

# Meeting the technical challenge of the new energy landscape

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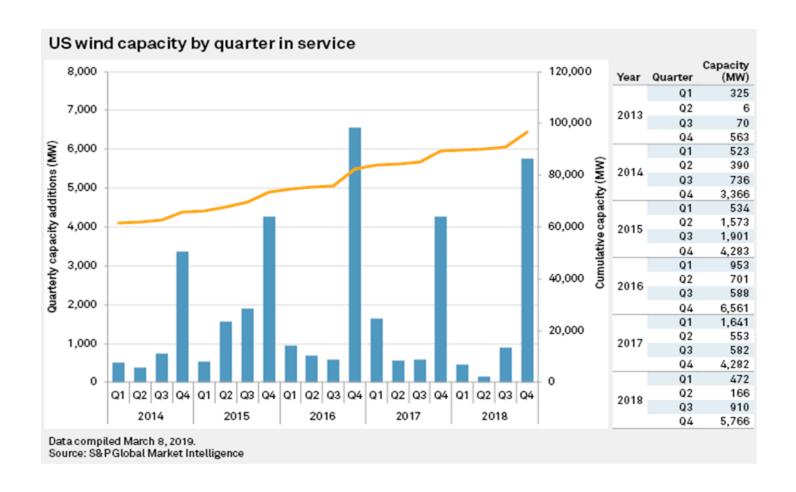


#### **General theme**

- The utility industry in general, and Con Edison specifically, is supportive of the goal to reduce emissions and to increase renewable sources of electricity.
- Con Edison is moving forward in a variety of ways to create a path towards a new energy landscape
- There are some barriers to full implementation that the industry and the company are working to overcome.

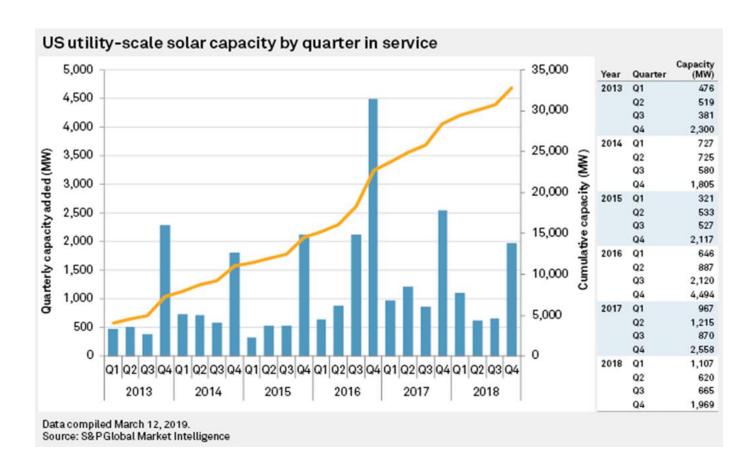


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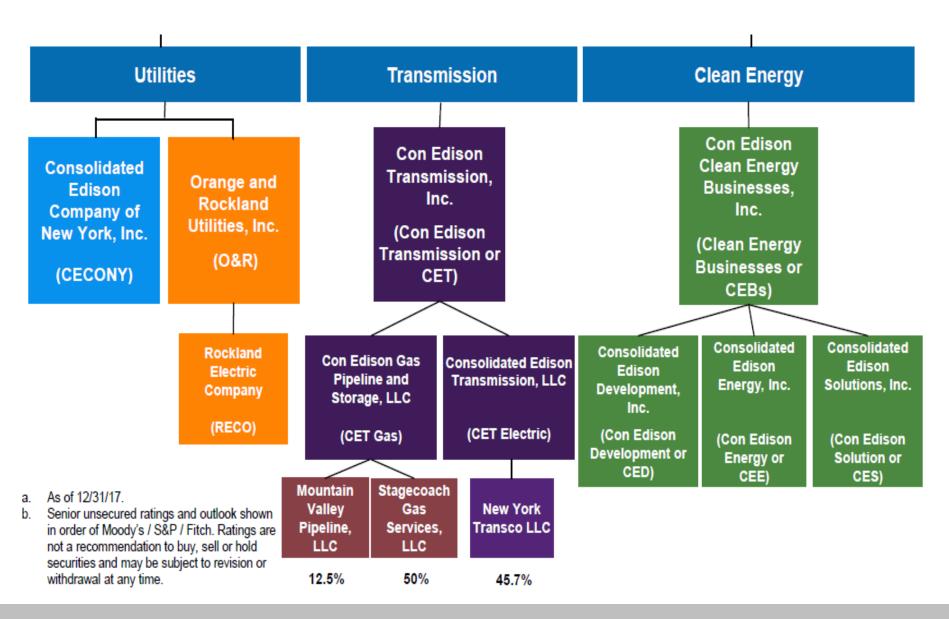


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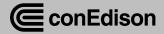
#### Con Edison Incorporated





## Not your "typical" Con Edison generating station!





## Three areas of new technology – what are the barriers to implementation?

- Utility scale battery storage
- Utility scale solar generation
- Off-shore wind



## **Utility scale battery storage**

Energy "footprint"

Project	Power (MW) / Energy (MWh)	Footprint (sq ft.)	Power Density (sq ft per MW)	Energy Density (sq ft per MWh)
BQDM Floral Park	2/10	9,000	4,500	900
Mira Loma - SCE	20 / 80	64,000	3,200	800
Altagas Pomona	20 / 80	10,800	540	135
GE – LMS100	100 / 2400	37,500	375	16



### **Utility scale battery storage**

- Safety focus:
- Company has worked with FDNY and NYC DOB to do fire testing, establish setbacks, separation distances, etc.
- Some utility installations have advanced R&D in off-gas monitors to determine potential for adverse outcomes
- Korean experience:
  - 20+ battery fires over last 18 months
  - All lithium ion, majority linked to wind and PV balancing
  - Precautionary de-rates: 5%/95% to 10%/90%
  - Developing new siting standards



### Con Ed initiatives – battery storage

- First affordable housing microgrid in NYC
  - Fuel cell, solar, battery
- Ozone Park BQDM battery installation
  - 12 MW-hr installation on company-owned land
  - Neighborhood-focused demand response tool
  - Developed extensive emergency response plan with FDNY and community groups
- Commercial Battery Storage pilot project
  - 1MW/1MW-hr front-of-meter installations
  - Creates three value streams, simplifies implementation



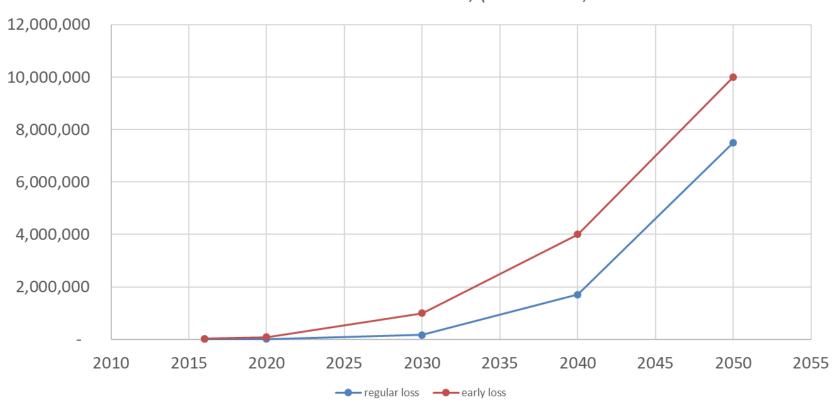
### **Utility scale solar generation**

- Energy "footprint" also presents complexity finding open space near load
  - New Jersey facility: 50 acres / 12 MW /17% capacity factor
  - Property former farmland crossed by existing transmission line
- "Duck curve" issues greatest power available when power demand is lowest
- End of life issues
  - Recycling industry nascent
  - Increasing waste stream
- Avian issues



## Waste volumes will be significant (IEA 2016)

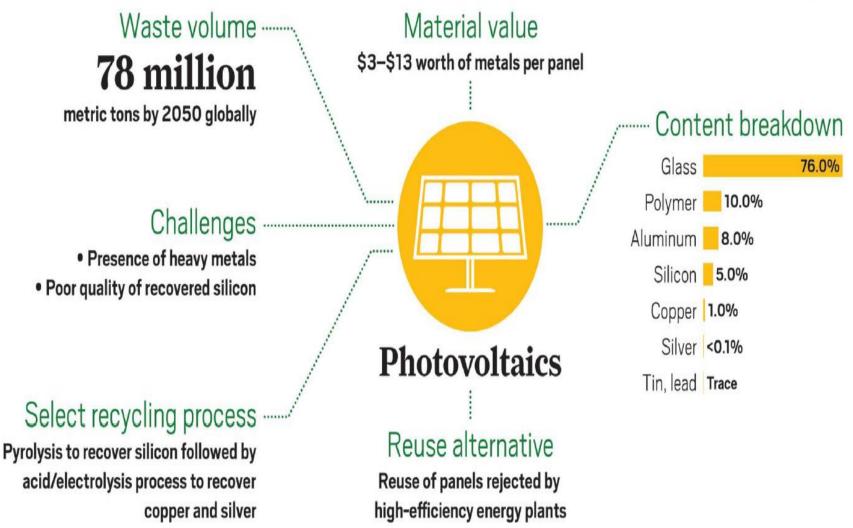
U.S. modelled results end-of-life waste volumes, (metric tons)





#### Let's Just Recycle Everything!





Chemical & Engineering News

## **Avian interactions – ongoing studies**



Argonne National Laboratory photo



### **Con Edison initiatives – utility solar**

New York City – affordable housing "sharing"

Large scale national level purchase





#### **Offshore wind**

- Siting timeframes
- Construction and natural resources interactions
- End of life issues



### Federal leasing and permitting process

Planning & Analysis

Leasing

Site Assessment **Construction** & Operations

2 Years

1-2 Years

**5 Years** 

2 Years (+25)

+BOEM publishes call for information & nominations of potential offshore wind areas to auction.
+BOEM identifies

+BOEM
determines
competitive
interest
+BOEM holds
auction after
public notice,
awards/negotiate
s lease

+Lessee
conducts site
studies, submits
Site Assessment
Plan (SAP)
+BOEM reviews
SAP; approves,
modifies or
disapproves
+If approved,
lessee conducts
studies

Lessee submits
Construction &
Ops Plan (COP)
to BOEM
If approved,
lessee
commences
construction.
Lessee
decommissions at
end of life.



priority Wind

FA for lease

**Energy Areas** 

**+BOEM** prepares

#### **Natural Resources Interactions**

- November 2018: Workshop on "The State of the Science on Wildlife and Offshore Wind Energy Development" sponsored by NYSERDA
- January 2019: Agreement among Vineyard Wind, the National Wildlife Federation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Conservation Law Foundation
  - Sets out mitigation and protections for the North Atlantic right whale
  - "...intended to serve as a model for similar agreements pertaining to offshore wind projects along the East Coast."
  - May set the pace of construction



## Illustrative provisions – Vineyard Wind / NGO agreement

- January 1 April 30: no pile driving
- November 1 December 31 & May 1 14: Enhanced mitigation protocol required for pile driving
  - No night work\*
  - 10,000 meter clearance zone
  - Trained observers to monitor presence of whales
- May 15 October 31: Comprehensive monitoring & clearance zone protocols for pile driving
  - No night work\*
  - 1000 meter clearance zone with passive acoustic monitors



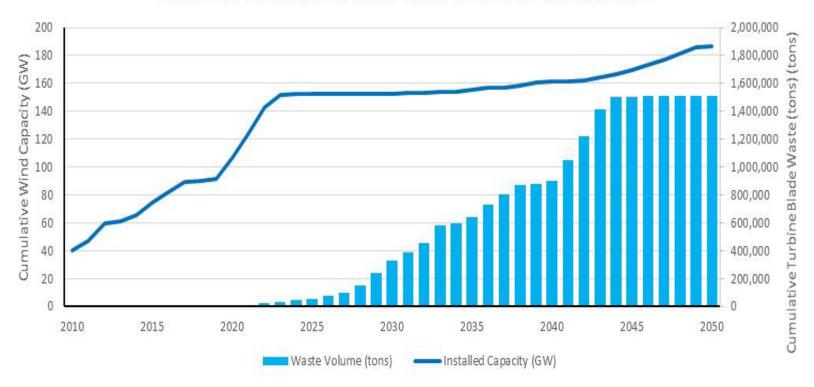
### Illustrative provisions (continued)

- Geophysical surveys during construction / post construction
  - None over specific sound levels Jan 1 May 14
  - Clearance zone protocols remainder of year
  - Site assessment survey restrictions TBD
- Vessel speed restrictions
  - Limit of 10 knots in Dynamic Management Areas
- Underwater noise attenuation



#### **End of life issues**

End-of-Life Wind Turbine Blade Waste Volume for the US to 2050



EPRI estimates based on EIA 2017 annual energy outlook



#### Con Edison and offshore wind

- Committed to participate in study announced by Governor in summer 2018
- NYPA will lead study, Con Edison will collaborate with NYISO, NYSERDA, and LIPA
  - Learn from European infrastructure design
  - Identify best practices in connecting wind-generated power
  - Identify successful efforts to reduce consumer costs
- Will work with NYC to develop landside facilities as opportunities arise



## **Summary – change is never simple!**

