

# Legislative & Regulatory Issues

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# Outline of presentation

- Non-RPS Policies for Consideration:
  - Legislative
  - MPSC-Regulatory
  - Non-MPSC-Regulatory

# Legislative Issues

- Statewide Renewable Energy Transmission Expansion Plan?
- Statewide wind siting guidelines?
- Property tax exemptions/reform for renewable energy property
- Funding/Financing/Incentives
  - Michigan Clean Energy Bond Initiative?
  - Support for in-State R&D, Manufacturing, etc.

# MPSC-Regulatory Issues

- Utility “Retail Wheeling” Tariffs – for wholesale power sales by generators interconnected at distribution voltage. Need to know MISO Midwest Market, and how that might be employed by sellers. Can a tariff be designed for customers who wish to interconnect with their utility and sell excess energy into MISO Midwest Market? If yes, what are the tariff design issues?
- Tariffs for on-site generation (“self-service power”), including more liberal provisions for standby & backup rates, and to provide appropriate credits for capacity offsets.
- Tariffs to reflect the value of distributed generation



# MPSC-Regulatory Issues (2)

- Interconnection Rules, Procedures, and the Dispute Resolution Process
- Policies to implement findings from analysis of Effective Load Carrying Capacity (ELCC) for variable output generation (wind & solar)
- Support infrastructure within each utility's operating structure for non-utility issues
- Statewide Renewable Energy Transmission Expansion Plan?

# Regulatory Issues (Non-MPSC)

- Statewide wind siting guidelines?
- Land-Conservation Reserves policies. Can land be put into a conservation trust, but still developed for wind, biomass, hydro?
- Environmental policies for specific technologies (air, surface water, solid waste, etc.)?
  - Waste management issues related to biomass energy facilities.
- Will FERC changes to PURPA affect Michigan renewable energy & small power producers?