## Large Scale Offsite Renewable Energy Projects – MWCOG Opportunities

**Panel Presentation** 



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# Key Takeaways for Today's Discussion

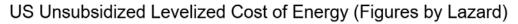
- > Renewable Energy (RE) costs are down dramatically in recent years, which has led to an explosion of direct customer purchases of RE
- Large scale renewable energy (LSRE) options are possible throughout the larger Washington Metropolitan Area despite differences in state regulation
- > Customer aggregation can help local governments take advantage of large scale renewable energy at extremely competitive pricing
- > Regulated (VA) and deregulated (MD/DC) jurisdictions have different options available but all have the same wholesale options (that do not conflict with state retail regs)

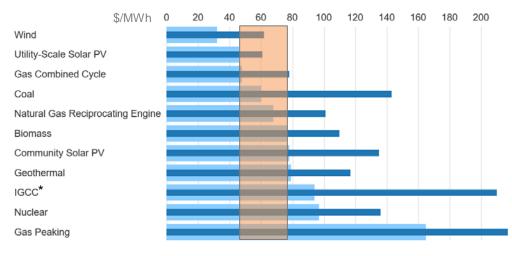


## **Cost Reductions Have Made Renewable Energy Competitive**

Steep reduction in renewable energy costs between 2009 and 2016

- 66% reduction in wind energy
- 85% reduction in solar energy





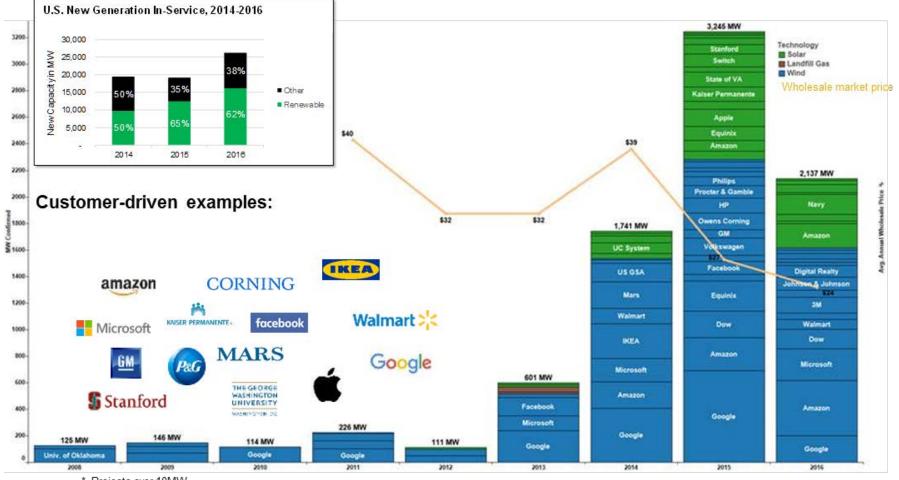
Light blue = low estimate. Dark blue = high estimate.

Natural gas plant

\* Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Source: Clean Technica, March 2017, Data: Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy – v10.0, Dec. 2016.



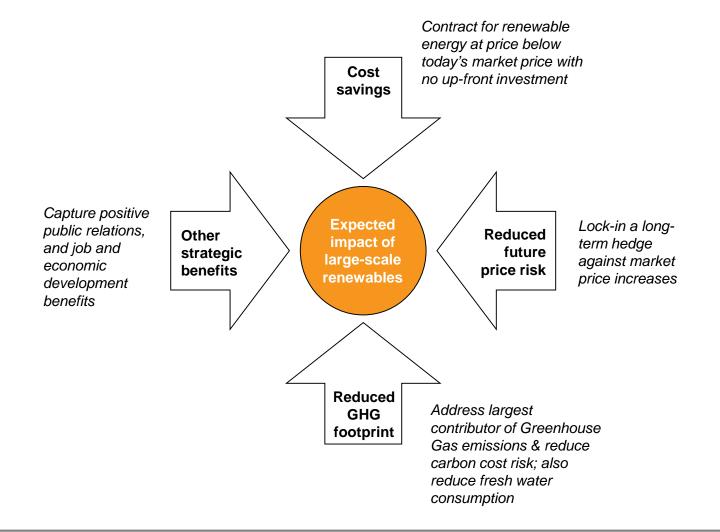
## Large US End-Users are Harnessing LSRE Value



\* Projects over 10MW

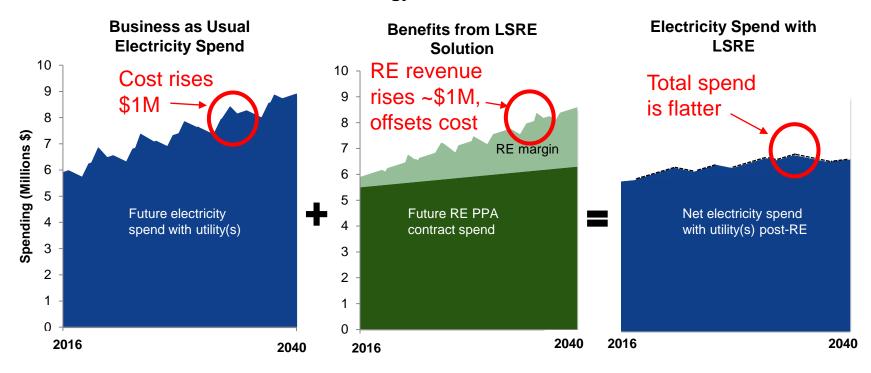
Source: FERC Office of Energy Projects Energy Infrastructure Update Dec 2016; Publicly available press announcements, CFR analysis

## Large Scale Renewable Energy Delivers Significant Value





#### Wholesale Solution Mitigates Price Volatility Risks

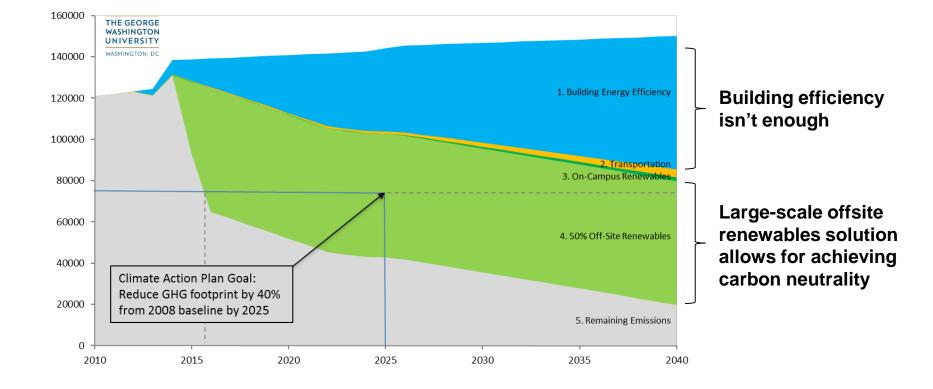


How do Indirect Wholesale Renewable Energy Solutions Reduce Risks?

\* Includes electricity price as well as other revenue streams such as capacity charges.

#### Source: EIA; CFR analysis

## Significant Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Footprint Achievable





The MWCOG Has Developed Strong GHG Reduction Goals

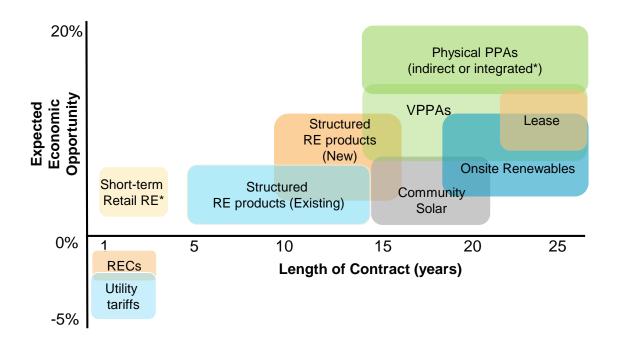


- Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Commitments
  - By 2012 reduce greenhouse gas emissions down to 2005 levels (Done)
  - By 2020 further reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 2005
  - By 2050 further reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% compared to 2005



#### Market Rapidly Evolving with New LSRE Options

A multitude of renewable energy options with significant value at stake



Today's Focus: Large Scale Offsite Renewable Energy Solutions - PPAs

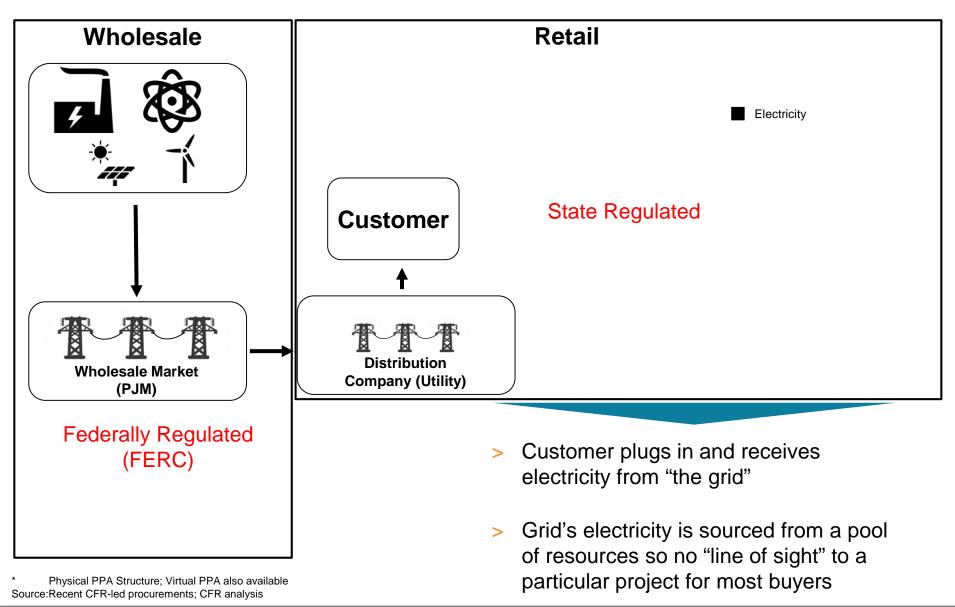
\* Only available in states with deregulated energy markets

Other structures available: bilateral utility agreements, etc.

Source: CFR analysis

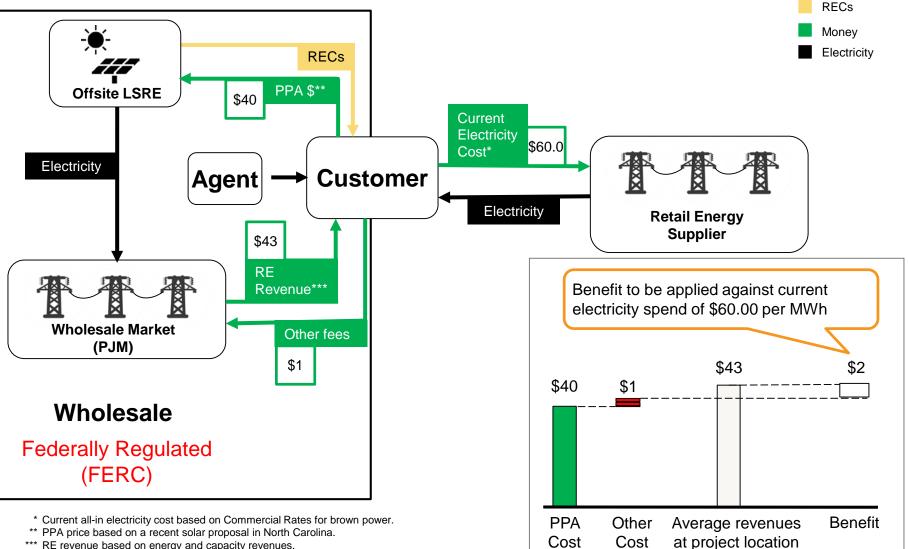


#### **Electricity Market Actors**



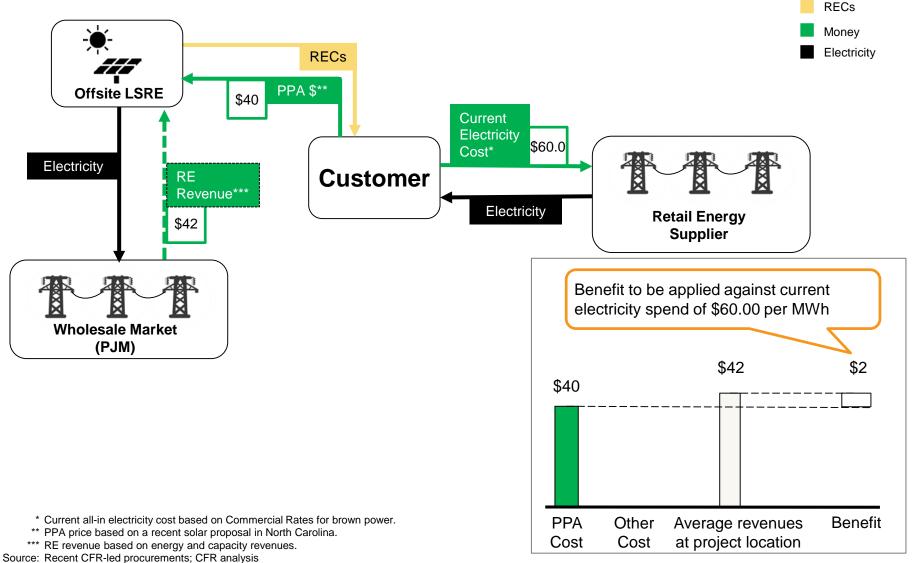


## LSRE Solution With a Physical PPA Contract - Economics



Source: Recent CFR-led procurements; CFR analysis

## LSRE Solution With a Virtual PPA Contract - Economics





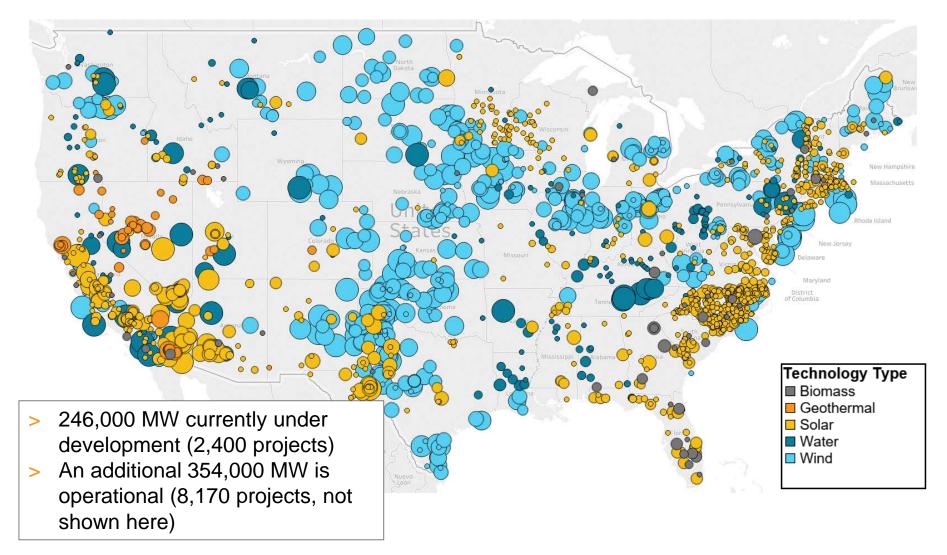
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#### **PPA Success Factors**

- > Alignment
  - It's never too early to get your organization(s) on the same page; this is an ongoing activity, not a one-time event
- > Change management
  - Don't underestimate the challenge inherent in making the switch from 1-3 year contracts to longer-term purchases – needs to be a cross-organizational, cross-functional effort
- > Competition
  - Highly competitive and properly structured solicitations will ferret out the best values
- > Due diligence
  - Great due diligence on developers and projects helps avoid problems further down the line
- > Value vs price
  - Different places on the grid have different values based on supply, demand and congestion (think of the latter as traffic congestion that you want to avoid)
- > Analysis
  - Don't be fooled by PPA price alone since many low-priced projects have low prices because they're in poor locations and need to offer bargain prices
  - Correlation of wholesale solution to your electricity cost is an important factor
  - Consider your "Business as Usual" risk retail rates (whether regulated or unregulated) are exposed to price risk – even tariff based rates in regulated states often have fuel surcharge pass-throughs and will always adjust to what is happening in the wholesale markets, although perhaps on a slightly longer time scale

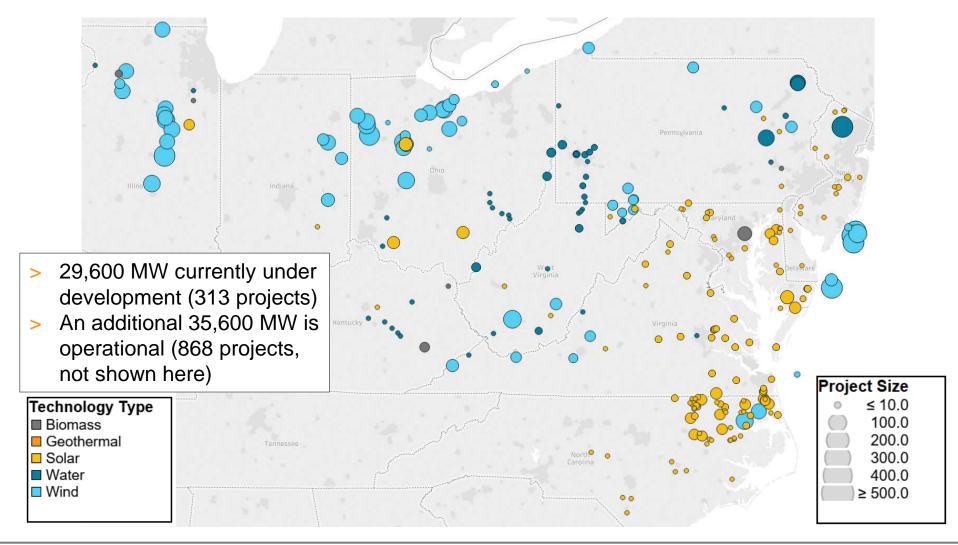


#### Many Large Scale Renewable Energy Projects Under Development Nationwide



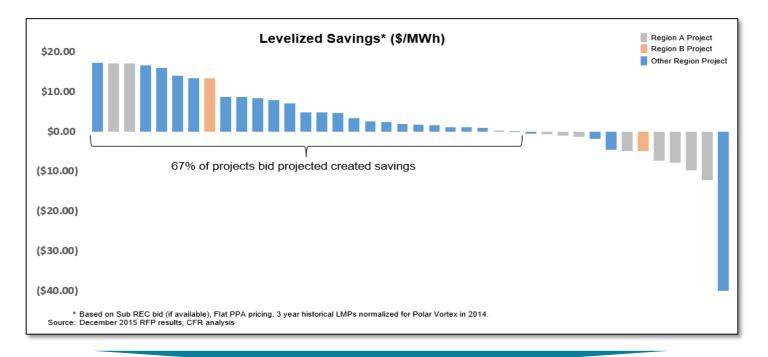


## LSRE Projects Under Development in PJM





## **Positive Benefits when Best Projects are Identified in an Inefficient Market**

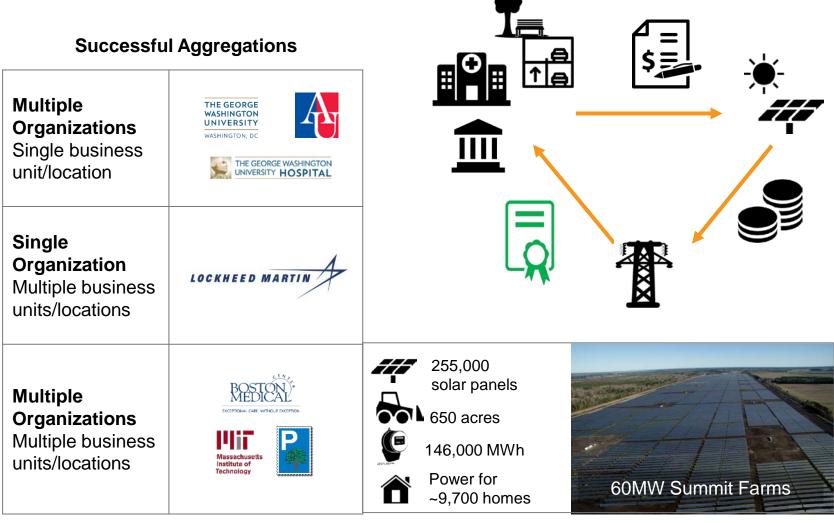


- > Initial economics for bids evaluated for a recent CFR customer; PPA prices ranged from \$15 to \$90
- > The top 5 projects by Levelized Savings (Benefits) had PPA prices in the \$16 \$47 range
- > High market prices, capacity values and other factors make some seemingly expensive projects profitable

Source: CFR analysis



## **Customer Aggregation Can be Tailored to Success**



#### **CFR – Who We Are**

#### **Renewable Energy Advisory Firm**

- Founded in 2010 by two former McKinsey & Company energy practice partners
- Focus 100% on bringing tailored large-scale renewable energy (LSRE) solutions to large end-users
- Technology, developer and project agnostic
- Customer-first approach underpins everything we do to maximize economic value for our customers

#### **Team Experience**

- 150+ years combined energy experience:
  ~2,900 MW of renewables
  ~6,000 MW traditional generation
- Deep expertise in corporate strategy, innovation, organizational and operational issues
- Advanced capabilities in risk management, financial analysis, and transaction execution



#### **Core Capabilities**



#### **Client Examples**





Accelerate your organization's switch to renewable energy with a trusted advisor and tailored solution



