IN-STATE VS. OUT OF STATE RENEWABLES: NOT AN EITHER-OR PROPOSITION



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Background

Who We Are:

- The NRDC is a 501(c)3 environmental non-profit that works to safeguard the earth- its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends.
- We have 3 million members and 700 scientists, lawyers and policy advocates.

How we Approach This Work:

- NRDC's Climate and Clean Energy Program's "North Star" Goal is to limit global warming to 1.5C, cut U.S. GHG emissions by 50% by 2030, and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.
- We seek to achieve this by decarbonizing the power, transportation, and building sectors.

NRDC's Principles of 100% by 2035 in New Jersey

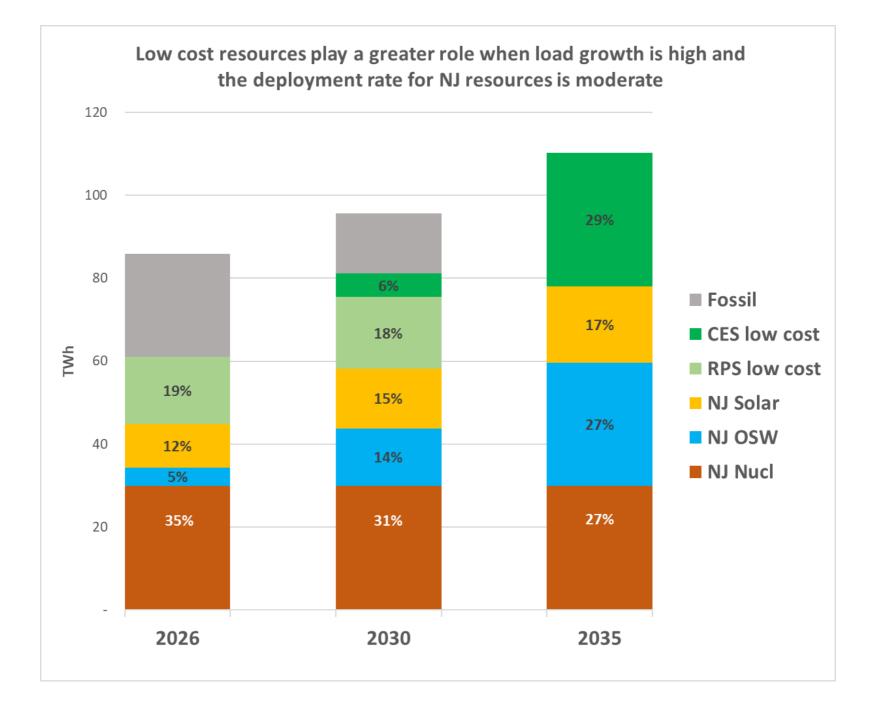
Decarbonization of the Power Sector is a core goal of NRDC in New Jersey.

In accomplishing this goal, we support a Clean Electricity Standard that is:

- 1. Technically Feasible
- 2. Supports multiple types of clean resources
- 3. Retains existing jobs, and supports new union and prevailing wage jobs in a variety of sectors
- 4. Is flexible to respond to future developments or changes
- 5. Is affordable for NJ Businesses and Residents
- 6. Leverages IRA to NJ's benefit.
- 7. Missing RPS or CES Targets is unacceptable

Key Point: NRDC strongly supports E.O. 315 and S-2978. It is the best way to achieve 100% by 2035 and adhere to the above principles.

Potential Resource Mix under S-2978



What does the Future Look Like Under S-2978

- 1. We achieve our clean energy goals- <u>At a lower cost to ratepayers</u> <u>than today.</u>
- 2. We support existing jobs in nuclear
- 3. Gas sector jobs continue as gas plants run less often to provide reliability
- 4. We continue to invest in prevailing wage and union jobs for grid scale solar and offshore wind development
- 5. We keep flexibility to develop clean firm technologies
- 6. Around 90% of our clean energy spend remains in state
- 7. We continue to access extremely low-cost regional resources

"Wait a second, look how big the green box was! Why does NRDC support shipping ratepayer dollars and Jobs Out-of-State! We should do it with <u>only or</u> <u>mostly</u> in-state resources"

- Member of the Audience (probably)

In State vs. Out of State: What do we pay and what do we get?

