



our Wind our Power our Future

Distributed Wind Energy Association Federal Policy Committee

Co-Chairs: Mike Bergey and Andy Kruse

December 20, 2012 at 4p EDT

Agenda & Minutes:

2012 – A Year in Review (Lloyd Ritter)

- Big year introducing distributed wind in DC
- USFWS siting guidelines
- FHA Conservation Loan program – try to make it more usable
- DW12 Lobby day success with over 50 meetings
- Certification of turbines as prerequisite for ITC
- Reforms for USDA program
- Introduction of marker bill adopting all recommendation for reform of USDA
- Helped obtain \$250m funds for REAP over 5 years
- DOE letters for more support
- Fought anti-wind amendments (Alexander)
- ITC extension campaign
- NREL competitive solicitation (first in 5 years)
- 3 mini lobby days on the Hill for ITC
- Media luncheon with Politico
- 2013 strategy meetings in December with Agencies

2013 – Looking Forward (Mike Bergey)

- American Small Wind Turbines Job Act of 2013
 - All encompassing bill
 - Shopping for champion
 - Goal (ambitious) to have bill# by DW13
- ITC
 - Letter of Support for ITC extension when to Hill leadership
 - Dec round of Hill visits during mini lobby day
 - Odds good to make it into larger package
 - 1 year extension is not enough – need level playing field with fossil fuels
- Directed Language: DOE, DOD, USDA & US-AID appropriations
- Report on meetings at DOD, State Dept., US-AID, DOE and Capitol Hill last week
 - Lots of interest in DW
 - Representatives will attend DW13



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DW13 – Lobby Day (Jennifer)

- Registration is open
 - Early bird rate ends Jan. 7th
- Sponsorship opportunities available
 - Blumenauer confirmed
 - Rural Development confirmed
 - Need sponsors for Capitol Hill reception!
- Event website:
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6gxx7zm2fb17905&llr=s4qd9aiab>

Next meeting: January 3, 2013