#### MARYLAND'S RENEWABLE GRID OF THE FUTURE

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# Renewable Maryland Project: energy sector goals

- Affordable for all
- Renewable
- Resilient
- 🗆 Reliable
- Efficient
- Democratized consumer choice, transparent, equal access to choices



#### Maryland's energy system: 2011

BASELINE YEAR FOR ANALYSIS

#### Overview of Maryland energy system

#### Present energy system

- Wasteful, polluting, mostly functioning; not robust or resilient
- Maryland sends \$9 billion to \$12 billion per year out of state to import fuels (oil, natural gas, imported electricity): we are, in effect, exporting jobs
- Significant water impacts



#### Today's energy system is wasteful

**Example 1:** Thermal electricity generation



#### Detail on Susquehanna River water use

- About three-fourths of the water consumption is for thermal electricity generation (mainly coal and nuclear) – about 17 fossil and nuclear generating stations in the basin (to confirm)
- Connected to future security of water supply
- Water flow in drought years is critical for Chesapeake Bay
- Maryland has an interest in leading by example and persuading development of nonthermal generation upstream on the Susquehanna River



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**Example 2:** Point of use in homes and businesses



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**Example 3:** 

Typical gasoline vehicle: 75 to 82 percent waste

(not including oil production, pipeline, and refining losses)



In this figure, they are accounted for as part of the engine and parasitic losses.

#### Heating & cooling leakage in homes

Net zero homes and passive heating and cooling energy systems can reduce leakage  $\sim 70$  percent



Maryland primary energy use, 2011 (responsible for ~92 million metric tons CO2)

2011 Total Primary Energy Use, trillion Btu



## Energy Equity and Justice

#### HIGH ENERGY BURDENS = ILL-HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS



#### IMPOSSIBE CHOICES: RENT, MEDICINE OR HEAT



#### High eviction and foreclosure rates





## High public shelter costs

## High health costs

#### **Renter-landlord** issues



## Renters often trapped in low efficiency homes

# Low-income homes are relatively inefficient



## 10 areas of highest need where >10% households apply for energy assistance



#### Low income households get almost no access to solar (CA, AZ, NJ research)



Note: APS = Arizona Public Service; CSI = California Solar Initiative; NJCEP = New Jersey's Clean Energy Program). Source: Recreated by IEER from Hernandez 2013, Figure 3 (p. 4). This report, Solar Power to the People: The Rise of Rooftop Solar Among the Middle Class, by Mari Hernandez, was published by the Center for American Progress.

### GRID OF THE FUTURE

Affordable, Democratized, Near-zero Emissions, Equitable, Resilient

## Maryland's main renewable energy sources: wind and solar

We have 10x more than needed: Supply  $\sim$ 1 Million GWh/yr while 2011 demand was only  $\sim$  69 thousand GWh/year



### The transition in brief

- Eliminate energy waste systematically
- Use mostly wind and solar generation
- All road transport goes electric
- HVAC is by efficient electric heat pumps
- Result: energy consumption goes down by ~60 percent even as the economy grows by 2x



### 24 hours, typical winter day



### 24 hours, typical summer day



#### Life would be simpler with economical seasonal heat and coldness storage technologies



### The energy system

#### Now:



#### Where it needs to be:



#### Current Grid vs Smart Grid

	Current Grid	Smart Grid	Comments
Communications	None or one-way; typically not real- time	Two-way, real-time	Customer needs smart devices and real-time information
Customer interaction	Limited	Extensive	
Metering	Electro- mechanical	Digital (enabling real- time pricing and net metering)	Affordable bills will require real time control of consumption and ownership of energy production

#### **GOTF** Features

#### **Renewable, Resilient, Democratized**

- Solar and wind mainstays of energy system
- Increase efficiency
- Storage, CHP, microgrids
- Demand response
- Control consumption to minimize bills
- Electrified transportation and HVAC
- Provide services to the grid, including via V2G and local storage ownership



### Affordable Energy Program

- □ Limit bills to 6 percent of income
- Lower cost of energy supply with solar (Photo: low-income housing, Seattle)
- Reduce energy needs by efficiency increases
- Reduce costs in the long-term and reduce need for assistance.
- Better health, lower emissions, lower cost
- Start creating jobs in solar and efficiency energy in areas with higher proportions of low-income households
- Needs action by Public Service Commission and legislature



#### Energy Justice and GOTF

- Universal solar access and universal internet access
- Once Affordable Energy Program in place, assistance can be in the form of investment: smart appliances + smart devices (tablets, phones, etc.) to optimize bills
- Large collateral benefits of internet access education, work, economic opportunity
- Electric vehicles: lower fuel and maintenance cost + V2G revenue potential
- Infrastructure in low income areas: Building community solar + electric vehicle charging + distributed stationary storage
- □ Financing: PACE, Green Bank, On-bill financing
- Electrified public transport like electric bus rapid transit?



# Oil lamps to electric bulbs: ~20 or 30 years



# Horses to petroleum tractors: 30 or 40 years



# This transformation can be done by 2050, possibly earlier



### Conclusions

- We can have a healthy, affordable, reliable, and emissions-free energy system by 2050.
- Policy certainty GHG reduction and efficiency targets, etc. – will allow for investment on the scale needed
- If we are farsighted enough, we can bring large numbers of industrial jobs to Maryland
- Maryland must really lead to have a good chance of persuading industry to set up here rather than elsewhere.



#### Thank you & Questions

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