

IURC Announcement
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 W. Washington St.
Suite 1500 E.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For Immediate Release
August 12, 2008

Contact Information:
Danielle Dravet
Public Information Officer
Office: (317) 232-2297
Fax: (317) 232-6758
E-mail: ddravet@urc.IN.gov

The IURC Hosts Biomass Feasibility Forum

INDIANAPOLIS – On August 11, 2008, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) hosted the Decatur County Biomass Feasibility Forum.

The Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development (OED) awarded several grants for biomass feasibility studies, and Decatur County was selected as one of the recipients.

The project team consists of individuals from a variety of backgrounds – agriculture, energy policy, utility regulation, law and engineering. Team members include: Mark Miller, George A. Porch, Dr. Ronald F. Turco, Jr., Michael Hudson and Norma McDonald.

According to the project team, “this study will be a roadmap for Decatur County for future economic development and environmental improvement resulting from widespread adoption of commercially viable farm-based biomass-to-energy facilities.”

Biomass energy is energy from plants and plant-derived materials. While wood is still the largest biomass energy resource today, other sources of biomass can also be used. These other sources include: food crops, grassy and woody plants, residues from agriculture or forestry, and the organic component of municipal and industrial wastes.

Throughout the presentation, the project team described the study simply and highlighted the real issue at hand, “don’t waste your waste.”

For more information or to view the biomass feasibility presentation, please visit the IURC’s homepage: www.in.gov/iurc.

###

The Commission is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the IURC is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide adequate and reliable service at reasonable prices.