



## **6b – Power Cost Trade-offs of Carbon Reduction Levels Beyond the 50% Reduction Level in Florida**

October 2020

# Increased CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Means Much More Solar in FL

## *Depending on CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Level, Battery Costs Are the Wildcard*

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- FMPA/FL currently on a path to meeting 50 percent CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by ~2027 from 2005 levels in a very cost-effective manner
- High level analysis to understand the relative electric price impacts using currently known technologies and expected cost improvements to meet higher levels of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by 2035
- Recognizes FL has limited transmission import capability (5%) due to geography, so generation likely to come from within state
- The Southeast US has very limited renewable resources with no new hydro available and limited wind resources
- For FL, more CO<sub>2</sub> reductions means more local solar and batteries and less low cost gas generation
- Assumes 4 hour battery back-up systems with multiple sets needs to cover 24 hour or longer period

# Accelerated CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Would Raise Costs

## *Range of Cost Increase Depends on Amount of CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions*

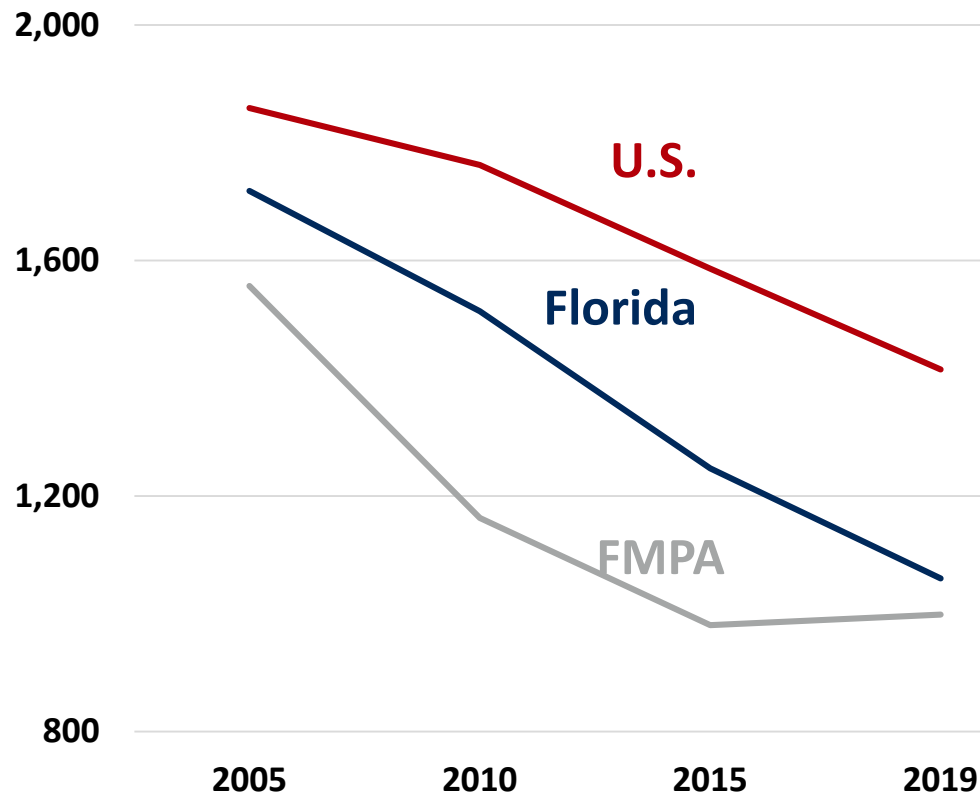
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- Wholesale power costs expected to increase at ~inflationary levels through 2027 while achieving 50% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction from 2005 levels
- Wholesale power costs could increase between ~20% - 250% above projected costs by 2035 as CO<sub>2</sub> reduction moves from ~70% to 100% levels
- A 70% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction achievable with relatively small (20%) cost increases using natural gas generation for reliability and peaking; solar capacity increased to 55 GW plus some additional batteries (5 GW)
- A ~97% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction has a significant cost increase (75%) with solar/battery mix plus natural gas for emergency use, increasing solar capacity to 115 GW with 86 GW of new storage
- A 100% decline in CO<sub>2</sub> has a dramatic cost impact (250%) with a 4-day storage reserve to cover consecutive cloudy days, increasing solar capacity to 150 GW (83X current solar) with over 650 GW of new batteries
- Investment required in transmission/substation reconfiguration for ~60-800 GW of new generation depending on the amount of new capacity added
- Real issue for policymakers is how much more cost can be placed on customers to achieve CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goals?

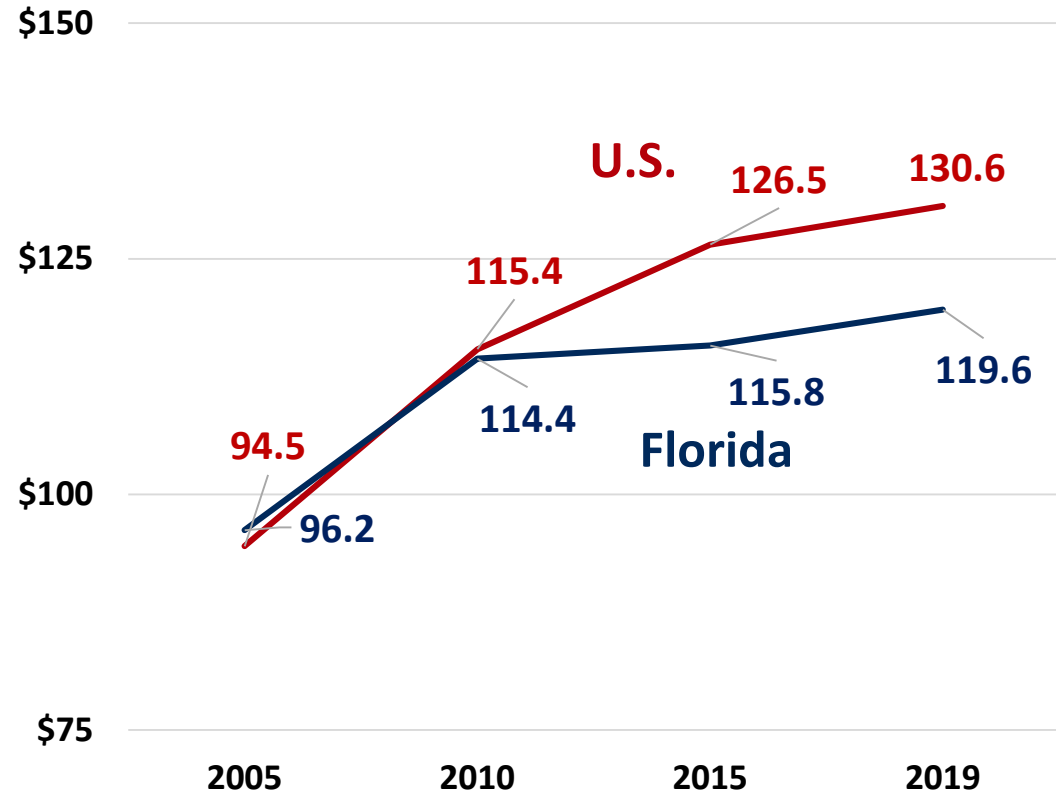
# FL CO<sub>2</sub> Declined ~40% Over Last 15 Years, Prices Up 25%

*FL CO<sub>2</sub> Levels Well Below US Even as US Power Prices Rise 38%*

**CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (lbs./MWh)**

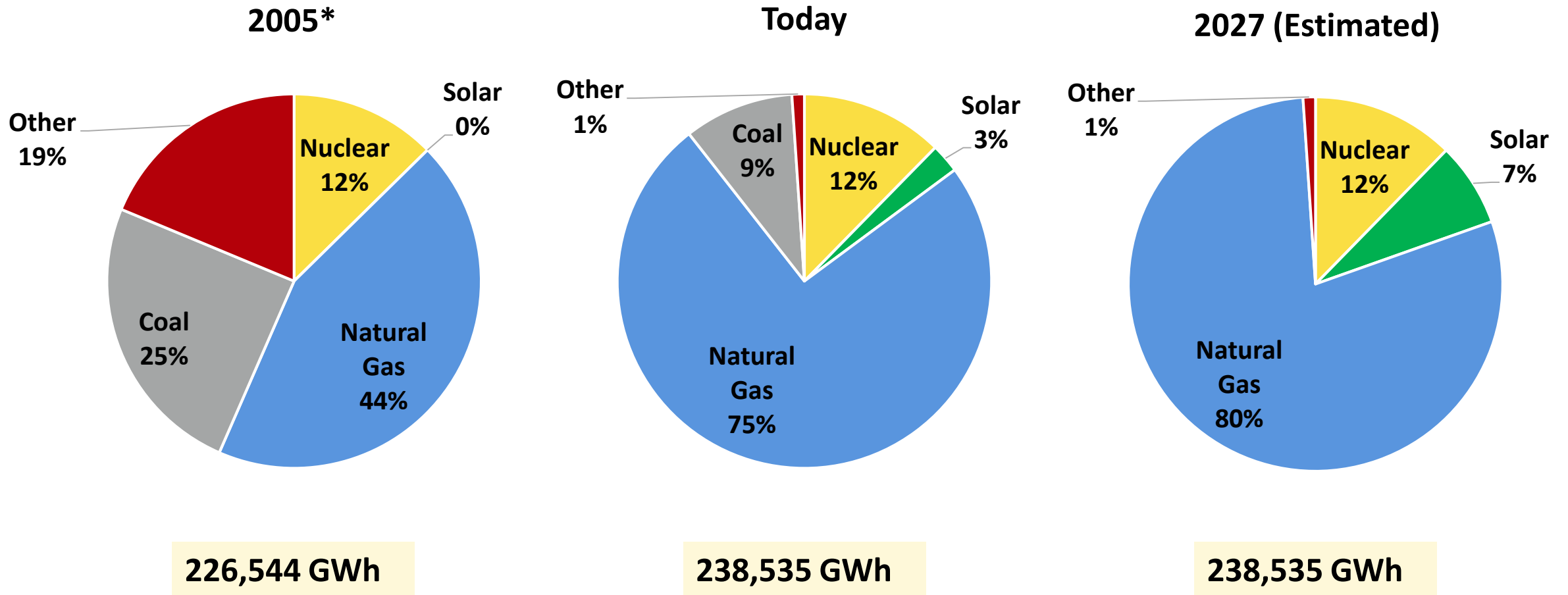


**Residential Rate (\$/MWh)**



# FL Energy Sources Already Shifting Towards Less CO<sub>2</sub>

*Coal/Oil Replaced by Natural Gas Leads to 40% Decline from 2005*

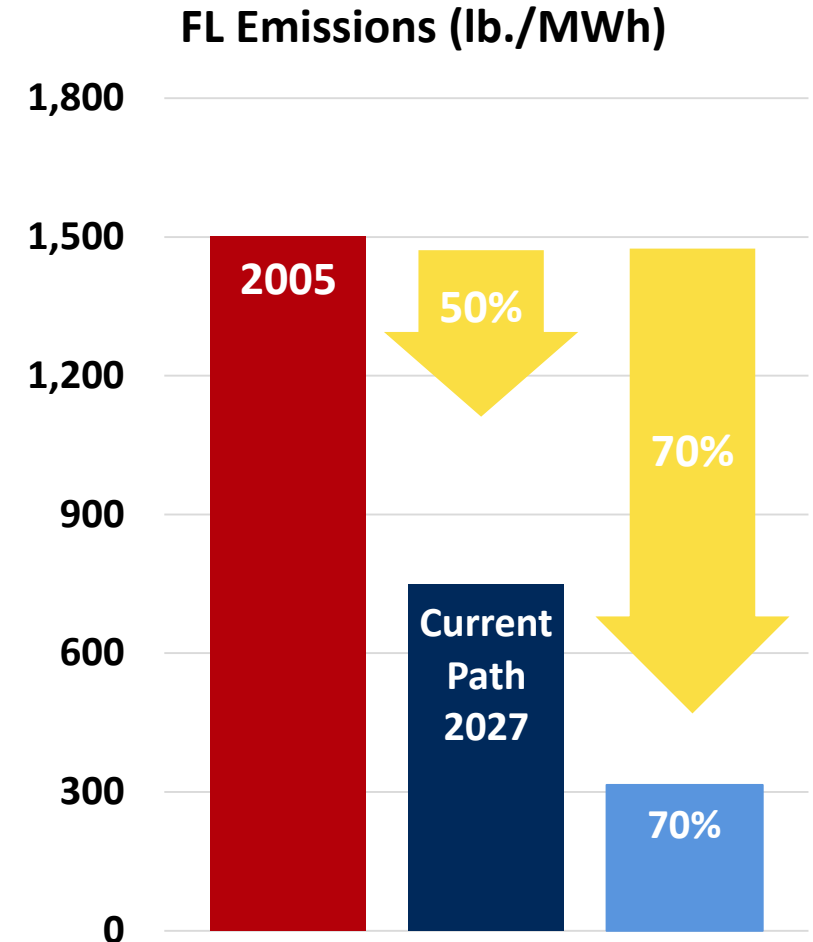


\*Other includes residual and distillate fuel oil.

# 70% CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction – Balancing Solar with Natural Gas

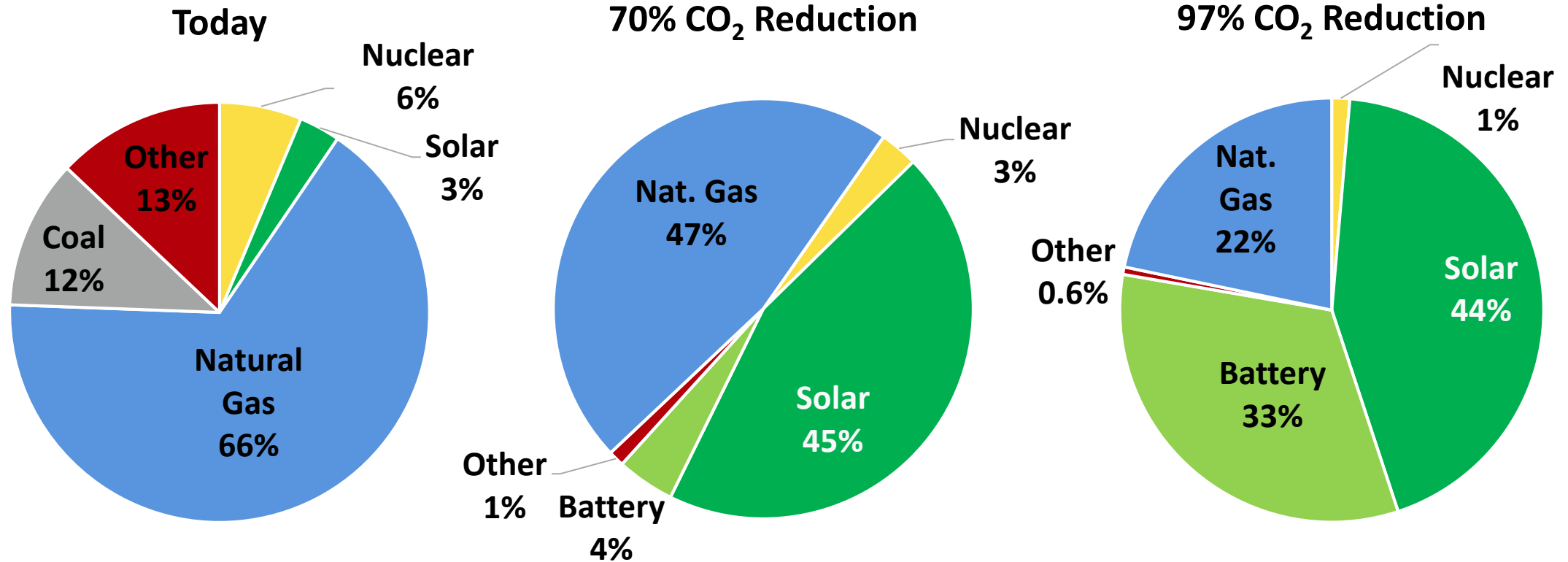
## *Solar for Energy and Thermal Generation for Capacity & Energy*

- Adding solar curbs gas generation during high sun hours of day
- Keeping low cost, clean gas fleet has several significant benefits
  - Lower cost than adding batteries
  - Provides needed reliability and grid stabilization
- As coal and oil retires, additional gas units will be needed to meet required capacity



# Significant CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction via Solar Capacity Adds by '35

*Natural Gas Back-up Remain with Various Levels of Batteries Increases*



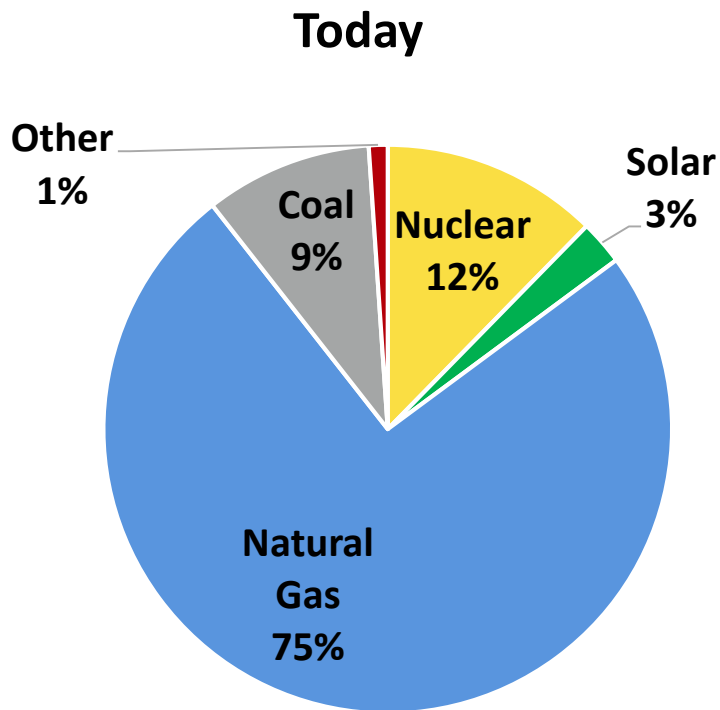
57,194 MW

123,247 MW

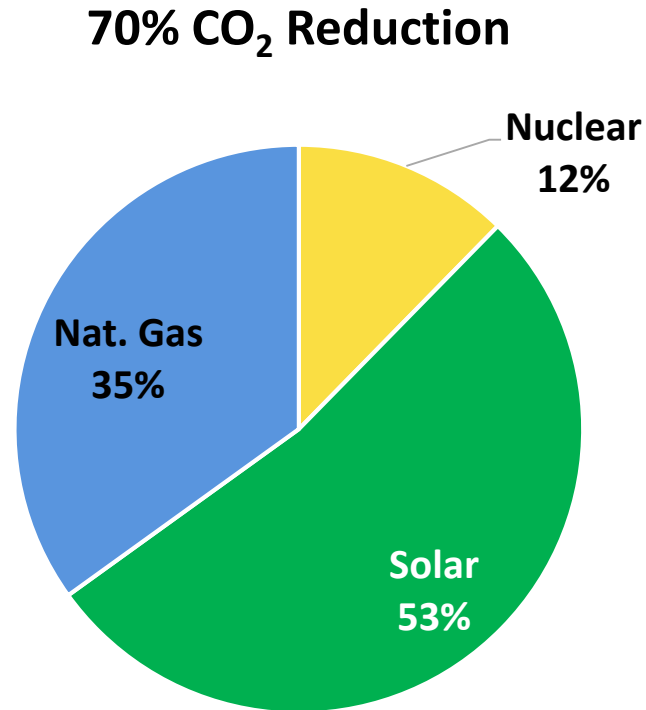
265,112 MW

# Solar Predominant Source for Additional CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

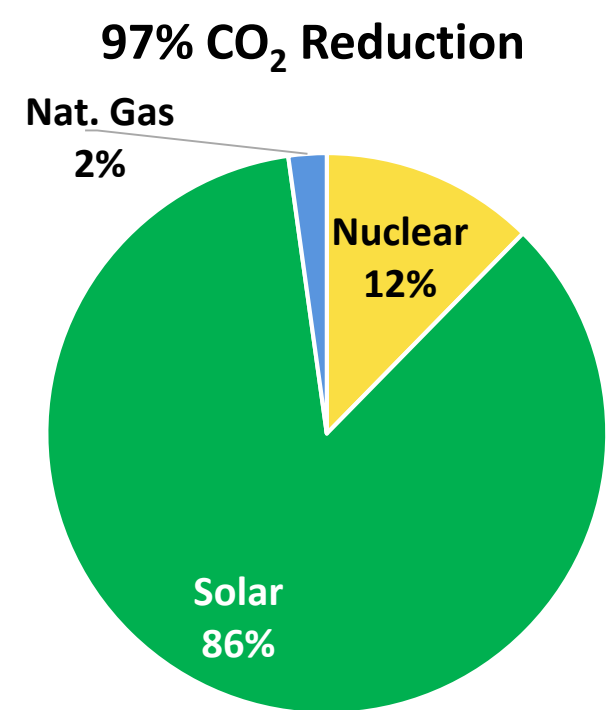
*Gas Energy Share Reduced, Nuclear Energy Stable*



238,535 GWh



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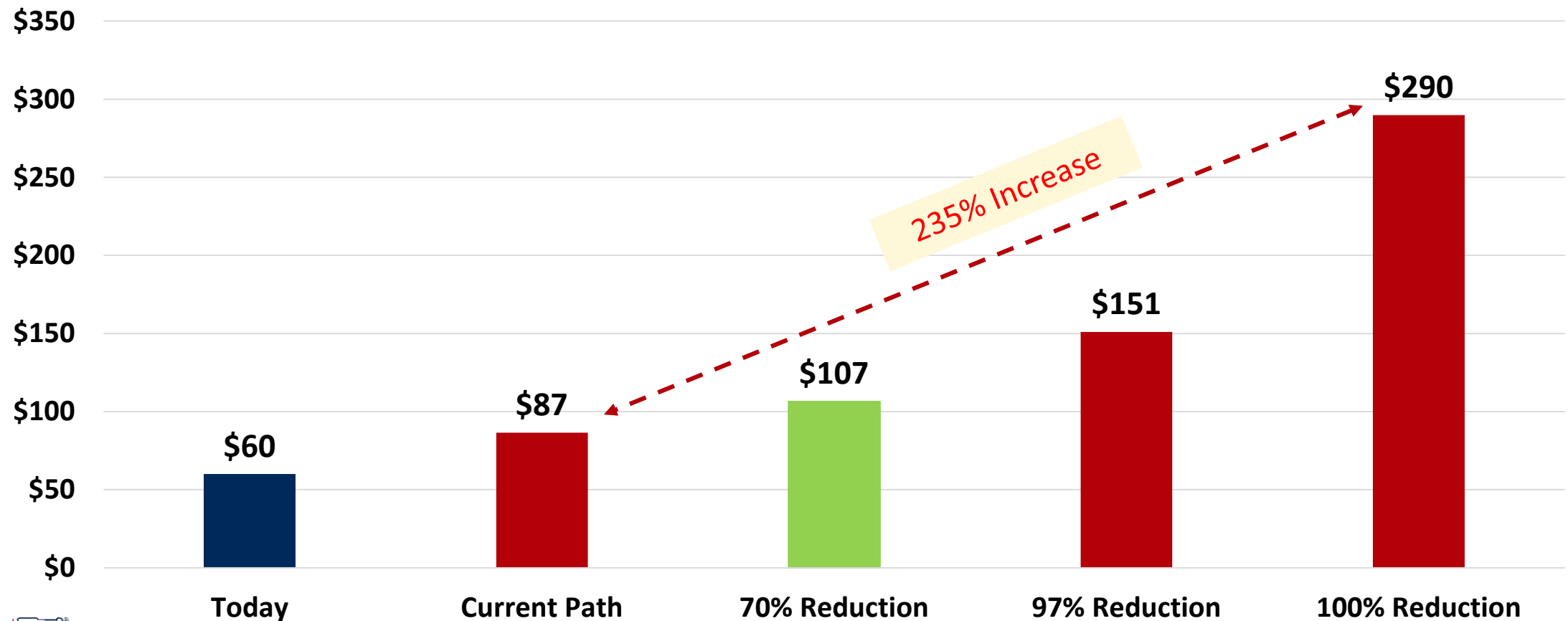
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# Prices Increase Materially by 2035 at High End of CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

*Dramatic Increase In Batteries Beyond Current Capacity Drives Costs*

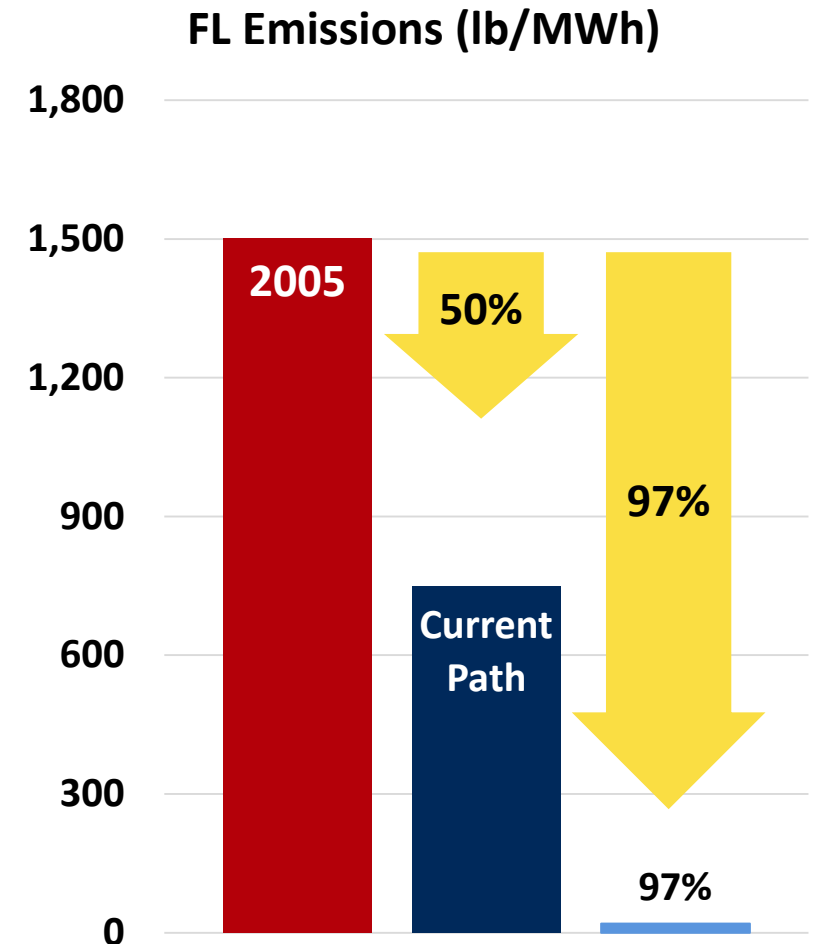
Wholesale FL Energy Prices – Excludes A&G and Retail Distribution (\$/MWh)



# 97% CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction - Solar with Batteries & Natural Gas

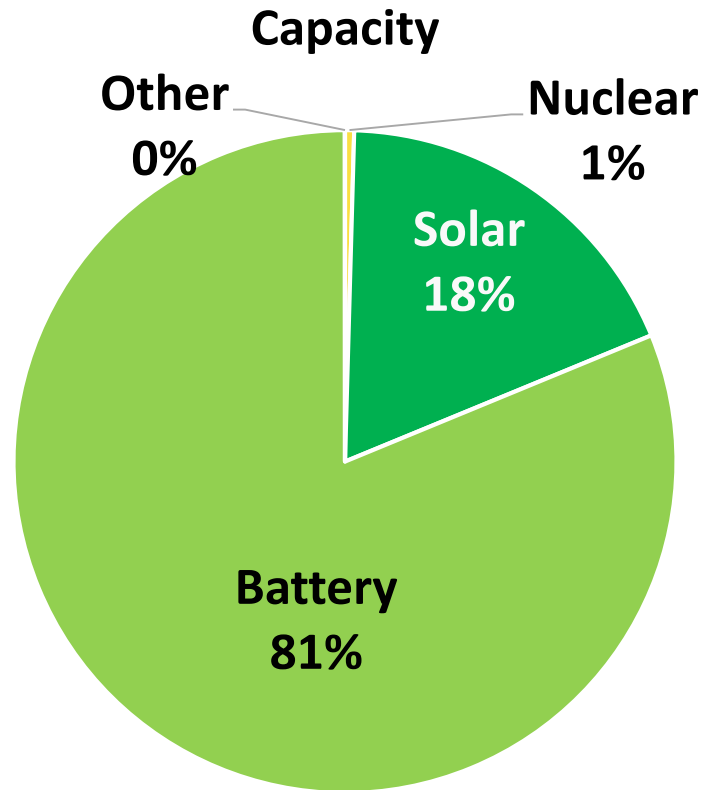
## *Battery Mix Further Reduces CO<sub>2</sub>, But Still At Very High Cost*

- Solar and Batteries are 4X current FL System
  - Solar energy sufficient to serve load and charge battery
  - Batteries sufficient to serve load during non daylight hours
  - Gas generation serves load and charges batteries when solar energy is insufficient to meet all load ~ 50% of days
- Gas fleet maintained for peaking/reliability
  - Prevents reliability and stability problems when intermittent resource not available
  - Keeping gas peaking units lower cost than more batteries

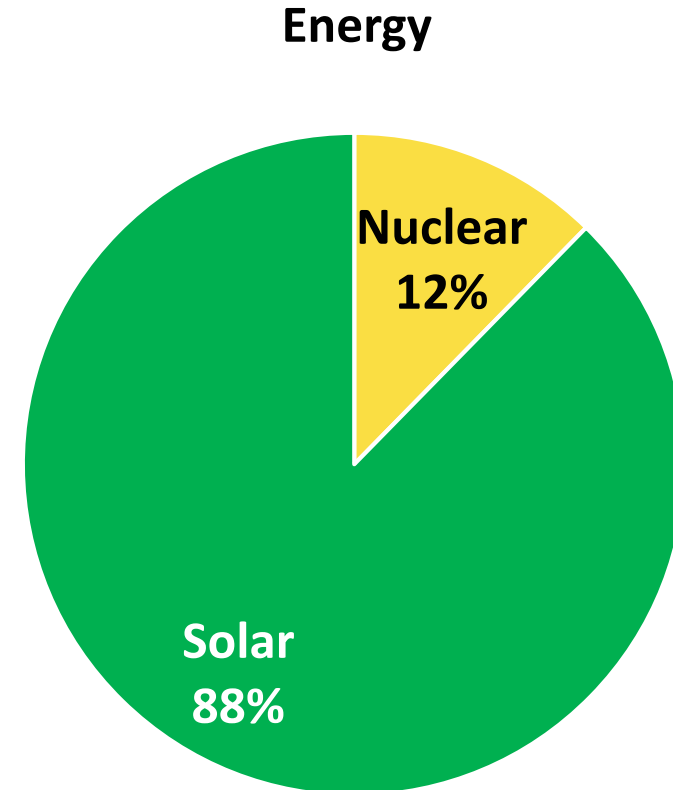


# 100% CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Requires Extensive Overbuild

*Excess Solar is Required With Batteries at 11X Current Capacity*



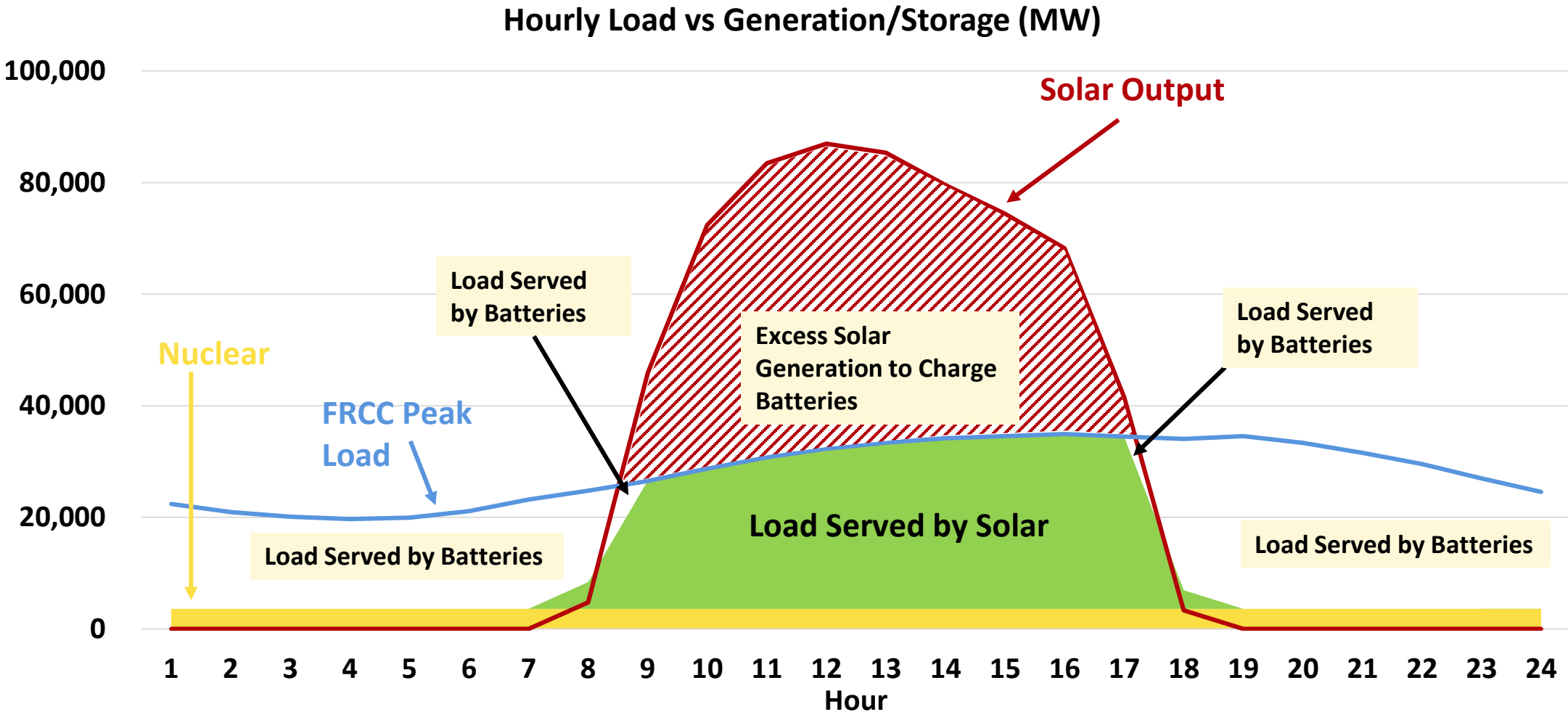
**816,998 MW**



**238,535 GWh**

# Operational Challenges with Significant Solar

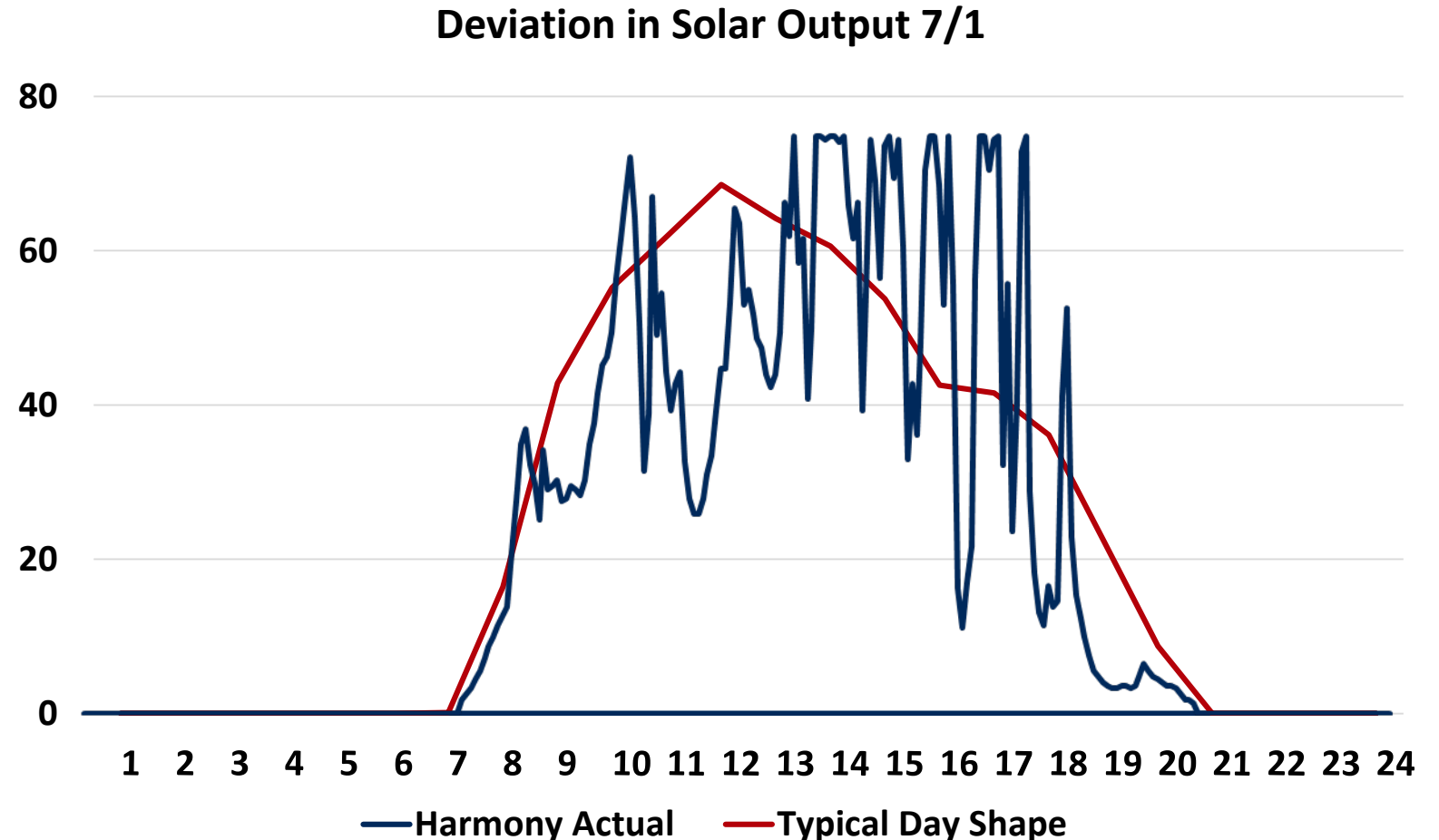
*Lights Must Stay on Even as Solar Peak Different Time From Load Peak*



# Florida Solar Swings Significant Compared to SW

## *A Small Swing in Solar Output Can Drastically Affect Energy*

- Florida cloud patterns much different than the SW US
  - 5 min output may differ significantly from expected
  - Solar output varies constantly requiring normalizing equipment and storage/on-line gas generation to supply load
  - Many large generating sites will likely need to be converted to synchronous condensers
- Reactive power for grid stability



# Florida is Sunny ~68% of Time, Far Less Than AZ/CA

*Interior FL with Land Less Sunny - Orlando Averages 234 Sunny Days\**

	Max Sunny Days	Average Sunny Days
<b>Florida</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>248</b>
Orlando	265*	234
California	281	263
Arizona	310	299
United States**	310	217

Orlando is roughly (on average):

- 11% less sunny than Los Angeles, CA
- 7% less sunny than San Diego, CA
- 25% less sunny than Phoenix, AZ

Location	Sunshine Ave % Possible	Clear Days	Partly Cloudy Days	Cloudy Days
<u>FL Average*</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>126</u>
Jacksonville, FL	64	94	127	144
Key West, FL	77	104	155	107
Miami, FL	70	74	175	115
Pensacola, FL	60	105	123	137
Tampa, FL	69	101	143	121
Orlando, FL	64*	89	147	130
<u>AZ Average*</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>84</u>
Phoenix, AZ	85	211	85	70
Tucson, AZ	85	193	91	81
<u>CA Average*</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>105</u>
Los Angeles, CA	72	186	106	73
San Diego, CA	69	146	117	102

Source: NOAA Comparative Climate Data For the United States Through 2018

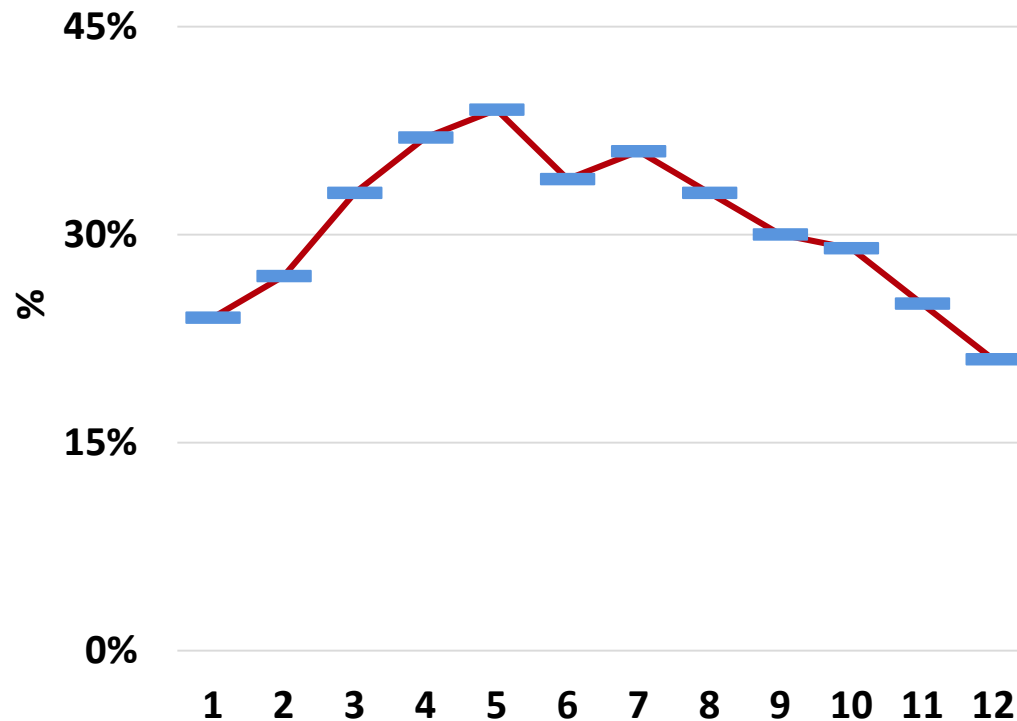
\*Average of above source, <http://bestplaces.net/climate/city/florida/orlando>, and <http://currentresults.com/weather/florida/annual-days-of-sunshine.php>. Max sunny days for Orlando estimated based on FL level variance between average and max.

\*\*Calculated from all weather stations in the source document.

# Monthly Avg Solar Efficiency Variations Drive Needs

## *Solar Capacity Factor Drives Storage Required*

Monthly Solar Capacity Factor (%)



- Solar has lower capacity in winter with fewer hours of high over-head sun
- Fall has lower capacity factor than spring due to less full sunny days in fall
- Highest capacity factor month is typically May which is not longest month, but is sunniest month
- August and September are challenging with high heat/humidity levels and short days/plenty of mid-day storms

# Under Significant Reduction, Large Solar Land Needed

## *Tight Buildable Land May Limit Availability*

- Suitable land
  - Close to existing transmission and infrastructure
  - No environmental restraints
- FL total land area = 34,647,040 acres<sup>1</sup>
  - Farm land 8,417,200 Acres (2016) (24% of FL)<sup>2</sup>
  - Solar land estimated to be required 1,294,800 Acres (4% of FL)
  - Battery footprint 53,120 Acres
- Cost per acre for suitable solar and battery varies and would likely increase as demand surges
  - Leases range from \$250-\$2,000 / acre in more rural areas
  - Model assumes \$10,000 / acre costs financed over 20 years

Conversion	Units	Value
Solar Land Use (1 Axis, >20MW) <sup>3</sup>	Acres/MW-AC	8.3
Battery Land Use <sup>4</sup>	Acre/MWh	.02

**Placing all solar in one condensed area implies a lot of compounded risk from single events.**

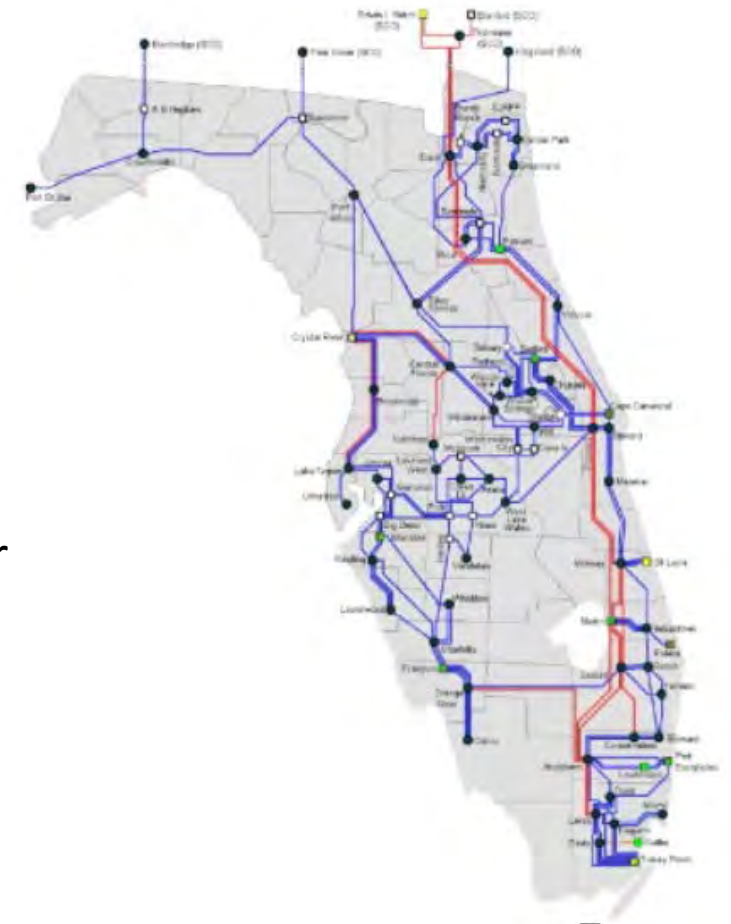
1. <https://dos.myflorida.com/florida-facts/quick-facts/>  
 2. <https://farmlandinfo.org/statistics/florida-statistics/>  
 3. HDR June 2019 Energy-Storage-Technology-Assessment for Platte River Power Authority (for lithium ion)  
 4. NREL Land-Use Requirements for Solar Power Plants in the United States (2013)



# Transmission Growth is Inevitable

## *Thermal Generation Keeps the Grid Stable*

- The additional capacity of solar and batteries requires additional transmission lines for transport since new generation will likely be sited elsewhere (new locations)
- New substations will need to be built in great numbers to connect new solar and storage sites to the grid
- Grid stability requires many balancing elements to prevent black outs
  - Synchronous condensers support grid inertia and reactive power
  - Voltage regulators and frequency response solutions needed
- Assumption of \$100M per 1 GW new solar or battery installation for transmission upgrades



# Florida's CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions Continuing to 50% by 2027

## *Additional CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions Have Moderate to Significant Costs*

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- FMPA/FL currently on a path to meeting 50 percent CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by ~2027 from 2005 levels while FL costs stayed flat while US rose by \_\_\_%
- In 2027, Florida will be 80% gas generation and 20% CO<sub>2</sub>-free (nuclear and solar)
- Increases in CO<sub>2</sub> reductions beyond 50% require varying levels of additional solar and batteries within FL
- Wholesale power costs could increase between ~20% - 250% above projected costs by 2035 as CO<sub>2</sub> reduction moves from ~70% to 100% levels
- Costs accelerate exponentially once reductions levels require significant battery installations of 2 – 10 times the current total generation capacity in FL
- Step function improvements in batteries could lead to lower power cost increases
- Investment required in transmission/substation reconfiguration for ~60-800 GW of new generation depending on the amount of new capacity added
- Real issue for policymakers is how much more cost can be placed on customers to achieve CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goals?

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Policy Makers Liaisons Committee Meeting  
October 14, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next Meeting (if schedule approved):  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 1 p.m. at  
FMPA, 8553 Commodity Circle, Orlando, FL**

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**AGENDA ITEM 9 – ADJOURN**

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