



# REPOWERING THE MIDWEST: THE CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE HEARTLAND

## THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLEAN ENERGY

North Dakota needs a strategic clean energy development plan that implements smart policies and practices to capture readily achievable environmental, public health and economic development benefits. This sustainable development strategy is good for the environment and the economy. The Clean Energy Development Plan proposes policies to implement underutilized energy efficiency technologies and to aggressively develop renewable energy resources. By diversifying its power supply, North Dakota will reduce pollution, improve electricity reliability, create new “green” manufacturing and installation jobs, and provide renewable energy “cash crops” for farmers. The Clean Energy Development Plan provides the strategies to achieve these goals.

## THE CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

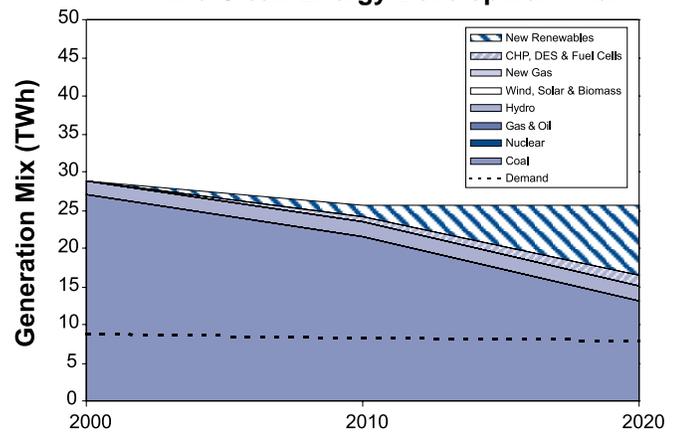
North Dakota should seize the opportunity to develop its clean energy resources: modern energy efficiency technologies and wind, biomass and solar power. The Clean Energy Development Plan achieves large environmental, public health and economic development benefits with only modest increases in cost. Moreover, investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy will diversify the region’s electricity portfolio, thereby improving reliability. The Clean Energy Development Plan:

1. Aggressively implements the newest, as well as “tried and true,” energy efficiency technologies.
2. Develops and implements renewable energy technologies – wind, biomass and solar power – so that they provide eight percent of the region’s electricity generation by 2010 and 22 percent by 2020.
3. Develops and implements efficient natural gas uses in appropriate locations, especially combined heat and power (CHP), district energy systems and fuel cells, so that they provide 10 percent of the region’s electricity generation by 2010 and 25 percent by 2020.
4. Retires selected older, less efficient and highly polluting coal plants.
5. Applies sustainable development strategies to aggressively link environmental improvement policies to economic development.

As Figure 1 shows, implementing the Clean Energy Development Plan in North Dakota means:

1. Energy efficiency measures reduce electricity demand, and therefore the need for generation.
2. Generation from renewable resources and efficient natural gas increases.
3. Generation from older, less efficient and highly polluting coal plants decreases.

Figure 1. Sources of Electricity Generation: The Clean Energy Development Plan



The state’s electricity demand is shown with a dashed line; when the dashed line is below generation, the state is a net exporter, and when above, the state is a net importer.

## IMPLEMENTING THE CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN NORTH DAKOTA WILL ALSO PRODUCE:

1. Dramatic improvements in environmental quality by 2020, compared to business-as-usual practices, by reducing: sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) pollution, which causes acid rain, by 53 percent; nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) pollution, which causes smog, by 53 percent; and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pollution, which causes global warming, by 48 percent.
2. Improved electricity reliability thanks to a diversified power portfolio.
3. Economic development and job growth through wind power “cash crops” for farmers and clean energy exports, increased business for energy efficiency and renewable energy manufacturers, and new skilled jobs in installation and maintenance of this equipment.

## REAPING ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES

North Dakota has an opportunity to use energy in smarter, more efficient ways, thereby reducing pollution, saving money and creating jobs. This will produce the benefits summarized on the following page.

Harnessing clean energy improves the environment and spurs economic growth.

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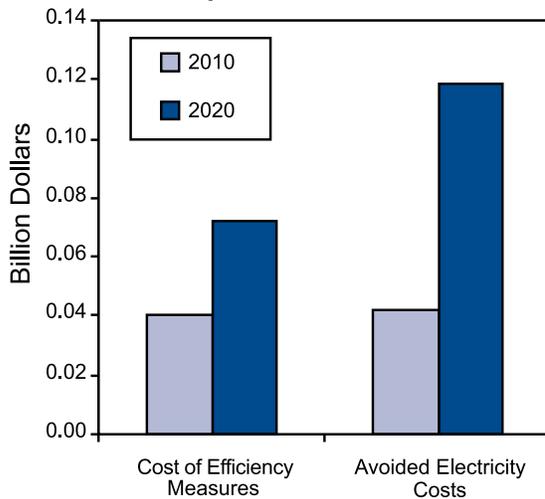
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1. Reduces net electricity costs by \$46 million by 2020.
2. Saves 3,064 GWh of electricity – equal to about one large power plant – by 2020.
3. Reduces electricity demand 17 percent by 2010 and 28 percent by 2020.
4. Costs less – at an average cost of 2.4¢/kWh – than generating, transmitting and distributing electricity.

renewable resources face. The key policy actions for achieving the Clean Energy Development Plan in North Dakota are to:

1. Establish an Energy Efficiency Investment Fund to support energy efficiency initiatives with a non-bypassable charge of 0.3¢/kWh.
2. Manage the Energy Efficiency Investment Fund by an independent third-party administrator overseen by a board composed of regulators, state energy offices, and consumer, efficiency and environmental advocates.
3. Evaluate and update North Dakota's efficiency standards and building codes. Establish or reinforce monitoring and enforcement practices.
4. Establish a North Dakota Renewables Portfolio Standard requiring all retail electricity sellers to provide eight percent of their electricity from renewable resources by 2010 and 20 percent by 2020.
5. Establish a Renewable Energy Investment Fund to support emerging renewable technologies with a non-bypassable charge of at least 0.1¢/kWh.
6. Ensure that transmission pricing policies and power pooling practices treat renewable resources fairly and account for their intermittent nature, remote locations, or smaller scale.
7. Remove the barriers to clean distributed generation by: (1) applying net metering policies to all wind and photovoltaics; (2) establishing standard business and interconnection terms; (3) establishing uniform safety and power quality standards to facilitate safe and economic interconnection to the electricity system; and (4) applying clean air standards to small distributed generation sources, thereby promoting clean power technologies and discouraging highly polluting diesel generators.

**Figure 2. Benefits from Energy Efficiency Investments: The Clean Energy Development Plan**



## DEPLOYING RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND EFFICIENT GENERATION

North Dakota has a tremendous opportunity to harness its abundant wind resources, which offer environmental benefits, improved reliability, and economic development in the growing renewable energy business sector. North Dakota can also develop efficient generators, such as CHP and district energy systems. Together, the opportunities shown in Figure 3 could supply 14 percent of North Dakota's generation capacity by 2010 and 35 percent by 2020.

The Clean Energy Development Plan's benefits can be achieved at a modest cost, as energy efficiency savings offset the cost of new generation. In North Dakota, it would increase overall electricity costs by only 1.5 percent in 2010 and 3.4 percent in 2020.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY POLICIES FOR MODERN TECHNOLOGIES

Smart policies can overcome the many market and regulatory barriers that energy efficiency and

**Figure 3: New Generation Resources in the Clean Energy Development Plan**

Generator Type	2010 New Capacity (MW)	2020 Cumulative New Capacity (MW)
Wind Turbines	750	2,550
CHP – Biomass	0	4
Biomass - Co-Firing	0	0
Photovoltaics	1	4
Biomass Gasification	0	0
Eff. Natural Gas Gen.*	79	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>2,738</b>

\*Includes CHP (natural gas), district energy systems, and fuel cells.

