

During the last Policy Committee meeting, the following issues were discussed in an effort to identify plausible policy initiatives to support wind energy in Indiana. The intent was not to come up with specific policies that either the Committee or the IWWG at large could unanimously support, but rather to build a list of policy choices that could be discussed as part of the Indiana Wind Summit in April.

Our discussion surrounded policy choices intended to spur development of wind generation in Indiana and those intended to foster the development of wind energy related economic development (such as manufacturing, transportation, etc.)

In evaluating the policy alternatives, the Committee discussed advantages and disadvantages of Indiana for development of wind in either facet:

Advantages:

- Access to Transportation
- Access to Transmission (MISO & PJM)
- Manufacturing History and Capacity
- Tolerant/Positive Landowner Attitude
- Available Space
- Experienced Assembly Labor
- Strong Educational Institutions
- Utility Expertise
- Available energy \$\$\$, grant and otherwise
- Significant Applicable Construction Expertise

Disadvantages:

- Marginal Wind Resource
- No DOE Laboratory

The Committee discussed that the wide availability of coal could be viewed as both an asset or a liability from a policy perspective, depending upon whether it was seen as driving the need for cleaner portfolio offsets, or as a competitor for funding dollars.

Possible Policy Options listed included the following, by category:

For Wind Generation:

- Renewable Portfolio Standard - State
- State Tax Credit
- Property Tax Incentives/Abatements
- State Production Tax Credit
- State Carbon Tax

For Wind Manufacturing:

- Research Funding/Incentives (Transmission and Storage technologies specifically mentioned)
- Favorable Tax Policies
- Business Incubator Initiatives

Finally, the Policy Committee identified types of information to be gathered and circulated prior to the next meeting that would be useful in evaluating the policy choices already identified and in developing additional initiatives. These "action" items included:

- Locate current status of other jurisdictions' policy initiatives
- Locate NREL Study by Larry Flowers
- Identify stakeholders
- Identify current sources of research grant funding
- Identify existing renewable energy initiatives at university level
- Reach out to relevant wind manufacturers for information about required resources
- Identify relationship between wind and other energy sources