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PV Value Analysis at We Energies

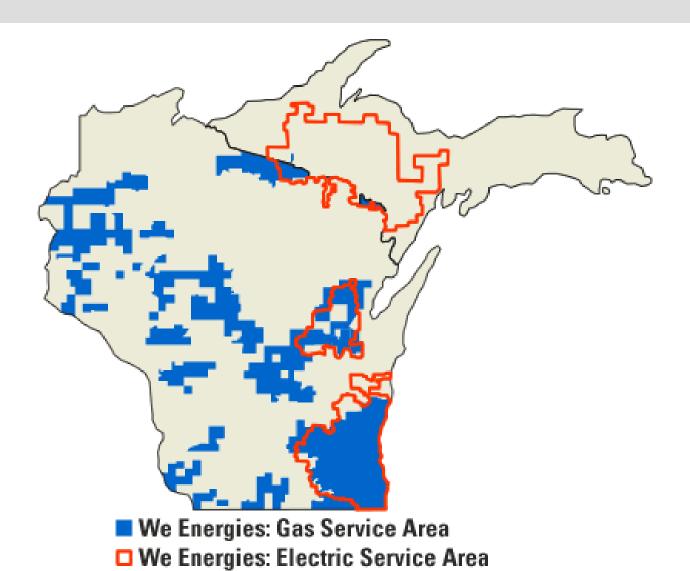
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The Questions

- N Why do solar?
- n What is the economic value of PV to a utility company?
- n More specifically, what is the economic value of PV to We Energies?





PV Systems Used in the Study

Studied seven different PV configurations at three different locations for a total of 21 PV systems.

PV Configurations

- 1. Horizontal
- 2. South-facing with 30° tilt.
- 3. Southwest-facing with 30° tilt.
- 4. West-facing with 30° tilt.
- 5. West-facing with 45° tilt.
- 6. North-south 1-axis tracking with no tilt.
- 7. North-south 1-axis tracking with 30° tilt.

PV Locations

- 1. Merton
- 2. Albers
- 3. Union Grove

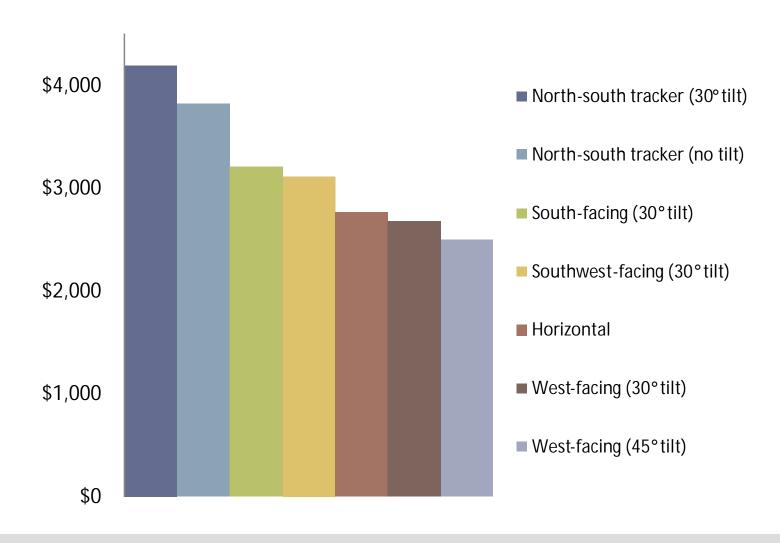


Economic Value of PV (\$ per kWh)



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System Configuration Impacts the Value of PV (\$ per kW_{AC})



Some Observations

- Naluations were greatly impacted by the market conditions that prevailed at the time of the study. Historically, these market conditions have been highly volatile.
- Nalue per unit of energy was calculated to be about \$0.15 per kWh over the assumed PV system's 30-year lifetime.
- n PV system configuration had a significant impact on the economic value of a unit of installed capacity.



Some Observations

- n This study did not include the capacity value of the PV systems.
- This analysis assumed that Renewable Energy Credits can be traded across state lines. Currently, Wisconsin Renewable Resource Credits are not tradable outside of our state.
- n Generation, Environmental, and Fuel Price Hedge Values were the highest while Distribution, Transmission, and Loss Savings Values were relatively low.



Thanks!

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