

MISSOURI ENERGY TASK FORCE RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, reliable and affordable energy is essential to the welfare of Missouri Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is almost completely dependent on importing fossil fuels to generate more than 85% of the electricity consumed in this state; and

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WHEREAS, the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) has estimated that, at current prices, Missourians will spend approximately \$11.7 billion per year to import fossil fuels (coal, gas and petroleum); and

WHEREAS, the use of renewable energy technologies is important to lessen Missouri's dependence on fossil fuels; and

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WHEREAS, in 2001, Governor Holden's Energy Policy Task Force recommended that Missouri adopt a Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) that would have required Missouri's investor-owned utilities to generate 6% of their electricity using renewable fuel sources by 2015; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two states and the District of Columbia have already adopted RPS policies for generating electricity to serve their consumers; and

WHEREAS, diversifying the sources of fuel used to generate electricity in Missouri will reduce the likelihood of consumers experiencing the supply disruptions and price spikes associated with dependence on any one particular fossil fuel; and

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WHEREAS, changing regulations on emissions for electric generation plants that use fossil fuels will continue to increase the cost of energy from these sources relative to renewable energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has the potential to develop and implement renewable energy technologies that could lessen our dependence on fossil fuel from other states and encourage economic growth within our state; and

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WHEREAS, the Missouri Energy Task Force finds that the investor owned utilities regulated by the state ~~should aggressively seek to develop a renewable energy portfolio standard to encourage~~ economic growth, environmental quality, and public health.

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Missouri Energy Task Force recommends that the State of Missouri adopt a renewable energy portfolio standard, with the following recommendations:

(1) By 2020, 10% of the electricity generated by Missouri investor-owned utilities in this state should be generated using renewable energy technologies;

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(2) All investor owned utilities should be required to make a good faith effort to reach the 10% renewable energy generation goal while continuing to provide the reliable, low-cost electricity that Missourians currently enjoy; and

(3) The Missouri Public Service Commission, after consultation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and whomever the commission deems necessary, should be responsible for promulgating rules regarding this issue and for evaluating investor-owned utility plans to implement a renewable energy portfolio standard that will achieve the goal of 10% renewable electrical generation, coupled with keeping power reliable and affordable to consumers.

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THEREFORE, be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor as well as to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.