

A Renewable Electricity Standard: Clean Energy and Green Jobs for America



Twenty-three states have already paved the way, proof that requiring a certain percentage of our electricity to come from clean, renewable sources like wind, solar, and biomass—a Renewable Electricity Standard—is a sound, achievable policy that fights global warming and brings clean energy and jobs to America. Now it's time for Congress to step up and set a national RES to reduce global warming pollution and realize the full potential of the clean energy economy. An RES is an essential element of any sound energy policy. The House must take this opportunity to pass one now.

THE BENEFITS OF THE UDALL-PLATTS 20 PERCENT BY 2020 RES*:

- **JOBS:** 185,000 New Jobs—including many in the manufacturing sector
- **CONSUMER SAVINGS:** \$10.5 billion in LOWER electricity and natural gas bills by 2020
- **GLOBAL WARMING:** Reductions in emissions equal to taking 36.4 million cars off the road
- **INCOME FOR RURAL STATES:** \$25.6 billion in new income for farmers, ranchers, and rural landowners
- **ECONOMIC GROWTH:** \$66.7 billion in new capital investment
- **BOOSTS LOCAL ECONOMIES:** \$2 billion in new local tax revenues

SUPPORT THE UDALL-PLATTS (H.R. 969) RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD AMENDMENT

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