Distributed Wind for Farms and Rural Businesses

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Distributed Wind: Behind the meter, or off-grid, and sized for the customer’s needs
Voice of the Distributed Wind Industry
Benefits of Distributed Wind

- Provides economic development serving primarily rural areas
- Contributes to the renaissance in American manufacturing
  - Small/medium turbines have > 90% domestic content
- Expands exports
Benefits of Distributed Wind

- Strengthens the grid and promotes resilience
- Vast potential
  - 50 million sites
  - All 50 States
  - Major under-developed national resource
1. Grow DOE distributed wind RD&D program, $10m for distributed wind: Done

2. Extend USDA REAP funding; provide balance for “under-served technologies” like DW

3. Tax policy parity with solar; eliminate 100 kW cap & provide permanent 10% business ITC
Funding and diversity for USDA REAP program

• DWEA has worked diligently on funding and reforms every year – with notable successes
  • Mandatory funding in 2012, 2014 Farm Bills
  • Streamlined applications and other reforms in 2015 “New Rule”
• Current scoring heavily favors lower cost technologies, not those that are proven but less market mature and need the boost
• DWEA supports full funding, but with reforms to address the technology diversity imbalance
  • Headquarters set-aside for underserved technologies
  • Categorical Exclusion for small systems (as already provided for solar) environmental documentation
  • “Made in America” consideration in selections
Thank you.

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