

# NCSL Capitol Forum

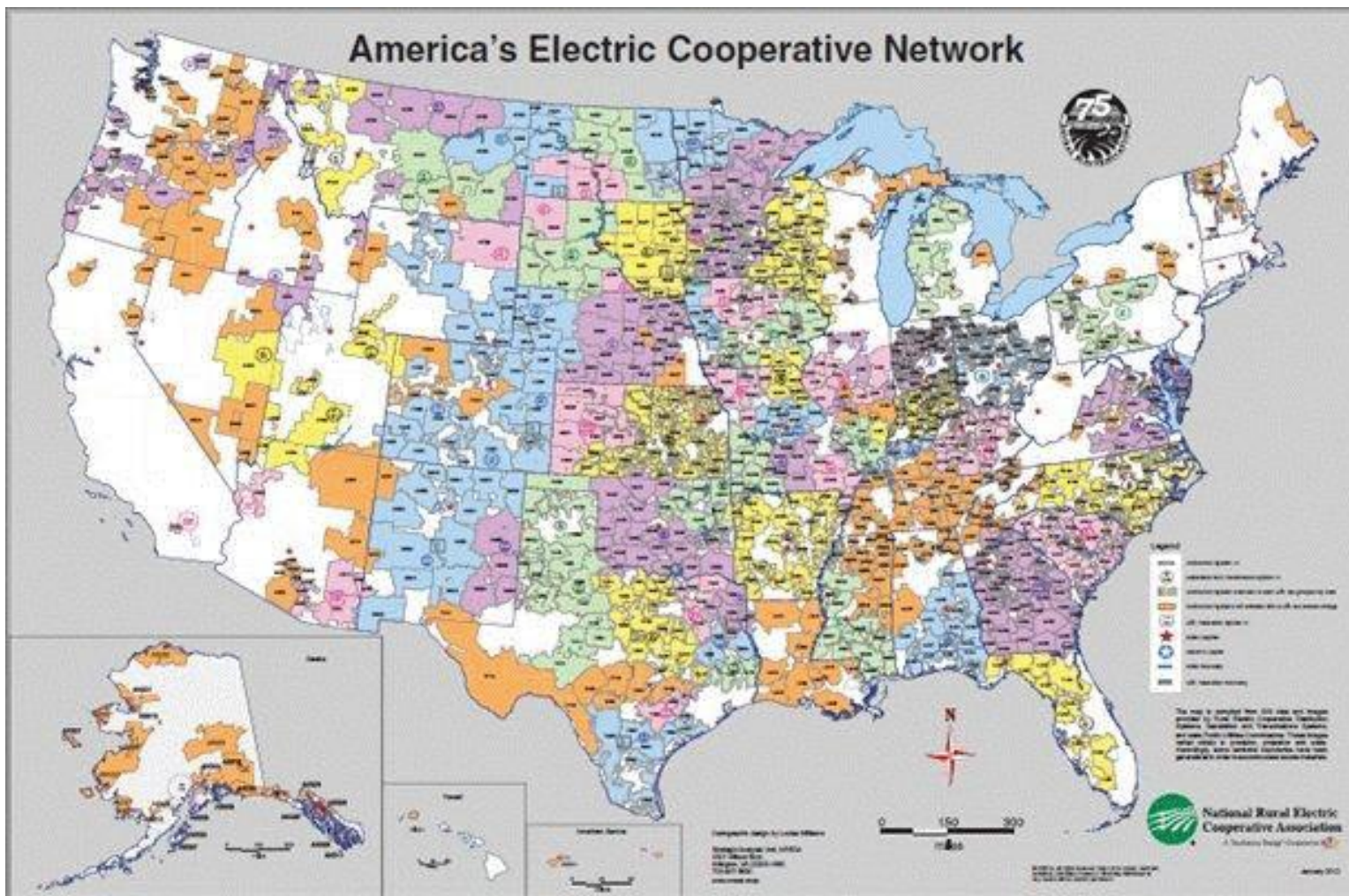
## Community Solar

Lessons from Vermont Electric Cooperative and the  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association



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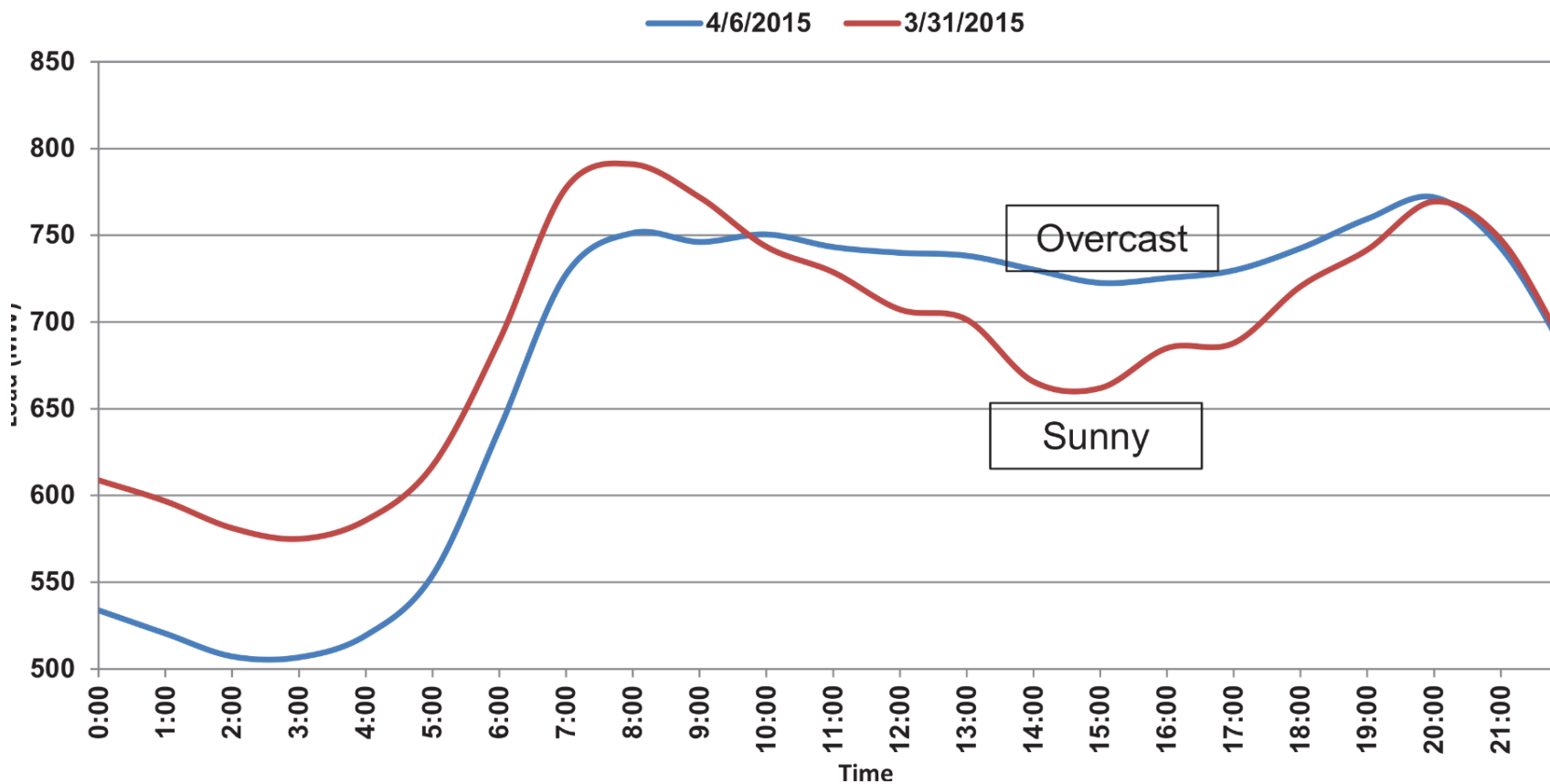
# America's Rural Electric Cooperatives



## Vermont Electric Cooperative



# Vermont Load curve (overcast vs. sunny)



## Community Solar Models

1. Third party community solar (CEC Solar)
2. Cooperative owned, no tax credit
3. Tax partner, equity flip
4. Purchase Power Agreement (PPA)

## What we have learned (so far)

- Solar is ubiquitous.
- Just saying no is not an option
- We need to keep working to develop sustainable net metering policies
- There is strong demand from consumers for community solar
- Community solar helps mitigate cost issues. In the right place it can be really helpful.