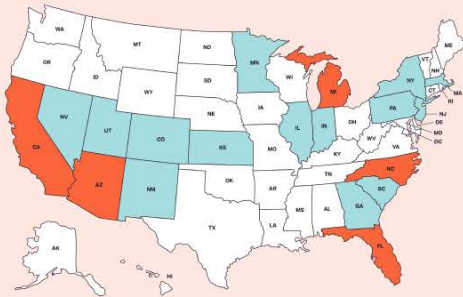


Q2 2022: Impact Report

Powering Clean Energy Progress Across the U.S.



VOTE SOLAR



 Vote Solar States  States Highlighted in This Report

National Overview



12 Legislative Campaigns Across 13 States



54 Regulatory Proceedings in 21 States



64 Filings & Expert Testimonies Submitted



12 Workshops and Webinars with 1,149 Participants

① Arizona

In the Grand Canyon State, the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) rejected Salt River Project's (SRP) plans for a massive \$1 billion gas buildout. SRP, the second largest utility in Arizona, proposed 820 MW of new gas as an addition to the already existing Coolidge Generating Station. We helped rally hundreds of SRP customers and others concerned about aggressive fossil fuel expansion in the Southwest. People wrote letters and emails, spread the word through social media and showed up for protests. And the ACC listened: SRP's original plans were denied in April along with its application for reconsideration in June.

② California

Community solar is shining bright in the Golden State. We're helping to build support for Assembly Bill 2316, the equity-focused community solar bill that just passed the California State Assembly. With the backing of environmental justice organizations, ratepayer advocates as well as unions, AB 2316 will ensure that at least 51% of each community solar project serves low-wealth ratepayers. Community solar + storage can strengthen grid reliability during the high demand days of the increasingly hot summers. And with two-thirds of Californians facing barriers in accessing solar, it's also a critical piece of the renewable energy puzzle that can address affordability.

③ Florida

In another victory for distributed solar, we helped defeat an anti-net metering bill backed by utilities that would have had ripple effects beyond the Sunshine State. The bill (the initial draft of which was written by Florida Power & Light) would have gutted customer-sited solar in the state. When the bill passed the Senate in March, we leaped into action with a vigorous communication campaign. Our coalition's efforts led to 16,809 Floridians emailing, sending letters, or calling the Governor's office to say an unequivocal 'no' to the net metering bill. Messages in support of the bill? A mere 13. In April, conservative Republican Governor DeSantis vetoed the bill—a testament to the power of collective action.

④ Michigan

The Michigan Public Service Commission approved the settlement we, alongside our partners, reached with Consumers Energy. We drove a communications campaign that led to more than 4,000 Michiganders, 75 advocacy organizations, and 50 elected officials raising their voices in support of proper protections for environmental justice communities and replacing fossil fuels with renewables. As a result, Consumers Energy, which provides power to 67% of Michiganders, has committed to be coal-free by 2025 (15 years earlier than originally planned); add 8,000 MW of solar and 550 MW of storage by 2040; desist from purchasing fossil fuel plants at Dearborn and Kalamazoo; increase engagement with low-wealth communities, and shift \$33 million shareholder funds to help with utility debt for low-wealth ratepayers.

⑤ North Carolina

People Power NC, our clean energy and energy justice coalition, issued a 'report card' for Duke Energy's recently released Carbon Plan. The draft plan was graded on '12 Principles for a Carbon Plan in the Public Interest', a set of criteria established by the coalition earlier this year. Duke Energy received failing grades in eight out of the twelve. The utility's Carbon Plan includes a proposal to extend the lives of multiple coal-plants as well as new investments in gas, lacks consideration of bill affordability and energy justice for its ratepayers, and pays only lip service to stakeholder involvement in the process—they held a single meeting with a handful of stakeholders chosen by the utility.

Solar Access & Equity: The Federal Story

While state level advocacy remains our mainstay, we can also add value in the national arena. We've been involved from the initial stages of the Biden administration's bold climate commitments—whether to help shape policy by engaging at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) or build support for climate provisions (e.g., clean energy tax credits) in the Build Back Better Act. In recent weeks, Vote Solar staff:

- were invited to meet with the Director and Deputy Director of FERC's Office of Public Participation to discuss measures to help increase public engagement,
- took part in a panel at the Southern Regional Legislators Conference,
- engaged with the White House on solar tariffs,
- provided support for the confirmation of Shalanda Baker in her new role at the Department of Energy, and,
- joined Pennsylvania partners in meeting with Senator Casey's staff and signed a collective letter imploring for support of the \$555 billion climate and justice provision in the reconciliation package being considered by Congress.

We are combating the biggest crisis of our era and Vote Solar stands ready to do what it takes to reach our goal: an equitable, resilient world, powered by the sun.