

# State of Corporate Renewable Energy Procurement in the United States

David Gardiner and Associates  
July 11, 2018



**D|G/A**  
David Gardiner and Associates

# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Key findings from industry reports on renewable energy growth
- Discussion of increased corporate demand
- Moderated panel
- Audience Q&A

*Attendees can submit written questions through the GoToWebinar side panel.*

# Featuring



**Shawn Rumery, Panelist**

Director, Research, Solar Energy Industries Association



**Hannah Hunt, Panelist**

Deputy Director, Electricity Policy and Demand,  
American Wind Energy Association



**Jenna Goodward, Panelist**

Energy Technology Program Manager, Microsoft

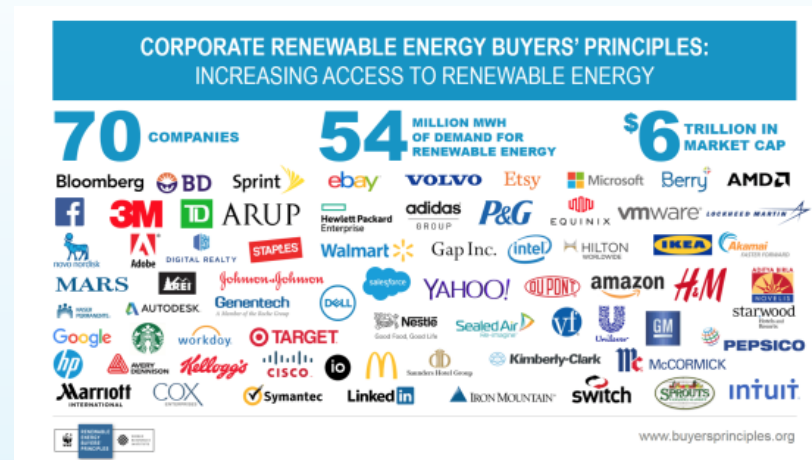


**David Gardiner, Moderator**

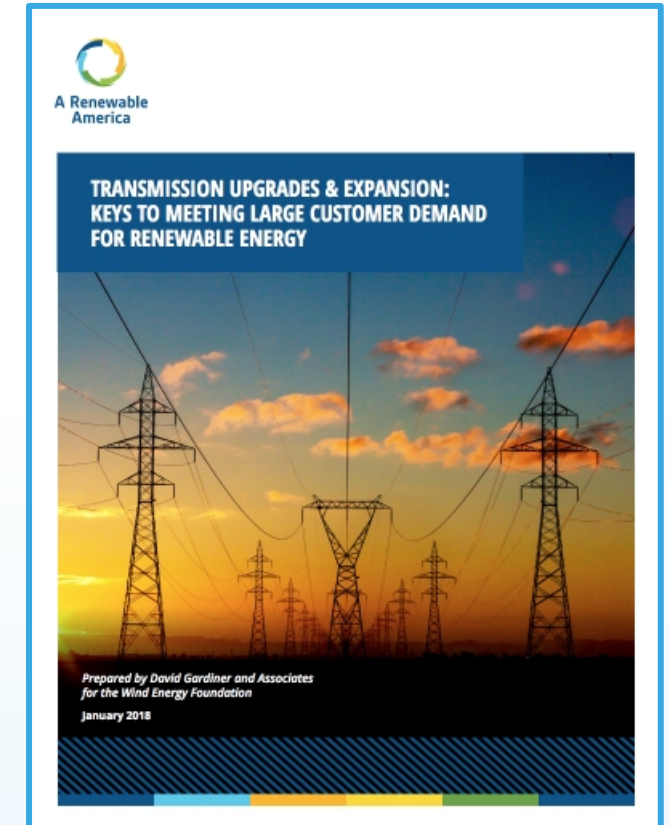
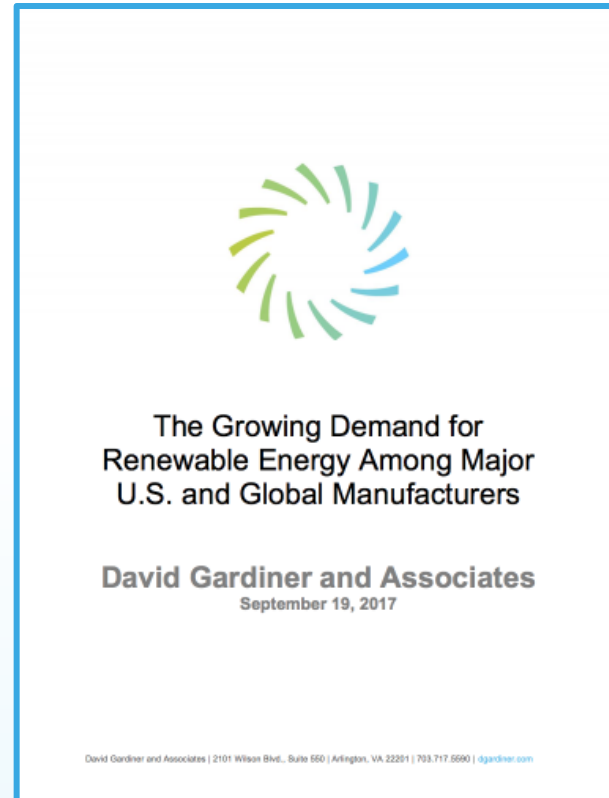
President of David Gardiner and Associates

# Growing Corporate Interest in Renewables

- Nearly half of the companies in the Fortune 500 and 63 percent of the Fortune 100 have set clean energy goals
- 138 companies have joined RE100, such as AB InBev, Apple, GM, IKEA, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, Nike, Walmart, and Unilever
- 75 companies have signed onto the Corporate Renewable Energy Buyers' Principles



# Our Work on Large Customer Renewable Energy Procurement



*DGA is sharing the latest news about policy and market trends:*

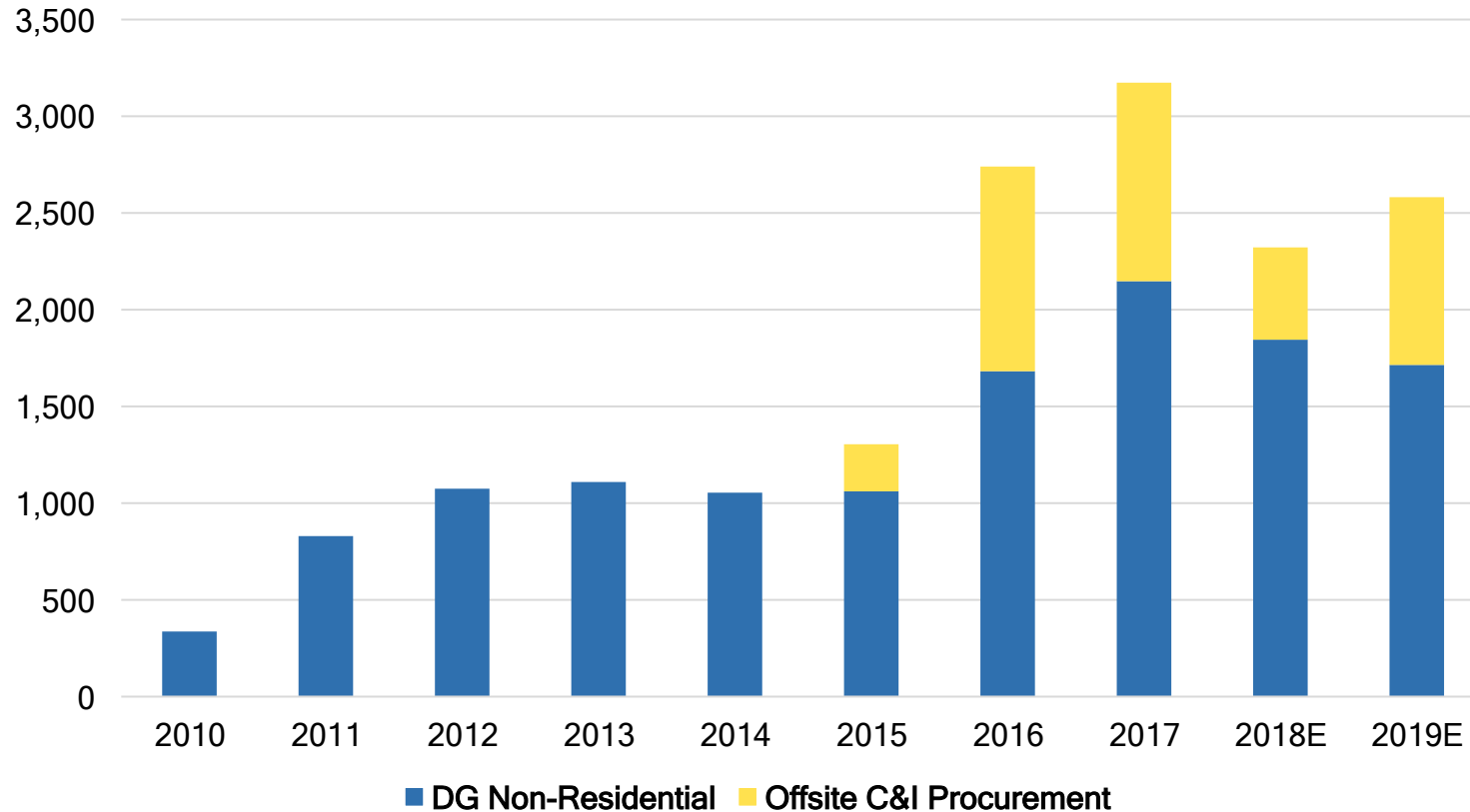
[@CustomerREVO](https://twitter.com/CustomerREVO) on Twitter

[Customer Revolution Monthly Newsletter](#)



# Rapid Increases in Corporate Procurement

Commercial Solar Procurement



- After several flat years, corporate procurement ramps in 2016 and 2017 due to
  - growth of off-site projects;
  - ITC demand pull-in
  - falling costs
  - Demand pull-in from expiring incentives/rate changes
- Corporate procurement accounted for 30% of all solar capacity brought online in 2017- highest total since 2010
- Current and future growth a product of expanded procurement options
  - Physical and Virtual PPAs
  - Green Tariffs
  - Community Solar
  - Commercial PACE

Source: GTM Research

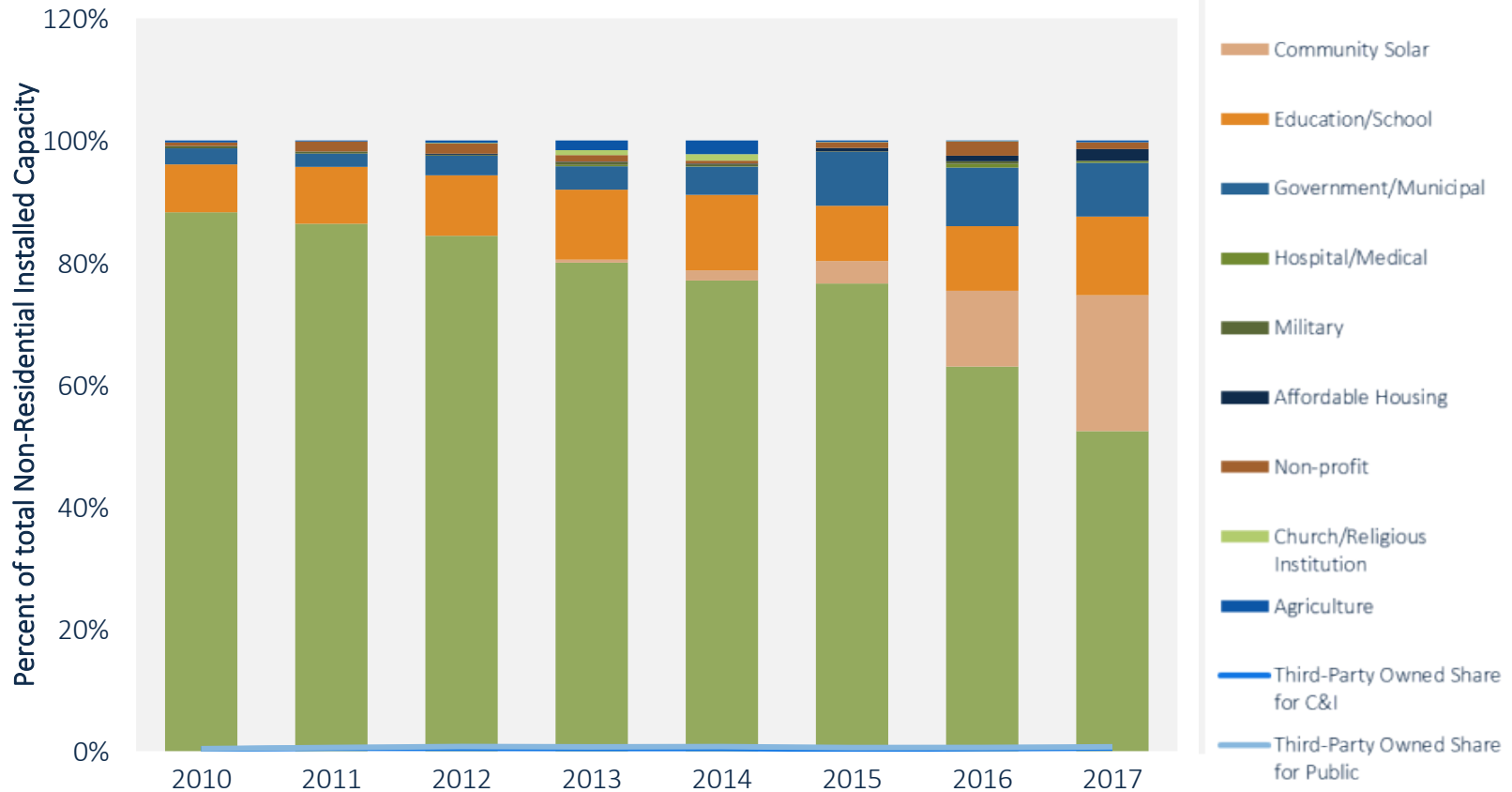
April 2, 2018

[www.seia.org](http://www.seia.org)



# Changing Sources of On-Site Non-Residential Demand

Non-Residential Solar PV Customer Types



- Traditional C&I losing share (but not MWs) to community solar; non-profit/gov't
- At same time, 3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership share increasing for both public and private customers
  - Contrast to residential market

Source: GTM Research

April 2, 2018

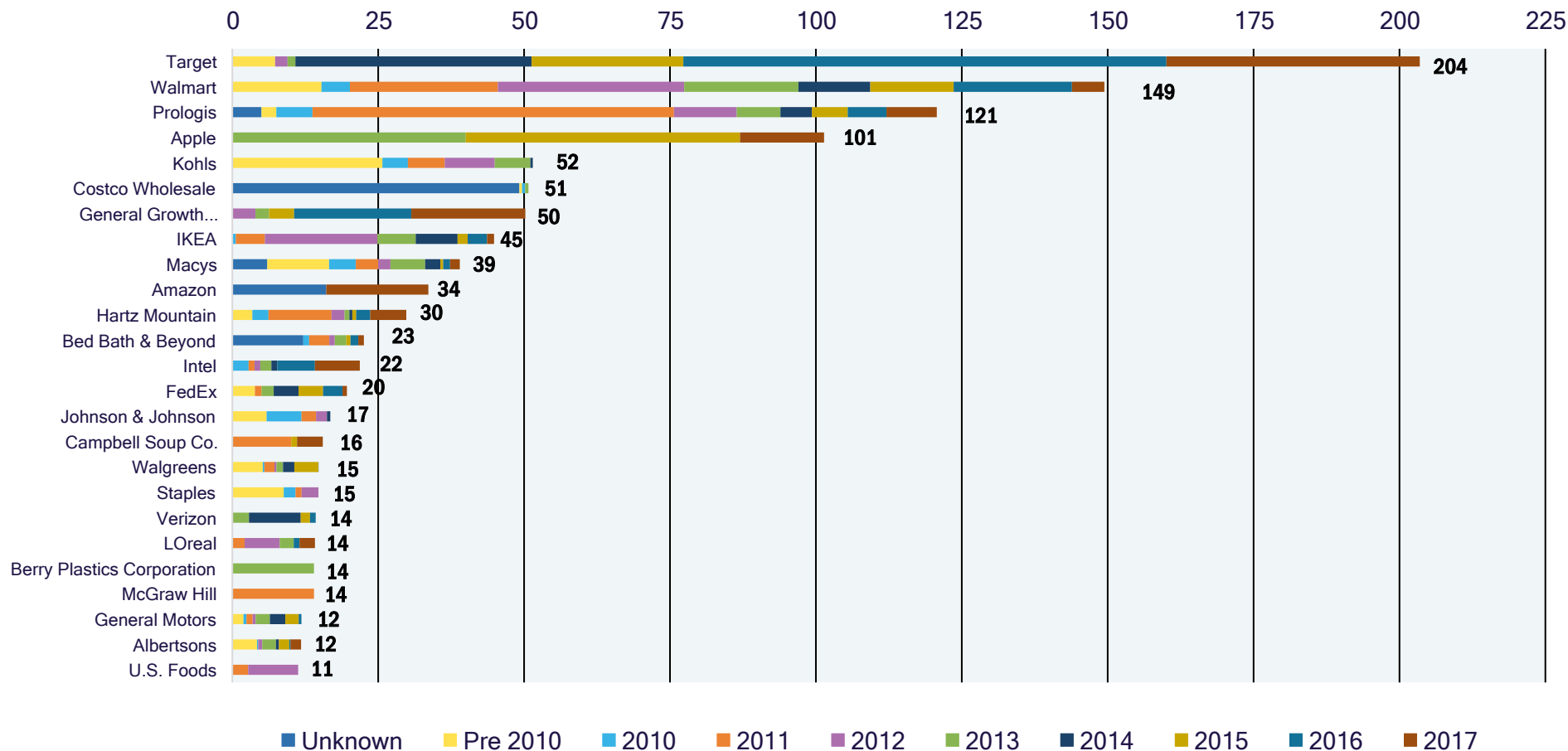
[www.seia.org](http://www.seia.org)



# Top Corporate Users

- **Target** takes the top spot for the second consecutive year
- **Walmart** has ranked 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> for corporate solar every year since the report debuted in 2012
- **GGP Inc.** moves up 2 spots after extensive additions in 2016 and 2017
- **Amazon** makes the list for the first time with surge of installations in 2017

Top 25 Corporate Solar Users by Installed Capacity (Megawatts)



Source: SEIA, Solar Means Business

April 2, 2018

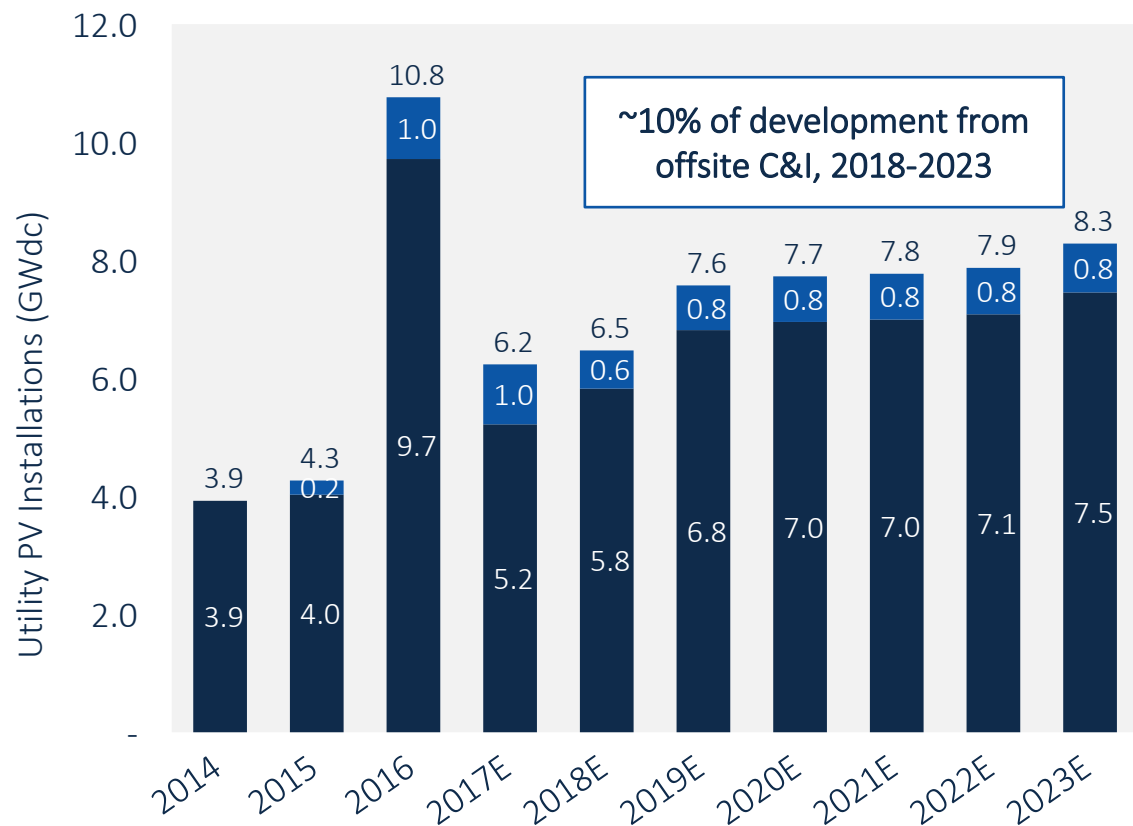
[www.seia.org](http://www.seia.org)



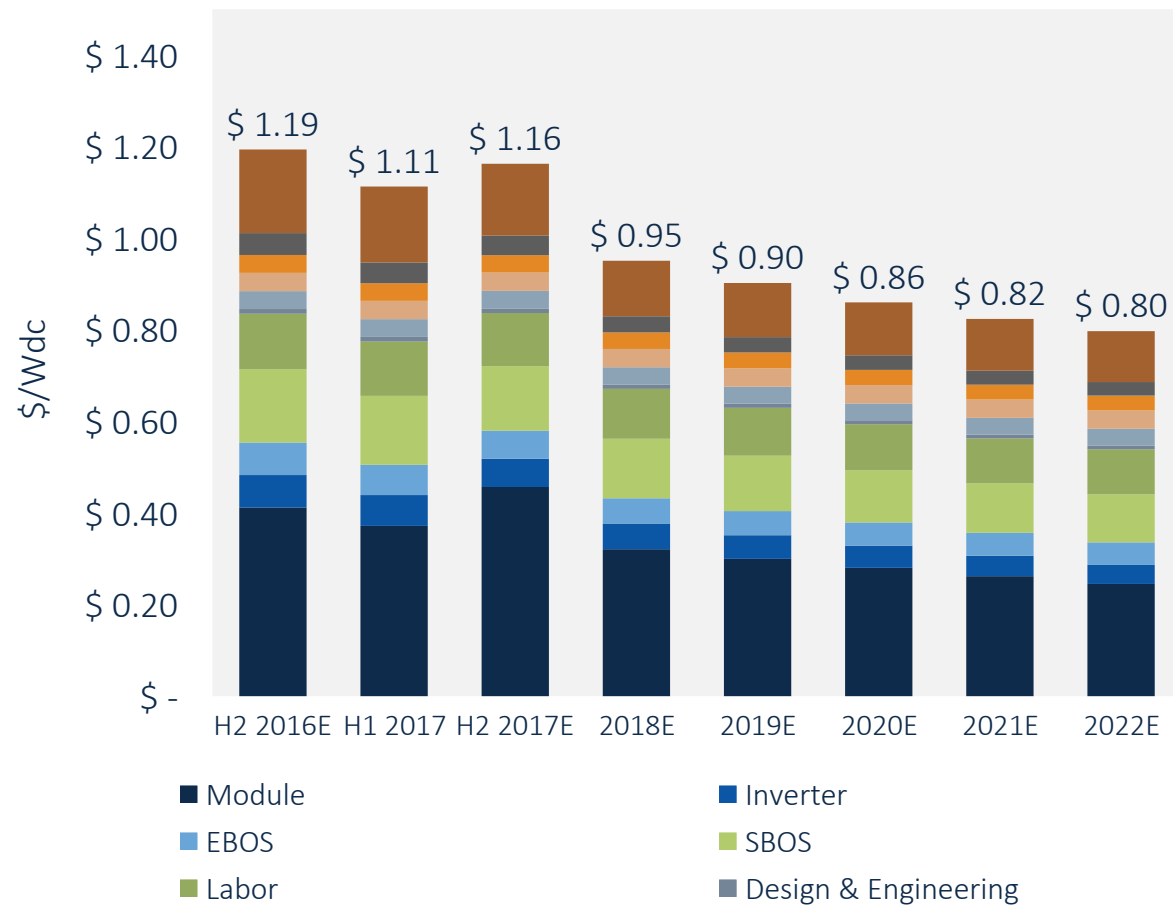


# Off-Site Corporate Grows as Prices Fall, Despite Tariff

U.S. Utility PV Forecast 2018-2023



U.S. Utility Fixed-Tilt PV System Pricing H2 2016-2022E (\$/Wdc)



Source: GTM Research

■ Other Procurement ■ Offsite C&I Procurement

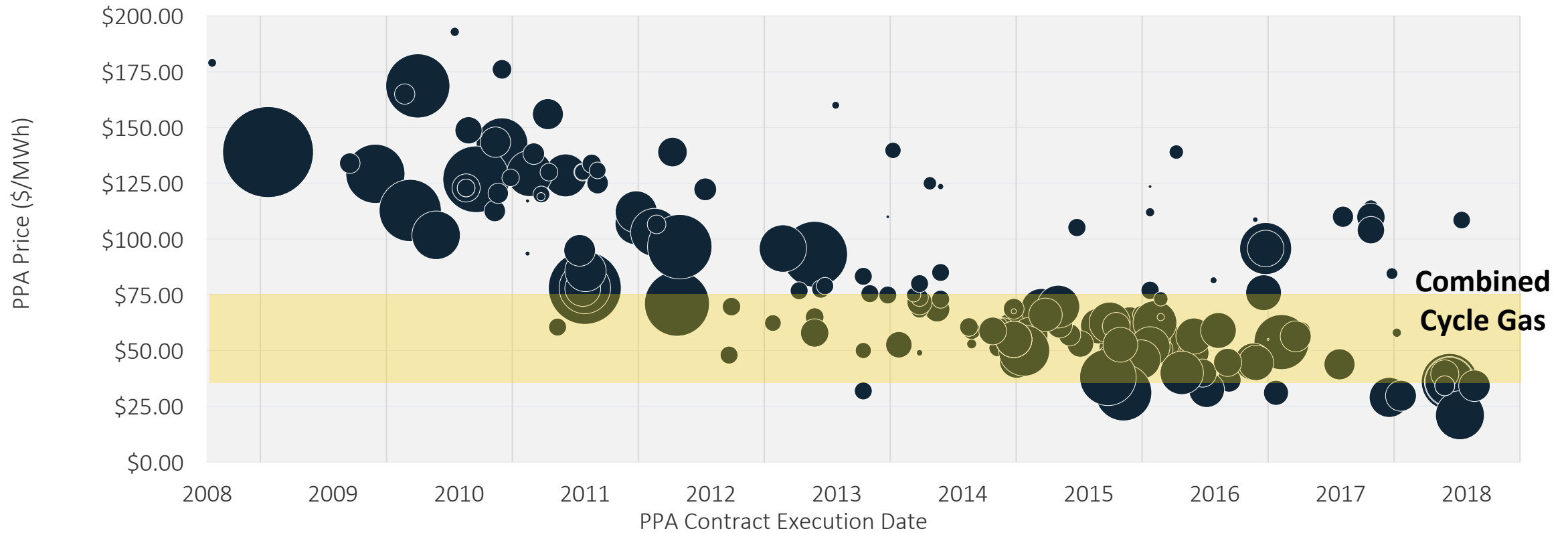
April 2, 2018

www.seia.org



# Competitiveness of Utility-Scale Solar Drives Demand

Utility PV PPA Prices by Contract Execution Date



Source: GTM Research

April 2, 2018

[www.seia.org](http://www.seia.org)



# Challenges and Opportunities for Commercial Solar

## Challenges

- Solar Module Tariff will raise prices and slow growth from 2018 – 2021
- Declining state-level incentives
- Less attractive rate design
- Decline of Federal [Investment Tax Credit](#)
- Move from early adopters to mainstream commercial consumers in established markets; customer acquisition issues



## Opportunities

- Non-module hardware costs continue to decline; lots of room for non-hardware (soft) costs to decline
- Increased electrification (EVs), internet of things, pushing wide variety of companies to think differently about electricity
- Decreased costs of storage and solar opens up markets to companies looking for alternative resilience and cost saving options
- More large corporates opting for 100% renewables commitment
- As costs come down, tons of room for growth in non-traditional state markets

April 2, 2018

[www.seia.org](http://www.seia.org)



# Featuring



**Shawn Rumery, Panelist**

Director, Research, Solar Energy Industries Association



**Hannah Hunt, Panelist**

Deputy Director, Electricity Policy and Demand,  
American Wind Energy Association



**Jenna Goodward, Panelist**

Energy Technology Program Manager, Microsoft



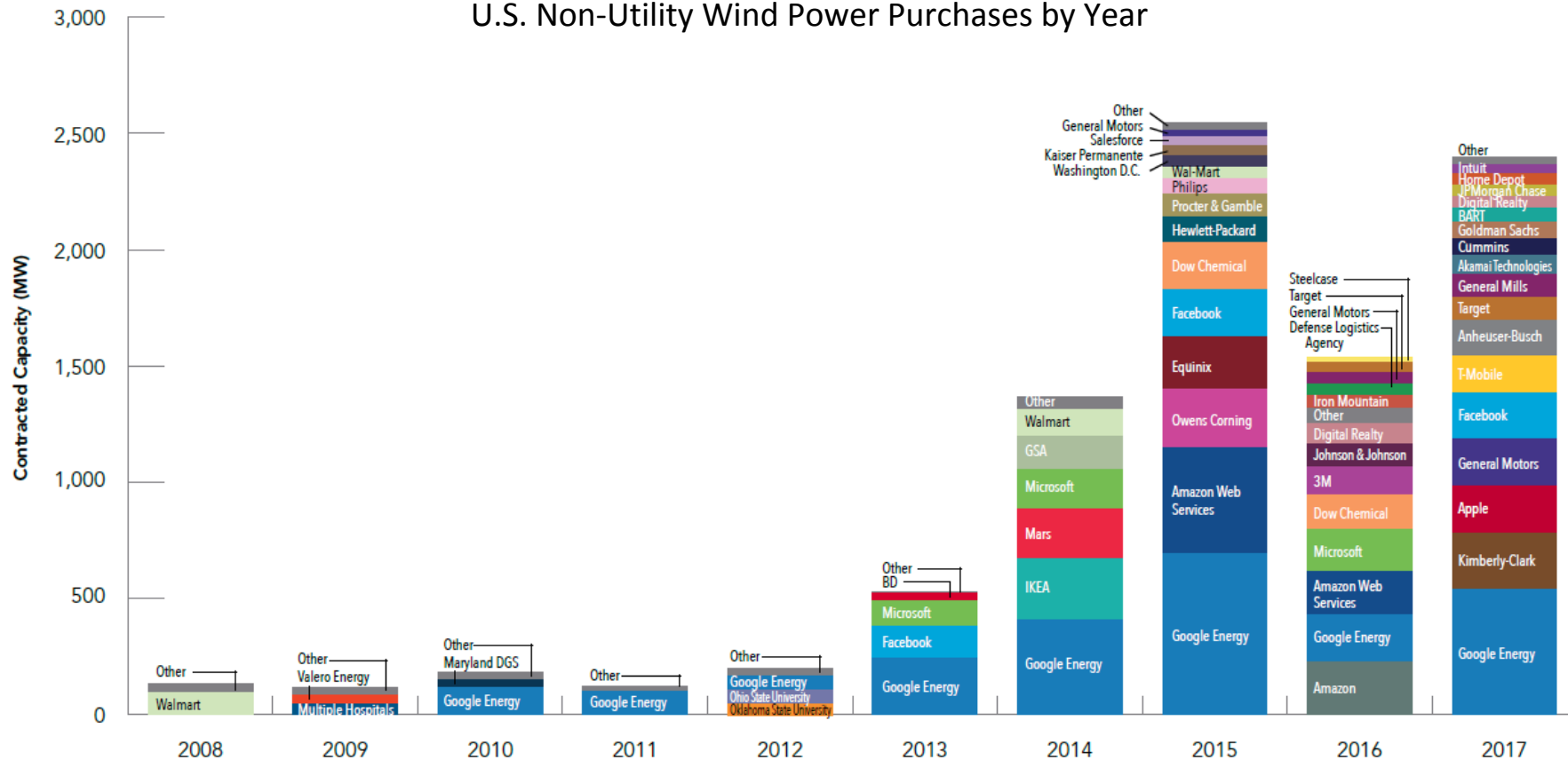
**David Gardiner, Moderator**

President of David Gardiner and Associates



# C&I customers procured over 2,400 MW of wind power in 2017

U.S. Non-Utility Wind Power Purchases by Year

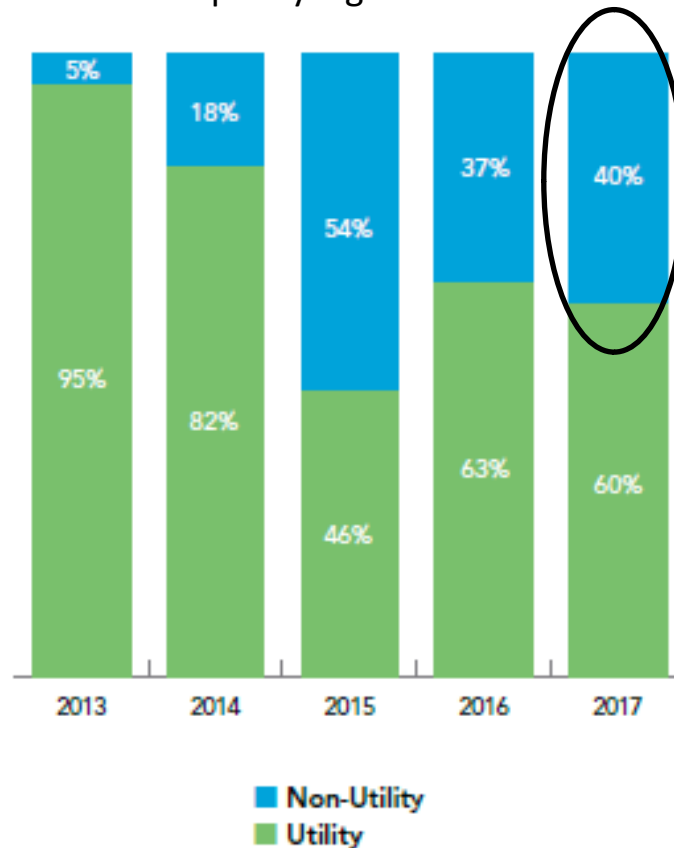


- Additional 1,359 MW procured in 1Q 2018
- Over 10,000 MW procured from 2008 - 1Q 2018
- C&I customers represent 95% of total non-utility procurement



## Non-utility customers represent 40% of total wind capacity contracted via PPAs in 2017

PPA Capacity Signed over Time

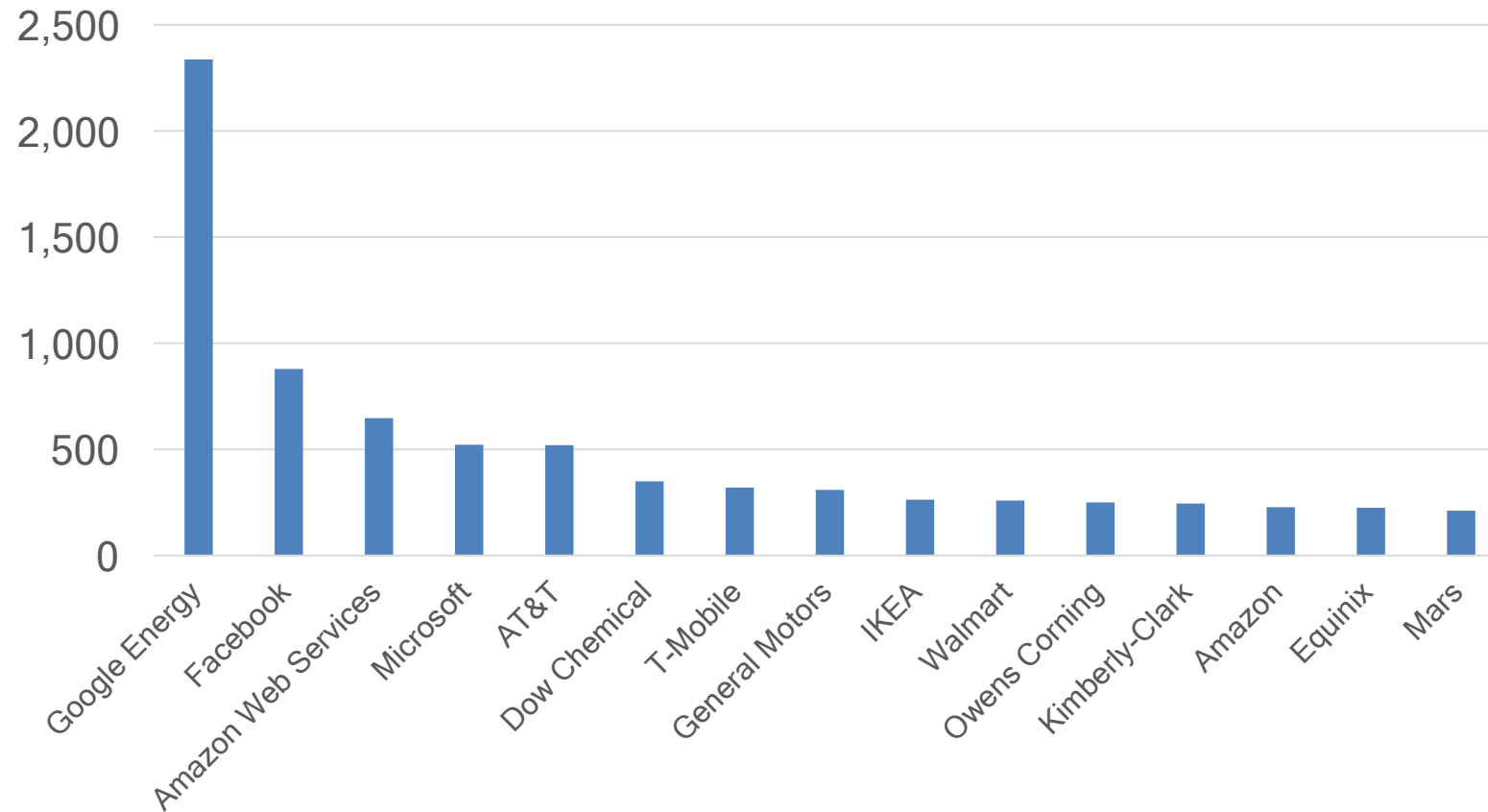


- PPAs continue as preferred offtake method for C&I customers (83% of total)
- Increased diversity in procurement options
  - Green Tariffs
  - Direct Investment
  - Long-term REC purchases



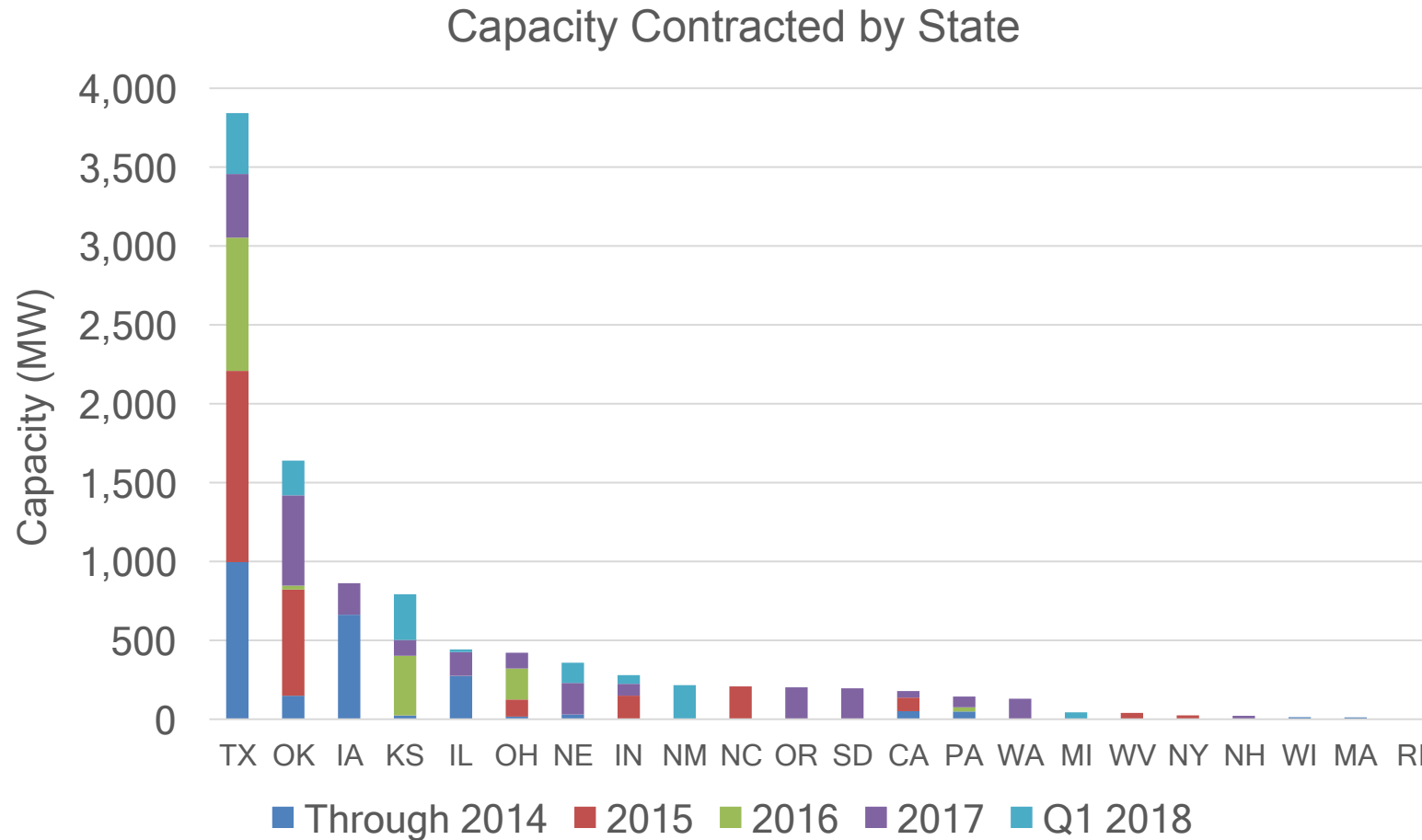
## More than 50 C&I customers have procured at least 10 MW of wind power

Contracted Capacity by Customer





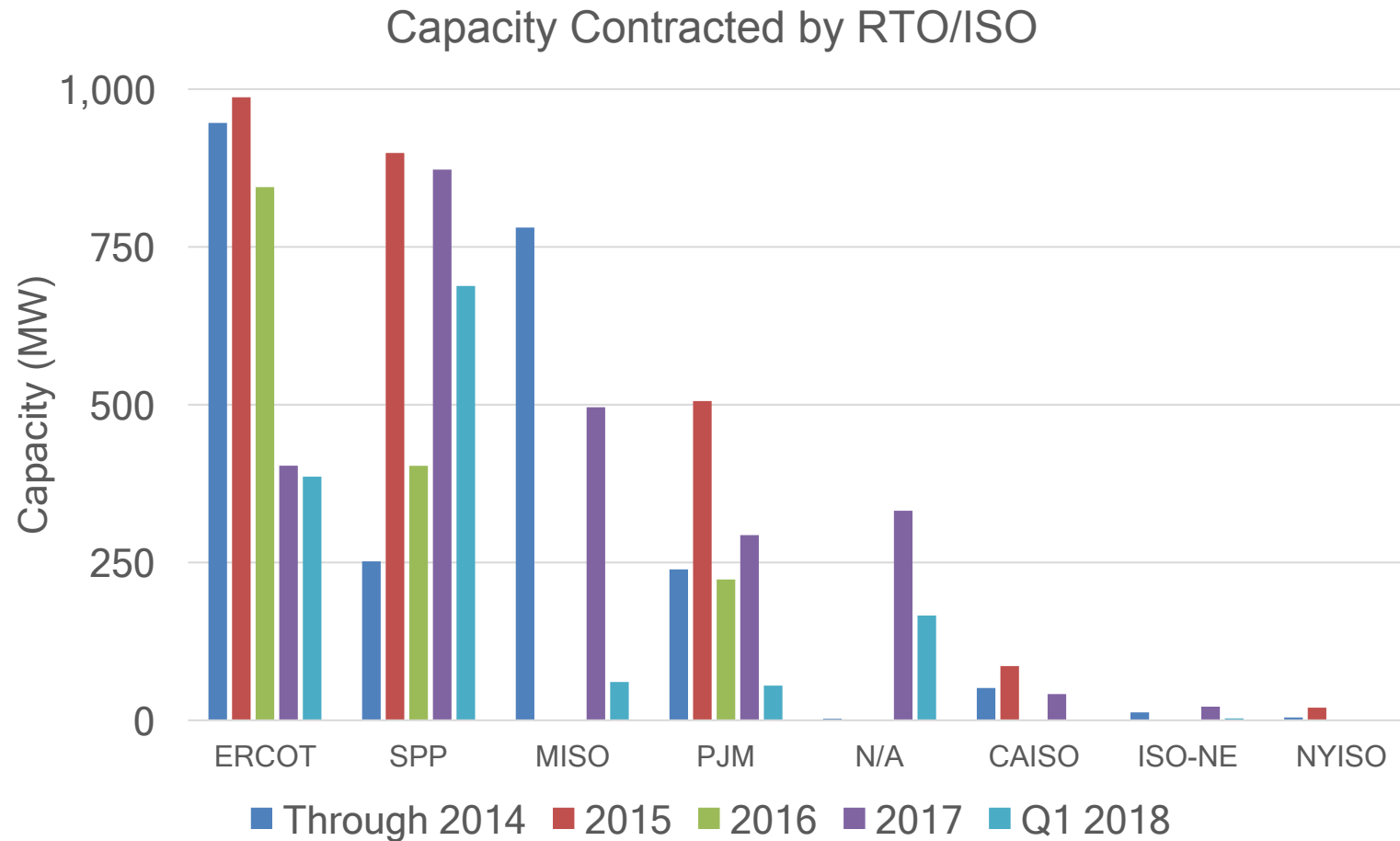
## C&I activity focused on Texas, with increasing state diversity







## C&I activity concentrated in ERCOT and increasingly SPP followed by MISO and PJM





## Challenges and Opportunities

- Continued wind cost declines
- Transmission investment
- RTO/ISO engagement
- Federal and state policy drivers
- Utility partnerships
- Procurement opportunities for smaller buyers

# Featuring



**Shawn Rumery, Panelist**

Director, Research, Solar Energy Industries Association



**Hannah Hunt, Panelist**

Deputy Director, Electricity Policy and Demand,  
American Wind Energy Association



**Jenna Goodward, Panelist**

Energy Technology Program Manager, Microsoft



**David Gardiner, Moderator**

President of David Gardiner and Associates

A photograph of a server room with rows of server racks. The room is dimly lit with blue light emanating from the racks. Numerous cables are visible, some bundled together. The perspective is from a low angle, looking down a long aisle between the racks.

# Powering the Cloud: Microsoft's Energy Journey

Jenna Goodward – Senior Program Manager  
Webinar -- State of Corporate Renewable Energy Procurement in the U.S.

**2 Mil**

kilometers  
intra-datacenter fiber

**>1GW**

installed  
capacity

**42**

Azure regions

**100+**

datacenters

**Millions**

of servers



# Commitment to sustainability



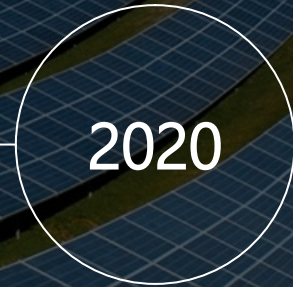
2012

Carbon neutral



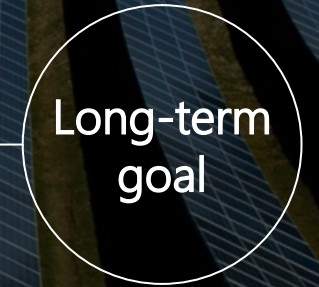
2018

50% energy use from wind, solar & hydropower



2020

60% energy use from wind, solar & hydropower



Long-term goal

100% energy use from wind, solar & hydropower

# Leading an advanced energy economy that benefits everyone



Generate  
clean energy



Enable the next  
generation of  
energy technology

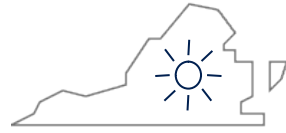


Bring new solutions  
to market



# Generate clean energy

Enabling the transition towards a grid powered by carbon-free energy



**20**  
MW

Supporting solar energy in Virginia

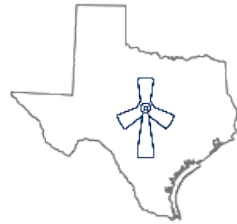
---



**37**  
MW

Advancing wind power in Ireland

---



**110**  
MW

New wind power in Texas

---



**175**  
MW

Harnessing the wind in Illinois

---



**180**  
MW

Capturing clean energy in the Netherlands







# Next generation energy technology: Flow batteries



As more renewables come onto the grid, use existing resources as backup power options



Long term: Grid-interactive batteries store hours of energy vs. minutes

# agder energi



Smarter grid with Agder Energi in Norway  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxKphN8iVHE>

# Questions?

Please submit any written questions through the GoToWebinar panel on the right side of your screen, and we will answer as many as possible.

# Panelist discussion



**Shawn Rumery, Panelist**

Director, Research, Solar Energy Industries Association



**Hannah Hunt, Panelist**

Deputy Director, Electricity Policy and Demand,  
American Wind Energy Association



**Jenna Woodward, Panelist**

Energy Technology Program Manager, Microsoft



**David Gardiner, Moderator**

President of David Gardiner and Associates

# Thank You

To learn more about DGA, visit [dgardiner.com](https://dgardiner.com)

Additional questions? Email [Isabel@dgardiner.com](mailto:Isabel@dgardiner.com)



D|G/A

David Gardiner and Associates