

Leveraging Utility Franchise Agreements for Community Power

Group Intros

- Name & community
- Why you came to this session
- Why you feel that community control of our energy system important

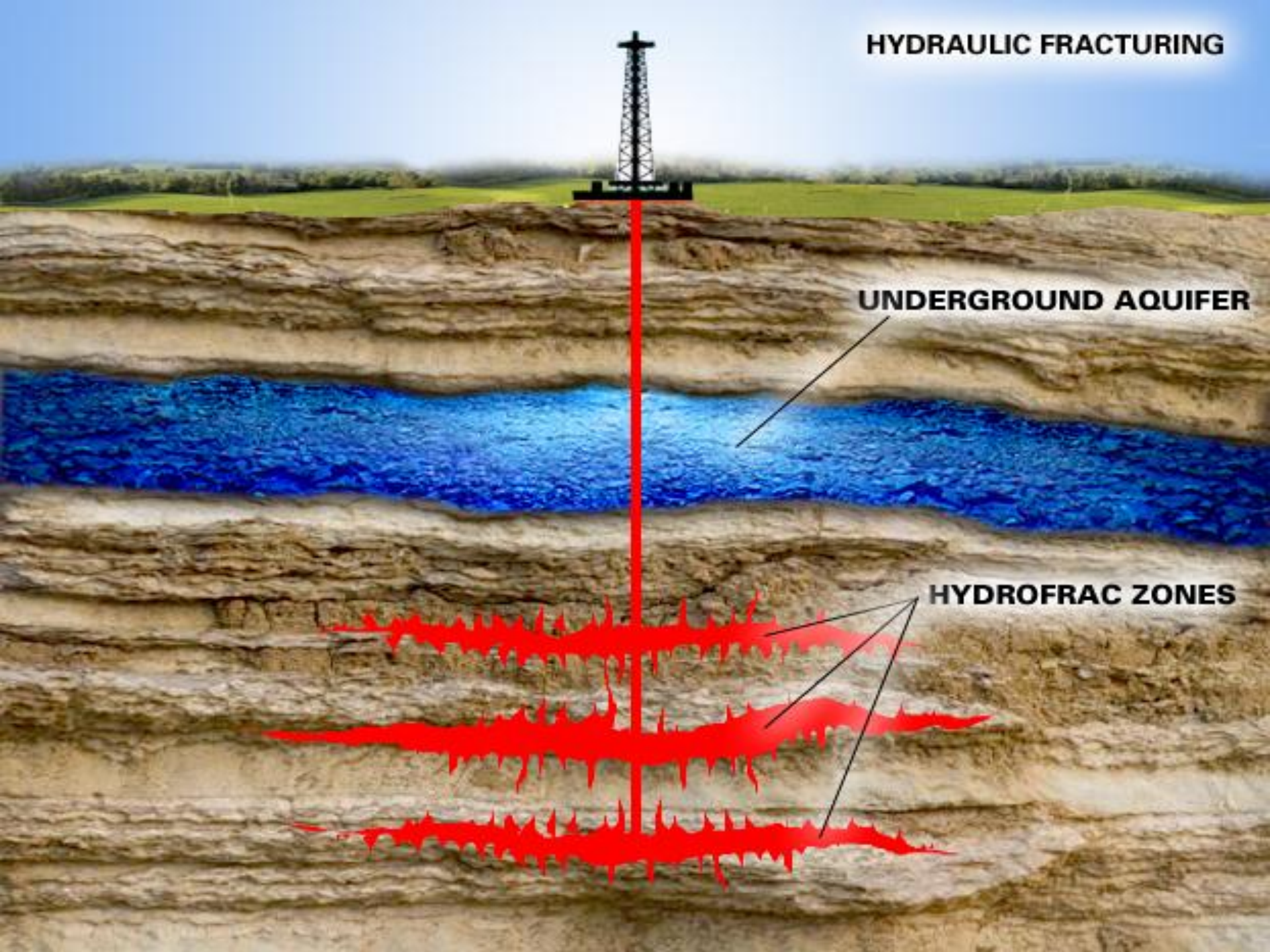
Discussion Questions

- **What problems does the energy system create in your community?**
- **How would you like the energy system in your community to work?**

Coal strip mined in the Powder River Basin of Montana and Wyoming

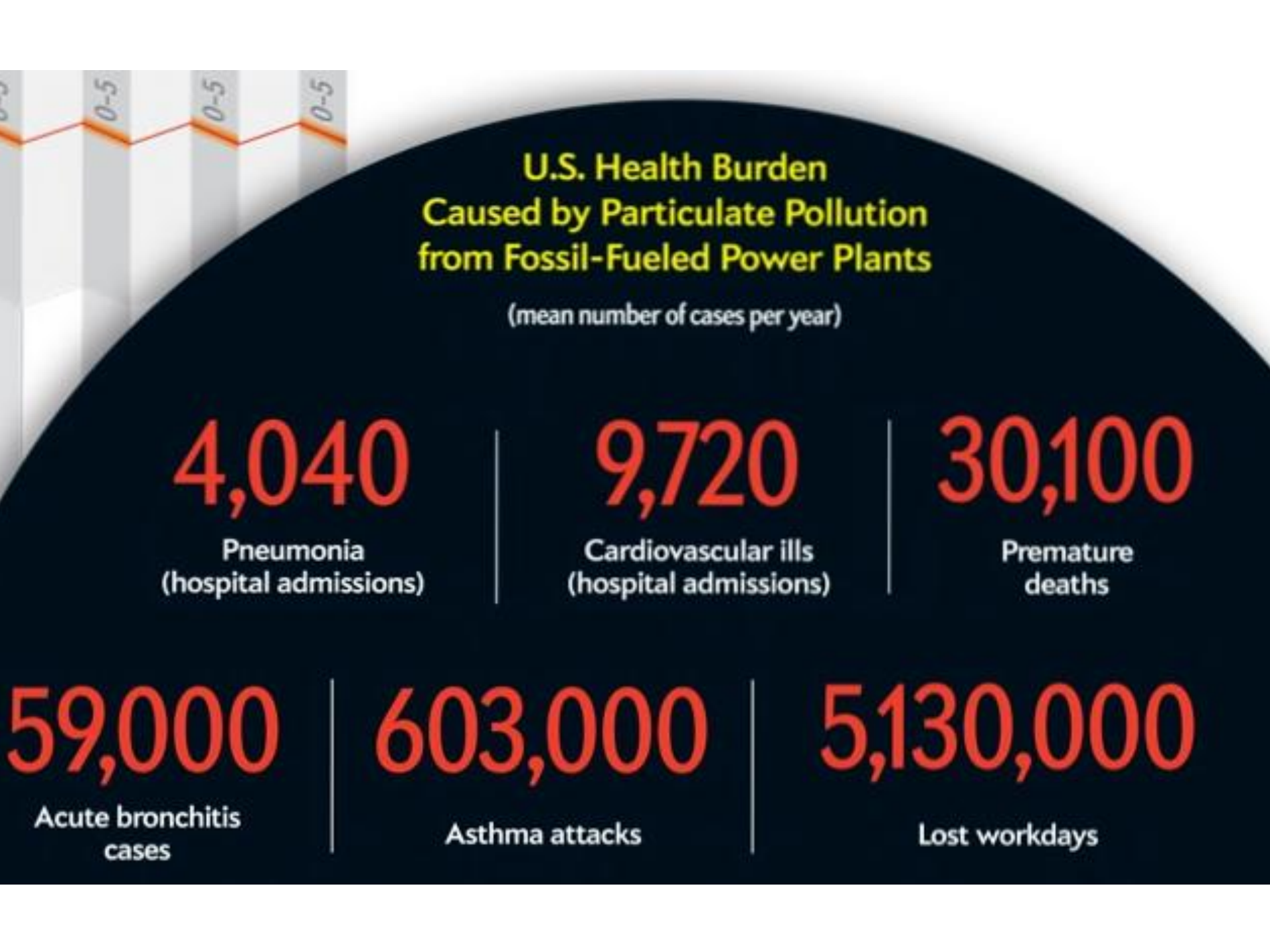


HYDRAULIC FRACTURING



UNDERGROUND AQUIFER

HYDROFRAC ZONES



**U.S. Health Burden
Caused by Particulate Pollution
from Fossil-Fueled Power Plants**

(mean number of cases per year)

4,040

Pneumonia
(hospital admissions)

9,720

Cardiovascular ills
(hospital admissions)

30,100

Premature
deaths

59,000

Acute bronchitis
cases

603,000

Asthma attacks

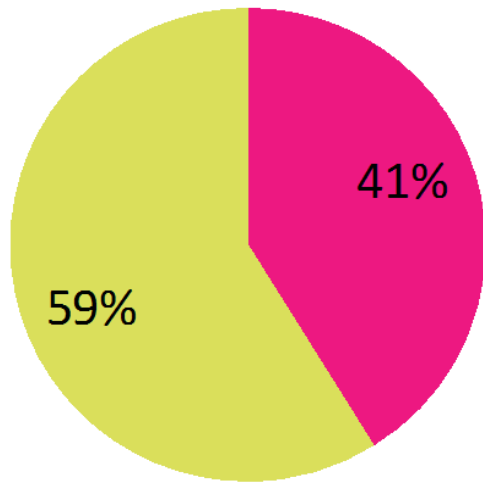
5,130,000

Lost workdays

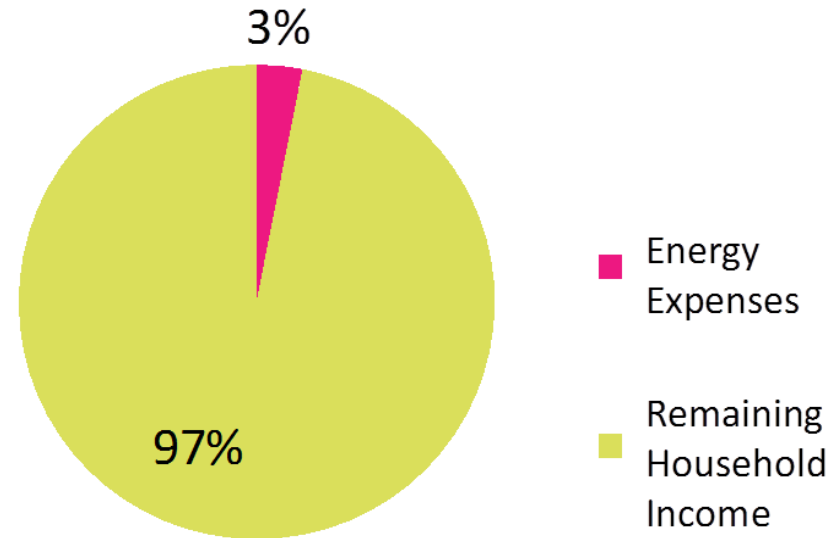
Energy Poverty

Energy Burden for Average Household in New York, 2010

At 0-49% Poverty Level



At 400-499% Poverty Level

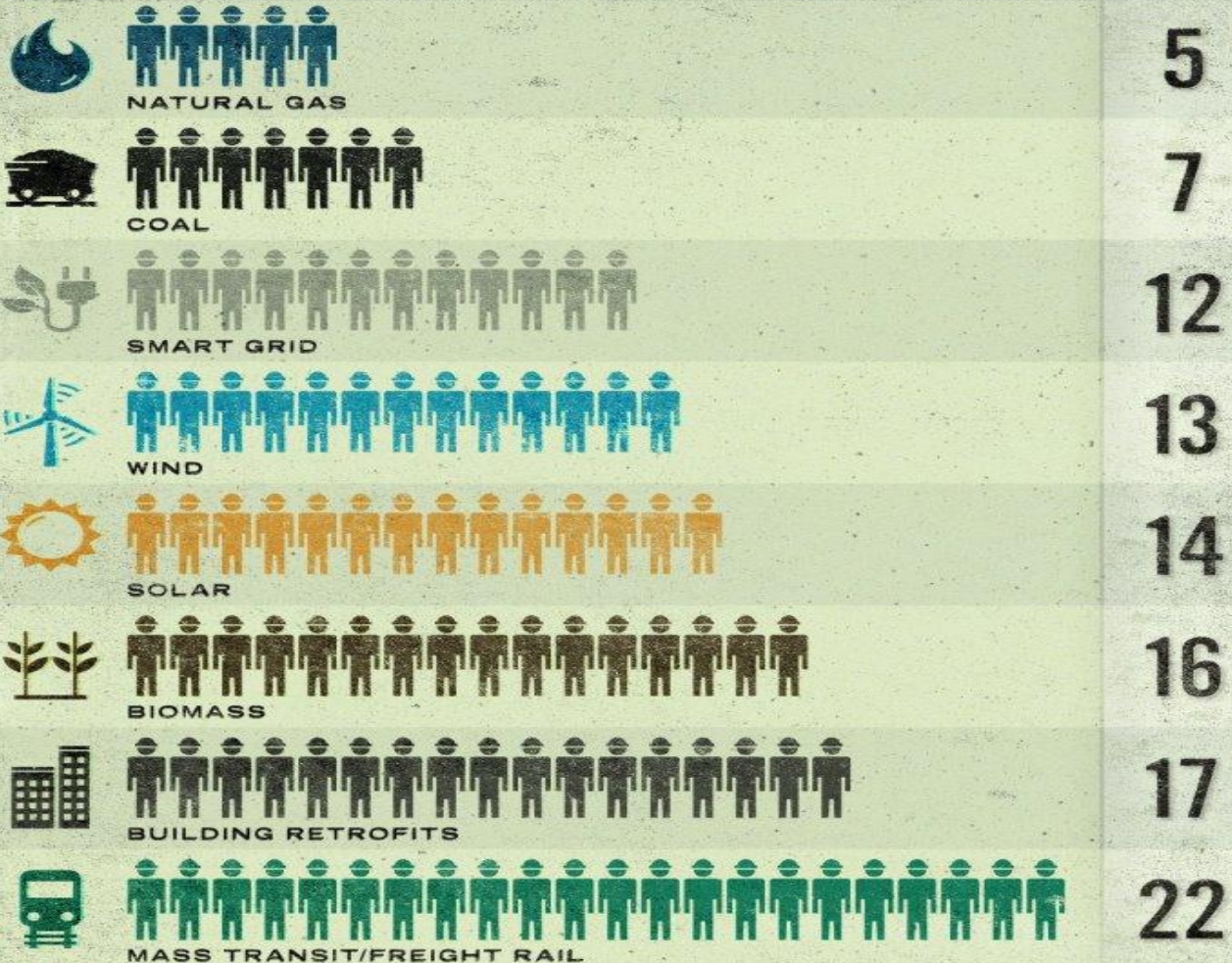


- Energy Expenses
- Remaining Household Income

THE TRUTH

ABOUT JOB CREATION

INVEST \$1,000,000 IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES, YOU GET THIS MANY JOBS:

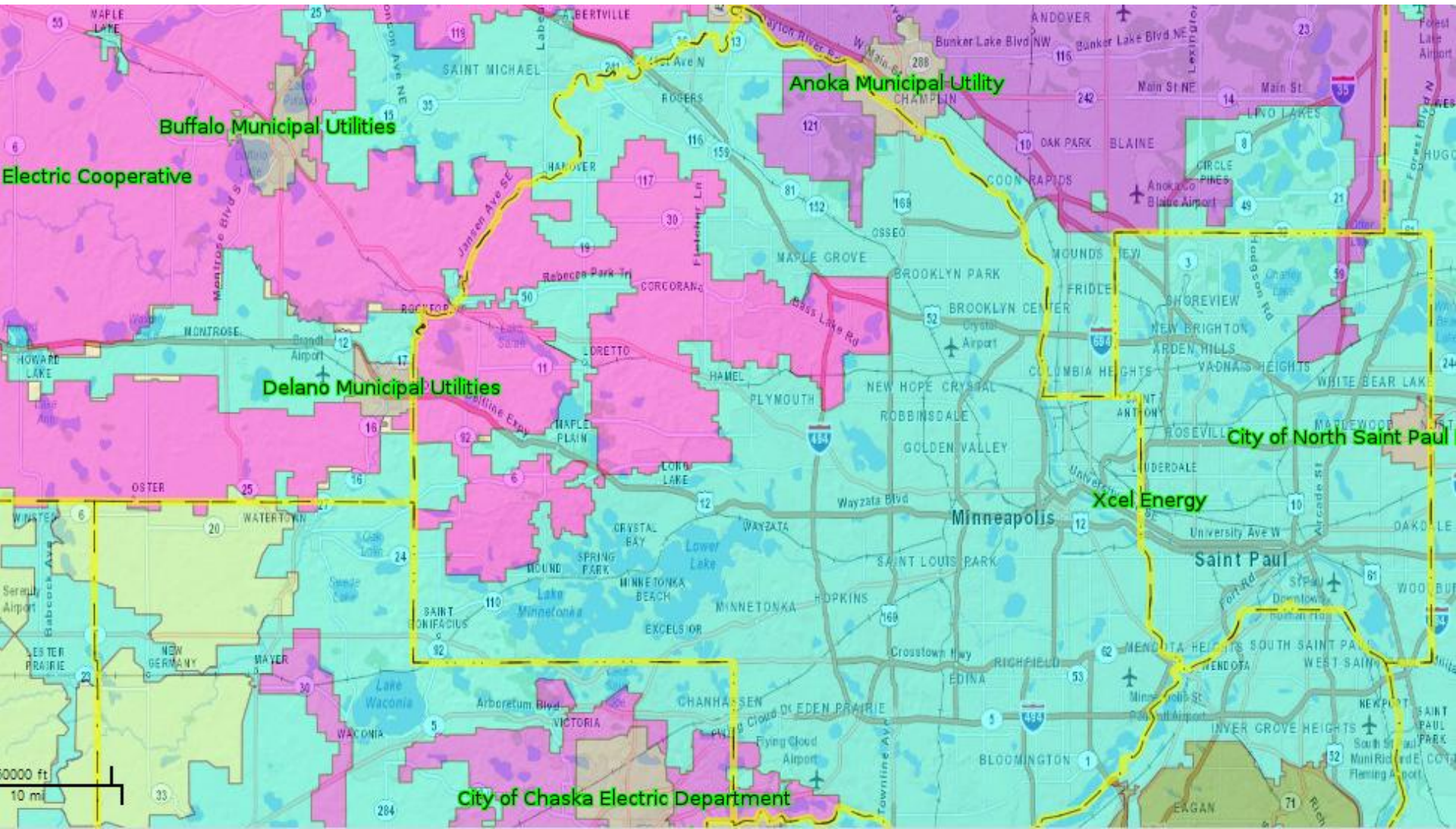


SOURCE: Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts

THE BLACKOUT OF 2003



Cooperative, Corporate, Municipal



StarTribune

Xcel asks for 10 percent rate increase

Article by: DAVID SHAFFER

Star Tribune

November 2, 2012 - 9:59 PM

Minnesota customers of Xcel Energy may soon pay more for electricity -- and one reason, the utility contends, is that they're using less of it.

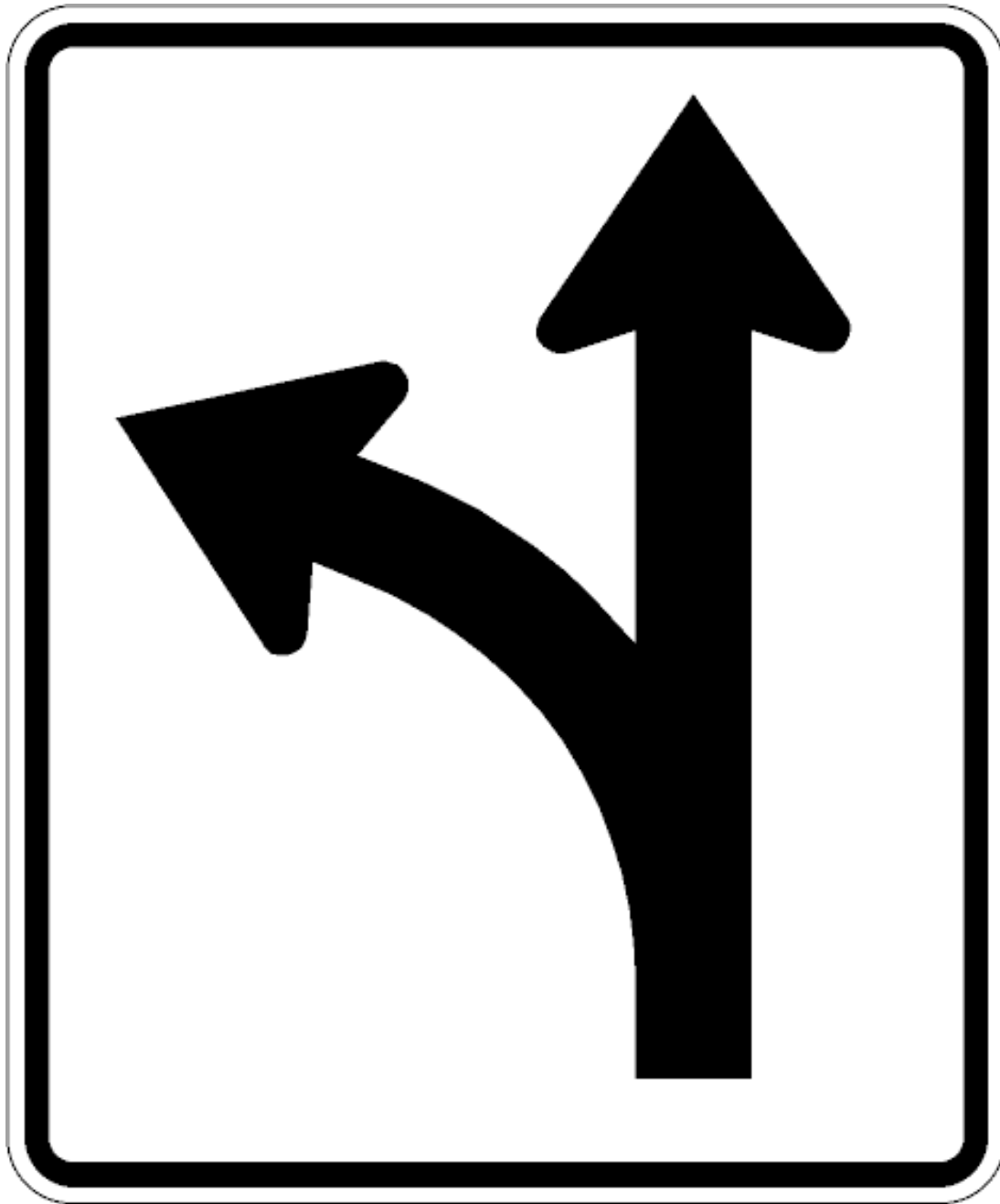
The state's largest power company, which serves 1.2 million Minnesota customers, told regulators Friday that it needs an additional \$285 million, a 10.7 percent increase, in revenue starting next year.

For a typical residential customer, the proposed rate hike would be 12 percent -- or \$9 on a monthly bill, Xcel said. Small businesses would see a 10.6 percent increase and large businesses a 9.5 percent boost, the utility said.



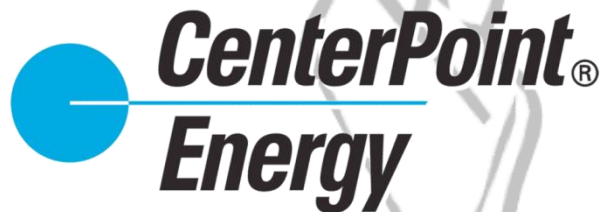
Xcel Energy told Minnesota regulators on Friday that it needs \$285 million in extra revenue to pay for investments in nuclear power plants and a stronger grid.

Glen Stubbe, Dml - Star Tribune



But we're at a
crossroads

Minneapolis's contract with our energy companies is up for renewal



“Franchise” provides \$23 million to general fund
out of \$450 million per year in energy sales

For the first time in

20
years

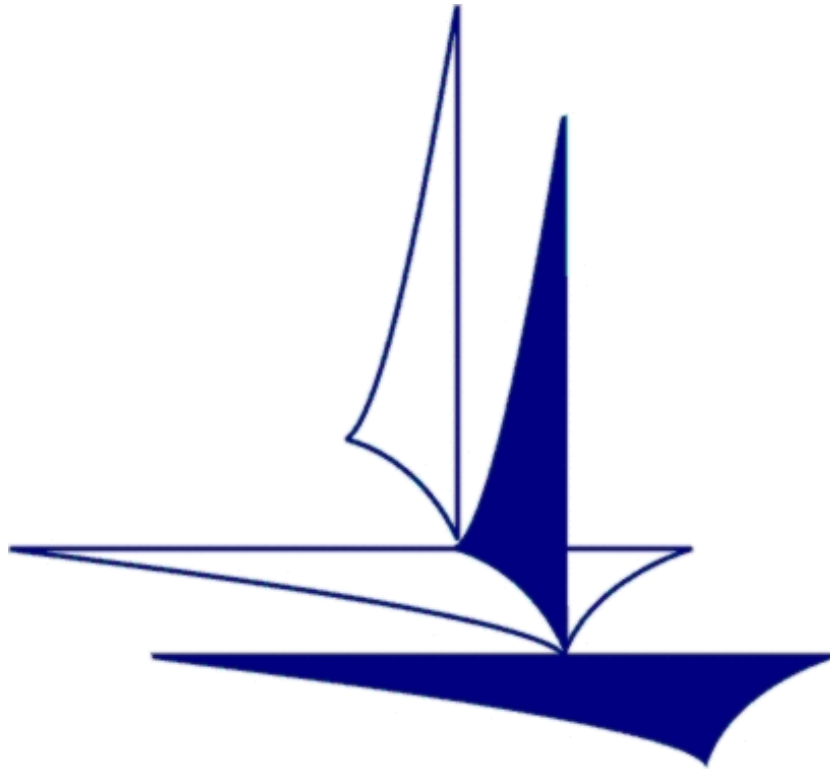


What are the options?

Renew (status quo)

Negotiate

Do it ourselves



Maybe not.

Minneapolis

City of Lakes Gas & Electric?

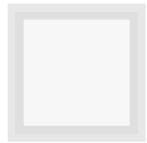
But we can't do this



Renew (status quo)

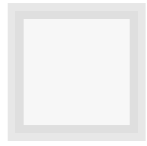


Negotiate



Do it ourselves

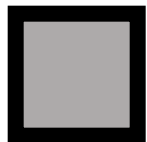
Without an option for this



Renew (status quo)



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City of Lakes Gas & Electric?

We organized for

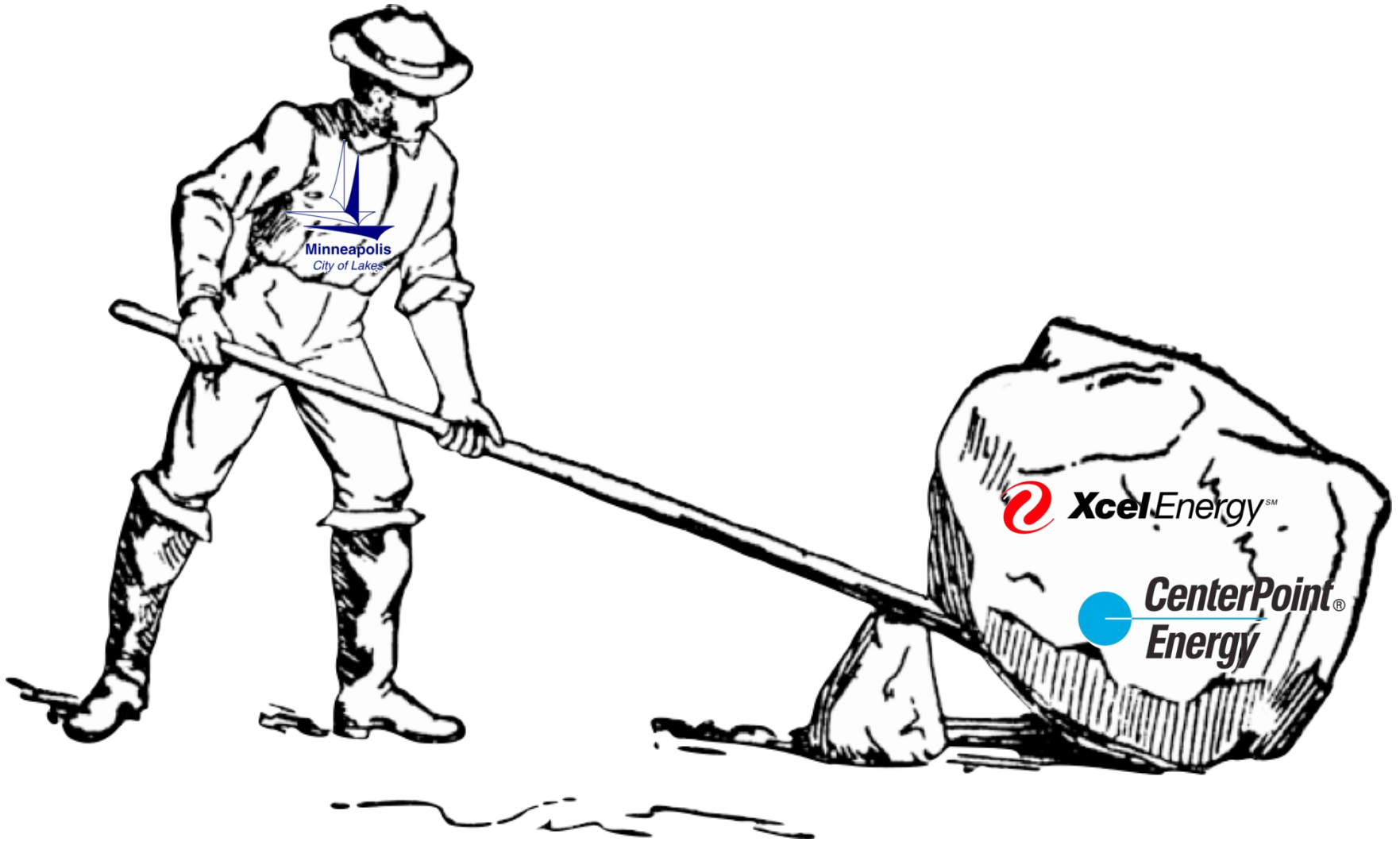
A ballot measure authorizing
a municipal utility



With strong
requirements for:

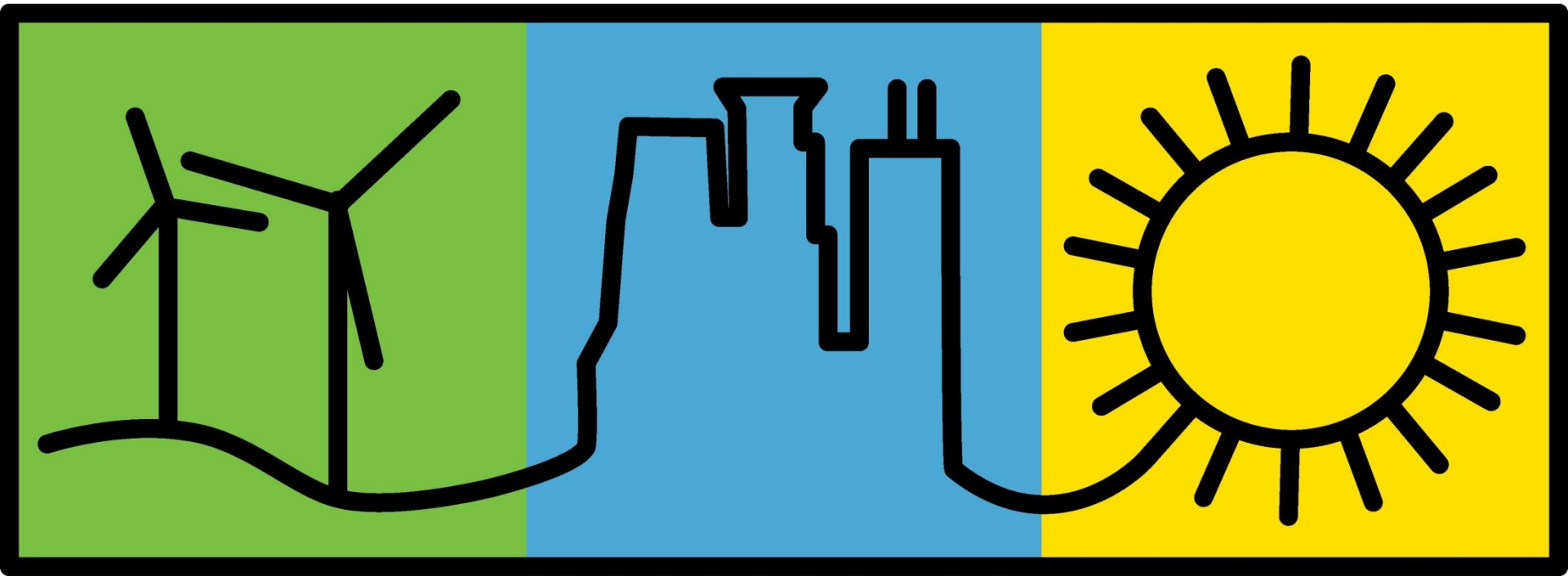
- Clean energy
- Local energy
- Equitable energy
- Affordable energy
- Reliable energy

Because that gave the city



LEVERAGE

Minneapolis Energy Options



Taking charge of our energy future

CORCORAN
neighborhood
organization

Coalition



WILL STEGER
FOUNDATION

P P
N A We are
building
blocks



Minnesota
Youth
Environmental
Network



MPIRG

MIDTOWN PHILLIPS
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINNESOTA
North
Star
Chapter

NOC
NEIGHBORHOODS
ORGANIZING
FOR CHANGE

GRAND
ASPIRATIONS



EJAM
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
ADVOCATES OF MINNESOTA

ILSR

1960/2010
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INSTITUTE FOR
Local Self-Reliance

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MN 350



Prospect Park



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VOTE YES



MINNEAPOLIS ENERGY OPTIONS
TAKING CHARGE OF OUR ENERGY FUTURE



Accomplishments

- A city funded Energy Pathways study
- A city commitment to a legislative agenda focused on flexibility in franchise negotiations
- A historic memorandum of understanding with Centerpoint Energy
- A letter from Xcel Energy promising to work toward the city's energy goals
- An adopted "Framework for Reaching City of Minneapolis Energy Goals"



Next Steps

- State legislative strategy
- Keep city and utilities accountable to the community
- Community education
- Detailed Research
- Regional/National campaigns

How to Help

- **Attend or host a Powerful Conversation**
- **Join a Minneapolis Ward Team or start an action team in your community**
- **Sign the postcards to Xcel and CenterPoint**
- **Join a Community Power action team**
- **Take neighborhood energy actions**
- **Donate**

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