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A Look Back: Weathering the Storm from Jennifer Jenkins, Executive Director

Over the past year, we've seen the distributed wind industry fight to stay alive in a time of economic and political turmoil. We've watched as leaders in the industry strategize to keep their companies alive while the once prosperous American market sinks lower than expected. We've felt the loss of great funding programs in states that have infamously supported our market. And, we've said goodbye to friends that have lost their jobs to a market that seems too dark to remedy.

Through it all, we've seen a level of focus and perseverance never before seen in the North American distributed wind industry. Lifelong competitors have joined forces to develop strategies to rebuild a damaged market because the potential in the North American distributed wind market is too great to ignore. Small and large businesses collaborate on tools to help the industry evolve past the obvious barriers impeding growth. Still, the most powerful, unexpected victory is that the distributed wind industry fights together and as a unified voice to rebuild.

I encourage you to stay focused and keep persevering. Here are ways to maximize your membership in 2013:

- Collaborate with your colleagues to create and implement solutions
- Join the industry on Capitol Hill in February to make your voice heard
- Meet us in June as we convene in Rochester to educate consumers on the power of distributed wind
- Join your colleagues on the committees that make your company a priority - covering everything from state policy to consumer education

DWEA is working hard and will work harder in 2013. Join us in the fight for a renewable and carbon free future!

Permitting & Zoning News

NACo and DWEA Release County Wind Ordinance Best Practices Guide

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Distributed Wind Energy Association (DWEA) have released a guide that details best practices to assist counties in developing effective county wind ordinances.

The report, *County Strategies for Successfully Managing and*

Upcoming Events

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

***Register by Jan. 7th for Early Bird Rates**
Register Now

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

Exhibition & Sponsorship opportunities available

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

State Policy News

Wind Turbine Rebate Program Taking Applications Starting Dec. 14

NV Energy will be accepting applications for WindGenerations, the company's rebate program for small wind turbines, from Friday, Dec. 14, until Friday, Jan. 11, at 5 p.m. If any categories for applications are oversubscribed, successful applicants will be chosen by a lottery. Customers must submit applications online by accessing the WindGenerations website at

www.nvenergy.com/renewablesenvironment/renewablegenerations/windgen/windapply.cfm.

Anyone with questions about the application process can call the RenewableGenerations program toll free at 866-786-3823 or contact the office by email at RenewableGenerations@nvenergy.com.

Program requirements for 2013 were revised by NV Energy and the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada with input from the wind industry in an effort to ensure that the projects selected will meet customers' expectations.

Incentives for the program are one-time payments paid after the systems are completed and connected that are based on the power output capacity of the turbines. For homeowners, small businesses and agricultural customers, the incentive rate for the next round of projects is \$2.15 per watt. The incentive rate for schools and public buildings is \$3.15 per watt. Incentives will be available for up to 50 kilowatts (kW) of electricity for residential customers and small businesses, 100 kW for schools, 100 kW for public buildings and 750 kW for agricultural customers.

Reservation letters will be mailed to successful applicants by the end of January. Since the start of the WindGenerations program in 2008, 150 wind turbine projects, capable of producing approximately 8.6 megawatts of electricity, have been installed statewide. For more information about WindGenerations and NV Energy's other small renewable energy programs, visit NVEnergy.com.

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Promoting Wind Power, is the result of a NACo and DWEA partnership to assist county leaders and the wind industry in working collaboratively to develop affordable and safe wind energy projects that respect property rights and promote economic growth.

The guide serves as a tool for county elected officials and planners to learn about local wind ordinance development, explore key ordinance criteria, and consider best practices from other counties. For example, the permitting process is often a daunting obstacle for counties, wind developers, and would-be consumers to develop. Few counties have added allowances for wind systems -even small-scale- to their zoning codes. In some places, unfamiliarity with wind technologies has resulted in complete restriction of wind development to avoid setting a controversial precedent.

The guide explains key differences in wind system technologies and cites best practices for distributed wind in areas, such as rotor turbine height, lighting, and safety.

Download the guide at: www.naco.org/greencounties. Hard copies are available upon request.

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Committee Corner

Free Webinar!

DWEA's Installer Committee is hosting a webinar Thursday, December 20th at 4pm Eastern. The webinar will feature a presentation by Victoria M. Fekete, Business Program Specialist, USDA, Rural Development. You will learn about the REAP Loan Program and financing renewable energy related projects through the USDA grants and loans guarantees, timing for the submission of the USDA application, and how to increase your chances for USDA funding approval.

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