

Wind Energy Update

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Sizes and Applications



Small (≤ 10 kW)

- Homes (Grid connected)
- Farms
- Remote Applications
(e.g. battery charging, water pumping, telecom sites, icemaking)



Intermediate (10-500 kW)

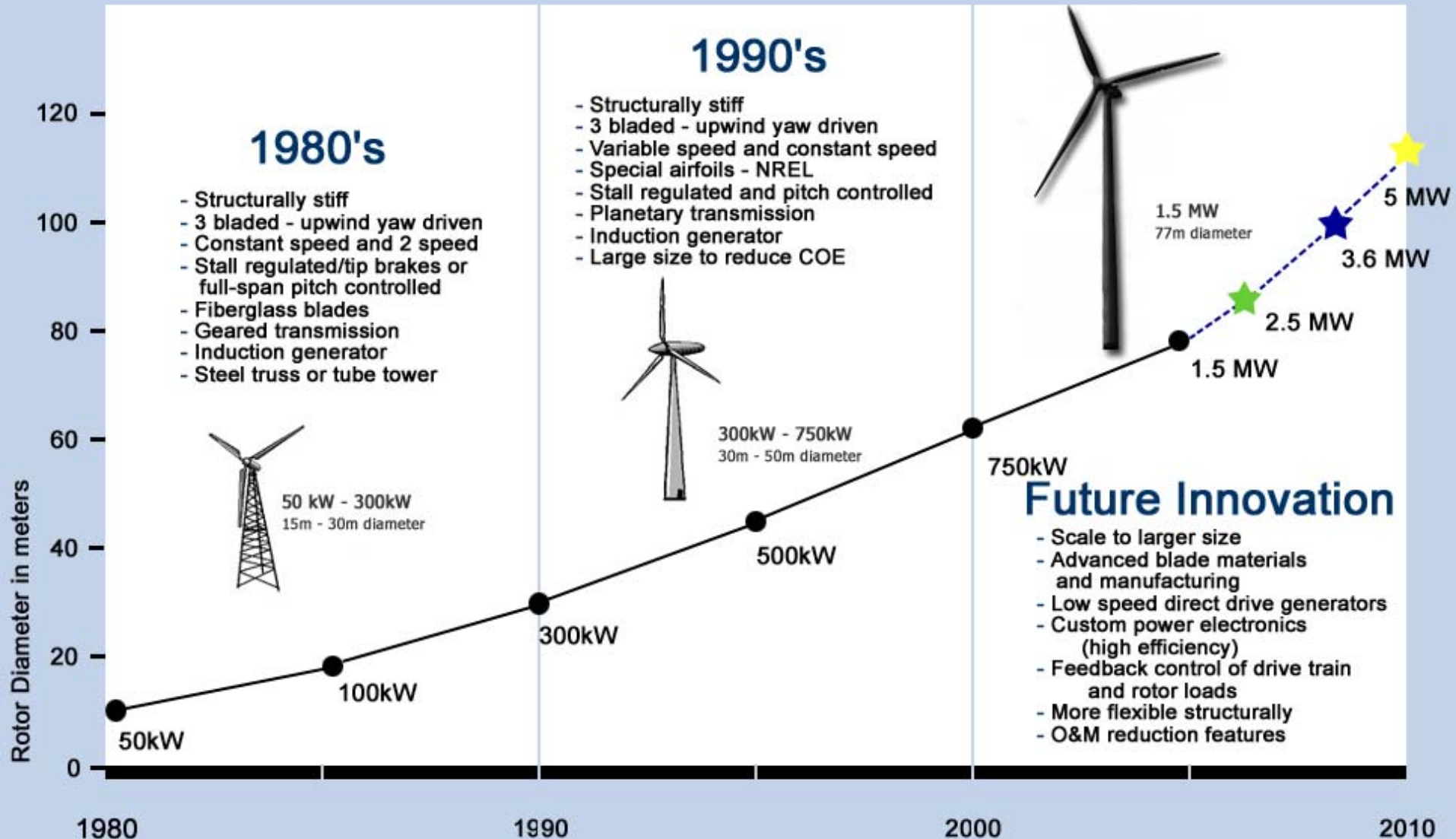
- Village Power
- Hybrid Systems
- Distributed Power



Large (500 kW – 6 MW)

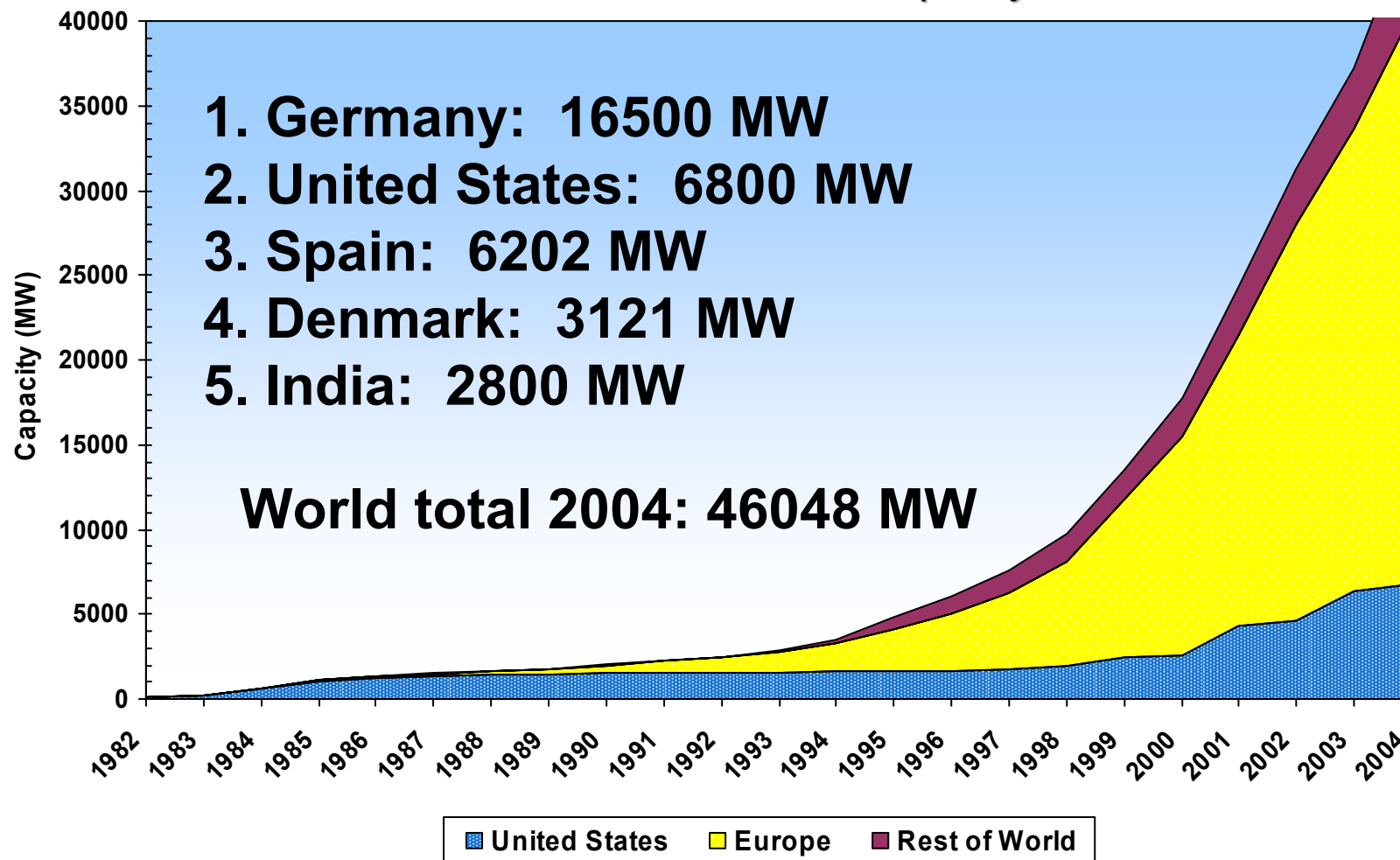
- Central Station Wind Farms
- Distributed Power
- Offshore Wind Generation Stations

THE EVOLUTION OF COMMERCIAL U.S. WIND TECHNOLOGY

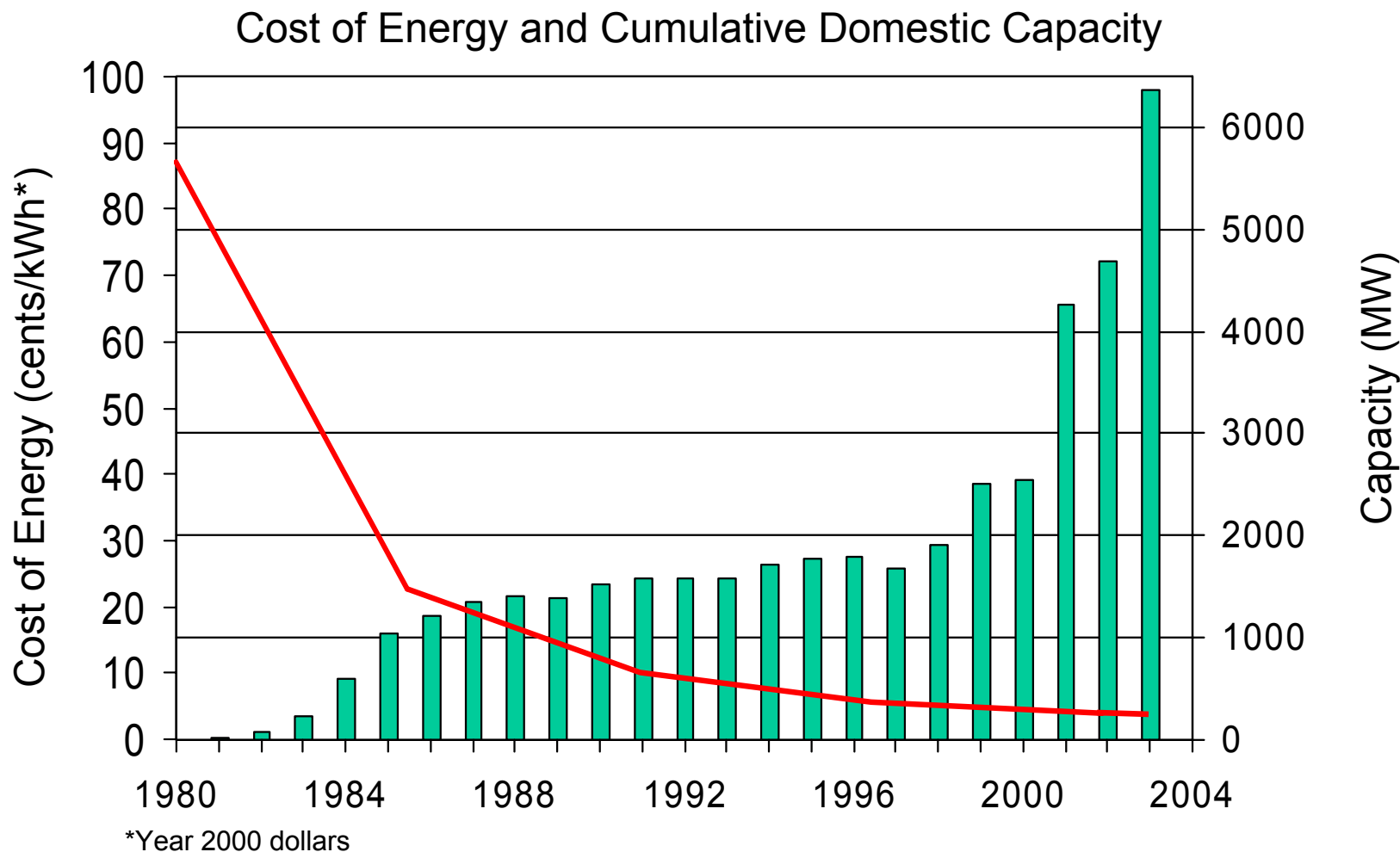


World Growth Market

Total Installed Wind Capacity

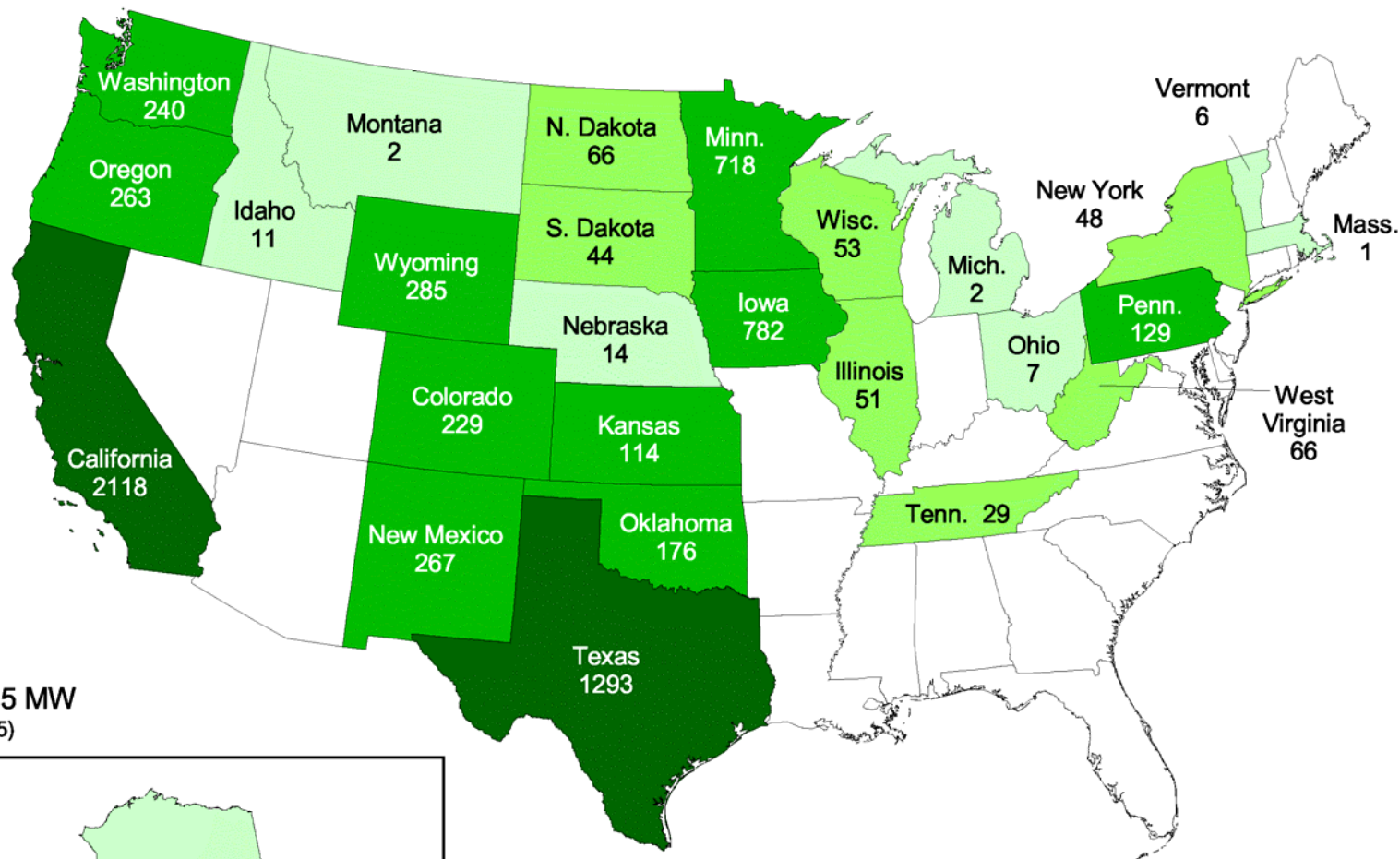


Capacity & Cost Trends

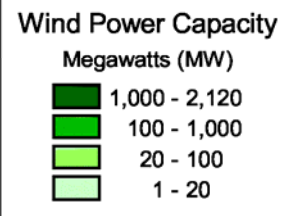
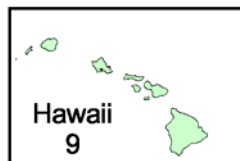


Increased Turbine Size - R&D Advances - Manufacturing Improvements

United States - 2005 Installed Wind Power Capacity (MW)



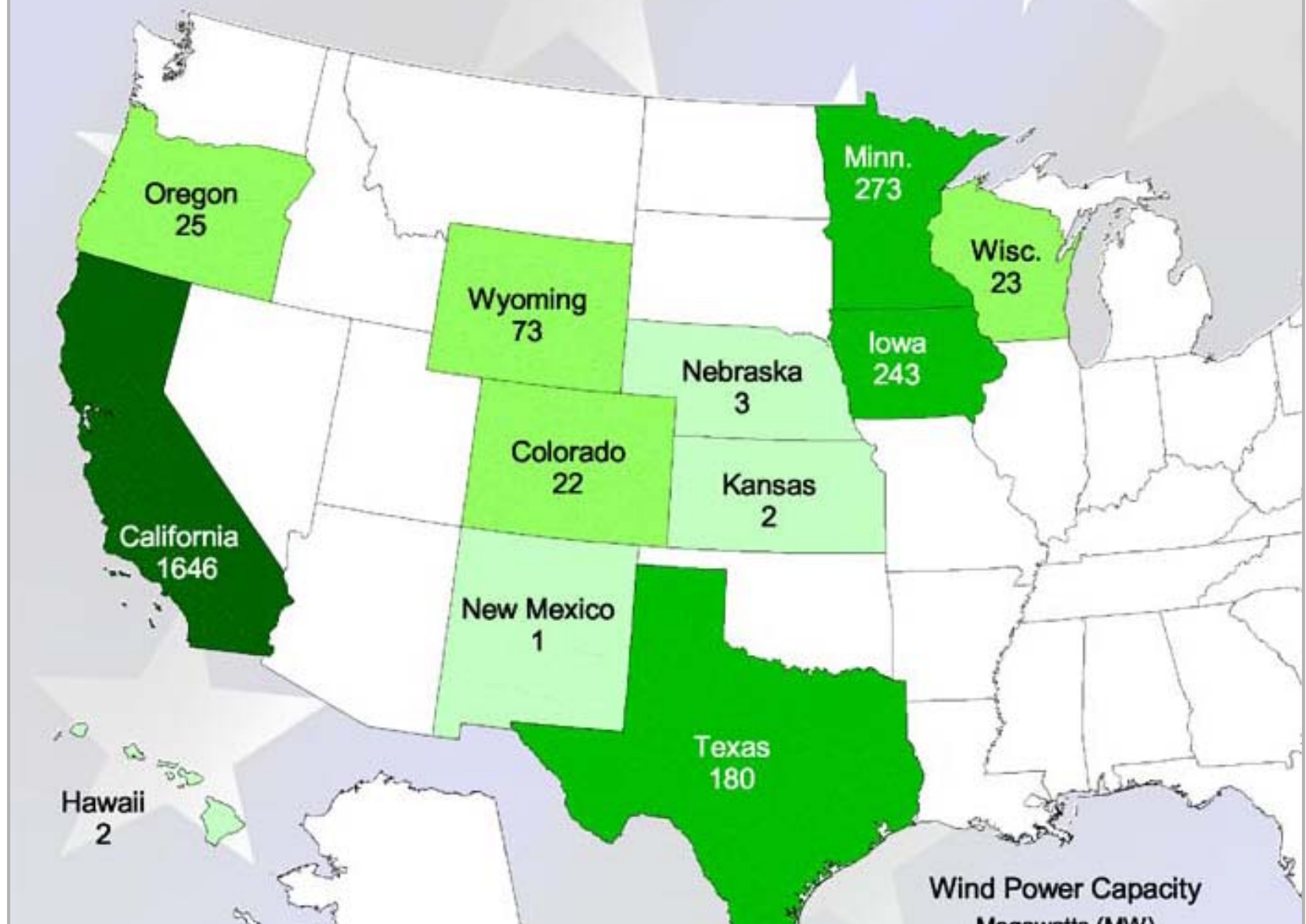
Total: 7,025 MW
(As of 3/17/2005)



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1999 Year End Wind Power Capacity





BP Solar



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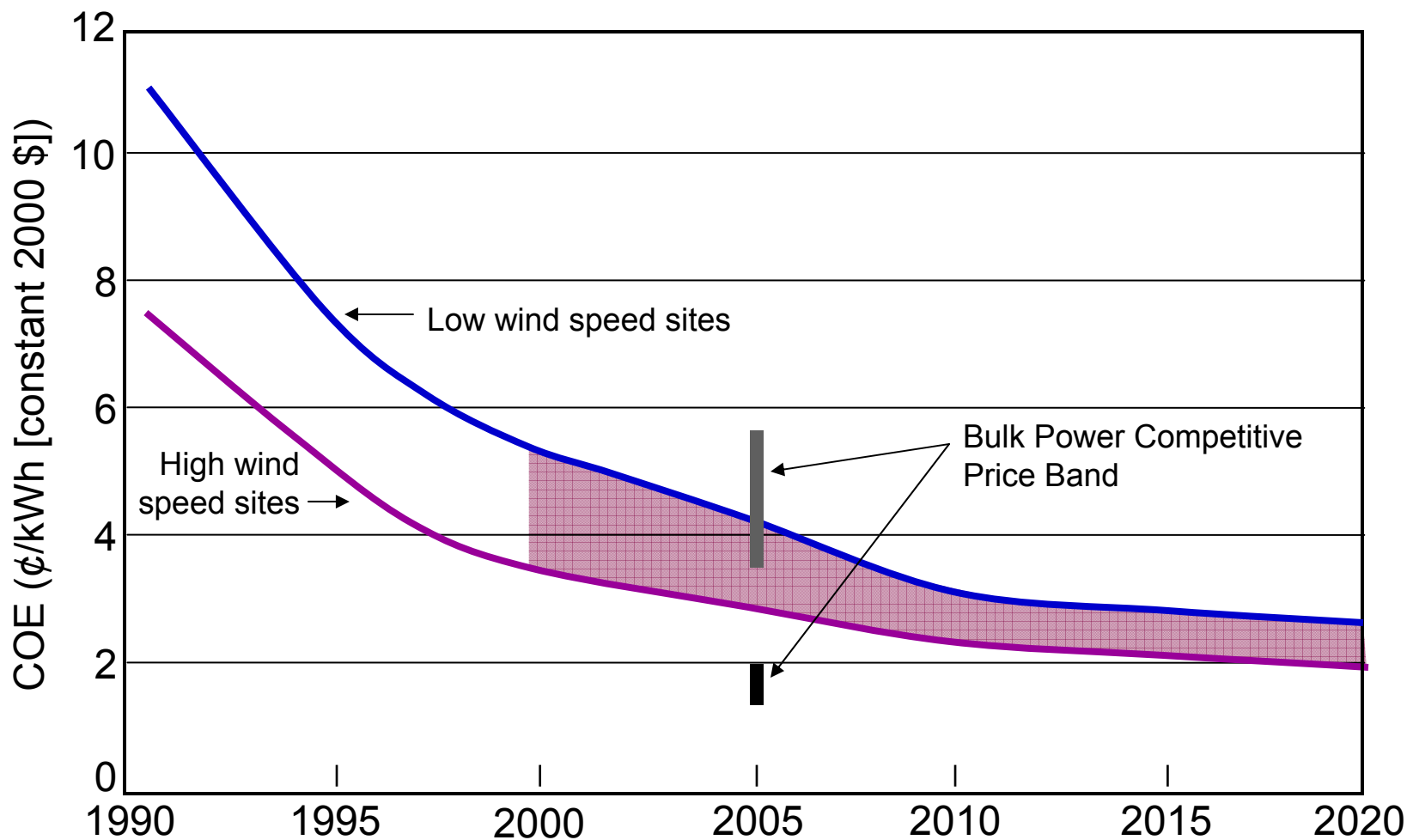


Drivers for Wind Power

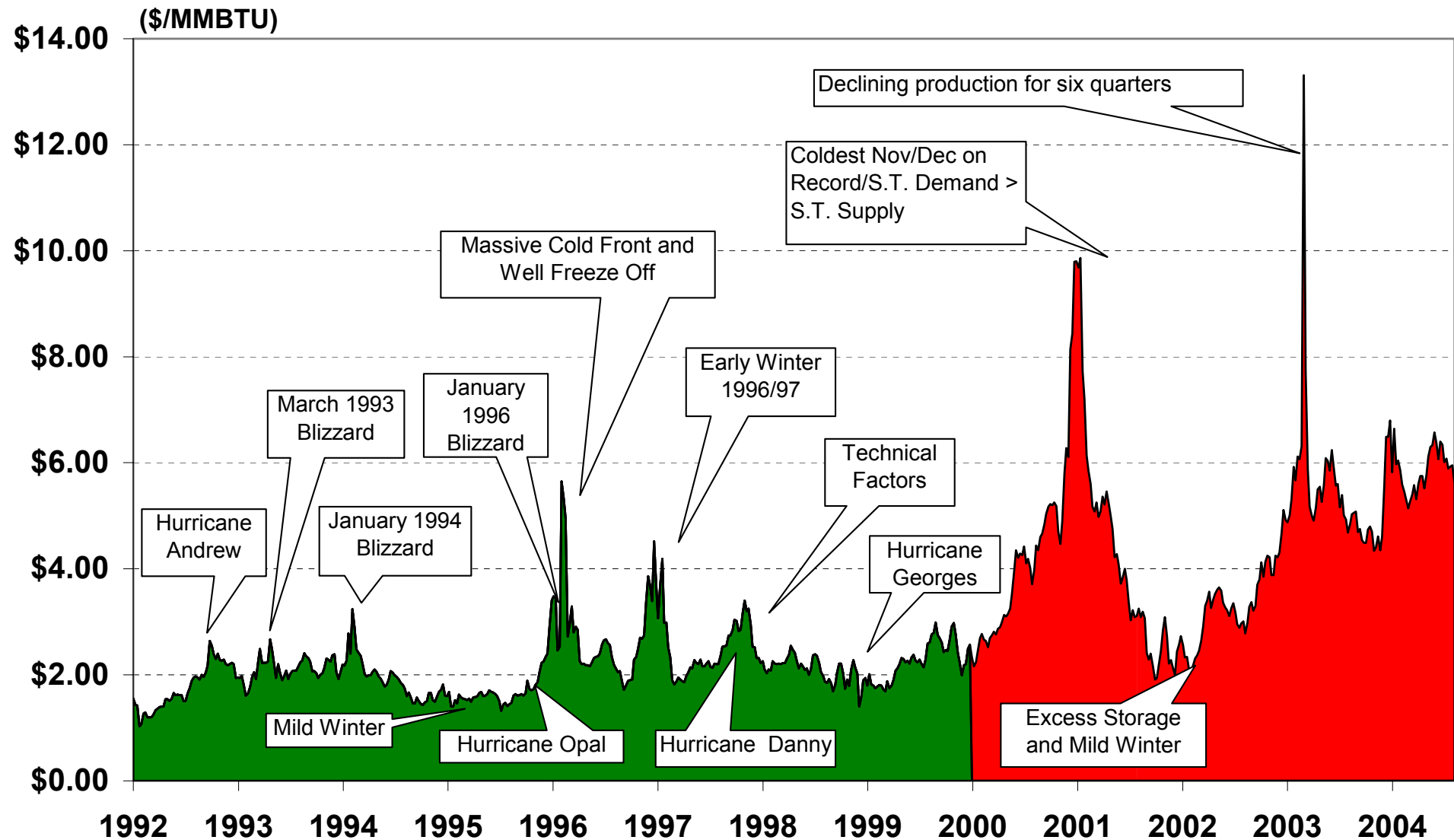
- Declining Wind Costs
- Fuel Price Uncertainty
- Federal and State Policies
- Economic Development
- Green Power
- Energy Security



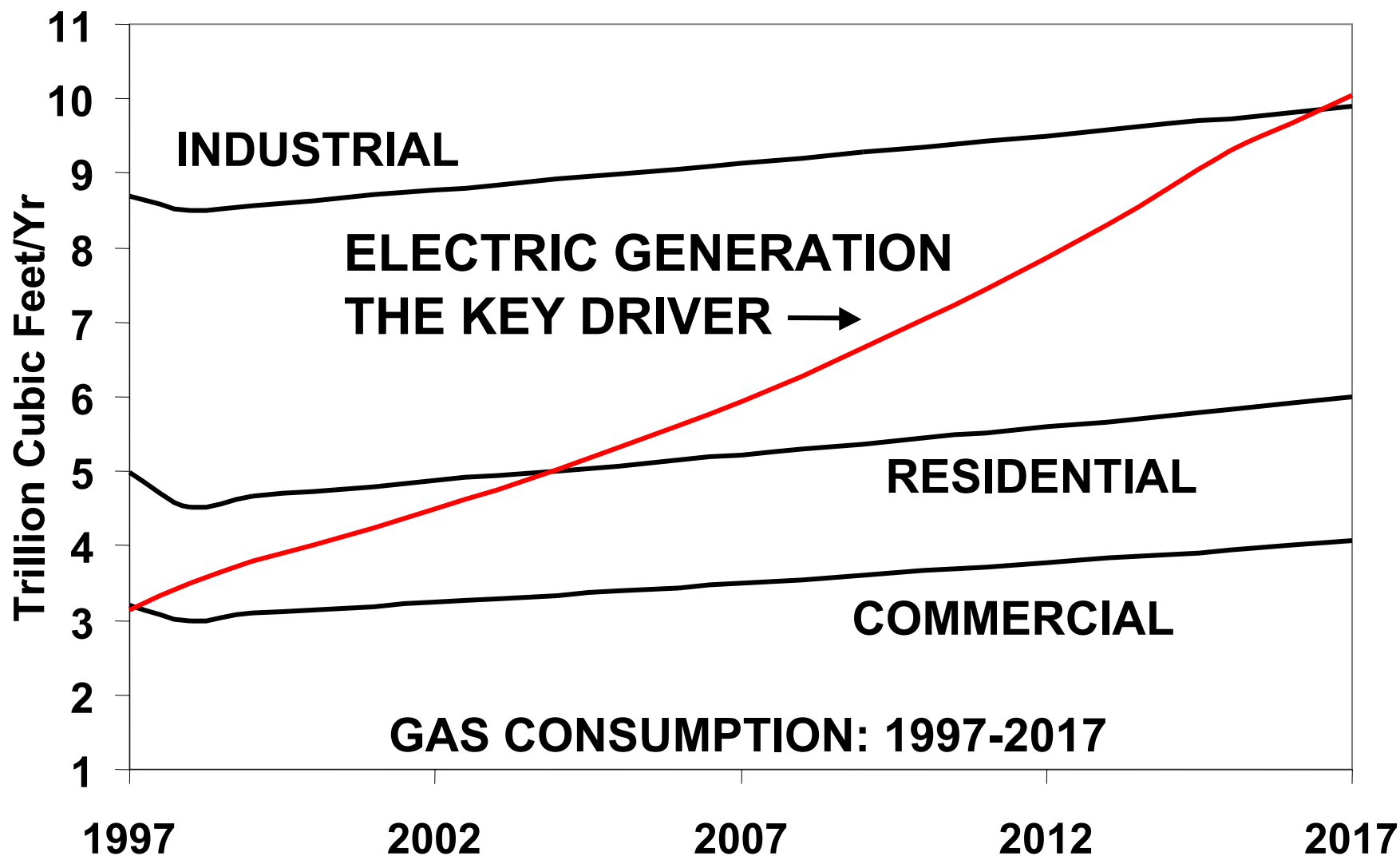
Wind Cost of Energy



Historical Gas Prices At The Henry Hub



The "Dash to Gas"

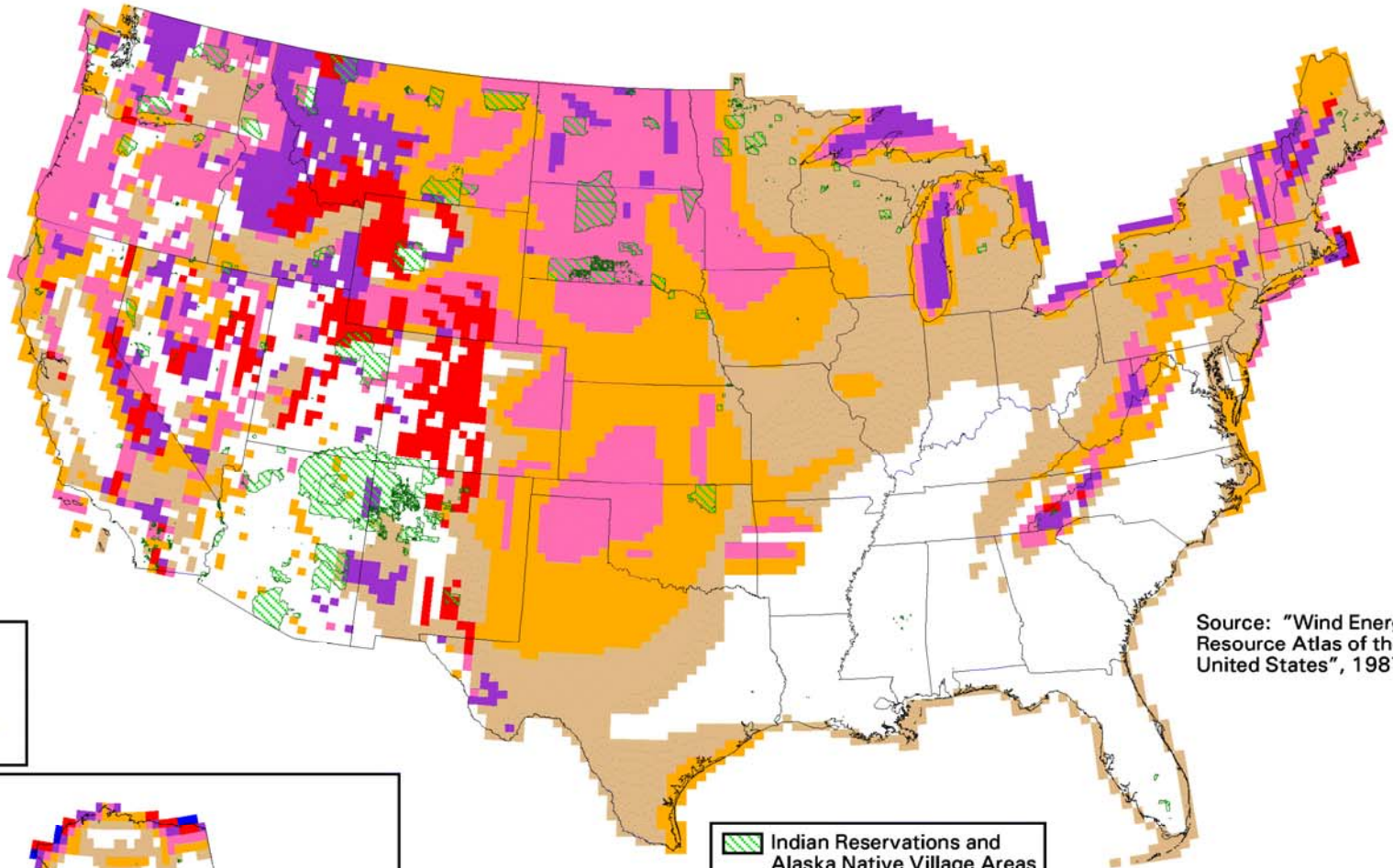


Wind Economics - Determining Factors

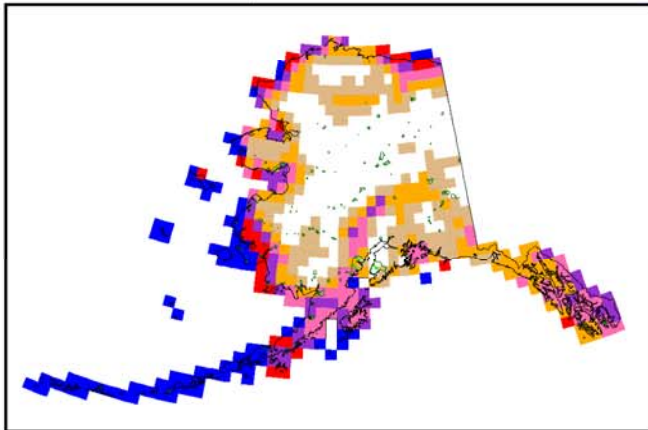
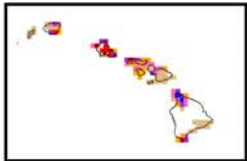
- Wind Resource
- Financing and Ownership Structure
- Taxes and Policy Incentives
- Plant Size: equipment, installation and O&M economies of scale
- Turbine size, model, and tower height
- Green field or site expansion
- What is included: land, transmission, ancillary services



United States - Wind Resource Map



Source: "Wind Energy Resource Atlas of the United States", 1987



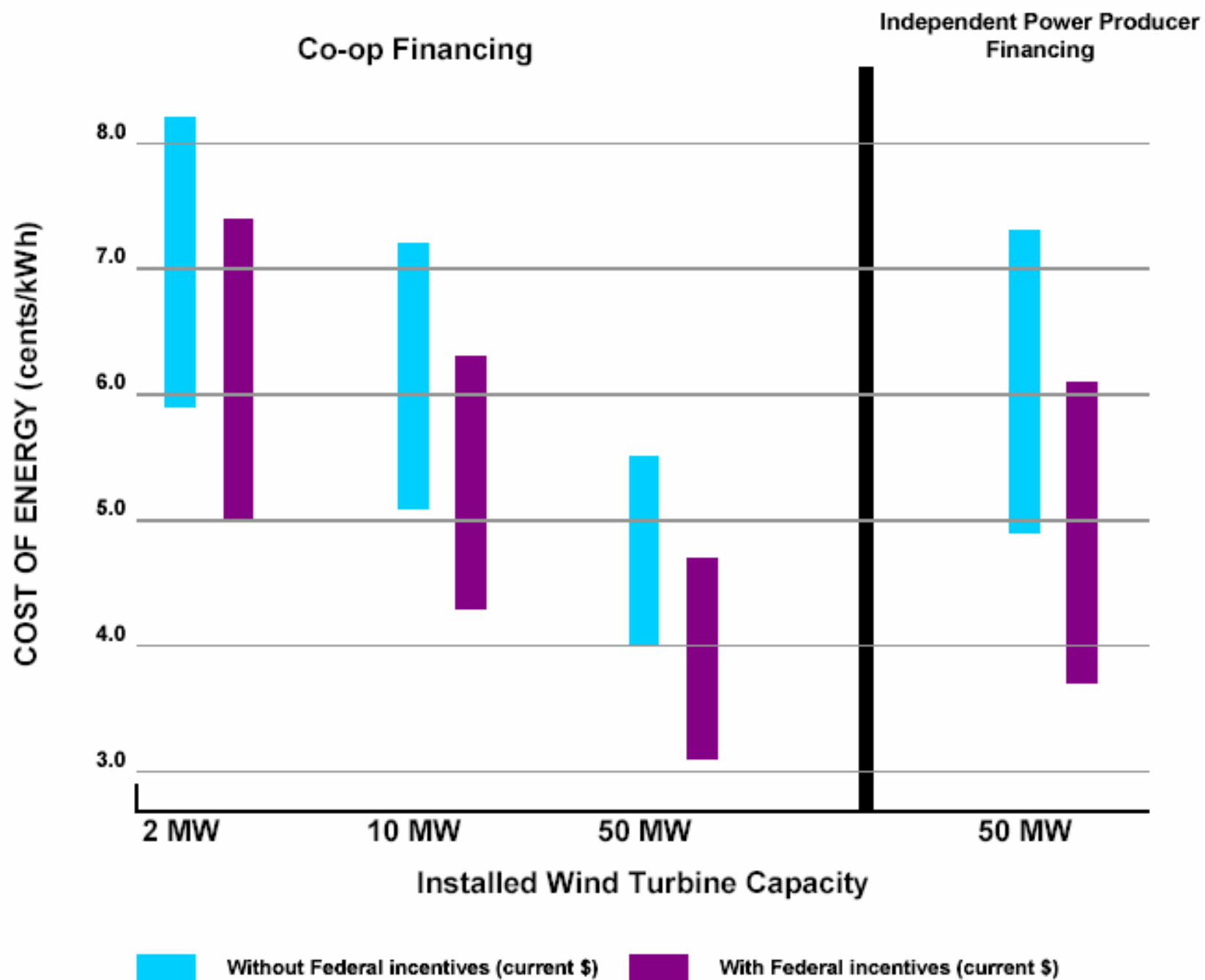
Wind Power Classification

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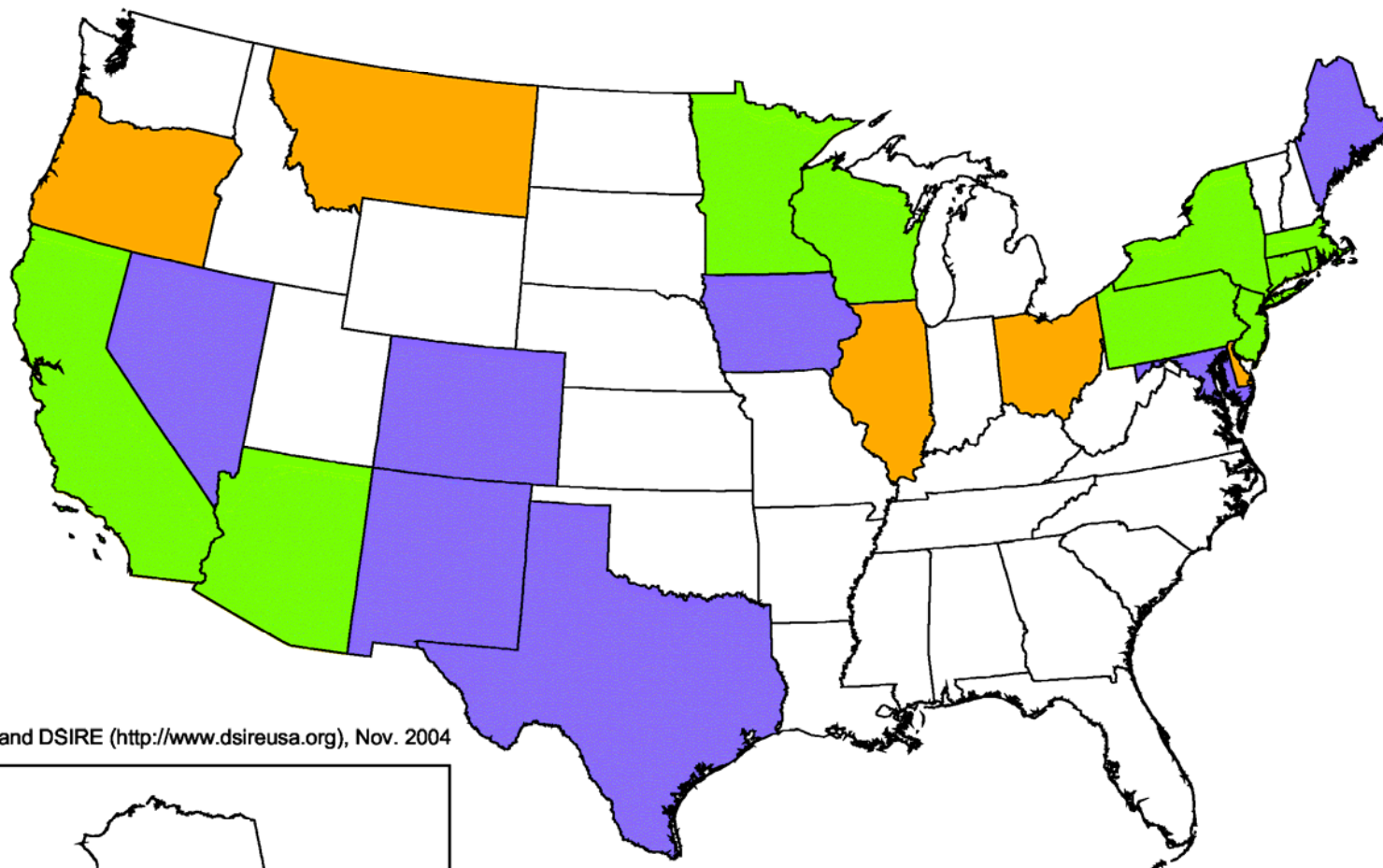
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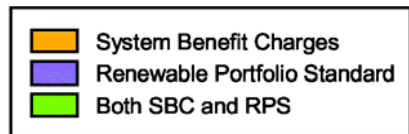
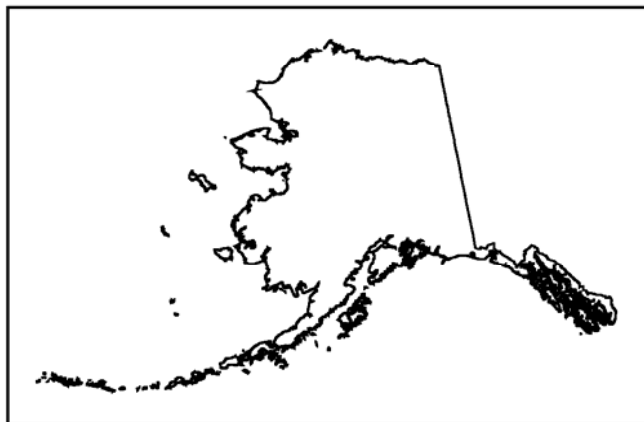




United States - States with Renewable Energy Policies



Source: NREL and DSIRE (<http://www.dsireusa.org>), Nov. 2004

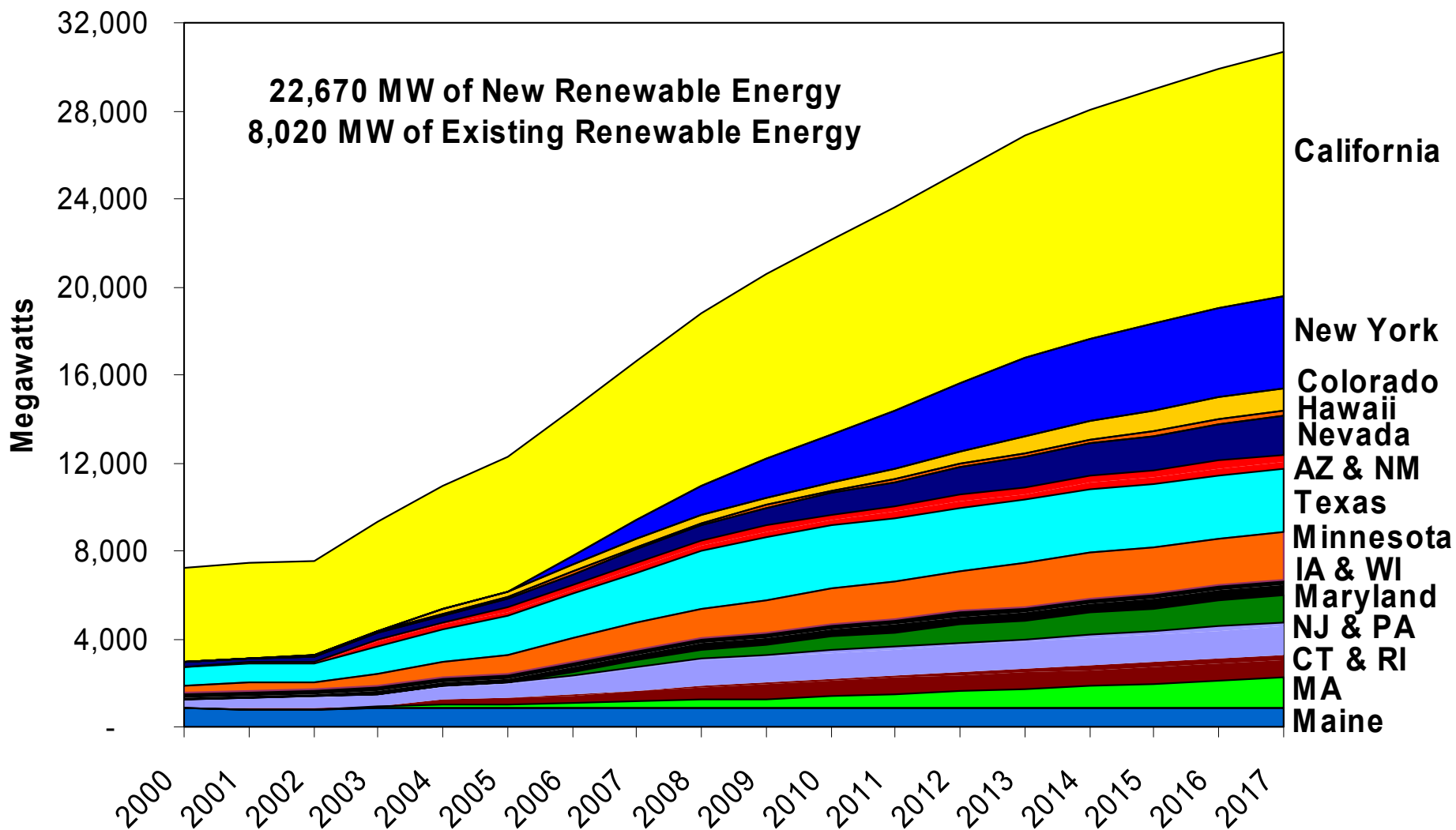


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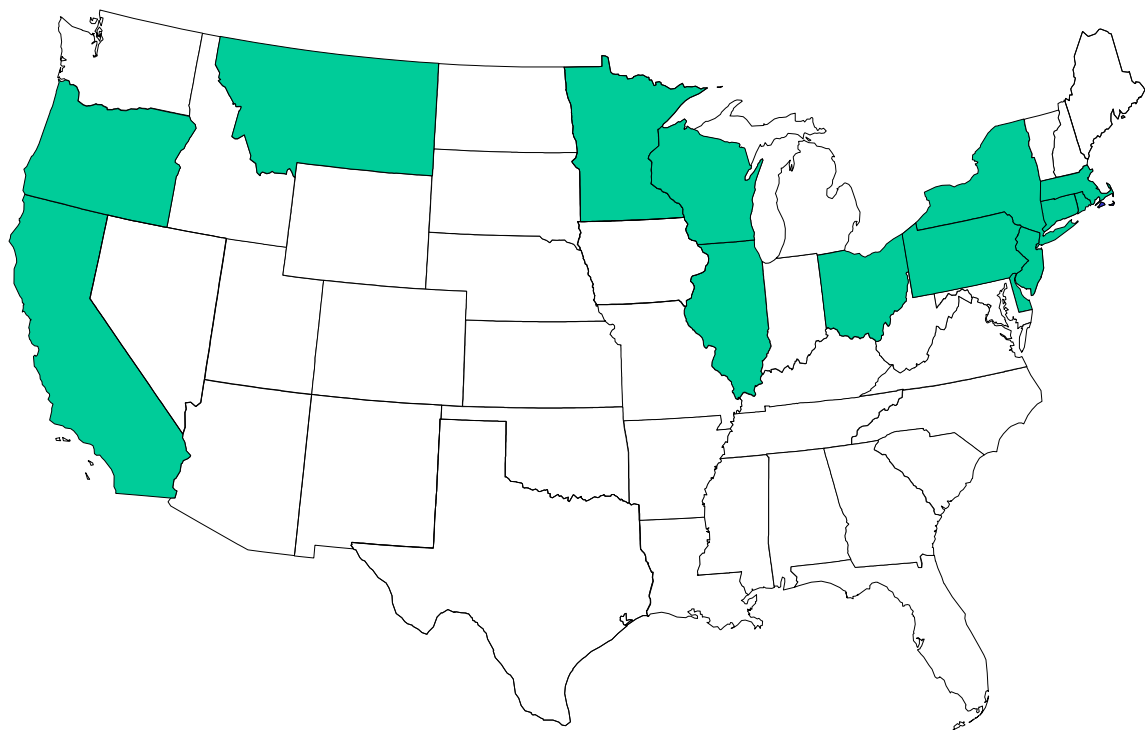
Renewable Energy Expected From State Standards*



* Projected development assuming states achieve annual RES targets.

State Clean Energy Funds

- 14 states, funded through system-benefits charges or other means
- More than \$4 billion through 2012
 - CA: >\$200 M/yr
 - OR: ~\$10 M/yr
 - MT: ~\$2 M/yr



Common Programs

Clean Energy Funds are more flexible than an RPS, and allow states to target multiple technologies and programs

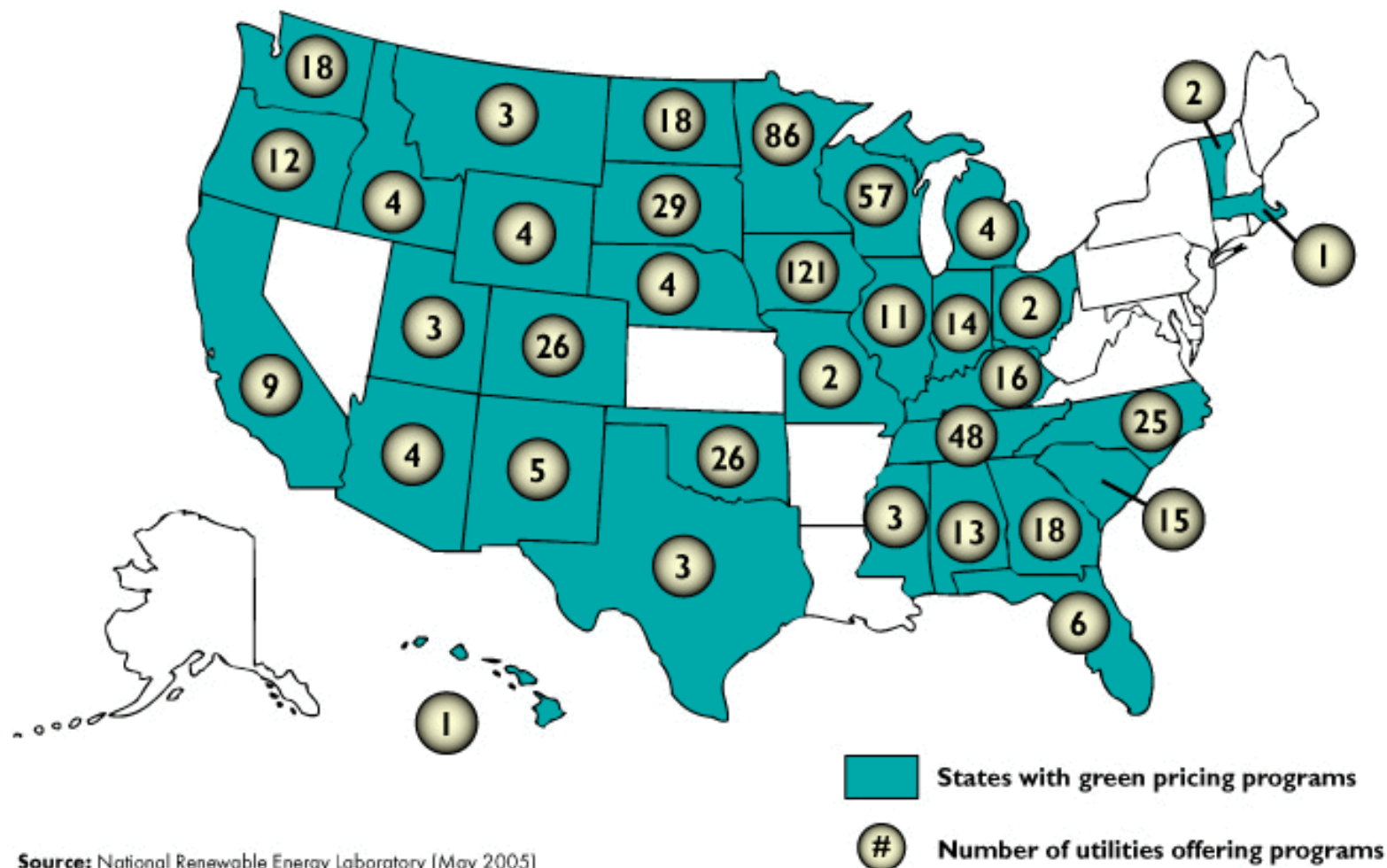
- Financial incentives for utility-scale RE projects
- Distributed generation buy-down incentives
- Distributed generation competitive solicitations
- Consumer financing programs
- Project and company financing
- Support for green power marketers
- Consumer education
- Small grants for business development, studies

Consideration of Carbon Risk in Western IRPs is Becoming More Common

- **PacifiCorp:** multiple carbon scenarios, with base case of \$8 per ton of CO₂ beginning in 2009
- **Idaho Power:** multiple carbon scenarios, with base-case of \$12.30 per ton of CO₂ beginning in 2008
- **Xcel/PSCo:** scenarios of \$6 and \$12 per ton of CO₂ beginning in 2009
- **PGE:** scenario of \$10 per ton of CO₂
- **Avista:** scenario of \$1.32 - \$11 per ton of CO₂, beginning in 2004
- **California:** CPUC now requires that utilities consider carbon costs at \$8 - \$25 per ton of CO₂

Can amount to a ~\$5/MWh adder to a gas plant, and more for coal

Utility Green Pricing Activities



Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (May 2005)

Key Deployment Issues for Wind Power

- Permitting and Siting (visual, noise, avian, land use)
- Transmission: capacity allocation, RTO formation, new line builds/planning
- Power Variability: impact on utility operations
- Green power markets
- Policy environment – PTC, RPS, state tax provisions





“Wind energy adds diversity to our generation fleet and provides a hedge against fossil fuel price increases. In addition, the development of renewable energy resources is widely supported by the public and our customers.”

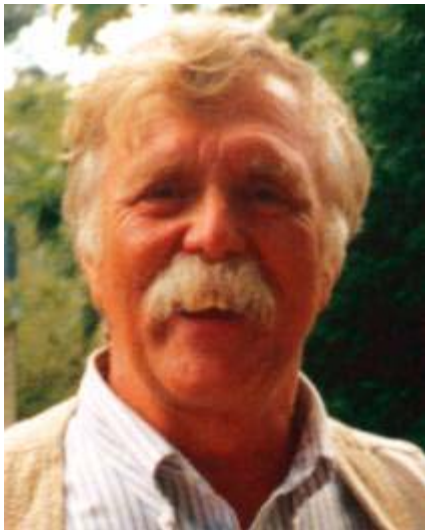
Rick Walker, director, Renewable Energy Business Development, AEP Energy Services, Inc., Dallas, TX



“Our customers wanted this wind program and it was our job to deliver it. It has turned out to be a huge source of community pride. The turbines are a visible landmark showing the Moorhead Community’s commitment to a better world for our children.”

Christopher Reed, Moorhead Public Service, Moorhead, Minnesota





“Wind is a homegrown energy that we can harvest right along side our corn or soybeans or other crops. We can use the energy in our local communities or we can export it to other markets. We need to look carefully at wind energy as a source of economic growth for our region”

David Benson, Farmer and County Commissioner, Nobles County, Minnesota



“In evaluating the potential of wind energy generation, Native Americans realize that wind power is not only consistent with our cultural values and spiritual beliefs, but can also be a means of achieving Native sustainable homeland economies.”

Ronald Neiss, Rosebud Utility Commission President, Rosebud Sioux Reservation, South Dakota

Kotzebue Electric Association, Alaska



*Brad Reeve,
General Manager,
Kotzebue Electric
Association*

"It is becoming clear that wind energy will play a major role in the national generation mix. In Kotzebue, Alaska, wind energy provides between 5%-7% of the total energy needs and we plan to add more. There are potentially 70 to 90 communities that could reduce their energy costs by adding wind energy. This makes it extremely important for utilities to learn all they can about wind's ability to provide safe, reliable, cost-effective electricity to their members."

Kotzebue, Alaska



- Application: Village power system
- 11 MW diesel power plant
- Operating with 10 turbines since 1999
- 2MW average load, min load 700kW. Peak wind penetration level ~ 35%
- Local utility plans expansion to 2-3 MW

of wind
turbine
capacity



Wales Alaska Wind Diesel System

High penetration system

- 80kW average load with 130kW of wind power
- Short term battery storage
- Resistive loads used for heating and hot water



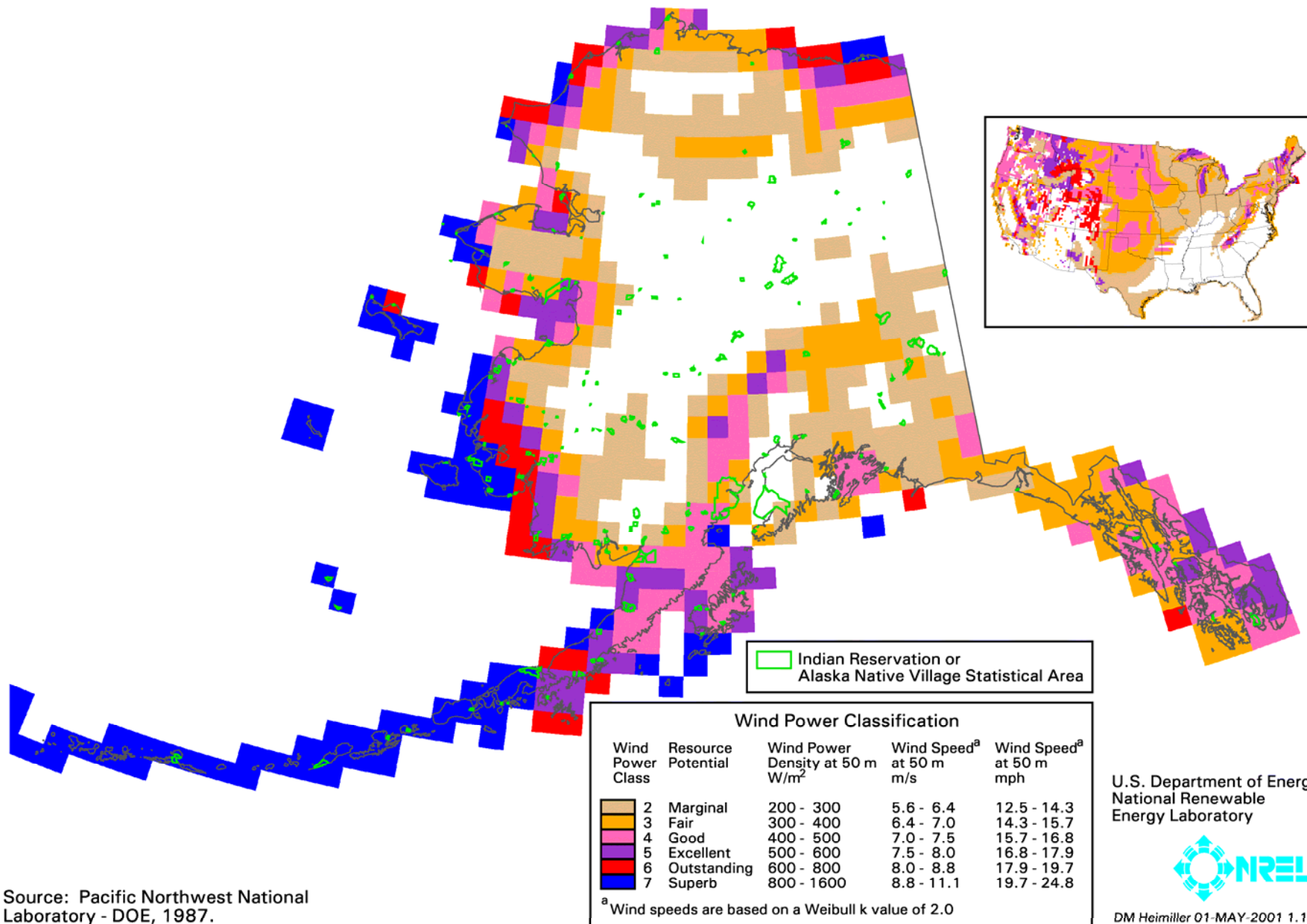
St. Paul High Penetration Wind-Diesel Power System Without Storage

Provide electrical and thermal loads to the industrial/airport facility

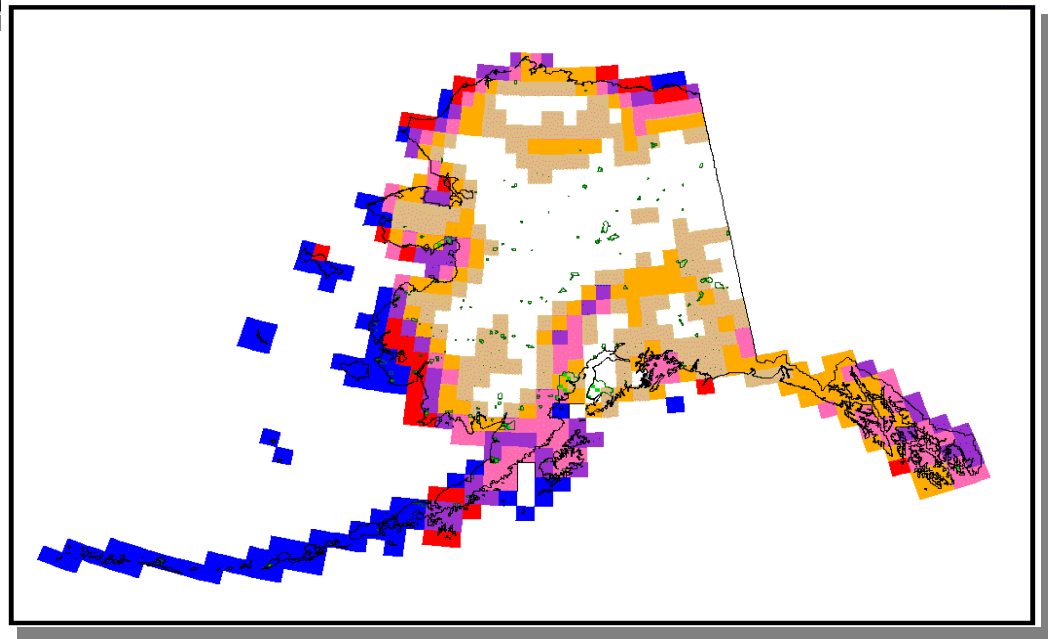
- Owned and financed by the TDX corporation
- 225-kW Vestas and two 150-kW Volvo diesels
- 6000-gal. hot water tank and distribution
- Peak plant output 160 kW, current load ~85 kW
- Average penetration ~100%, peak >400%
- COE ~\$.21/kWh (current diesel grid \$.34/kWh)



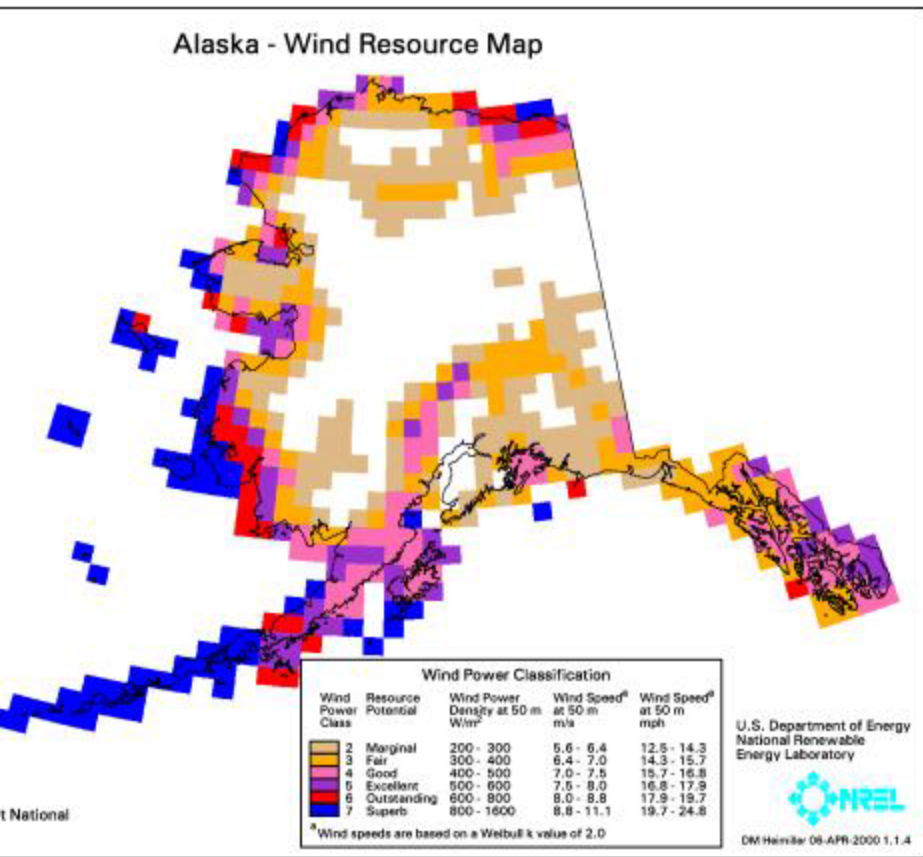
Alaska - Wind Resource Map



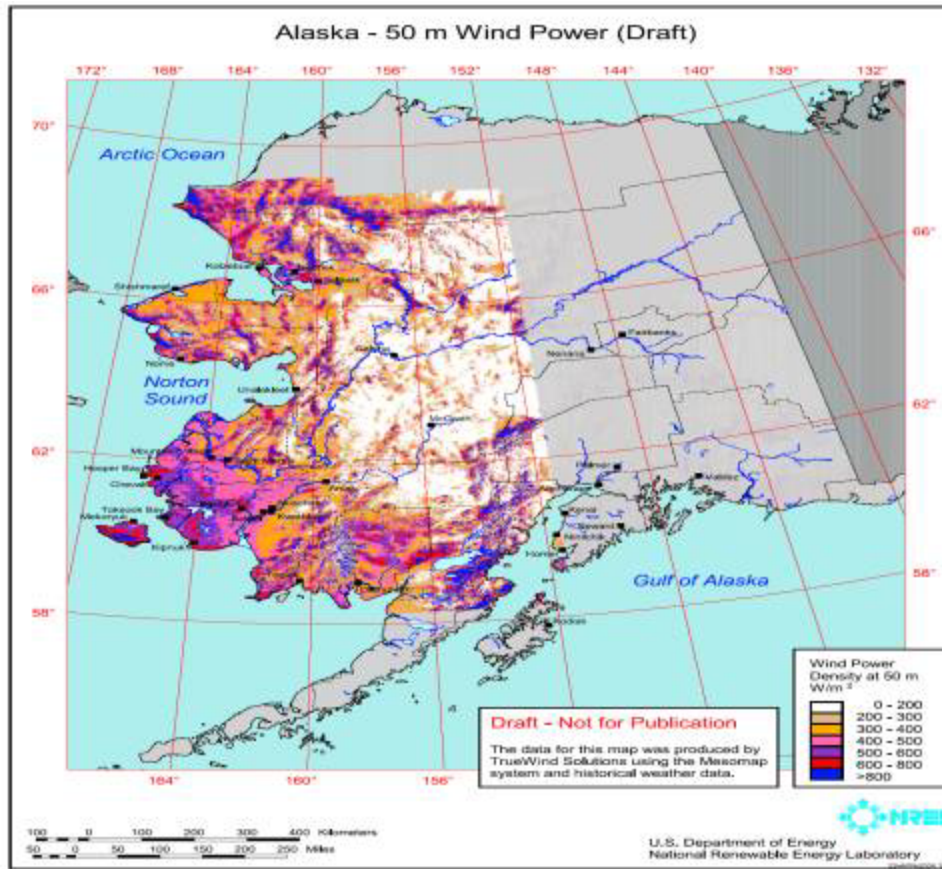
Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory - DOE, 1987.



Comparison of Digital Wind Map from 1987 U.S. Wind Atlas and New (2004) High-Resolution (200-m²) Alaska Wind Map



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2004

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Wind Energy Economic Security Benefits

Wind energy is an **indigenous**, homegrown, energy resource that contributes to national security.

Wind energy is **inexhaustible** and infinitely renewable.

Wind displaces electricity that would otherwise be produced by burning natural gas, thus helping to **reduce gas demand** and limit gas price hikes.

Wind energy is the **least cost** new energy source.

Wind energy boosts rural **economic development**.

Unlike most other electricity generation sources, wind turbines **don't consume water**.

Wind energy has many **environmental benefits**.

Wind energy can be used in a **variety of applications**.

Wind energy is the fuel of **today and tomorrow**.



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agenda and registration

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Wind-Diesel Workshop 2004

Topics:

- Operating Experience
- Comparative Economics
- Project Development
- System Integration
- Institutional Approaches
- Lessons Learned
- Markets
- Emerging Concepts
- Component Development
- Test Center Reports
- Environmental Benefits



Photo: Selawik, Alaska



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