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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040
Report	Annual Energy Outlook 2016																										
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58. Renewable Energy Generation by Fuel

United States

Capacity, Generation, and Consumption	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2015-
Electric Power Sector 1/																												
Generating Capacity (gigawatts)																												
Conventional Hydroelectric Power	78.98	79.24	79.47	79.41	79.41	79.75	79.78	79.78	79.78	79.77	79.93	79.98	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.05	80.05	80.08	80.08	80.09	80.09	80.13	80.19	80.33	80.36	80.36	80.40	0.1%
Geothermal 2/	2.47	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.78	3.10	3.40	3.70	3.98	4.24	4.46	4.68	4.95	5.22	5.45	5.63	5.87	6.21	6.36	6.63	6.73	6.84	6.93	7.05	7.14	7.20	4.3%
Municipal Waste 3/	3.73	3.82	3.87	3.87	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	0.0%
Wood and Other Biomass	3.38	3.40	3.40	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.66	3.66	3.67	3.67	3.83	3.87	3.88	4.07	0.7%	
Solar Thermal	1.93	2.04	2.29	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	0.8%
Solar Photovoltaic 4/	8.42	11.71	19.86	24.98	25.49	25.49	25.49	34.86	45.63	51.13	51.43	52.48	53.19	56.25	59.88	62.79	67.62	76.61	88.47	95.72	103.91	117.56	119.44	135.13	137.73	144.77	155.56	10.9%
Wind	64.13	74.38	82.73	84.51	88.52	103.34	120.39	139.99	141.33	141.33	141.33	141.33	141.38	141.49	141.72	141.90	142.00	142.09	142.21	142.28	142.38	142.55	142.60	144.08	144.24	144.51	145.75	2.7%
Offshore Wind	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	--
Total	163.05	177.10	194.15	201.35	205.85	221.29	238.68	267.95	280.36	286.15	286.87	288.19	289.17	292.62	296.75	300.11	305.23	314.57	326.90	334.49	343.04	357.01	359.11	376.67	379.62	387.03	399.36	3.3%
Capacity Additions 5/ (gigawatts)																												
Conventional Hydroelectric Power	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.40	0.40	0.83	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	1.03	1.07	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.14	1.14	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.18	1.22	1.28	1.42	1.45	1.45	1.49	--
Geothermal 2/	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.59	0.89	1.19	1.48	1.74	1.96	2.17	2.45	2.72	2.94	3.13	3.37	3.71	3.86	4.12	4.22	4.34	4.42	4.55	4.64	4.70	--
Municipal Waste 3/	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	--
Wood and Other Biomass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.44	0.47	0.48	0.67	--
Solar Thermal	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	--
Solar Photovoltaic 4/	0.00	0.00	8.15	13.27	13.78	13.78	13.78	23.15	33.92	39.42	39.72	40.77	41.48	44.54	48.17	51.08	55.91	64.89	76.76	84.01	92.20	105.84	107.73	123.42	126.02	133.06	143.85	--
Wind	0.00	0.00	8.38	10.16	14.22	29.05	46.09	65.70	67.04	67.04	67.04	67.04	67.08	67.19	67.42	67.60	67.70	67.79	67.92	67.99	68.13	68.31	68.36	69.83	69.99	70.27	71.50	--
Offshore Wind	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	--
Total	0.00	0.00	17.10	24.52	29.09	44.63	62.02	91.29	103.71	109.49	110.21	111.53	112.51	115.97	120.09	123.46	128.57	137.91	150.25	157.83	166.44	180.40	182.51	200.06	203.02	210.42	222.76	--
Electricity Generation (billion kilowatthours)																												
Conventional Hydroelectric Power	262.25	245.48	254.97	271.44	280.69	292.97	292.73	292.75	292.76	292.79	293.46	293.72	293.86	293.88	293.90	294.22	294.24	294.39	294.41	294.51	294.54	294.79	295.12	295.74	295.93	295.96	296.25	0.8%
Geothermal 2/	15.88	16.68	17.16	17.25	16.97	18.88	21.48	23.87	26.28	28.62	30.77	32.62	34.39	36.71	38.90	40.74	42.27	44.21	47.04	48.30	50.51	51.38	52.35	53.13	54.19	54.97	55.53	4.9%
Biogenic Municipal Waste 6/	17.58	19.41	20.69	20.22	20.38	20.85	20.93	20.47	21.01	20.68	20.62	20.76	20.81	20.19	21.31	20.20	20.76	20.95	21.39	21.56	21.10	21.67	21.21	21.66	22.13	22.18	21.85	0.5%
Wood and Other Biomass	15.08	6.16	5.73	5.01	9.17	9.16	9.40	9.42	9.62	10.84	12.24	13.08	13.39	13.74	13.84	14.71	14.84	13.82	13.57	14.51	13.80	13.78	13.92	14.88	15.41	15.62	17.66	4.3%
Solar Thermal	2.52	3.31	3.49	4.22	4.43	4.46	4.49	4.50	4.52	4.53	4.54	4.55	4.57	4.58	4.59	4.61	4.63	4.64	4.66	4.68	4.69	4.71	4.72	4.74	4.76	4.78	4.80	1.5%
Solar Photovoltaic 4/	14.99	18.82	28.08	44.22	47.58	47.79	47.81	64.46	88.07	102.32	105.24	107.47	109.31	115.82	125.04	132.66	143.46	162.73	188.67	207.92	226.93	256.25	265.95	296.23	308.65	322.68	345.03	12.3%
Wind	180.89	187.54	213.30	231.14	251.33	303.93	364.46	430.68	448.54	449.76	449.86	449.93	450.17	450.74	451.62	452.56	453.10	453.56	454.18	454.65	455.15	455.97	456.42	461.25	463.07	464.25	468.32	3.7%
Offshore Wind	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	--
Total	509.19	497.40	543.44	593.61	630.65	698.15	761.39	846.25	890.89	909.63	916.83	922.23	926.58	935.77	949.30	959.81	973.40	994.41	1,024.02	1,046.23	1,066.82	1,098.65	1,109.78	1,147.73	1,164.24	1,180.54	1,209.53	3.6%
Energy Consumption 7/ (quadrillion Btu)																												
Conventional Hydroelectric Power	2.50	2.34	2.43	2.59	2.68	2.80	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.83	0.8%
Geothermal 2/	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.31	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.41	0.43	0.45	0.46	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.53	4.9%
Biogenic Municipal Waste 6/	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.0%
Wood and Other Biomass	0.19	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.27	3.9%	
Solar Thermal	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	1.5%	
Solar Photovoltaic 4/	0.14	0.18	0.27	0.42	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.62	0.84	0.98	1.00	1.03	1.04	1.11	1.19	1.27	1.37	1.55	1.80	1.98	2.17	2.44	2.54	2.83	2.94	3.08	3.29	12.3%
Wind	173	179	204	221	240	2.90	3.48	4.11	4.28	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.30	4.31	4.32	4.32	4.33	4.33	4.34	4.34	4.35	4.35	4.40	4.42	4.43	4.47	3.7%	
Offshore Wind	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	
Total	4.76	4.63	5.06	5.54	5.91	6.55	7.15	7.97	8.39	8.58	8.65	8.71	8.75	8.85	8.97	9.08	9.21	9.40	9.68	9.89	10.09	10.39	10.50	10.86	11.02	11.17	11.46	3.7%
End-Use Generators 8/																												
Generating Capacity (gigawatts)																												
Conventional Hydroelectric Power	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.0%
Geothermal 2/	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--
Municipal Waste	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	--
Wood and Other Biomass	4.72	4.71	4.72	4.71	4.74	4.74	4.74	4.75	4.76	4.80	4.83	4.87</																

Energy Consumption 7/ (quadrillion Btu)																											
Conventional Hydroelectric Power	2.51	2.35	2.45	2.60	2.69	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.83	2.83	2.84	2.84	2.84	0.8%
Geothermal 2/	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.31	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.41	0.43	0.45	0.46	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	4.9%
Municipal Waste 9/	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.0%
Wood and Other Biomass	0.40	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.39	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.46	0.46	0.47	1.8%
Solar 4/	0.28	0.36	0.49	0.69	0.77	0.83	0.88	1.10	1.36	1.52	1.57	1.62	1.67	1.77	1.90	2.02	2.16	2.39	2.69	2.92	3.14	3.47	3.61	3.94	4.11	4.29	10.7%
Wind	1.74	1.81	2.06	2.24	2.43	2.93	3.51	4.14	4.31	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.33	4.33	4.34	4.35	4.36	4.36	4.37	4.37	4.38	4.39	4.39	4.44	4.46	4.47	3.7%
Total	5.20	5.12	5.60	6.12	6.54	7.23	7.89	8.76	9.22	9.43	9.53	9.62	9.69	9.83	9.99	10.15	10.32	10.56	10.88	11.14	11.39	11.73	11.89	12.30	12.50	12.71	3.8%

1/ Includes electricity-only and combined heat and power plants that have a regulatory status.

2/ Includes both hydrothermal resources (hot water and steam) and near-field enhanced geothermal systems (EGS). Near-field EGS potential occurs on known hydrothermal sites, however this potential requires the addition of external fluids for electricity generation and is only available after 2025.

3/ Includes all municipal waste, landfill gas, and municipal sewage sludge. Incremental growth is assumed to be for landfill gas facilities. All municipal waste is included, although a portion of the municipal waste stream contains petroleum-derived plastics and other non-renewable sources.

4/ Does not include off-grid photovoltaics (PV). Based on annual PV shipments from 1989 through 2014, EIA estimates that as much as 274 megawatts of remote electricity generation PV applications (i.e., off-grid power systems) were in service in 2014, plus an additional 573 megawatts in communications, transportation, and assorted other non-grid-connected, specialized applications. See U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Review 2011, Table 10.9 (annual PV shipments, 1989-2010), and Table 12 (U.S. photovoltaic module shipments by end use, sector, and type) in U.S. Energy Information Administration, Solar Photovoltaic Cell/Module Shipments Report, 2011 and U.S. Energy Information Administration, Solar Photovoltaic Cell/Module Shipment Report, 2012. The approach used to develop the estimate, based on shipment data, provides an upper estimate of the size of the PV stock, including both grid-based and off-grid PV. It will overestimate the size of the stock, because shipments include a substantial number of units that are exported, and each year some of the PV units installed earlier will be retired from service or abandoned.

5/ Cumulative additions after December 31, 2015.

6/ Includes biogenic municipal waste, landfill gas, and municipal sewage sludge. Incremental growth is assumed to be for landfill gas facilities. Only biogenic municipal waste is included. The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that in 2014 approximately 7 billion kilowatthours of electricity were generated from a municipal waste stream containing petroleum-derived plastics and other non-renewable sources. See U.S. Energy Information Administration, Methodology for Allocating Municipal Solid Waste to Biogenic and Non-Biogenic Energy, (Washington, DC, May 2007).

7/ Actual heat rates used to determine fuel consumption for all renewable fuels except hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, and wind. Consumption at hydroelectric, solar, and wind facilities determined by using the fossil fuel equivalent of 9,541 Btu per kilowatthour.

8/ Includes combined heat and power plants and electricity-only plants in the commercial and industrial sectors that have a non-regulatory status; and small on-site generating systems in the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors used primarily for own-use generation, but which may also sell some power to the grid.

9/ Excludes nonbiogenic municipal waste in the electric power sector.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. Data for 2014 are model results and may differ from official EIA data reports.

Sources: 2014 generation: EIA, Monthly Energy Review, February 2016. 2015: EIA, Short-Term Energy Outlook, February 2016 and EIA, AEO2016 National Energy Modeling System run ref2016.d032416a.

Projections: EIA, AEO2016 National Energy Modeling System run ref2016.d032416a.