

Clean Heat Standard

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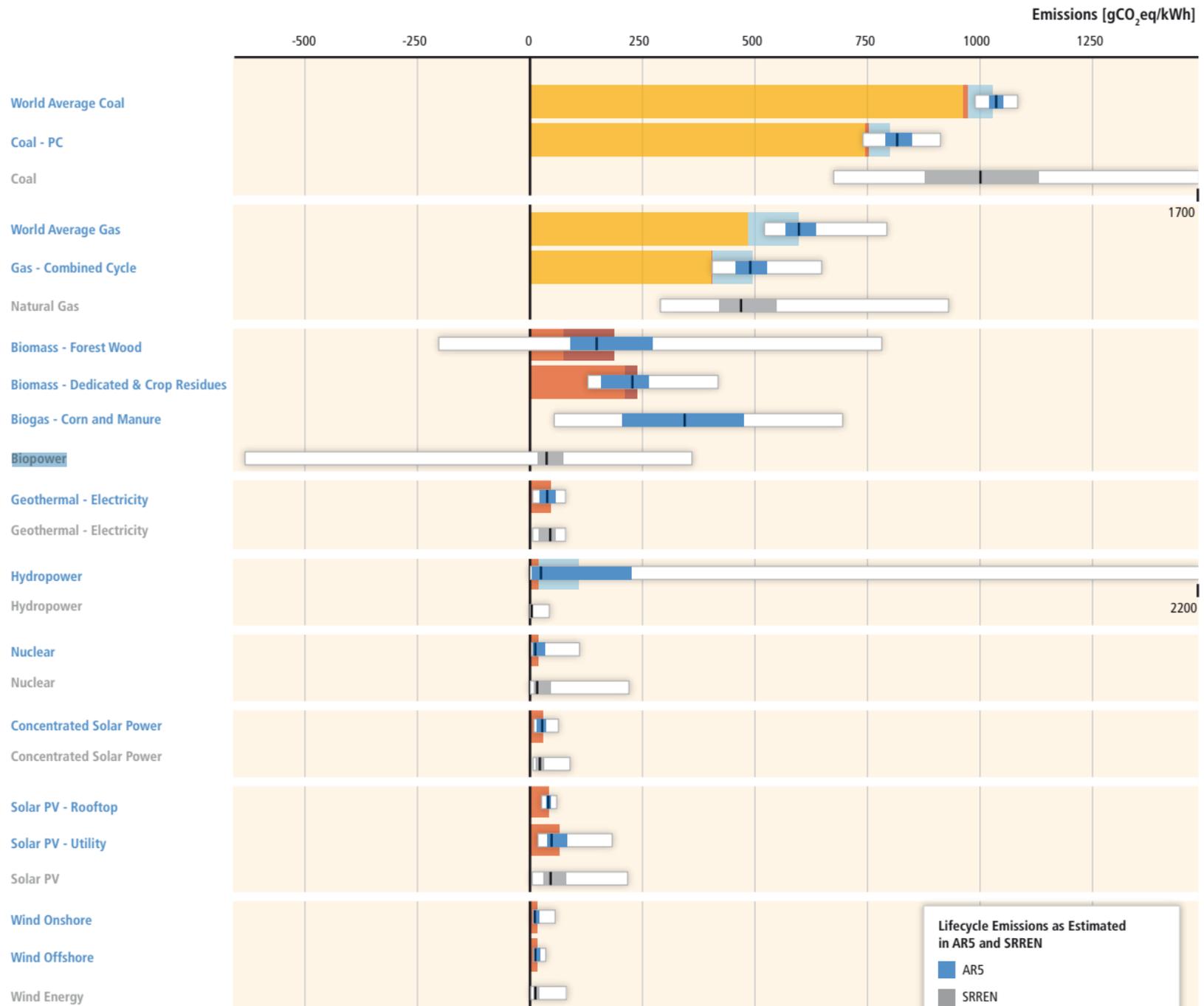
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Design considerations

- “Net lifecycle GHG-avoided basis” (Cowart, Neme testimony, Oct 22, 2021)
- Sustainability standard



Design considerations

- Equity & a Just Transition

- "The Climate Council recommends that the legislature include requirements to deliver a high fraction of clean heating solutions to low and moderate-income households in the early years." ([CAP as adopted](#), p98)

- Must provide clear, precise direction to the PUC

- Examples where direction was *not* clear enough to achieve equitable outcomes

- Tier 3 (30 VSA 8005(a)(3)(F)(vi)):

(F) Implementation. To carry out this subdivision (3), the Board shall adopt rules:

...

(vi) To ensure that all ratepayers have an equitable opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, energy transformation projects regardless of rate class, income level, or provider service territory

- Net metering (30 VSA 8010 (c)(1)(E)):

(1) The rules shall establish and maintain a net metering program that:

...

(E) ensures that all customers who want to participate in net metering have the opportunity to do so;



Huge need to get started, now.

- Budget recommendations

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