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November 29, 2012

Federal Policy Update from Lloyd Ritter, Green Capitol

The November election results were largely "status quo" here in Washington D.C. President Obama was re-elected, the Senate Democrats retained, and slightly expanded their majority, and the House remains in Republican control, albeit with slightly a modest decrease in their ranks. The upshot is overall quite positive from a Federal wind power policy perspective. The President has supported wind power, the PTC/ITC, the farm bill energy title, etc. Mitt Romney came out against the PTC during the campaign, which hurt him in states like Iowa. Senate Democrats are pushing for the ITC extension and have helped us in other ways, including the U.S. FWS Wind Siting Guidelines. Unfortunately, the House has been fairly dismissive of the broad renewable energy agenda.

However, with the election over there is a chance we'll see improved bi-partisan relations. The so-called "fiscal cliff" negotiations may leave room for the ITC to be extended, along with the PTC, and other provisions that are expiring or have expired already. DWEA continues to advocate on multiple fronts, including ITC extension. We held a "Mini Lobby Day" on November 28th, with about ten key meetings and a media luncheon that garnered some press. We're working on the farm bill, for a long-term extension that would help save the REAP program's funding. We are laying groundwork on other fronts as well, including DW13: A Capitol Hill Event for Small and Community Wind.

Upcoming Events

DW13: A Capitol Hill
Event for Distributed
and Community Wind
Washington, DC
Feb. 12-13, 2013

Small and Community
Wind Conference
Rochester, NY
June 11-12, 2013

Small Wind Installer
Conference
Steven's Point, WI
June 18-19, 2013

Member News

**DWEA Welcomes
New Member,
CohnReznick**

With origins dating back to

Installation of the Month

Wind Energy Powers Water Reclamation Facility

The City of El Dorado Installs Community-Scale Wind On-Site to Harvest Clean Energy Resource

With a commitment to excellence in green, cost saving solutions the city of El Dorado, Kansas, paved the way for renewable energy generation at the Wetland and Water Reclamation Facility. GBA Architects + Engineers was selected by the city to provide assistance with a grant pursuit and feasibility study. Following the study analysis, the city proposed plans for a 1MW wind turbine to provide clean energy to the facility.

GBA then provided design and construction documents for the initiative with GBA Builders serving as the construction manager. Completed in early October, the project is projected to generate 2,484,000 kWh each year, saving the facility \$178,000 in the first year. As the city's energy costs continue to rise, the projected savings created by the wind turbine will also increase annually.

In an effort to showcase the benefits of powering wastewater treatment plants with wind energy the city of El Dorado welcomes public tours. A unique look of the installation is featured at www.360eldorado.com/Government/PublicUtilitiesWaterandSewer.html

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Committee Corner

DWEA's Permitting & Zoning committee has been working with the

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National Association of Counties to publish the "County Strategies for Successfully Managing and Promoting Wind Power," which shares criteria to consider when planning for wind installation of various scales and model ordinances to guide development. Join this webinar to learn about this new publication and hear first-hand experiences of county planners. Find out how county leaders are working with the wind industry to responsibly develop wind energy in their communities-protecting public safety while respecting individual property rights and promoting development.

December 6, 2012
2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST

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