

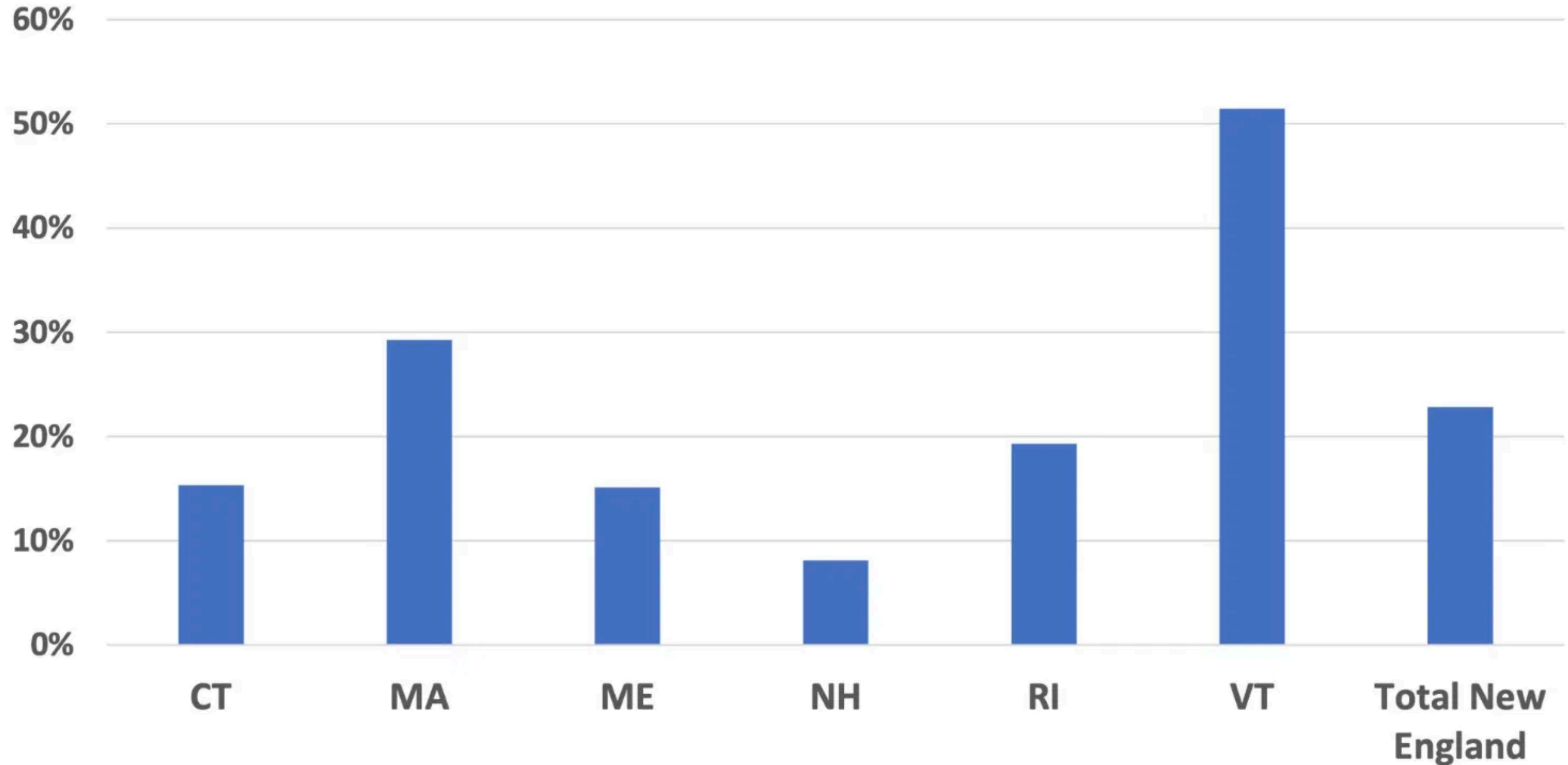
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Solar Generation Capacity as % of Peak Load

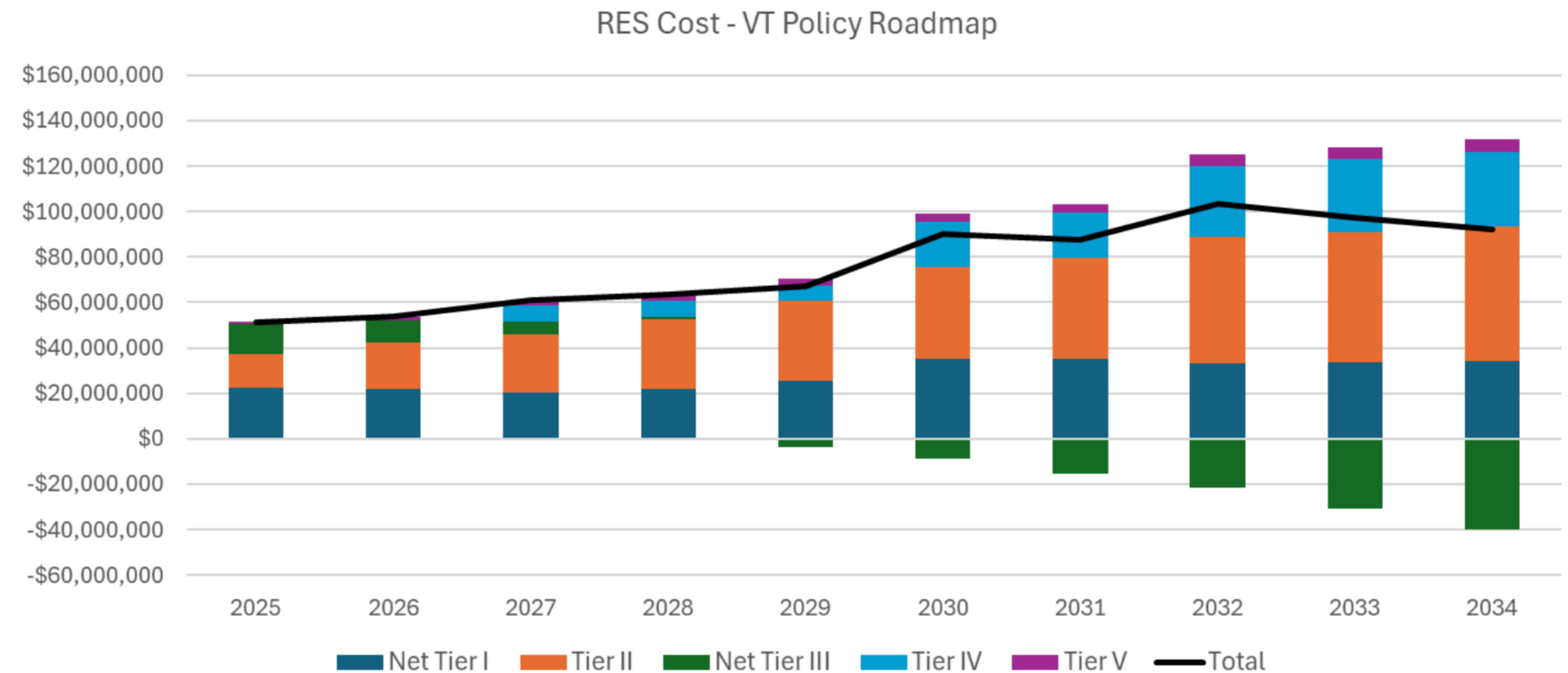
New England States Solar Capacity end of 2022



Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Costs Expected to Increase Over Time as Requirements Grow

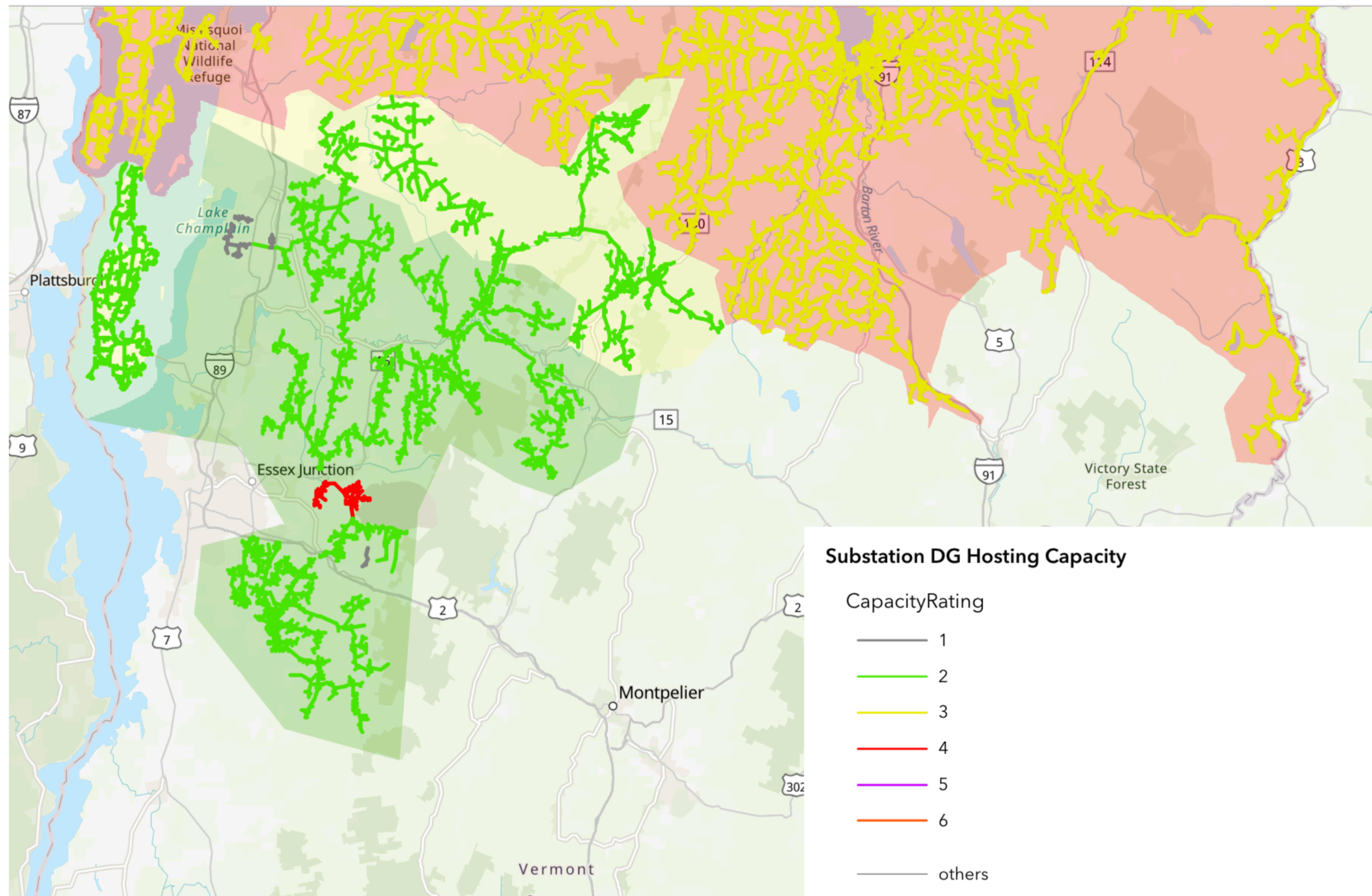
30 V.S.A. § 202b (e)(7)(B) calls for the Department of Public Service to complete a “Consolidated Model” that projects the impacts of the RES at least 10 years ahead, including three scenarios of results based on high, mid-range, and low energy price forecasts. The results show a 6-8% rate impact from the RES.

As a reference point, 2023 RES costs have been calculated to be \$32 million.



Note – Tier III programs build load and generate additional retail sales revenues leading to a net cost reduction over time

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Workgroups/House%20Energy%20and%20Digital/Energy/W~TJ%20Poor~Vermont%20Electricity%20Policies%20and%20Programs%20Overview~2-12-2025.pdf>



<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/94ece61c75c54ad999c0629d80cb7354/>

Essex Capital Partners MA, 1.89 MW



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History

Doc. No.	Dates	Description
<u>1</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/05/2021	 Complaint
<u>2</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/05/2021	 Jury Demand
<u>3</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/15/2021 <i>Terminated:</i> 02/16/2021	 Motion to Amend/Correct
4	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/16/2021	 Order on Motion to Amend/Correct
<u>5</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/24/2021	 Amended Complaint
<u>6</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/25/2021	 Waiver of Service Returned Executed
<u>7</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 02/25/2021	 Waiver of Service Returned Executed
<u>8</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 03/11/2021	 Notice of Appearance
<u>9</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 03/11/2021	 Notice of Appearance
<u>10</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 03/15/2021 <i>Terminated:</i> 03/15/2021	 Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice
11	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 03/15/2021	 Order on Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice
<u>12</u>	<i>Filed & Entered:</i> 04/16/2021 <i>Terminated:</i> 07/22/2021	 Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim



Prime Ag Soils and MHG Solar, Wallingford, Vermont