No Time to Lose: How U.S. States Will Answer the Energy & Climate Challenges of the 21st Century

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Quick Start Guide: A brief summary of the climate change challenge

No debate: 500,000 years of CO2 at +/-280 ppm has increased to 390 ppm in the past 100 years



U.S. = 5% of world population, but 28% of world GHGs (Scientific American, Sept. 2006)

RICH WORLD, POOR WORLD

To keep global emissions constant, both developed nations (defined here as members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OECD) and developing nations will need to cut their emissions relative to what they would have been (*arrows in graphs below*). The projections shown represent only one path the world could take; others are also plausible.



U.S. CO2 Emissions Sources: Drives Future Energy Choices



What reductions are needed and why?

- 30% reduction by 2020 (1990 levels)
- 80% below 1990 levels by 2050
- Climate "stabilization"
 - □ 500 PPM CO2e in the atmosphere
 - □ No more than 2^oC average temperature
 - Latest IPCC report shows we may be closer to the tipping point than previously known

The Benefit of Climate Solutions

- In California by 2020 the implementation of the state's Climate Action Plan will result in a net increase of...
 - □ 83,000 new jobs
 - □ \$4 billion annual income
- A comparable investment in low-carbon, energyefficiency nationwide...
 - \Box 1.4 million new jobs by 2025 in the U.S.
 - □ Average saving of \$1275/year per U.S. household

(Redefining Progress 2004; CA Climate Action Plan 2005)

The True Cost of Our Oil Addiction

(and the numbers on coal are equally grim...)

- Fully-laden cost of a gallon of gasoline: \$10
- Subsidies and tax breaks to petroleum industry: \$113 billion/year
- Health care cost related to petroleum air pollution: \$672 billion/year
- Americans who die early from petroleum air pollition: 100,000
- Americans who suffer asthma and other respiratory disease: 6.5 million annually
- Cost to our children: every year of living near a busy urban freeway steals 1% of their lung capacity

U.S. States with Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets

States in gold have codified one or more targets in state law; states in green have declared targets via executive order or other means. +



States with Completed Climate Action Plans

Arizona (August 2006), California (December 2005), Colorado (November, 2007), Connecticut (December 2003), Maine (November 2004), Massachusetts (2003), New Mexico (2006), New York (2003), Oregon (December, 2004), Rhode Island (2002)

States with Plans Underway

Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin

States with Assessments Underway

Alaska, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire, Utah, Wyoming



In early 2006 California took an additional step in reducing reducing GHG emissions in the transportation sector by establishing a Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) by Executive Order. This first-in-the-world GHG standard for transportation fuels is intended to spark research in alternatives to oil and reduce GHG emissions. The Executive Order sets the goal to reduce the carbon intensity of California's transportation fuels by at least 10% by 2020

*According to the Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2004 (published in 2006 by the US EPA)

States Adopting California Vehicle Emission Standards

US States with Renewable Portfolio Standards

The following gives a summary of states with an RPS. Percentages refer to a portion of electricity sales and megawatts (MW) to absolute capacity requirements. Most of these standards phase in over years, and the date refers to when the full requirement takes effect.



Arizona: 15% by 2025		Nevada: 20% by 2015
California: 20% by 2010 (Goal	of 33% by	New Hampshire: 25% by 2025
2020)		New Jersey: 22.5% by 2021
Colorado: 20% by 2020		New Mexico: 20% by 2020
Connecticut: 27% by 2020		New York: 25% by 2013
Delaware: 20% by 2019*		North Carolina: 12.5% by 2021
Hawaii: 20% by 2020		Oregon: 25% by 2025
Illinois: 25% by 2025		Pennsylvania: 18% by 2020
lowa: 105MW		Rhode Island: 16% by 2020
Maine: 30% by 2000; 10% new re 2017	esources by	Texas: 5,800 MW by 2015
Maryland: 7.5% by 2022; 2% solar	by 2022	Vermont: Equal to load growth '05-2012
Massachusetts: 4% new by 2009	-	Virginia: 12% of '07 sales by 2022
Minnesota: 25 % by 2025**		Washington: 15% by 2020
Missouri: 11% by 2020 (voluntary)	I	Washington D.C.: 11% by 2022
Montana: 15% by 2015		Wisconsin: 10% by 2015

How Leadership States Are Doing It

(States' "wedges" scaled to national GHG emissions)



Three Keys to Winning

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation (avoid the tipping point while waiting for long-term solutions to take effect)
- Clean & Renewable Fuels (to replace fossil fuels permanently/completely)
- Global Carbon Marketing (to engage business and developing economies like China/India)

Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- Energy efficiency programs, "public goods charge" funds, and mandates
- Building codes and incentives
- Appliance standards
- □ Green building programs and lead-by example activities
- □ Pricing strategies decoupled rates
- □ The California "Loading Order"
- Smart meters & smarter grids = time variant pricing, demand management & reduction

Minnesota: An energy-efficient state?

An Energy-Thrifty State

Californians use less electricity per person than those in all other states. Their gasoline use is among the lowest.



Source: California Energy Commission

The New York Times

Clean and Renewable Energy

- Renewable portfolio standards, incentives, and purchase programs
- Extending renewables with hydrogen as a storage medium (CA wind at 19% reliability)
- Waste energy capture (combined heat and power) initiatives
- Electric sector carbon policy (cap and trade, generation performance standards)
- □ Cleaner oil and gas production
- Carbon capture and storage

Regional Carbon Market Initiatives



Many of these groups have also agreed to align their market systems with the european trading scheme already underway through the International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP) http://www.icapcarbonaction.com/

Western Climate Initiative	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative	Midwestern Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord

Asleep At the Wheel: The Role of the Federal Government

- Congress may not take significant steps for years
- Many proposals do not solve the problem
- Some proposals pre-empt state actions while others delegate GHG reduction measures to states

Business As Usual (BAU) Compared to National Legislation Proposals



Leadership Opportunities for Minnesota

- Midwestern states carbon market
- Link to WCI and RGGI carbon markets
- Link to the European Trading Scheme
- Demonstrate renewable energy projects farm waste to energy; wind
- Focus on building heating efficiency

Nature's bequest gives nothing, but doth lend...and so, when Nature calls thee to be gone, what acceptable legacy canst thou leave? *Wm. Shakespeare*

Questions?

Updated maps, links to each state's action plans, legislation, executive orders, and other policies can be found at:

www.newamerica.net/programs/climate

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