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### Highlights

- Our model develops 10,000 scenarios for the lifetime costs of both underground thermal energy storage for solar district heating (UTES-SDH) systems and non-weatherized gas furnace (NWGF) systems, based upon historical gas prices and heating degree days in each of the 15 states, under both historical conditions and the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5 climate change scenario of the Climate Model Intercomparison Project.
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- Massachusetts, in particular, stands out as uniquely positioned to drive prospects for UTES-SDH, as the state exhibits high heating demands, above-average retail natural gas prices, and a high Mcf NG/HDD proxy suggesting an average of less thermally efficient buildings than in other states we examined. Utah, to a lesser extent, also exhibits favorable market conditions.

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#### 6 Abstract

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#### 23 24 Introduction

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26 The intermittency of renewable energy resources is one of the primary challenges to their

- 27 effective and wide scale deployment. Stated broadly, the problem involves how to make
- 28 renewable energy available contemporaneously with energy demand. Experts have proposed a
- 29 variety of approaches, including geographically-larger and more efficient transmission systems
- 30 which reduce aggregate variability and allow a wider range of time zones for matching
- 31 generation with loads (MacDonald et al. 2016), electrical energy storage and electro-chemical
- 32 storage to hold charge for several hours at a time (Dunn et al. 2011, Alotto et al. 2014), and
- 33 thermal storage approaches (geothermal borehole arrays, paraffin-based systems, hydrated
- 34 salts) for longer-term energy storage and reduction of aggregate electrical load magnitude and
- 35 variability (Jacobson et al. 2015b, Farid et al. 2004).
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37 Underground thermal energy storage (UTES) systems used for solar district heating (SDH), as 38 demonstrated at the 1.6 MW<sub>th</sub> Drake Landing Solar Community in Okotoks, Canada, can shift 39

- peak-intensive space heating loads away from grid-based electricity or natural gas delivery
- 40 systems (McClenahan et al. 2006; Sibbitt et al. 2012). If widely deployed, coupled UTES-SDH
- 41 systems could thus contribute to reduced electric load variability and smaller electric power
- 42 system peaks where they displace electric resistance heating. Jacobson et al. (2015b) also 43 envision UTES systems as potentially providing storage of thermal energy collected from utility-
- 44 scale wind, solar, and hydropower systems for months or even years, though this usage is
- 45 theoretical at present and outside the scope of our inquiry.
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- 47 The importance of the Drake Landing Solar Community project in generating attention and
- 48 enthusiasm for UTES-SDH systems cannot be understated, but it is important to note that it is a

49 publicly-funded demonstration project and not a commercial viability study. UTES-SDH systems

50 in North America have yet to empirically demonstrate economic viability through robust real-

51 world deployment. And while some larger UTES-SDH systems in Northern Europe have done

- 52 so, they experience fundamentally different infrastructural and market conditions than those 53 that North American UTES systems are likely to face, and so are an imperfect analogue (Reed
- 54 and McCartney 2015).<sup>1</sup>
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56 In this study, we examine the financial prospects for future North American UTES-SDH systems

57 by considering the decision-processes of investors with available capital and a variety of

58 competing options from which to choose. We have thus created a financial breakeven model

59 that calculates the potential energy and cost savings of a residential community-scale UTES-SDH

system deployed in lieu of natural gas furnaces over the entire estimated 60-year life of the 60 61 system. To do so, the model integrates location-specific residential heating demand forecasts

- 62 with a forward-looking retail natural gas pricing simulation for each of the top 15 heating
- 63 demand states (North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Montana, Wisconsin, South Dakota,
- 64 Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Idaho, Utah, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Illinois, and New York) and
- 65 performs a run-cost calculation for natural gas furnaces in each state over a 60-year period (the
- 66 expected lifetime of a UTES system) including fuel, maintenance, and regular replacement

67 costs. It then discounts those costs back to present value, which allows side-by-side

68 comparison to the up-front investment cost of UTES-SDH systems. The result is a target break-

- even capital cost for UTES-SDH systems at which rational investors would consider them 69
- 70 equivalent to conventional natural gas furnaces in each of the 15 states. Critical to this
- 71 approach is the framing of the UTES-SDH system as a financial instrument: a hedge for the
- 72 system owner against fluctuations in natural gas prices that would otherwise cause uncertainty
- in future space-heating costs. 73
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#### 75 Background

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77 UTES-SDH systems combine solar thermal collection technologies with long-term thermal 78

energy storage methods, often in the form of closed-loop soil borehole heat exchangers. Unlike

- 79 batteries and other short-term energy storage, UTES is capable of storing thermal energy for
- 80 months or years, and dispatching it on-demand to users irrespective of ambient temperatures
- or the present availability of sunlight (Reed and McCartney 2015, McCartney et al. 2013, Zhang 81
- 82 et al. 2012; Nussbicker 2012, Baser et al. 2016).
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- 84 The Drake Landing Solar Community in Okotoks, Canada is illustrative of the typical system
- design principles for UTES as envisioned in recent literature. 800 roof-mounted solar panels 85
- 86 absorb energy from the sun to heat a water-glycol solution circulating through an insulated

87 collector system connecting all of the panels. Heat is transferred from the glycol-water solution

88 to water storage tanks in a central maintenance facility. These tanks provide short-term

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Specifically, European SDH systems often benefit from legacy district heating infrastructures that used to be served by natural gas cogeneration, waste incineration, or other sources, and so do not require the higher capital cost outlays that are associated with brand-new SDH systems.

thermal energy storage on a diurnal basis. In the warmer months of the year, a separate closedloop system is used to extract heat from the water-filled tanks by circulating a water glycol
solution through an array of 144 37-meter-deep boreholes installed beneath a small park in the
center of the neighborhood. By the end of the summer, the circulation of heated water

- 93 through the borehole array leads to an increase in ground temperature to approximately 80 °C.
- 94 In the wintertime, when sunlight is scarce and the panels do not collect much heat, the heat
- 95 flow in the borehole array is reversed and distributed to a third district heating loop that
- 96 distributes the thermal energy to the 52 homes in the community (Sibbitt et al. 2012, Sibbitt et
- al. 2015). The system has been providing approximately 90% of the annual space heating needs
- of the highly-efficient homes in the community, which normally experience 9,027 heating
   degree days per year. The efficiency of heat storage has been improving over several seasons
- 100 (Zhang et al. 2012; Sibbitt et al. 2012; Catolico et al. 2016). The remaining heat is provided by a
- 101 centralized natural gas boiler system that also serves the district heating loop.
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103 Though SDH systems are rare in North America, they have expanded rapidly in Northern Europe

104 in the last decade. A number of these systems have coupled SDH systems with UTES systems,

105 including a 13 MW<sub>th</sub> system in Braedstrup, Denmark; a 5.1 MW<sub>th</sub> system in Crailsheim,

106 Germany; a 4 MW<sub>th</sub> system in Neckarsulm, Germany; a 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub> system in Groningen, The

107 Netherlands; a 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub> system in Anneberg, Sweden; and a 0.8 MW<sub>th</sub> system in Kerava,

108 Finland (Solar District Heating 2016). The rapid expansion is due in part to high fossil fuel

109 prices, preexisting district heating infrastructures, clean energy subsidies, and related energy

policies and market conditions (Chittum and Østergaard 2014, Reed and McCartney 2015).

111 These conditions are notably different from North America, where subsidies are lower

112 (Wüstenhagen and Menichetti 2012), natural gas is inexpensive (Wang et al. 2014), and there is

a general absence of pre-existing district heating infrastructure other than the remnants of

- 114 century-old downtown steam systems (Ulloa 2007).
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116 Capital costs for installed SDH systems in Northern Europe range from 400 to 800 USD/m<sup>2</sup> of

- installed solar collectors (Dalenbäck and Werner 2012). But these figures are not sufficient for
- estimating UTES-SDH system capital costs in the US because of pre-existing district heating
- infrastructures in Northern Europe that were initially run using natural-gas-fired combined-
- 120 heat-and-power plants. SDH systems in Europe thus rarely need to build distribution or storage
- 121 capacity from scratch, and can connect solar thermal collectors directly to the existing heat
- distribution system. The Drake Landing system, which had to construct both storage and
- distribution infrastructure from scratch, achieved capital costs of approximately 1,100 USD/m<sup>2</sup>
- 124 of installed solar collectors (Sibbitt et al. 2012, Sibbitt et al. 2015).
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126 The relatively high initial cost of UTES-SDH systems may be balanced by their longevity and

127 minimal operational costs when compared to conventional natural gas furnaces, which require

- 128 fuel to operate and must be replaced approximately every 20 years (Petro 2016).
- 129 Manufacturers claim that UTES ground loop components typically last well over 50 years
- 130 (Geothermal Genius 2014) and solar thermal panels last approximately 30 years (YouGen 2011).
- 131 Critical to the successful deployment at scale of UTES-SDH systems is confidence among
- 132 investors that they will provide substantial fuel, maintenance, and replacement cost savings

- 133 over the life of the system under a variety of potential scenarios for heating demand and
- 134 natural gas prices. We have thus attempted in this study to quantify cost savings in terms of
- net present value for potential UTES-SDH systems in each of the 15 U.S. states with the highest

136 number of annual heating degree days.

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## 138 Methodology

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140 UTES-SDH and non-weatherized gas furnace (NWGF) systems realize their respective costs over different time-horizons: UTES-SDH systems require significant upfront costs, but have minimal 141 operating expenses and long lifespans – approximately 60 years<sup>2</sup>; gas furnaces have lower 142 143 upfront costs, but shorter lifespans and higher operating expenses due to maintenance and fuel costs (DOE 2015). Moreover, the highly predictable costs of the UTES-SDH system have their 144 145 own financial value as a hedge against uncertainty compared to historically volatile fuel costs. In order to compare the two investment options on the basis of net present value (NPV), we 146 have constructed an uncertainty-driven system lifetime-cost model<sup>3</sup> that compares capital and 147 148 operating costs between UTES-SDH and NWGF systems for a 50 home development, over a 60-149 year time horizon, on a state-by-state basis, discounted to present value. The central feature of 150 the model is its forecasting of annual prices for residentially-delivered natural gas through a probabilistic simulation that performs 10,000 independent iterations based on historical price 151 inflation and volatility.<sup>4</sup> In the language of finance, this approach conceptualizes the UTES-SDH 152 system as a long-term investment wherein returns are realized through hedging against 153 154 difficult-to-predict fluctuations in fossil fuel prices. Thus the model aims to capture not only the 155 value of potential savings under 10,000 separate fossil-fuel price scenarios in the future, but the 156 value today of being insulated from price uncertainty over the given time period. 157 158 The practical goal of the model is to quantify the maximum up-front expenditure for a UTES-

- SDH system that would satisfy a breakeven NPV against an alternative investment in NWGFs. In
- other words, the model calculates the initial capital expenditure equivalent to the value of the
- system's hedge against uncertainty—a point where the life-time cost for the UTES-SDH and the comparable costs associated with NWGF systems for the same period are equivalent. This
- 163 value may then serve as a target capital cost for future efforts at commercializing UTES-SDH
- 164 systems in North America. Our model considers unique environmental and market conditions
- 165 for 15 states: Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana,
- 166 Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. These

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Empirical data on the lifespan of a modern, commercially-installed UTES loop system is not yet solidified. We have decided on 60 years as a reasonable estimate, but this may require revisiting in subsequent studies as more data is available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Our model utilizes Analytic Solver Platform for Education (ASPE), a commercially-available platform that facilitates the construction of uncertainty-driven models.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We have elected to model future natural gas prices in this mechanics-agnostic fashion so as to match the practices of the business/finance community, as opposed to the energy forecasting community. As such, the model reflects a desire to hedge risk broadly rather than an attempt to forecast prices or theorize about the drivers of natural gas price movements.

- states were chosen due to their cold climates<sup>5</sup> (NOAA 2016), as well as their primary utilization
   of natural gas for residential space heating (US Census Bureau 2016).
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- 170 The model develops 10,000 scenarios for the lifetime costs of both UTES-SDH and NWGF
- 171 systems, based upon historical gas prices and heating degree days in each of the 15 states,
- under both historical conditions and the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5
- 173 climate change scenario of the Climate Model Intercomparison Project (Petri and Caldeira
- 174 2015). Historical and projected heating degree days for all 15 states are listed in Table 1 (all
- tables are located in the appendix). The NWGF system's costs include the initial purchase and
- installation of the gas furnaces for each of the 50 homes, as well as annual maintenance and
- replacement after their useful lives are complete (DOE 2015).<sup>6</sup> DOE estimates the average
   annual maintenance cost for NWGFs at \$62.30 and expected lifespan at 21.5 years, with
- 179 significant volatility in useful life estimates.<sup>7</sup> We assume that our homes incur the average cost
- of purchase and installation of NWGFs at \$3,894 (Home Advisor 2016).<sup>8</sup> The time of
- 181 replacement for the NWGFs is simulated using the above distribution of useful lives. The cost
- 182 model for the UTES-SDH incorporates system-wide operating and maintenance costs, along
- 183 with the expected lifespan of the system's back-up heat-generation system.<sup>9</sup>
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The model constructs residentially-delivered natural gas prices over the next 60 years as a
 product of average annual price inflation μ and standard deviation of annual price inflation σ
 over the past 30 years for each state (EIA, 2016a), displayed in Table 2. The annualized
 continuously compounding inflation rate for natural gas was derived from EIA data for each of
 the 15 states through the equation

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191 Annual Inflation = 
$$\ln \left(\frac{RP_t}{RP_{t+1}}\right)$$

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193 where  $RP_t$  is the real price of gas in the base year and  $RP_{t+1}$  is the real price of gas in the 194 following year for the state. Averages and standard deviations of historical price inflation were 195 calculated from these thirty data points, and assigned unique values of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , respectively, 196 for each state.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As measured by annual heating degree days (HDDs)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Electricity costs are assumed to be negligible in this iteration of the model (NYSERDA 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Here, assumed to be normally distributed with standard deviation 3 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> We break with DOE estimates of these costs, as they differ with the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> While robust data sets exist for the expected lifespans and maintenance costs for single-home gas furnaces, data for the costs and lifespans of both industrial boilers and solar thermal collectors (STCs) are more difficult to access. Currently, we do not take into account the 30-year lifespan of STCs (NREL 2016), and assume that the UTES-SDH system would require a \$10,000 industrial boiler that faces the same expected lifespan as single-home furnaces. We have arbitrarily assumed \$500 per year in other maintenance costs for the UTES-SDH system.

Using this data, the model runs 10,000 possible future scenarios for the price of residentially delivered natural gas for all 15 states. Simulated, state-specific price increases were modelled
 for 60 years and were calculated through the equation

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- $202 \qquad MP_{t+1} = MP_t * e^x$
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where  $MP_t$  is the modeled price of gas in year t, x is a normally-distributed random variable with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , and  $MP_0$  is equal to the cost of the state's residentially delivered natural gas as of February, 2016 (EIA 2016b). Representative data from the Wisconsin and Massachusetts simulations are displayed in Table 3.

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209 These annual prices are then translated into the model housing development's estimated 210 annual space heating costs using a proxy variable for the amount of natural gas used as a 211 function on the cold experienced by the home. This proxy variable translates the HDDs 212 experienced by the home over the course of a year into the amount of natural gas used by the 213 average NWGF-heated home. The proxy variable was constructed on a state-by-state basis by 214 cross-referencing the average consumption of natural gas in homes heated by natural-gas furnaces in 2009 (EIA 2013) with the actual HDDs those homes experienced in 2009.<sup>10</sup> The 215 216 state-specific proxy variables were calculated using the equation

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- 218  $P = \frac{N\mu}{H}$
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220 where P is the proxy variable for each state, N<sub>u</sub> is the average amount of natural gas used by homes with natural gas furnaces in the state in 2009, and H is the amount of heating degree 221 days experienced by the state during 2009.<sup>11</sup> These proxy variables, listed for each state in 222 223 Table 4, provide an approximation of the amount of natural gas used by the average home in 224 each state as a function of the cold weather the home experienced. The proxy variable is then 225 multiplied by NOAA's normalized HDDs for each state (NOAA 2016) and the modelled 226 residentially-delivered natural gas prices in order to forecast space heating costs per unit for 227 the NWGF system over the entire 60-year period, displayed in Tables 5 and 6. As demonstrated 228 by the Drake Landing Solar Community, a UTES-SDH system can reduce district-wide natural gas 229 consumption by 94% (McClenahan et al. 2006, Sibbitt et al. 2015), which allows for a projection 230 of life-time savings in natural gas costs of the UTES-SDH system as compared to NWGFs. 231

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> At present, the non-RCP 8.5 scenario assumes that the development will experience the NOAA's normalized HDDs for each state over the entirety of the 60 year study period, but we intend for future iterations of this study to better incorporate the effects of climate change and weather uncertainty under a variety of scenarios.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Our present model only uses data from 2009 to construct the proxy variable, as previous EIA residential gas usage surveys only offer regional data, while the 2009 survey gives state-by-state information. In the future, we will refine our data as further insights are furnished by the EIA.

The natural gas consumed by both systems is modelled as a linear product of the amount of

cold experienced by the home, so the model estimates space heating costs using both the

normalized historical HDDs experienced by each state (Table 4), and the expected HDDs under

- the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5<sup>12</sup> climate change scenario of the Climate
   Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5) (Petri and Caldeira 2015) (Table 5). A graphical
- Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5) (Petri and Caldeira 2015) (Table 5). A graphical
   comparison of the 15-State average of simulated space heating costs under no-climate-change
- and RCP 8.5 scenarios is displayed in Figure 1. Under the RCP 8.5 scenario, we linearly model
- the decrease in HDDs in each state across the 60-year evaluation period. Using the equation
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$$HDD_t = HDD_0 * \frac{t}{60} * \Delta_{HDD}$$
  
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243 Where  $HDD_t$  is the modeled heating degree days experienced by the specific state in year t, the 244 number of years after the system's installation in 2016,  $HDD_0$  is the state's normalized heating 245 degree days, and  $\Delta_{HDD}$  is the expected change in HDDs experienced by each state, as modelled 246 by the RCP8.5 scenario.

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$$DCF = \frac{CF_1}{(1+r)^1} + \frac{CF_2}{(1+r)^2} + \dots + \frac{CF_{60}}{(1+r)^{60}}$$

<sup>14</sup> Interest rate swaps allow interest-bearing debtors to exchange floating-rate interest payments for a fixed rate. Functionally, this allows us to model the future yields of AAA municipal bonds with zero uncertainty. A 30-year swap over-estimates the cost of utilizing this financial instrument as the proposed bond matures in 20 years, but data on the market rates for 20-year swaps is not readily available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The RCP8.5 scenario represents the CMIP5's unmitigated high emission scenario, which presumes that no significant action is undertaken to curb greenhouse gas emissions over the course of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. As the UTES-SDH systems conceptualized here are heating systems, the RCP8.5 scenario presents the most unfavorable investment case with respect to heating demand, as projected heating degree days under the scenario decline in all 15 states. <sup>13</sup> DCF is the standard financial modeling tool to find the present value of cash flows in the future. The discounted value of the cash flows (DCF) of this project is calculated by taking the

annual cash flows  $CF_1, CF_{2,...} CF_{60}$ , which represent the raw costs of energy heating, and discounting them by the discount rate (r)

- second scheme considers a higher-risk debtor undertaking, such as a private residential co operative, with a discount rate set arbitrarily at 6%.<sup>15</sup> These results are displayed in Tables 8
- 260 and 10.
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262 Finally, we estimate greenhouse gas emissions savings attributable to the UTES-SDH system under both the RCP8.5 and historical climates, utilizing EPA estimates for CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per 263 thousand ft<sup>2</sup> of natural gas burned by NWGFs (EPA 1998). This calculation is a conservative 264 estimate of the emissions savings of the UTES-SDH system, as most NWGFs burn less than 95% 265 266 of all natural gas drawn and there are significant inefficiencies and leakages in natural gas production and distribution that lead to emissions of methane, which has roughly 20 times the 267 268 global warming potential of CO<sub>2</sub> (Howarth et al. 2011, Cathles 2012a, Cathles 2012b).<sup>16</sup> These results are displayed in the final column of Tables 7-10. 269

- 270271 Results and Discussion
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The discounted savings per home figure is sensitive to several factors: climatic conditions in the state, differences in retail gas prices between states, differences in the energy efficiency of the built environment (as represented by our Mcf NG/HDD proxy), the type of funding utilized (and thus the presumed discount rate applied), and the extent of future climate change and its effects on future heating demand.

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# 290 Conclusions and Policy Implications

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> We use an arbitrary discount rate here because there are scant examples of district-level infrastructure not funded through municipal bonds. This number is a 33% premium on current average interest rates offered to homeowners for NWGF upgrades (DOE 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Both the global warming potential of methane and the leakage rates from the gas sector are debated. Howarth et al. (2011) and Cathles et al. (2012a, 2012b), among others, spar over the appropriate time horizon for considering global warming impacts of methane in the atmosphere. Leakage rates for the natural gas supply system span a large range of uncertainty, from 1% to 10% (Allen 2014).

292 By utilizing concepts from financial analysis and fuel-price risk hedging in the assessment of 293 commercial viability for UTES-SDH systems, we have attempted to explore macro-economic 294 prospects for wide-scale deployment through micro-economic, investor-specific considerations. 295 The range of target system costs represented by the discounted savings per home figures may 296 provide useful guidance to developers and policymakers interested in the prospects of UTES-297 SDH systems. The government-funded Drake Landing demonstration project, for example, 298 developed a UTES-SDH system for 52 homes at a subsidized capital cost of approximately 2.6 299 million USD (Sibbitt et al. 2012, 2015). This per-home cost of \$50,000 is above the highest 300 target costs produced by our model, and suggests that capital costs for Drake Landing-like 301 projects must come down by ~28% to compete in the most attractive market conditions we 302 modeled, and ~65% to compete in the most challenging market conditions we modeled.

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These cost reductions are not insubstantial, but neither are they insurmountable, given that Drake Landing was the first project of its kind in North America, and that we can expect capital costs to decline as deployment rates increase, as has been observed in countless other markets

for clean energy. A 28% reduction in Drake Landing's \$1100/m<sup>2</sup> of collector area capital cost

308 figure would bring the capital cost to \$792/m<sup>2</sup>, comparable to the high range of European SDH

309 systems in Austria. Getting to 65% reductions, on the other hand, is more daunting, as this

would bring capital costs below those enjoyed by the low end (\$400/m<sup>2</sup>) of Danish systems,

- 311 which have the tremendous advantage of using pre-existing district heating infrastructure 312 coupled with dense Scandinavian community designs.
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314 Massachusetts, in particular, stands out as uniquely positioned to drive prospects for UTES-315 SDH, as the state exhibits high heating demands, above-average retail natural gas prices, and a 316 high Mcf NG/HDD proxy suggesting an average of less thermally efficient buildings than in other 317 states we examined. Utah, to a lesser extent, also exhibits favorable market conditions. 318 Previous work by Reed and McCartney (2015) identified states (among the top 10 states for 319 solar energy installations) with favorable utility regulatory schemas for UTES-SDH system 320 deployments, where the systems would likely not face charges of illegal competition with 321 existing electric or gas utilities. Notably, Massachusetts, New York, and Colorado all exhibited 322 such open regulatory environments, allowing heat provision to the public through UTES 323 systems without subjecting them to cost-of-service rate regulation. Reed and McCartney 2015 324 did not examine regulatory environments in Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, 325 Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, and future 326 legal and regulatory research should examine those states.

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State policies providing subsidized support to UTES-SDH system deployment, particularly those aimed at retrofits for older, less efficient housing, may both provide a scaffolding for system costs to decline to competitive levels in these low-hanging-fruit markets, while also addressing high heating costs and uncertainties that may disproportionately affect low-income populations. State policies that support or enable municipally-funded UTES-SDH projects are also recommended at this early stage, as the lower interest rates associated with municipal bonds provide greater headroom for systems to realize savings for residents than higherinterest private debt, and municipal governments are well suited to the management of long

interest private debt, and municipal governments are well-suited to the management of long-

336 337	lived infrastructures that last for over half a century. Numerous exogenous factors complicate these decisions, however. We have not, for example, modeled the availability of UTES
338 220	components and transport costs on a state-by-state basis. States with thriving geothermal heat
270	have we taken into consideration differences in soil composition and hydrogeology, which can
2/11	impact both construction costs (if the soil is particularly rocky, for example) and horebole field
2/2	design (if for example, an underground water flow causes heat leakage from the field and
2/12	necessitates the addition of a thermal barrier) Nevertheless this analysis aims to provide
343	useful markers for the contours of a future potential LITES-SDH industry with respect to target
345	system costs and likely regions for favorable deployment
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# Table 1: Heating Degree Days by State: Historical and Projected

State	Historical Average (1981-2010)	RCP8.5 Climate Change Scenario (2080)
Colorado	6947	4797
Idaho	6787	3987
Illinois	6168	4059
Iowa	6815	5065
Massachusetts	6369	4369
Michigan	6792	4992
Minnesota	8471	5471
Montana	7853	5753
Nebraska	6314	4414
New York	6147	3897
North Dakota	9103	6103
South Dakota	7466	5466
Utah	6442	4492
Wisconsin	7504	5504
Wyoming	7911	5711

 Table 2: Price of Natural Gas Delivered to Residential Consumers by State (\$/Mcf)

	CO	ID	IL	IA	MA	MI	MN	МТ	NE	NY	ND	SD	UT	WI	WY
1986	5.01	6.02	5.07	5.12	7.41	5.74	5.28	4.45	4.59	7.46	5.29	5.26	4.64	6.2	4.93
1987	4.74	5.5	4.81	4.75	6.64	5.46	4.58	4.41	4.36	6.88	5.47	4.87	4.97	5.99	4.7
1988	4.42	5.49	4.6	4.79	6.47	5.34	4.64	4.3	4.46	6.5	5.15	4.91	5.11	5.89	4.48
1989	4.63	5.05	4.92	4.7	7.16	5.19	4.57	4.37	4.48	7.22	4.68	4.85	5.14	5.64	4.71
1990	4.57	5.05	5.06	4.99	7.82	5.02	4.63	4.59	4.6	7.4	4.7	5.14	5.28	5.74	4.84
1991	4.59	5.19	4.95	4.81	8.11	5.07	4.52	4.52	4.64	7.35	4.82	4.94	5.44	5.61	4.74
1992	4.56	5.23	5.09	5.23	7.92	5.06	4.86	4.8	4.82	7.58	5	5.15	5.44	5.87	4.72
1993	4.52	5.38	5.52	5.48	8.33	5.04	5.31	4.92	4.96	8.15	5.23	5.3	5.13	6.34	4.77
1994	4.92	5.29	5.5	5.4	8.94	4.98	5.18	5.23	5.01	8.75	5.19	5.27	4.96	6.28	5.1
1995	4.8	5.59	4.66	5.09	9.04	4.72	4.8	5.15	4.83	8.42	4.66	5.05	4.74	5.82	4.83
1996	4.39	5.2	5.28	5.49	8.88	4.96	5.46	4.86	4.88	8.9	4.54	5.25	4.47	6.04	4.26
1997	4.81	5.12	5.95	6.17	9.43	5.2	5.76	5.05	5.69	9.73	4.99	5.75	5.13	6.43	4.58
1998	5.22	5.33	5.47	5.96	9.42	5.17	5.48	5.25	5.13	9.59	5.16	5.59	5.57	6.15	5.19
1999	5.38	5.42	5.5	6.1	9.25	5.13	5.56	5.16	5.06	9.12	5.32	5.83	5.37	6.17	5.11
2000	6.14	6.28	7.33	7.81	9.91	5.11	7.13	6.03	6.43	9.86	6.37	7.34	6.2	7.55	6.11
2001	8.37	8.48	9.04	8.9	12.8	5.77	8.74	7.26	8.71	11.75	7.68	8.57	8.09	8.76	8.45
2002	5.62	8.41	6.41	7.08	10.05	6.32	6.61	5.3	6.18	9.85	5.14	6.93	6.39	7.35	6.08
2003	6.61	7.59	8.65	9.14	12.52	7.31	8.58	7.08	7.83	11.59	7.25	8.49	7.33	9.27	7.14
2004	8.47	9.04	9.41	10.14	14.41	8.52	9.5	9.19	9.06	12.5	9.03	9.52	8.12	10.16	8.65
2005	10.29	10.59	11.62	12.3	15.43	10.55	11.21	10.7	10.68	14.89	11.4	11.68	9.71	11.93	10.53
2006	10.45	12.25	11.18	12.42	17.66	11.97	11.67	11.26	11.3	15.35	10.8	11.11	11.02	12.17	11.6
2007	8.84	11.47	10.76	11.76	16.99	11.06	11.14	9.91	11.15	15.73	9.13	10.49	9.44	12.02	8.84
2008	9.77	11.07	12.07	11.91	17.18	11.93	11.29	11.45	11.11	16.78	10.34	11.32	9	12.81	10.16
2009	8.8	10.54	8.97	9.83	14.85	11.27	8.99	9.5	9.34	15.05	8.46	9.14	8.95	10.76	9.39
2010	8.13	8.95	9.39	9.57	14.53	11.32	8.76	8.64	8.95	14.04	8.08	8.77	8.22	10.34	8.58
2011	8.25	8.8	8.78	9.54	13.81	10.47	8.85	8.8	8.84	13.71	8.1	8.59	8.44	9.77	8.72
2012	8.28	8.26	8.26	9.46	13.22	9.95	7.99	8.05	8.68	12.97	7.43	8.39	8.7	9.27	8.42
2013	7.85	8.12	8.2	8.99	13.49	9.09	8.19	8.19	8.39	12.49	7.43	8.23	8.55	8.65	8.27
2014	8.89	8.54	9.59	10.02	14.5	9.33	9.89	9.11	8.77	12.54	8.86	9.27	9.48	10.52	9.34
2015	9.56*	8.62	7.95	8.49	12.91*	8.78	8.84	8.21	8.94	11.2	10.15*	8.21	9.72	10.09*	9.19
Average Inflation	2.23%	1.24%	1.55%	1.74%	1.92%	1.47%	1.78%	2.11%	2.30%	1.40%	2.25%	1.54%	2.55%	1.68%	2.15%

Inflation															
Std. Dev.	13.43%	9.71%	15.07%	11.38%	10.36%	7.85%	12.77%	12.71%	12.51%	8.73%	14.91%	10.83%	10.29%	10.11%	13.63%
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521 *	*Data for Full Year 2015 unavailable at last running of simulation for CO, MA, ND, & WI. 2015 numbers for these states are average prices for residentially														
522 d	delivered natural gas for each state for the year of 2015 through 6/30/2015														
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		Wisconsin			Massachusetts						
Year	Simulation	Simulation	Expected	Simulation	Simulation	Expected					
	Min	Max		Min	Max						
0	7.24	7.24	7.24	12.02	12.02	12.02					
1	4.96	11.43	7.36	7.99	18.06	12.25					
2	4.56	12.38	7.49	7.09	22.81	12.48					
3	3.73	14.49	7.61	6.91	26.01	12.72					
4	3.72	18.23	7.74	6.19	29.42	12.97					
5	3.52	18.04	7.87	5.60	32.71	13.22					
6	3.19	19.26	8.00	5.41	35.81	13.47					
7	2.91	21.55	8.14	4.95	41.42	13.73					
8	2.83	24.32	8.27	4.87	45.48	13.99					
9	2.95	25.37	8.41	4.90	47.86	14.26					
10	3.03	25.83	8.55	4.29	51.84	14.53					
11	2.71	30.81	8.70	4.38	59.53	14.81					
12	2.53	33.25	8.84	3.84	62.11	15.09					
13	2.39	31.46	8.99	3.98	62.77	15.38					
14	2.15	41.39	9.14	3.79	70.98	15.68					
15	2.18	44.96	9.30	3.56	61.28	15.98					
16	2.14	53.48	9.45	3.50	67.61	16.28					
17	2.07	54.65	9.61	3.16	75.09	16.60					
18	1.96	50.29	9.77	3.31	77.16	16.91					
19	1.85	60.84	9.94	3.20	81.81	17.24					
20	1.77	63.46	10.10	3.00	87.71	17.57					
21	1.80	73.02	10.27	3.25	109.00	17.90					
22	1.46	74.09	10.45	3.01	105.80	18.25					
23	1.24	94.71	10.62	2.83	108.13	18.60					
24	1.46	94.23	10.80	2.94	117.07	18.95					
25	1.46	88.11	10.98	3.27	116.31	19.32					
26	1.31	109.51	11.17	3.01	131.67	19.68					
27	1.49	112.30	11.35	2.98	126.45	20.06					
28	1.58	111.09	11.54	2.96	132.30	20.45					
29	1.63	113.83	11.74	3.03	139.47	20.84					
30	1.68	109.99	11.94	2.75	147.91	21.24					
31	1.44	120.58	12.14	2.52	163.79	21.64					
32	1.35	124.49	12.34	2.41	184.01	22.06					
33	1.25	136.48	12.55	2.39	229.95	22.48					
34	1.25	138.23	12.76	2.50	219.27	22.91					

 Table 3: Simulated NG Prices over UTES-SDH Lifetime for Wisconsin and Massachusetts<sup>23</sup> (\$/Mcf)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> These are provided for illustrative purposes. Simulated NG price data for other states is available upon request.

35	1.33	136.27	12.97	2.23	210.04	23.35
36	1.27	141.84	13.19	1.82	226.57	23.80
37	1.35	149.71	13.41	1.76	241.27	24.25
38	1.43	166.53	13.64	1.62	246.80	24.72
<b>3</b> 9	1.39	187.98	13.87	1.67	278.67	25.19
40	1.23	192.68	14.10	2.01	263.10	25.67
41	1.08	206.25	14.34	1.80	273.00	26.17
42	1.11	226.32	14.58	1.87	267.96	26.67
43	1.02	208.33	14.82	1.91	295.40	27.18
44	1.04	225.73	15.07	1.73	344.61	27.70
45	1.02	208.75	15.32	1.94	416.12	28.23
46	1.10	209.27	15.58	1.87	443.24	28.77
47	1.17	220.04	15.84	1.76	434.37	29.32
48	1.16	233.84	16.11	2.06	417.25	29.88
49	0.92	243.69	16.38	2.02	503.47	30.45
50	0.97	235.12	16.66	1.82	524.12	31.04
51	1.05	263.99	16.94	2.16	508.17	31.63
52	1.12	352.48	17.22	1.83	510.25	32.24
53	1.00	366.31	17.51	2.08	520.67	32.86
54	0.94	428.29	17.80	2.22	531.89	33.48
55	0.77	475.81	18.10	2.20	567.93	34.13
56	0.70	433.26	18.41	2.12	724.35	34.78
57	0.77	464.94	18.72	1.97	614.85	35.45
58	0.75	456.31	19.03	1.90	630.95	36.12
59	0.83	493.82	19.35	1.85	677.75	36.82
60	0.94	684.68	19.68	1.84	818.50	37.52
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State	State-wide HDDs in 2009	Average thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of NG used for space heat by residential homes with NWGFs in 2009	Proxy Variable (Mcf NG used per HDD)
Colorado	6953	60.07	0.0086
Idaho*	7145	55.99	0.0078
Illinois	6319	70.70	0.0112
Iowa*	7104	65.62	0.0092
Massachusetts	6472	64.84	0.0100
Michigan	7005	70.70	0.0101
Minnesota*	8909	65.62	0.0074
Montana*	8143	55.99	0.0069
Nebraska*	6712	54.80	0.0082
New York*	6368	59.18	0.0093
North Dakota*	9674	65.62	0.0068
South Dakota*	7985	65.62	0.0082
Utah*	6607	55.99	0.0085
Wisconsin	7747	70.670	0.0091
Wyoming*	8078	55.99	0.0069

 Table 4: State-Specific Natural Gas Consumption Proxy Variables

# Table 5: Average Simulated Space Heating costs per unit with NWGFs without Climate Change (\$s)

Year	CO	ID	IL	IA	MA	MI	MN	MT	NE	NY	ND	SD	UT	WI	WY
0	386.52	436.08	434.05	409.17	767.02	519.58	432.38	372.01	338.12	539.80	347.01	403.10	479.83	495.78	392.57
1	398.81	443.61	445.87	419.07	786.06	528.88	443.74	383.03	348.70	549.50	358.86	411.74	494.84	506.77	404.83
2	411.56	451.23	458.11	429.14	805.65	538.30	455.26	394.29	359.67	559.30	371.18	420.55	510.25	518.03	417.58
3	424.76	458.96	470.29	439.46	825.59	547.93	467.38	405.91	370.99	569.45	383.89	429.58	526.17	529.38	430.81
4	438.31	466.96	483.08	450.01	846.18	557.75	479.55	417.87	382.66	579.74	396.92	438.85	542.47	541.33	444.36
5	452.17	474.95	496.51	460.82	867.38	567.85	492.06	430.29	394.66	590.15	410.69	448.29	559.33	553.36	458.18
6	466.48	483.16	510.10	471.82	889.15	578.02	505.24	442.99	406.93	600.82	424.36	457.91	577.03	565.59	472.62
7	481.25	491.50	524.03	483.05	911.00	588.32	518.41	456.04	419.46	611.52	438.86	467.66	595.08	578.33	487.52
8	496.34	500.01	537.87	494.72	933.65	598.76	532.48	469.42	432.89	622.53	453.80	477.78	613.91	590.83	502.53
9	512.29	508.67	552.43	506.72	957.11	609.57	546.07	483.29	446.44	633.66	469.18	487.83	633.19	603.73	518.11
10	527.93	517.43	567.20	519.30	980.40	620.63	560.09	497.60	460.28	645.24	485.63	498.69	653.50	617.04	534.10
11	544.73	526.43	582.53	531.67	1004.82	631.85	574.97	512.09	474.55	656.82	502.30	509.50	674.00	630.45	550.46
12	561.69	535.79	598.66	544.37	1029.24	643.05	590.31	526.95	488.91	668.74	519.55	520.36	695.21	644.30	567.72
13	579.62	544.94	615.50	557.25	1054.42	654.37	605.81	542.42	504.19	680.48	537.30	531.89	717.43	658.47	585.90
14	597.62	554.52	632.34	570.83	1079.90	665.99	621.80	558.97	520.55	692.34	556.39	543.48	739.80	673.15	604.21
15	617.21	563.84	649.13	584.74	1106.69	677.96	637.83	575.44	536.78	704.71	575.73	555.07	762.83	687.89	623.07
16	637.51	573.72	666.58	599.00	1133.91	690.39	655.02	592.42	552.90	717.37	596.07	567.53	786.33	703.11	642.85
17	657.41	583.46	685.30	613.31	1160.97	702.77	672.58	609.85	569.86	730.69	616.43	580.22	810.80	718.70	663.99
18	678.31	593.73	704.16	628.02	1190.25	715.56	690.49	627.90	587.06	743.62	637.98	592.40	836.28	734.56	683.96
19	698.86	603.80	723.73	642.60	1219.28	728.43	707.41	647.25	605.21	756.63	659.37	605.09	863.27	751.09	705.75
20	720.60	613.82	743.28	658.23	1249.43	741.42	725.67	667.11	623.90	770.38	680.92	618.06	890.15	768.31	728.50
21	743.16	624.34	764.59	673.76	1280.66	755.02	743.95	686.62	643.16	784.44	705.21	631.23	918.13	784.85	750.76
22	767.78	635.21	783.71	689.89	1313.03	768.45	763.80	706.30	663.63	798.91	729.70	644.94	946.92	802.42	775.31
23	792.59	646.09	803.74	705.88	1345.78	782.26	783.44	726.64	684.34	813.01	756.77	658.71	976.31	820.15	798.93
24	817.89	657.30	825.33	723.02	1379.80	795.77	804.42	748.82	705.83	827.57	783.78	671.86	1006.24	838.21	823.50
25	845.11	668.83	845.89	739.54	1414.24	809.74	825.76	770.18	728.66	842.75	810.78	686.80	1037.29	857.03	850.76
26	871.92	680.15	868.37	757.87	1449.39	823.65	847.68	793.42	750.40	858.00	838.75	700.88	1070.20	876.18	877.65
27	899.59	692.40	890.46	776.68	1486.74	838.23	868.90	815.84	773.45	873.16	867.42	716.19	1103.57	895.54	902.80
28	927.92	704.30	913.83	796.10	1522.93	853.41	891.68	841.09	798.37	888.49	898.48	731.51	1138.60	915.55	930.64
29	956.89	716.26	939.96	815.21	1561.79	868.93	915.48	865.14	823.16	904.26	928.49	747.29	1174.90	937.04	959.05
30	985.94	727.96	965.17	834.52	1601.02	884.49	939.26	889.51	848.73	920.48	961.57	762.56	1213.10	957.99	987.59

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31	1014.87	740.54	994.69	855.29	1639.27	900.39	963.61	917.52	875.83	937.88	993.69	779.40	1251.77	979.61	1019.06
32	1045.92	753.21	1019.53	874.90	1681.33	916.51	987.37	944.92	902.73	954.69	1030.91	796.60	1289.57	1001.69	1050.48
33	1078.27	765.71	1044.14	895.49	1722.02	932.81	1014.21	973.95	930.75	971.77	1068.15	814.74	1328.28	1023.14	1082.27
34	1112.37	778.85	1070.19	917.83	1762.41	948.82	1041.41	1002.79	960.89	989.18	1106.05	833.26	1370.63	1046.65	1114.26
35	1147.44	792.32	1098.36	940.47	1805.85	965.66	1069.81	1030.94	991.59	1007.08	1149.90	851.20	1413.91	1069.37	1148.05
36	1184.27	806.08	1127.15	964.01	1850.49	982.98	1097.78	1062.74	1021.96	1025.84	1190.22	868.42	1458.80	1094.32	1186.63
37	1221.07	818.75	1156.28	986.51	1894.65	1000.99	1124.14	1093.56	1054.16	1043.23	1236.61	886.80	1504.83	1119.99	1224.30
38	1259.37	832.68	1187.14	1009.96	1942.39	1018.68	1154.34	1124.69	1088.01	1061.94	1281.79	904.02	1551.75	1145.30	1261.43
39	1298.14	847.22	1219.97	1033.77	1991.45	1036.59	1184.02	1157.17	1121.97	1081.57	1323.36	922.90	1600.54	1171.18	1299.89
40	1337.61	861.67	1255.28	1059.46	2043.02	1055.47	1215.45	1191.31	1157.26	1101.37	1361.40	944.55	1647.87	1196.70	1337.89
41	1380.93	876.43	1286.54	1085.79	2094.47	1073.98	1246.12	1227.71	1192.87	1121.92	1406.47	964.79	1697.93	1223.04	1380.79
42	1426.82	892.02	1320.70	1114.14	2146.55	1093.83	1281.86	1264.94	1227.78	1141.83	1450.93	985.72	1751.93	1251.04	1421.39
43	1475.96	908.02	1358.40	1140.56	2200.50	1114.31	1314.27	1305.14	1268.51	1162.39	1505.45	1006.18	1803.23	1279.53	1464.39
44	1524.81	923.94	1388.78	1167.24	2253.14	1134.30	1349.08	1340.63	1309.20	1183.71	1555.15	1027.00	1859.84	1308.95	1509.12
45	1573.65	939.93	1429.81	1195.45	2312.06	1155.57	1381.99	1381.64	1350.85	1205.38	1607.96	1047.26	1917.93	1337.71	1555.83
46	1622.18	955.77	1473.85	1225.85	2366.79	1176.63	1418.65	1422.71	1393.54	1226.88	1671.15	1070.22	1973.45	1366.71	1603.36
47	1673.58	972.44	1513.07	1255.19	2424.54	1197.90	1455.79	1465.69	1437.60	1249.15	1732.99	1092.15	2034.95	1397.72	1653.27
48	1729.45	987.61	1557.36	1284.62	2480.98	1219.85	1489.87	1511.88	1481.08	1272.94	1788.19	1118.03	2100.42	1426.72	1707.41
49	1782.91	1004.12	1600.79	1313.97	2543.91	1242.03	1529.11	1556.95	1528.15	1296.27	1855.21	1140.53	2164.37	1458.32	1758.07
50	1842.67	1021.88	1639.25	1343.57	2607.69	1264.21	1569.99	1602.63	1576.21	1320.50	1925.08	1163.53	2232.86	1490.33	1819.36
51	1903.13	1040.53	1689.70	1374.18	2668.41	1286.78	1613.39	1646.68	1620.59	1343.89	1984.27	1189.47	2301.95	1524.21	1870.13
52	1961.32	1058.41	1738.70	1406.74	2736.72	1310.12	1657.42	1695.15	1672.53	1368.41	2050.39	1214.20	2374.99	1558.91	1930.23
53	2025.69	1077.53	1785.59	1442.70	2801.26	1332.89	1701.13	1741.06	1723.95	1392.68	2130.48	1238.86	2453.92	1595.06	1989.44
54	2091.61	1097.30	1828.64	1478.44	2866.64	1356.61	1747.32	1791.23	1774.23	1417.10	2206.74	1266.66	2527.33	1629.87	2053.98
55	2162.51	1115.87	1879.75	1513.10	2934.85	1380.33	1796.80	1849.14	1836.11	1442.92	2282.96	1294.57	2607.89	1666.19	2117.99
56	2229.14	1135.57	1933.58	1549.25	3009.29	1406.43	1848.18	1906.67	1895.75	1468.50	2371.33	1320.28	2695.68	1699.43	2180.99
57	2291.68	1154.27	1991.72	1589.25	3082.71	1431.30	1897.42	1965.46	1949.30	1494.23	2458.79	1347.42	2781.21	1735.93	2247.24
58	2370.90	1175.12	2046.95	1631.22	3157.70	1456.19	1943.77	2019.58	2009.98	1521.09	2535.43	1375.00	2870.04	1777.18	2323.74
59	2440.07	1197.40	2103.03	1671.31	3238.85	1482.17	1993.80	2077.66	2068.10	1547.44	2618.13	1401.89	2959.67	1814.34	2392.13
60	2518.75	1217.03	2157.43	1712.04	3320.45	1510.80	2045.00	2131.96	2128.27	1575.90	2704.15	1432.05	3051.16	1854.34	2468.30

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# Table 6: Average Simulated Space Heating costs per unit with NWGFs with Climate Change (\$s)

Year	CO	ID	IL	IA	MA	MI	MN	MT	NE	NY	ND	SD	UT	WI	WY
0	386.52	436.08	434.05	409.17	767.02	519.58	432.38	372.01	338.12	539.80	347.01	403.10	479.83	495.78	392.57
1	396.75	440.55	443.33	417.28	781.95	526.54	441.12	381.32	346.95	546.15	356.90	409.90	492.33	504.51	402.96
2	407.16	444.93	452.70	425.59	797.13	533.57	450.09	390.82	355.90	552.58	367.09	416.78	505.22	513.34	413.62
3	418.04	449.38	462.34	434.06	812.96	540.60	459.24	400.44	365.23	559.15	377.43	423.93	518.41	522.39	424.39
4	429.14	453.95	472.19	442.81	828.50	547.78	468.58	410.53	374.72	565.69	388.02	431.12	531.77	531.63	435.57
5	440.24	458.59	482.52	451.74	844.33	554.99	477.80	420.72	384.20	572.14	398.92	438.18	545.65	541.15	447.35
6	451.67	463.21	492.73	460.63	860.32	562.40	487.52	431.23	394.20	578.73	410.07	445.52	559.95	550.52	459.22
7	463.56	467.95	502.81	469.52	877.09	569.84	497.45	441.99	404.49	585.52	421.80	453.06	574.50	560.00	471.24
8	475.95	472.49	513.75	478.60	893.87	577.38	507.16	452.55	414.70	592.16	433.53	460.53	589.45	569.82	484.01
9	488.92	476.96	524.62	488.35	911.35	584.95	517.38	463.68	425.41	598.97	445.94	468.20	604.25	579.59	496.74
10	501.61	481.83	535.01	497.97	928.82	592.35	527.76	475.48	436.45	605.80	458.19	476.07	619.68	589.72	509.74
11	515.07	486.15	546.30	507.55	946.81	600.07	538.35	487.16	447.93	612.84	470.69	484.07	635.66	600.27	522.98
12	528.01	490.69	557.64	517.85	965.34	607.96	549.12	499.87	459.81	619.63	483.85	491.78	652.36	610.76	536.89
13	541.92	495.26	569.56	528.21	983.44	615.96	560.61	512.48	471.72	626.62	497.77	499.83	668.43	621.62	550.44
14	555.78	499.78	581.22	538.72	1002.13	623.95	571.28	525.38	484.11	633.58	511.06	508.10	685.70	631.93	564.68
15	570.63	504.71	593.13	549.43	1021.13	632.10	582.40	538.23	496.51	640.76	525.38	516.49	703.36	643.21	580.05
16	585.09	509.43	605.79	560.22	1040.06	640.19	594.27	551.45	509.28	647.80	539.93	525.00	721.25	654.26	595.13
17	600.08	514.50	619.00	571.44	1059.40	648.63	606.50	565.00	522.43	655.19	554.86	533.92	739.23	665.50	611.76
18	614.95	519.35	632.56	582.74	1079.54	656.85	617.17	579.57	535.56	662.33	570.38	542.85	758.10	676.69	626.65
19	631.19	524.08	645.71	593.51	1099.33	665.52	628.83	594.15	549.22	669.76	586.77	551.43	777.61	687.73	642.38
20	648.27	528.91	659.83	605.11	1120.18	674.30	640.88	608.20	563.68	676.97	604.02	559.85	797.05	699.59	659.60
21	665.33	533.79	674.31	616.50	1142.51	682.86	652.95	622.96	577.30	684.32	620.64	569.87	817.63	711.53	676.02
22	682.33	538.40	687.93	627.89	1165.16	691.45	665.61	637.54	591.97	692.05	636.65	578.76	838.21	723.76	692.43
23	700.47	543.26	703.12	640.12	1186.51	700.33	678.10	653.58	607.08	699.47	653.69	588.14	859.16	736.09	709.66
24	718.75	548.22	716.70	652.06	1208.50	709.31	690.77	669.65	623.08	706.73	672.21	597.80	880.72	748.42	726.67
25	738.38	553.11	729.79	664.09	1230.60	718.46	704.19	686.66	638.64	714.80	691.04	607.82	903.00	761.85	744.32
26	756.96	558.43	743.90	676.86	1253.31	727.69	717.79	702.56	654.67	722.25	710.36	618.25	926.43	774.48	765.00
27	777.24	563.48	758.43	689.97	1276.42	737.09	732.18	720.41	670.43	729.88	730.44	628.32	950.32	788.14	784.73
28	795.85	568.23	773.01	703.68	1301.40	746.70	745.65	737.57	686.85	738.00	751.13	638.13	974.03	801.90	805.66
29	816.78	573.03	789.03	718.34	1325.25	755.80	759.87	756.25	704.80	746.05	771.91	648.75	998.59	816.75	827.99
30	836.69	577.80	805.38	731.85	1349.87	765.55	775.23	773.68	723.72	753.81	792.28	659.73	1024.02	829.97	850.23

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31	858.90	582.43	823.74	746.18	1375.07	775.10	789.43	791.64	740.06	762.11	815.63	669.46	1049.56	843.80	870.92
32	881.81	587.43	841.25	760.89	1399.30	784.29	803.58	812.93	758.22	769.62	838.30	679.43	1075.44	857.57	891.74
33	902.85	592.66	858.02	775.17	1423.87	794.27	819.65	832.58	776.64	777.71	863.34	690.38	1103.07	871.23	914.00
34	926.33	597.42	874.14	790.01	1450.32	804.33	834.01	854.95	797.32	785.19	885.36	700.73	1131.19	886.18	934.37
35	949.50	602.10	893.39	804.89	1476.00	814.44	850.32	876.30	817.48	792.33	910.31	711.56	1160.07	899.70	958.11
36	971.20	606.76	911.00	819.78	1503.96	824.52	867.74	898.04	837.81	800.91	934.34	722.93	1188.61	915.19	982.68
37	998.49	612.40	929.56	835.24	1532.11	834.68	883.81	919.80	859.48	808.21	959.31	735.12	1218.83	930.31	1007.19
38	1022.59	617.52	946.41	853.67	1561.31	845.28	900.74	940.86	881.33	815.83	986.71	747.37	1250.03	946.20	1030.42
39	1050.44	622.31	962.64	868.45	1588.41	855.22	917.97	963.65	903.13	823.50	1016.02	759.82	1280.86	962.21	1055.93
40	1075.54	626.57	979.78	886.73	1616.23	865.73	932.84	986.01	925.91	831.84	1044.02	772.27	1312.14	977.67	1082.24
41	1103.64	631.19	997.14	903.64	1644.88	876.39	948.65	1006.64	950.24	840.38	1075.07	783.72	1345.29	994.72	1110.42
42	1129.71	636.87	1016.64	920.36	1675.15	887.13	966.72	1030.14	973.27	848.49	1104.40	796.34	1379.18	1010.85	1136.62
43	1159.96	641.37	1037.57	937.92	1703.73	898.25	984.57	1052.66	997.76	857.06	1130.71	807.88	1412.99	1027.34	1165.34
44	1186.55	645.59	1057.02	955.37	1733.76	909.30	1003.20	1077.63	1021.63	865.41	1163.75	821.22	1448.19	1044.79	1196.72
45	1216.63	649.97	1076.19	972.43	1765.39	920.60	1021.26	1101.83	1047.27	874.12	1196.63	833.61	1482.72	1061.92	1227.59
46	1245.82	654.21	1095.38	990.16	1797.64	931.99	1036.68	1128.56	1074.48	881.69	1229.77	847.75	1518.88	1079.31	1263.17
47	1276.63	658.82	1117.48	1009.12	1831.15	943.65	1054.52	1155.21	1100.68	889.45	1259.81	860.87	1556.14	1097.33	1296.14
48	1311.95	663.51	1141.09	1026.56	1863.70	954.97	1071.48	1182.07	1128.92	897.84	1294.16	875.09	1594.10	1114.88	1327.41
49	1345.90	667.46	1165.30	1045.04	1898.91	967.12	1091.83	1210.16	1155.40	905.71	1329.76	889.20	1631.94	1132.79	1357.87
50	1378.69	671.93	1187.51	1063.49	1932.03	978.74	1110.80	1238.21	1183.96	914.66	1361.60	903.54	1671.24	1150.46	1390.55
51	1414.00	676.17	1210.48	1083.35	1965.81	990.21	1130.33	1268.19	1213.64	923.56	1395.12	919.36	1714.50	1169.30	1426.61
52	1450.30	680.98	1230.20	1105.51	1998.26	1002.99	1150.55	1298.02	1246.51	930.96	1432.16	933.99	1759.19	1187.14	1463.71
53	1483.55	685.04	1252.51	1126.34	2032.46	1015.00	1170.44	1327.01	1280.37	939.04	1474.68	949.07	1800.20	1205.59	1501.22
54	1522.67	689.80	1273.05	1148.94	2068.49	1026.93	1190.06	1357.59	1309.71	946.34	1513.41	964.72	1844.13	1224.80	1538.04
55	1560.17	693.75	1298.21	1169.44	2103.20	1038.96	1211.75	1389.45	1338.97	954.50	1547.42	979.48	1887.05	1244.33	1577.08
56	1598.96	697.63	1322.82	1191.83	2138.83	1051.48	1232.24	1420.48	1370.53	962.87	1586.45	994.21	1931.56	1263.84	1617.04
57	1633.46	701.43	1352.03	1212.85	2173.24	1064.08	1253.44	1451.41	1403.82	970.69	1628.32	1009.37	1980.26	1285.10	1655.52
58	1669.14	705.11	1374.65	1235.63	2212.34	1076.04	1275.54	1486.76	1435.44	978.39	1676.50	1025.54	2030.41	1306.61	1698.85
59	1708.16	709.63	1396.77	1259.82	2246.63	1088.62	1300.85	1522.80	1470.27	987.03	1722.93	1041.29	2076.69	1326.86	1738.77
60	1753.29	713.21	1422.97	1281.88	2283.48	1100.57	1320.98	1559.70	1508.47	995.40	1768.50	1056.82	2124.13	1349.67	1780.73



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	Total Average	Total Average	Discounted	Discounted	Metric	Metric Tons		
	Savings	Savings	Average	Savings	Tons CO <sub>2</sub>	$CO_2$ Saved		
State	of UTES	per Home	Savings	per Home	Saved	per Home		
Colorado	\$ 6,015,267	\$ 120,305	\$ 1,302,426	\$ 26,049	9.37	0.19		
Idaho	\$ 4,904,416	\$ 98,088	\$ 1,163,871	\$ 23,277	8.30	0.17		
Illinois	\$ 5,825,176	\$ 116,504	\$ 1,305,053	\$ 26,101	10.77	0.22		
Iowa	\$ 5,336,291	\$ 106,726	\$ 1,217,034	\$ 24,341	9.82	0.20		
Massachusetts	\$ 7,720,625	\$ 154,412	\$ 1,791,244	\$ 35,825	9.96	0.20		
Michigan	\$ 5,376,963	\$ 107,539	\$ 1,285,059	\$ 25,701	10.70	0.21		
Minnesota	\$ 5,729,043	\$ 114,581	\$ 1,289,871	\$ 25,797	9.74	0.19		
Montana	\$ 5,637,627	\$ 112,753	\$ 1,238,656	\$ 24,773	8.43	0.17		
Nebraska	\$ 5,529,871	\$ 110,597	\$ 1,200,315	\$ 24,006	8.04	0.16		
New York	\$ 5,491,818	\$ 109,836	\$ 1,314,404	\$ 26,288	8.91	0.18		
North Dakota	\$ 5,928,003	\$ 118,560	\$ 1,263,024	\$ 25,260	9.64	0.19		
South Dakota	\$ 5,052,026	\$ 101,041	\$ 1,169,045	\$ 23,381	9.57	0.19		
Utah	\$ 6,719,967	\$ 134,399	\$ 1,464,502	\$ 29,290	8.52	0.17		
Wisconsin	\$ 5,678,315	\$ 113,566	\$ 1,319,001	\$ 26,380	10.69	0.21		
Wyoming	\$ 6,001,354	\$ 120,027	\$ 1,304,019	\$ 26,080	8.56	0.17		

Table 7: Funding: Municipal Bonds, No Climate Change

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# Table 8: Funding: Residential COOP, No Climate Change

	Total Average	Total Average	Discounted	Discounted	Metric	Metric Tons
	Savings	Savings	Average	Savings	Tons CO <sub>2</sub>	$CO_2$ Saved
State	of UTES	per Home	Savings	per Home	Saved	per Home
Colorado	\$ 6,010,143	\$ 120,203	\$ 1,011,814	\$ 20,236	9.37	0.19
Idaho	\$ 4,897,841	\$ 97,957	\$ 927,407	\$ 18,548	8.30	0.17
Illinois	\$ 5,823,194	\$ 116,464	\$ 1,022,979	\$ 20,460	10.77	0.22
Iowa	\$ 5,348,632	\$ 106,973	\$ 961,028	\$ 19,221	9.82	0.20
Massachusetts	\$ 7,732,262	\$ 154,645	\$ 1,407,415	\$ 28,148	9.96	0.20
Michigan	\$ 5,376,833	\$ 107,537	\$ 1,023,758	\$ 20,475	10.70	0.21
Minnesota	\$ 5,719,982	\$ 114,400	\$ 1,012,150	\$ 20,243	9.74	0.19
Montana	\$ 5,621,637	\$ 112,433	\$ 966,097	\$ 19,322	8.43	0.17
Nebraska	\$ 5,513,118	\$ 110,262	\$ 936,635	\$ 18,733	8.04	0.16
New York	\$ 5,490,209	\$ 109,804	\$ 1,046,776	\$ 20,936	8.91	0.18
North Dakota	\$ 5,946,414	\$ 118,928	\$ 981,103	\$ 19,622	9.64	0.19
South Dakota	\$ 5,056,415	\$ 101,128	\$ 928,057	\$ 18,561	9.57	0.19
Utah	\$ 6,718,120	\$ 134,362	\$ 1,138,177	\$ 22,764	8.52	0.17
Wisconsin	\$ 5,673,152	\$ 113,463	\$ 1,043,017	\$ 20,860	10.69	0.21
Wyoming	\$ 6,004,617	\$ 120,092	\$ 1,015,371	\$ 20,307	8.56	0.17

	Total Average Savings	Total Average	Discounted	Discounted	Metric	Metric Tons
	of LITES	Souings	Average	Souings	Tone CO	CO Saved
	010123	Savings	Average	Savings	Tons CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> Saveu
State		per Home	Savings	per Home	Saved	per Home
Colorado	\$ 5,320,325	\$ 106,407	\$ 1,203,927	\$ 24,079	7.92	0.16
Idaho	\$ 4,368,606	\$ 87,372	\$ 1,076,958	\$ 21,539	6.59	0.13
Illinois	\$ 5,143,519	\$ 102,870	\$ 1,204,186	\$ 24,084	8.93	0.18
Iowa	\$ 4,925,854	\$ 98,517	\$ 1,154,417	\$ 23,088	8.56	0.17
Massachusetts	\$ 6,760,273	\$ 135,205	\$ 1,645,329	\$ 32,907	8.39	0.17
Michigan	\$ 4,960,343	\$ 99,207	\$ 1,217,973	\$ 24,359	9.28	0.19
Minnesota	\$ 5,066,382	\$ 101,328	\$ 1,190,126	\$    23,803	8.01	0.16
Montana	\$ 5,132,233	\$ 102,645	\$ 1,164,589	\$ 23,292	7.30	0.15
Nebraska	\$ 4,993,161	\$ 99,863	\$ 1,124,167	\$    22 <i>,</i> 483	6.83	0.14
New York	\$ 4,891,601	\$ 97,832	\$ 1,217,504	\$ 24,350	7.28	0.15
North Dakota	\$ 5,235,588	\$ 104,712	\$ 1,166,433	\$ 23,329	8.05	0.16
South Dakota	\$ 4,680,289	\$ 93,606	\$ 1,111,330	\$ 22,227	8.29	0.17
Utah	\$ 5,937,544	\$ 118,751	\$ 1,352,602	\$ 27,052	7.23	0.14
Wisconsin	\$ 5,179,301	\$ 103,586	\$ 1,242,824	\$ 24,856	9.26	0.19
Wyoming	\$ 5,377,907	\$ 107,558	\$ 1,216,103	\$ 24,322	7.37	0.15

# Table 9: Funding: Municipal Bonds, Climate Change

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# Table 10: Funding: Residential COOP, Climate Change

	Total Average Savings	Total Average	Discounted	Discounted	Motric	Motric Tons
	Total Average Savings	Total Average	Discounted	Discounted	wiethc	Metric Toris
	of UTES	Savings	Average	Savings	Tons CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> Saved
State		per Home	Savings	per Home	Saved	per Home
Colorado	\$ 5,339,586	\$ 106,792	\$ 949,631	\$ 18,993	7.92	0.16
Idaho	\$ 4,370,799	\$ 87,416	\$ 868,523	\$ 17,370	6.59	0.13
Illinois	\$ 5,160,415	\$ 103,208	\$ 955,839	\$ 19,117	8.93	0.18
Iowa	\$ 4,908,211	\$ 98,164	\$ 915,985	\$ 18,320	8.56	0.17
Massachusetts	\$ 6,756,487	\$ 135,130	\$ 1,307,848	\$ 26,157	8.39	0.17
Michigan	\$ 4,963,019	\$ 99,260	\$ 977,595	\$ 19,552	9.28	0.19
Minnesota	\$ 5,034,578	\$ 100,692	\$ 943,275	\$ 18,866	8.01	0.16
Montana	\$ 5,138,821	\$ 102,776	\$ 920,185	\$ 18,404	7.30	0.15
Nebraska	\$ 4,983,265	\$ 99,665	\$ 884,929	\$ 17,699	6.83	0.14
New York	\$ 4,883,334	\$ 97,667	\$ 979,319	\$ 19,586	7.28	0.15
North Dakota	\$ 5,218,077	\$ 104,362	\$ 914,614	\$ 18,292	8.05	0.16
South Dakota	\$ 4,668,370	\$ 93,367	\$ 886,055	\$ 17,721	8.29	0.17
Utah	\$ 5,935,454	\$ 118,709	\$ 1,063,389	\$ 21,268	7.23	0.14
Wisconsin	\$ 5,196,317	\$ 103,926	\$ 992,653	\$ 19,853	9.26	0.19
Wyoming	\$ 5,382,144	\$ 107,643	\$ 956,854	\$ 19,137	7.37	0.15