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Pickens Plan gets nod from Western States Land Commissioners

Texas Land Commissioner nets support for Pickens' renewable energy plan

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson led land commissioners and land managers from across the West this week to endorse the Pickens Plan to use renewable energy to break America's addiction to foreign oil.

Patterson, past president of the Western States Land Commissioners Association, led the effort to gain the endorsement by the influential group at its annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico this week.

"The West is solidly behind T. Boone Pickens," Patterson said. "His plan to break America's addiction to foreign oil is an issue of national security and prudent land management, so we're on board."

Formed in 1949, the Western States Land Commissioners Association represents 23 states that together manage 447 million acres of land, mineral right properties, and land beneath navigable waterways. The group seeks to help states maximize earnings from trust lands and share information regarding natural resource management in the West.

The Pickens Plan calls for producing 22 percent of the nation's electricity with wind power and replacing foreign oil with American natural gas.

For more information about the association or the conference, please visit www.wslca.org.

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