

# Mid-Kansas•Sunflower In the Heart of (SPP) Wind Country

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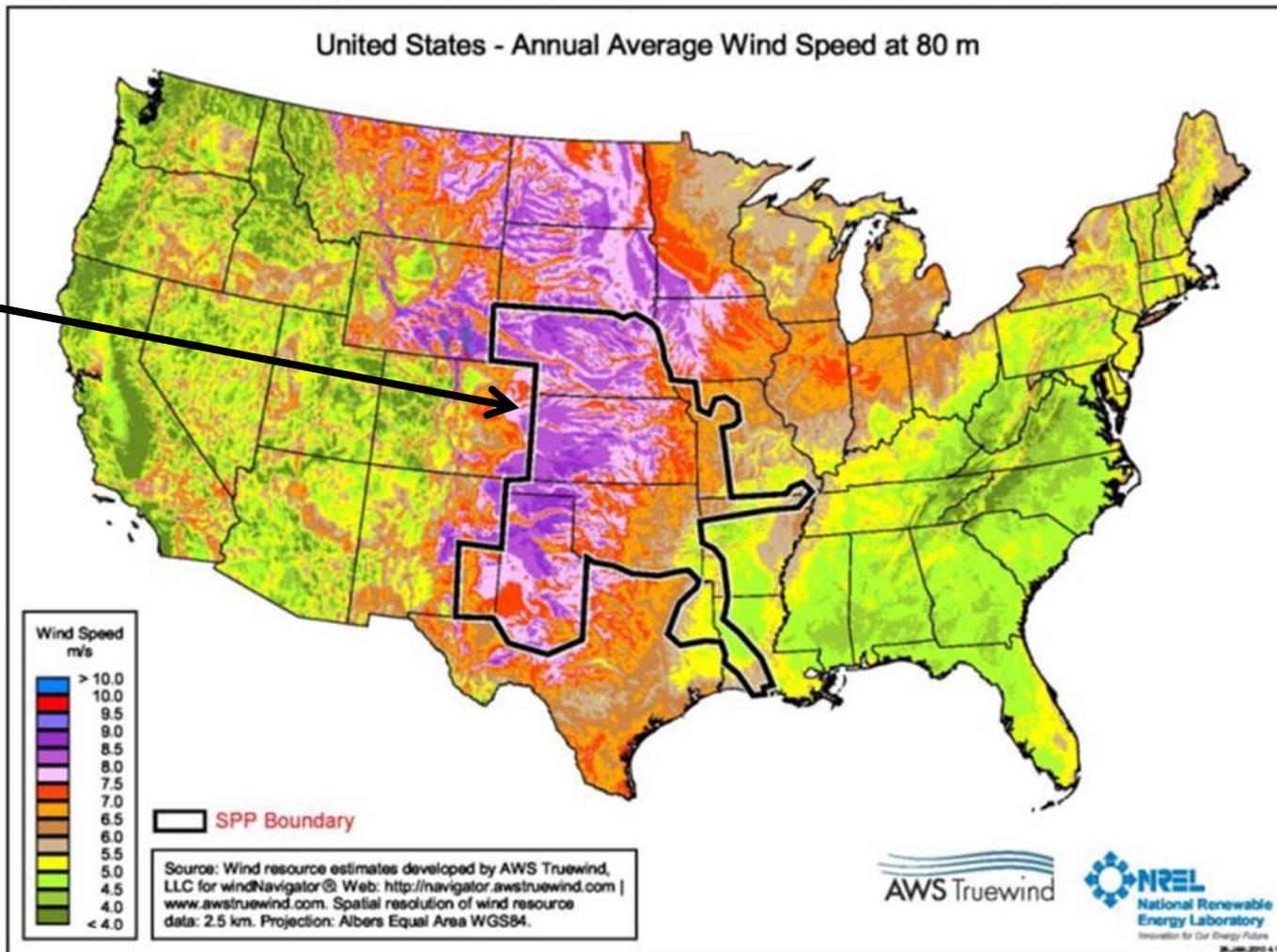
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- Sunflower and Mid-Kansas are
  - Operating G&Ts and Southwest Power Pool TOs
  - Owned by six distribution cooperative members
  - Operated by Sunflower employees
  - With substantial resources
    - Over 2200 miles of SPP transmission lines and 76 substations
    - 1205 MW of coal- and gas-fired generation
  - Serving through Members and other wholesale customers over 146,000 meters in 34 counties in western Kansas
  - Representative of many G&Ts that must integrate substantial wind resources on rural systems

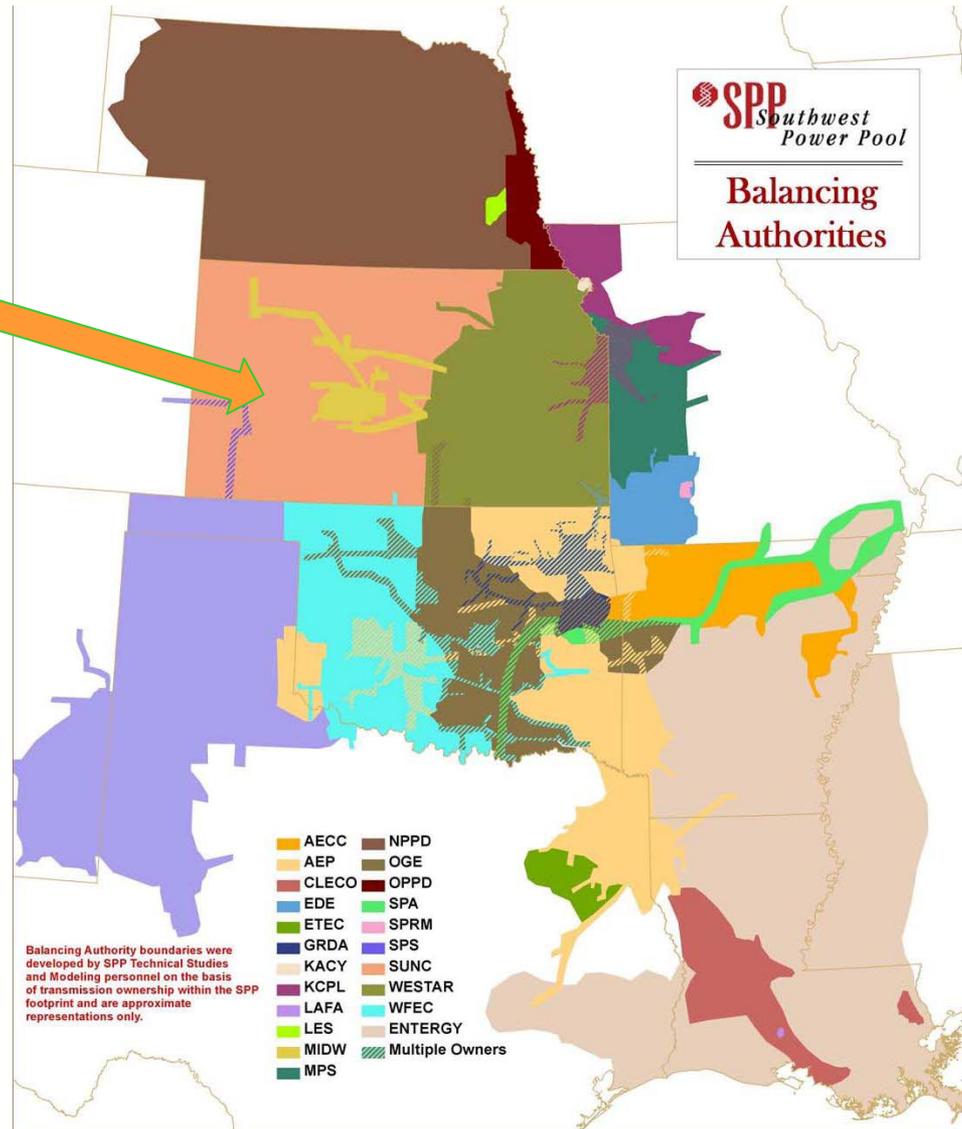
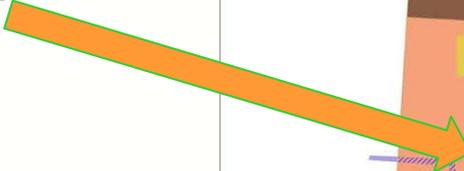
## Annual Average Wind Speed - 80 meters

SPP  
Boundary



# Sunflower's BA – Western Kansas

## Sunflower BA



# And -- the Heart of SPP Wind Country

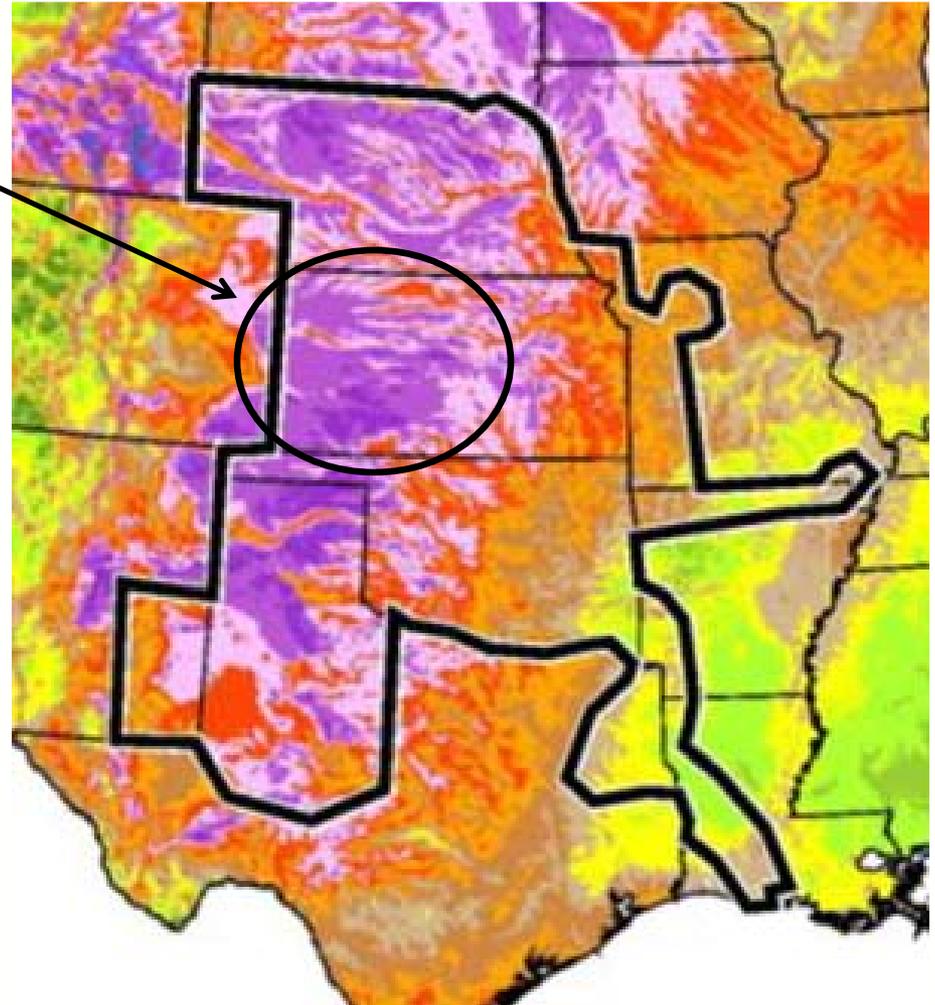
Sunflower/Mid-  
Kansas Footprint

***In SPP -***

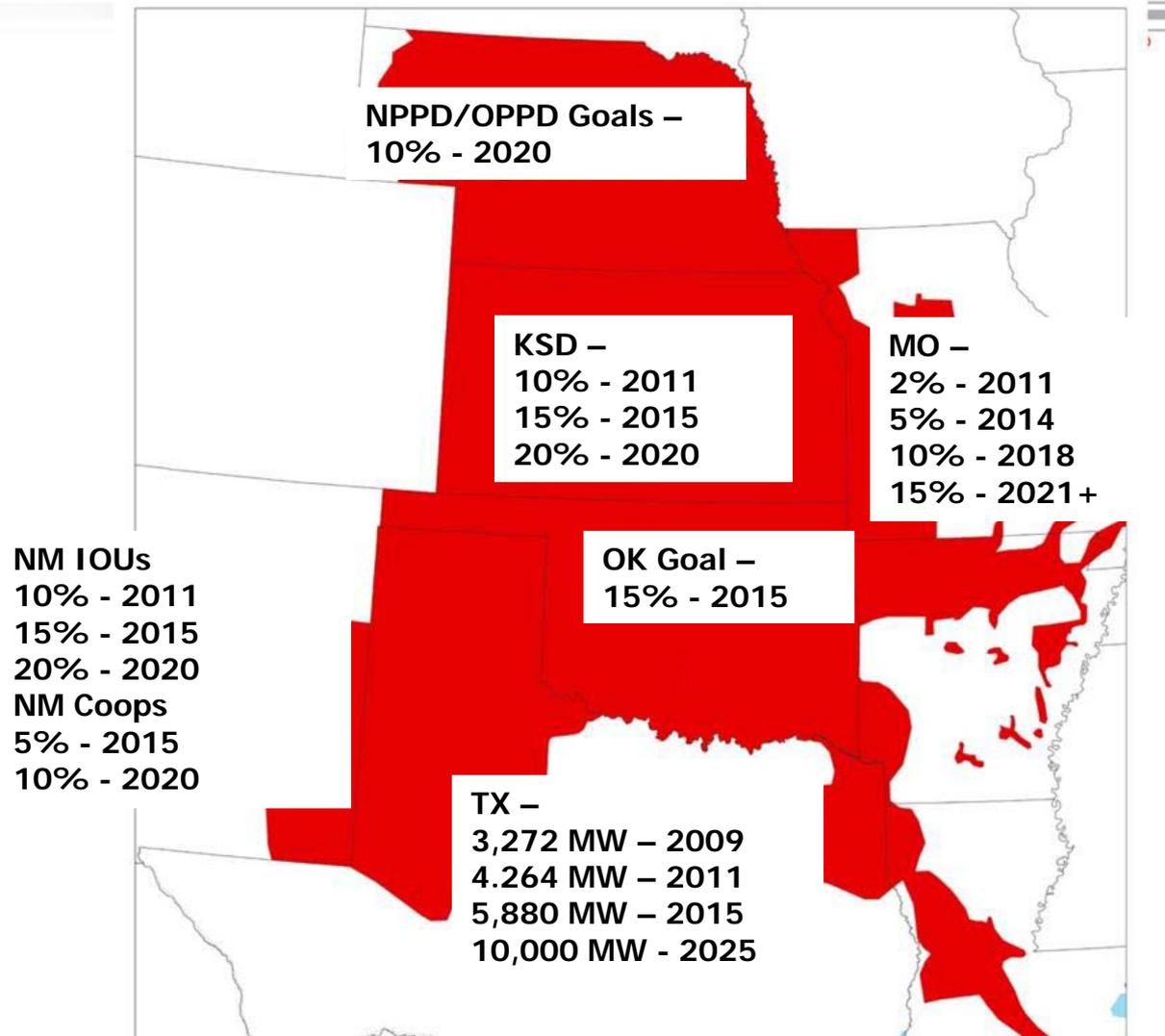
10,560 MW under active study  
14,932 MW with signed IAs

***In Sunflower-Mid-Kansas Area***

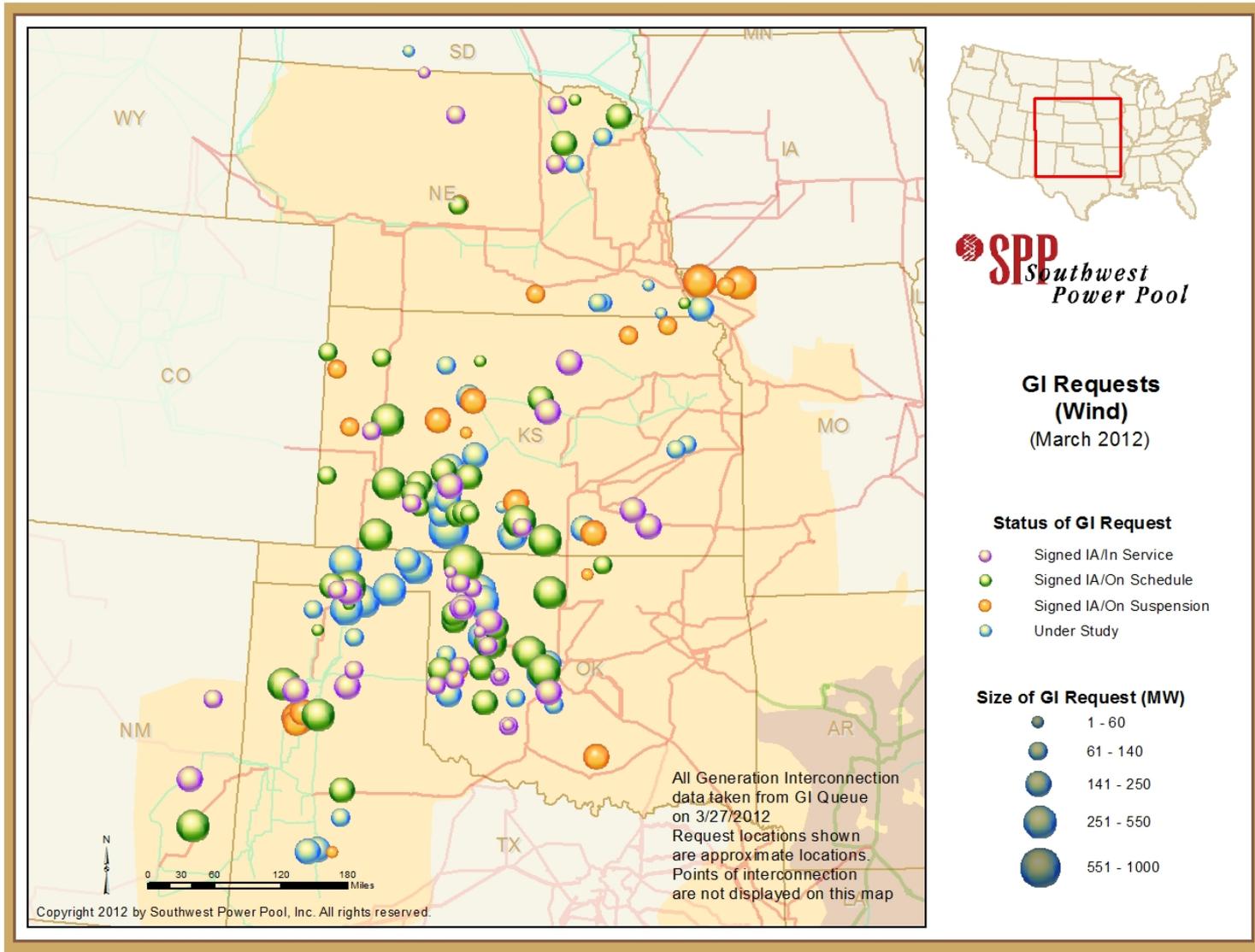
2,882 MW under active study  
2,600 MW with signed IAs



# SPP -- Substantial RPS Mandates and/or Goals



# Sunflower-Mid-Kansas – Host TOs for Significant Wind



LOAD	PEAK	MINIMUM
Sunflower	567	252
Mid-Kansas	582	189
<b>TOTAL BA</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>469</b>

RESOURCES	CAP (MW)	CAP FAC	% PEAK	% MINIMUM
Coal (includes PPA)	530	83%	46.6%	<b>113.0%</b>
Gas/Oil	608	11%	53.2%	<b>129.6%</b>
Wind PPAs (nameplate)	125	40%	10.9%	<b>26.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL SUNFLOWER BA DNRS</b>	1263		111%	
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE SPP WIND GI QUEUE AND SIGNED IAS FOR SUNFLOWER AND MID-KANSAS</b>	<b>5482</b>		<b>480%</b>	<b>1169%</b>

Sunflower/Mid-Kansas data is 2011  
SPP IA data as of March 2012

- IA Studies now focus only on max gen – but low load periods are equally. Studies need to cover
  - Low-load periods - when on-shore wind peaks
  - As well as when wind is off line
- As wind displaces substantial percentages of conventional generation -- *which currently provide damping and reactive support*
  - Effects on reliability in all hours need to be studied
  - Standards for interconnection must ensure that generators – not customers -- take responsibility for inertial response and reactive power