

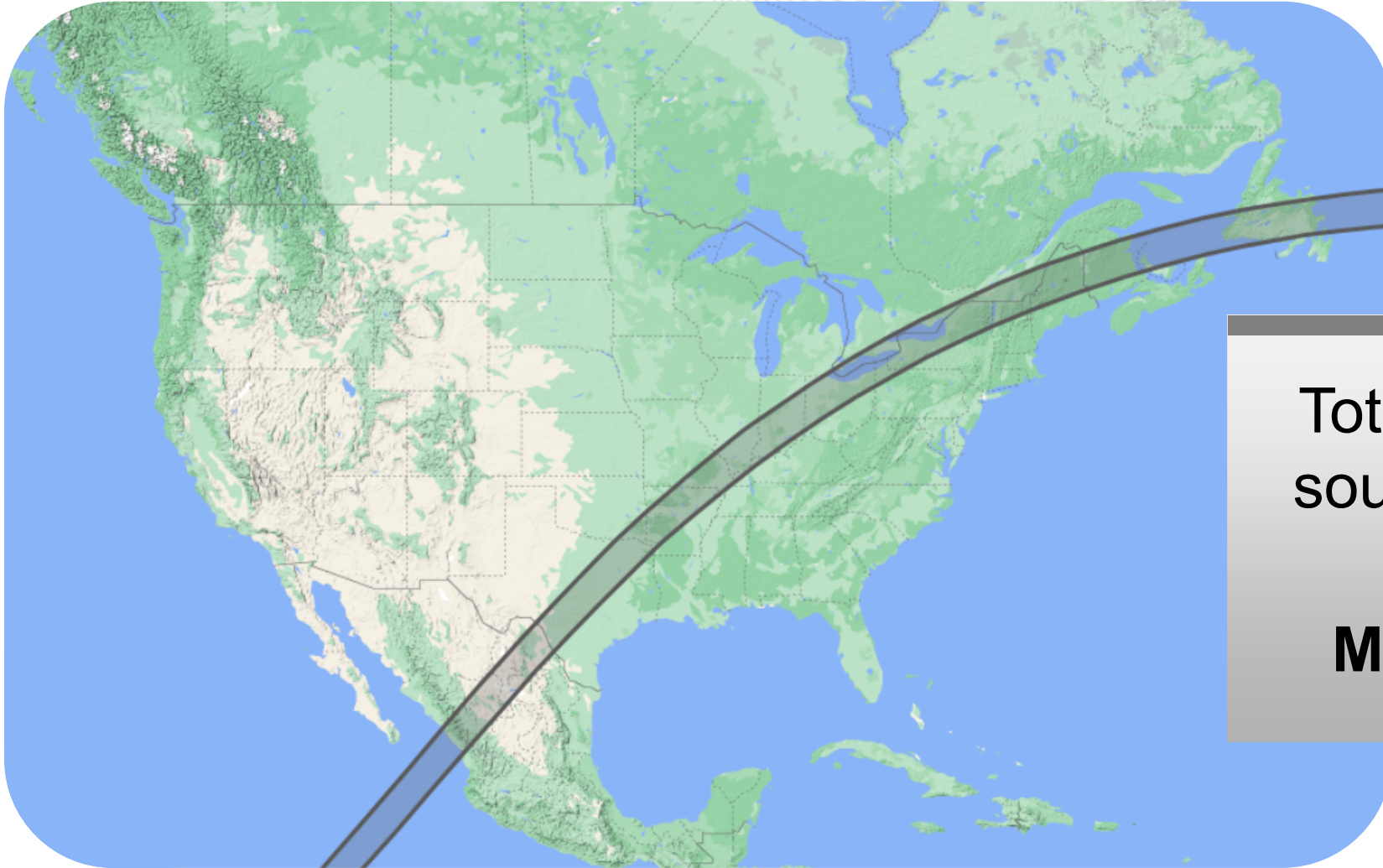


April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Impacts to PJM Footprint

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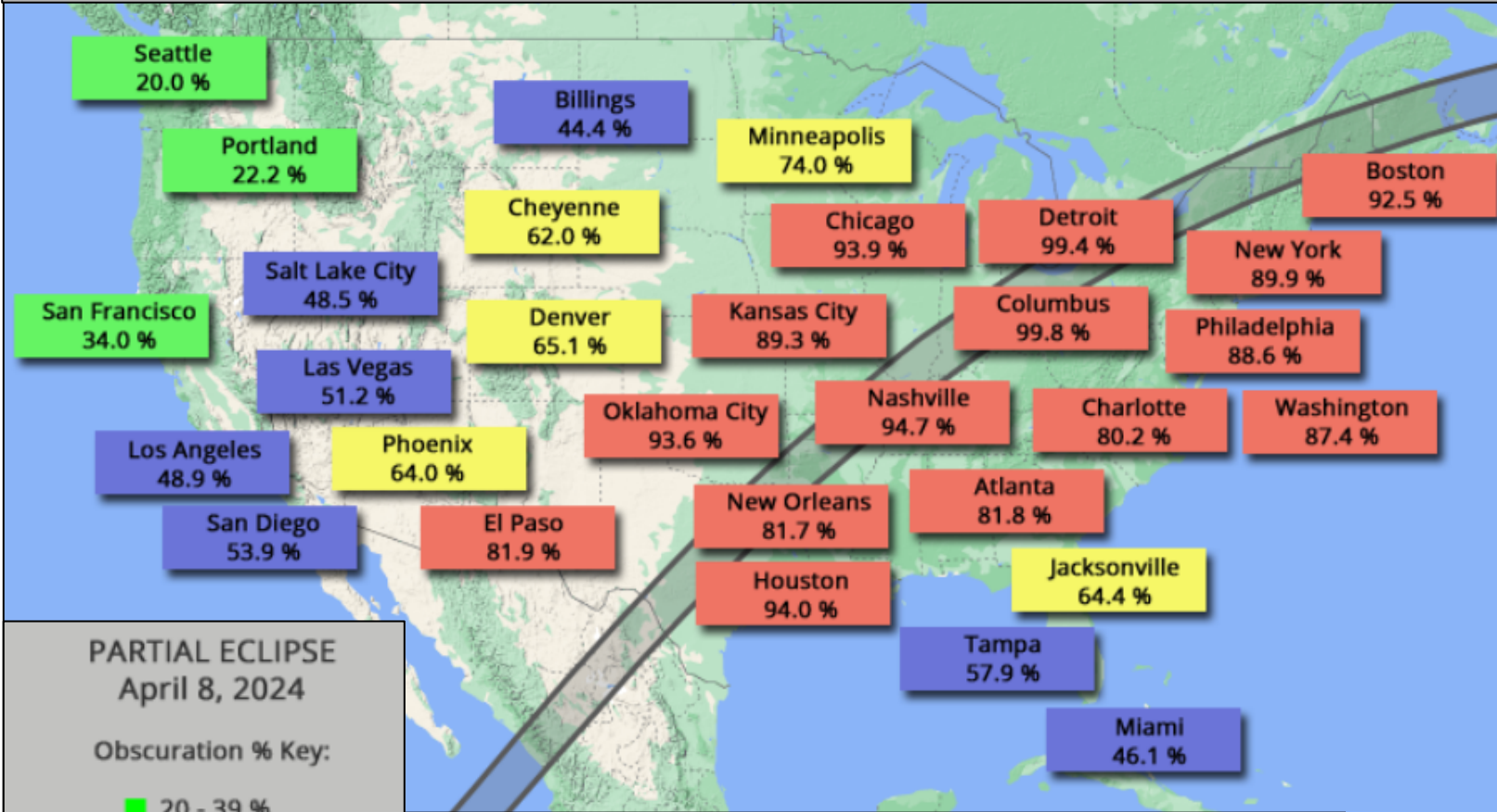
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Total solar eclipse across
south-central and eastern
United States
Monday, April 8, 2024

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Total solar eclipse across south-central and eastern United States



PARTIAL ECLIPSE
April 8, 2024

Obscuration % Key:

- 20 - 39 %
- 40 - 59 %
- 60 - 79 %
- 80 - 99 %

(Percentages shown are only representative samples)

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Monday, April 8, 2024

85-100% Obscuration
Mid-afternoon | During Spring

Different from past:

October 2023

<40% Obscuration
Early morning | During Fall

August 2017

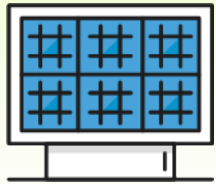
70%-90% Obscuration
Early afternoon | During Summer

Installed capacity solar and grid-connected MW:

13x increase
for grid-connected

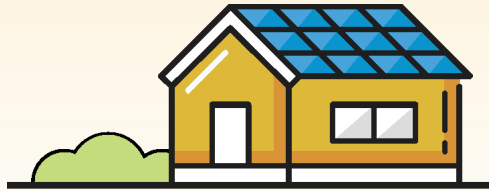
2.7x increase
for behind-the-meter

Generation



Metered solar
(grid-connected)

Load



Non-metered solar
(behind-the-meter)

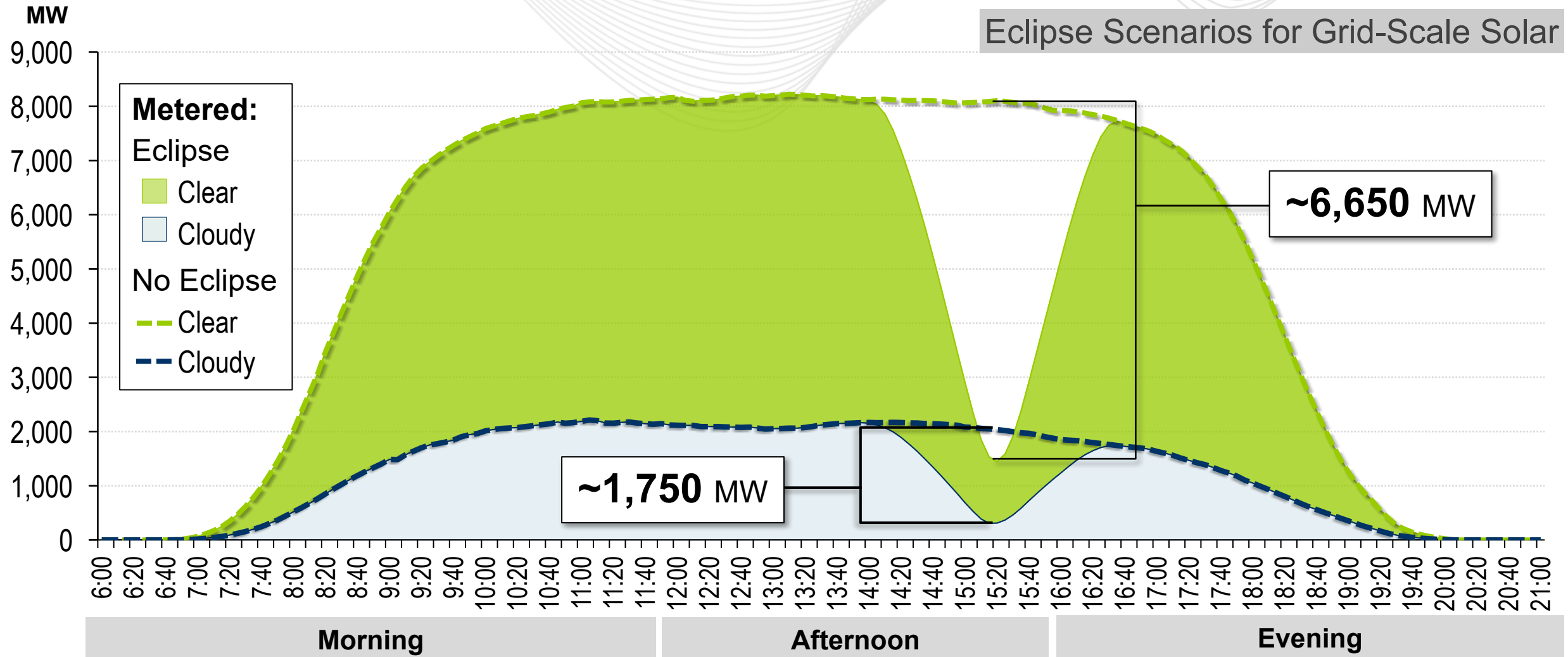


Temperature

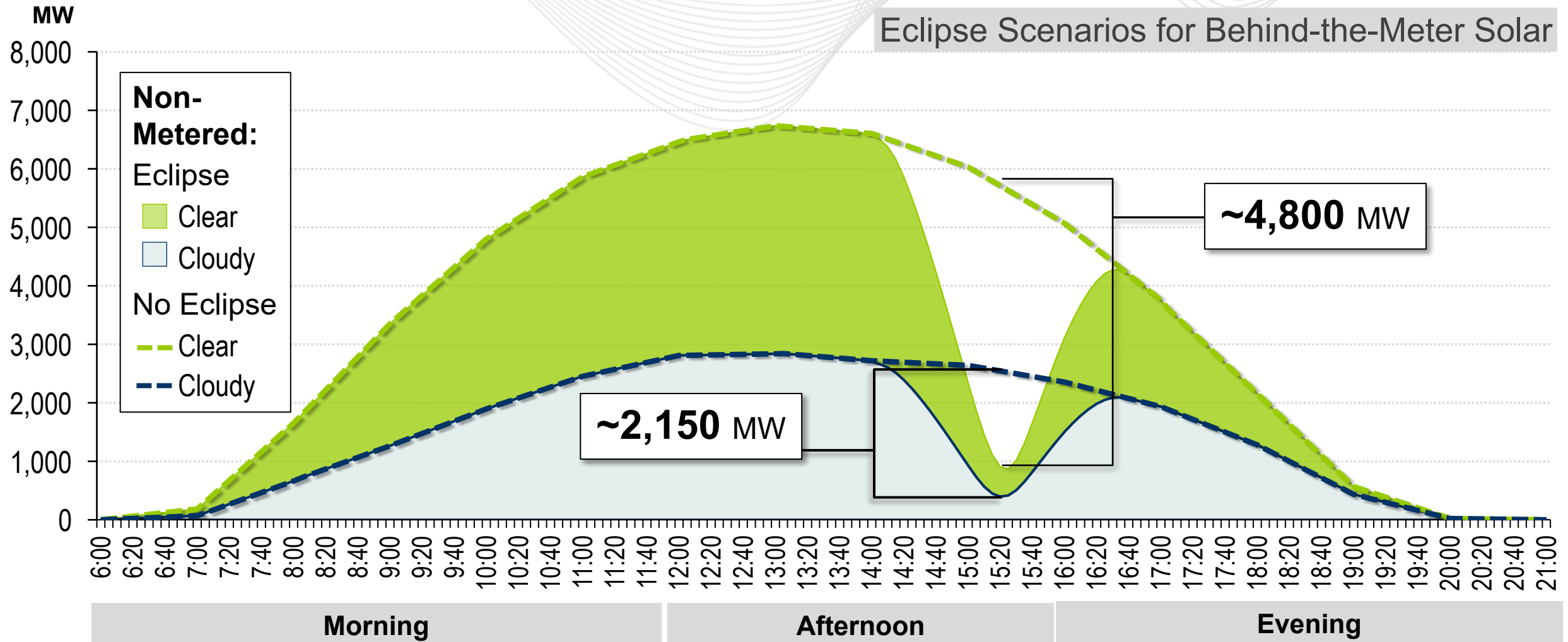


Consumer behavior



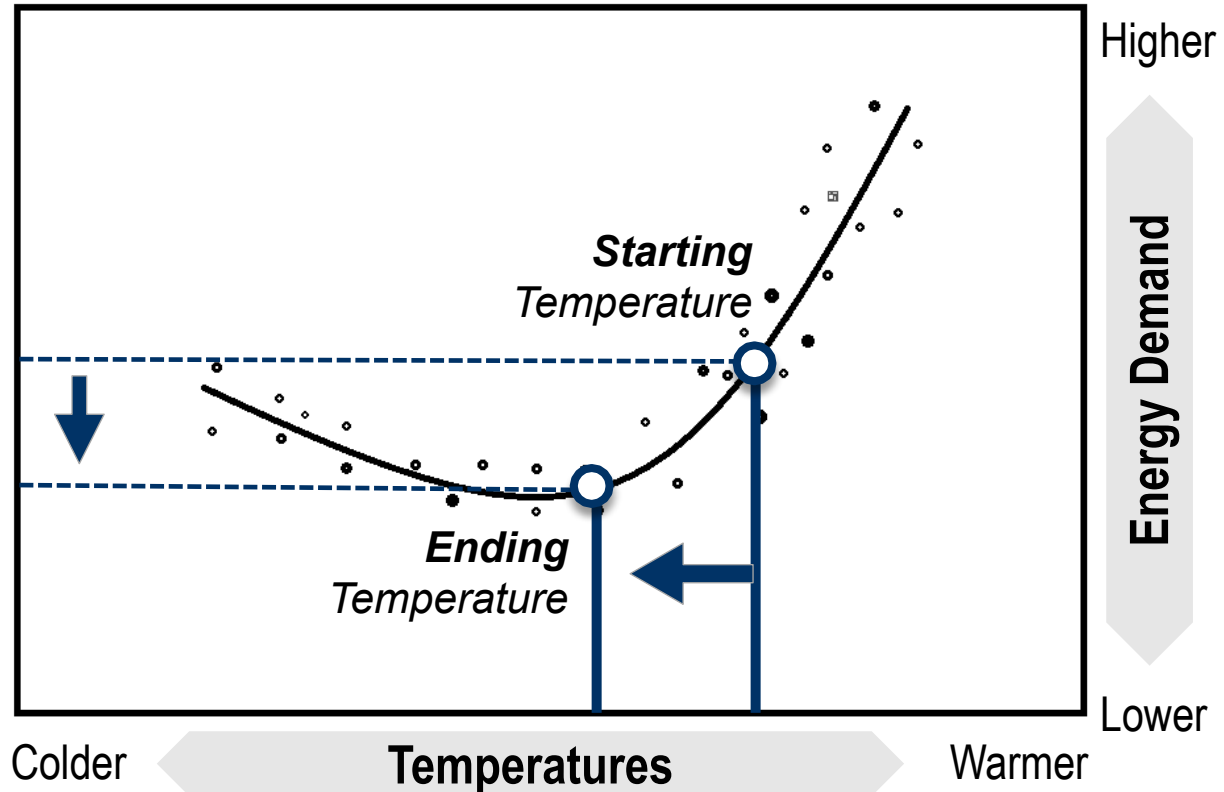
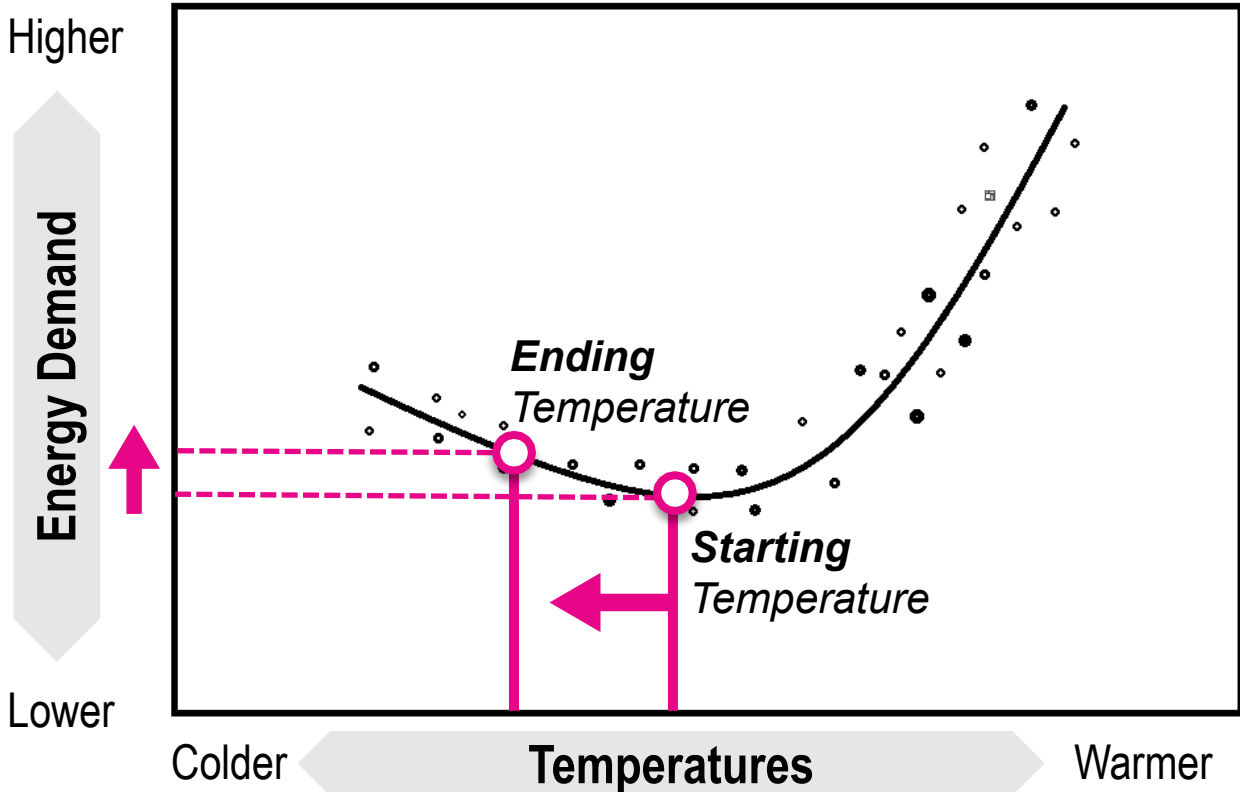


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Solar eclipses cause decreases in temperature (-4 to -10°F)	TWO SCENARIOS FOR EARLY SPRING:	
	Cold spell with heating load could lead to increased load	Warmer regime with cooling load could turn back off and lead to reduced load





- Anticipating variables that could impact load
 - School closures (decrease)
 - Travel to locations of totality (decrease/increase)
- Not a holiday, but not a normal Monday

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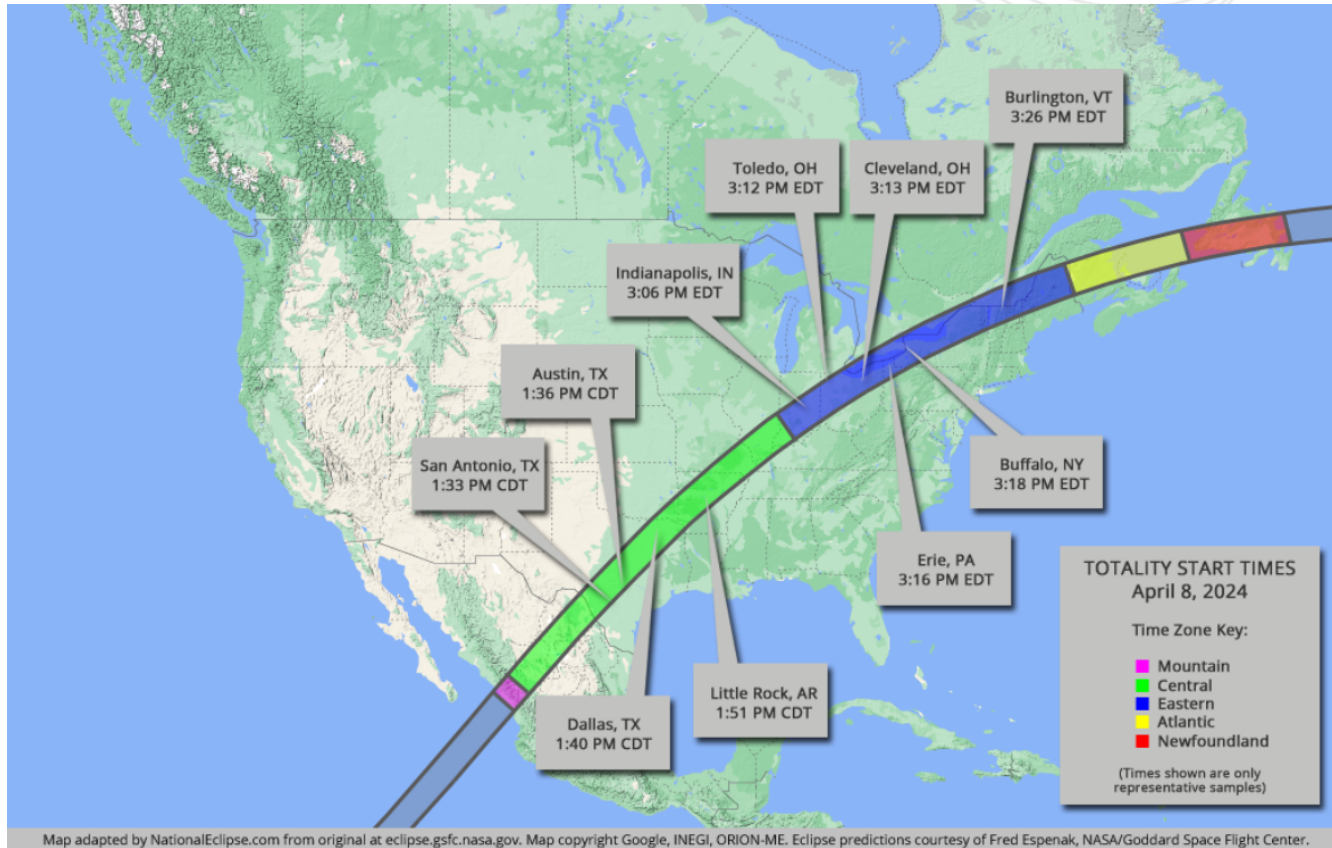
Appendix

- Depending on weather pattern, solar eclipses can diminish low-level cloud cover
 - Variability prior to eclipse will pause until temperature is re-established
 - Due to time of day of eclipse, grid operators may need to revise strategy to accommodate solar variability
 - Variable cloud cover pre-eclipse could change post-eclipse

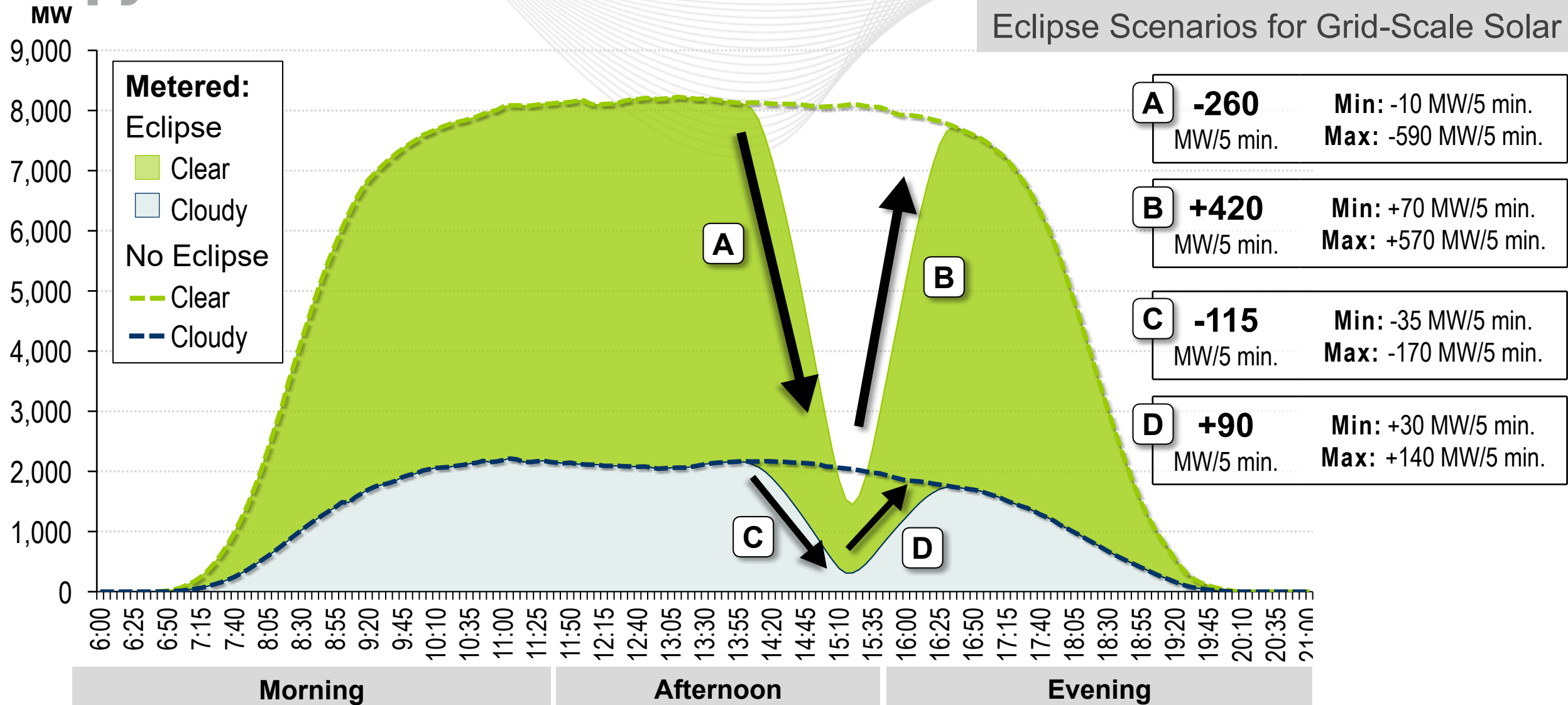
- Totality durations across event



- Start times of totality

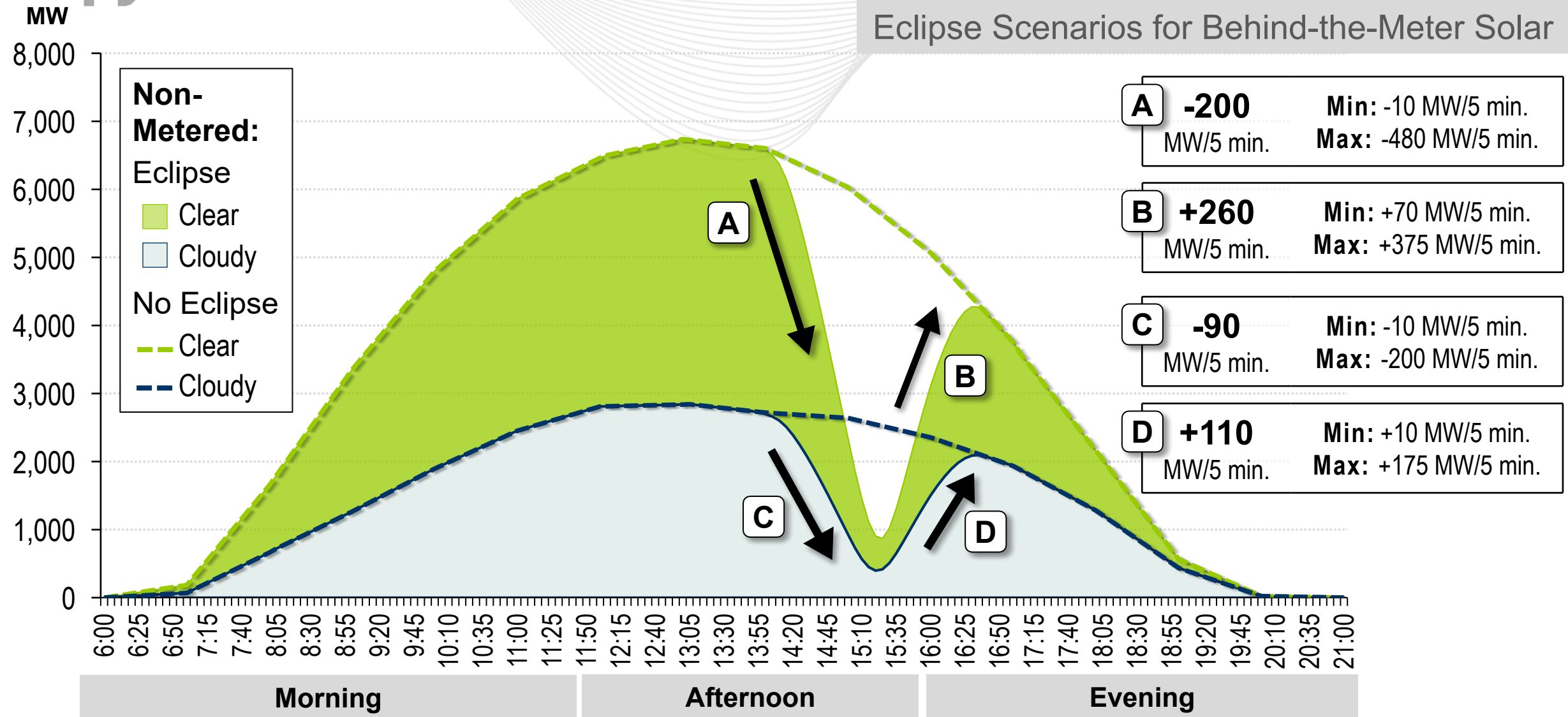


Eclipse Scenarios for Grid-Scale Solar



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Eclipse Scenarios for Behind-the-Meter Solar



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