3.9 - Federal Agency Purchases of Green Power

The federal government exceeded its goal of obtaining 2.5% of its electricity needs from renewable energy sources by September 30, 2005. The federal renewable energy goal was established under Executive Order 13123, issued by President Clinton in 1999. The federal government, which is the nation's largest energy consumer, purchases 2.375 billion kWh of renewable energy annually.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005, signed into law by President Bush on August 8, 2005, establishes a new set of federal renewable energy goals, calling for agencies to derive 3% of their electric energy from renewable sources in fiscal years 2007 through 2009, increasing to 5% in fiscal years 2010 through 2012, and 7.5% by 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter.