



Lessons from Minnesota:
A Solar Success

ENVIRONMEN

GLAD TO HAVE YOU...WE'LL GET STARTED
IN A FEW MINUTES





TURNING MOMENTUM INTO A SOLAR VICTORY:

Strategy, policy, and the 2013 Success

LAY OF THE LAND

- Department of Commerce DG process
- DFL legislature
- Past Solar Rewards rebate
- Ongoing solar campaign

Solar Works for Minnesota



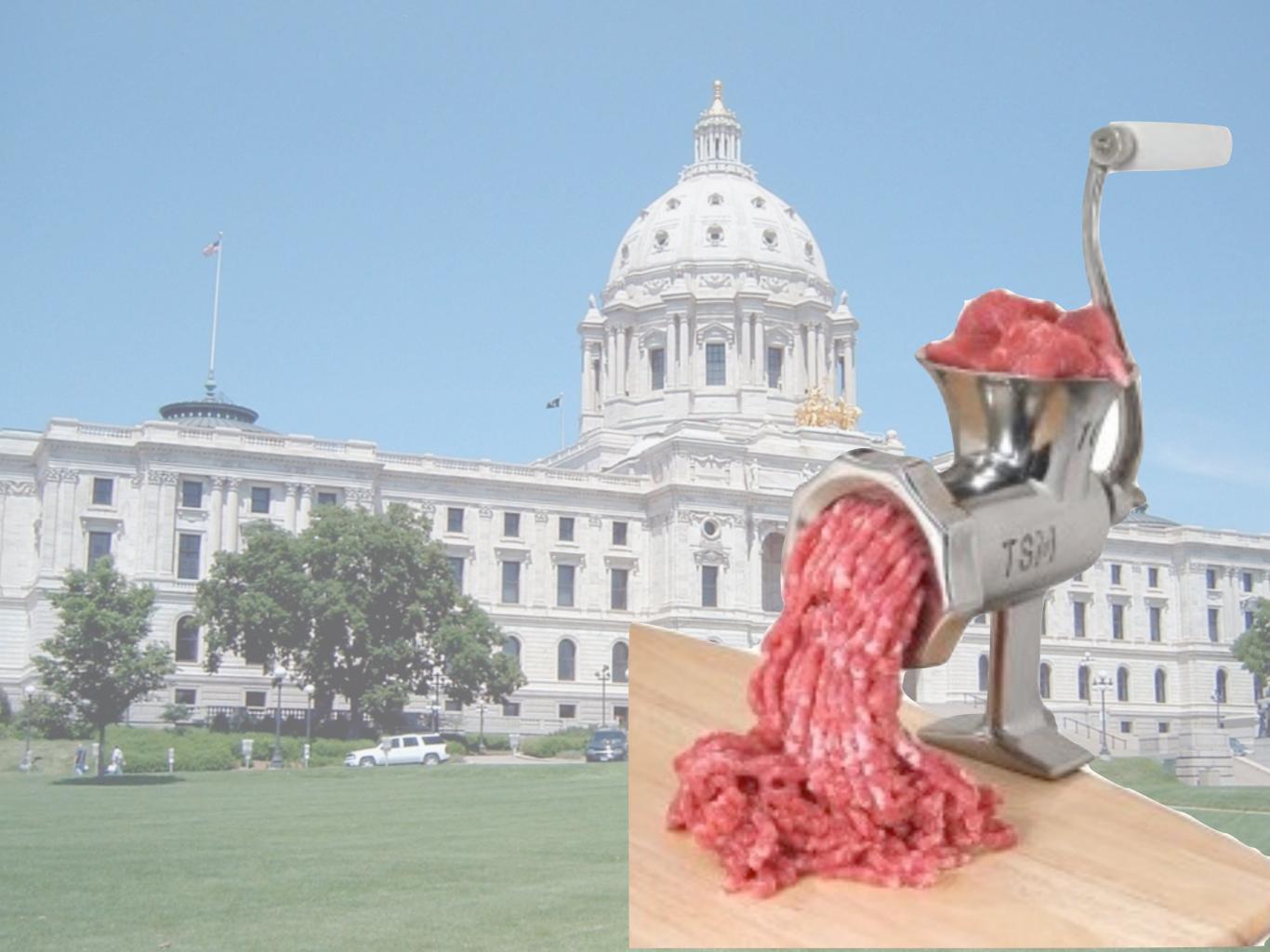
Net metering CLEAN Program
< 2 MW
2100 MW

10% Solar by 2030

Community solar

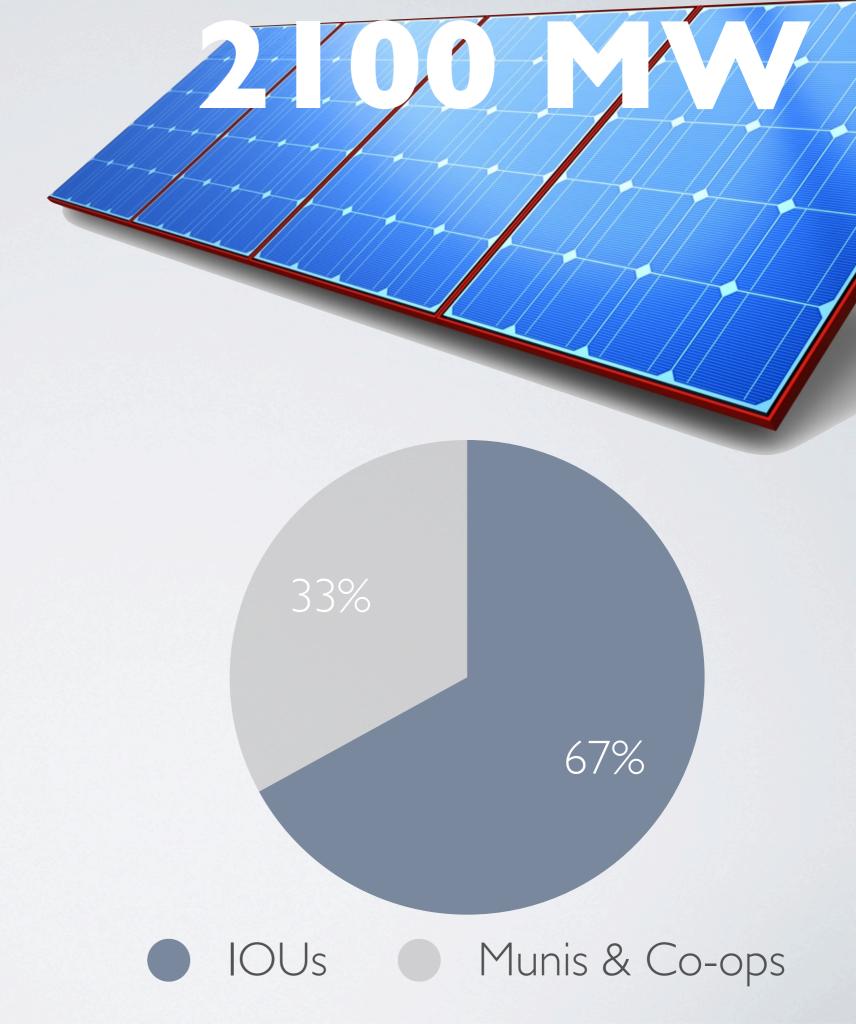
On-bill incentive fee

Value of Solar + PBI



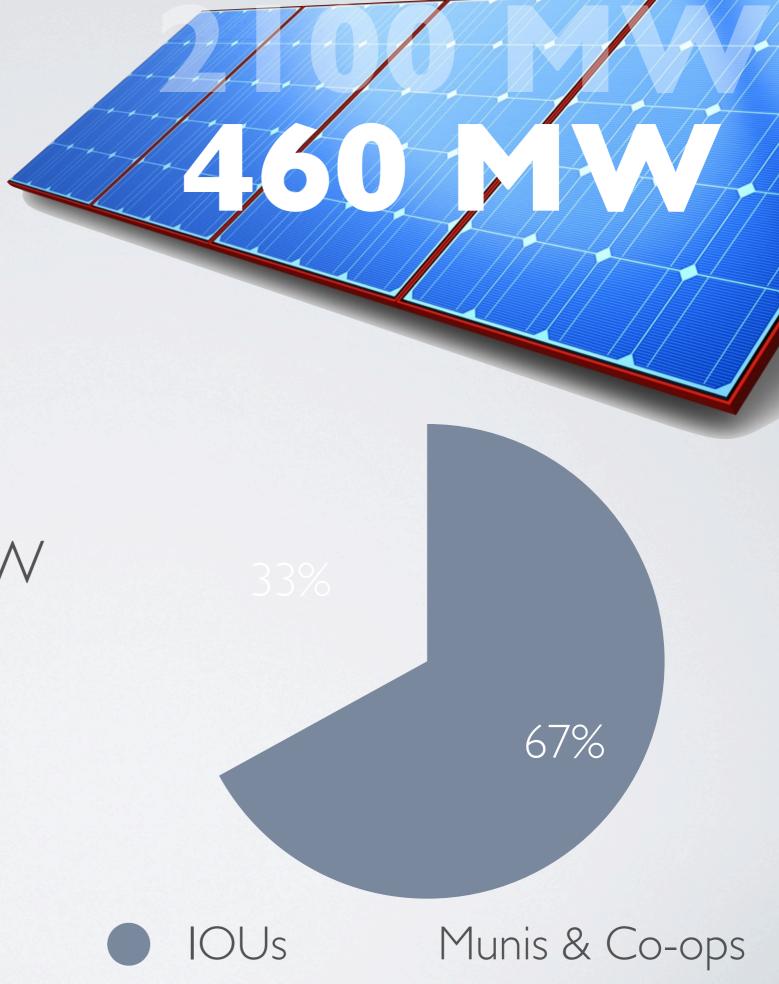


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 - Mostly DG
 - All utilities

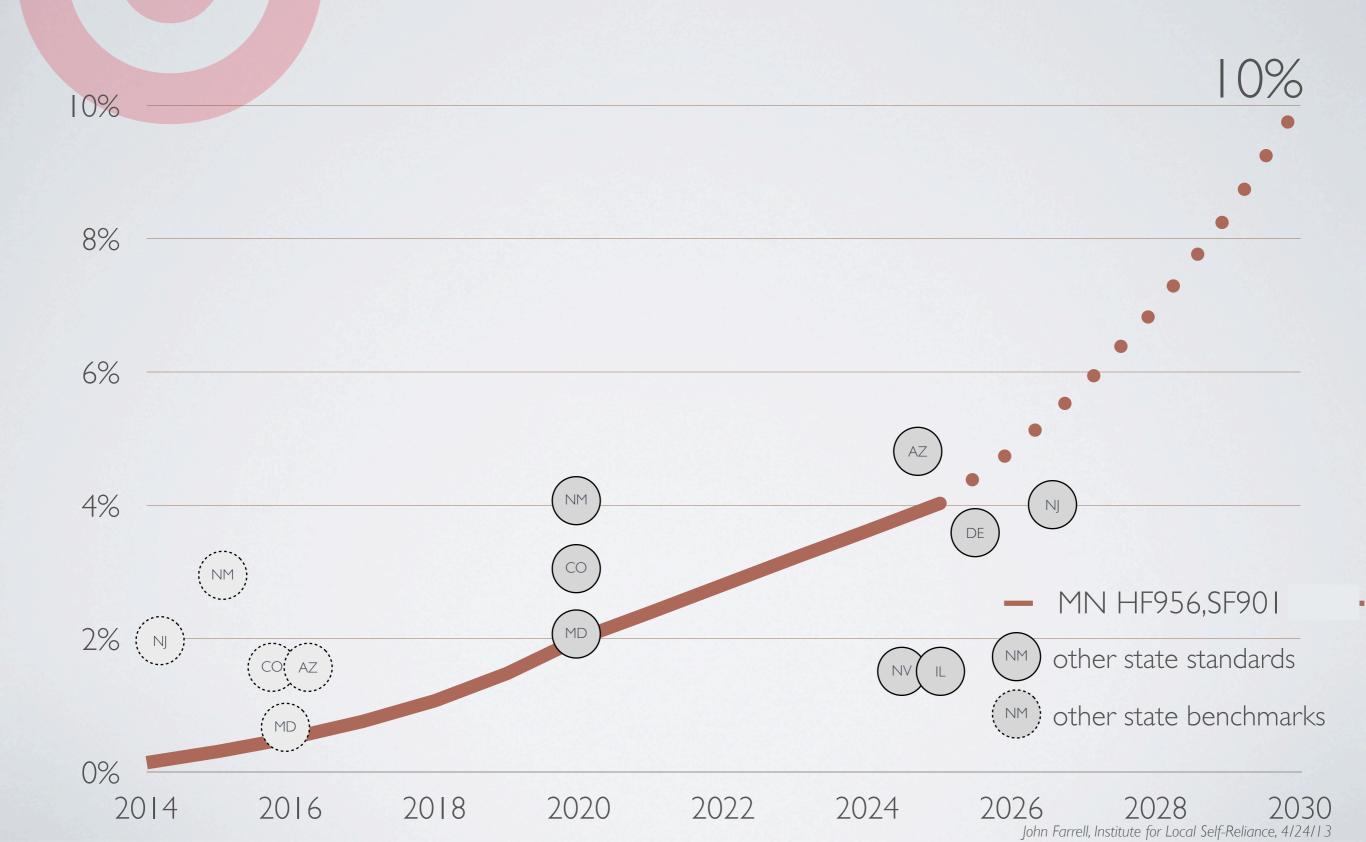




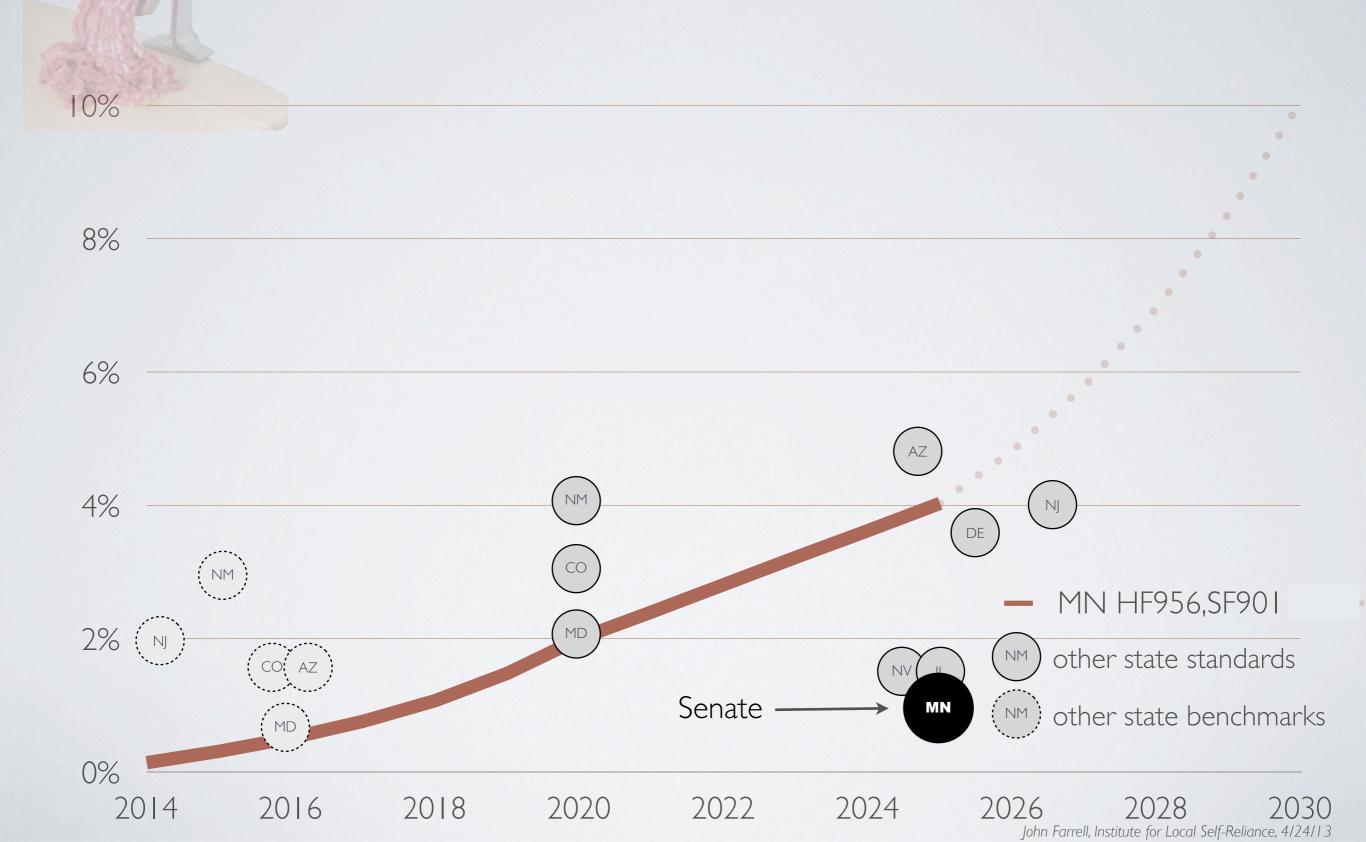
- 10% by 2020
- · 1.5% by 2020
- Mostly DG
 - 10% from < 20 kW
- All utilities
 - IOUs only



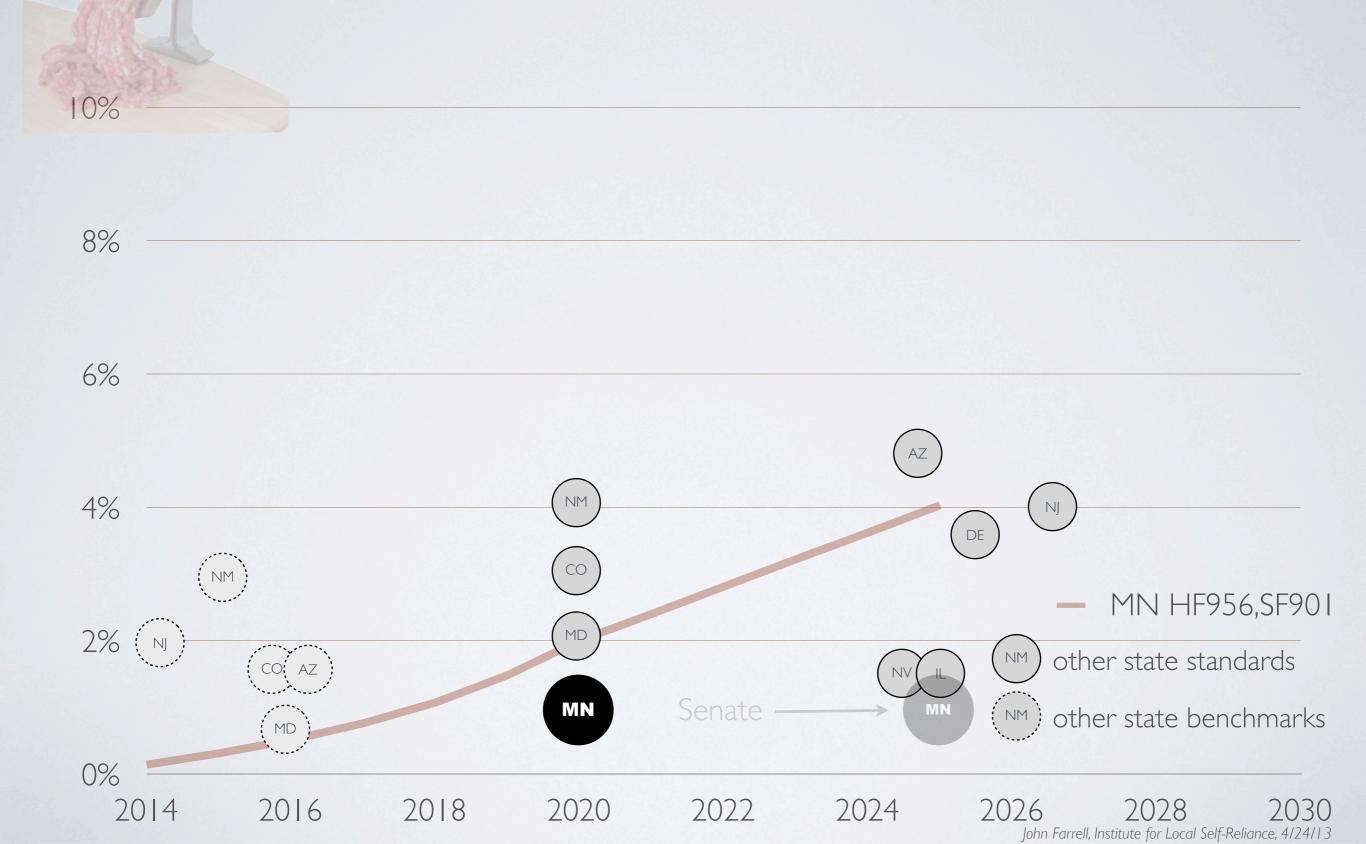
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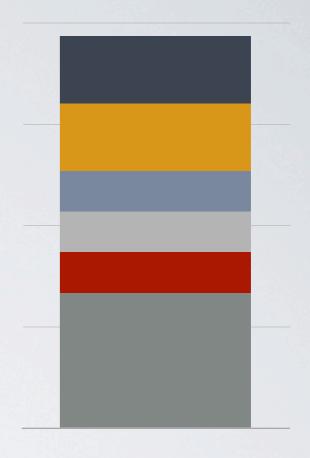
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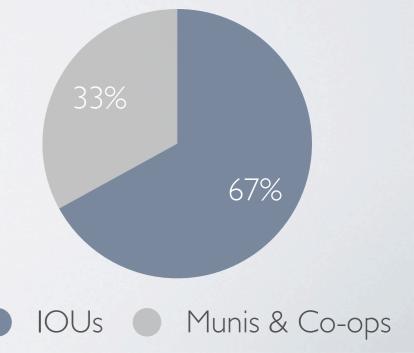




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- Robust formula (> retail rate)
- Buy-all, sell-all
- 20-year, fixed price contract

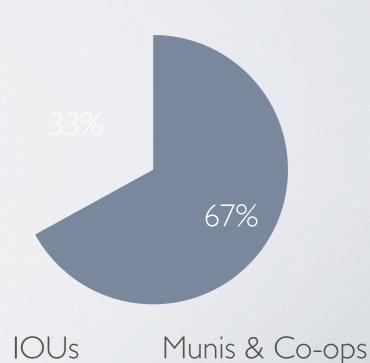
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- Customer choice
 - Utility option
- Robust formula (> retail rate)
 - 3 yr. retail price floor
- Buy-all, sell-all
 - No payment for excess generation
- 20-year, fixed price contract
 - 20-year, fixed price contract
 - Capped at I MW





INCENTIVES

Sized to solar array

Part of 20-year VOST contract

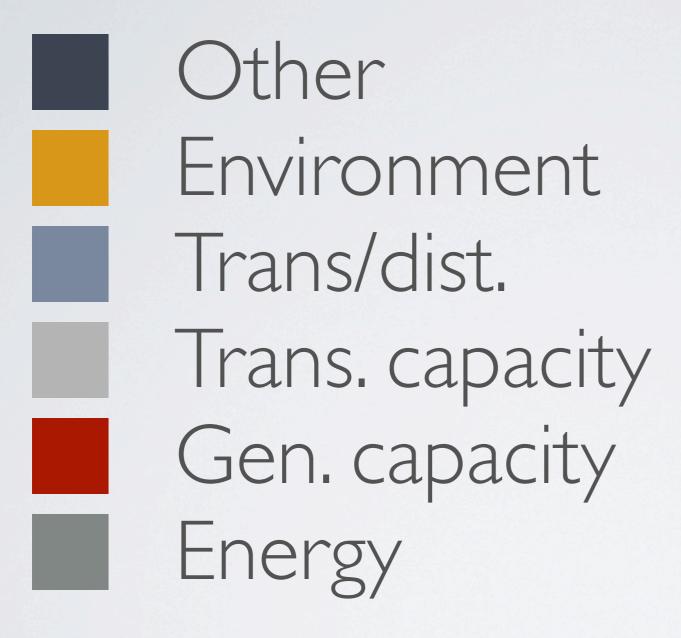
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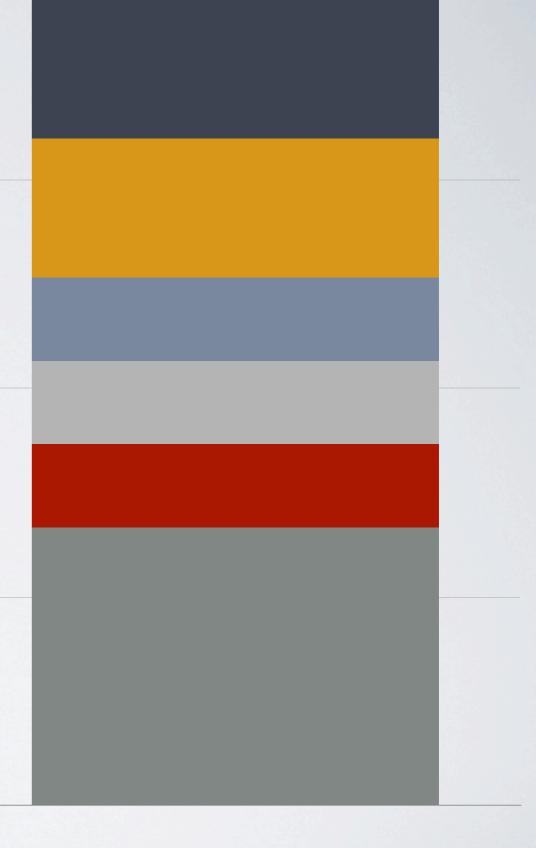
Include bonus payment for Made in MN



INCENTIVES

- Sized to solar array
- Part of 20-year VOST contract
- 10-year, separate incentives
- Only for 2 MW and smaller
- Incentive only for < 20 kW, Xcel customers
- Include bonus payment for Made in MN
- Made-in Minnesota incentive statewide, < 40 kW



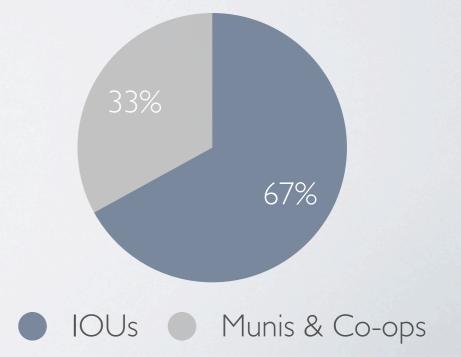


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- Cap raised to I MW
- Aggregate metering
- Limits on standby

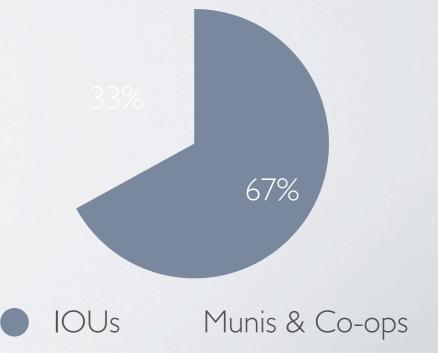






- Cap raised to I MW
- Aggregate metering
- Limits on standby
- 120% of load (> 40 kW)
- 4% "check-in" (IOUs)

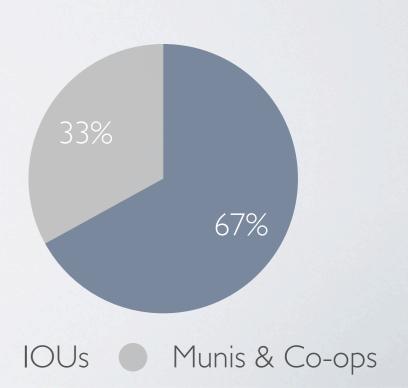








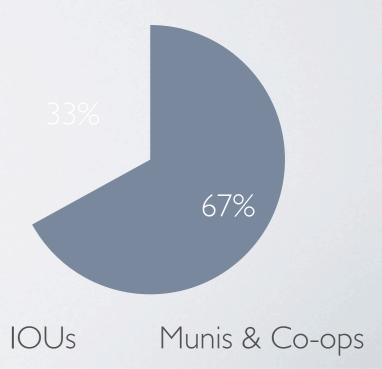
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- No program cap
- Robust payments







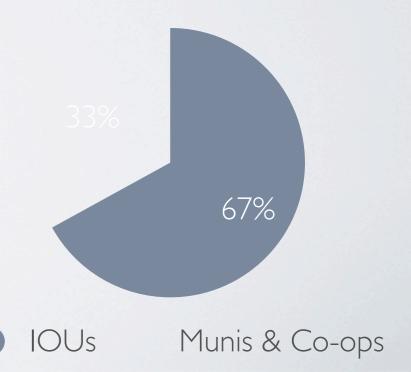
- Distributed projects (< 2 MW)
 - I MW and smaller
- Low threshold for participation
 - 5 participant min.
- No program cap
 - No cap
- Robust payments
 - Retail rate placeholder or VOST







- · Also:
- 40% max. share per person
- Contiguous counties
- 200 W min. / 120% max.

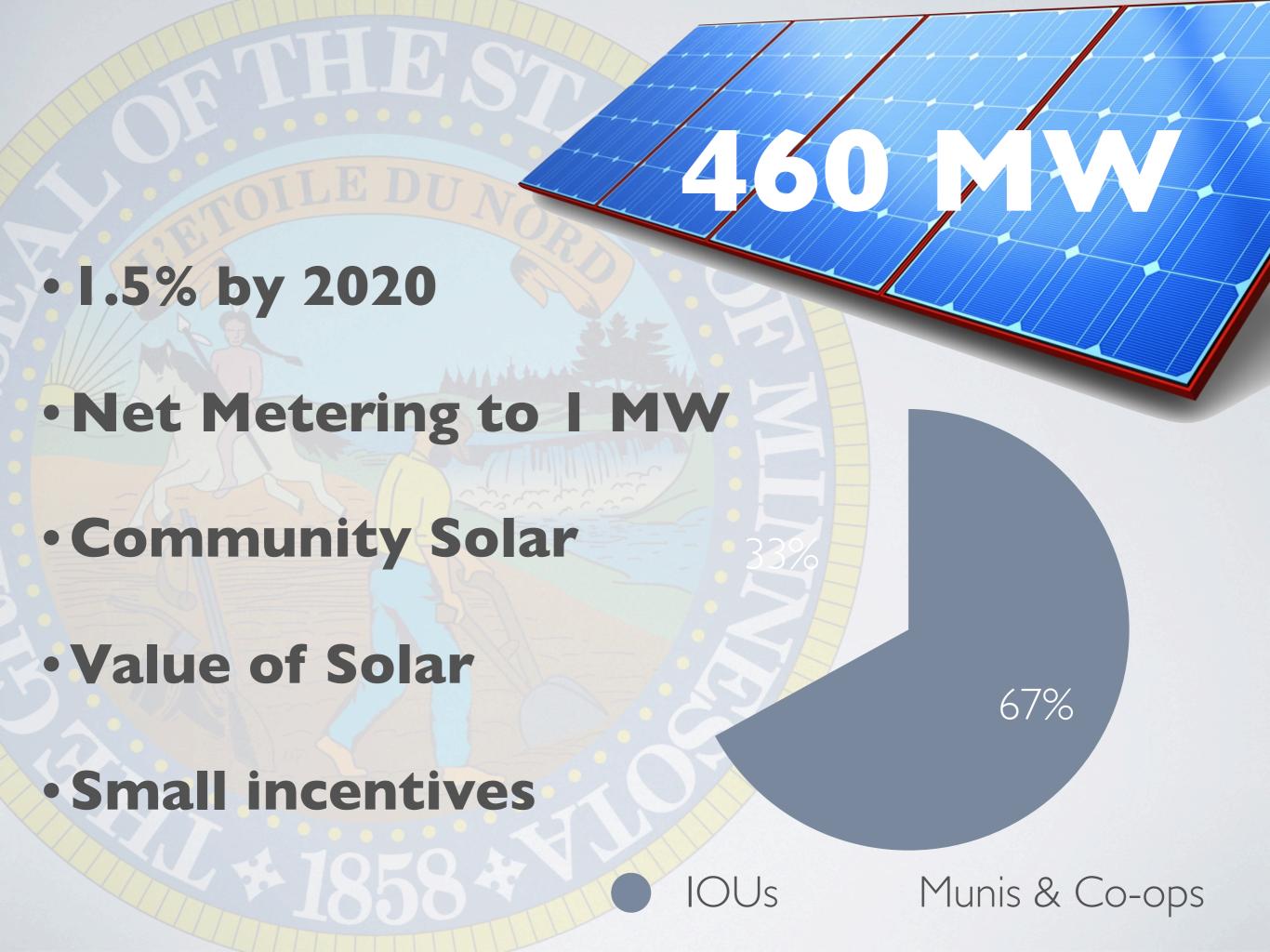


NEXT...

- Implementation
 - 2013 State DER Value of solar rate
 - 2014 PUC Value of solar rate
 - Xcel community solar
- Solar standard in Integrated Resource Plans
 - 100 MW solar bid for RFP

INTHEYEAR 2014...

- 3rd party ownership (again)
- Decoupling
- Rooftop design standards
- Tiered interconnection for small projects
- Other initiatives (muni/coop customer fairness campaign?)



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