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Is It Time to Cash in Your CHPs?  
Increasing Energy Reliability and Savings



# Agenda

- Meet our Energy Team
- What is a Combined Heat and Power (CHP- pronounced “Chip”) Facility?
- Why are CHP Facilities Important for Energy Users?
- When is a CHP Facility Right for An Organization?

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We help energy and utility market participants worldwide anticipate and navigate the challenges and opportunities in changing markets and regulatory environments. We support a wide range of clients, including investor-owned utilities, public utilities, electricity and pipeline customers, power generators, transmission organizations and regulatory agencies.

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What is a CHP?



What is a CHP?

CHP Systems allow businesses to generate their own electricity and meet thermal needs without relying solely on the grid generators and boilers



# CHP

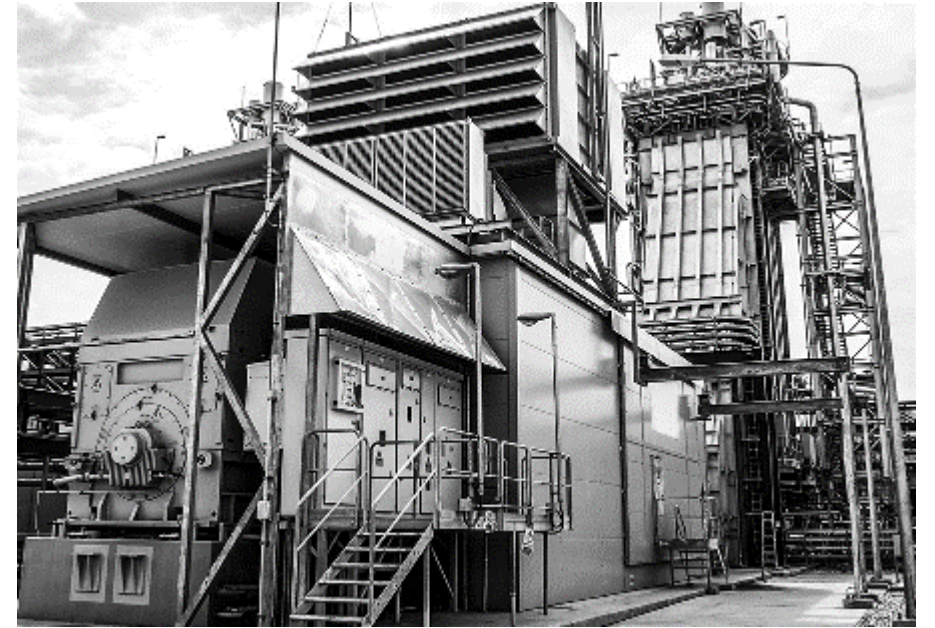
- “CHP” stands for “Combined Heat and Power”
- Also known as “cogeneration”
  - The concurrent production of electricity or mechanical power and useful thermal energy (for heating and/or cooling) from a single source of energy
  - A suite of technologies that can use a variety of fuels to generate electricity or power at the point of use, allowing the heat that would normally be lost in the power generation process to be recovered to provide needed heating and/or cooling for process needs, water and living space



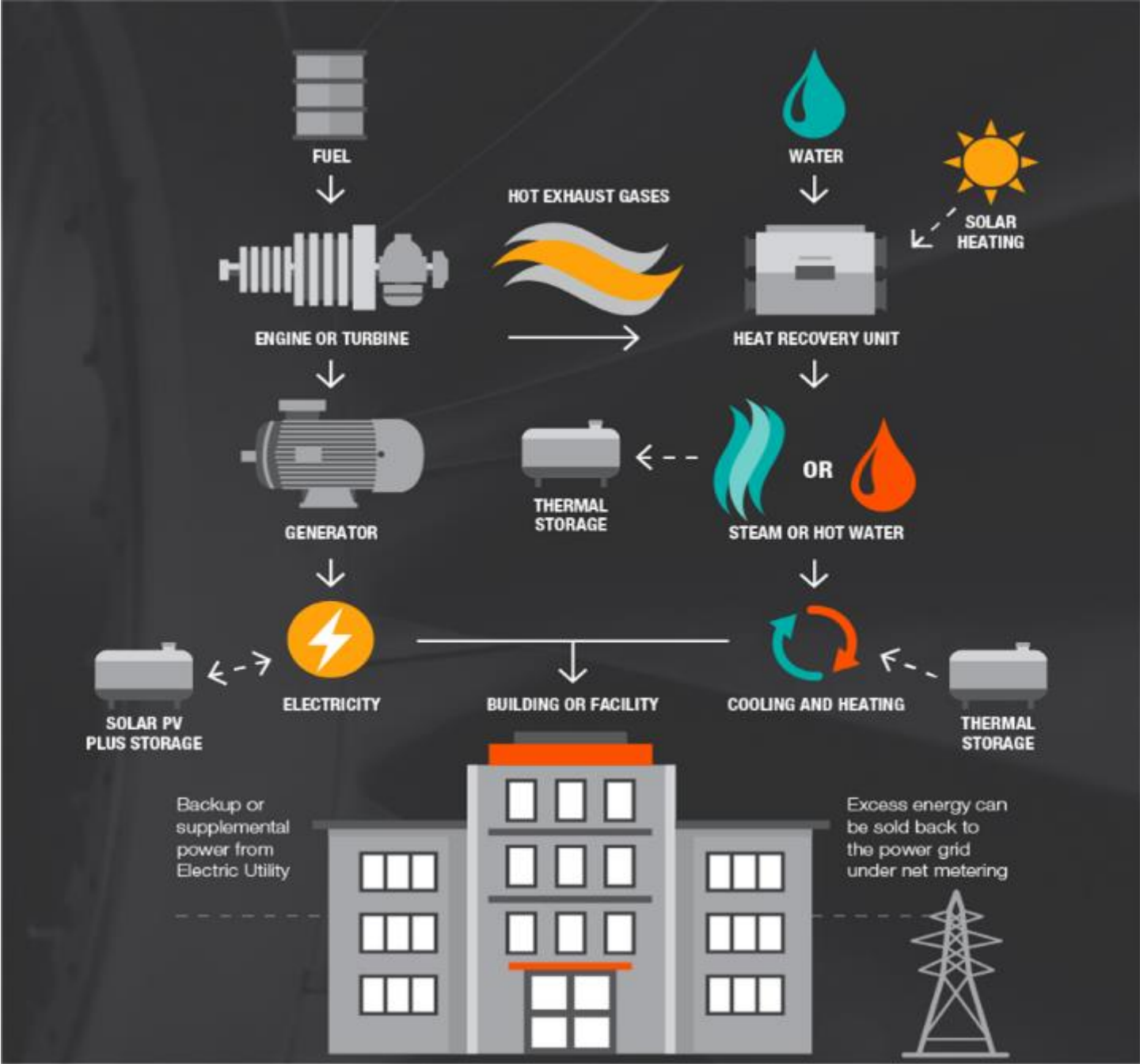


# Why CHPs, Why Now?

- Around since 1980, but growing in popularity now
  - History of success in industrial, commercial applications
  - Long-term availability of reasonably priced fuel, especially natural gas
  - New approaches to evaluate, design and build on premises
  - Now a feasible option for smaller facilities

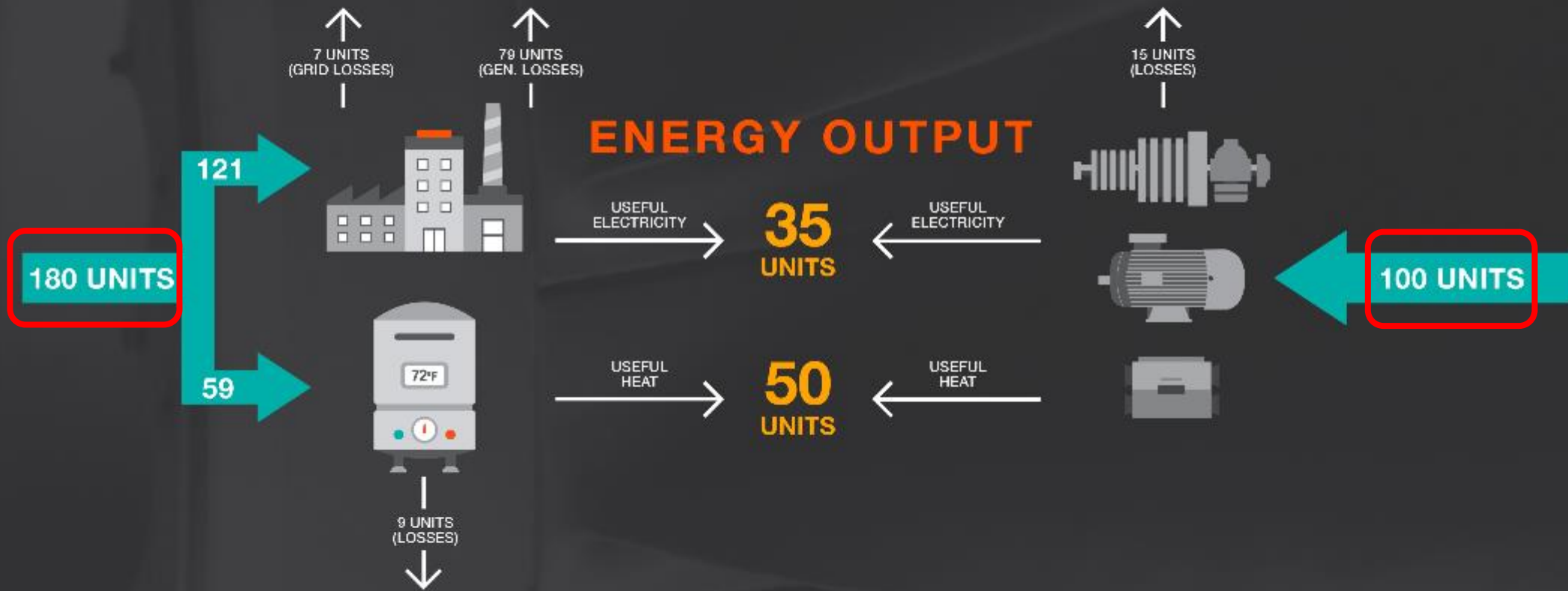


# How it Works



## SEPARATE HEAT & POWER (CONVENTIONAL)

## COMBINED HEAT & POWER (CHP)



**SAME OUTPUT, LOWER INPUT = COST SAVINGS, EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

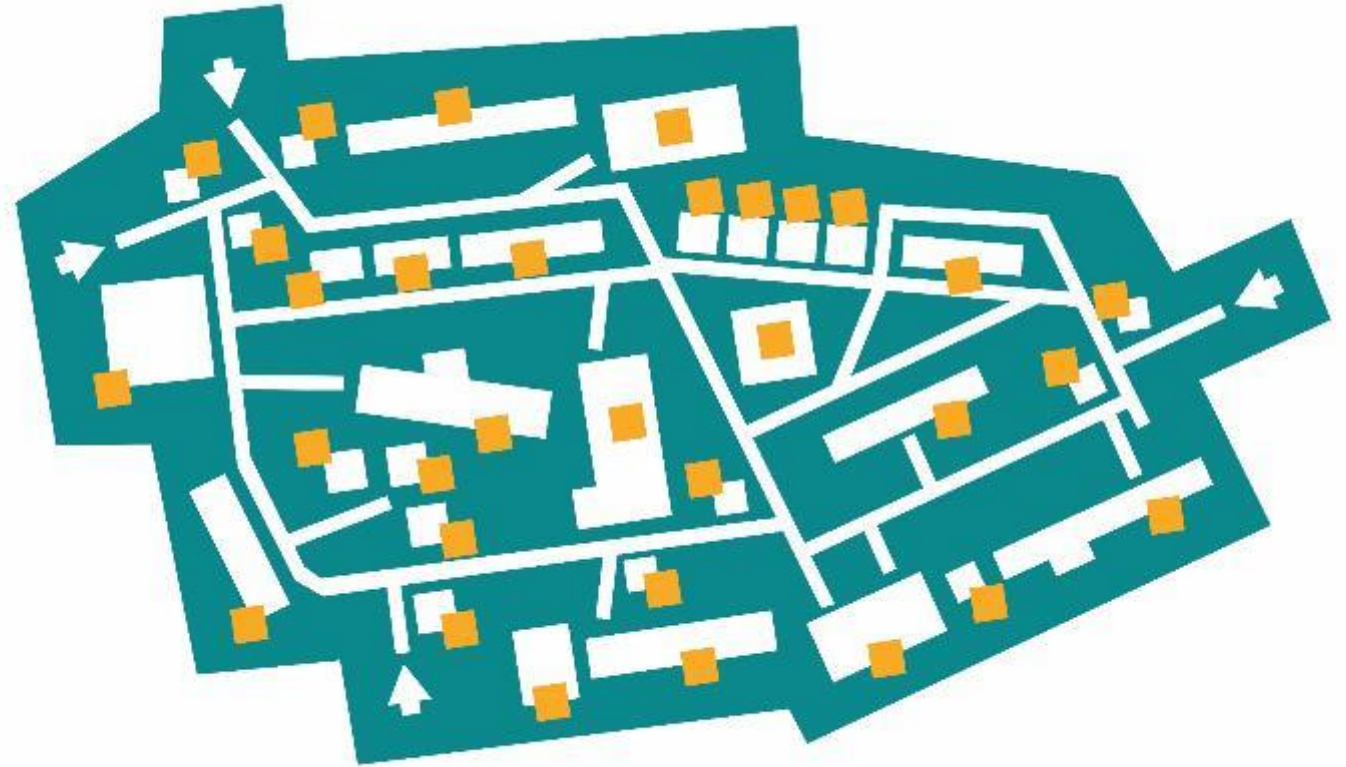
# The Benefits

- More resilient supply of electricity
- Better efficiency
- Lower, more predictable electricity costs
- Reduced carbon footprint
- Modernized infrastructure
- Potential to save companies millions of dollars in energy costs



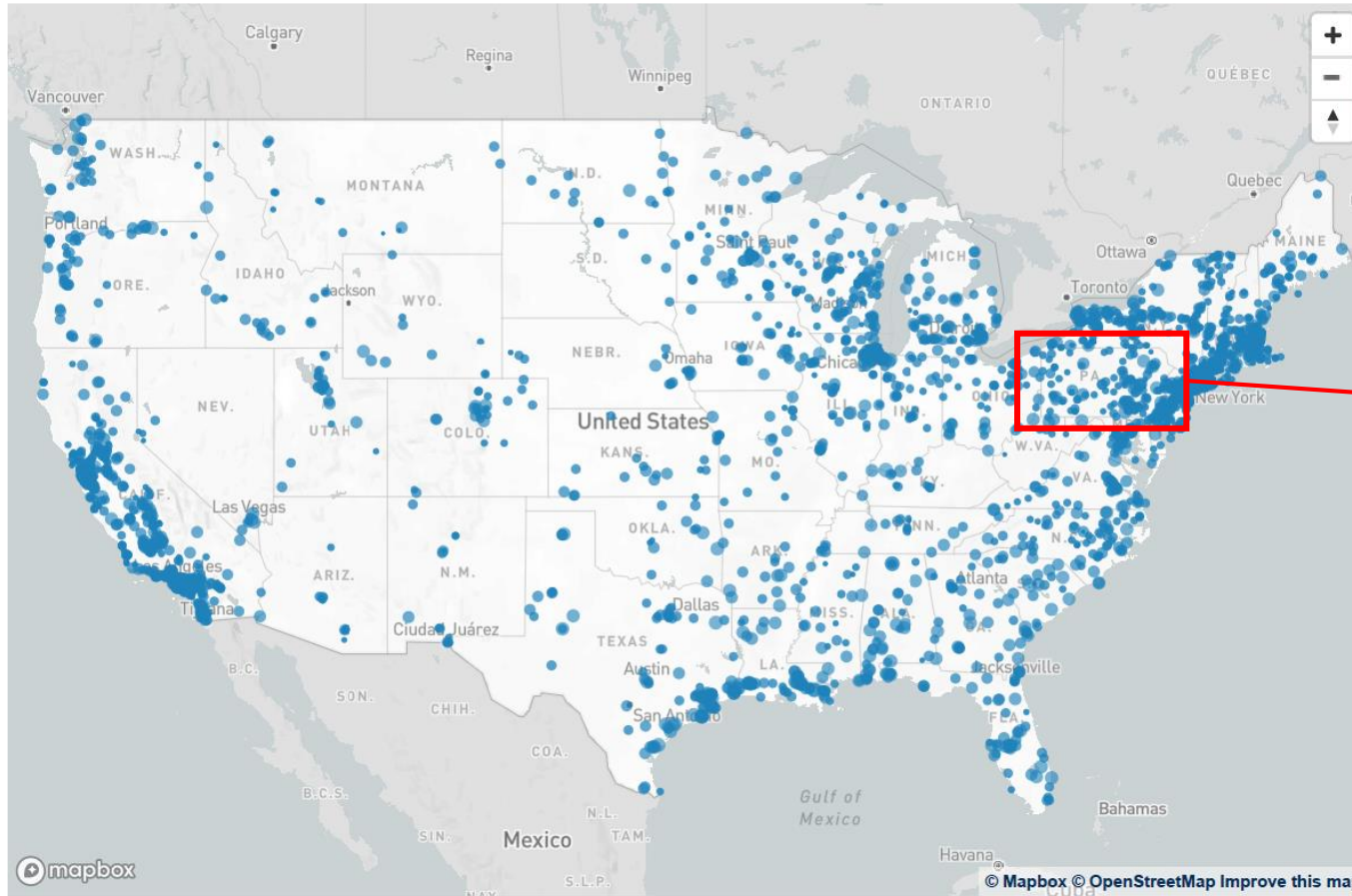
# Who Can Benefit?

- Hospitals
- Acute care facilities
- Medical complexes
- Senior living facilities
- Universities
- Manufacturing
- Commercial buildings

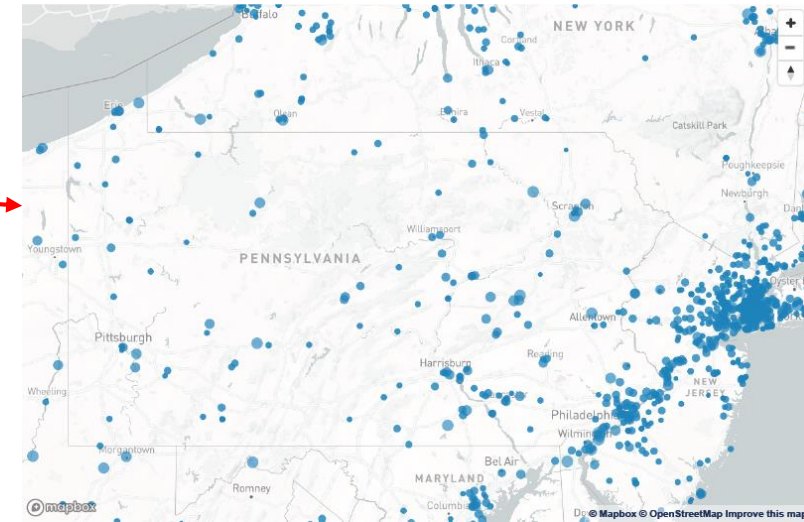


# CHP Adoption: Current

**US CHP Capacity = 81 GW (4,674 facilities) = 7% of US total installed capacity**  
**50% Growth from 2000**



**PA CHP Capacity = 2.6 GW (176 facilities)**



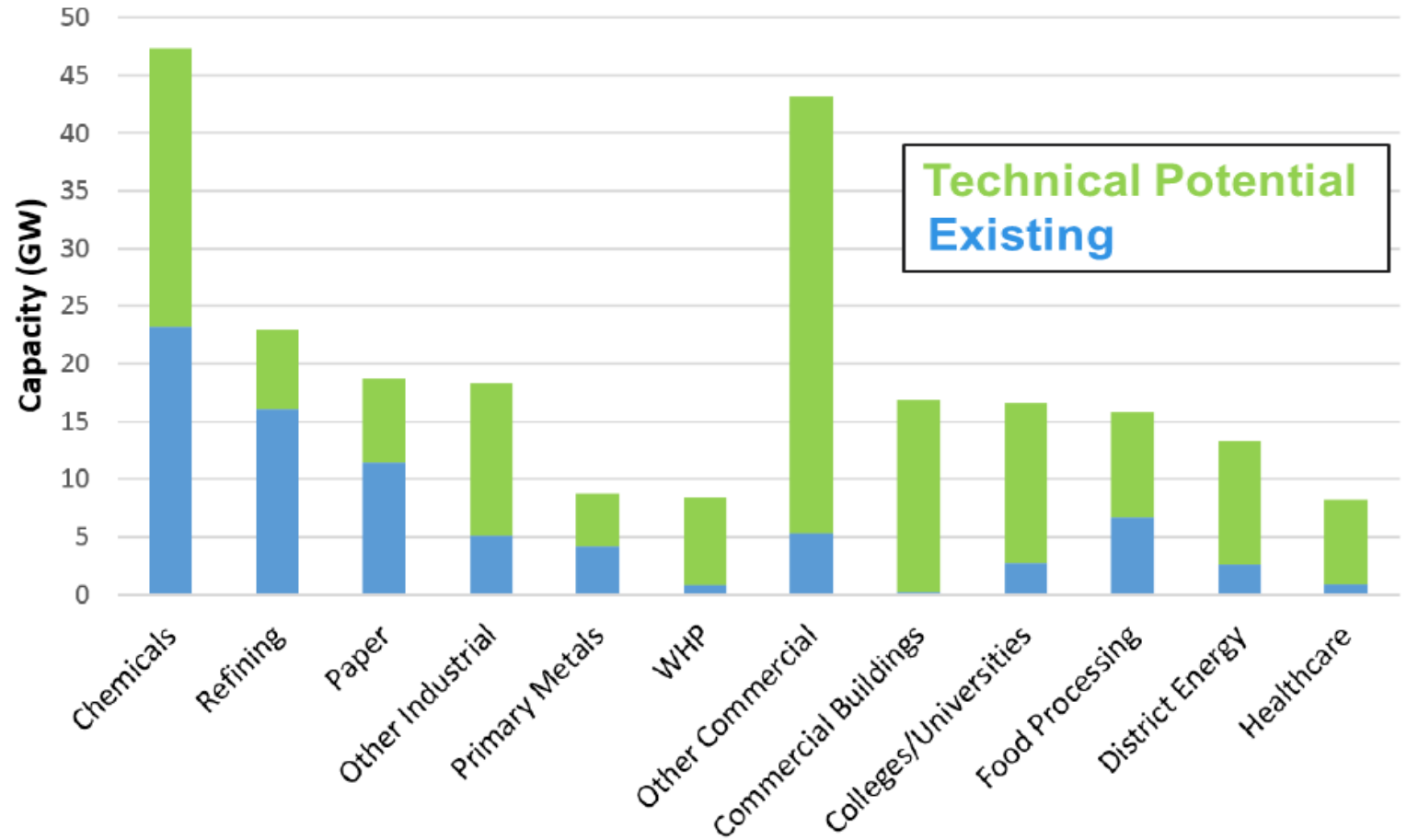
Source: U.S. Department of Energy Combined Heat and Power and Microgrid Installation Databases, December 2019, available at: <https://doe.icfwebservices.com/chp>

# CHP Adoption: Untapped Potential

Technical Potential >240 GW



Existing CHP Capacity = 81 GW



Source: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Combined Heat and Power Technical Potential in the United States, March 2016, available at: <https://energy.gov/chp-potential>

Note: WHP refers to “waste heat to power” type of CHP technology that could be used in various industrial/commercial processes.

# CHP Potential for Commercial Customers

Commercial Building	Number of Sites	Total Capacity (MW)	Average Capacity (kW per Site)
Office Buildings	89,996	16,749	186
Colleges/Universities	5,385	13,932	2,587
Hospitals	6,240	7,312	1,172
Schools	18,073	6,854	379
Gov't Buildings	9,760	4,460	457
Hotels	14,903	4,275	287
Multifamily Buildings	19,047	4,265	224
Military	854	3,393	3,973
Other	76,103	14,690	193
TOTAL	240,361	75,930	316

40%

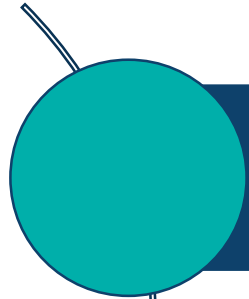
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# When Is CHP Right For An Organization?

# 1. Concerned about electric reliability & resiliency?



CHPs are protection from short-term and more lengthy grid outages, voltage fluctuations and frequency fluctuations



Be the first micro-grid on your block!

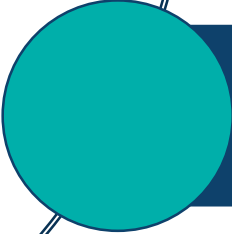
## 2. Concerned about the cost of electricity?



Efficient CHPs offer operating cost savings relative to cost of steam from older boilers and cost of power from electric utilities



CHPs can avoid/reduce utility demand charges

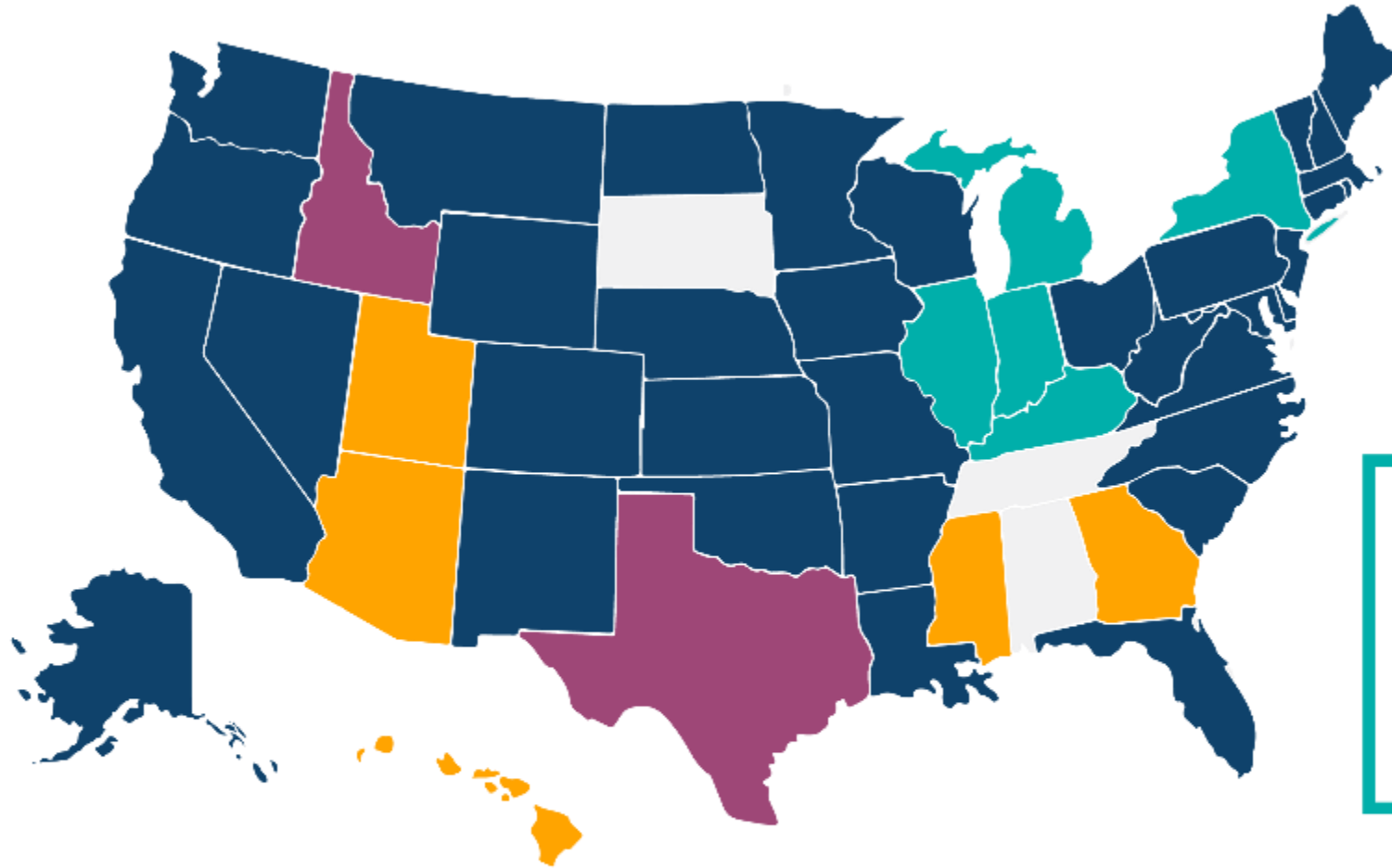


Can also be used to sell excess generation back to the utility (net metering)

# Net Metering Benefits

- Allows a utility customer to self-generate electricity to
  1. Offset the annual electricity consumption it would otherwise pay for
  2. Sell any excess annual generation to the utility
- Net metering becomes an option if the CHP electricity output exceeds electricity consumption at the site during some hours or months
- Offers potential cost savings from replacing utility charges (transmission + distribution + supply) with CHP operating costs (gas + O&M)
- Some savings could be partially offset with utility's non-bypassable charges for net metering customers, such as backup and supplemental demand charges

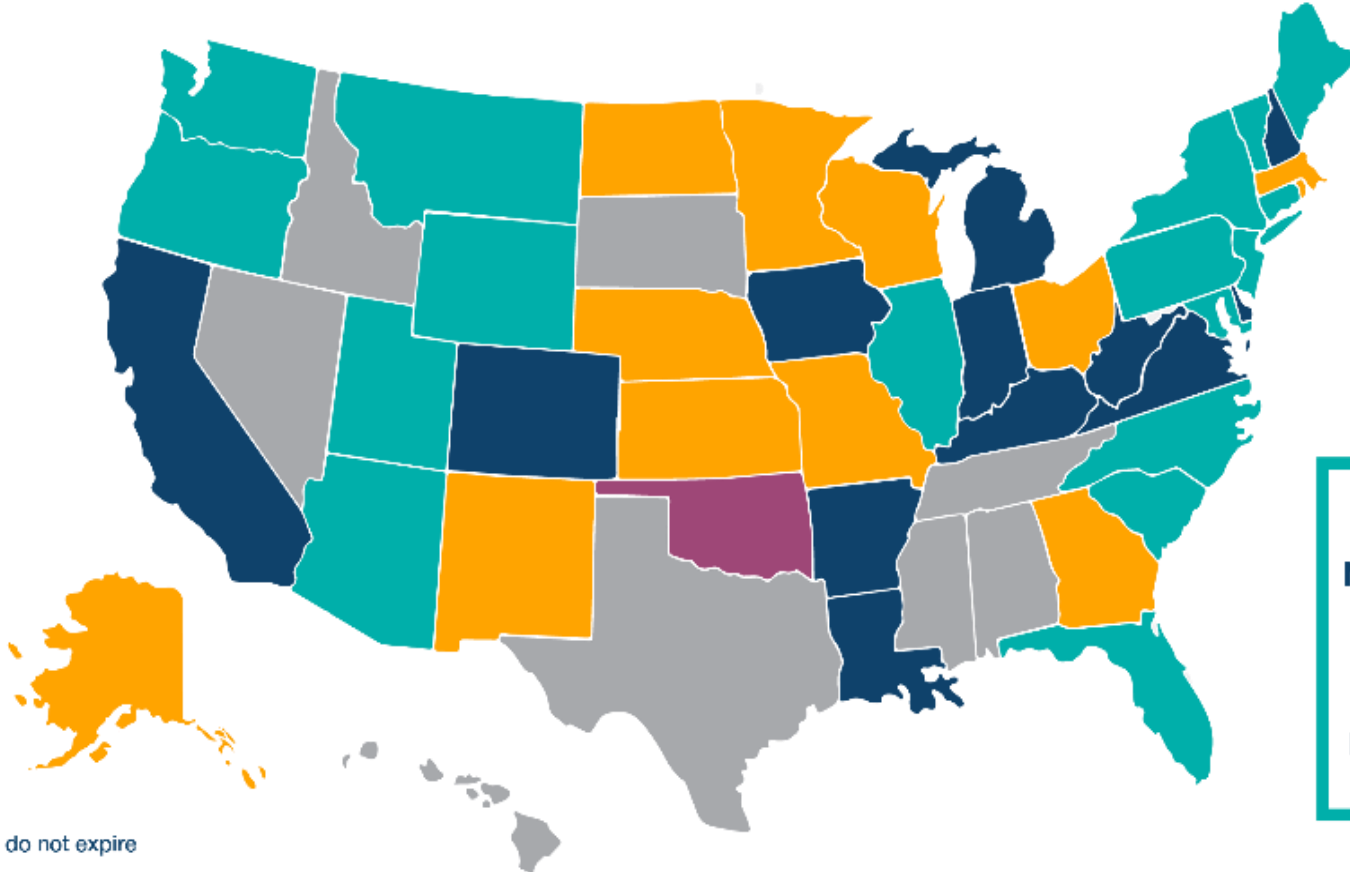
# States with Net Metering



Currently  
**40+**  
States Mandate  
Net-Metering  
[Dsireusa.org/April 2019](https://Dsireusa.org/April%202019)

- State-developed mandatory rules for certain utilities (40 states + DC + 4 territories)
- In transition to statewide distributed generation compensation rules other than net metering (6 states)
- Statewide distributed generation compensation rules other than net metering (5 states)
- No statewide mandatory rules, but some utilities allow net metering (2 states)

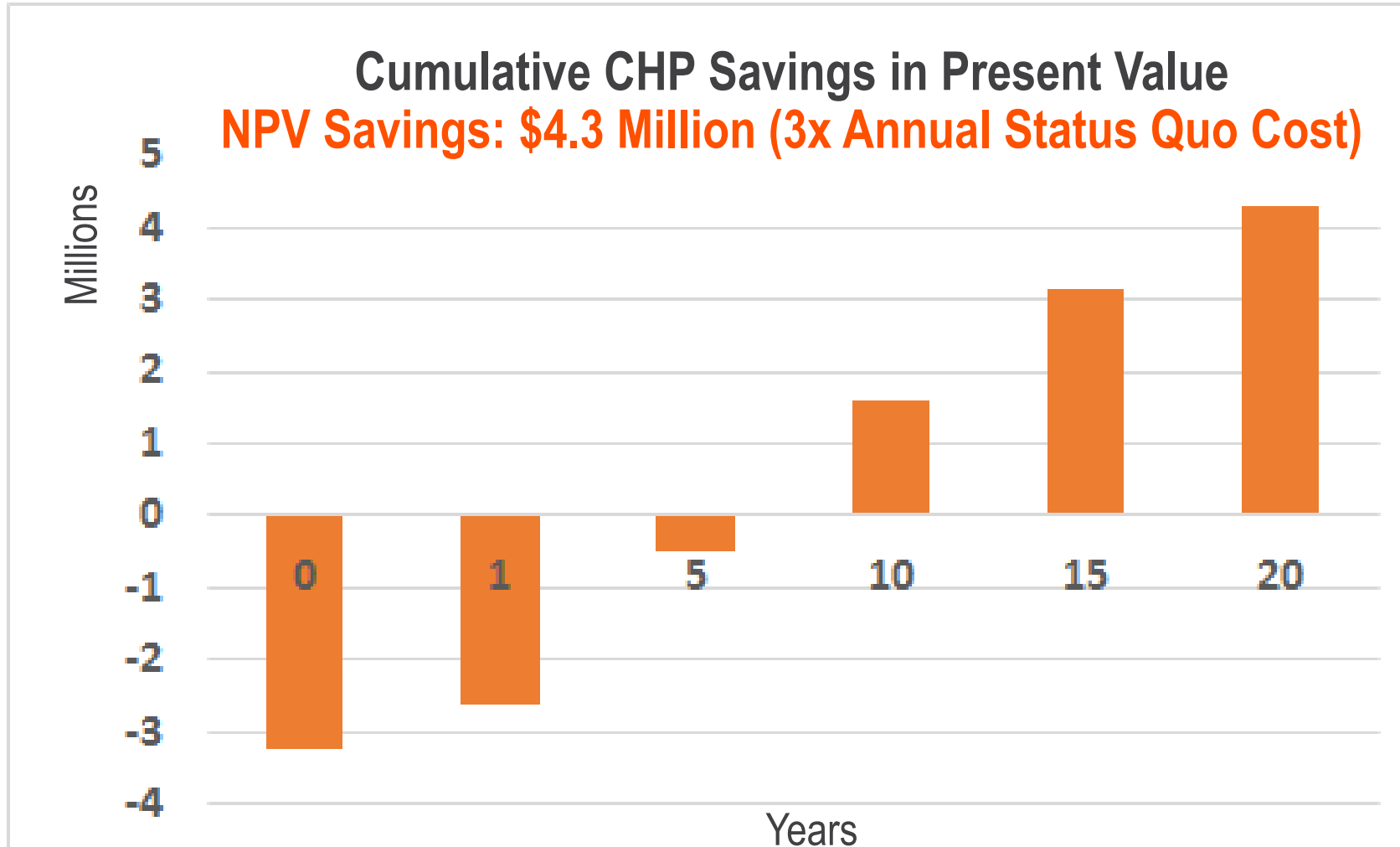
# Credits for Net Excess Generation



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Net Excess Generation  
(NEG)  
at the Full Retail Rate  
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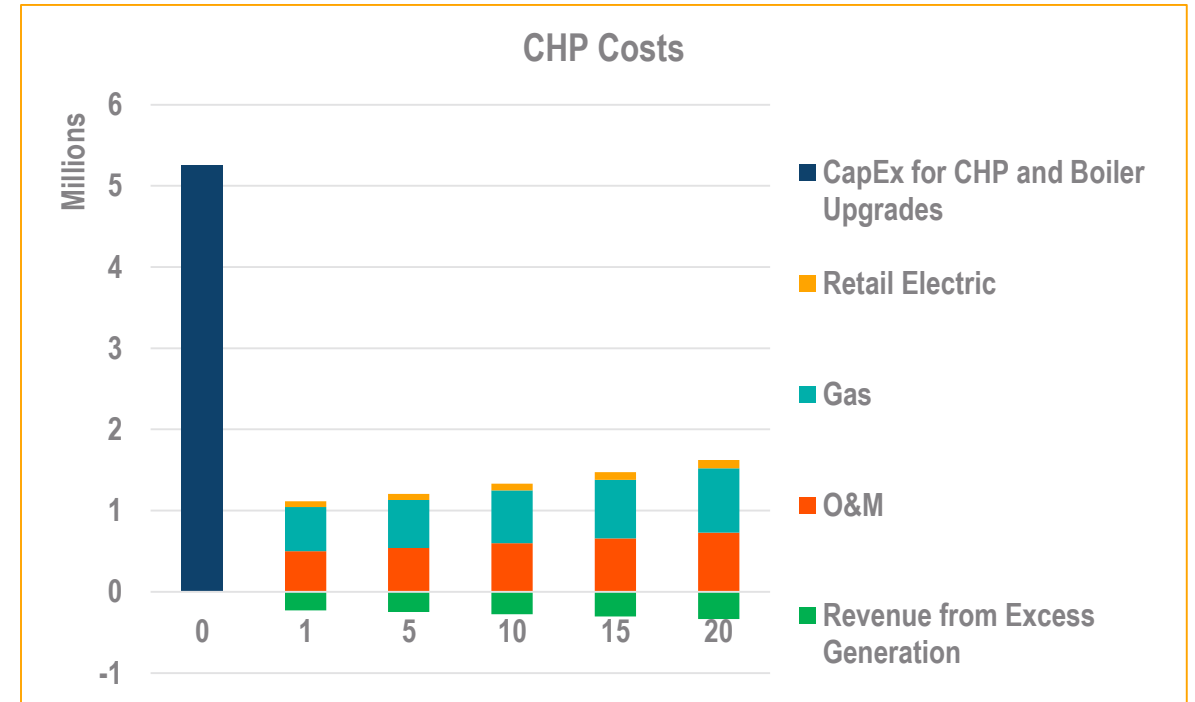
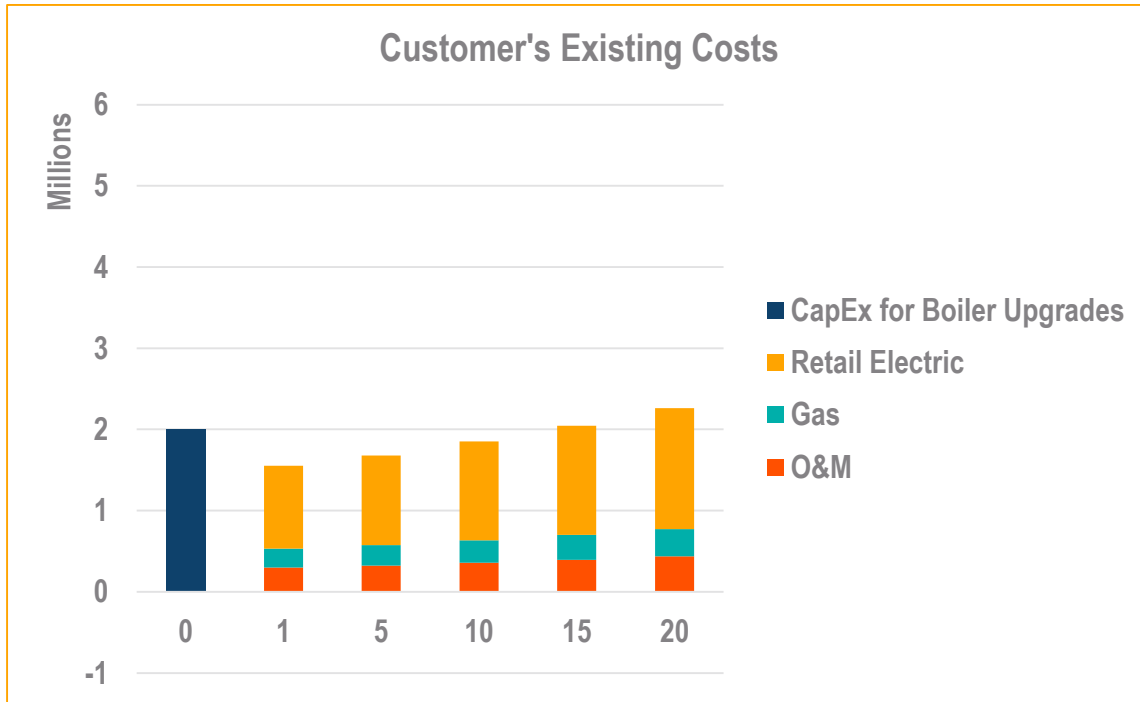
- NEG credited at retail rate; credits do not expire
- NEG credited at retail rate at first, then credits expire or are reduced (e.g., to the avoided cost rate at the end of year)
- NEG credited at less than retail rate (e.g., avoided cost rate)
- NEG is not compensated
- No statewide mandatory net metering rules

# Potential Cost Savings



An illustrative 1.5 MW CHP project (with 1 MW average and 2 MW peak load)

# CHP Savings = Customer's Existing Costs Minus CHP Costs





### 3. Concerned about managing the risk of the cost of the electricity consumed?



CHPs have more predictable long-term energy costs, since they are protected from power market price fluctuations compared to purchases from your local utility or the competitive market

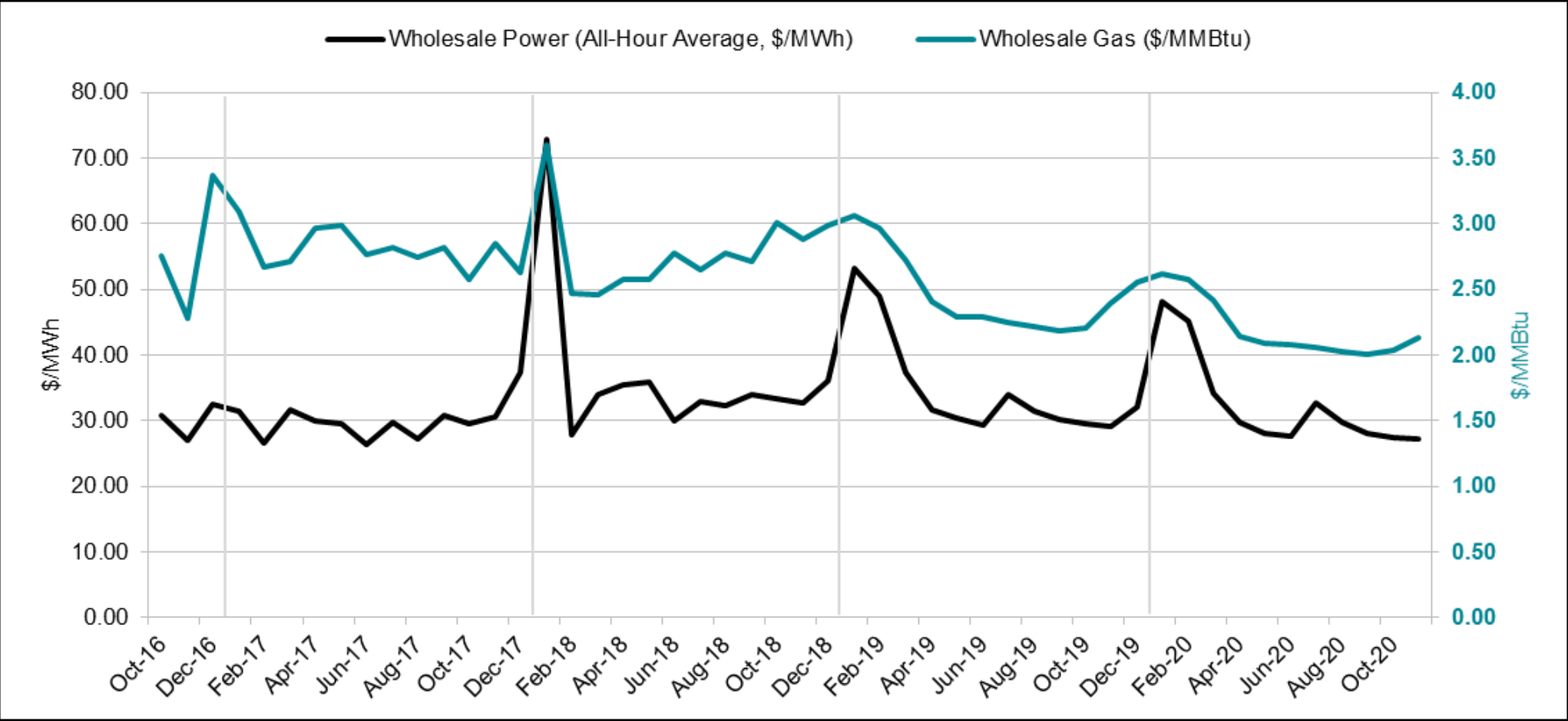


CHP operations can be reduced during days/hours when the power market is cheaper



Even more risk mitigation with storage capability

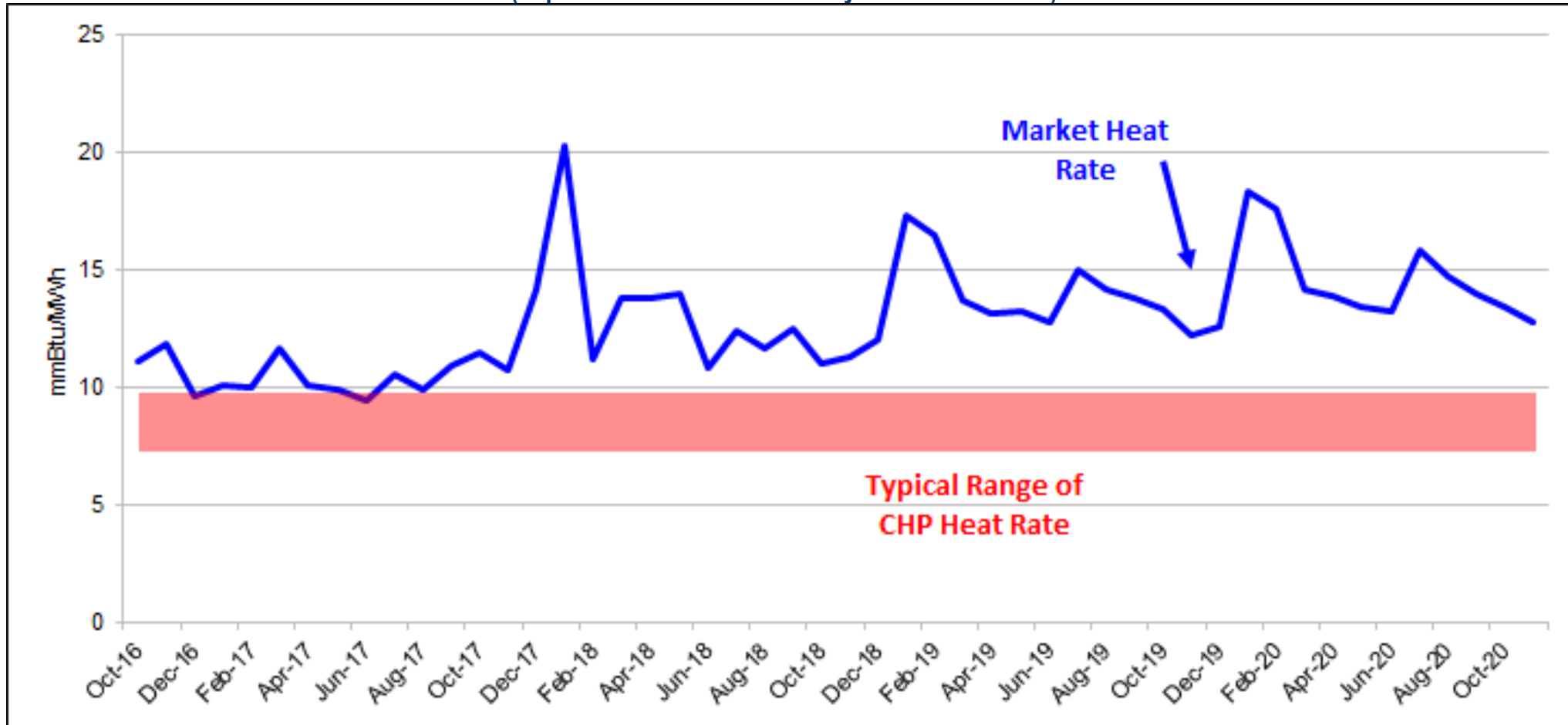
# Protection Against Power Price Risk



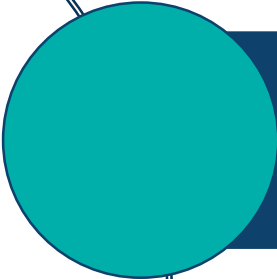
Notes: Wholesale monthly average spot power prices at PJM Western Hub and wholesale gas prices at TCO Pool.

# Protection Against Power Price Risk

**Implied Market Heat Rates**  
(Implied Heat Rate = Electricity Price / Gas Price)



## 4. Interested in reducing impact on the environment?



You may be able to switch from “slice of the system” electricity (which includes coal generation) to a fuel with a smaller carbon footprint such as natural gas or biogas



Higher efficiency of producing power and steam with CHP further reduces emissions

## 5. Need to upgrade or replace boiler, generator or heating/cooling facilities?



CHPs can provide the solution to reducing your long-term energy costs

Implemented energy efficiency measures – new lighting, smart controls – but still have large energy costs? CHPs can reduce and stabilize your costs even more

Many options to build a CHP including fully customer-built to contracting with a turn-key, third-party developer

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# CHPs in Action

# CHP Pioneers

## CHP Facility

- 5 megawatt natural gas fired turbine, boilers, electric and steam turbine-powered chillers
- Installed in 2011

## Cost Savings

- \$2.2 million/year

## Other Benefits

- CHP plant provides 40% of the Danville campus electricity needs
- Remainder is purchased from the grid using the services of a broker
- CHP plant provides 80% of the campus' steam needs and gas-fired boilers provide the rest
- Chilled water is stored and provides air conditioning; lets them take chillers off line in the daytime, reducing the campus' peak electricity load

# CHP Pioneers



## CHP Facility

- Five 60 kW natural-gas-fired micro turbines, low-emission, dual-fuel boilers
- Installed in 2002; upgraded in 2007 and 2011

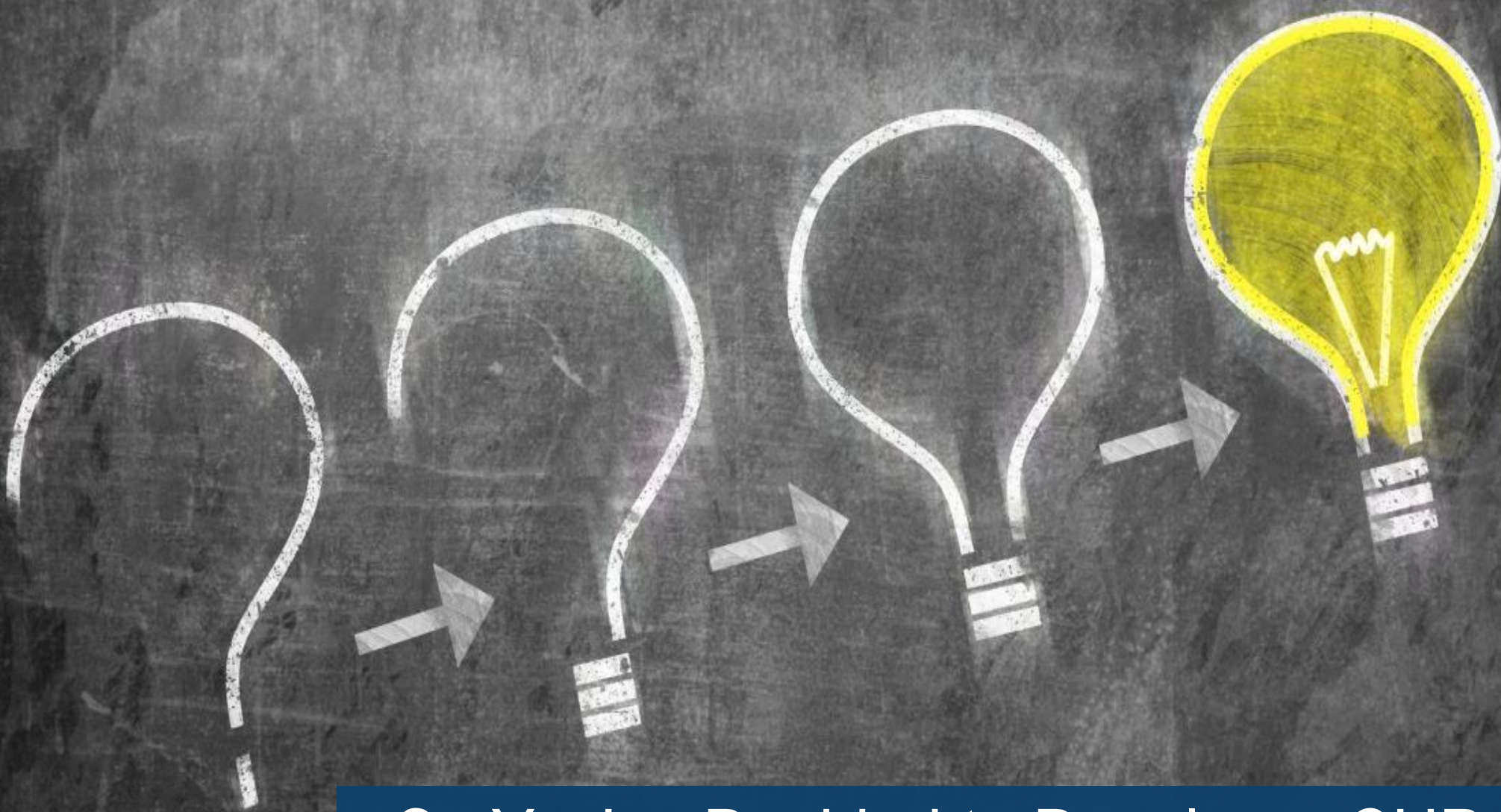
## Cost Savings

- \$13 million over 30 years

## Other Benefits

- Heat generated by the micro turbines preheats water for the boilers
- CHP plant eliminated a coal-fired plant that consumed 5,000 tons of coal a year
- Emissions reduction is the equivalent of removing 2,000 cars from the road or planting 1,000 acres of trees
- Power plant staffing was reduced from two workers on 24/7 shifts to one person on a 40-hour/week schedule





So You've Decided to Develop a CHP Plant  
... Now What?

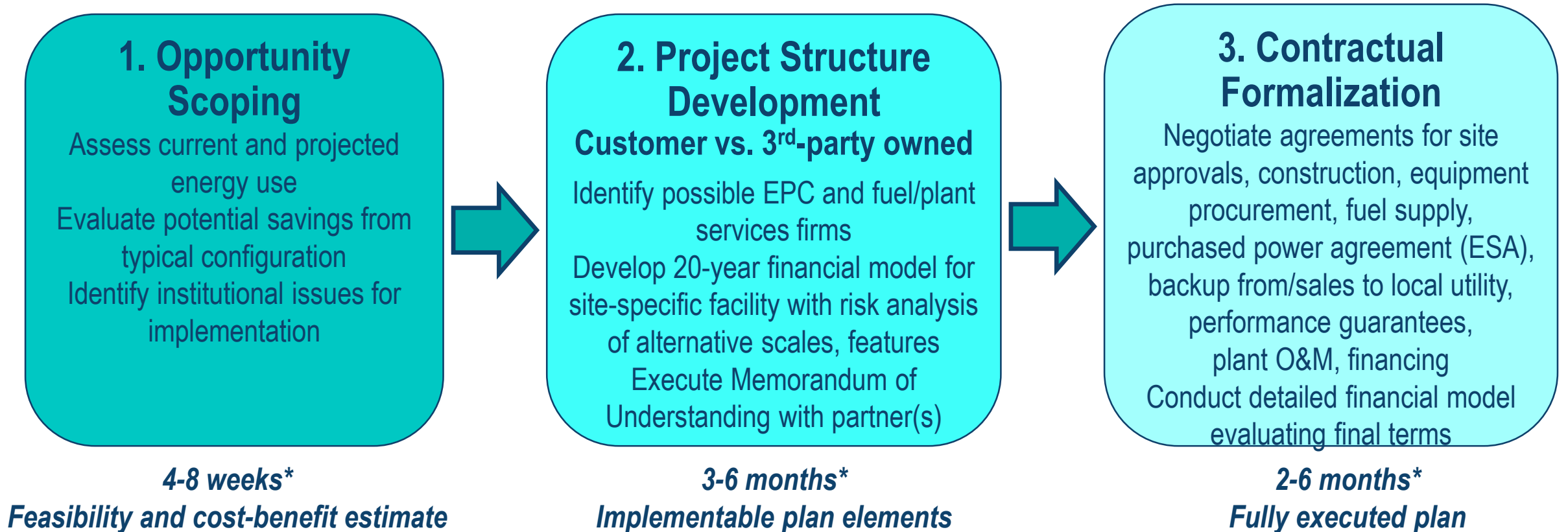
# Assemble the Right Team



# CHP Process: Legal and Economic Roles

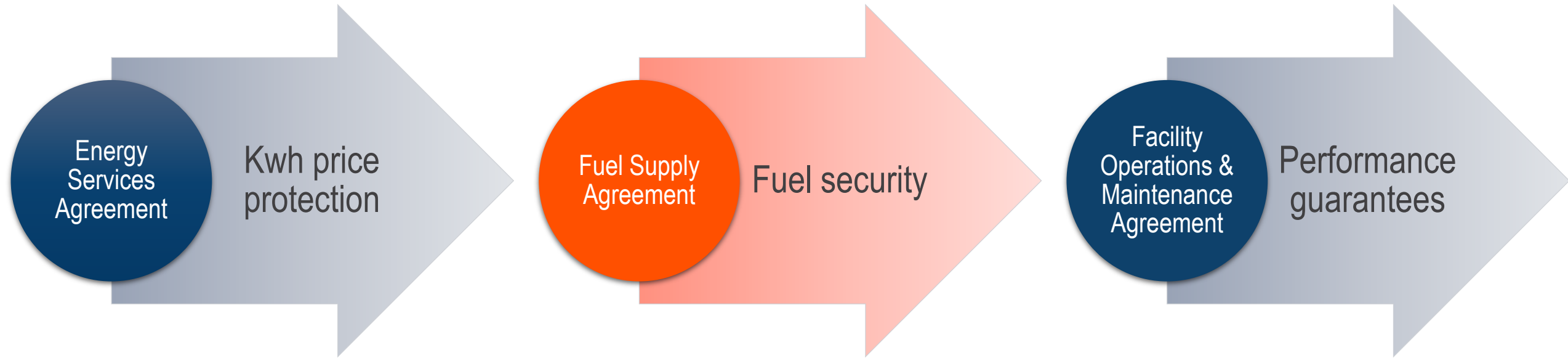
		Legal	Economic
Opportunity Scoping	Assess current and projected energy use		✓
	Evaluate potential savings from typical configuration		✓
	Identify institutional issues for implementation	✓	✓
Project Structure Development	Identify possible EPC and fuel/plant services firms	✓	
	Develop 20-year financial model for site-specific facility with risk analysis of alternative scales, features		✓
	Execute Memorandum of Understanding with partner(s)	✓	
Contractual Formalization	Negotiate agreements for site approvals, construction, equipment procurement, fuel supply, purchased power agreement (ESA), backup from/sales to local utility, performance guarantees, plant O&M, financing	✓	✓
	Conduct detailed financial model evaluating final terms		✓

# CHP Process Stages

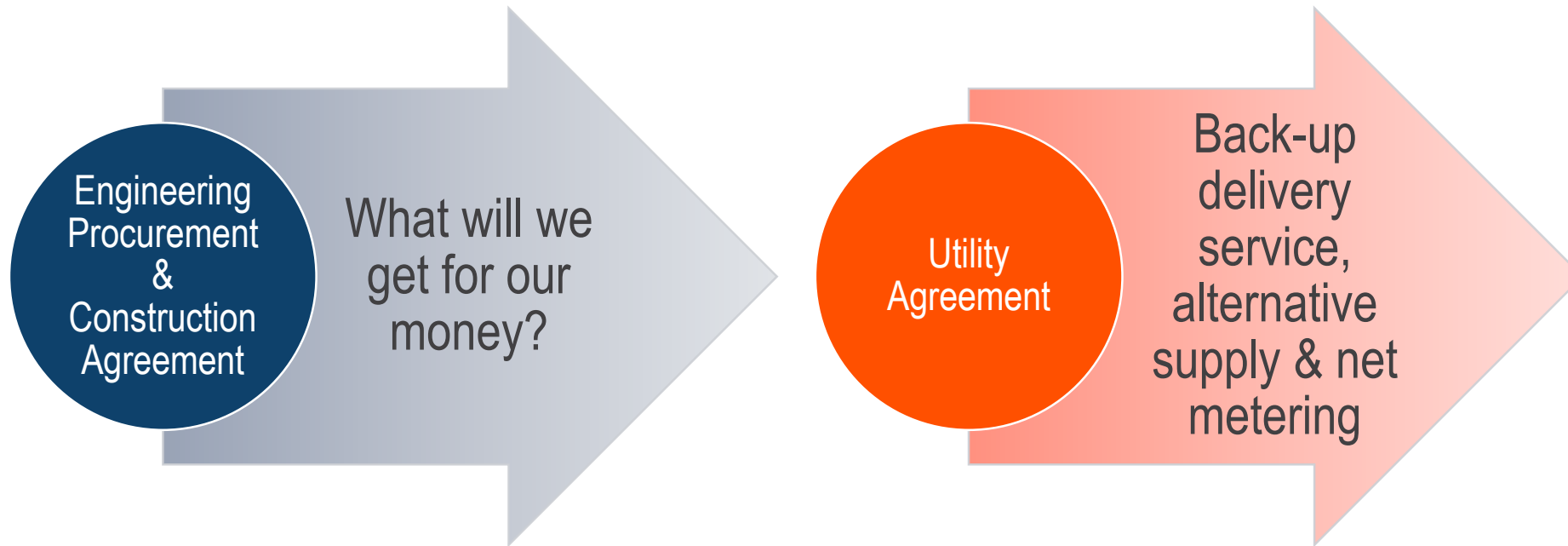


(\*): CHP process timeline shown on this slide reflect illustrative durations for evaluating and contracting for small CHP installations (1-3 MW) at hospitals and universities, not including the construction period. Larger CHP plants may take longer to evaluate and construct depending on the financing structure, permitting requirements and site constraints.

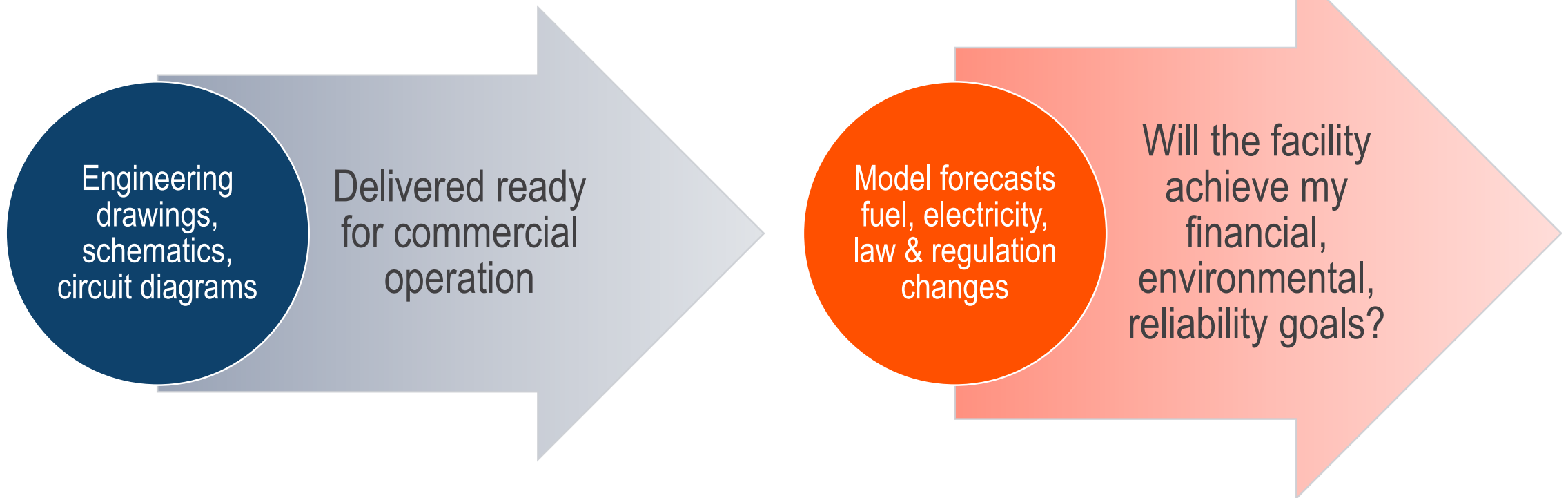
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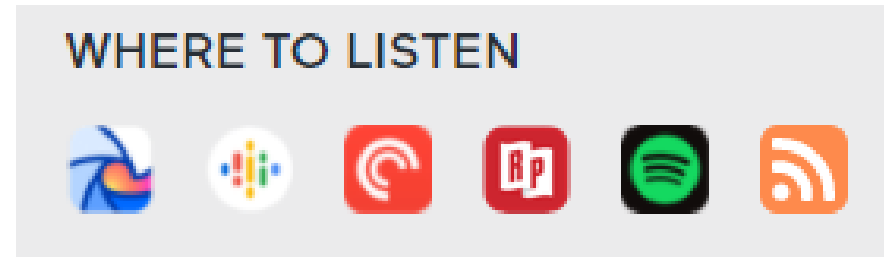
- We can work with you to mitigate them
  - Risk of customer building the facility
  - Allocation of business risk if using a third-party developer
  - Proper economic/business analysis
  - Provision for change in law or regulations
  - Assess governmental financial support





# CHP Pitfalls

- Learn more about potential pitfalls on the latest episode of our podcast, Alternative Power Plays



# Managing Risk: Best Practices

- Conduct a thorough analysis and manage through negotiation – all risks upfront
- Develop contract terms that allocate the cost responsibility to the parties in certain ways and/or amounts based on the item involved
- Negotiate and clearly identify the appropriate party and mechanism to handle each risk
- Give the greatest amount of risk on any item to the party that can most cost effectively and efficiently manage that risk
- Risks that cannot be addressed via contract can be mitigated through professional evaluations and opinions from experts

# Risk vs. Reward?



## CHP Systems

- Ever-dependable energy source
- Environmentally friendly solution
- Predictable long-term energy costs
- Excess can be sold back to a local utility

**Potential to save companies millions of dollars in energy costs!**

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