

WYOMING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES – TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

Red text denotes dead bills
 Blue Text denotes signed bills
 New to the list

| HOUSE BILLS | | Position | Status | Comments / Notes |
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| HB 15 | Electrical Safety and fire prevention | Monitor | 2 nd reading in the Senate | We are keeping an eye on this bill simply because the managers group has been discussing “work beyond the meter” and the statute that this bill amends has to do with working beyond the meter however we are not seeking any changes. |
| HB 17 | Carbon Sequestration – financial assurances and regulation | Amend/ support | 2 nd reading in the Senate | Generally supportive of all CCS bills however Tri-State suggested some language to address what happens when and if there is a federal law to address CCS financial assurances. |
| HB 30 | Transportation department authority | Oppose | Failed introduction | Would expand WYDOT eminent domain authority to acquire ROW for structures to maintain safe roadways. |
| HB 57 | Damage to underground utilities | Support | 2 nd reading in the Senate | Revises the current One-Call Statute to increase civil penalties and who can request action. |
| HB 72 | Regulation of wind energy facilities | Monitor | General File in the Senate | The so called county wind energy bill allows for counties to require permits adopt requirements; refer to Industrial Siting Council for certain wind projects; establishes minimum standards for facilities. |
| HB 79 | Eminent domain – wind power collector lines | Monitor | General File in the Senate | One year moratorium on the exercise of eminent domain by wind developers. |
| HB 93 | OSHA Penalties | Monitor | 2 nd reading in the Senate | Increases fines and civil penalties for OSHA violations. |
| HB 97 | Nuclear energy production study | Monitor | General File in the Senate | Creates a task force to study the feasibility of nuclear energy production in Wyoming. |
| HB 101 | Electricity generated from wind-taxation | Monitor | Awaiting Governors Signature | Would impose a \$3.00 per MWh excise tax on wind generation. Our main concern is that it doesn't turn into a broader generation tax. <i>Committee amended to \$1.00 and would not go into affect for 2 years and would split the money 60% to counties and 40% to general fund.</i> |
| HB 111 | Electric transmission-consideration of regional issues. | Monitor | General File in the Senate | Reaffirms the PSC's authority to meet with other states PSC/PUCs and other various transmission organizations in order to consider regional issues in transmission planning. Largely a result of the Western States Energy and Environment Symposium held in 09. |
| HB 130 | Impact assistance for wind energy facilities. | Monitor | Received for introduction, never made it out of committee | Would distribute sales and use taxes generated from wind facilities to the general fund and impacted counties on a 40/60 split. |
| SENATE BILLS | | Position | Status | Comments / Notes |
| SF 20 | Text-based communications prohibited while driving | Monitor | Placed on General File in the House | Prohibits texting while driving. |

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| SF 21 | Coal value added facilities – tax exemption | Monitor | Received for Introduction | Provides for a sales tax exemption for the purchase of equipment used to construct any new clean coal facilities |
| SF 58 | Eminent Domain – Limitations | Monitor | Received for Introduction, failed to pass out of Senate Corporations | Prohibits the use of eminent domain for transmission by anyone other than a public utility or co-ops. |
| SF 66 | Industrial Siting Amdnedments | Monitor | Placed on General File in the House | A result of the Wind Energy Task Force, this amends the industrial siting act to take into account future wind energy projects. |