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## Topics:

1. The Energy Master Plan and Integrated Energy Plan
2. Studies of the Value of Distributed Solar in NJ
3. Incentives that Circle Back Directly to Participants  
(and the public)



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Nissan Versa



Honda Fit



Hyundai Accent



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**It's OK to pay more  
for something that's worth more.**



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# **The Energy Master Plan and Integrated Energy Plan**

## **Overarching Strategies Guiding the Energy Master Plan**

**Strategy 1:** Reduce Energy Consumption and Emissions from the Transportation Sector

**Strategy 2: Accelerate Deployment of Renewable Energy and Distributed Energy Resources**

**Strategy 3:** Maximize Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Reduce Peak Demand

**Strategy 4:** Reduce Energy Consumption and Emissions from the Building Sector

**Strategy 5:** Decarbonize and Modernize New Jersey's Energy System

**Strategy 6: Support Community Energy Planning and Action with an Emphasis on Encouraging and Supporting Participation by Low- and Moderate-Income and Environmental Justice Communities**

**Strategy 7:** Expand the Clean Energy Innovation Economy

**2.3 Maximize local (on-site or remotely-sited) solar development and distributed energy resources by 2050**

**2.3.3 Maximize solar rooftop and community solar development in urban and low- and moderate-income communities using the local workforce**

**Continuing deployment of in-state renewables and distributed energy resources, above current goals, is consistent with a least-cost path to meeting 2050 targets.**  
**(p. 17)**

**While there are benefits to encouraging access to distant renewable energy generation, such as greater geographic diversity and lower cost, there are also myriad ancillary benefits to in-state renewable energy generation and DER. Local renewable generation produces jobs and investments, and locally-sited DERs, if optimally deployed, may avoid or postpone transmission or distribution investment, lower electricity congestion and locational marginal prices, and increase fuel diversity and system resiliency. Further, in-state renewable energy generation produces ongoing, local jobs in innovation-centered STEM careers such as planning, installation, maintenance, and operations**

**New Jersey could most cost-effectively meet its electricity demand by building 32 GW of in-state solar, 11 GW of offshore wind, and 9 GW of storage. The modeling showed that while it was cost effective to increase transmission from 7 GW to 9 GW to benefit from a certain amount of lower-cost out-of-state clean resources, it was most cost effective to meet remaining demand with in-state resources rather than build additional transmission.**

# New Jersey's Energy Master Plan Least Cost Scenario

FIGURE 16.  
Supply Sources to Meet New Jersey's 100% Clean Energy Requirement in 2050

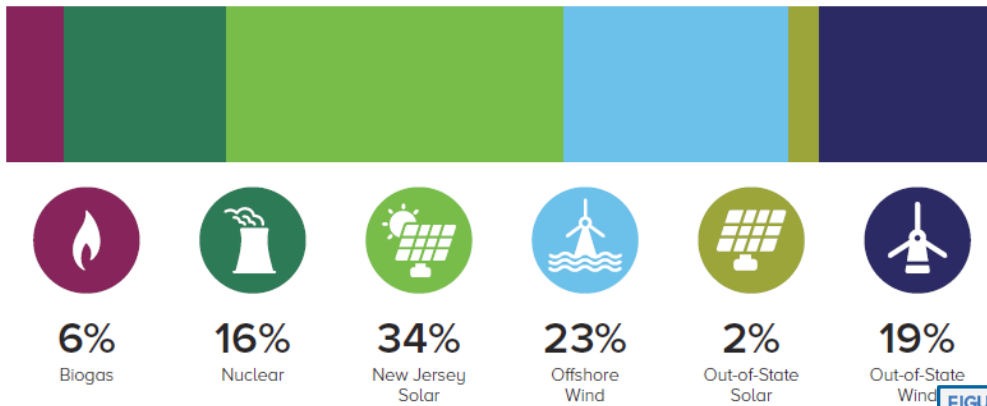
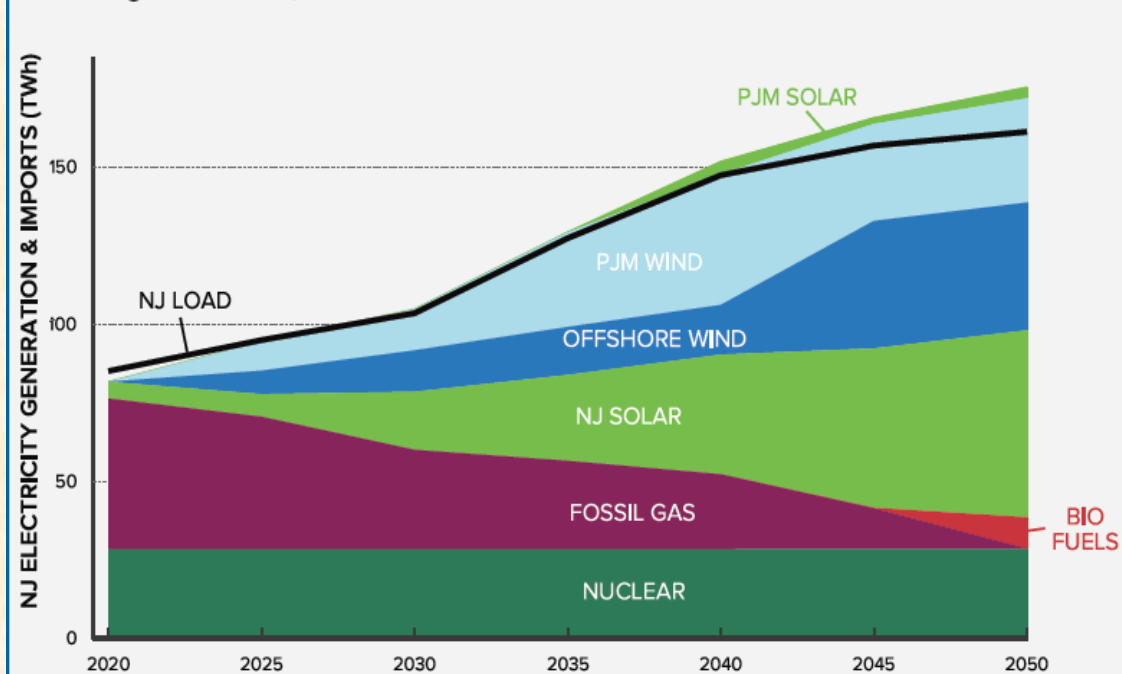


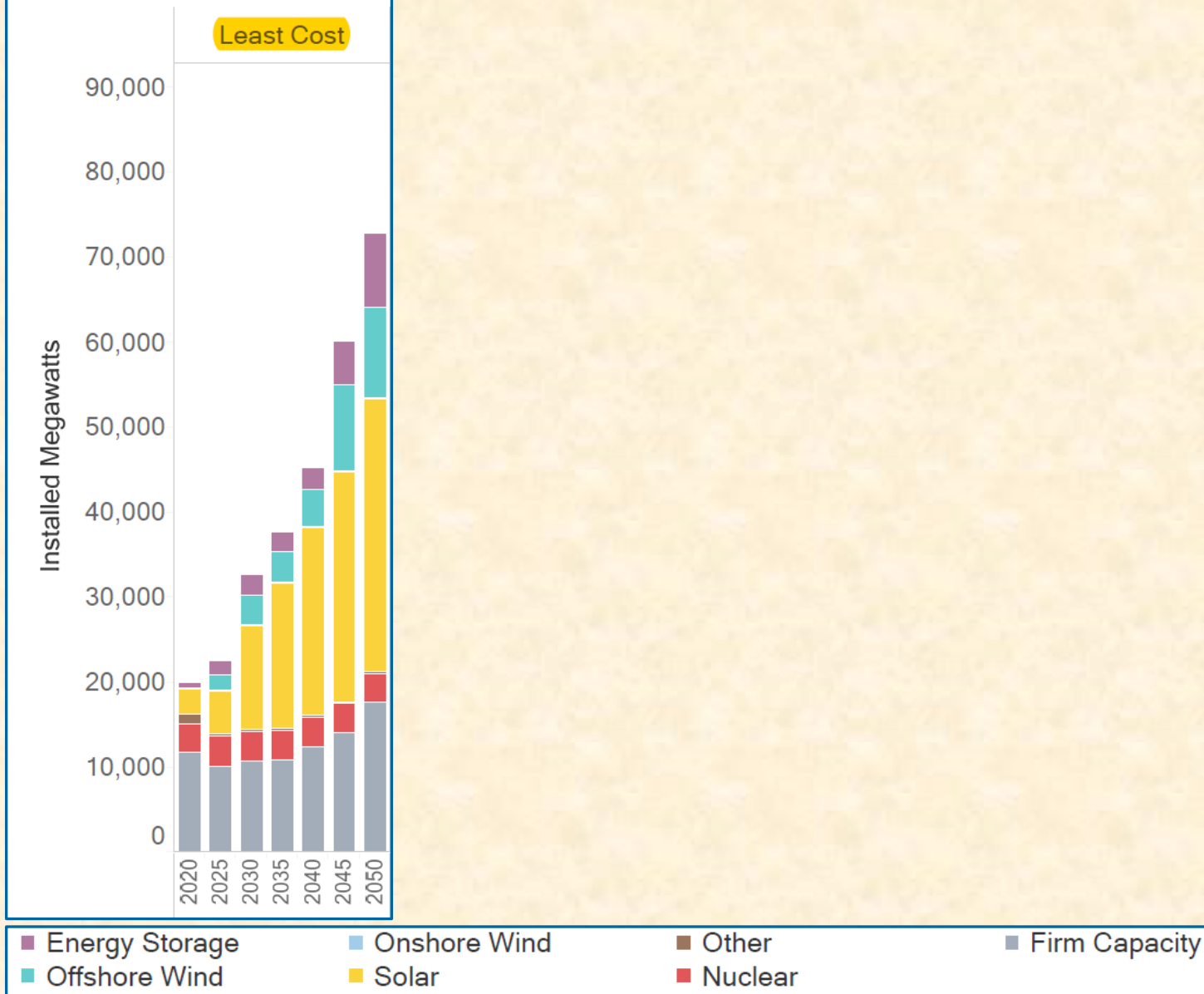
FIGURE 8.  
Electricity Generation, Least Cost Scenario





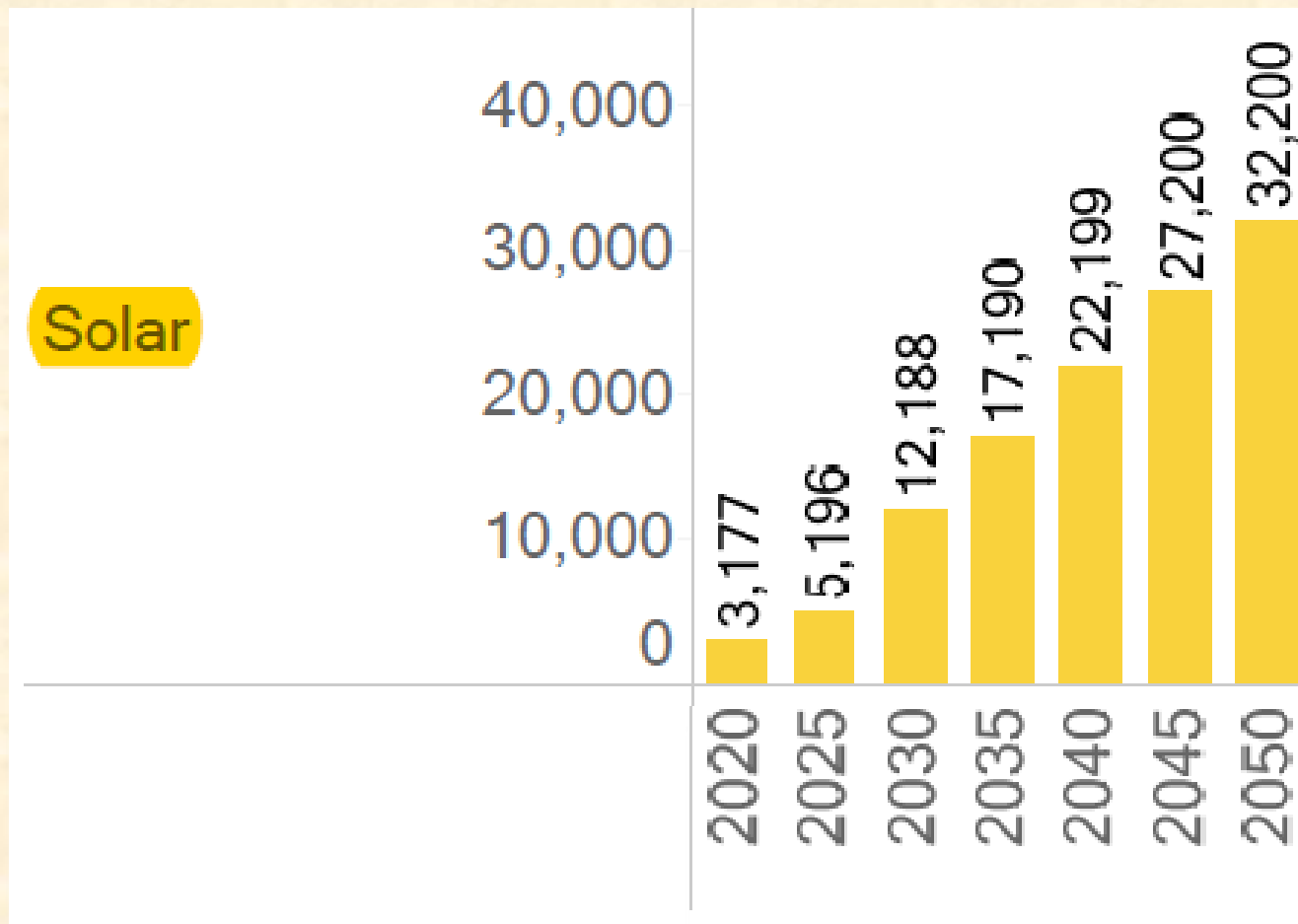
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Figure 5. Installed capacity



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## Solar Growth By Year





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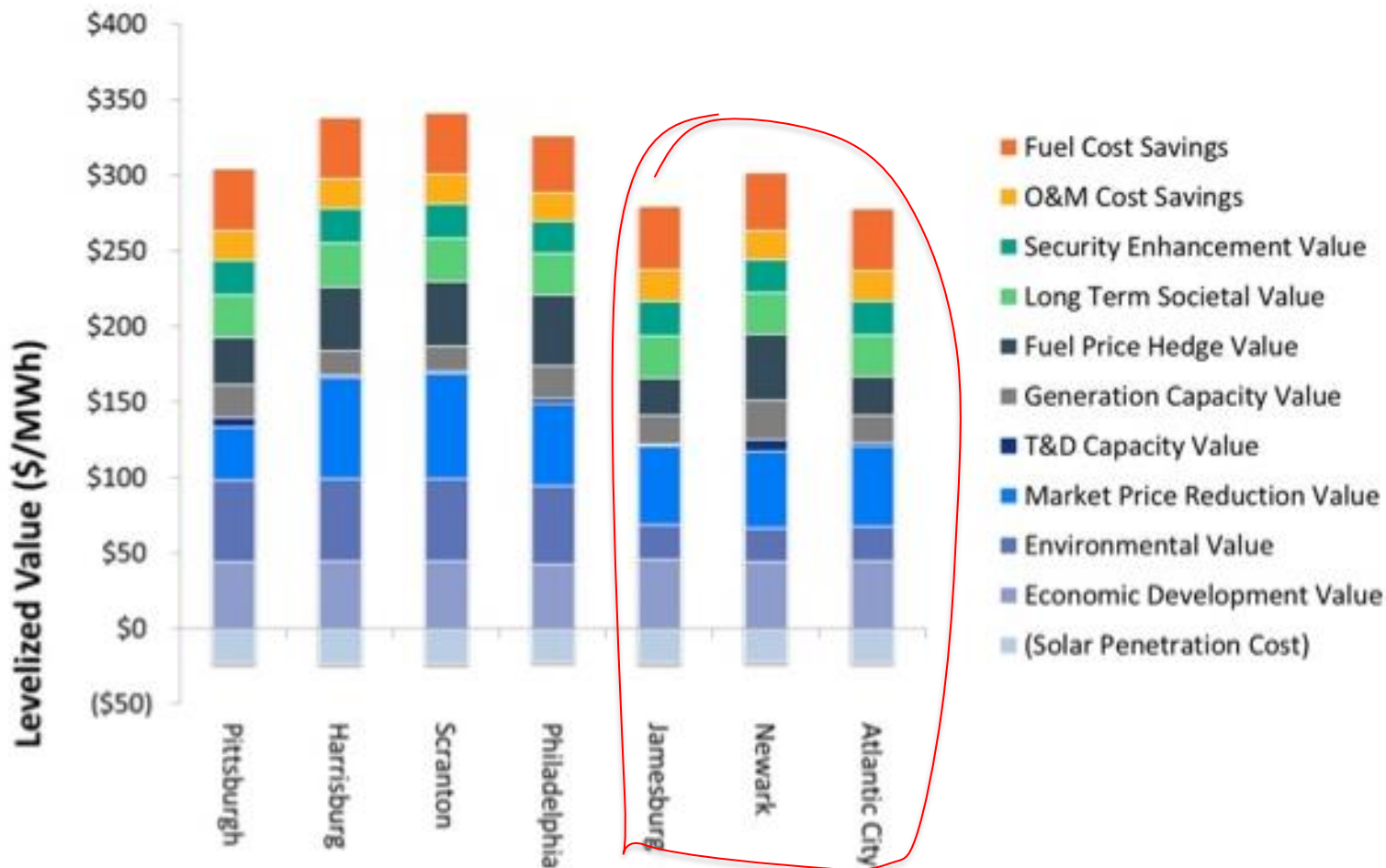
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# **Studies of the Value of Distributed Solar in NJ**

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**The Value of Distributed Solar Electric Generation to New Jersey and Pennsylvania – Clean Power Research, 2012**

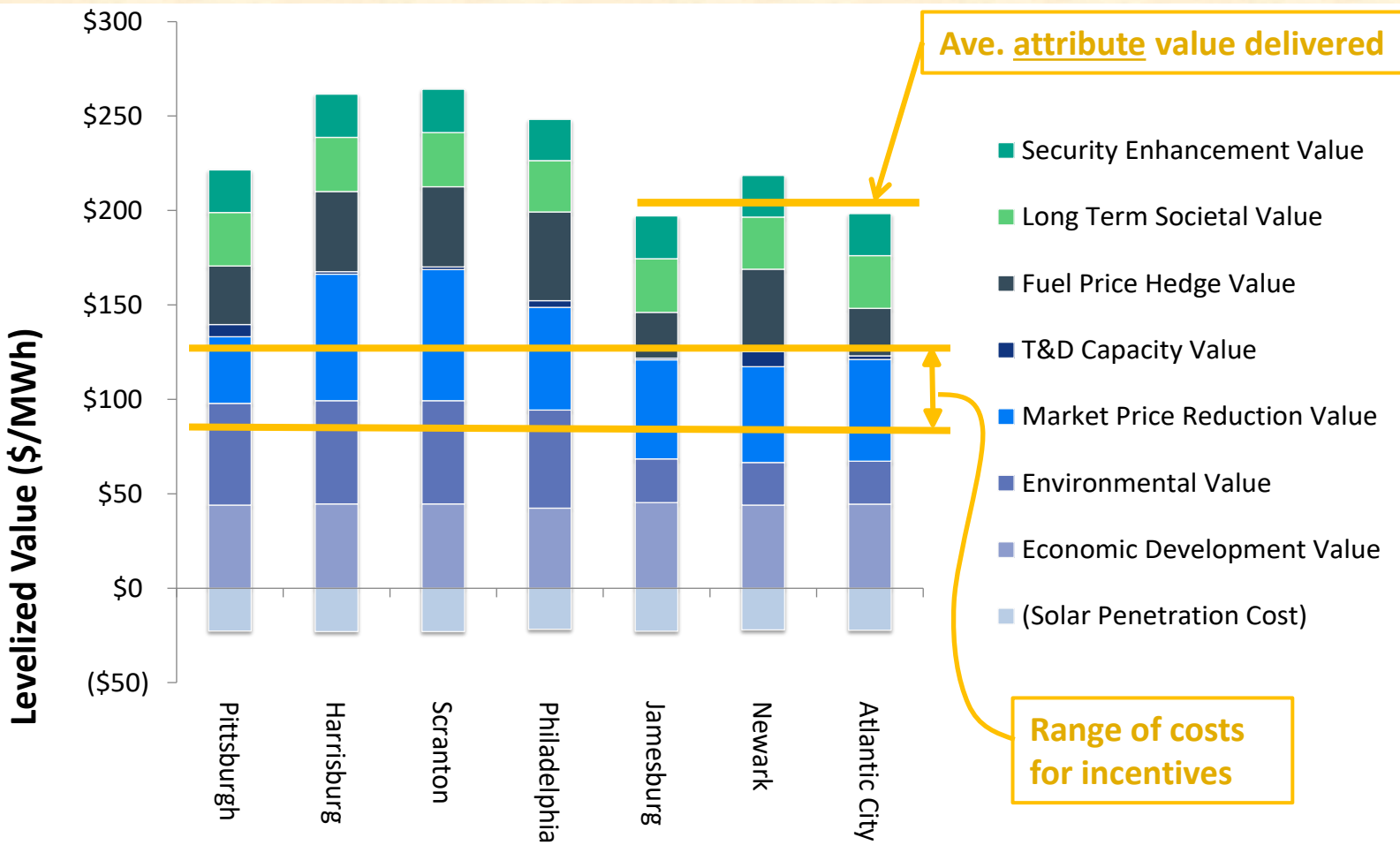
Figure ES- 1. Levelized value (\$/MWh), by location (South-30).



**The average value of solar as bundled energy + attributes was \$264/MWH in New Jersey (net of costs for grid upgrades).**

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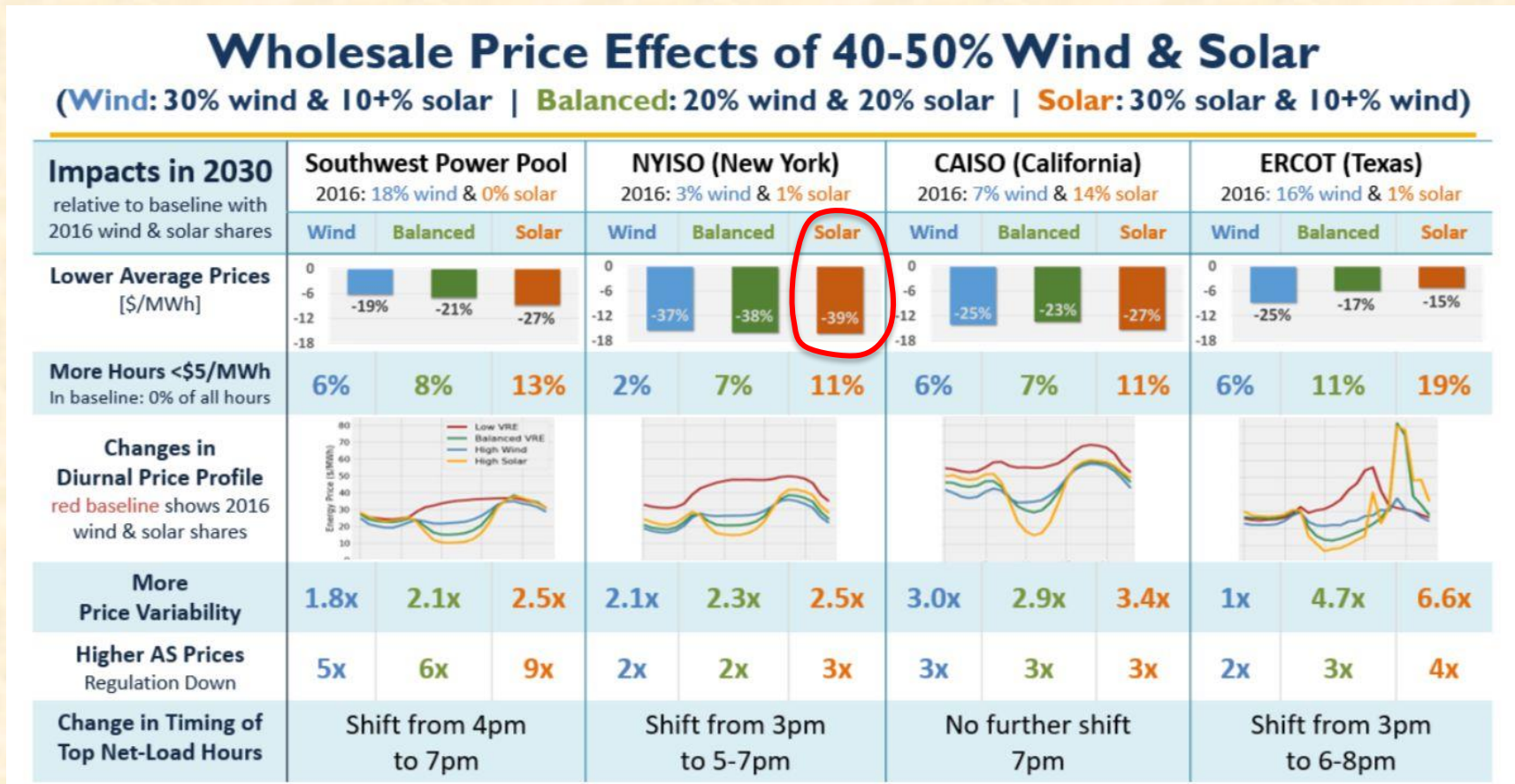


**The average value of solar for attributes only was ~\$183/MWh in New Jersey** (net of negative value for grid costs).

**Range of costs for incentives**

## Impacts of High Variable Renewable Energy Futures on Wholesale Electricity Prices and on Electric-Sector Decision Making – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

This federal study measured the effect of 40-50% solar & wind by 2030 for four of the nations largest ISO's. Unfortunately, PJM was not studied, but NYISO was, covering a region adjacent to New Jersey that has similar characteristics. Lending support to a part of the CPR study for New Jersey, it found that [a solar-heavy scenario for 40% to 50% solar & wind by 2030 would lower wholesale prices in NYISO by 39%](#).





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# **Incentives that Circle Back Directly to Participants (and the public)**

## **Number of NJ Solar Projects by Type of Beneficiary as of February, 2023**

<b>Type of Beneficiary</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>
<b>Schools</b>	<b>942</b>
<b>Universities</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Local &amp; State Government</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>Non-Profits, Charities, Houses of Worship</b>	<b>815</b>
<b>Farms</b>	<b>205</b>
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Already providing revenue to:

1/3 of all public schools in NJ  
+ 120 private schools

## **MSSIA Analysis of Savings to School Participants in ADI Program vs. Incentives paid**

- **No. of Schools in sample** **40** (in six districts)
- **Total ADI incentives per school over 15 years (average)** **\$ 665,000**
- **Total savings per school over 25 years (average)** **\$1,006,000**
- **Total savings per school over 30 years (average)** **\$1,274,000**
  
- **Total revenue per dollar of ADI Incentive – 25 year** **\$1.51**
- **Total revenue per dollar of ADI Incentive – 30 year** **\$1.92**
  
- **IRR – 25 year** **10.6%**
- **IRR – 30 year** **12.2%**

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By 2031,  
ALL public schools in NJ

By 2035,  
1,680 Gov't. locations

By 2035,  
~640,000 homes PLUS  
Community Solar

# New benefits from new programs and technologies:

## 1. Community Solar

Up to 475,000 low-income households by 2035  
(over 50% of total low-income households)



## 2. Microgrids

Clean, resilient power to serve critical  
community needs – important in a warming  
planet





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