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Clean Energy Legislation Must Come in July: Daschle, Industry Leaders

With energy legislation on tap to be taken up on Capitol Hill next month, the call for a national renewable electricity standard reached near fever pitch this week as former Senator Tom Daschle joined AWEA and a coalition of clean energy supporters in calling on the White House and Senate leadership to draft and pass strong clean-energy provisions.

Daschle, a strong supporter of wind energy during his time in the Senate, hosted a press conference on Capitol Hill on Wednesday along with AWEA CEO Denise Bode, Acciona North America CFO Susan Nickey, REPower CEO Steve Dayney, and TPI Composites, Inc., President and CEO Steve Lockard. Daschle is providing strategic advice to AWEA as it gears up to persuade Congress to pass a renewable electricity standard (RES) this year.

The day before the press conference, the coalition of clean energy organizations that was announced last week sent a letter to President Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) urging that energy legislation be taken up upon the Senate's return from recess on July 12 and that it include

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AWEA Wind Resource & Project Energy Assessment Workshop
Oklahoma City, OK
September 14 - 15, 2010

AWEA North American Offshore Wind Conference & Exhibition
Atlantic City, NJ
October 5 - 7, 2010

AWEA Wind Power Health & Safety Workshop
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October 26 - 27, 2010

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four fundamental elements: a strong RES, robust and predictable tax and other financial incentives for projects and manufacturing including extension of the Treasury Grant Program, renewable energy infrastructure provisions (e.g., transmission), and certain energy efficiency measures.



Photo credit: Mannie Garcia
Former Senator Tom Daschle and AWEA CEO Denise Bode underscored the urgency of clean energy legislation passage.

Daschle and industry leaders urged that an energy bill with clean energy provisions get done when Congress returns in July from its Independence Day recess. Calls for energy legislation have increased, partially as a result of the Gulf oil spill, a disaster that has hurt many people along with the environment, but one that Bode also reiterated was “a teachable moment.” Daschle echoed the urgency of the situation.

“We must pass an energy bill during the month of July,” he said. “It is terribly urgent that we do so.”

The reason for the urgency is multifold, Daschle and other speakers said. Politically, the relatively narrow window of opportunity has opened for energy legislation to be taken up by Congress. Moreover, speakers said, the wind industry and the economy can’t wait. Bode spoke of companies in the supply chain “that are not getting orders” because of various market dynamics including policy uncertainty, while Daschle said that jobs are waiting in the wings for a clear and certain policy signal to be sent into the marketplace.

“We have no choice,” said Bode. “It’s urgent that we get this legislation done.”

“The wind industry is a global business,” said REPower’s Dayney, explaining that companies inevitably will pour their capital into global markets that show strong support for renewables. “If Congress acts, it will send a strong signal to the market.”

Susan Nickey, Acciona North America’s financial chief, provided firsthand evidence that the market is struggling amidst the current climate of policy uncertainty, noting that her company has seen a slowdown in its first-quarter activity. The company’s business stretches across the supply chain; it is both a developer and turbine manufacturer.

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“The moment [to pass legislation],” she said, “is now.”

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Vestas Order to Kick-Start New ZF Gear Box Plant in Georgia

ZF further rooted itself in the U.S. wind power industry supply chain by signing a contract to provide wind turbine producer [Vestas](#) with gear boxes that will come from a new plant in Gainesville, Ga., the German component manufacturer announced.

Production is scheduled to begin in early 2012 at the new facility, which may eventually produce as many as 2,000 gear boxes per year for the wind power industry. ZF is investing about \$90 million in the new Gainesville facility, which will employ about 200 workers.

The order is a milestone for ZF, given that Vestas is the world's largest turbine maker and that ZF is relatively new to the wind power industry. ZF said it is currently investing in service centers for wind turbines in both Dortmund, Germany, and the U.S. The company aims to achieve annual gear box sales of more than \$200 million.

A low-key announcement had previously been made about the Georgia plant, but only locally in Georgia, before the contract with Vestas was signed. So, while pieces were already being put in place for the new facility, the Vestas deal promises to help make it a reality. The certainty of the plant being built and the Vestas deal “are certainly related, yes,” said ZF Manager of Marketing and Communications Bryan Johnson, speaking to *Wind Energy Weekly*. Thus, with the Vestas contract in hand, ZF was ready to make the plant announcement on a national scale.

“We will leverage our expertise and leadership in designing and building world-class drivelines for the transportation sector to enter the growing and exciting field of alternative energy,” said ZF Group CEO Hans-Georg HÄrter. “This will diversify our core business and expand our product portfolio. We’ve been applying our driveline technologies to areas beyond cars and trucks for several years, such as to the marine, rail, and aviation industries. Now that we have added wind power, we will gain access to new markets.”

SÄren Husted, president of Vestas Nacelles, said, “ZF’s global position as a transmission supplier in the automotive industry and its high quality and productivity standards are fully in line with our manufacturing and sourcing strategy, and the cooperation with ZF will strengthen our supply base of gear boxes.”

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Iberdrola Joins Community in Celebrating Dedication of 146-MW Missouri Wind Farm

The community of Atchison County, Mo., recently celebrated the dedication of the state’s newest and largest commercial-scale wind farm, [Iberdrola Renewables’ 146-MW Farmers City Wind Power Project](#).

Located near Tarkio in the northwest corner of the state and taking its name from a historic farmers market that was located within the wind farm’s boundaries, the facility features 73 2-MW [Gamesa](#) turbines.

During the peak of Farmers City’s construction in 2009, up to 150 jobs were created. The project also supports the local economy through lease payments to local landowners and tax payments to the county, Iberdrola noted. Still, “The 44 local landowners are not the only ones to benefit from the 73-wind turbine Farmers City Project,” said Eileen Irvine, director of the Atchison County Development Corp. “Tax dollars generated from the project help Atchison County pay for roads, services and most notably schools. We are proud and pleased to welcome Iberdrola Renewables to Atchison County and call them our neighbors.”

The wind farm encompasses about 14,000 acres of land leased from 44 local landowners, yet the project footprint covers less than 1% of the project’s total acreage. The land continues to be used for corn and soybean farming.

“We are so grateful to the community and all of our partners for helping us develop a wind farm that’s providing homegrown energy and jobs,” said Mark Stacy, development director at Iberdrola Renewables. “Farmers City is a wind farm that we can all be proud to celebrate, that so many people here today had a hand in, and we look forward to celebrating future projects with the community as well.”

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99 MW Online: South Dakota Governor Helps Dedicate NextEra Wind Farm

South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds (R) and local community leaders joined officials from [NextEra Energy Resources](#), Basin Electric Power Cooperative, the Western Area Power Administration, and East River Electric Power Cooperative to dedicate the Day County Wind Energy Center.

Located in Day County about 20 miles east of Groton, the Day County Wind Energy Center has a generating capacity of 99 MW and is capable of providing enough power for nearly 25,000 homes, according to NextEra. Commercial operation of the 66 1.5-MW wind turbines began in April. More than 150 local and regional guests joined the governor and company officials in the celebration.

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“It’s extremely gratifying to see this impressive project in our state,” Rounds said. “South Dakota has an abundance of wind, and we hope it will continue to be harnessed far and wide in the future to make clean energy, boost local economies, provide good jobs, and add to the already excellent quality of life enjoyed by South Dakota citizens.”

Basin Electric will eventually purchase the entire output from the project, but electricity produced in the first three years of operation will be sold to the Western Area Power Administration, a federal power-marketing agency.

“The Day County Wind Energy Center is the latest example of NextEra Energy Resources ongoing commitment to expanding renewable energy projects in South Dakota and across the United States,” said Mike O’Sullivan, senior vice president of development for NextEra Energy Resources. “In addition to generating clean, emission-free energy, this project will have an impact on the local economy through the jobs created, taxes paid, lease payments to landowners, and goods and services sourced locally.”

The Day County project is NextEra Energy Resources’ third wind project in South Dakota. Through its affiliates, the company also owns and operates the 40.5-MW South Dakota Wind Energy Center in Hyde County and the 51-MW Wessington Springs Wind Energy Center in Jerauld County. In total, NextEra Energy Resources currently operates more than 9,000 wind turbines in 17 states and Canada that are capable of generating enough power for more than 1.9 million average homes, according to the company.

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In High Winds, Minnesota Power Celebrates Ground Breaking of North Dakota Project

Five-and-a-half months after buying a dedicated transmission line to transmit renewable energy eastward, Allete subsidiary Minnesota Power, marked the start of construction of its first wholly-owned wind farm in North Dakota.

A symbolic groundbreaking attended by North Dakota Governor John Hoeven (R), nearby landowners, regulators, government officials, and contractors was moved from the construction site of the 76-MW Bison Wind 1 project to a nearby auditorium due to heavy rains and, incidentally, high winds, Minnesota Power said.

“The state of North Dakota is both an energy-rich and energy-friendly state,” said Allete President and CEO Alan R. Hodnik. “Right here is a perfect place to help the nation reduce its dependence on foreign energy supplies and expand homegrown, more sustainable sources.”

Preliminary grading and road building was started last fall, and construction began in earnest about a month ago on the first phase of Bison Wind 1, which is located near New Salem, N.D. A total of 33 Siemens 2.3-MW turbines will be erected on farmland about 12 square miles in size. The first 16 wind turbines should be installed and operational by December, with the second phase of 17

turbines scheduled for construction and deployment a year later. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$178 million.

Allete purchased the direct-current (DC) transmission line linking Center, N.D., to Duluth, Minn., for \$70 million in a sale that closed Dec. 31. That purchase will allow the company to increase its use of renewable wind energy, Minnesota Power said. The Bison project and ownership of the DC line are key elements of an Allete strategy to increase the amount of renewable energy that can be produced and transported to population centers. Several hundred megawatts of carbon-free wind power installations will be developed to satisfy a growing demand for renewable energy and meet Minnesota's "25 by 2025" renewable energy mandate.

"Bison 1 is a milestone for Minnesota Power and a milestone for North Dakota," Hoeven said. "This new facility, combined with the company's new dedicated transmission line, is helping to make North Dakota not only a leading producer, but also a leading exporter of renewable wind energy."

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American Superconductor Supporting 15,000 MW of Wind Worldwide

In a noteworthy milestone achieved by the company, American Superconductor Corp. (AMSC) is now supporting more than 15,000 MW of wind power capacity worldwide with its proprietary power electronic solutions, the company announced.

That amount of zero-emission electricity is sufficient to power approximately 4.5 million U.S. households and represents nearly 10% of the world's 158,000 MW of wind power installed as of the end of 2009.

"The fast-growing global wind industry continues to be the primary business driver for AMSC," said AMSC founder and CEO Greg Yurek. "We are providing proprietary wind turbine designs and production support services to more than a dozen customers in seven countries around the world, including 10 customers in the Asia Pacific region. Each wind turbine produced by these companies utilizes AMSC's core electrical components and control systems, which serve as the brains of these power generation machines.

Yurek also said the company's D-VAR grid interconnection technology is being used by more than 70 wind farms in seven countries worldwide to meet local grid interconnection requirements. "With nations around the world seeking to derive a greater percentage of their energy needs from renewable energy sources, we believe we have only begun to scratch the surface of the renewable energy grid interconnection market's potential," he said.

Recent industry reports forecast further acceleration of wind turbine installations in 2010 and over the next decade in China and other Asian countries. "Annual installations in China are expected to grow from approximately 14,000 MW in 2009 to 20,000 MW in 2011," Yurek said. "As a

result of this rapid growth in China and the broader Asia-Pacific market, we expect our overall wind-related businesses to continue to flourish going forward.”

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American Made: Windspire Small Turbine to be Sold in Australia

In a partnership that opens the door for U.S.-built small wind turbines to be shipped down under, Windspire Energy (formerly Mariah Power) named AllSafe Energy Efficient Products the sole distributor of Windspire’s turbine in Australia.

The partnership initiates the process of certifying the Windspire for the Australian market for an expected sales launch later this year. Wind power is the fastest growing renewable energy industry in Australia, driven by government initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2050 and a commitment to ensure 20% of Australia’s electricity supply will come from renewable energy sources by 2020. The market for small-scale turbines is expected to grow through rebate programs that can offset the costs for customers by as much as 50%.

AllSafe, an energy-efficient product provider in Australia, offers a wide-ranging line of efficiency products including insulation, skylights, solar hot water, solar power, and ventilation. The Windspire will be the company’s only wind turbine product.

“Given their desire to cut emissions and focus on renewable energy solutions, Australia is a very important market for us,” said Windspire Energy President & CEO Walt Borland. “We are pleased to have found a partner in the market who is not only a leader but values innovation as much as we do.”

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Avanti partners with Cresto ResQ

Avanti Wind Systems, a producer of service lifts and other personal safety systems for wind turbine towers, is now a strategic distributor and service partner for **Cresto ResQ** products in the wind energy industry. Cresto (previously named **ResQ**) has sold more than 25,000 sets of evacuation and rescue equipment for wind turbine towers around the world. The agreement between Avanti Wind Systems and Cresto means that Avanti will establish training and service centers for Cresto equipment in the U.S., Germany, Great Britain, Spain, India, Australia, and China, where Avanti already has offices and factories.

Cresto and ResQ have until now been trademarks for fall safety equipment. Henceforth they will be marketed under the Cresto brand. However, ResQ will

be kept as the product name for rescue equipments and related training. The company is owned by **Skydda Protecting People Europe AB**, part of the Swedish B&B Tools Group.

LM opens new service center in Texas

LM Wind Power Service & Logistics recently opened a North American regional service center in Abilene, Texas. The center will serve as the southern operations base for its wind turbine blade repair business for wind farm installations in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

LM Wind Power Service & Logistics is part of the LM Wind Power Group which also comprises LM Wind Power Blades (formerly LM Glasfiber). The newly created LM Wind Power Service & Logistics business offers inspection, repair, overhaul, preventive maintenance, and blade logistics covering the full spectrum of service to wind turbine owners anywhere in the world.

NRG Systems announces winners of Training for Two

Wind measurement equipment producer **NRG Systems**, announced that Dennis Greene of **Clear Creek Power** and Elias Dawson of **Enel Fortuna** won the “Training for Two” give-away at the WINDPOWER 2010 Conference and Exhibition in Dallas. Each company will send two employees to NRG Systems’ Vermont campus this year for hands-on instruction on NRG towers, data loggers, software, and sensors, and a demo of the WINDCUBE remote sensor. The two-day training, lodging, and lunch is valued at \$2,800.

Offered since the fall of 2009, the training was developed by NRG Systems technical support staff in response to customer requests for more advanced instruction on how to install and maintain NRG Systems’ equipment. The training is designed for installers, project managers, developers, and consultants who are looking to optimize their wind resource assessment campaigns.

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Around the Industry People

James Bolch has been appointed president and CEO of **Exide Technologies**, effective July 26, the company announced. Bolch, who also has been appointed to Exide’s board of directors, will succeed current CEO **Gordon Ulsh**, who will retire and step down from the board on July 26. Ulsh, 64, who has served as CEO since April 2005, had previously informed the board of his intention to retire as part of the company’s long-term succession planning process. Bolch, 52, currently serves as senior vice president and president of the Industrial Technologies Sector at Ingersoll Rand Co.

EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc., announced the election of **George Henderson**, who currently serves as the company's chief commercial officer, to the company's board of directors. As chief commercial officer, Henderson is responsible for all commercial activities, including marketing, origination and trading of energy and environmental attributes associated with EverPower's U.S. generation facilities. He joined the company in April, coming from PSEG Energy Resources and Trade, LLC.

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New name for DNV Global Energy Concepts: DNV Renewables

DNV Global Energy Concepts has a new name. As one of the final steps to fully integrate the company once known simply as Global Energy Concepts into Det Norske Veritas (DNV), which acquired the company in 2008, the subsidiary is now called DNV Renewables. The name change also comes as the company expands its ability to deliver local wind energy services throughout the Americas by establishing wind energy capability in their offices in Houston, Calgary, and Rio de Janeiro; those offices will complement wind energy-focused offices in Seattle and Boston.

The full integration of Global Energy Concepts into DNV corresponds with a move to expand the capabilities of a number of DNV's existing offices to include wind energy. Kim MÃ,rk, DNV's regional manager for Cleaner Energy and Utilities in the Americas said, "Since Houston is one of DNV's regional hubs, deep technical competence and a strong support structure are already in place. With key clients in the area and a strong wind energy presence in Texas, it was natural to expand our wind energy offices in the U.S. to include Houston."

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Last Chance to Submit Abstracts for AWEA Wind Power Health & Safety Workshop Friday, July 2nd

Hurry and submit your abstract! The call for abstracts for the 2010 Wind Power Health & Safety Workshop will close Friday, July 2nd.

Featuring two concurrent tracks, this is the premier workshop for wind industry safety professionals. The deadline for abstract submissions is COB Friday, July 2nd. For more information on how to submit your abstract, please view the [Wind Power Health & Safety Workshop page](#).

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WINDPOWER Session Handouts Available Until Wednesday July 7

Session handouts are now available for download from the WINDPOWER 2010 web site. Attendees will now have access to the handouts using their password from registration until Wednesday, July 7th.

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Please Confirm Company Contact Information for the AWEA Printed Member Directory by July 9

AWEA is excited to announce a brand new member benefit! We will print a Member Directory which will lead new business to your organization. This convenient resource will be available to AWEA members in September, 2010.

Each member company's Primary Contact should have received an email Tuesday, June 15, 2010 requesting confirmation of your organization's information as you would like it to appear in the Member Directory. If we have not received your response by **Friday, July 9th**, we will print the information we currently have on file.

If you have not received the confirmation request email, or have additional questions, please contact membership@awea.org.

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Check Out AWEA's Fall Event Line-Up! Mark Your Calendar!!

AWEA Wind Resource & Project Energy Assessment Workshop September 14 - 15 > Oklahoma City, OK

Dive into technical aspects, challenges, opportunities, and best practices of accurately measuring and assessing wind speeds in the U.S. by attending this unique event. All sessions and discussion are kept at the technical level so attendees working in this sector are able to walk away with tools they can readily apply on the job.

This event also offers limited [exhibit opportunities](#).

North American Offshore Wind Conference & Exhibition October 5 - 7 > Atlantic City, NJ

Join and network with exhibitors and attendees from all over world, interested in becoming players in the new and burgeoning U.S. offshore wind market during this unique event hosted by the American Wind Energy Association in collaboration with the Canadian Wind Energy Association. Learn the latest on North American permitting, installation vessels, wildlife monitoring, and project development in our multiple tracks, poster presentations, and a mobile session to tour the 7.5-megawatt (MW) Jersey-Atlantic Wind Farm.

Thank you to all who submitted abstracts; the call for abstracts is now closed.

AWEA U.S. Wind Energy Investment Workshop October 19 - 20 > London, UK

Network with leading wind power financial experts, investors, lenders, and project developers and discuss the opportunities, risks, rewards, and realities

of U.S. wind energy investment.

AWEA Wind Power Health & Safety Workshop

October 26 - 27 > Austin, TX

Network with safety professionals and access Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) representatives. Hear from top industry experts while learning and discussing innovative and effective strategies to ensure worker safety. This year's program promises to be "over-the-top" in industry information.

This event also offers limited [exhibit opportunities](#) - including an outdoor exhibit area - where companies can display and demonstrate their wares and services.

AWEA Wind Energy Fall Symposium

November 17 - 19 > Phoenix, AZ

Join and network with over 900 wind energy professionals, gather the most current information in wind, make quality contacts, speak one-on-one with prospective customers and current clients, enjoy the unique educational program designed for professionals working in all facets of the industry, and do it all in a casual resort setting conducive for business.

This year's event boasts an impressive line-up of speakers including General Colin Powell. Come and network with members of AWEA's Board and Leadership Council!

Small & Community Wind Conference & Exhibition

December 7-9 > Portland, OR

Join industry leaders, new entrants, project developers, economic development groups, municipalities, land owners and others to formulate and enact growth strategies for small and mid-sized wind applications. This event focuses on issues such as national renewable energy legislation, technology costs, zoning requirements, utility interconnection, tax revenues and investment opportunities. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to gather valuable information on how best to capitalize on wind technology. [Click here](#) to see a list of last year's 2,100 attendees.

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AWEA Outreach: The Weeks Ahead

AWEA staff members participate in high-level industry events to ensure that the newest and most accurate information about the wind energy industry gains maximum visibility. In the next two weeks, AWEA will have a presence at the following events:

- **Event:** National Academy of Sciences Committee on Offshore Wind Energy Turbine Structural and Operating Safety
- **Details:** June 28-June 29, 2010; Washington, DC
- **AWEA Participation:** John Dunlop, Senior Technical Engineer, will speak on the AWEA voluntary standards program to analyze quality-assurance requirements for offshore wind installations.

- **Event:** 6th National 25x'25 Summit
- **Details:** June 29-July 1, 2010; Arlington, VA
- **AWEA Participation:** Rob Gramlich, Senior VP, Public Policy, will participate in the opening plenary session, "The Path to 25x'25," featuring top executives representing the renewable energy technologies that will define America's energy future. AWEA will have an exhibit booth at the conference.

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