



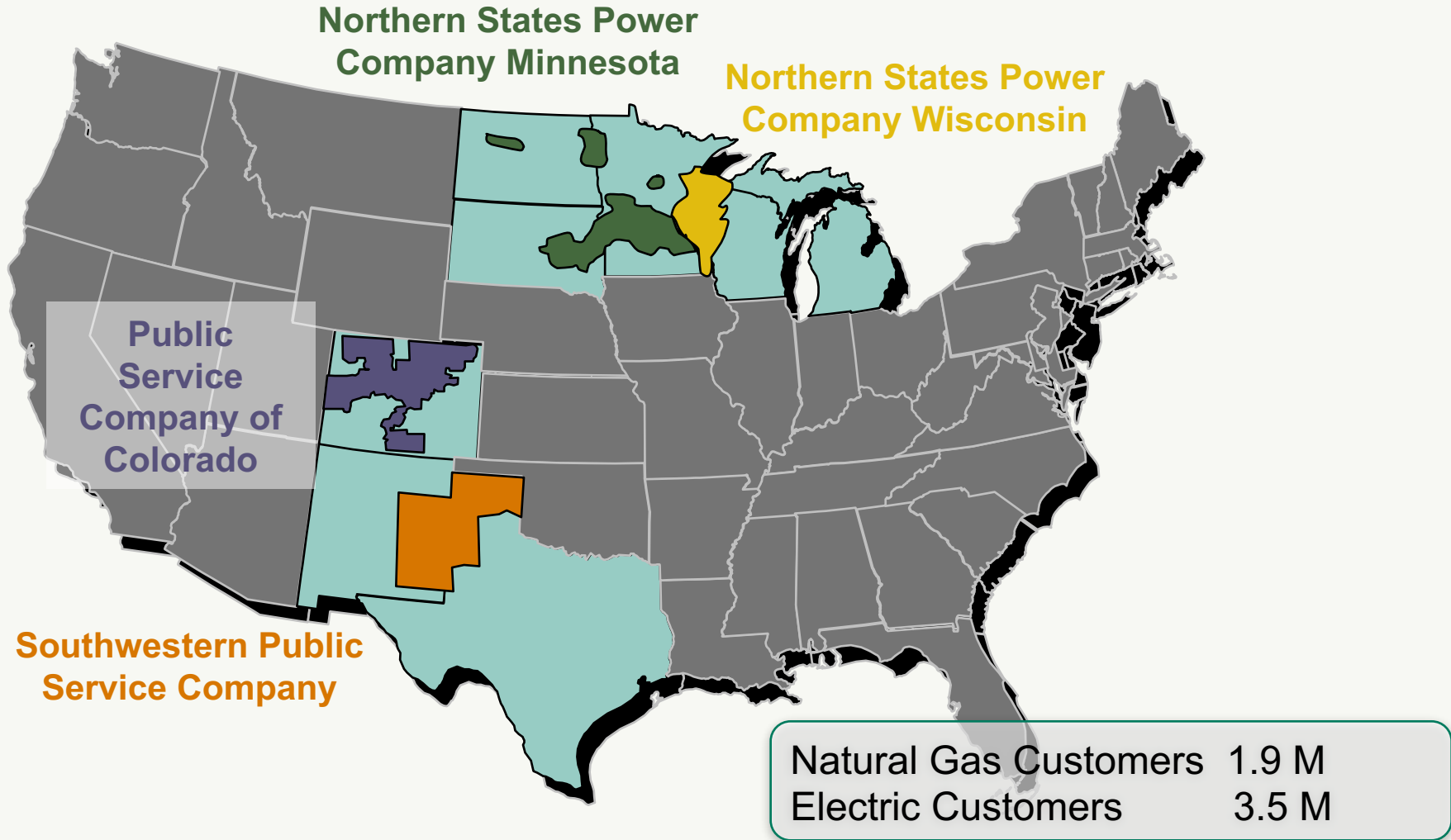
M-RETS Stakeholder Summit

Community Solar Gardens

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Our Company

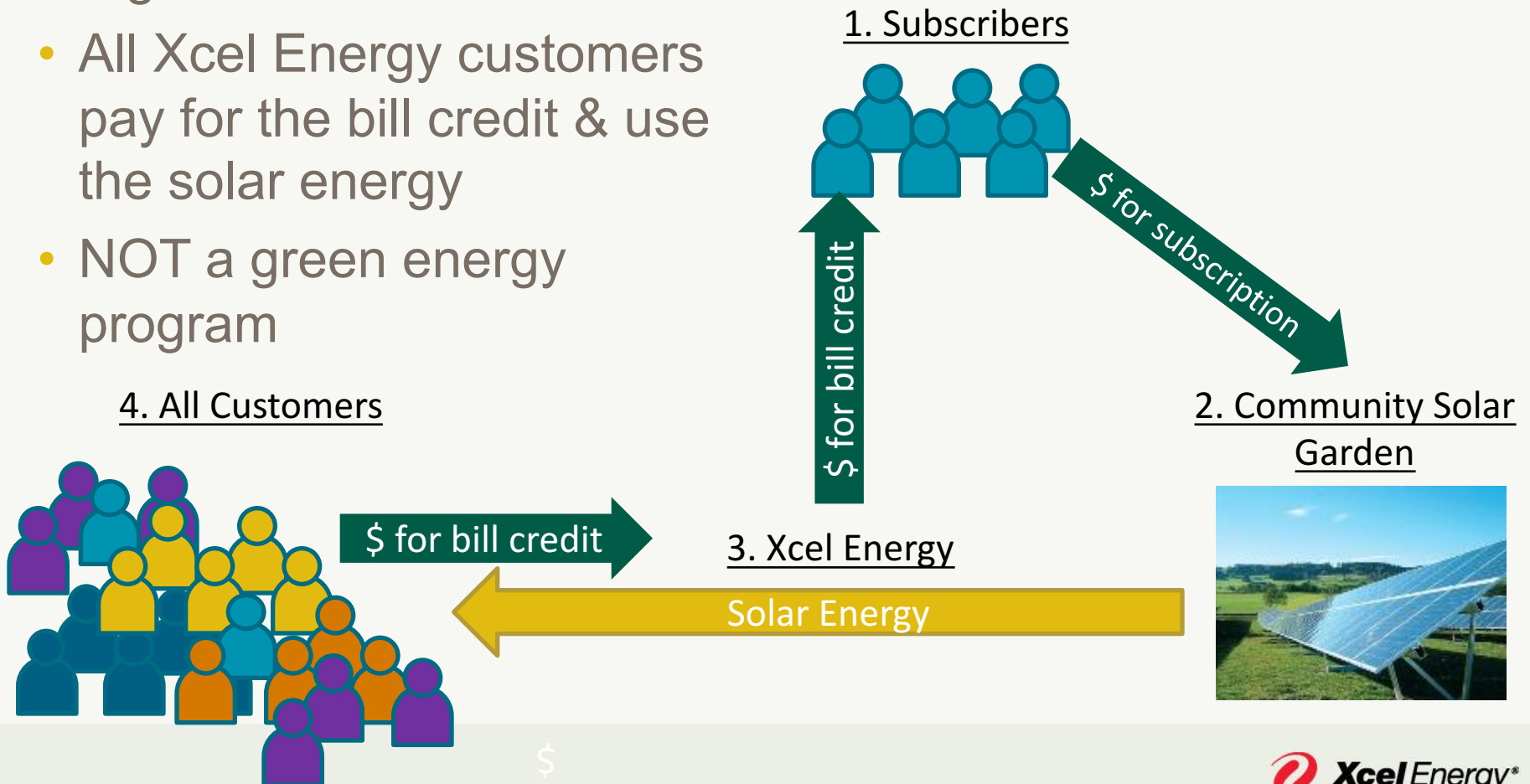


Community Solar - Minnesota

- Created by state Legislature
 - Same or adjacent county
 - Maximum subscription: 120% of annual usage, up to 40% of a single garden
 - Minimum subscription: 200W
 - Garden size limit: 1 MW
 - Utility purchases solar energy via monthly bill credit
 - Applicable retail rate (ARR) or Value of Solar (VOS)
- Filed our program with MPUC fall 2013

How Solar*Rewards Community Works

- Bill credit rate set by regulators
- All Xcel Energy customers pay for the bill credit & use the solar energy
- NOT a green energy program

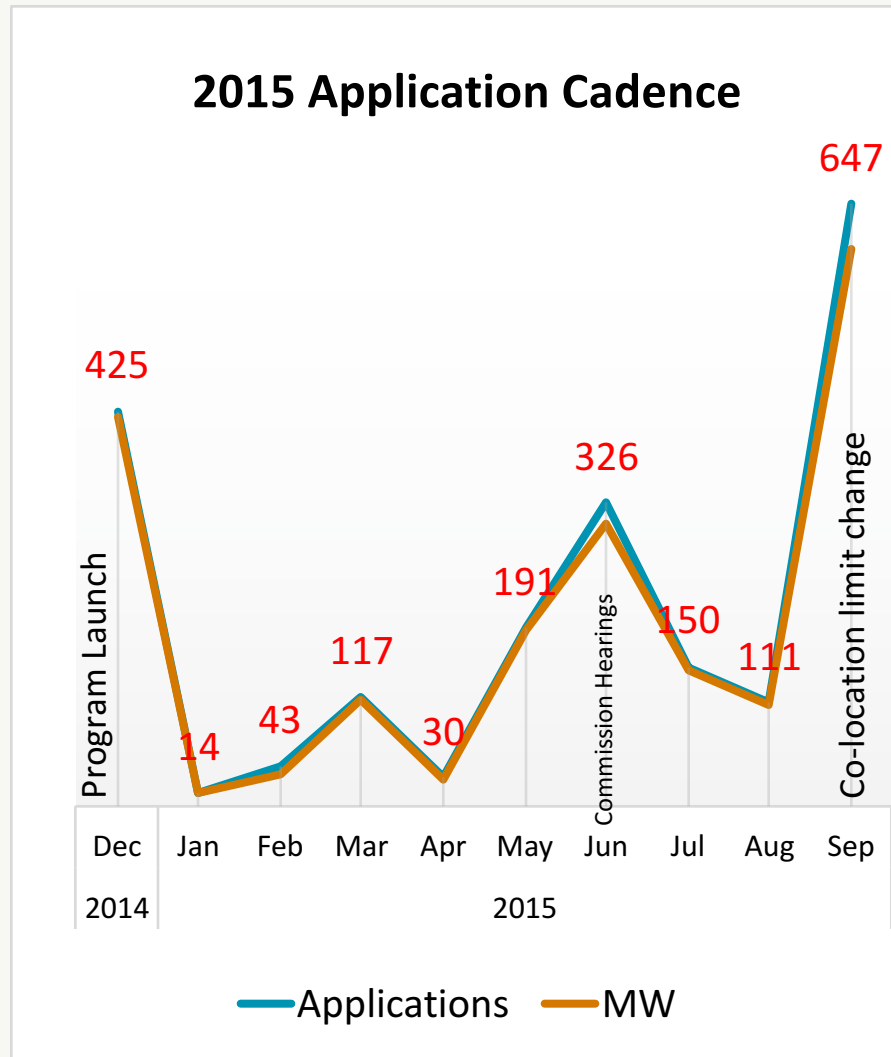


Program Launch



- Bill credit rate established
- Program opened December 2014
- Large volume of co-located project applications
 - More than 400 MW received in first 10 minutes
 - Concentration in exurban/rural service territory

Applications at a Glance

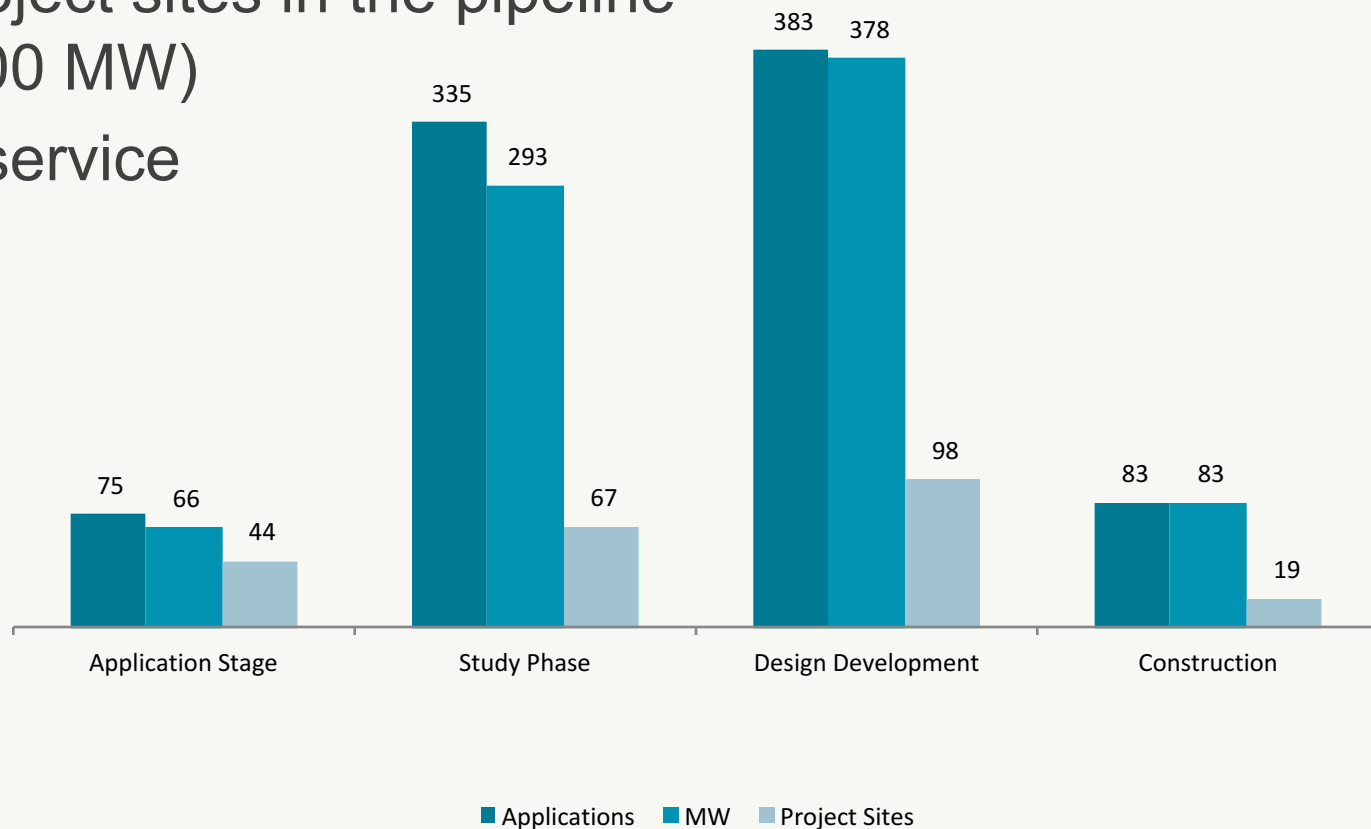


Partial Settlement Agreement

- June 2015: Company files Settlement Agreement with some developers
- Key terms:
 - Projects limited to 5 MW on a co-located basis (including those in queue and received through September 2015)
 - All projects proposed thereafter limited to 1 MW
 - Technical disputes to be referred to an Independent Engineer appointed by Department of Commerce
 - 50-day interconnection scoping study

Program Status

- 40 new applications in 2016
- 228 active project sites in the pipeline (more than 800 MW)
- 4 projects in-service



Recent Commission Decisions



- Bill credit change
 - ARR for existing projects
 - VOS for new projects beginning in 2017
 - Department evaluation of adders/reducers
- Low Income Customer Access
 - Company explore/propose options
- Co-Location Limit Remains at 1MW
- Resolution of Technical Issues

Program Administration

- Working towards more streamlined processes
- Frequent, open communications
- Improved web portal
- Bi-monthly workgroup meetings



