

# **Community Energy and Democracy:**

*Interesting Times for Rooftop Solar, Storage,  
and Net Zero Energy Buildings in Utah*

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We Partner to Build the New  
**CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY**



**STOP**  
ENERGY WASTE



**CREATE**  
CLEAN ENERGY



**BUILD**  
A SMART ENERGY FUTURE



# Clean Energy Business Coalition Sustainers Circle Members



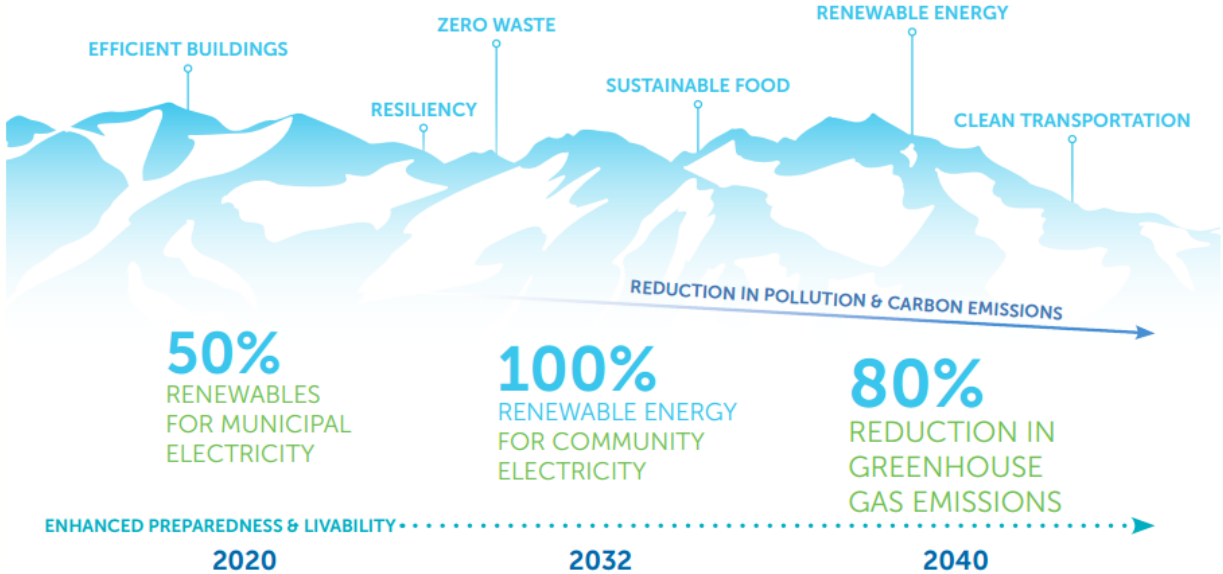
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# Technologies Enabling Energy Democracy

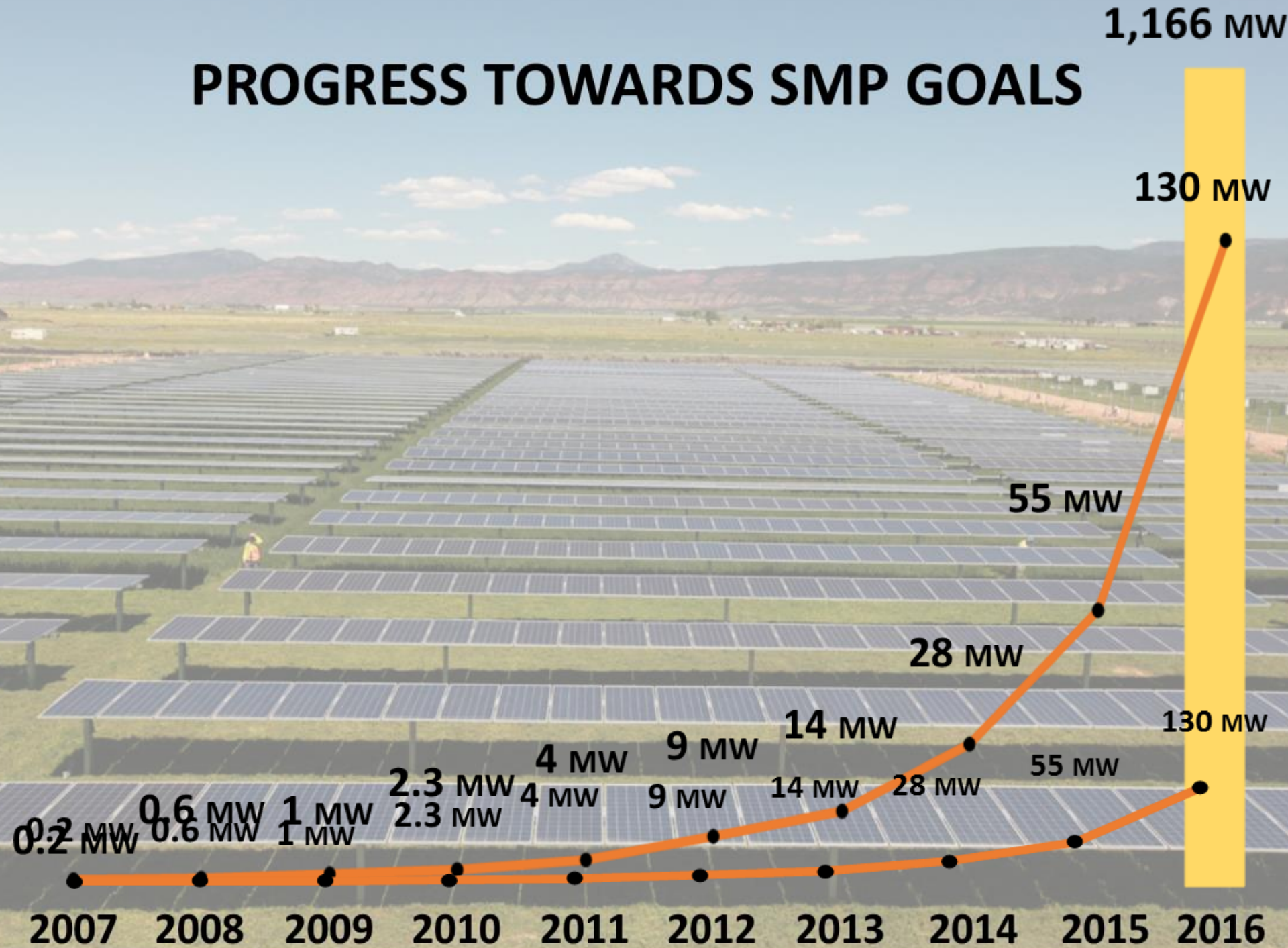
- Distributed Solar
- Battery Storage Technologies
- Net Zero Energy Buildings

# SLC Clean Energy Goals



# Rooftop Solar

# PROGRESS TOWARDS SMP GOALS





# TOP 10 SOLAR STATES

STATE RANKING BASED ON THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF SOLAR ELECTRIC CAPACITY INSTALLED THROUGH 2016

1,489 mw cumulative capacity  
292,000 homes powered equivalent  
4,408 solar jobs  
488 watts per person  
1,241 mw capacity installed



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# NET METERING



- Solar PV panels produce DC electricity
- Your home uses AC electricity to run appliances and lights
- Inverters are attached to the solar panels to convert the DC electricity to AC electricity
- When you're not using any energy, the excess electricity is sent back out to the grid

# **Battery Storage Technology**

The background of the entire page is a photograph showing several high-voltage power transmission towers (pylons) silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the bottom to a bright orange and pink at the top. The towers are arranged in a line, receding into the distance. The overall mood is industrial yet serene.

Article  
June 2017

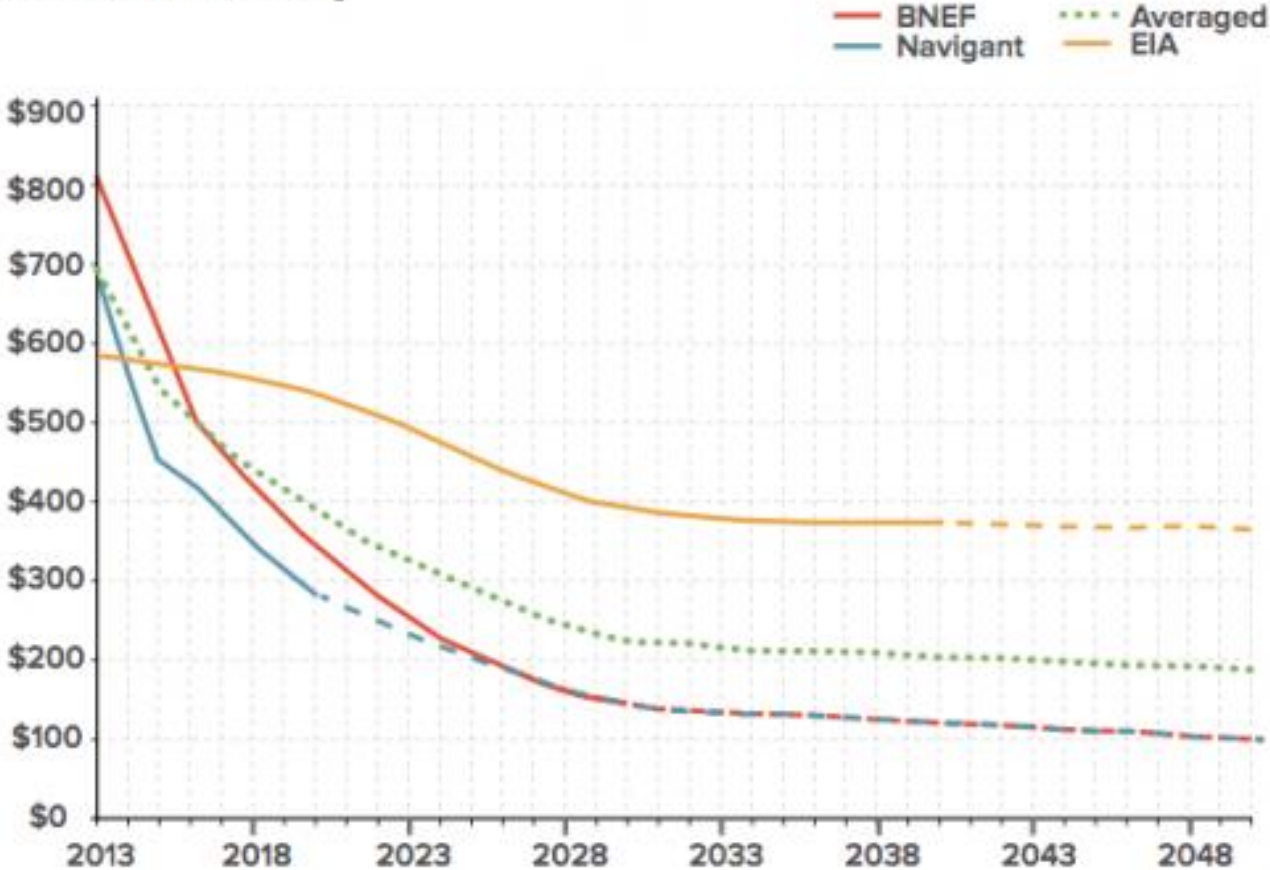
# Battery storage: The next disruptive technology in the power sector

By David Frankel and Amy Wagner

# Status: Battery Storage

FIGURE 19: BATTERY PRICE PROJECTIONS

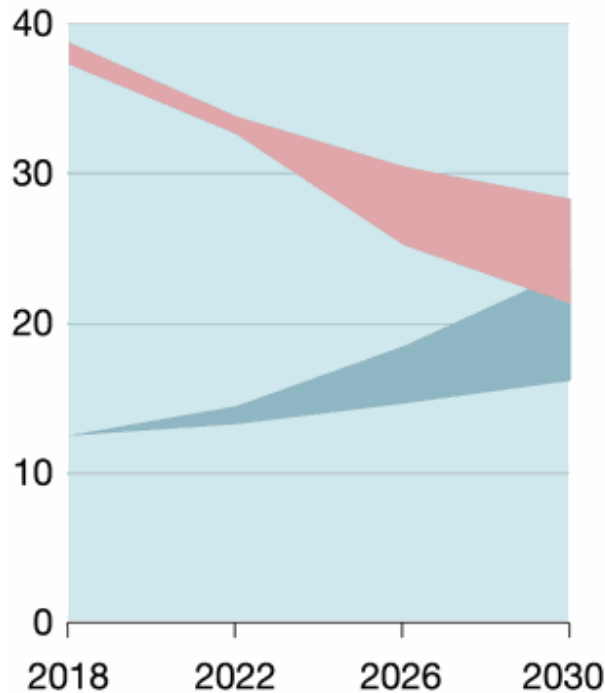
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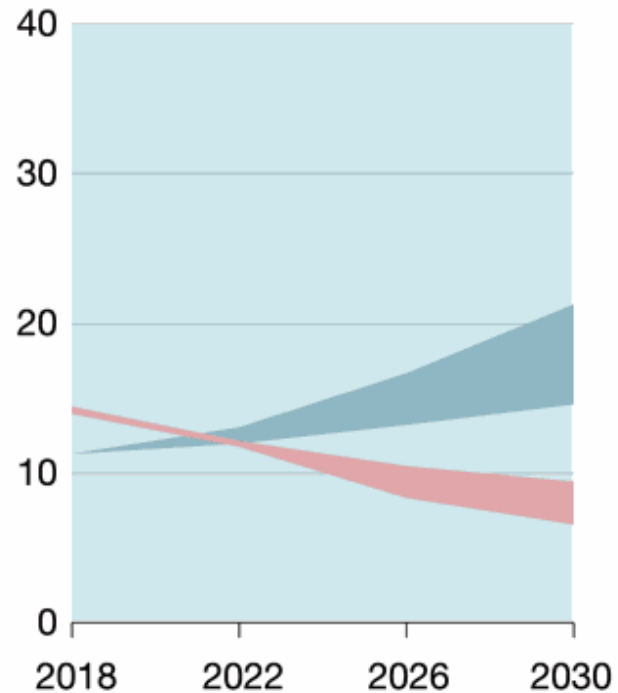
# In some cases, grid defection is beginning to make economic sense.

■ Levelized cost of customer-sited energy   ■ Cost of avoided electricity

### Full grid-defection<sup>1</sup> scenario, cents per kilowatt-hour



### Partial grid-defection scenario,<sup>2</sup> cents per kilowatt-hour



<sup>1</sup>Grid-defection-economics estimates are based on Arizona residential customer. Partial defection assumes 90% load departure with solar and storage only. Full defection includes a small generator set for backup power. Solar and storage costs are from McKinsey's cost-curve forecast.

<sup>2</sup>90%.

# **Net Zero Energy Buildings: The Ground Level**

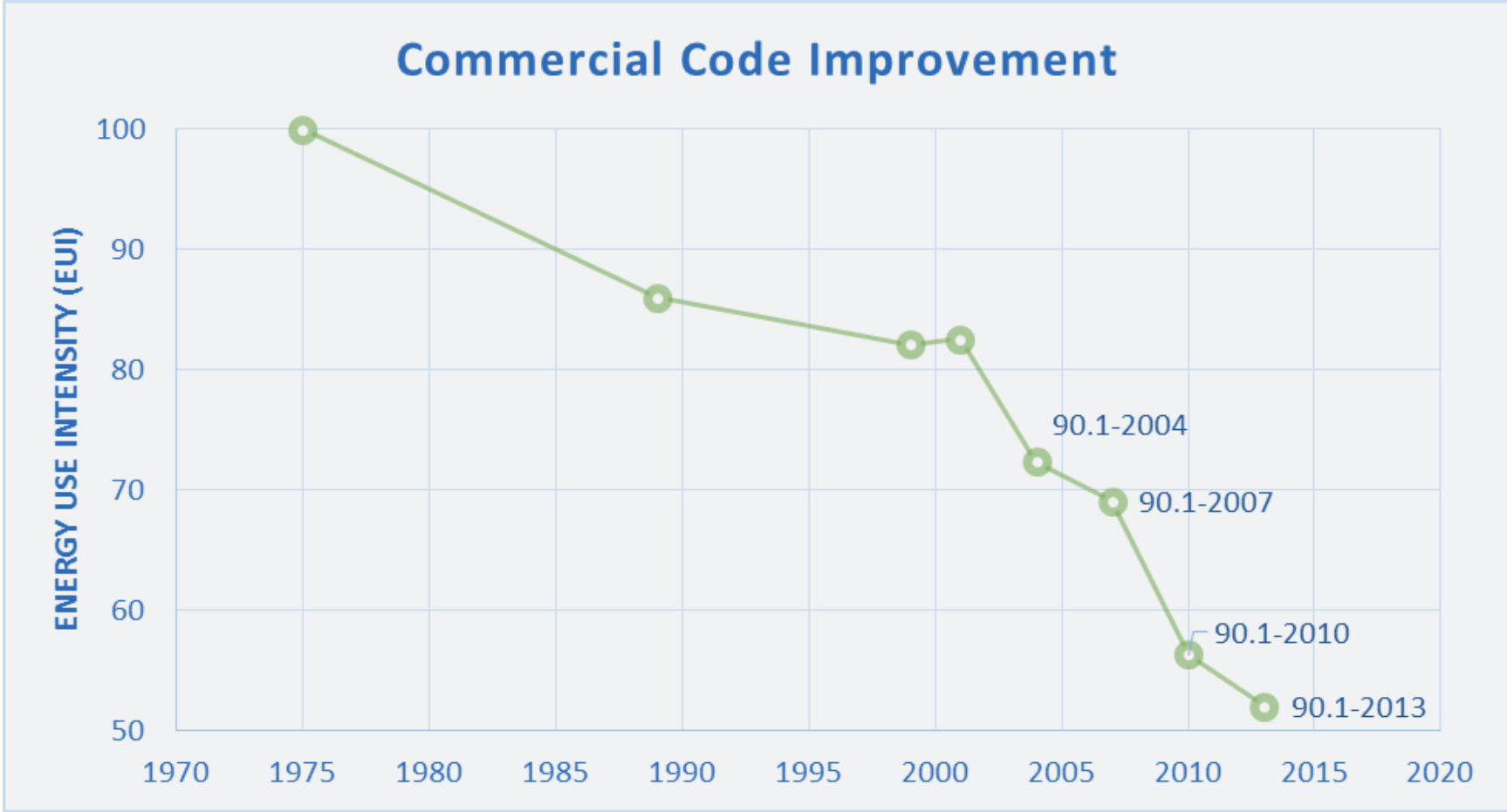
# What is a **Zero Energy Building**?

An energy-efficient building where the annual energy consumed is less than or equal to the on-site renewable energy needed to serve the building.



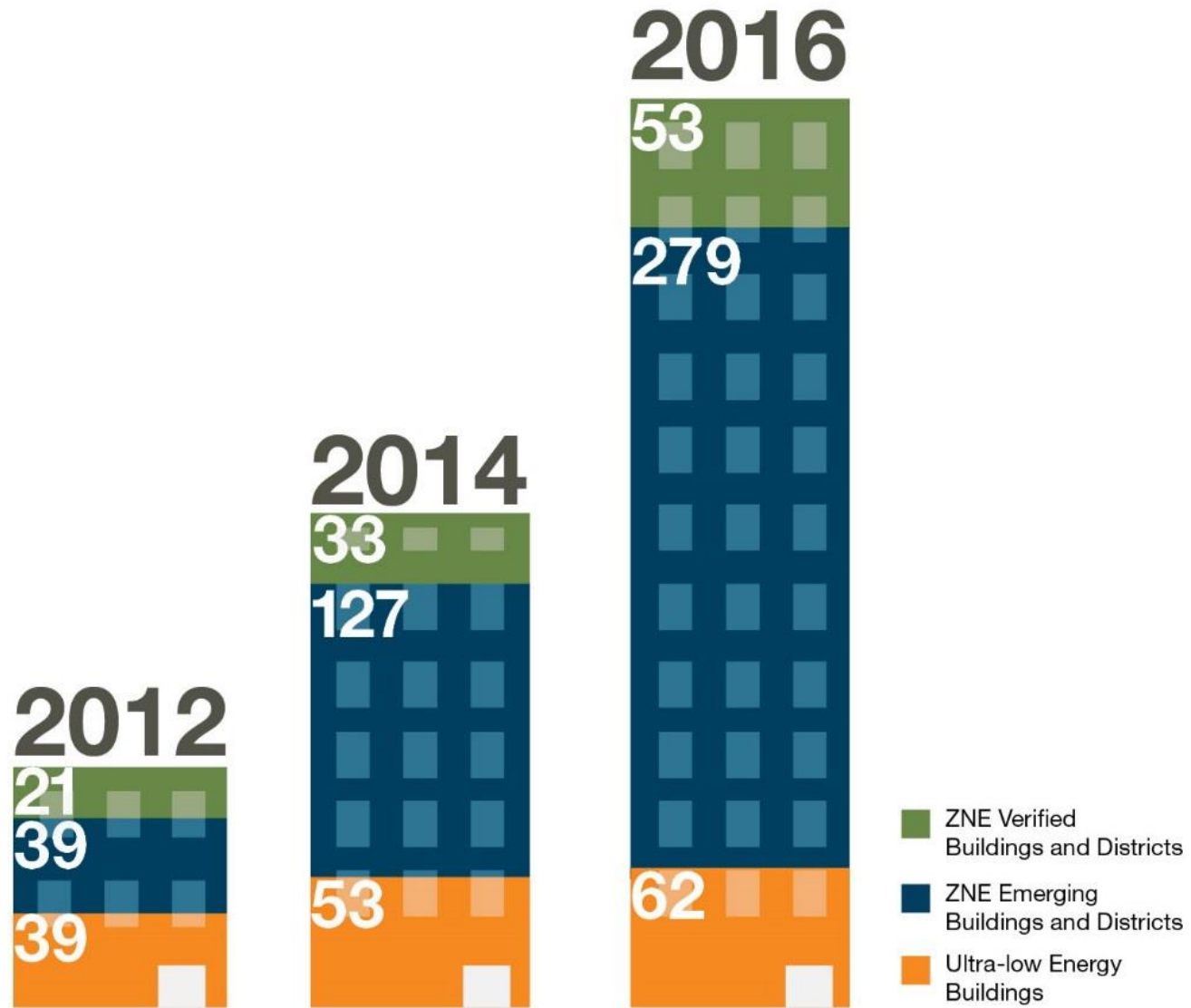


# Energy Consumption Decline in New Commercial Buildings



Source: Building Codes Assistance Project, 2016 <http://bcapcodes.org/topics/development/>

# Number of ZNE Projects



# Salt Lake City Fire Station #3



# Status: Net Zero Energy Buildings

- Technological solutions (state of the shelf!)
- Political
  - Building and energy codes are adopted by State Legislature – **doesn't allow "local control"**

# Beware of App Stories!



- **Utility Business Model/Regulation**
- **Equity & Inclusivity**
- **Climate Change**



## **STATUS: Solar & Net Metering**

Rocky Mountain Power proposed changes to the way solar customers are compensated

- RMP's proposal will be heard before the Public Service Commission in August
- **Public Hearing: August 9<sup>th</sup>**
- Stay tuned for more info



Learn more -

[www.utahcleanenergy.org](http://www.utahcleanenergy.org)

# A Bright Future: 10 Year Solar Deployment Plan for Utah



# Solar, Storage, and Resiliency

Goal: Incorporate solar and storage for resiliency and emergency preparedness





# Solar, Storage, and Resiliency

- Overcome economic barriers
- Provide opportunities to learn about solar and storage
- Incorporate solar and storage into existing planning processes

