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### **MNIPL** mission

Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to build a stable climate that supports vibrant, equitable communities for all life. We believe the active care of creation is integral to spiritual life and social justice.

MNIPL works in partnership with faith communities to **build transformative** *power* and bring the *lights* of people's unique gifts to addressing the climate crisis. We respond to climate change by bringing Minnesota's faith communities together and by providing opportunities for congregations to join the growing climate justice movement.



### IRA, Clean Energy Incentives, And You

- Federal IRA
  - Direct Pay Commercial/Non-profits
  - Residential
    - Solar
    - EE tax credits
    - EE rebates
- New state incentives
- Utility incentives

# Inflation Reduction Act

- History GND, 2020 Election, BBB, IIJA
- Signed 8/16/22
- Taxes/Deficits, healthcare, Climate/Energy
  - \$370 Billion in climate action spending (floor)
  - 40% emissions reduction by 2030 (modeling estimate)
- Compromise bill climate provisions in exchange for concessions
  - Critical Role of Senator Smith in passage

# Theory of Action



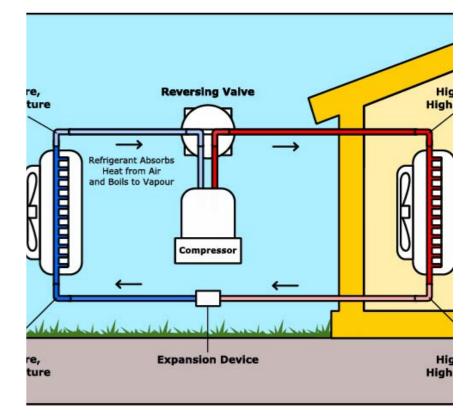
- Clean up Electricity
- Electrify everything
- Center equity





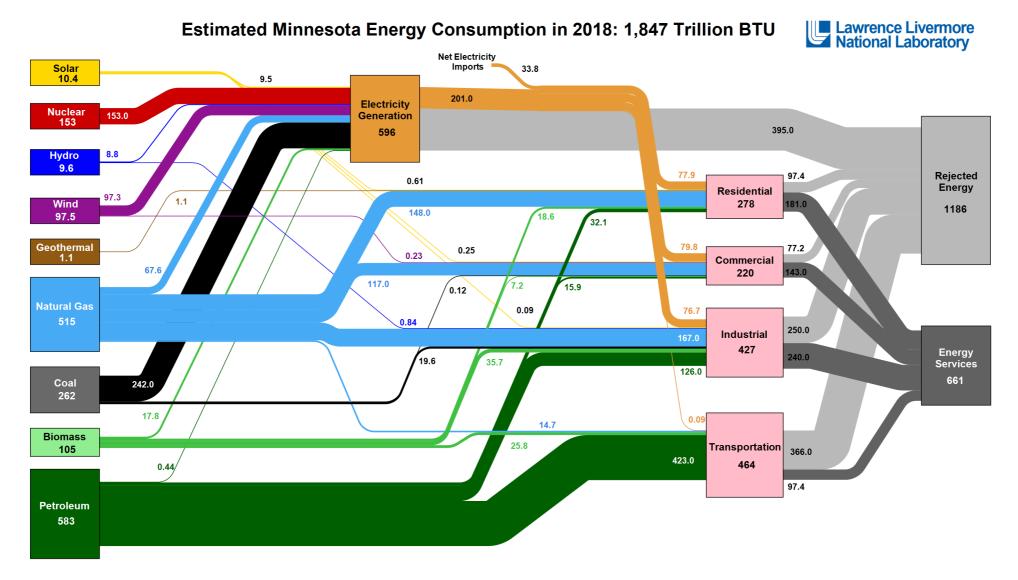


#### Air Source Heat Pumps Heating Cycle



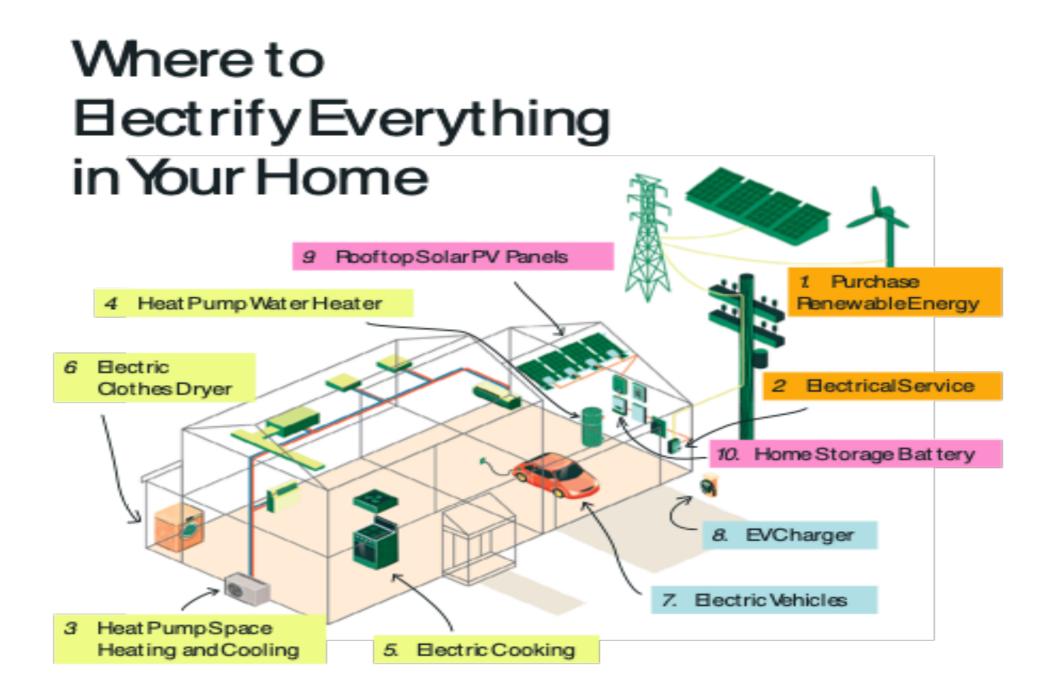


# Electrification = Efficiency



Source: LINL June, 2020. Data is based on DOE/EIA SEDS (2019). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal and solar) for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant heat rate. The efficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 49% for the indupendent Rounding. LINL-MI-410527

# Electrification is everywhere



# Commercial and Individual Incentives of the IRA

- Tax incentives
  - Tax credits
- Direct rebates
- Loans
- Community Grants
  - Rural (REAP)
  - Justice centered
- Awaiting guidance on implementation rules

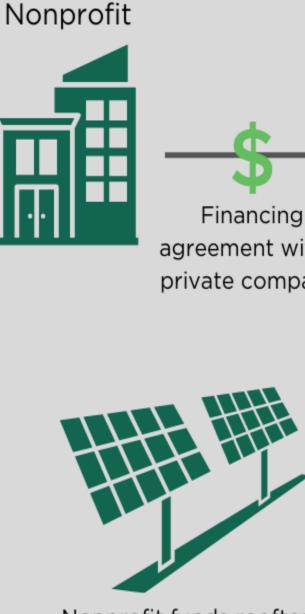
Commercial Energy benefits in the IRA (Non-profit)

- Commercial/Nonprofit (most starting in 2023)
  - Solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC)
    - 30% tax credit, with extra qualifying provisions for up to 60% tax credit off!
      - 10% domestic product credit
      - 10% energy community credit
      - 10-20% low income community project credit
    - Non-profits may now qualify through direct payments
    - Also qualifying wind, geothermal, batteries, and much more!

### **How Direct Pay Works**



### **Before Direct Pay**



Nonprofit funds rooftop or community solar project.

Private Company



agreement with a private company.

> Private company claims federal tax credits and offers lower project cost to nonprofit.

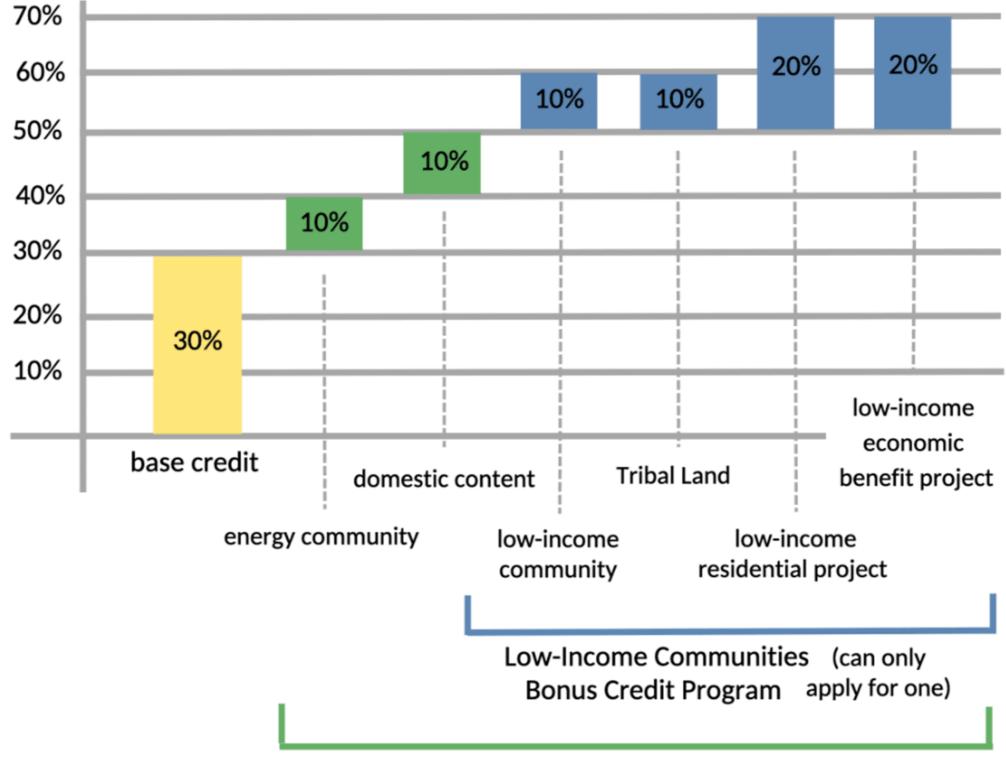
### After Direct Pay

#### Nonprofit





Nonprofits can take advantage of clean energy tax credits directly, allowing them to install solar energy or battery storage.



#### Bonus Credits available within the Investment Tax Credit

Bonus Credits Available for Projects that Qualify

# Individual Federal Tax Credits

- Tax Credits available now
  - 25D Solar, batteries, GSHP, wind
    - 30%, no cap, turn key
  - 25C Energy efficiency/Electrification
    - Annual limit rollover
    - Caps of different amounts

EQUIPMENT TYPE	TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR 2022 TAX YEAR	UPDATED TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR 2023-2032 TAX YEARS
Home Clean Electricity Products		
Solar (electricity)	30% of cost	
Fuel Cells		
Wind Turbine		
Battery Storage	N/A	30% of cost
Heating, Cooling, and Water Heating		
Heat pumps	\$300	30% of cost, up to \$2,000 per year
Heat pump water heaters		
Biomass stoves		
Geothermal heat pumps	30% of cost	
Solar (water heating)		
Efficient air conditioners*	\$200	20% of each up to \$200
Efficient heating equipment*	\$300	30% of cost, up to \$600
Efficient water heating equipment*	\$150	30% of cost, up to \$600
Other Energy Efficiency Upgrades		
Electric panel or circuit upgrades for new electric equipment*	N/A	30% of cost, up to \$600
Insulation materials*	10% of cost	30% of cost
Windows, including skylights*	10% of cost	30% of cost, up to \$600
Exterior doors*	10% of cost	30% of cost, up to \$500 for doors (up to \$250 each)
Home Energy Audits*	N/A	30% of cost, up to \$150
Home Electric Vehicle Charger	30% of cost, up to \$1,000	30% of cost, up to \$1,000 **

\*\* The IRS will soon publish further information on eligibility requirements related to home electric vehicle chargers, but we know that credits are intended for residents in non-urban or low-income communities.

# Individual Federal Rebates

- Rebates available late 2024/early 2025, administered by State
  - HEERA Electrification
    - LMI qualified
    - Point of sale
    - 50-100% off!!
  - HOMES retrofit projects



# High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA) (*coming late 2024/early 2025?*)

Electric Load Service Center Upgrades	\$4,000
Electric Stove, Cooktop, Range, and/or Oven	\$840
Electric Wiring	\$2,500
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer	\$840
Heat Pump Heating/Cooling	\$8,000
Heat Pump Water Heaters	\$1,750
Insulation and Air Sealing	\$1,600

Tip: You can combine these incentives with Utility Rebates for additional savings!

# State and Utility Incentives

- State of Minnesota
  - Heat Pumps
  - Electric panel upgrade grants
  - Energy storage incentives
  - EV's
  - E-Bikes!
- Utilities
  - residential and commercial
  - Rebates and special program rates

### How much money will you get with the Inflation Reduction Act?

#### Enter your household information to find out. We do not store this data. Zip Code 🕐 Household Income ② Homeowner Status ② Homeowner \$100,000 55803 -Tax Filing 🕐 Household Size 💿 Calculate! ≫ Joint 4 people Your Personalized Incentives These are available to American homeowners and renters over the next 10 years. UPFRONT AVAILABLE ESTIMATED BILL DISCOUNTS 🕐 TAX CREDITS 🕐 SAVINGS PER YEAR <sup>(2)</sup> \$14,000 \$7,550 \$1,150 Total Incentives: \$21,550 + Disclaimer: This is an estimate. We do not yet know how or when upfront discounts will be implemented in each state, so we cannot guarantee final amounts or timeline. The geothermal tax credit is not included in these totals. $\sim$

**Frequently Asked Questions** 

# Incentive stacking

- Bret's home in Duluth, gas furnace to ASHP
  - \$16000 cost
  - -\$8000 IRA rebate
  - -\$4000 State of MN HP rebate
  - -\$1000 utility rebate
  - -\$900 Fed tax credit
- New cost = \$2100
- Payback = 15 years



# **Energy Audits**

- Why?
  - Check up for your home
  - Gives you an energy baseline
  - Let's you develop a plan
    - Energy improvements
    - Incentive planning
- Ecolibrium3
  - <u>https://www.ecolibrium3.org/energyaudit/</u>

# Resources (or Get Ready!)

- <u>Rewiring America Calculator</u> (electrification benefits) – learn what rebates and incentives you may be eligible for
- MN CERTs (consumer facing questions) <u>https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/</u>
- <u>MN Department of Commerce</u> location to keep up to date when rebates from the state are available.

The train has left the station. Which track do we take?

Business-as-usual: Approach energy like just another product (whose benefits are realized by some groups but not others).



Tell a new story: Use the transition to a clean energy economy as an pivotal moment to pursue climate justice and systemic change.



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