



MONTANA

Businesses Know That Economic and Job Growth Starts with Policy

In lieu of federal energy policy, states are enacting policies that create jobs and attract private investment in the clean energy economy. State-level clean energy policies are as varied as the states themselves, but all have common goals—spurring economic and job growth while improving energy security and the environment. Federal policies that build upon the proven successes at the state and regional levels will help expand Montana businesses and create opportunities in the clean energy economy across the United States.

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RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD (RES)

An RES requires utilities to generate a certain percentage of power (based on electricity sales or generating capacity) from renewable sources such as wind, solar and geothermal.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCE STANDARD (EERS)

An EERS reduces electricity and gas consumption by requiring utilities to achieve energy savings through supply- and/or demand-side efficiency measures. An EERS specifies reductions for energy use, peak demand or both.



DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Direct loan programs provide low- or zero-interest financing for renewable energy.



TAX CREDITS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Tax credits generally apply to commercial and industrial sectors, reducing the amount of annual taxes owed to the government. Generally, taxes are reduced by a specified percentage of a renewable energy project's value, based on investment or production.

Federal tax credits are not permanent and subject to regular reapproval by Congress



“Our business reduces the environmental impact of our buildings. Strong political leadership towards clean energy policy will help us achieve our goals and improve the quality of life for future generations.”

Joel Anderson
Architect
CTA Architects & Engineers
Billings, Mont.



“I am excited to be working in the wind energy industry because nationally it will bring America closer to energy independence. And locally it means more jobs and associated economic benefits. National clean energy policy will help revitalize rural Montana and offer our young the opportunity to stay in Montana and make a decent living wage.”

Doug Sylling
Project Manager
Gaelectric, LLC
Great Falls, Mont.

“The logic of energy efficient buildings is clear. Climate, jobs and the local economy all improve as buildings are made more efficient. Only Congress has the authority to make changes on a scale and time-frame necessary to avoid the natural and financial disasters we face.”

Jim Baerg
Principal
Montana Energy+Design
Livingston, Mont.



“Building green just makes sense. It saves money and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. But we need a national clean energy policy that will stimulate investments in energy efficiency.”

Randy Hafer
President & CEO
High Plains Architects
Billings, Mont.



PLEASE JOIN THESE MONTANANS AND THEIR BUSINESSES IN ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENACT A STRONG CLEAN ENERGY POLICY FRAMEWORK.

www.PewTrusts.org/CleanEnergy

- Enroll your business in our Clean Energy Business Network to receive updates on relevant policies and gain access to our list of resources designed to help you make the most of the growing clean energy economy.
- Join Pew’s advocates to receive occasional e-mails informing you of potential policies and how you can support them.



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