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# **Illinois Renewables Landscape**

## *Legislative Action Needed to Unlock Potential*

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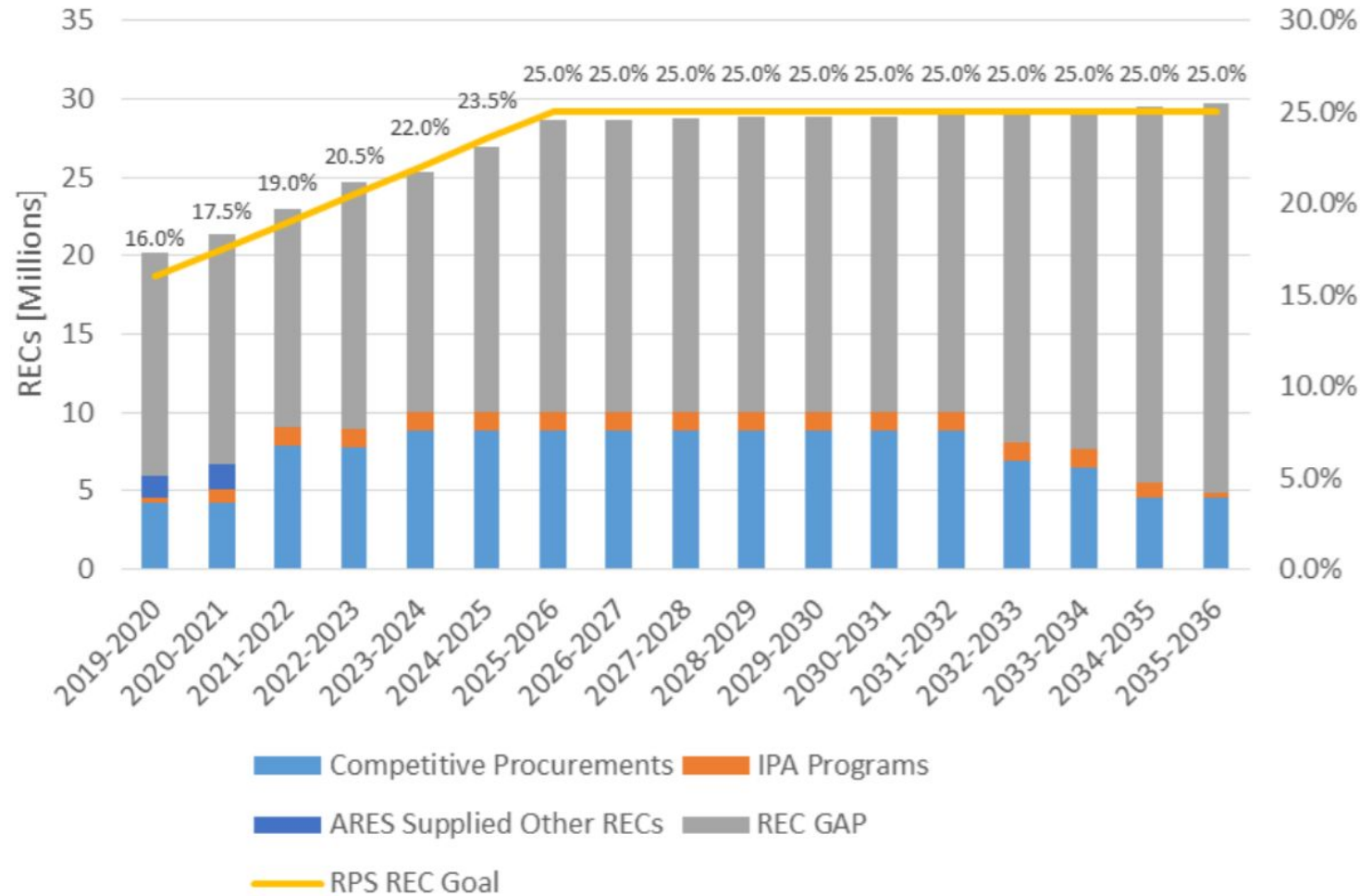
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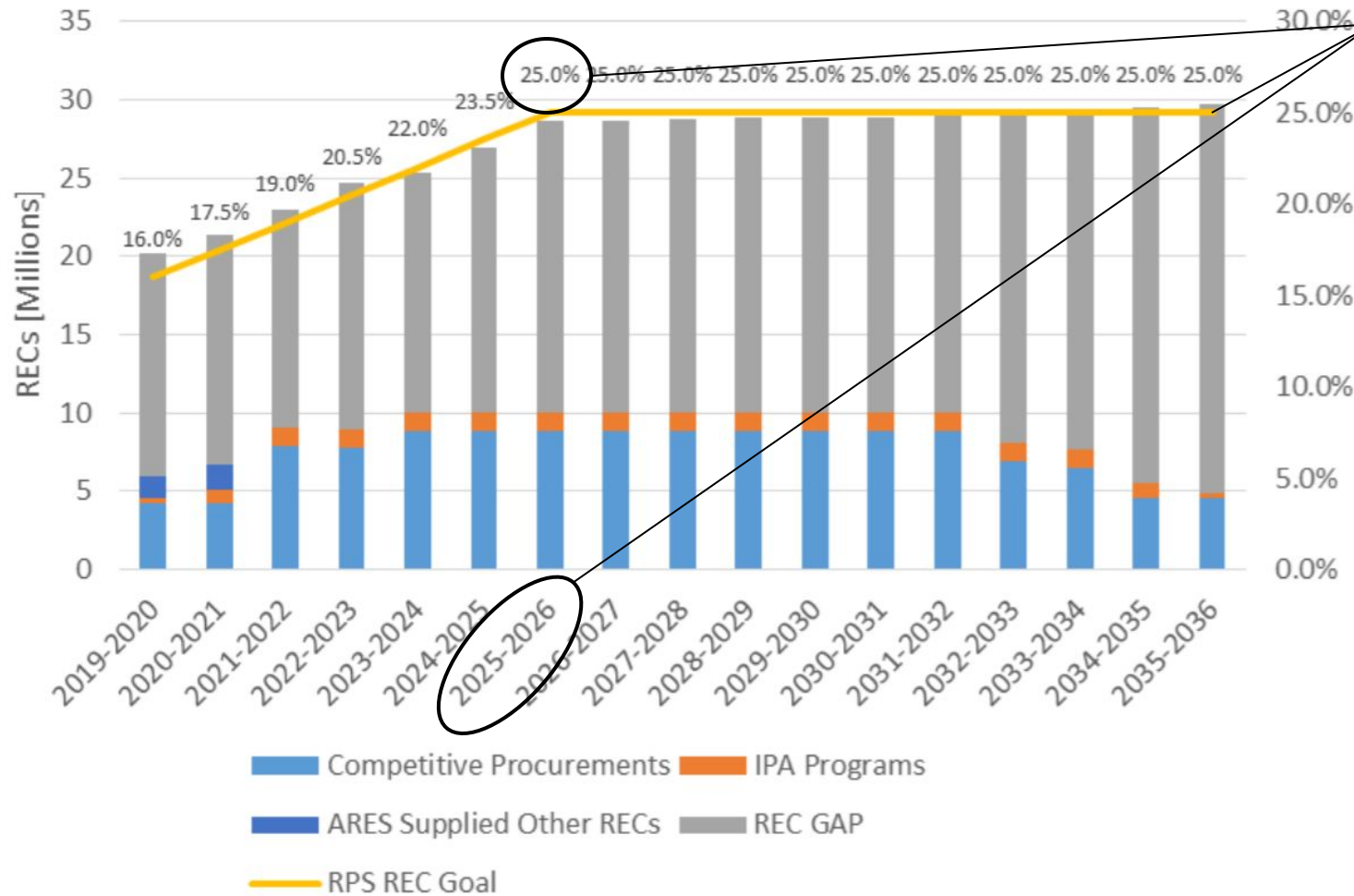


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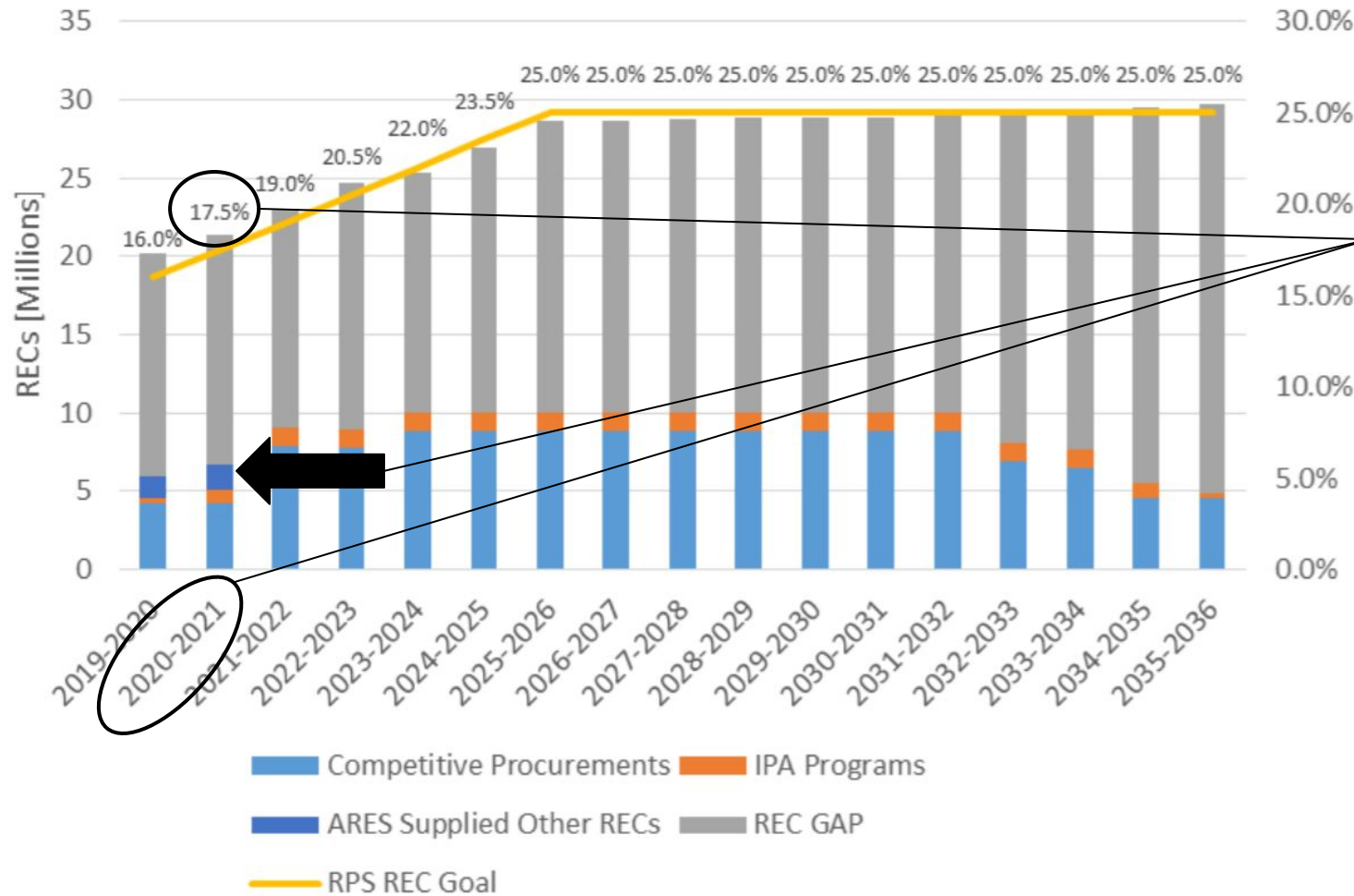


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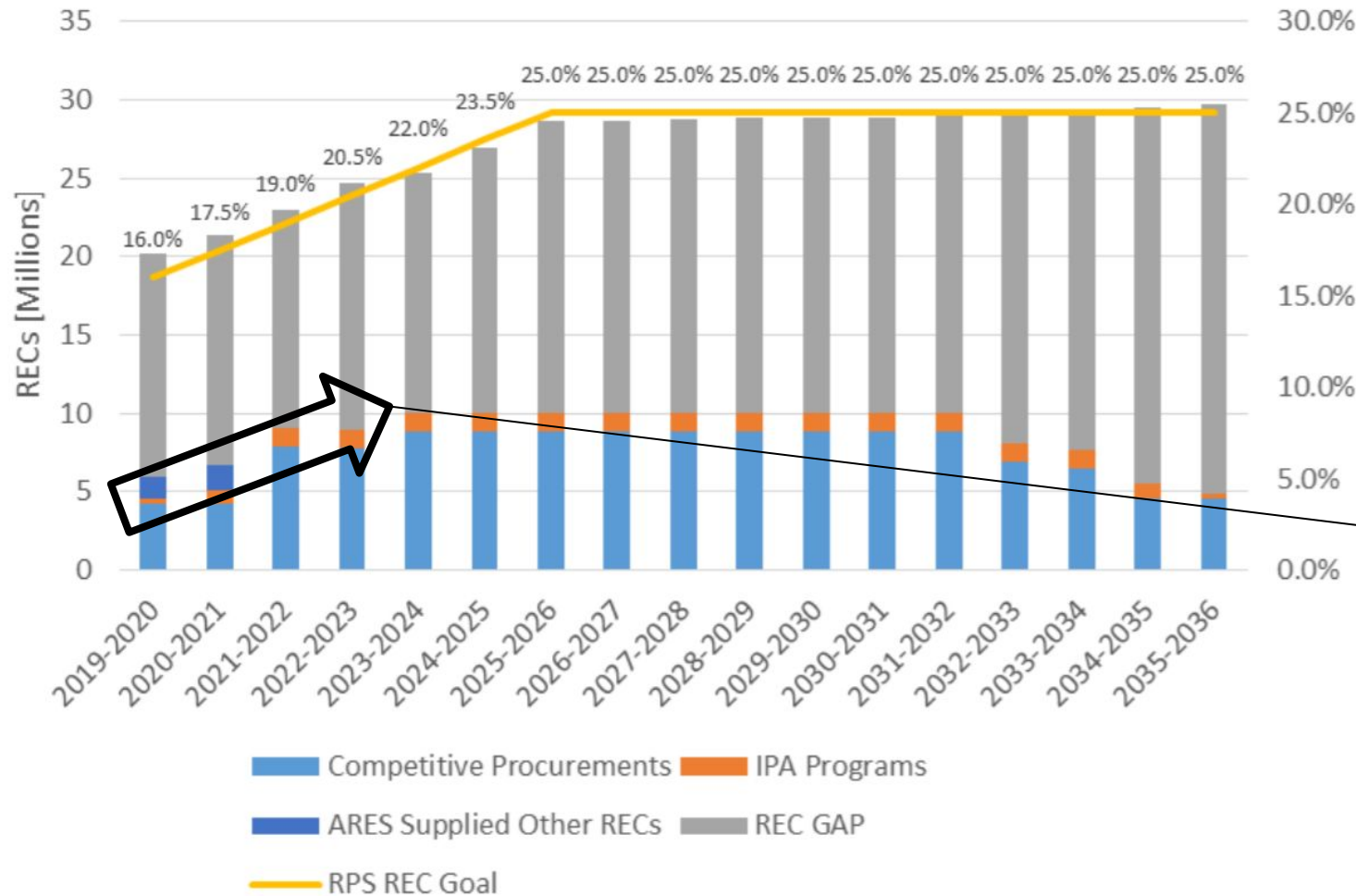
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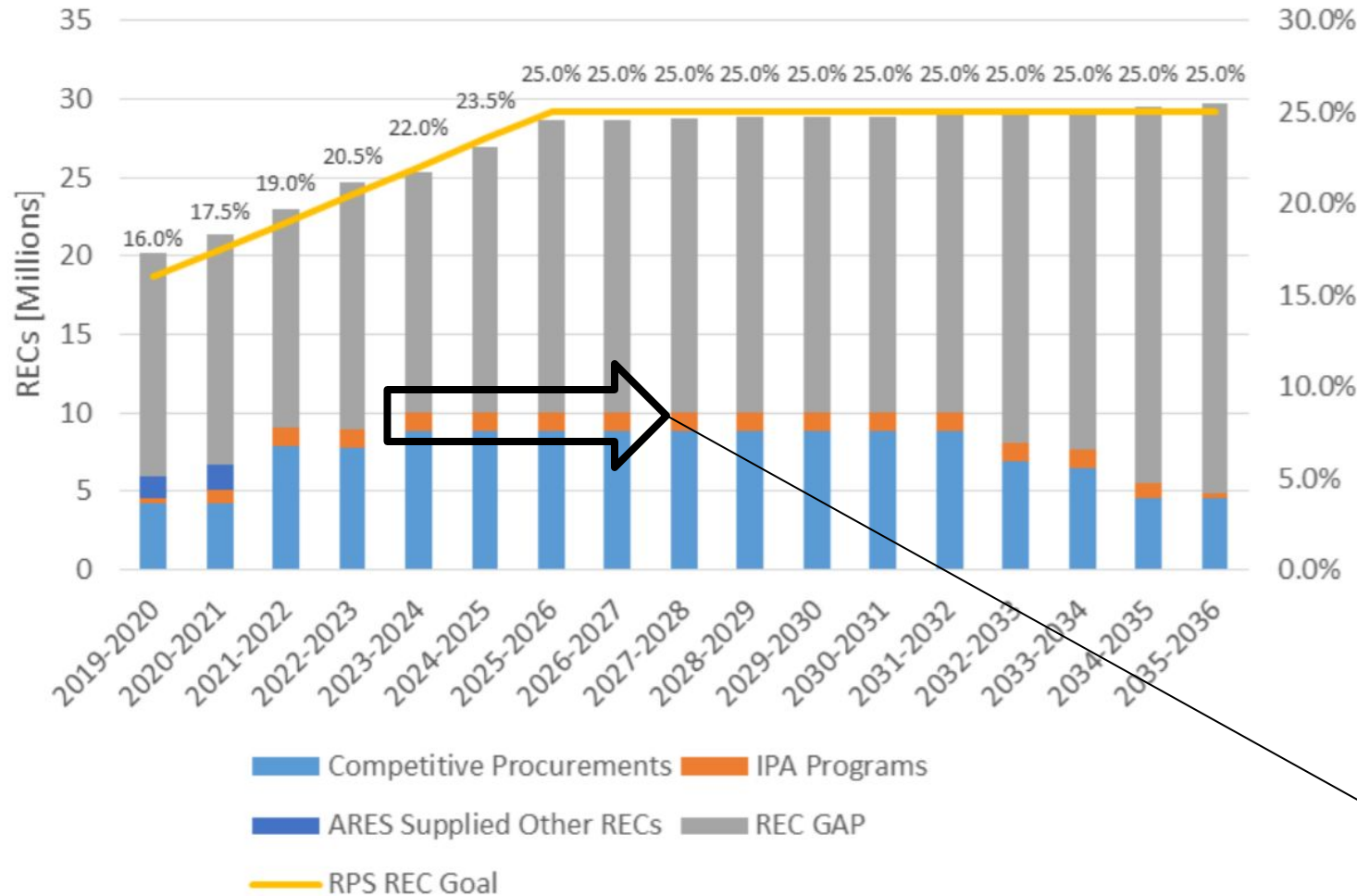


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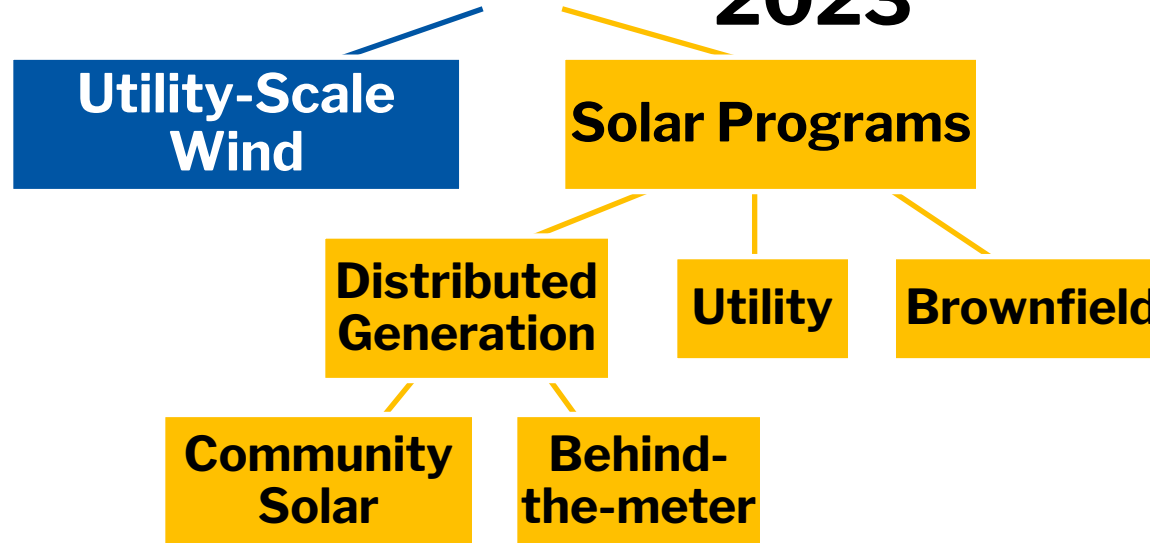
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# FEJA Accomplishments: 5x Renewables

**From 1.9M RECs in 2018 to nearly 10M in 2023**



**+Low Income Solar:  
Illinois Solar for All**



# Challenges



	<u>Higher RE Goal</u>	<u>100% Goal</u>
• Budget and cashflow	ME	ME
• Increasing the goal	NH	NY
• Community solar – lottery, siting, billing	VT	VA
• Interconnection	MA	WI
• Solar+ compensation	RI	CO
– Net metering	CT	NM
– Distributed generation rebate	NJ	NV
	MD	WA
	NY	CA
	VA	
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	OR	
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## What's Next?

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### Legislative proposals

- [Clean Energy Jobs Act](#)
- [Path to 100%](#)

### [Governor's Principles](#) and various Working Groups

**Put the State of Illinois on a path toward 100% clean energy by 2050.** The State must set a goal to reach 100% clean energy by 2050. Climate change is threatening Illinois residents and communities, and the science is clear that rapid buildout of renewable energy is a necessary near-term strategy for combatting climate change, and it's necessary for powering our long-term future. Illinois can create jobs, battle climate change, and improve the environment by leading the Midwest in clean energy deployment.

## Questions

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