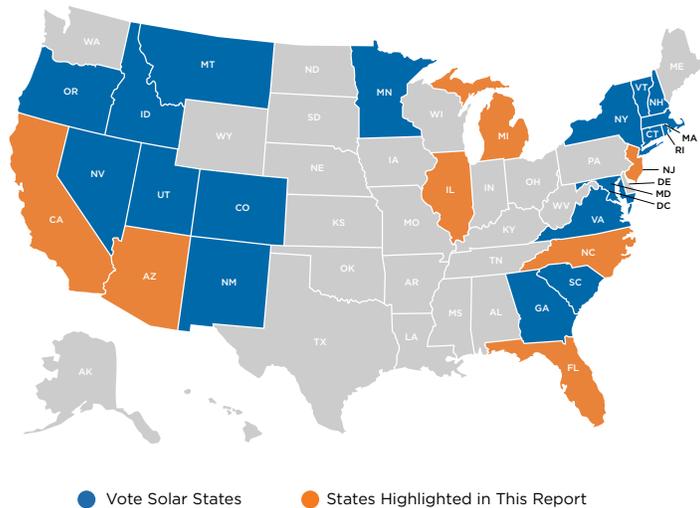


# Q1 2020: IMPACT REPORT



VOTE SOLAR

## Powering Clean Energy Progress Across the U.S.



### NATIONAL OVERVIEW:



14 Legislative Campaigns Across 8 States



45 Ongoing Regulatory Proceedings



75 Participants in 2 Community Workshops



25 Filings & Expert Testimonies Submitted

#### 1 ARIZONA

This spring, our engagement in a typically conservative state yielded success worth noting: a voluntary commitment to 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050 and 45% renewables by 2030 from utility giant Arizona Public Service (APS). This is a massive turnaround for APS which, just two years ago, spent \$38 million to defeat a renewable energy ballot measure. We led a coalition of over a dozen organizations over several years to achieve this win. And we are closer to a mandatory, statewide Renewable Energy Standard increase. During a recent Arizona Corporation Commission hearing, three commissioners expressed support for 100% clean energy by 2050, a commitment we will be working to codify this summer.

#### 2 CALIFORNIA

In the wake of another devastating fire season coupled with PG&E's mandated shutdowns, Vote Solar released two important white papers that will help shape the legislative response to increased wildfires. The policy roadmap—**Combatting Wildfires and Power Outages with Clean Energy**—provides policymakers with proposals to accelerate the clean energy transition, transform the outdated investor-owned utility business model, and modernize the power system. Our report **Resilient Clean Energy for California: Protecting Vulnerable Communities, Critical Facilities, and the California Economy with Solar + Storage** includes case studies of how solar + storage and microgrids served communities through last year's shutoffs, as well as policy recommendations. We are now working to turn our policy solutions into legislative proposals.

#### 3 FLORIDA

The Florida Public Service Commission unanimously approved Florida Power & Light's \$1.8 billion, 1.5 GW SolarTogether program—now the country's largest, voluntary utility-led solar offering. Our intervention played a crucial role in the redesign of SolarTogether, especially in ensuring a robust program for low-income households. Our proposal to set aside a significant 37.5 MW of solar capacity for low-income customers also makes this the largest low-income community solar program in the nation.

#### 4 ILLINOIS

Thanks in no small part to Vote Solar's coalition-building prowess, over 700 activists, advocates, and leaders showed up for our Clean Energy Lobby Day in Springfield, IL, to support the Clean Energy Jobs Act. This legislation places equity issues front and center and would move Illinois to 100% clean energy by 2050. We will be pushing for the legislation to pass this year.

#### 5 MICHIGAN

Working side by side with our equity and environmental partners, we helped to launch the **Work for Me, DTE!** campaign to push back against the utility's unjust and dirty 15-year integrated resource plan (IRP). We mobilized thousands of Michiganders to oppose DTE's IRP, delivering 9,000 public comments to the Michigan Public Service Commission. In addition, our Midwest Managing Director submitted an expert comment to the Commission. Thanks to a strong showing, the Commission rejected DTE Energy's IRP and sent the utility back to the drawing board.

#### 7 NEW JERSEY

Vote Solar celebrated Gov. Murphy's announcement of the 2020 Energy Master Plan (EMP). The EMP puts New Jersey on the path to 100% clean energy, a plan that we helped to shape. This spring we also launched our **New Jersey Shines Campaign** with equity partners. We drafted and will soon introduce legislation to bring solar access to 250k low-income households in the state.

#### 6 NORTH CAROLINA

We filed first-of-its-kind testimony before the North Carolina Utilities Commission pushing Duke Energy to account for and protect ratepayers from the very real risks climate change poses to our electricity infrastructure. Our testimony makes the case for expanding the analysis of prudence to include long-term climate risk and to examine whether the utility has properly integrated this risk in its analysis of resource acquisitions and grid investments.

### SOLAR ACCESS AND EQUITY:

Our Access and Equity team is hard at work with *iSe Fue la Luz! (The Lights Are Out!)*, the series of community workshops we initiated in 2019. During this quarter, we held two workshops in Phoenix, AZ, that shared information about the transition to a clean energy economy and how to advocate for a just transition. The content was available in English and Spanish to increase accessibility.