

North Dakota Alliance for Renewable Energy (NDARE)

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NDARE

- NDARE is an advocacy organization that develops networks of residents, industry, government, interest groups, and educators. We identify common ground and opportunities, and develop strategies to achieve common goals to make ND the preeminent state for development and use of renewable energy.





NDARE Membership

- NDARE is growing with over 60 members comprised of individuals, grower groups, utilities, REC's, state agencies, economic development groups, universities, banks, manufacturers.





NDARE Sectors

- Wind
- Biomass
- Ethanol
- Carbon
- Energy Efficiency
- Biodiesel





NDARE Goals

- Secure and expand state funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Enhance the production, availability, distribution and use of biofuels in ND
- Achieve significant increases in energy efficiency in ND
- Develop a state policy framework to manage CO₂





NDARE Goals

- Invest a portion of the general fund surplus into commercial scale application of next generation energy technologies in which ND has a comparative advantage and that benefit the state
- Protect the wind rights and other interests of landowners and the commercial rights of project developers and owners





NDARE Goals

- Foster development of enhanced geothermal energy in ND
- Maximize retention of wealth in communities created by and through renewable energy and efficiency projects





NDARE Wind Sector Goals

- **Protect the wind rights and interests of landowners and the commercial rights of wind energy project developers and owners by:**
- Providing state information about wind lease/easement contract terms to promote transparency and disclosure and support greater public education relative to such contracts
- Public Service Commission developing a contracting “code of conduct” for wind energy developers who would then be required to notify landowners whether or not they have agreed to adhere to the code of conduct
- Requiring the Public Service Commission to develop rules governing the siting of wind turbines relative to wind rights and property boundaries





House Bill 1509

- Code of Conduct for wind developers
- Passed the House-Amended in the Senate
- Conference Committee
 - Opponents are committed to removing section prohibiting confidentiality clauses
- NDARE is committed to keeping the process open





HB 1426 – Failed

- Established wind tower setback guidelines for developers





SB 2033 - Passed

- Extended the tax credit for installation of Wind, Solar, Geothermal and Biomass devices
 - Credit of 3%/year for 5 years
 - Extended through 2015





SB 2245 - Passed

- Established a 5 year limit for wind option agreements, easements and leases
 - A contract between developer and landowners terminates after 5 years, unless:
 - certificate of site compatibility or conditional use permit has been issued
 - transmission interconnection request is in process and not under suspension





SB 2031 - Passed

- Extends the property tax credit for wind turbine electric generators from 2011 to 2015
 - Allows developers to reduce tax assessments for another 4 years (Rate of 1 ½ %)





SB 2032 - Passed

- Extends the sales tax exemption for materials used to construct or expansion of wind-powered facilities
 - Was to expire 2011, now 2015





HB 1456 - Failed

- Transfer tax credits for installation of wind energy devices between taxpayers
 - ND Tax Dept opposed – no way to manage process





HB 1449

- Decommissioning of wind energy conversion facilities
 - Requires wind developers to record the existence of underground foundations not removed at the time a facility is decommissioned.
- Conference committee





HCR 3044 - Passed

- Study the allocation of wind rights in ND
 - How wind rights relate to the surface estate
 - How visual and noise disturbances are addressed
 - Study spacing and placement of wind turbines while protecting property rights





Conclusion

Thank you!

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