

M-RETS

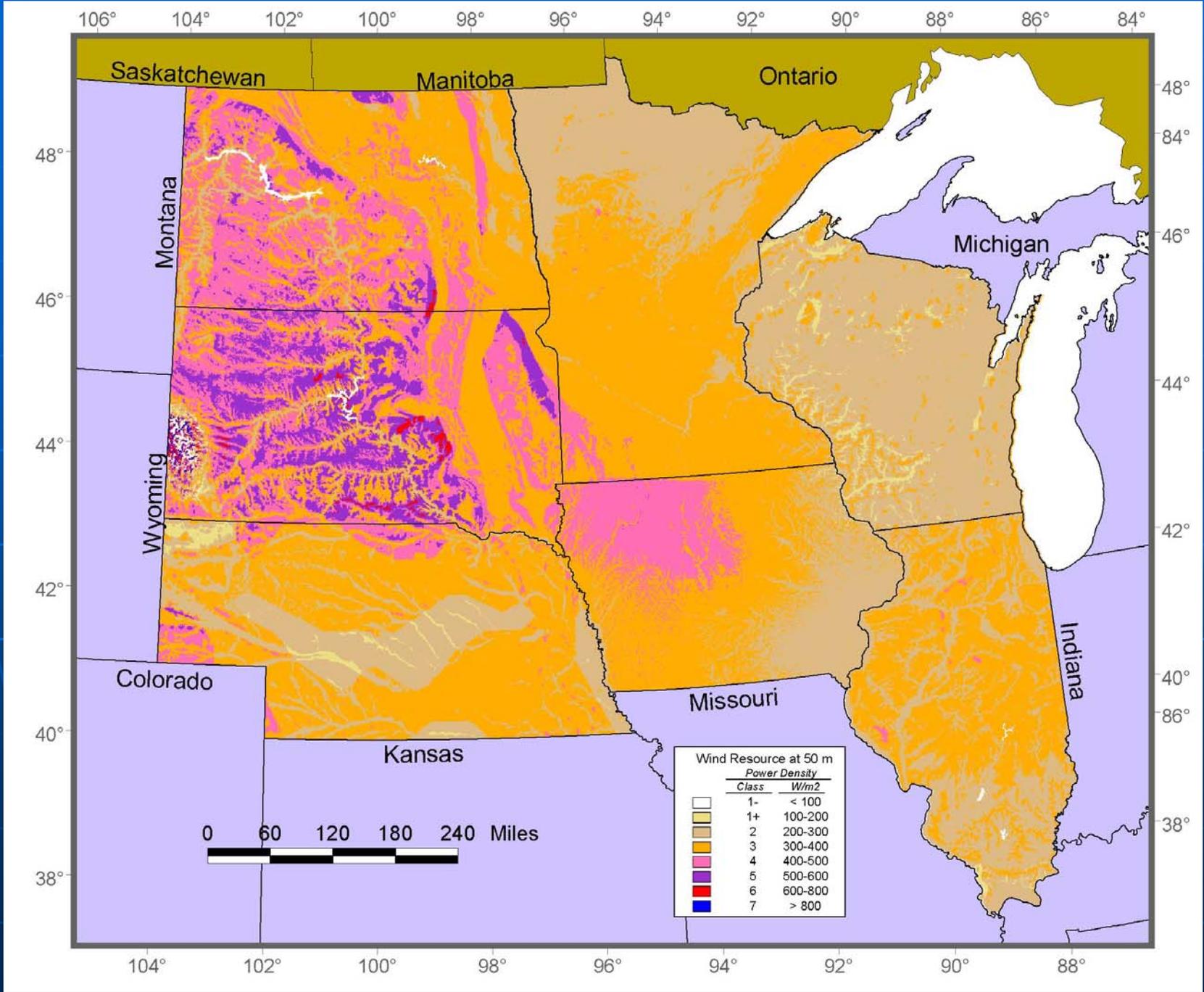
Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System

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Renewable Energy Development Ingredients

1. Resource
2. Transmission
3. Buyer



#2 – Transmission

Possible Projects

1. Xcel to White
2. Xcel to Sioux Falls
3. Big Stone II

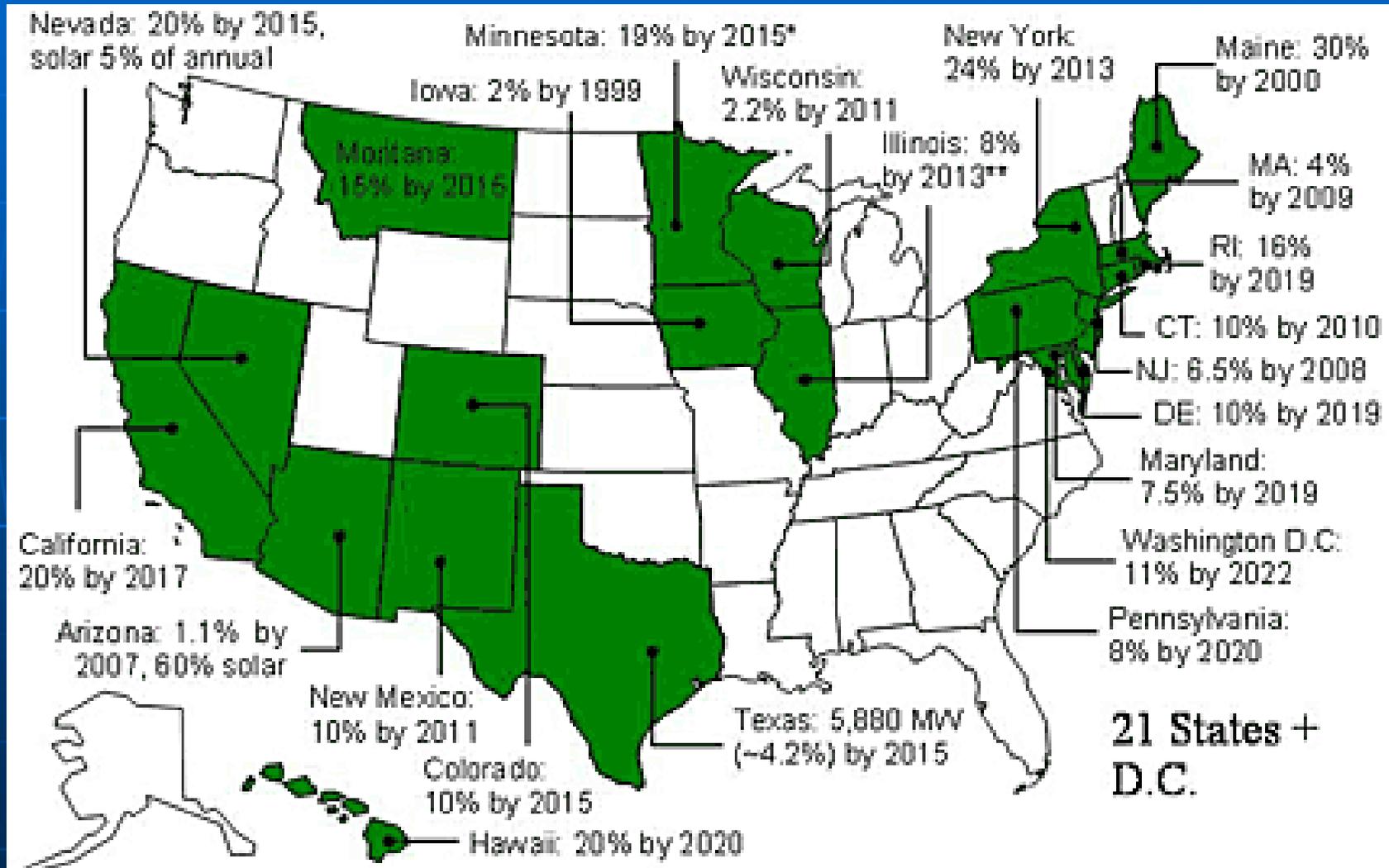
Other Developments

1. EPA Act 2005
2. Energy Infrastructure Authority
3. MISO

#3 – Buyer

1. Technology
2. Utility initiative
3. State action
 - Incentives
 - Mandates

RPS



21 States + D.C.

*Includes requirements adopted in 1994 and 2003 for one utility, Xcel Energy.

**No specific enforcement measures, but utility regulatory intent and authority appears sufficient.

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- Some buyers are willing to pay a premium for renewable energy
 - Mandates
 - Marketing
 - Belief
- They want to verify its authenticity
- M-RETS provides that authentication

**Is not a mandate to consumers
or the state**

Participation is voluntary

Provides access to markets

Adds value to SD “crop”