



News Release

Dept. of Energy: Wind Can Generate 20% of Nation's Power by 2030

ELGIN, Ill. – May 15, 2008 – EcoEnergy's wind energy projects in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and Arizona may be a part of the U.S. Department of Energy's push to generate 20 percent of our nation's electricity through wind by 2030.

The DOE released a study May 12 outlining the benefits, costs and feasibility of achieving 20 percent by 2030. The study, begun as a collaborative effort to answer President George W. Bush's 2006 call for a more diversified energy portfolio, is available at www.20percentwind.org.

"EcoEnergy is currently developing wind projects totaling more than 2800 megawatts (MW)," said EcoEnergy President Shawn Gaffney. "We are in this business because we believe that wind energy is an environmentally sound and good economic answer to meet our country's growing energy needs, now and in the future. Being a part of the 20 percent by 2030 movement puts EcoEnergy at the forefront of reducing our country's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reducing our demand for fossil fuels while supporting farmers and rural communities."

The DOE report details one scenario through which wind energy could fulfill 20 percent of the nation's electricity needs by 2030. The scope of the project is large: It forecasts the need for wind installations totaling more than 300 gigawatts (GW) or 300,000 MW of power. (Current U.S. wind installations total 11.6 GW.) The report is a joint effort completed with the help of numerous industry and government organizations as well as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Howard A. Learner, the executive director of the Environmental Law and Policy

Center commented on the report's Web site: "New wind power development is sweeping across the nation's heartland, spawning a rural economic renaissance while producing non-polluting electricity. Wind power should be a key part of the solutions to our global warming pollution problems. (This) report shows how significantly wind power can contribute to our cleaner energy future."

EcoEnergy is an alternative energy solutions developer and a unit of the Morse Group, headquartered in Freeport. The Morse Group has been in business for more than 60 years and serves clients in the electrical, energy and construction markets across the United States. For more information on EcoEnergy, visit www.EcoEnergyllc.com. For more information on wind energy, visit www.ifnotwind.org.

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