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## **PSC Supports Governor's Efforts to Make Wisconsin a Leader in Energy Independence**

MADISON, WI – Today, Governor Jim Doyle announced major steps in Wisconsin's efforts to increase the use of renewable energy and to fight global warming. At press conferences in Madison and LaCrosse, Governor Doyle joined several energy and environmental stakeholders in announcing four key initiatives that will make Wisconsin a leader in energy independence.

In support of Governor Doyle's long-term goal of producing 25% of the state's energy from renewable resources by the year 2025, he signed an executive order creating the Office of Energy Independence and the Task Force on Global Warming. Governor Doyle also detailed his plans for a Regional Summit of Midwest Governors and Wisconsin's leadership in implementing the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System.

"The Governor's leadership and the announcements he made today keeps Wisconsin moving forward on addressing global warming, ensuring Wisconsin maintains a balanced energy portfolio and continuing to provide Wisconsin ratepayers with reliable and affordable energy," said Chairperson Dan Ebert. "The Commission fully supports the Governor and his efforts to steer Wisconsin, and the Midwest region, to energy independence and environmental responsibility."

Earlier this year, the Commission released its Strategic Energy Assessment calling for new strategies in dealing with the environmental impacts of generating electricity from fossil fuels and supporting the Governor's Office on Energy Independence and Global Warming Task Force. The PSC will support these new entities in developing energy policies that promote renewable energy and that lower environmental impacts.

"In our efforts to develop new renewable energy sources, Wisconsin has taken the lead in implementing a regional renewable energy tracking tool." Chairperson Ebert also announced today. The use of M-RETS will keep costs of developing renewable energy down and promotes more renewable energy generation – ultimately helping the region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information about the announcements made today, please see Governor Doyle's news release at: [http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal\\_media\\_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=2588](http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=2588).

For more information about the renewable tracking system, please see the PSC's news release at: <http://psc.wi.gov/pdf/News%20Releases/2007/04%20April/M-RETS.pdf>.