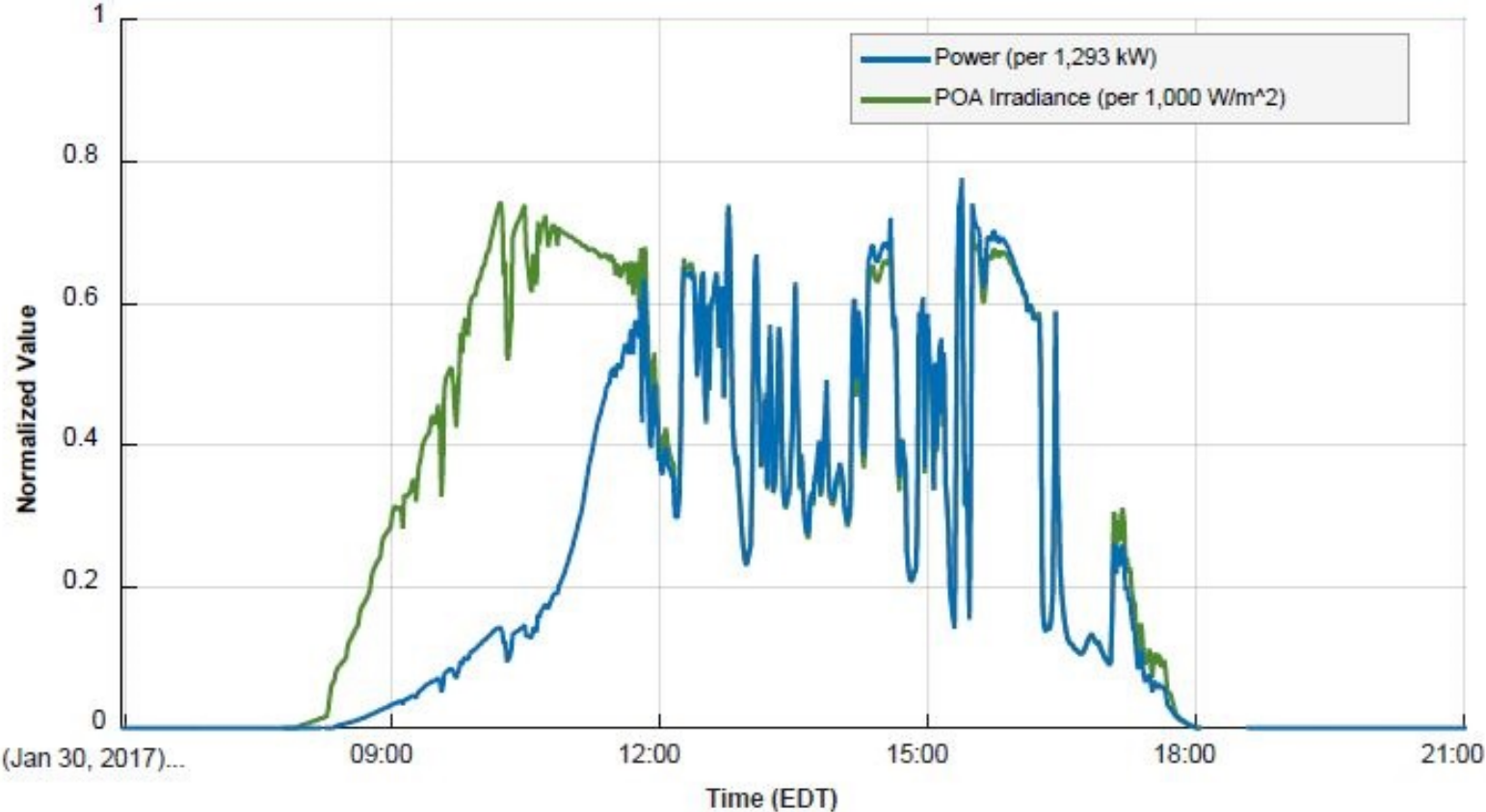
# Partial Solar Eclipse



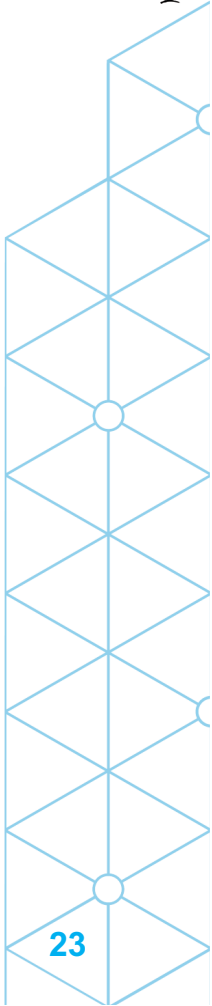
Source: EPRI/Hoosier



# Snow Accumulation



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Questions?

