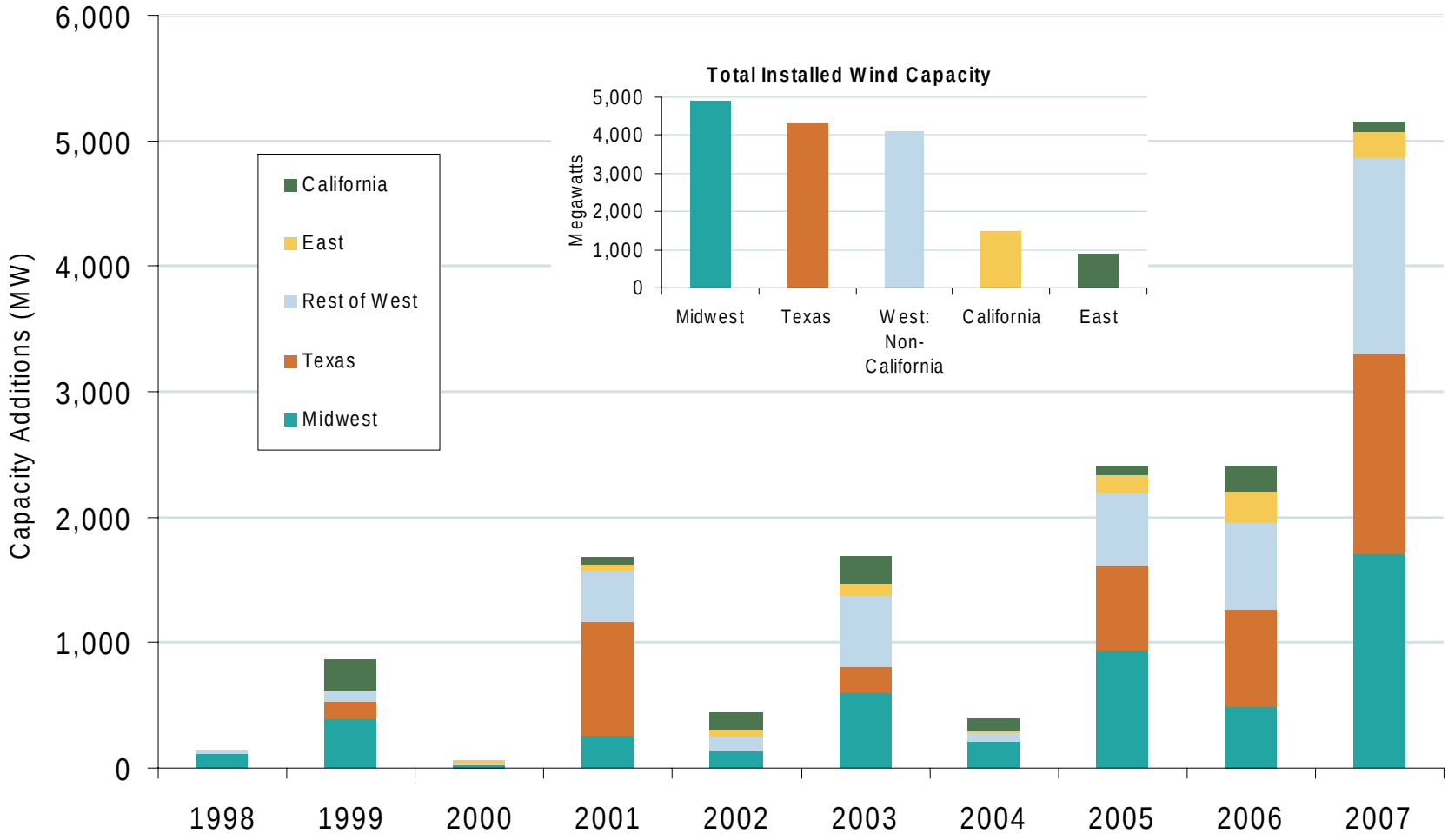
Growth of U.S. Installed Wind Capacity (MW)



Midwest includes: Il, IA, KS, MI, MN, MS, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, WI
East includes: ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TN, VT, WV

Source: American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)

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- Installed wind capacity grew 5,244 MW from 11,603 MW in 2006 to 16,818 MW in 2007, a 45% increase.
- More new wind capacity was added in 2007 than any prior year:.
- Just over half of new capacity – 2,704 MW – was installed in states with the highest wind potential. 59 percent of that – 1,588 MW – was in Texas.
- Installed capacity grew 150% from 2004 to 2007, while:
  - the number of states (including D.C.) with a renewable portfolio standard grew from 21 to 27, and
  - the wind production tax credit did not lapse.
- The top five states by capacity added in 2007 were: Texas (1,618 MW), Colorado (776), Illinois (592), Oregon (447), and Minnesota (405). Texas moved into 1st place in installed wind capacity in 2006, passing long-time leader California.
- The top 10 states by cumulative installed capacity have 14,366 MW of wind, or 85% of U.S. capacity. Nine of them had a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in 2007.
- The rapid growth of wind generating capacity has led to a backlog in many interconnection queues. The Commission held a Technical Conference on December 11, 2007 (AD08-2-000) to re-examine the Large Generator Interconnection Rule. Many ISO/RTOs reported that the queuing procedures specified by Order 2003 impede the timely interconnection of wind resources.

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