

# Distributed Wind Energy Association Federal Policy Committee

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4p EST

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## Agenda:

### Guest Speaker - Ryan Abraham, Senior Counsel to Chairman Baucus on the Finance Committee

- Overview of where things stand and where they may end up
  - Chairman Baucus recognized the longer project cycle for wind and proposed "1603-like" safe harbor provision for projects started in 2013. 19 to 5 vote in Finance Committee in regards to including projects that are under construction in 2013 – sent a strong bipartisan signal
  - PTC/ITC extensions were top priorities with Sen. Baucus.
- Next two months Congress will focus on the rest of the fiscal cliff
- What defines a project started in 2013?
  - Look at Dept. of Treasury 1603 guidance . . .there is a FAQ about construction requirements (e.g., 5% expenditure)
  - Currently only have legislative language to go by
- No new layers were added to the ITC. It is the same as before.

### Updates from the Hill (Lloyd Ritter)

- ITC Extended!
- First day of 113<sup>th</sup> Congress!
- Thank you DWEA membership for your work on ITC extension!!
- Farm Bill
  - Farm Bill was extended for 9 months BUT there is no funding for the energy programs.
  - DWEA should re-engage with House Republicans on the energy titles – Senate supports, House doesn't
- Dynamics on the Hill have shifted - - the legislation model has new opportunities
- 1603 status – Lloyd thinks it's not going anywhere

### Looking Forward (Mike Bergey)

- American Small Wind Turbines Job Act of 2013
  - Submitted to Sen. Ron Wyden, incoming Chair of Senate Energy and natural resources Committee
  - Asked to identify priorities – submitted quality assurance provisions and permitting relief - awaiting response
- ITC
  - Focus on longer extension, in line with the solar credit
  - Continue to work with AWEA
- AWEA has proposed a ramp down 6 year extension of PTC - - DWEA has yet to determine its stance.
- Directed Language: DOE, DOD, USDA & US-AID appropriations



## DWEA Announcements

- **DW13 – Lobby Day**  
*Feb 12 -13, 2013*
  - [CLICK HERE](#) for details
  - Registration is open!
  - Discounted housing deadline: January 25, 2013
  - Speakers announced
- **Small & Community WINDPOWER 2013**  
*June 11 -12, 2013*
  - [CLICK HERE](#) for details
  - Exhibit and sponsorship opportunities now open!
- **ITC is extended!**

- In general, the outlook is more positive than last year at this time

**DW13 – Lobby Day (Mike & Annie)**

- MB stressed the importance to the industry of our Lobby Day
- Registration is open
  - Early bird rate ends Jan. 7th
- Sponsorship opportunities available
- Event website: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6gxx7zm2fb17905&llr=s4qd9aiab>

**Next meeting:** January 17, 2013