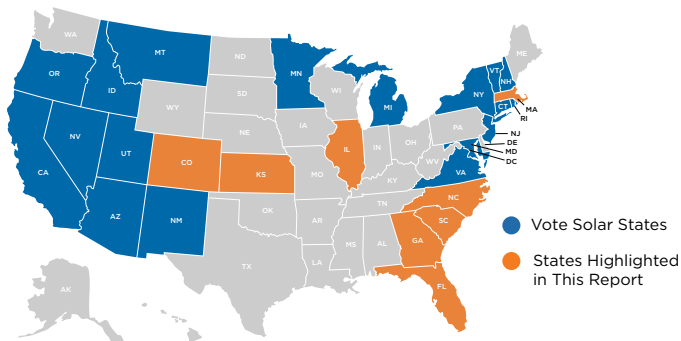


Q1 2021: IMPACT REPORT

Powering Clean Energy Progress Across the U.S.



VOTE SOLAR



NATIONAL OVERVIEW



13 Legislative Campaigns Across **10** States



54 Ongoing Regulatory Proceedings



33 Filings & Expert Testimonies Submitted



129 Participants in
6 Webinars and Virtual Panels

1 THE CAROLINAS

We issued a [report card](#) for Duke Energy's Integrated Resource Plans (IRP)—a critical contribution to the policy discussions and decisions that surround the carbon reduction goals of the largest utility in the region. The IRP got failing grades in categories such as alignment with corporate climate goals, energy efficiency, equitable access and affordability, and fossil fuel divestment. Duke's plans represent "the single largest buildout of gas across the country" according to Tyler Fitch, our policy analyst, who authored a [report](#) on climate risk and stranded assets in Duke's IRP. We'll be making the case for rejecting Duke's IRP during a hearing later this Spring.

2 COLORADO

2021 started off with a big win in the Centennial State: the Colorado Public Utilities Commission formally approved a \$110 million equitable electric transportation plan. We have been pushing hard over the past year to have Xcel's 2021-23 Transportation Electrification Plan adopt environmental justice provisions. With its emphasis on equity, the approved plan secures Colorado's place as a leader in forging an electric transportation sector. The environmental justice initiatives that the PUC mandated include expanding income-qualified eligibility criteria, identifying higher-emissions communities, and creating equity-focused budget.

3 FLORIDA AND GEORGIA

Our conviction that solar is an issue Americans will rally around, no matter their political affiliation, was again borne out in the Southeast. In both Florida and Georgia, clean energy bills introduced in the ongoing legislative sessions were bipartisan efforts—a powerful testament to our strategic outreach and ability to reach across political divides to drive clean energy progress. In the Sunshine State, the Resilient Schools Act, which would allow schools to simultaneously become energy secure and cut their electricity bills through solar energy, was sponsored by a Republican Senator and a Democrat Representative. And in the Peach State, our bill that would expand deployment of rooftop and distributed solar across the state, is sponsored by both Republican and Democrat legislators.

4 ILLINOIS

After a year of inaction, Illinois' Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) saw a major victory when the legislature reintroduced the bill to a packed House Energy and Environment Committee. CEJA is an ambitious, comprehensive piece of legislation that can spur thousands of jobs, especially in disadvantaged communities, with \$30 billion in new local investments. Thanks to a big push from our members and coalition partners, over 1,500 people submitted "witness slips" to support CEJA. Supporter testimony had an enormous impact on legislators and, as a result, the renewed CEJA was passed out of Committee. It now goes to the House for a vote.

5 KANSAS

We are working hard in Kansas to ensure that rooftop solar owners are properly compensated for their contributions to the grid. Following a ruling from the Kansas Supreme Court that Evergy's proposed rate changes were 'discriminatory' against solar customers, the utility presented two alternative plans to the Kansas Corporation Commission: a minimum bill that increased the energy burden for all residential customers with the burden falling mainly on low-use, often low-income customers, and a monthly fee applicable to only rooftop solar customers. Thanks to our decisive testimony, the Commission unanimously rejected both rate structures, ensuring that rates for standard residential and solar residential customers remain consistent, and marking a victory for energy choice in the state.

6 MASSACHUSETTS

Our persistent hard work paid off in the Commonwealth. Following two back to back vetoes, the state legislature served up the Next-Generation Climate Roadmap bill with a veto-proof majority, forcing Governor Baker's hand. The newly enacted bill, which we pushed for in lockstep with our coalition partners, will set emission limits for 2030 and 2050, and mandates the creation of sector by sector 5-year roadmaps along the path to achieving a carbon neutral economy by 2050. The law also includes crucial provisions to support renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts, including several that support or impact solar development. Helping to pass this strong climate bill marks the start of this work, not the finish, as we now shift our focus to implementation.

SOLAR ACCESS AND EQUITY:

We hosted a webinar entitled [Community Solar Opportunity for Tribal Nations](#) in partnership with the Western Leaders Network and the NAVA Education Project. It featured Native speakers from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Navajo Nation, as well as Governor John Antonio Sr. of the Pueblo of Laguna, and presented how community solar can open up renewable energy access in native communities across New Mexico. Building strong, trusted partnerships with Tribes and Pueblos was key to finally getting a community solar bill through the New Mexico legislature. We'll be working with our community partners to ensure that Governor Lujan Grisham signs the bill into law this Spring.