

# MO CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE 2008

**Renew Missouri filed language to put a Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) on the November 2008 presidential election ballot.**

**The RES will require Missouri utilities to gradually increase their use of renewable energy over the next 12 years, ramping up to 15% of Missouri's electricity by the year 2020.**

## WHY

- What's the #1 contributor to Global Warming? **Coal power plants.**
- 86% of Missouri's electricity comes from coal-fired power plants
- Over \$9billion is exported each year to purchase coal from other states (a shift to renewables will keep this money in-state)
- While Missouri has a good Solar resource, and ranks 20th in the nation in Wind potential, it ranks almost last (45th in the nation) for usage of available renewable energy.

## DETAILS

- Renewable resources include electricity from **Wind** turbines, **Solar** panels, **Landfill gas**, and **Biomass** (plant matter)
- In the 24 states that already have this policy, it has not created a noticeable change in retail bills; it **has** guaranteed that a greater % of electricity is clean and dependably cheap
- To ensure it won't make electric bills go up, there's a "stop-gap" provision included, which states that compliance can't make retail rates go up more than 1%, ever.

## GETTING IT ON THE BALLOT

- 150,000 signatures must be collected by May 4th in order to put this initiative on the ballot, at a cost of over \$400,000.
- You can help by volunteering, or organizing volunteers to collect signatures, or by donating money to the project. We need 1000 volunteers to collect signatures!

**Volunteers can sign-up online at [www.RenewMO.org](http://www.RenewMO.org), and donations can be made online or checks, made out to "Renew Missouri", can be sent to:  
Renew Missouri, c/o Henry Robertson, 705 Olive St, St Louis MO 63101**