

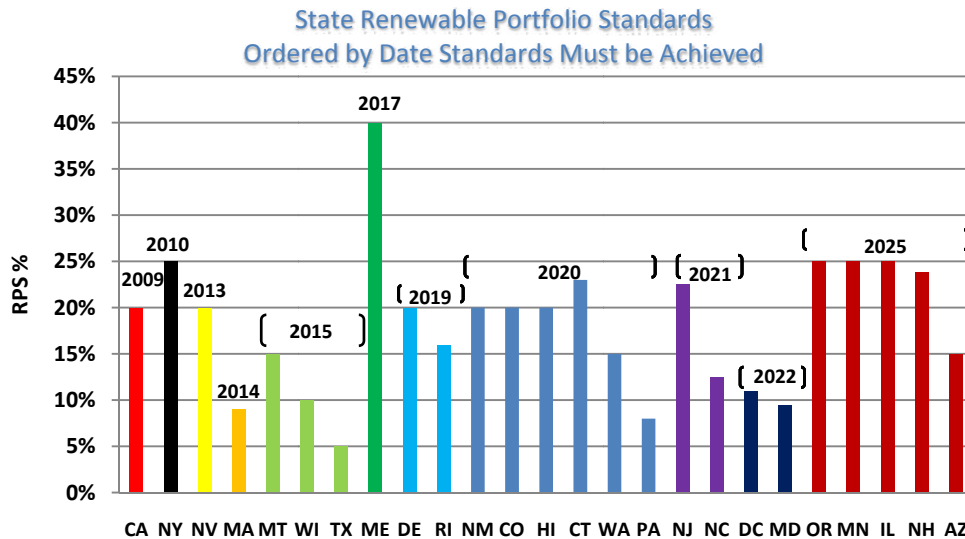
FALLING BEHIND: California Risks Losing Clean Energy Leadership Status

A 33% by 2020 Renewable Portfolio Standard Would Reestablish California as Clean Energy Leader

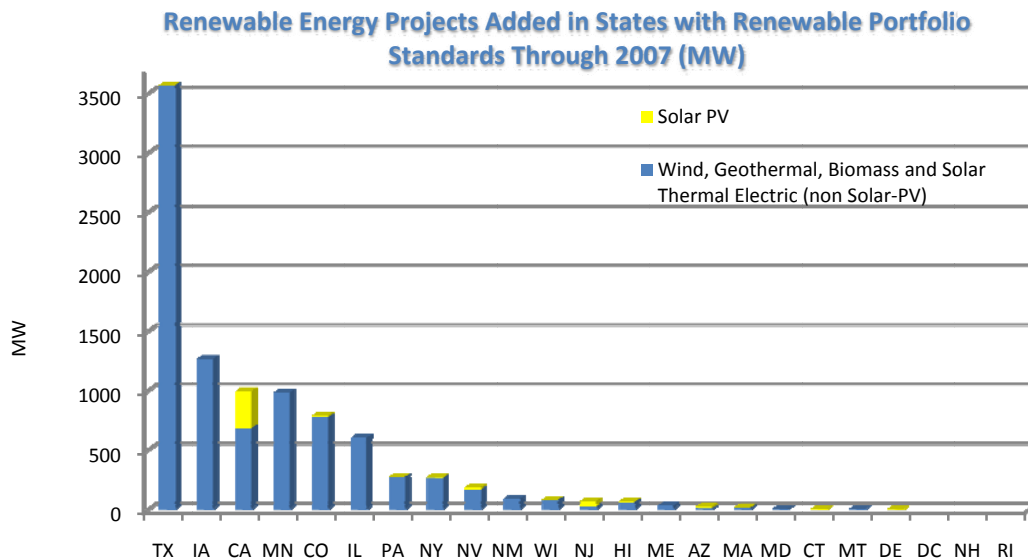
California has long been a clean energy leader. However, due to significant progress in other states combined with a lack of comparable action here, California risks losing its clean energy leadership status. To remedy the situation, California should increase its minimum standard for renewable energy to at

least 33% by 2020 and fix the problems with the state's RPS program. Doing so would restore California as clearly the nation's clean energy leader while creating thousands of jobs and reducing global warming pollution.

As the chart below shows, California's 20% by 2010 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) no longer stands out as the nation's most aggressive. Recognizing the benefits of early action, other states are establishing their own impressive RPS mandates.¹



California has fallen behind Texas and Iowa in terms of renewable projects built to date and has fallen behind Minnesota and Colorado as well when rooftop solar power (not spurred by RPS policy) is excluded. Reforming California's RPS program and increasing the mandate to 33% would put California back in the leadership position.²



¹ Wisner, R. and Barbose, G., "Renewable Portfolio Standards in the United States: A Status Report with Data through 2007," Lawrence Berkeley Nat'l Labs, April 2008.

² Data provided by Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, and were compiled based on data from the Energy Information Administration, American Wind Energy Association, Solar Energy Industry Association, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and Energy Velocity. Only capacity additions that occurred either one year before the state RPS' first compliance year or after that point were included. No hydro is included.