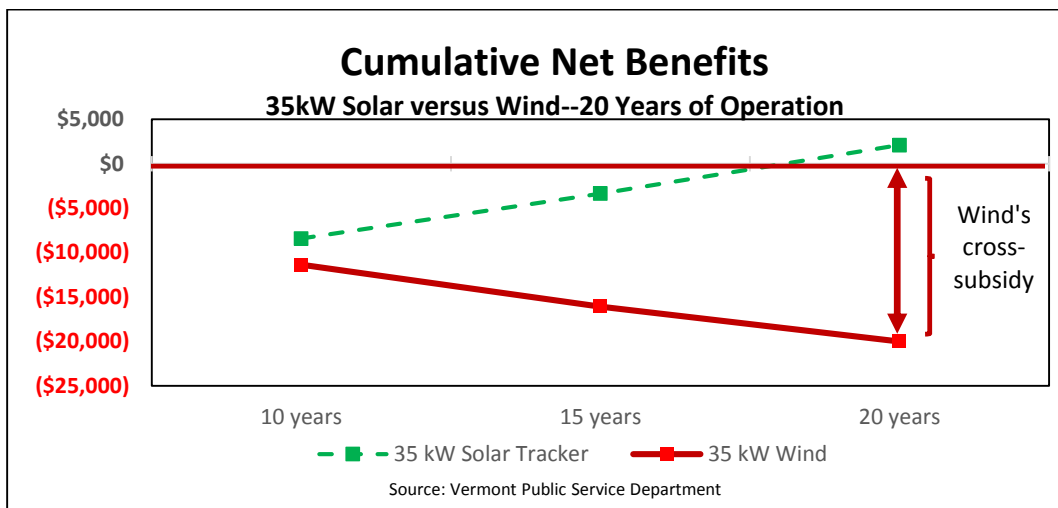




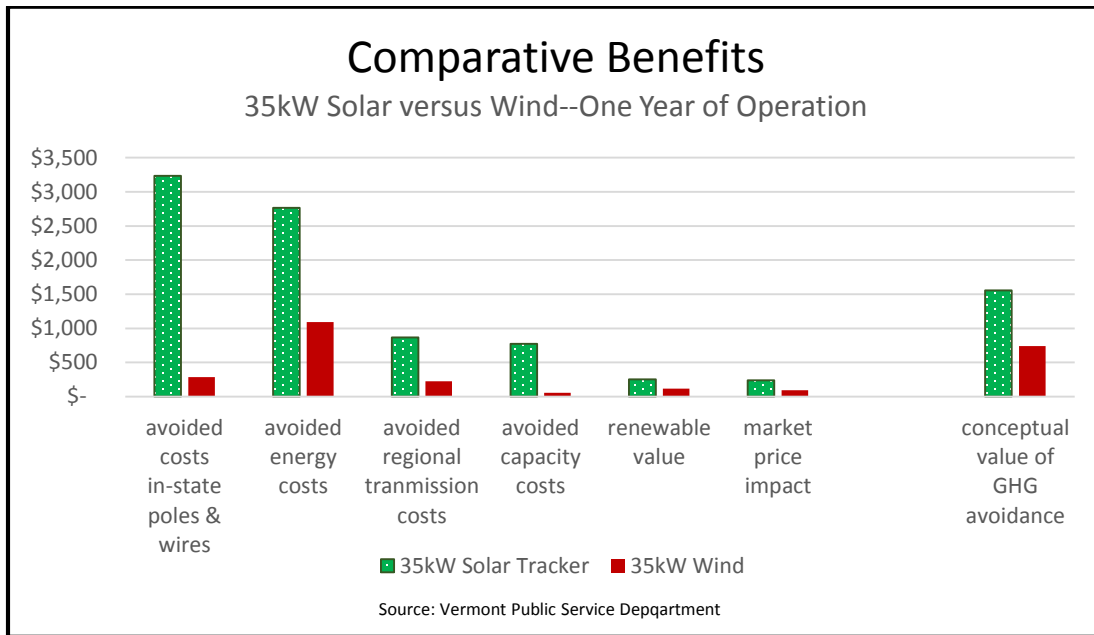
## Position on Net Metering Bill H.702

- Energize Vermont supports H.702's expansion of net metering.
- We are sensitive to the concern that the program requires non-participants to subsidize participants (cross-subsidization).
- Cross-subsidization is perceived to be unfair and could undermine support for net metering.
- According to the PSD, solar net-metering provides net benefits over time. Wind does not—so it requires cross-subsidization.



- A 35 kW wind turbine requires cross-subsidies of \$20,000 over 20 years. A 350 kW turbine requires \$200,000.
- **In order to limit cross-subsidization, Energize Vermont recommends that wind installations larger than 35kW be ineligible for net metering.**

- According to the DPS, a solar tracker provides more than four times as much benefit as a similarly sized wind turbine.



- Solar provides more benefit than wind because solar produces electricity when it's most needed, electricity is most expensive, and the grid is nearest its capacity limit.

