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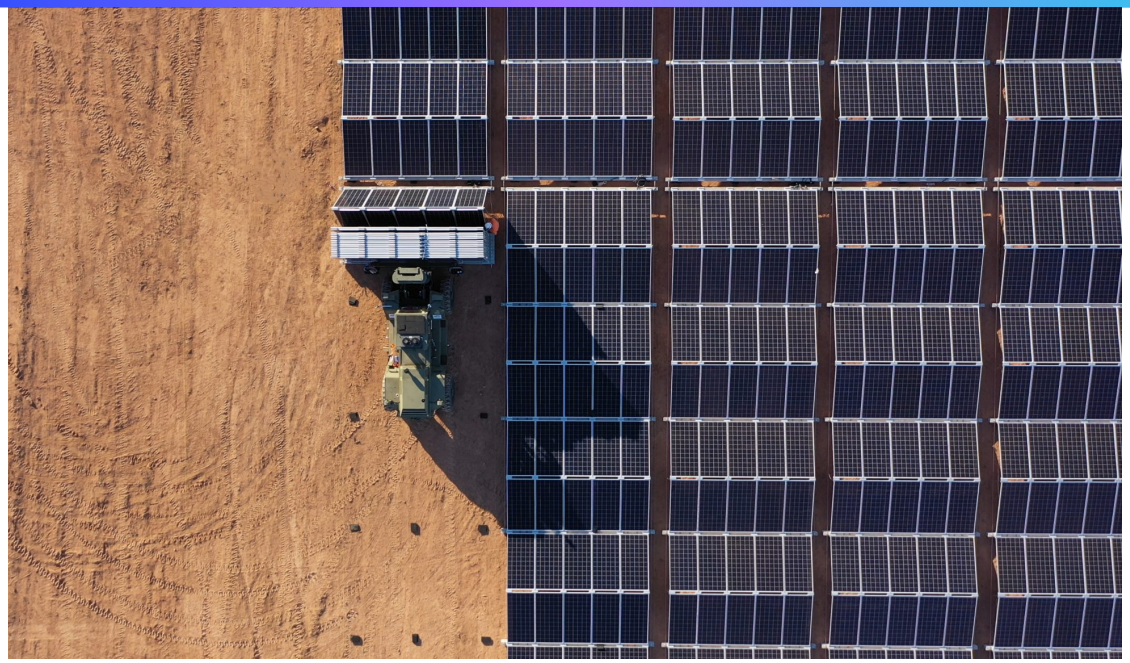

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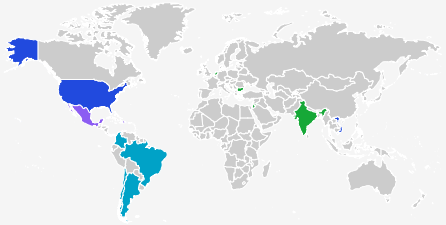
AES at a Glance

Strategic Business Units (SBU)

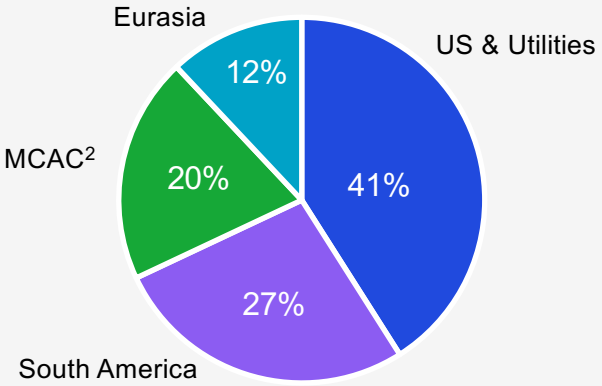


- → US and Utilities
- → South America
- → Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (MCAC)
- → Eurasia

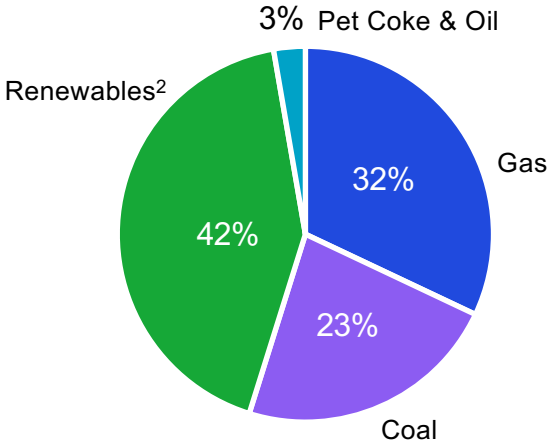
2.6 million

Customers Served by Utilities

Adjusted PTC[1] by SBU



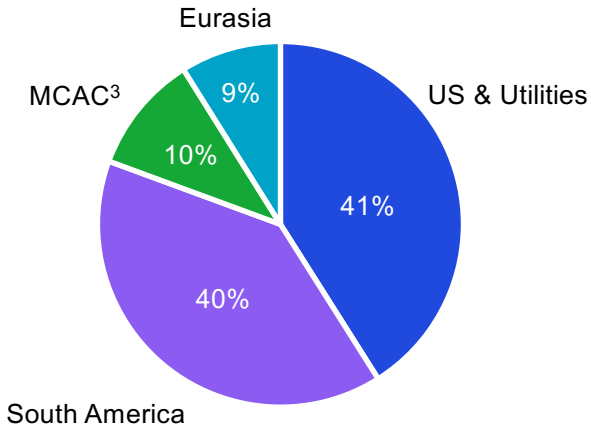
MW in Operation by Fuel Type



31,370

Gross MW in Operation

MW in Operation by SBU



1. A non-GAAP financial measure. See Appendix for definition and reconciliation to the nearest GAAP measure.
2. Renewables includes: hydro, wind, solar, energy storage, biomass and landfill gas.
3. Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

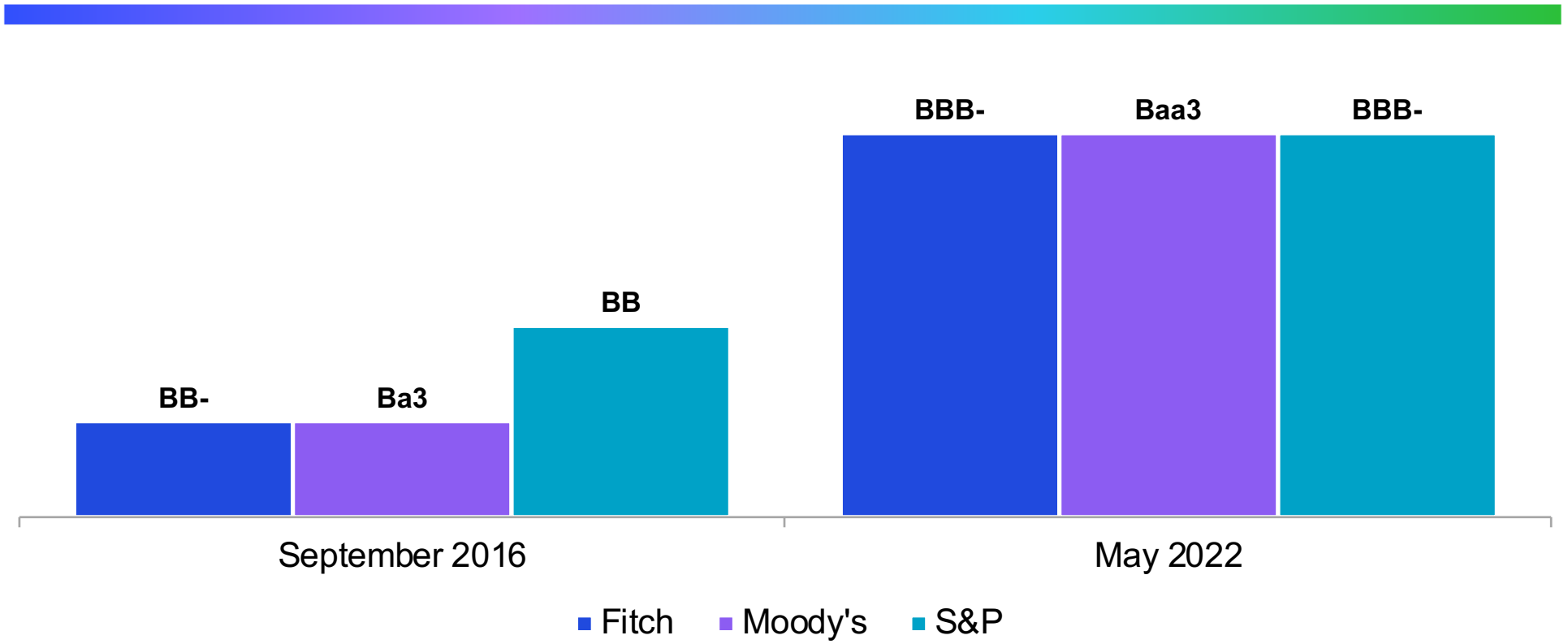
Investment Thesis

- → AES is a global power and utility company accelerating the future of energy
- → By year-end 2025, substantial transformation of portfolio through exiting coal and growth in renewables
- → Significant growth in contracted renewables and US utilities
- → Developing and incubating new products and business platforms through AES Next to complement business lines

Through 2025, 7% to 9% Annualized Growth in Adjusted EPS[1] & Parent Free Cash Flow[1]

1. A non-GAAP financial measure. See Appendix for definition and reconciliation to the nearest GAAP measure.

With Upgrade from Moody's, Now Investment Grade Rated by All Three Major Agencies



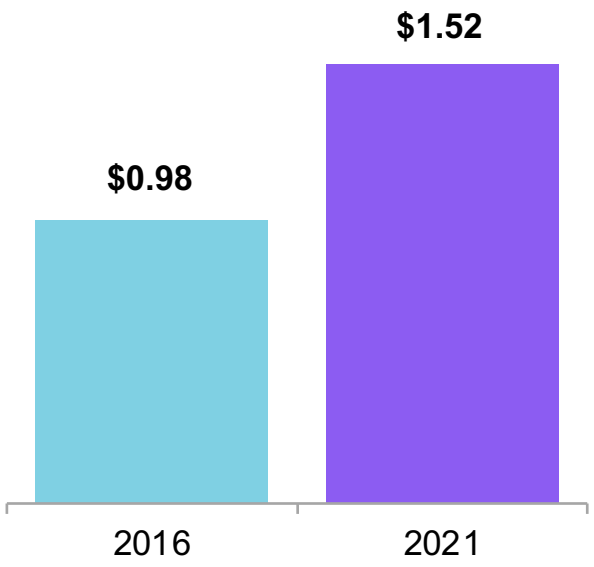
Expect to Maintain Credit Metrics Well Above Threshold for Investment Grade Rating

1. A non-GAAP financial measure. See Appendix for definition.

Proven Track Record

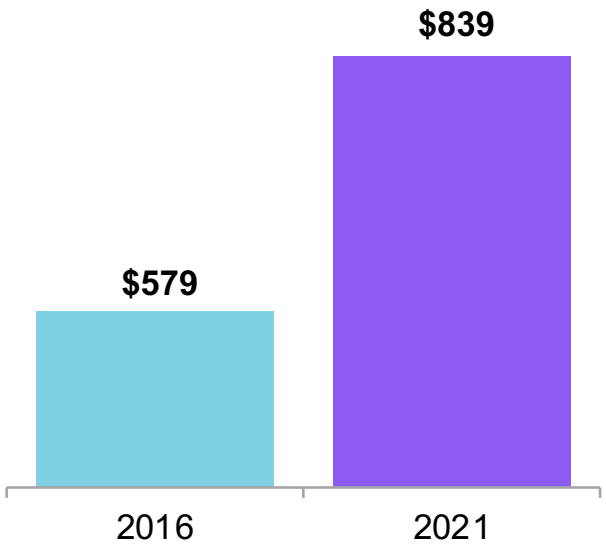
9% Annual Growth in Adjusted EPS[1]

$ Per Share



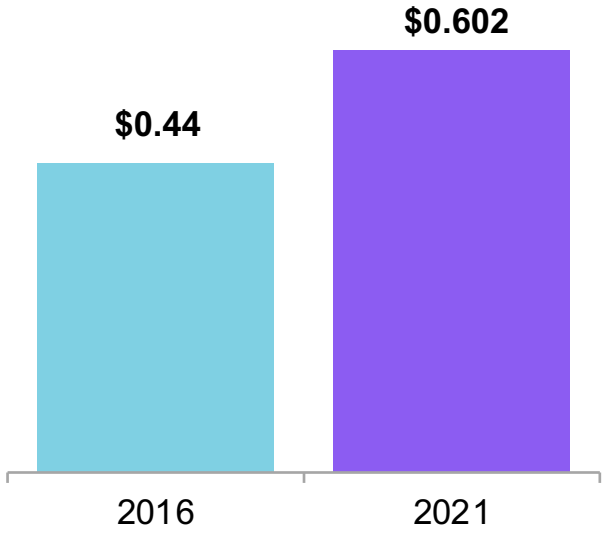
8% Annual Growth in Parent Free Cash Flow[1]

$ in Millions



6% Annual Growth in Dividend

$ Per Share



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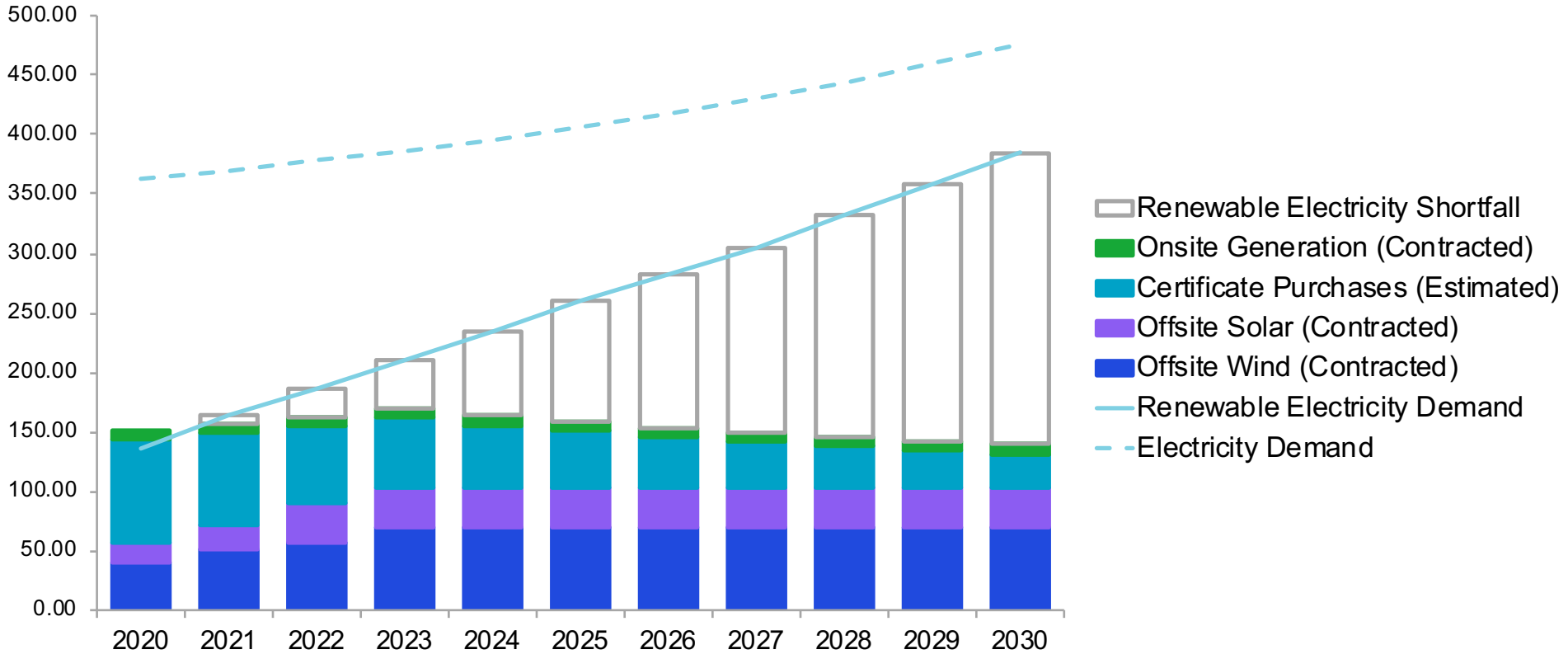
Positioned for Growth



Projected Renewables Demand from RE100 Members Highlights Significant Market Opportunity

Generation in TWh



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Bloomberg Terminal, The Climate Group, company sustainability reports.

Large and Growing Portfolio of Renewables

→ Focused on signing long-term contracts with C&I customers

- Signed more contracts with C&I customers than anyone in the world in 2021[1]
- ~80% of new contracts signed in 2021 were on bilateral basis
- Expertise in structured products, such as 24/7

→ Competitive advantage from:

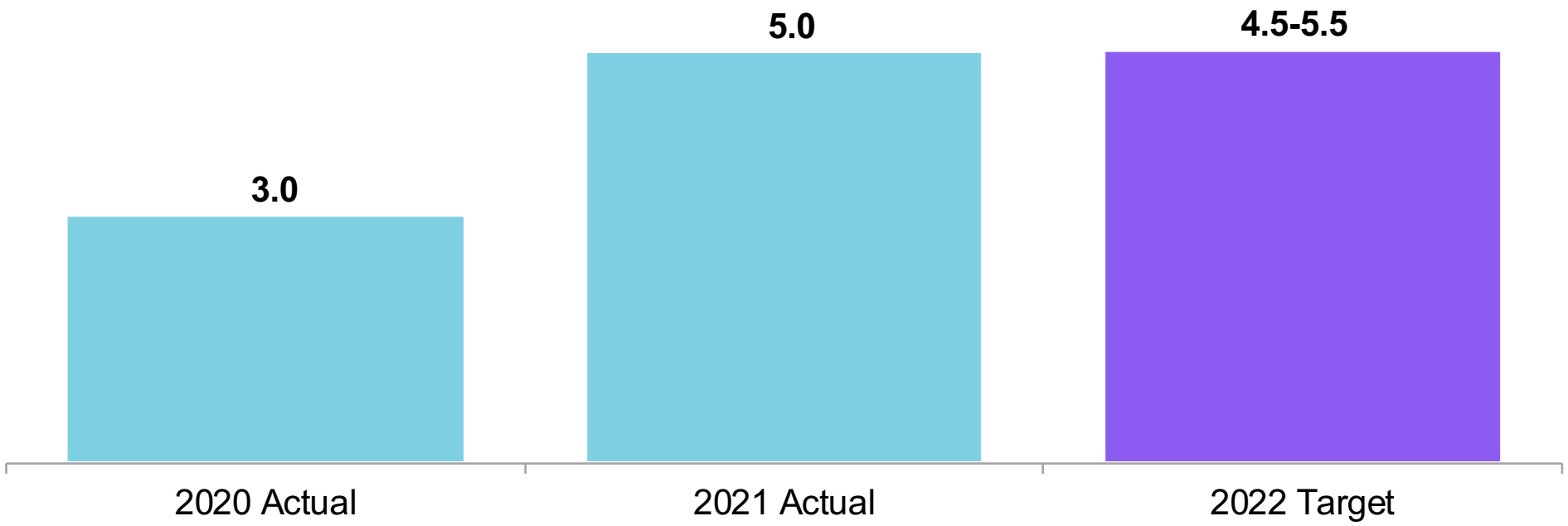
- Scale of our business and pipeline
- Technological and commercial innovation
- Relationships with global customers



1. According to Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

Expect to Grow Signed Renewables in 2022 and Beyond

Capacity in GW through PPAs Signed

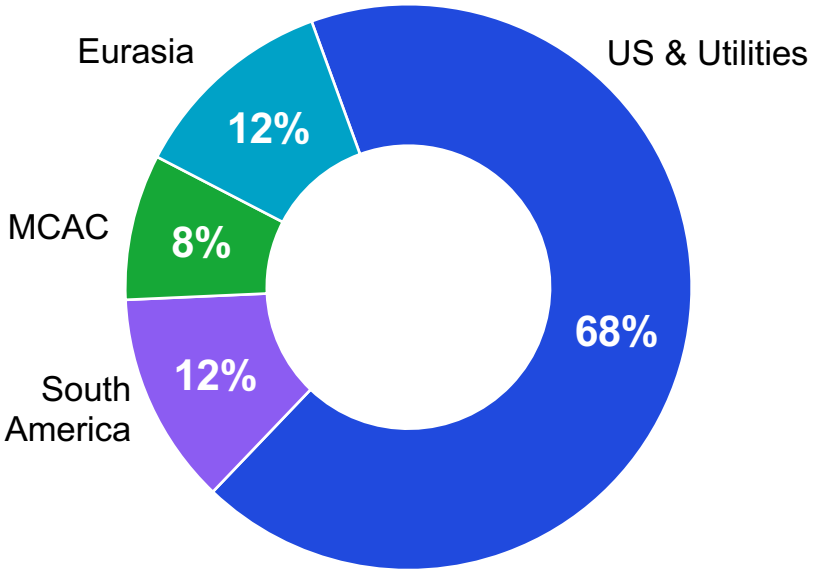


Signed 1.1 GW of Renewables Under Long-Term Contracts in Q1 2022

We Have a 59 GW Development Pipeline[1] to Support Future PPA Signings

Capacity in MW

Geography



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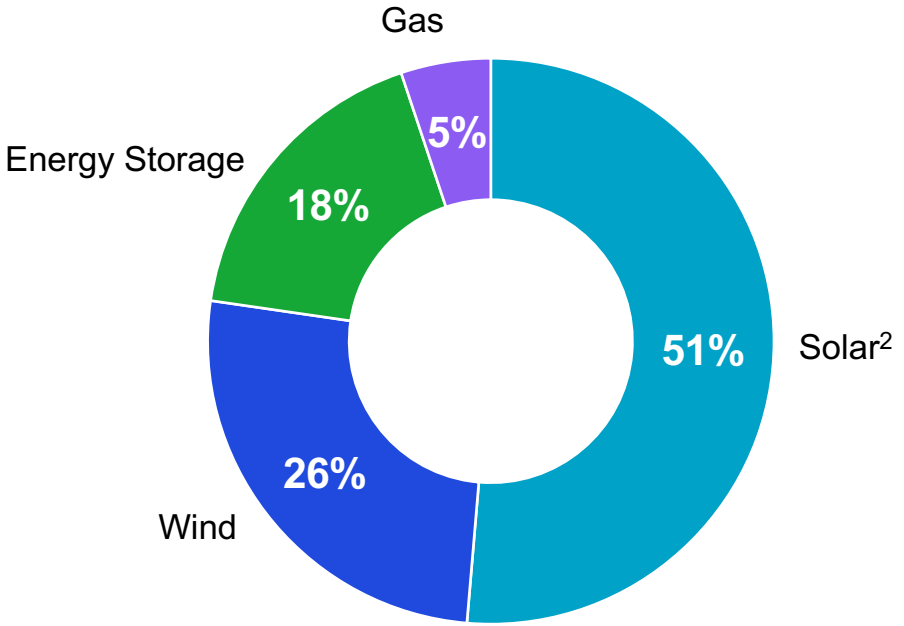
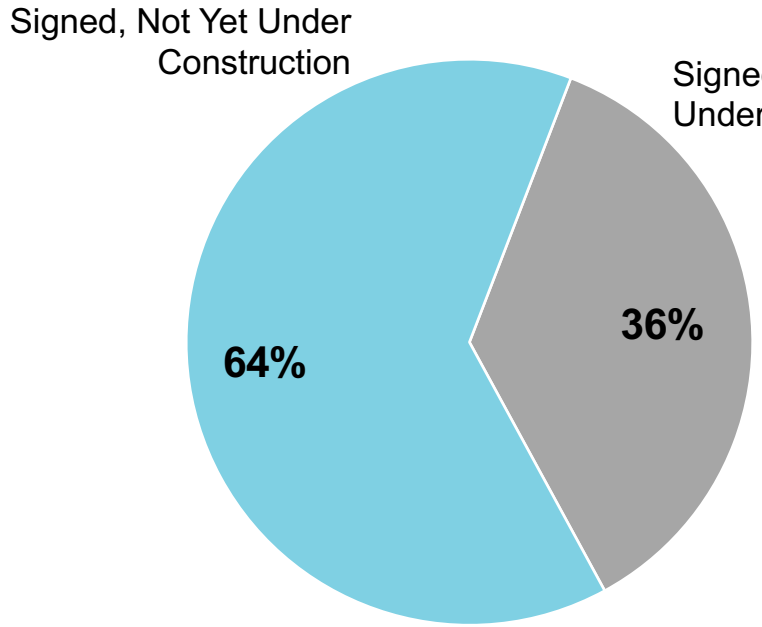


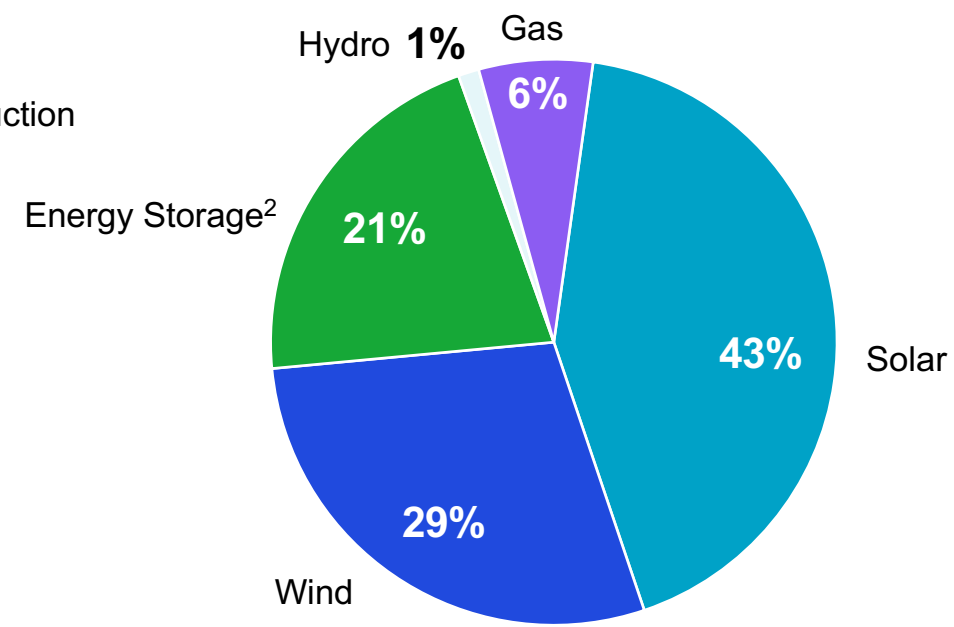
1. As of January 2022.
2. Includes Solar + Storage.

10.3 GW Backlog[1] a Key Source of Expected Future Growth

Capacity in MW

10.3 GW Backlog[1] Under Signed Long-Term PPAs

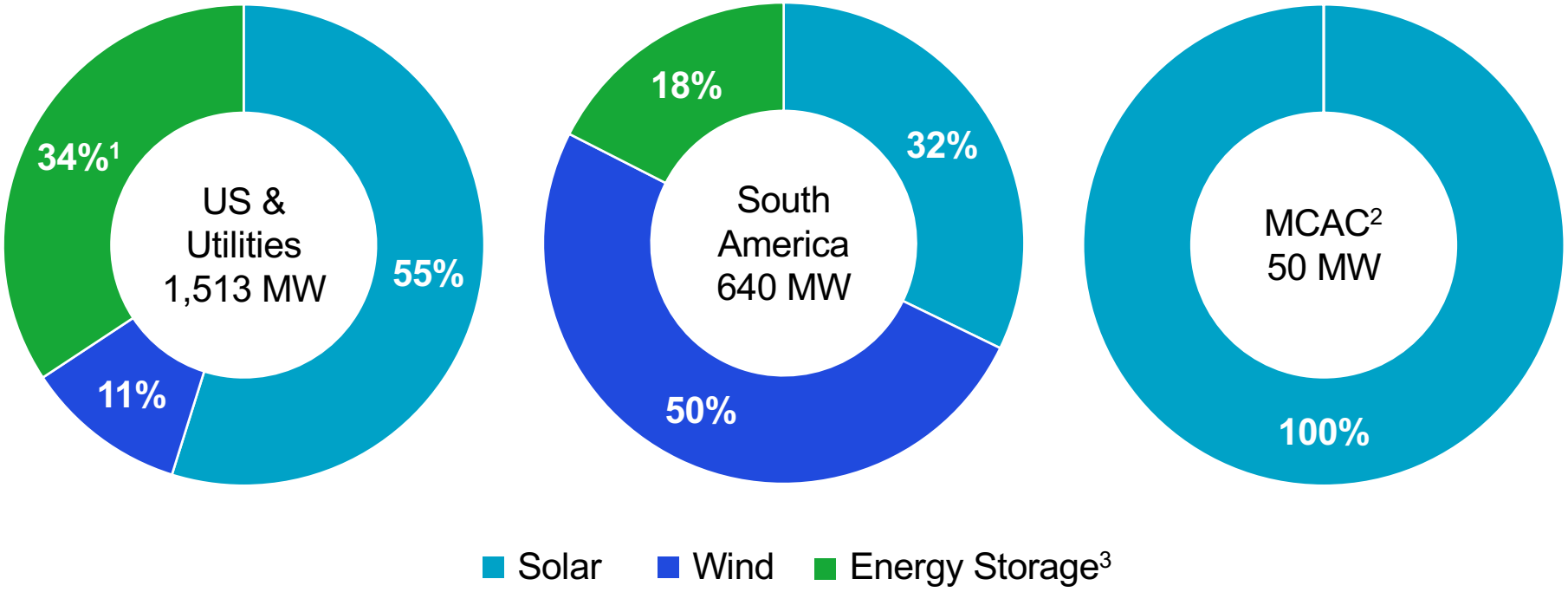




1. Backlog is defined as projects under signed PPAs that are either under construction or not yet under construction. As of May 5, 2022. US & Utilities: 5,951 MW; South America: 3,076 MW; Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean (MCAC): 1,281 MW. Incorporates almost 5 GW signed in 2021, which includes more contracts signed with C&I customers than anyone else in the world according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance.
2. Includes Energy Storage component of Solar + Storage facilities.

Expect to Complete More than 2 GW of New Renewables in 2022

Capacity in MW

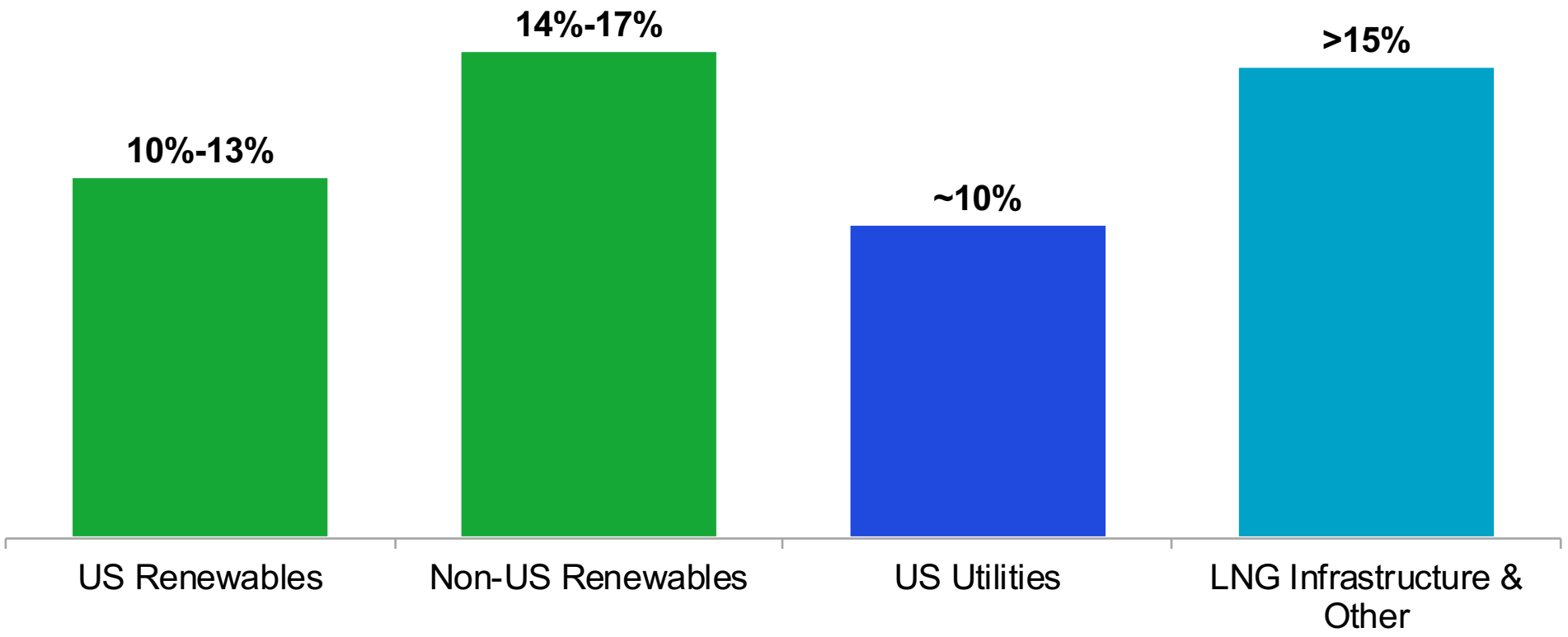


All Solar Panels for 2022 US Projects Already in Country

1. Includes 219 MW of storage co-located with solar.
2. Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.
3. Includes Energy Storage component of Solar + Storage facilities.

Attractive Project-Level Risk-Adjusted Returns[1]

Targeted Levered After-Tax IRRs



1. Represents the targeted range of after-tax returns for our development pipeline of anticipated projects, based on a number of assumptions, including commercial terms and tax rates.

Strong Regulated Growth Opportunities at Our US Utilities Serving 2.6 Million Customers

- → Modernizing the grid and reducing carbon emissions
- → Constructive regulatory models
- → Attractive growth potential

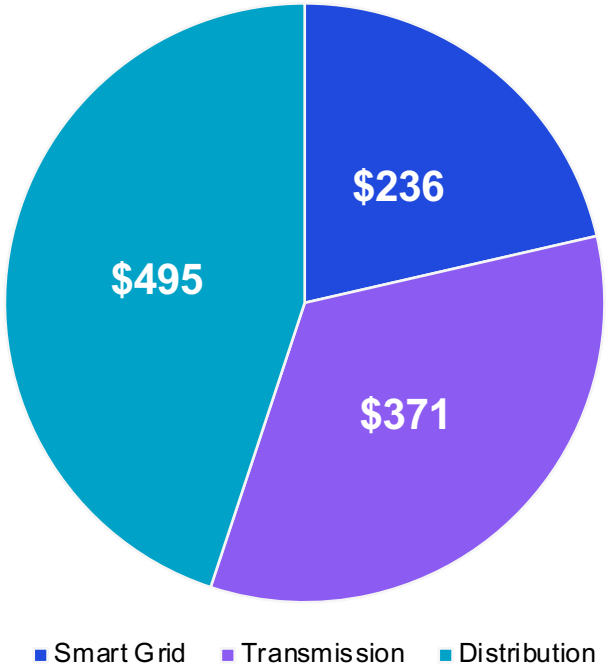


1. Includes 4.1 GW of generation.

$1.1 Billion of Investments in the Next 4 Years

- → Transmission investments recovered through FERC-regulated formula-based transmission rate
- → Smart Grid investments recovered through IIR[1] as part of stipulated settlement
- → Distribution/Other recovered through rate cases:
  - Distribution rate case filed in December 2020 with order pending

$ in Millions



1. Infrastructure Investment Rider.

$2.4 Billion of Investments in the Next 4 Years

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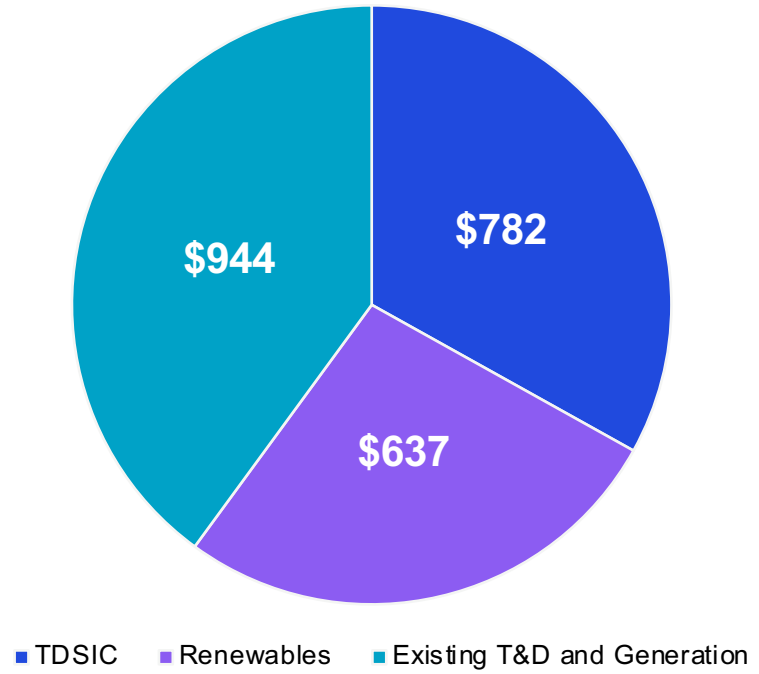
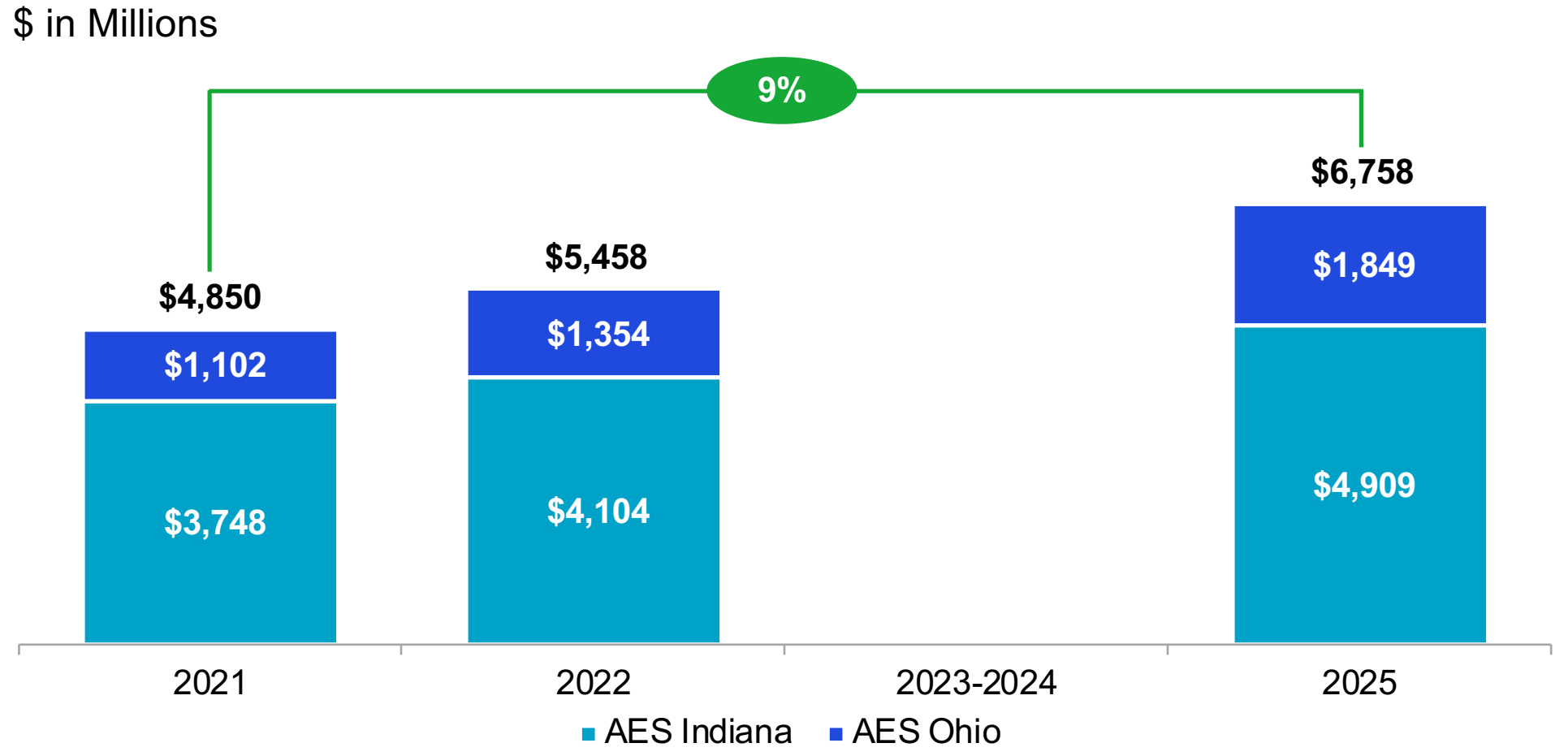
- → Grid Modernization (TDSIC[1]) $1.2 billion investment approved and recovered via Rider (80%/20%)[2]
- → Renewables to replace 630 MW of coal capacity
  - Investments approved and carrying charges recovered via Rider
- → Rate case to be filed in 2023

$ in Millions



1. Transmission, Distribution, Storage Improvement Charge.
2. 80% recoverable through the rider and 20% deferred until the next rate case.

Expect Earnings at US Utilities to Increase in Line with 9% Annual Rate Base Growth



Enabling a Clean Energy Future Through LNG Infrastructure

→ Total installed capacity of 200 TBTU in Panama and the Dominican Republic, including 50 TBTU under construction

- Currently 70%-80% of capacity contracted under long-term contracts
- Remaining uncontracted capacity provides upside to drive future growth



Incubating and Developing New Businesses Through AES Next



Fluence is a Global Leader in Energy Storage Technology and Services

FLUENCE
A Siemens and AES Company

→ Publicly traded company with 34% AES ownership

→ Business originated from AES' work developing the first utility-scale grid-connected energy storage system in 2007

→ Capitalizing on strong and growing energy storage demand

- 4.2 GW[1] of energy storage products deployed and contracted
- $1.9 billion[1] signed backlog

Customers

SDGE A Sempra Energy utility
aps
e·on
EDF
LS POWER Innovation and Investment in Energy
enel
AusNet services
BORREGO SOLAR
Mitsubishi Corporation
NEXIF ENERGY
c·energy
ukpowerreserve PART OF sembcorp GROUP
SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION
Statkraft
SWM Stadtwerke München
TATA POWER-DDL

1. As of December 31, 2021.

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Developing and Incubating New Products and Business Platforms Through AES Next





Speeding Growth

Prefabricated solar solution enabling projects to be built on 1/2 the land in 1/3 of the time

First-of-its-kind Atlas solar robot to enhance the speed, efficiency and safety of scaling solar



Empowering Management

Leading provider of end-to-end customer energy management software for utilities



Driving Demand

Motor is an all-inclusive electric car subscription service

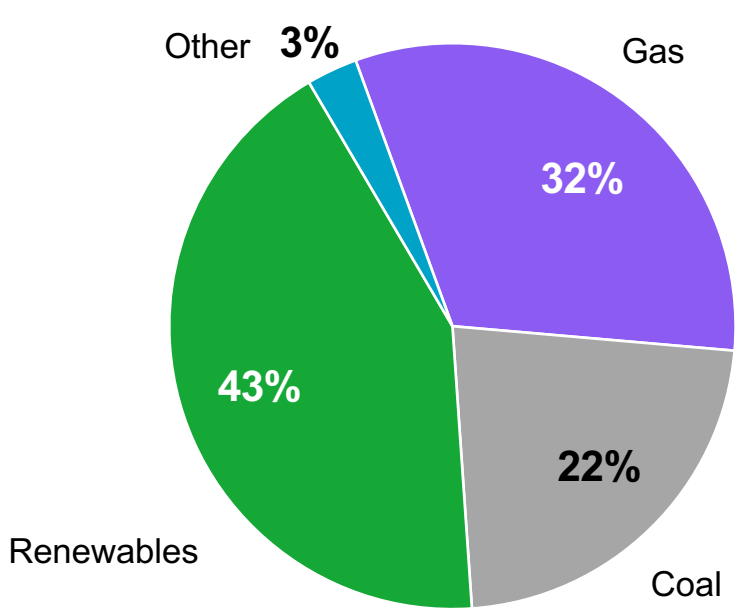
Portfolio Transformation Underway



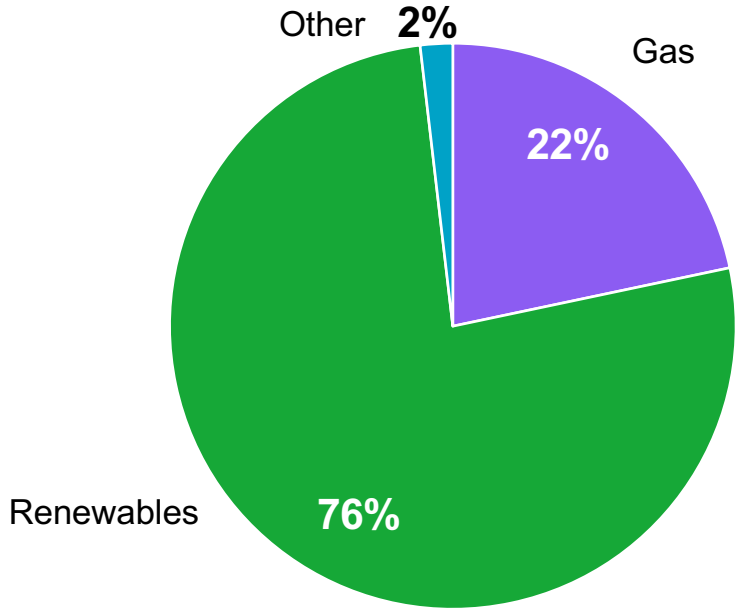
Combination of Growth in Renewables & Decarbonization Drives Expected Substantial Transformation by 2025

Capacity in GW

31.5 GW as of Year-End 2021

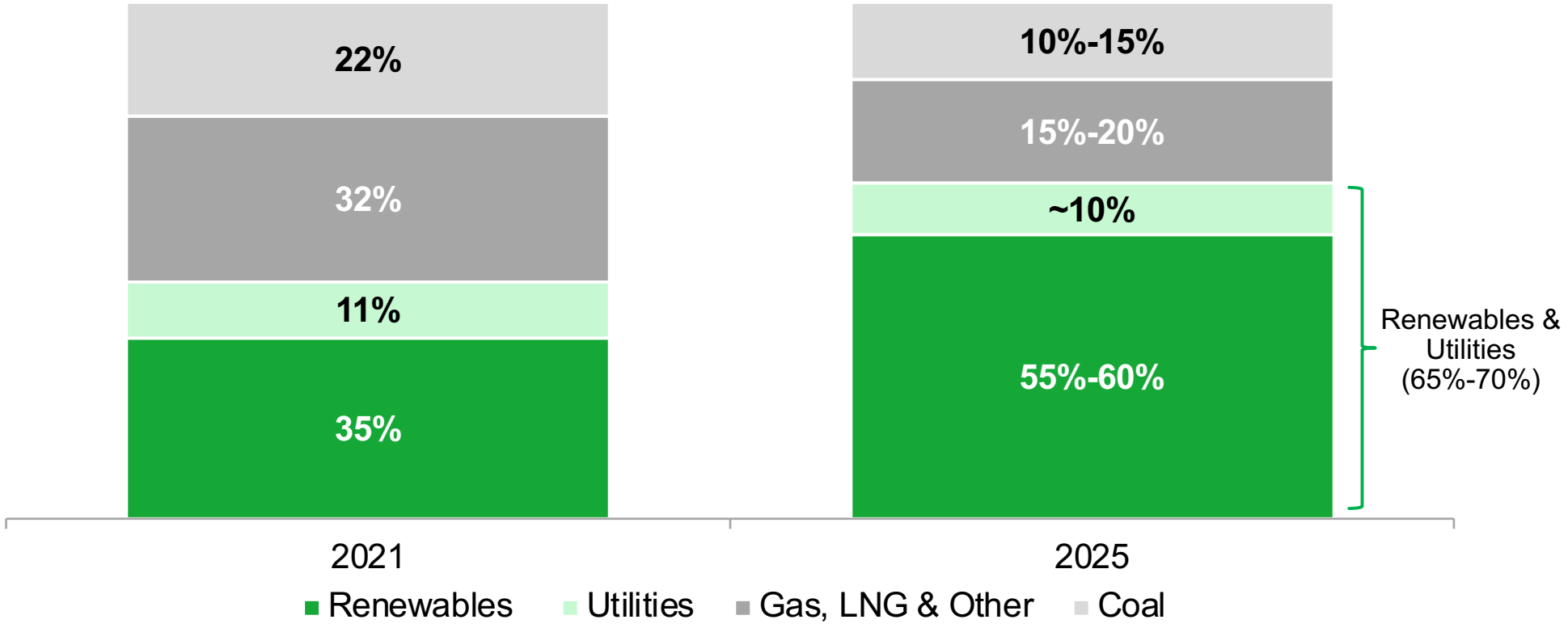


49.4 GW as of Year-End 2025



By 2025, >65% of Adjusted PTC[1] Expected to Come From Renewables & Utilities

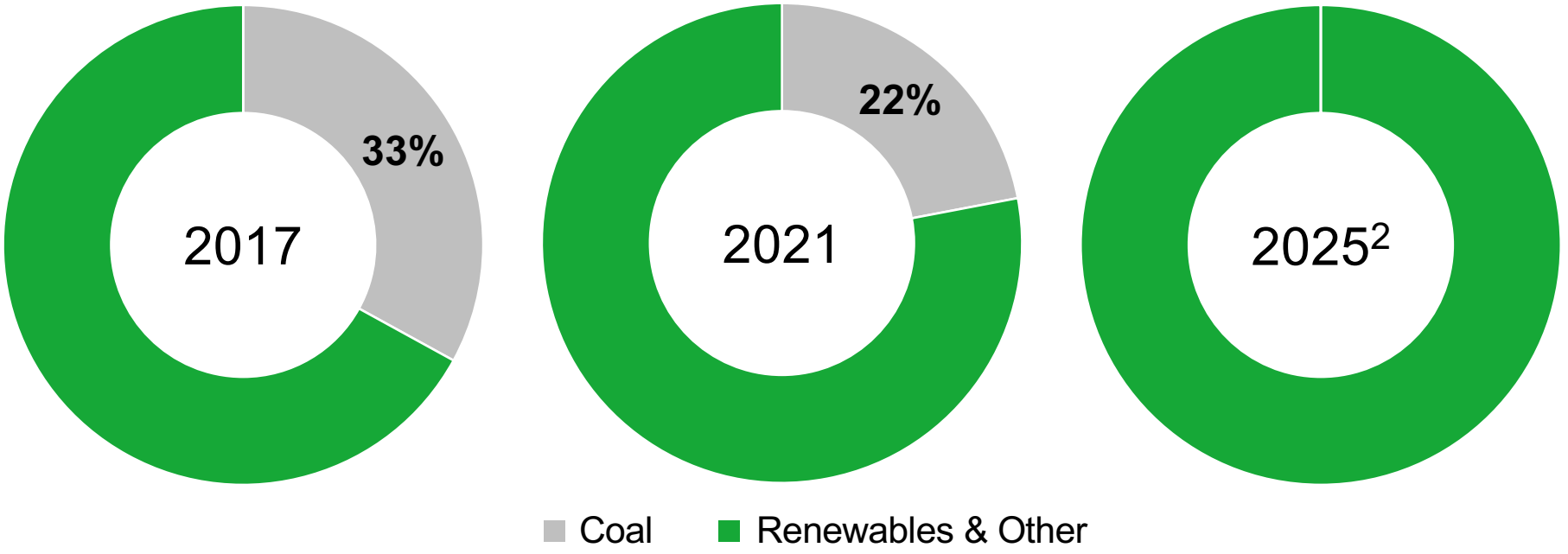
Percent of Adjusted PTC[1]



1. Adjusted Pre-Tax Contributions. A non-GAAP financial measure. See Appendix for definition and reconciliation.

Industry-Leading Decarbonization Targets, Including Net Zero Carbon Emissions for Entire Portfolio by 2050[1]

Capacity in GW



Fully Aligned with Paris Agreement's Goal to Limit Global Warming to 1.5ºC

1. Actions assume new policies that facilitate transition to low emissions energy systems, such as a price on carbon. Includes scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.
2. Intent to exit coal by year-end 2025 through asset sales, fuel conversions and retirements, while maintaining reliability and affordability, and subject to necessary approvals.

Conclusion

→ 7%-9% annualized growth in Adjusted EPS[1] & Parent Free Cash Flow[1]

→ Supported by 10.3 GW backlog and annual utilities' growth of ~9% per year through 2025

→ Significant opportunity to continue growing renewables business given competitive advantages of:

- Scale and pipeline
- Technological and commercial innovation
- Relationships with global customers

→ Massive growth in renewables and utilities, combined with exit from coal, enabling a substantial transformation

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Recognized for Success

In Innovation

Edison Electric Institute's Edison Award for the Alamitos Battery Energy Storage Project in California



In Partnership

Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE) by the US Department of State for sustainable energy security at our Colón facility in Panamá

SECRETARY OF STATE'S AWARD FOR CORPORATE EXCELLENCE

In Management

Top Utility ranking in WSJ Management 250

WSJ MANAGEMENT TOP 250 AS RANKED BY DRUCKER INSTITUTE

In ESG

CFI: Best ESG Power Producer

cfi.co AWARDS 2021

In People

2021 Great Place To Work in Latin America 2021

Great Place To Work. Latin America's Best Workplaces 2021

In Ethics

World's Most Ethical Companies 9-time honoree

2022 WORLD'S MOST ETHICAL COMPANIES® WWW.ETHISPHERE.COM 9-TIME HONOREE

Leader in ESG

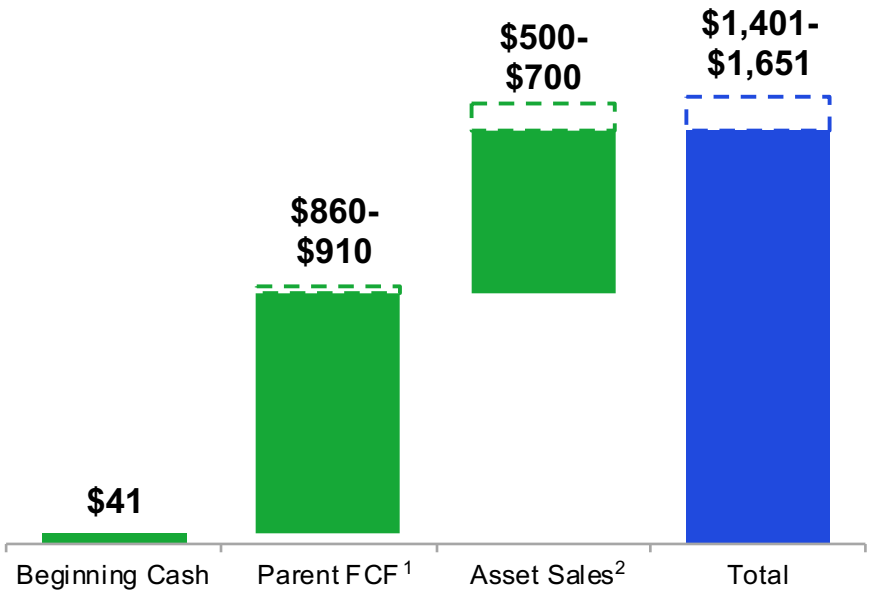
	Scale	aes	Industry Average
Member of Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Powered by the S&P Global CSA	0-100 (best)	**84**	38
FTSE4Good	0-5 (best)	**3.8**	2.6
ISS ESG	1 (best)-10	**E=1, S=2, G=1**	E=3.3, S=3.9, G=3.6[1]
CDP DRIVING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES	Letter grade	**Climate: B Water: A-**	Climate: B Water: B
MSCI	Letter grade and 0-10 (best) score	**AA 7.1**	5.7
SUSTAINALYTICS	0 (best)-100	**34.2**	N/A

1. Average of peers defined by ISS.

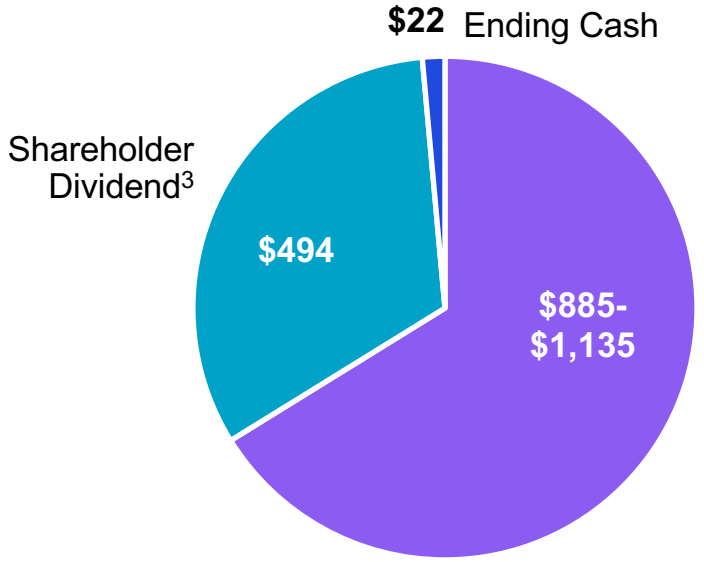
2022 Parent Capital Allocation Plan

$ in Millions

Discretionary Cash – Sources ($1,401-$1,651)



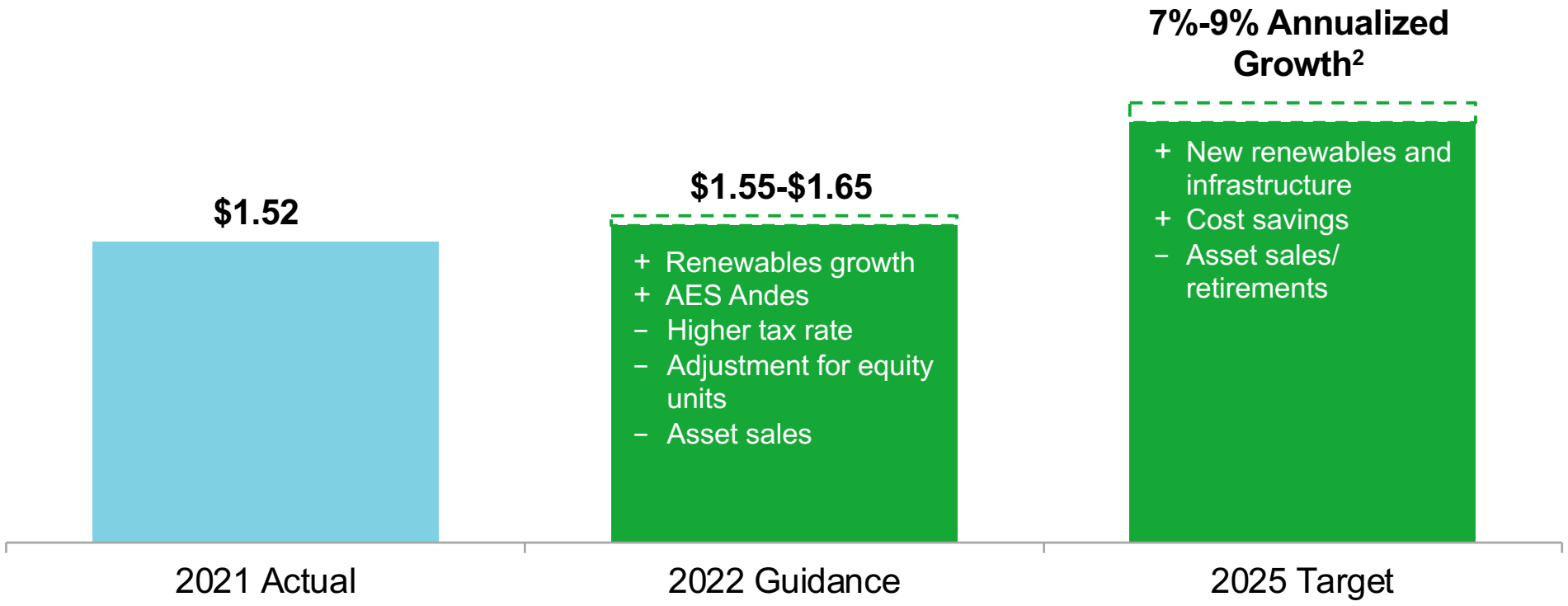
Discretionary Cash – Uses ($1,401-$1,651)



Investments in Subsidiaries
- → Renewables: $320-$570
- → US Utilities: $245
- → AES Andes: $195
- → LNG Infra & New Technologies: $125

1. A non-GAAP financial measure. See "definitions".
2. Announced asset sales in Vietnam and Jordan, as well as unannounced asset sales
3. Includes 2022 payment of $0.1580 per share each quarter on 667 million shares outstanding as of December 31, 2021, and 6.875% coupon on $1 billion of equity units issued in March 2021.

2022 Adjusted EPS[1] Guidance and Annualized Growth Through 2025



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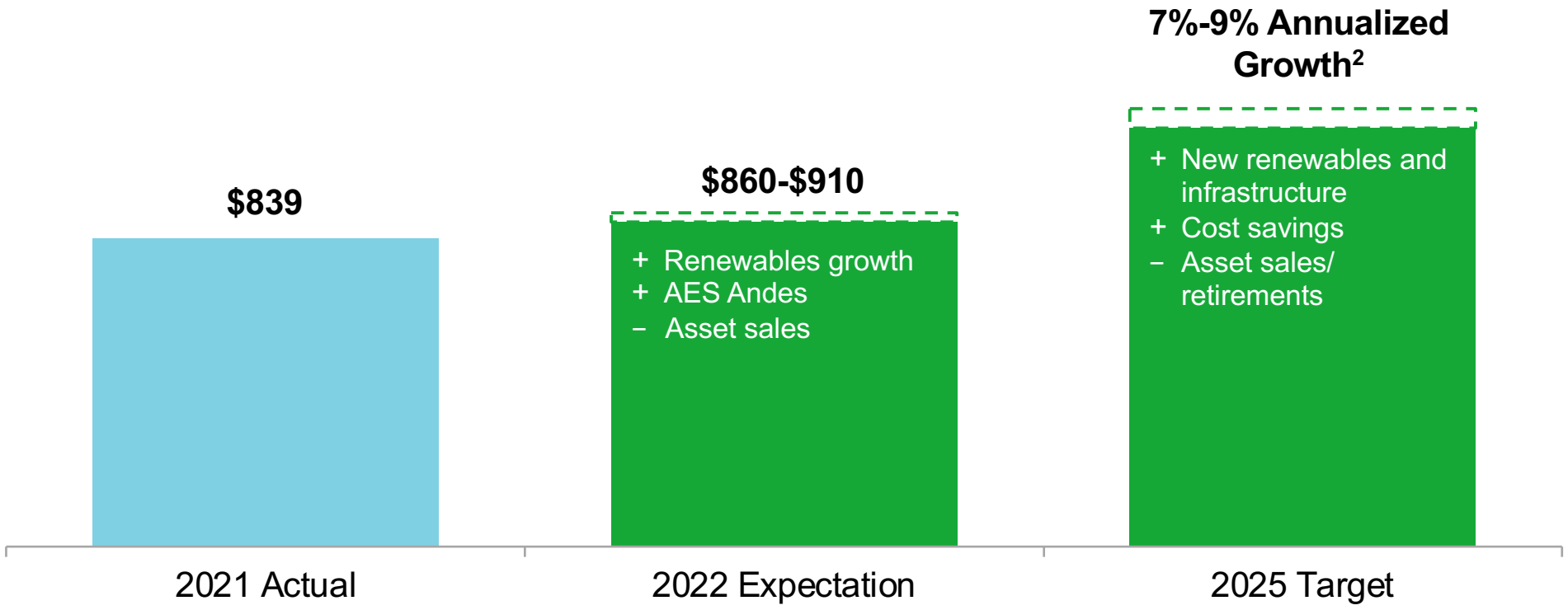
2. From a base of 2020 Adjusted EPS of $1.44.

2022 Parent Free Cash Flow[1] Expectations and Annualized Growth Through 2025

$ in Millions



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2. From a base of 2020 Parent Free Cash Flow of $777 million.

2022-2025: Uses of $6.3 Billion Discretionary Cash

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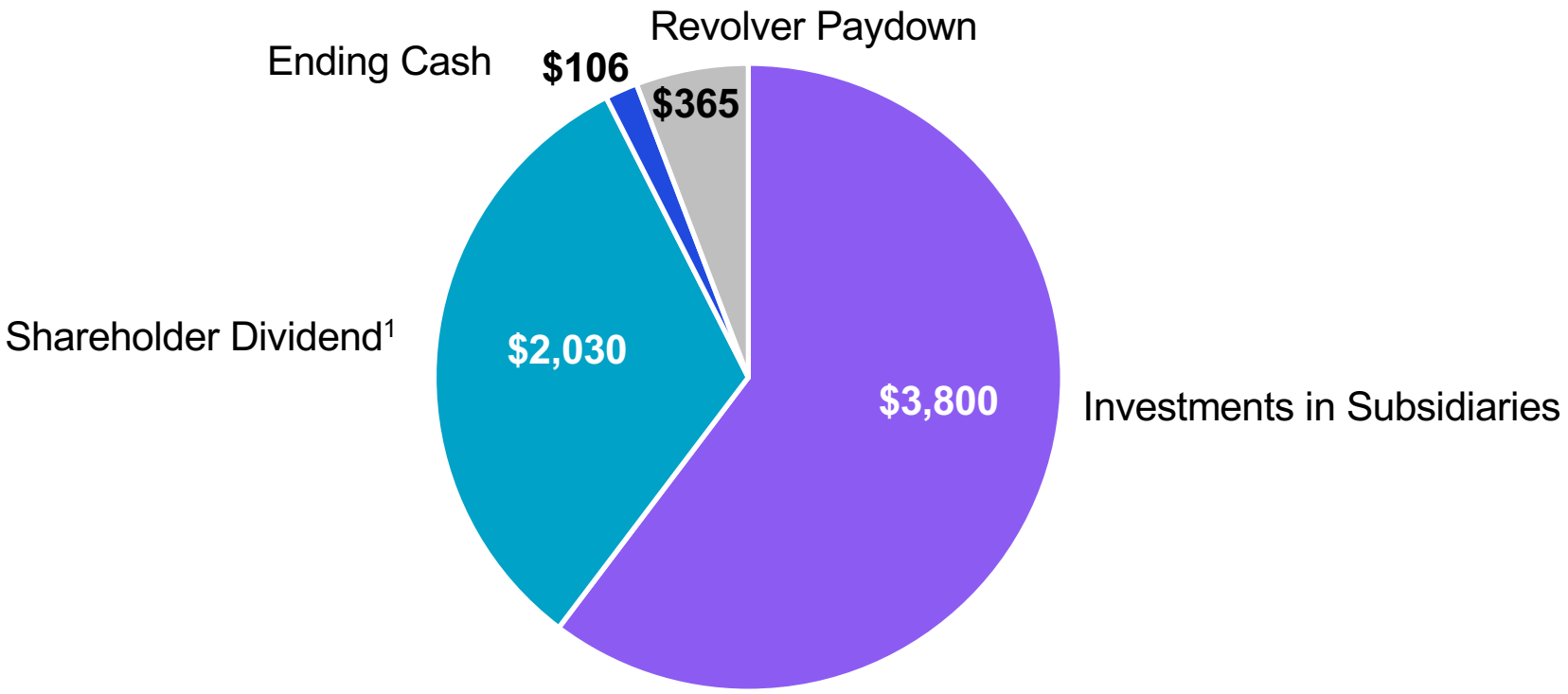
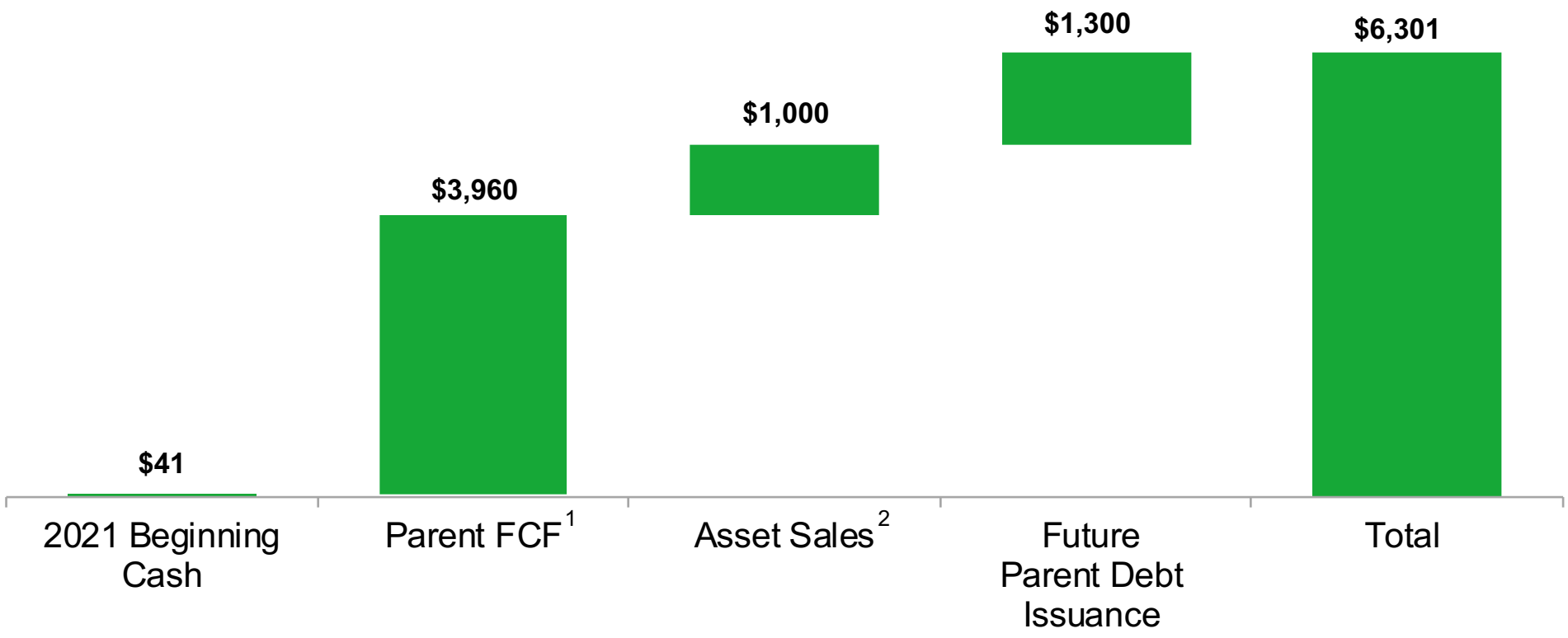


Allocating Capital to Maximize Shareholder Value

1. Assumes 2022 payment of $0.1580 per share each quarter on 667 million shares outstanding as of December 31, 2021, growing at 4%-6% per year through 2025, subject to Board approval, and 6.875% coupon on $1 billion of equity units issued in March 2021.

2022-2025: Sources of $6.3 Billion Discretionary Cash

$ in Millions



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2. Includes announced pending asset sales in Jordan and Vietnam, as well as unannounced asset sales.

Reconciliation of FY 2016 Adjusted PTC[1] and Adjusted EPS[1]

$ in Millions, Except Per Share Amounts	FY 2016	
	Net of NCI[2]	Per Share (Diluted) Net of NCI[2]
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Attributable to AES and Diluted EPS	$8	-[3]
Add: Income Tax Expense (Benefit) from Continuing Operations Attributable to AES	($148)	
Pre-Tax Contribution	($140)	
Adjustments		
Unrealized Derivative (Gains)/Losses	($9)	($0.02)
Unrealized Foreign Currency Transaction Losses	$23	$0.04
Disposition/Acquisition (Gains)/Losses	$6	$0.01[4]
Impairment Losses	$933	$1.41[5]
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	$29	$0.05[6]
Less: Net Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	-	($0.51)[7]
Adjusted PTC[1] & Adjusted EPS[1]	$842	$0.98

1. A Non-GAAP financial measure. See “definitions”.
2. NCI is defined as Noncontrolling Interests.
3. Diluted EPS calculation includes income from continuing operations, net of tax, of $8 million less the $5 million adjustment to retained earnings to record the DP&L redeemable preferred stock at its redemption value as of December 31, 2016.
4. Amount primarily relates to the loss on deconsolidation of UK Wind of $20 million, or $0.03 per share and losses associated with the sale of Sul of $10 million, or $0.02; partially offset by the gain on sale of DPLER of $22 million, or $0.03 per share.
5. Amount primarily relates to asset impairments at DPL of $859 million, or $1.30 per share; $159 million at Buffalo Gap II ($49 million, or $0.07 per share, net of NCI); and $77 million at Buffalo Gap I ($23 million, or $0.03 per share, net of NCI).
6. Amount primarily relates to the loss on early retirement of debt at the Parent Company of $19 million, or $0.03 per share.
7. Amount primarily relates to the per share income tax benefit associated with asset impairment of $332 million, or $0.50 per share in the twelve months ended December 31, 2016.

Reconciliation of FY 2021 Adjusted PTC[1] and Adjusted EPS[1]

$ in Millions, Except Per Share Amounts	FY 2021	
	Net of NCI[2]	Per Share (Diluted) Net of NCI[2]
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations, Net of Tax, Attributable to AES and Diluted EPS	($413)	($0.59)
Add: Income Tax Expense from Continuing Operations Attributable to AES	($31)	
Pre-Tax Contribution	($444)	
Adjustments		
Unrealized Derivative and Equity Securities Losses	($1)	-
Unrealized Foreign Currency Losses (Gains)	$14	$0.02
Disposition/Acquisition Losses	$861	$1.22[3]
Impairment Losses	$1,153	$1.65[4]
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	$91	$0.13[5]
Net Gains from Early Contract Terminations at Angamos	($256)	($0.37)[6]
U.S. Tax Law Reform Impact	-	($0.25)[7]
Less: Net Income Tax Benefit	-	($0.29)[8]
Adjusted PTC[1] & Adjusted EPS[1]	$1,418	$1.52

1. A Non-GAAP financial measure. See “definitions”.
2. NCI is defined as Noncontrolling Interests.
3. Amount primarily relates to loss on deconsolidation of Alto Maipo of $1.5 billion, or $2.09 per share, loss on Uplight transaction with shareholders of $25 million, or $0.04 per share, and a day-one loss recognized at commencement of a sales-type lease at AES Renewable Holdings of $13 million, or $0.02 per share, partially offset by gain on initial public offering of Fluence of $325 million, or $0.46 per share, gain on remeasurement of our equity interest in sPower to acquisition-date fair value of $249 million, or $0.35 per share, gain on Fluence issuance of shares of $60 million, or $0.09 per share, and gain on sale of Guacolda of $22 million, or $0.03 per share.
4. Amount primarily relates to asset impairments at AES Andes of $540 million, or $0.77 per share, at Puerto Rico of $475 million, or $0.68 per share, at Mountain View of $67 million, or $0.10 per share, at our sPower equity affiliate, impacting equity earnings by $24 million, or $0.03 per share, at Buffalo Gap of $22 million, or $0.03 per share, at Clean Energy of $14 million, or $0.02 per share, and at Laurel Mountain of $7 million, or $0.01 per share.
5. Amount primarily relates to losses on early retirement of debt at AES Brasil of $27 million, or $0.04 per share, at Argentina of $17 million, or $0.02 per share, at AES Andes of $15 million, or $0.02 per share, and at Andres and Los Mina of $15 million, or $0.02 per share.
6. Amount relates to net gains at Angamos associated with the early contract terminations with Minera Escondida and Minera Spence of $256 million, or $0.37 per share.
7. Amount relates to the tax benefit on reversal of uncertain tax positions effectively settled upon closure of the Company's 2017 U.S. tax return exam of $176 million, or $0.25 per share.
8. Amount primarily relates to income tax benefits associated with the loss on deconsolidation of Alto Maipo of $209 million, or $0.30 per share, income tax benefits associated with the impairments at AES Andes of $146 million, or $0.21 per share, at Puerto Rico of $20 million, or $0.03 per share, and at Mountain View of $15 million, or $0.02 per share, partially offset by income tax expense associated with the gain on initial public offering of Fluence of $73 million, or $0.10 per share, income tax expense related to net gains at Angamos associated with the early contract terminations with Minera Escondida and Minera Spence of $69 million, or $0.10 per share, and income tax expense associated with the gain on remeasurement of our equity interest in sPower of $55 million, or $0.08 per share.

Reconciliation of Parent Free Cash Flow[1]

$ in Millions	2021	2016
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities at the Parent Company[2]	$570	$818
Subsidiary Distributions to QHCs Excluded from Schedule 1[3]	$47	$57
Subsidiary Distributions Classified in Investing Activities[4]	$290	$29
Parent-Funded SBU Overhead and Other Expenses Classified in Investing Activities[5]	($69)	($325)
Other	$1	-
Parent Free Cash Flow[1]	$839	$579

1. Parent Free Cash Flow (a non-GAAP financial measure) should not be construed as an alternative to Consolidated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities, which is determined in accordance with US GAAP. Parent Free Cash Flow is the primary, recurring source of cash that is available for use by the Parent Company. Parent Free Cash Flow is equal to Subsidiary Distributions less cash used for interest costs, development, general and administrative activities, and tax payments by the Parent Company. Management uses Parent Free Cash Flow to determine the cash available to pay dividends, repay recourse debt, make equity investments, fund share buybacks, pay Parent Company hedging costs and make foreign exchange settlements. We believe that Parent Free Cash Flow is useful to investors because it better reflects the Parent Company's cash available to make growth investments, pay shareholder dividends, and make principal payments on recourse debt. Factors in this determination include availability of subsidiary distributions to the Parent Company and the Company's investment plan.
2. Refer to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities at the Parent Company as reported at Part IV—Item 15—Schedule I—Condensed Financial Information of Registrant included in the Company's most recent 10-K filed with the SEC.
3. Subsidiary distributions received by Qualified Holding Companies ("QHCs") excluded from Schedule 1. Subsidiary Distributions should not be construed as an alternative to Consolidated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities, which is determined in accordance with US GAAP. Subsidiary Distributions are important to the Parent Company because the Parent Company is a holding company that does not derive any significant direct revenues from its own activities but instead relies on its subsidiaries' business activities and the resultant distributions to fund the debt service, investment and other cash needs of the holding company. The reconciliation of the difference between the Subsidiary Distributions and Consolidated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities consists of cash generated from operating activities that is retained at the subsidiaries for a variety of reasons which are both discretionary and non-discretionary in nature. These factors include, but are not limited to, retention of cash to fund capital expenditures at the subsidiary, cash retention associated with non-recourse debt covenant restrictions and related debt service requirements at the subsidiaries, retention of cash related to sufficiency of local GAAP statutory retained earnings at the subsidiaries, retention of cash for working capital needs at the subsidiaries, and other similar timing differences between when the cash is generated at the subsidiaries and when it reaches the Parent Company and related holding companies.
4. Subsidiary distributions that originated from the results of operations of an underlying investee but were classified as investing activities when received by the relevant holding company included in Schedule 1.
5. Net cash payments for parent-funded SBU overhead, business development, taxes, transaction costs, and capitalized interest that are classified as investing activities or excluded from Schedule 1.

Assumptions

Forecasted financial information is based on certain material assumptions. Such assumptions include, but are not limited to: (a) no unforeseen external events such as wars, depressions, or economic or political disruptions occur; (b) businesses continue to operate in a manner consistent with or better than prior operating performance, including achievement of planned productivity improvements including benefits of global sourcing, and in accordance with the provisions of their relevant contracts or concessions; (c) new business opportunities are available to AES in sufficient quantity to achieve its growth objectives; (d) no material disruptions or discontinuities occur in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), foreign exchange rates, inflation or interest rates during the forecast period; and (e) material business-specific risks as described in the Company's SEC filings do not occur individually or cumulatively. In addition, benefits from global sourcing include avoided costs, reduction in capital project costs versus budgetary estimates, and projected savings based on assumed spend volume which may or may not actually be achieved. Also, improvement in certain Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) such as equivalent forced outage rate and commercial availability may not improve financial performance at all facilities based on commercial terms and conditions. These benefits will not be fully reflected in the Company's consolidated financial results.

The cash held at qualified holding companies ("QHCs") represents cash sent to subsidiaries of the Company domiciled outside of the U.S. Such subsidiaries have no contractual restrictions on their ability to send cash to AES, the Parent Company; however, cash held at qualified holding companies does not reflect the impact of any tax liabilities that may result from any such cash being repatriated to the Parent Company in the U.S. Cash at those subsidiaries was used for investment and related activities outside of the U.S. These investments included equity investments and loans to other foreign subsidiaries as well as development and general costs and expenses incurred outside the U.S. Since the cash held by these QHCs is available to the Parent, AES uses the combined measure of subsidiary distributions to Parent and QHCs as a useful measure of cash available to the Parent to meet its international liquidity needs. AES believes that unconsolidated parent company liquidity is important to the liquidity position of AES as a parent company because of the non-recourse nature of most of AES' indebtedness.

Definitions

Adjusted Earnings Per Share, a non-GAAP financial measure, is defined as diluted earnings per share from continuing operations excluding gains or losses of both consolidated entities and entities accounted for under the equity method due to (a) unrealized gains or losses related to derivative transactions and equity securities; (b) unrealized foreign currency gains or losses; (c) gains, losses, benefits and costs associated with dispositions and acquisitions of business interests, including early plant closures, and the tax impact from the repatriation of sales proceeds, and gains and losses recognized at commencement of sales-type leases; (d) losses due to impairments; (e) gains, losses and costs due to the early retirement of debt; (f) net gains at Angamos, one of our businesses in the South America SBU, associated with the early contract terminations with Minera Escondida and Minera Spence; and (g) tax benefit or expense related to the enactment effects of 2017 U.S. tax law reform and related regulations and any subsequent period adjustments related to enactment effects to include the 2021 tax benefit on reversal of uncertain tax positions effectively settled upon the closure of the Company's 2017 U.S. tax return exam.

Adjusted Pre-Tax Contribution, a non-GAAP financial measure, is defined as pre-tax income from continuing operations attributable to The AES Corporation excluding gains or losses of the consolidated entity due to (a) unrealized gains or losses related to derivative transactions and equity securities; (b) unrealized foreign currency gains or losses; (c) gains, losses, benefits and costs associated with dispositions and acquisitions of business interests, including early plant closures, and gains and losses recognized at commencement of sales-type leases; (d) losses due to impairments; (e) gains, losses and costs due to the early retirement of debt; and (f) net gains at Angamos, one of our businesses in the South America SBU, associated with the early contract terminations with Minera Escondida and Minera Spence.

NCI is defined as noncontrolling interests.

Parent Company Liquidity (a non-GAAP financial measure) is defined as as cash available to the Parent Company, including cash at qualified holding companies (“QHCs”), plus available borrowings under our existing credit facility. The cash held at qualified holding companies represents cash sent to subsidiaries of the Company domiciled outside of the U.S. Such subsidiaries have no contractual restrictions on their ability to send cash to the Parent Company.

Parent Free Cash Flow (a non-GAAP financial measure) should not be construed as an alternative to Consolidated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities, which is determined in accordance with US GAAP. Parent Free Cash Flow is the primary, recurring source of cash that is available for use by the Parent Company. Parent Free Cash Flow is equal to Subsidiary Distributions less cash used for interest costs, development, general and administrative activities, and tax payments by the Parent Company. Management uses Parent Free Cash Flow to determine the cash available to pay dividends, repay recourse debt, make equity investments, fund share buybacks, pay Parent Company hedging costs and make foreign exchange settlements. We believe that Parent Free Cash Flow is useful to investors because it better reflects the Parent Company’s cash available to make growth investments, pay shareholder dividends, and make principal payments on recourse debt. Factors in this determination include availability of subsidiary distributions to the Parent Company and the Company’s investment plan.

Subsidiary Liquidity (a non-GAAP financial measure) is defined as cash and cash equivalents and bank lines of credit at various subsidiaries.

Subsidiary Distributions should not be construed as an alternative to Consolidated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities which is determined in accordance with GAAP. Subsidiary Distributions are important to the Parent Company because the Parent Company is a holding company that does not derive any significant direct revenues from its own activities but instead relies on its subsidiaries’ business activities and the resultant distributions to fund the debt service, investment and other cash needs of the holding company. The reconciliation of the difference between the Subsidiary Distributions and Consolidated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities consists of cash generated from operating activities that is retained at the subsidiaries for a variety of reasons which are both discretionary and non-discretionary in nature. These factors include, but are not limited to, retention of cash to fund capital expenditures at the subsidiary, cash retention associated with non-recourse debt covenant restrictions and related debt service requirements at the subsidiaries, retention of cash related to sufficiency of local GAAP statutory retained earnings at the subsidiaries, retention of cash for working capital needs at the subsidiaries, and other similar timing differences between when the cash is generated at the subsidiaries and when it reaches the Parent Company and related holding companies.