

An Overview of the SB07-91 Task Force on Renewable Resource Generation Development Areas

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Overview of SB07-091



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CONCERNING RENEWABLE RESOURCE GENERATION DEVELOPMENT AREAS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A TASK FORCE, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

SB07-091 General Requirements

Pursuant to the requirements of Colorado Senate Bill 07-91, the map shall include existing generation and transmission lines and potential renewable resource generation development areas within Colorado that have potential to support competition among renewable energy developers for development of renewable resource generation projects.

SB 91 Objectives

- Identify Colorado's Renewable Energy Resources
- Assemble Renewable Resource
 Information
- Create the Colorado Renewable Resource Generation Development Areas Map

The 16-member TF was appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House

- **Frank Prager** of Englewood, vice president of environmental policy for Xcel Energy.
- **Rick Gilliam** of Broomfield, director of western states policy with SunEdison.
- Dan McClendon of Montrose, general manager of Delta-Montrose Electrical Association.
- **Ronald L. Lehr** of Englewood, former Public Utilities Commission chairman and current wind energy consultant.
- George R. Smart of Fort Collins
- **Tony P. Frank** of Denver, director of renewable energy development for the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union.
- John R. Bleem of Fort Collins, a division manager for the Platte River Power Authority.
- Craig Cox, Interwest Energy Alliance
- Mac McLennan, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
- John Nielsen, Western Resource Advocates
- **Ron Larson**, Colorado Renewable Energy Society
- Barbara Walker, Independent Bankers of Colorado (appointed by the Senate President).
- Sam Mamet, Executive Director, Colorado Municipal League.
- **Glenn Gibson**, Larimer County Commissioner (designated by Colorado Counties Inc.).
- **David Hurlbut**, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (designated by the director of NREL).
- **Morey Wolfson**, Governor's Energy Office (designated by the Director of the Governor's Energy Office).

Budget

"The GEO may accept private gifts, grants, and donations"

Anticipated Expenditures \$31,700

Donations:

\$36,000

Schedule

- Four month program
- Four TF meetings
- Maps and accompanying document completed no later than December 31, 2007

Task Force Meetings

- August 6
- September 10
- October 15
- November 19-
 - Final meeting
 - Review progress since the October meeting,
 - Receive public comment
 - complete the TF work

Deliverables

- Maps of solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and small hydro
- Analytical document
- Online access to the data

Mapping Project Focus

- Potential use of enterprise zones in the development of renewable resource generation development areas;
- Transmission needs of the renewable resource generation development areas to locations in which customers can use the renewable resources; and
- Potential development of various renewable resources, including, but not limited to, wind, solar, hydropower, biomass, biofuel, ethanol, and geothermal resources.

Approach

The work uses geographic information systems (GIS) to map renewable energy resource areas for the state. GIS work uses land features and scientific modeling results (like solar and wind studies) to describe locations suitable for renewable resource development areas.

Generation & Transmission



Draft Solar GDA







Transmission



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Hydro Generation

Draft Hydroelectric Generation





Draft Geothermal GDA





Draft Ethanol and Biodiesel



- E85_BiodieselRefuelingStations
- BiodieselProductionFacilities
 - Ethanol Biorefinery



Estimate Renewable Energy Potential

- Summarize areas after screening
- Estimate installed capacity



• Estimate renewable generation

Example: Blue outlined area on map, assume 5 MW per sq. km installed wind capacity and 35% annual average capacity factor

Class 3 or better resource = 100 sq. km. Installed capacity = 100 sq. km. * 5 MW/sq. km = 500 MW Annual average generation = 500 MW * 35% * 8760 hrs/yr = 1,533,000 MWh/yr

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Acknowledgments

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Thank you