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From: Andrew Hanson  
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 12:05 PM  
Subject: public comment on Governor's Task Force on Global Warming

Dear State of Wisconsin:

I am emailing since I will be unable to attend public input sessions on March 19th.

I agree with many of the Policy Templates developed by Work Groups, including:

- + Develop a state-level program to prevent loss of forest through parcelization or conversion out of forestry;
- + Adding Intercity Rail;
- + Allowing Regional Transit Authorities; Improving Energy Efficiency in
- + Schools.

One area that I did not see covered in the policy templates is recreation. The State of Wisconsin needs a carrot and stick recreation approach to Global Warming:

- 1) The State should not be promoting motorized forms of recreation by designating new motorized recreation trails, such as the proposed ATV trails in the Northern Highlands-American Legion State Forest.
- 2) Instead, the State should be promoting non-motorized forms of recreation by increasing support for bike trails and the Ice Age State Scenic Trail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Hanson  
Madison, WI

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From: Todd Ziebell  
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 11:41 AM  
Subject: March 19 public input session

Hello,

It's such a shame that Governor Doyle and the all-powerful DNR have decided that debate is not worthwhile, and that buying into a sham such as the disproven theory of global warming is more worthwhile for political and financial gain. As time goes by, more and more scientists are coming forward saying global warming is bunk. We've had two winters of sub-zero cold with plenty of snow. Where does this cold air come from?

The best thing to do with this meeting is to CANCEL it. Creating mass panic is the best way for government entities to gain more power and take away more money from the people that gave them their jobs in the first place. Shame on you all for perpetuating a lie.

Todd Ziebell  
Waupun, WI

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**From:** debra weiss  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:38 AM  
**Subject:** Global Warming Comment

Hello there. I feel that the plan you have proposed, even though I have only read a small portion of it so far, is a good one. I am delighted to see that you want to plant 20 million trees by 2020, and I am even more enthusiastic to see that you have honed in on the problems of the electrical grid of this state. I think this would most definitely be a giant step in the right direction. I have been waiting to see some sort of initiative on this, especially after the severe disappointments of Gov. Doyle allowing the Arrowhead-Weston line to be built in the North where I am from, of trying to push through clean air compliance when it is not where it needs to be and the further deforestation of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. We need to make environment a top priority, and do everything in our power to restore it and cancel out the negative effects we have on the Earth as much as possible. Morally it is the right thing to do, and legislatively it is right thing to do as well, considering in the Northwoods and Wisconsin National Forests, tourism revenue is ten times that of logging revenue. Thank you for proposing this, I

sincerely hope Mr. Doyle rethinks his past environmental transgressions and implements this.

Yours truly in the fight for the environment,  
Debra Weiss

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From: Lois Kane  
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 8:56 AM  
Subject: Global Warming Comments

In your task force, please bring in scientists who report science factually. There are scientists who repudiate global warming so make sure you hear from these people. Study a farmer's almanac. Weather patterns are normal; they've been happening for thousands of years. The Holy Bible states in Luke 21 that "in the end times there will be great earthquakes, famines, and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven." This is God's plan. It has nothing to do with what man is doing and man cannot change the weather.

PLEASE use common sense and work on the things man can control; like teaching farmers how to preserve the land, like not dumping waste in our rivers and streams, and sewers. Find out a way to prevent prescription drugs from getting into the water supply AND find a way to destroy estrogen from women's birth control pills being eliminated into the water making our children go into puberty at a younger and younger age.

How about not using growth hormones in our animals so that they don't wack up humans' hormones. Women are estrogen dominant causing their hormones to be imbalanced--I know, I deal with that problem. Could it be also why so many kids are manic depressive and bipolar nowadays.

Work on the things man can control and stop wasting money, energy, and time trying to control things only God can, PLEASE. This hype has so many people scared they can't think straight.

Lois Kane  
Denmark, Wisconsin

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**From:** Janet Weyker  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 1:02 PM  
**Subject:** comments for March Public Input session

**Dear Commission on Global Warming,**

**I am writing to support a strong strategy to reduce the causes of global warming.**

**At the Eco-Justice Center, we have installed 55 solar panels to provide electricity and 4 other panels that take care of our hot water needs. I want our state to pursue an aggressive Renewable Electricity Standard that will require 25% of our energy to be produced from renewable resources by 2025. Producing renewable energy from the wind, sun and biofuels will create thousands of new jobs for Wisconsinites. In addition, farmers and rural land owners can expect to see nearly \$300 million in**

**new income. Our state's economy would benefit from over \$724 million in new capital investments and local governments would benefit from tens of millions of dollars in local tax revenues. 25 other states have already adopted Renewable Electricity Standards. Many states, including Minnesota and Illinois, have more aggressive Renewable Electricity Standards than Wisconsin.**

**Further, our state needs a strong Cap and Trade program to ensure that we meet our long term goals to reduce global warming pollution. The cap and trade program for large stationary sources is a good way to reduce overall global warming emissions. All polluting large stationary sources should be included, not only utilities. Using an auction system to distribute credits or allowances, not simply giving them away to polluters is the key to the success of a cap and trade program. 100% of the credits should be auctioned in a cap and trade program. Polluters should be forced to reduce their global warming pollution, not simply pass the burden off to other sectors of the economy.**

**Wisconsin must work toward policies that begin reducing global warming pollution immediately. We can't wait for a cap and trade system to be put in place. Immediate reductions can be achieved by simply producing our energy with the cleanest fuels available. Even though natural gas appears to be more expensive than coal, when you take into account all of the health and environmental impacts from coal, it is actually less expensive in the long run.**

**Wisconsin needs to be a leader in creating a healthy atmosphere for its citizens and in being responsible stewards of the environment.**

**Thank you for hearing my concerns.  
Sincerely,  
S. Janet Weyker  
Eco-Justice Center, Director**

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**From:** Don Zillmer  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 4:03 PM  
**Subject:** Public Input-Governor's Task Force on Global Warming

**Governor's Task Force on Global Warming**  
*Testimony for March 19, 2008 Public Hearings*

Governor Doyle, Secretaries, and Task Force Members:

In addition to the challenges posed by global climate change, Wisconsin faces related challenges to our natural resources, environment and economy due to forces both local and international. We can no longer resort to denial, accounting tricks, and tax credit schemes to disguise the facts and avoid taking responsibility for leadership in tackling these growing problems. Government decisions are indebting current and future generations of Wisconsin families, not in solving problems, but in perpetuating and growing them.

The following recommendations may seem radical in a world driven by special interest money. However, extreme circumstances require that we now return to common sense. The tired phrase of "Growing Wisconsin" no longer works for the situation in which we find ourselves. Growth as *the* solution has helped create our problems My suggestions seek not only to address global warming contributors, but to also provide solutions for balancing state and local budgets. Although I surely did not experience an "Ah ha" moment when I heard Wisconsin's new branding strategy, I will invoke it now in calling for *Originality Rules* solutions.

I do not favor increasing government regulation. I prefer ending subsidizing detrimental policies and practices. Unfortunately, governments and society are refusing to voluntarily conserve energy, reduce wastefulness and curb contributions to emissions. If the market is to address

these problems, environmental costs must be assessed and born by industries and individuals who choose to be wasteful.

## **HOUSING**

Housing has been identified as a significant contributor to green house gasses and global warming. Wisconsin's disproportionate share of sprawling development and recreational and second-residence housing is a controllable factor in contributions to global warming, environmental degradation, and inefficient government services.

Expanded state rules allowing for the easy abuse of tax increment financing have accelerated Wisconsin's urban and rural sprawl, consuming working lands and placing decades of debt on municipalities' taxpayers for development that may not pay for itself and should not be subsidized.

Recreational and second-residence homes in our rural and northwoods areas double the environmental impact for families choosing to maintain multiple residences. Our "snowbirds" contribute to this problem in Arizona, Florida, and Texas. Everyone carries the burden of this duplication. From the fragmentation of rural lands to the natural resources consumed in building, heating, cooling, and maintaining the structures, to the inefficiencies of providing community services, this redundant housing has negative environmental and economic impacts. Seasonal economies provide only partial year economic contributions, yet demand a full year of support from community and governmental services.

Providing government services to remote rural development wastes resources, is inefficient, and carries added costs. The ability to assess impact fees must be restored to the counties. A state level formula and methodology to consistently apply these impact fees across counties should provide the basis for required assessment of impact fees. Wisconsin's property tax laws should be updated to provide for increased taxation of non-primary residence housing.

Federal income tax deductions for second residences were enacted a few decades ago to help revive the building industry. States followed. Building and development groups have come to expect entitlements and enabling policies. The time for correction of this unchecked system has arrived. Recent federal bailouts for home mortgage institutions and Bear Stearns have set in motion impacts that taxpayers can not sustain at our state and local levels. The time has come to remove the deductibility of costs associated with second residences.

Wisconsin's Waterfront Initiative should be halted, immediately. Developing waterfront properties proves lucrative and profitable even in tough economic times. Promoting development on waterfronts should not be subsidized. The Waterfront Initiative has the same potential for abuse in developing shorelands as the expansion of Tax Increment Financing has demonstrated for promoting sprawl.

Legislation is needed to specifically prohibit governments from entering into competition with private business and individuals in developing residential housing. Municipalities are creating TIF districts for government developed residential subdivisions and counties are looking to broker lakefront developments to generate revenues. A proliferation of taxpayer funded, "not for profit", economic development entities are exasperating the problem. This should not be the role of government and taxpayers should not be subsidizing the devaluation of their homes and bearing the added costs of community services.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Reliable and affordable mass transit and public transportation for urban areas must continue to be a goal for major cities. Maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure must not be neglected. Safe and efficient routes should be planned with conservation of fuel as a top priority. Should developers decide to develop open lands vs. rebuild blighted urban and suburban areas, they should do so at their own cost and let their home sale prices reflect the cost of that

development. Those costs include not only roads, but water, storm water management, sewer, and incremental community service costs. The inefficiency of providing transportation to sprawling development in rural and wilderness areas should also be born by the developers and those choosing to build in remote areas.

Recreational transportation for the convenience of a few must take a back seat to necessary transportation. Rural areas do not need upscale airports every 50 miles. Airports that serve recreational or high income individuals vs. a true public air transport need should not be subsidized. As an example, funding of \$592,000 for the Hayward Airport should be recalled. The Wisconsin DNR has long challenged the expansion of the current airport located between the banks of the Nemakegon River and a trout stream. Neighboring residents continue to protest expansion of the airport at that location, but are silenced by the special interests who will benefit from the convenience of flying to and from their recreational homes and businesses. Air transportation money should be invested in regional airports, like Eau Claire, for linkage to large hubs. Significant funding has already been provided to the Rice Lake airport which is less than 50 driving miles from Hayward.

Regulating the number of cow pasture private landing strips should also be implemented. Beyond the fuel usage and environmental impacts of this non-essential air traffic, rural economies are being denied modern technology by week-end pilots demanding unobstructed glide paths for miles around their strips.

Non-resident barnstormers protest and block the siting of cell towers which would provide more reliable and faster cell phone and Internet access to businesses and families in rural areas.

Transportation necessities do not include roads and trails for recreational vehicles such as ATV's and snowmobiles. Taxpayer dollars and stewardship funds should not support development trails on either public or private lands. Registration fees, even at the increased rates, do not begin to cover acquisition and maintenance of these trails, let alone the burden of the added law enforcement, property damage, and human loss costs from these activities.

Many of these motorized activities and trails were started decades ago through volunteer efforts. These volunteer efforts have become victims of their own success. Pioneers in these local groups are aging and passing away. There is decreasing involvement from committed volunteers and those "volunteers" are demanding reimbursement for their efforts. Conflicts and politics are undermining the grass roots support which established the growth in these recreational activities. This recreational activity is becoming increasingly dependent on taxpayer support for an environmentally detrimental use with dubious economic benefits.

Tighter emissions and fuel efficiency requirements are needed for ATV's, snowmobiles, boat motors, and personal watercraft. Tighter limits on allowable noise levels are also long overdue.

Licensing of trailers should be implemented for boat, personal watercraft, snowmobile, ATV, and any other recreational vehicles. These trailers and vehicles transport both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Invasive species are yet another hot topic for which we are all now paying. Recreational use accounts for much of the potential problems with spreading some invasive species and those users should carry their share of the cost.

It will be interesting to see the impact of \$4.00 plus gas on the number of trips between city homes and recreational second homes. Anecdotal evidence already suggests decreased discretionary spending by that segment.

### **NATURAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Natural resources are just that, natural resources. Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources is charged with managing natural resources. Forests should be managed with long term sustainability and renewal as a key goal. The health of the land, water, air and forests must be a consideration in their use for providing food, materials, and to some extent fuels. The fear of

reliance on foreign fuels should not be used to justify greedy rushes to alternative biofuels. The state is in no position to be asking taxpayers to provide for increasing recreational uses when we are not taking care of our basic, essential needs.

It seems almost too late to establish emission and efficiency regulations on alternative fuels and their associated production and user technologies. Increasingly, USDA and DATCP grant funds are shifting to forestry projects from agricultural projects. Agricultural grant funding is further diluted between projects for food and crops for fuel. Wood pellet plants are being subsidized and springing up throughout the state. As an example of the ridiculous stampede to short term profits, a county forester recently was to make a plea during Superior Days at the Capitol for the need to export wood-based fuels to foreign countries. Projected pellet plant capacity has now exceeded local demand so loggers will be cutting down U.S. forests to ship fuel to foreign consumers. The push for biofuels has made quite the leap from the goal of foreign fuel independence!

Studies are underway to quantify the amount of harvest from Wisconsin forests. If lumberjacks, oxen, horses and cross cut saws cut over our forests in just a couple of decades in the late 1800's, how quickly will modern techniques cut over current day forests? What impact will that have on local and global temperatures and environments? Once timber resources are exhausted, how will local economies recover?

Air quality alerts have been raised in many Wisconsin counties over this winter. On one of those December alert days, I drove up Highway 27 in the northern part of the state, into Hayward in Sawyer County. Some miles before reaching the town, at the crest of the first hill past Windigo Lake, I caught sight of a low hanging dark brown cloud over Hayward. By the crest of the next hill, I could smell wood smoke. By Rainbow Road, a couple of miles out of town, my eyes were burning. The snow covered hills opposite Hayward highlighted the brown haze which otherwise would have looked like the air quality seen over Phoenix or Los Angeles. The large vapor plumes from the two timber plants were drifting in another direction. The acrid cloud seemed to originate just from the personal and small scale business furnaces in the valley. With increasing allergy and asthma problems for our children and elderly, why would Wisconsin be promoting wood burning furnaces and subsidizing wood burners for our schools?

This dilemma helps illustrate another suspect plan by state bureaucrats, elected officials, and the special interests that fund them. The Bureau of Public Lands was established and entrusted to protect and maintain certain lands in each county across the state to provide income to support local schools. A few years ago, a plan was hatched to consolidate those public lands. Property taxes and Stewardship Funds are funding the purchase of private lands for this consolidation, while selling of Public Lands is depleting undeveloped parcels across the state. Who is really benefiting from this real estate shell game and what is the real goal of this consolidation? Who is gaining ownership of our forest lands as Plum Creek sells and auctions off large tracts of land? What exemptions and damages can foreign owners claim over policies the State of Wisconsin might enact?

Agriculture is another area where common sense policies are sorely lacking. Large scale facilities with larger environmental impacts are protected and subsidized while small and mid-scale farms using more natural farming methods are being left to wither and die. While state agencies and some environmentalists are calling for Purchase of Development Rights programs to force taxpayers to protect agricultural *lands*, no one steps up to reign in the sprawl facilitated by the abuse of Tax Increment Financing.

Environmental groups were encouraged to support ethanol mandates and biofuels development. Yet, these groups will likely be the first ones to fight the farmers when it dawns on them what environmental impacts are to land, water, and air of increased fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide use in pushing for higher, competitive yields.

Both the Wisconsin Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau Federation have now bought into the fallacy of carbon credit trading. And, as Wisconsin's dairy cooperatives are now selling out to Canadian cooperatives and corporations, the state's last hopes for a group representing common sense have been dashed. The dairy cooperatives are just paving the way for the ethanol cooperatives.

## **CONCLUSION**

Developing solutions will be contentious. An honest effort at quantifying environmental impacts and costs will lead to solutions that will be economically viable. Current environmental and economic policies make sense only in light of haphazard catering to the influences of campaign contributors and lobbyists. It is hard to make sense of many of these policies in the context of responsible leadership plans for the future of the citizens of Wisconsin or for Wisconsin's role in the national and international picture. Maybe climate change will be the topic that gets us back on the right track.

Sincerely,  
Linda Zillmer  
Birchwood, WI

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From: mike Winkler  
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 8:23 PM  
Subject: Comments to the "global warming" TF

To whom it may concern;

The relevance of the Governors' TF on global warming is indicated in its' name. Scientists, who are quite divided on the belief that global warming even exists, do not refer to the change in climate as global warming but instead call it climate change. They are equally divided about if any of the change is caused by mankind or not. Perhaps the State of Wisconsin should be more concerned with a \$650 million deficit this biennium than trying (in futility) to save the Earth. Half of the CO2 emissions worldwide are caused by China. Why don't we try to enact protectionist tariffs to restrict trade of Chinese goods, instead of doing little or no good? Either option is almost as ludicrous as the other, but hindering trade much actually have a small impact on CO2.. The learned of Middle Europe blamed the Black Plague on the Jews, and that caused the killing of thousands of Jews at Strausbourg in 1348. The ignorance of those "learned" was as dangerous as the power they had to act upon it. Of course, we can duly beat our chests by proclaiming we are "earth freindly". As with the movie industry, why let truth get in the way?

Global Warming. Indeed!  
Respectfully,  
Mike Winkler  
Author of "Wind Power...It Blows!  
Malone, WI

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From: George Perkins  
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:02 PM  
Subject: Input to PSC hearing on Gov. Doyle's task force on GLOBAL WARMING

Dear PSC,

I cannot attend a public hearing on Governor's Task Force on Global Warming recommendations on Wednesday, March 19 at the PSC. I believe my input, as a citizen of Wisconsin, is essential and critical and I ask that you acknowledge and read my comments into the record.

The problem of global climate change is at a tipping point, nearing a crisis stage. Bold action on a wide-range of fronts is required immediately.

Governmental, private, and public entities must be enlisted to remediate damage already done and act to prevent further damage to our environment.

There are four key points I wish to make:

1. Provide incentives to promote energy efficiency and conservation before building power plants. This is the cleanest, most cost effective, and easiest step.

2. Adopt at least 25% renewable as part of the electric supply grid - by 2025. This will reduce CO2 production, create Wisconsin jobs, help our state economic situation by reducing energy imports, and will normalize supply prices with other states who have already set this or a higher standard.

3. Switch to burning clean fuels first for energy rather than coal. Coal is the dirtiest option and cleaner "burning" fuels are available - use them first. Coal burning produces a wide-range of other toxic pollutants.

4. Implement a cap and trade program for greenhouse gas emissions. These incentives will ensure we reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

There are many important recommendations in the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming. They should be implemented without undue influence from corporate "special interest" parties. The only "special interest" which should be considered is the environment. The long range objective of remediating and preventing global climate change damage trumps any short term loss of profit. The needs of future generations outweigh financial profit by our generation's consumptive lifestyle.

George J. Perkins  
Madison, WI

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**From:** Carl Boyke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 11:07 AM  
**Subject:** Comments For Task Force

From what I have read, at one time one fourth of the entire land area of the world was covered with glaciers. That included all of Canada and much of the United States, including far down into Wisconsin. We have been told that the Kettle Moraine was formed by two separate glaciers coming and going.

Another glacier reached as far south as present day St. Louis and on the west coast glaciers reached clear down to Yosemite and New Mexico. The situation was repeated in Europe and Asia.

If Al Gore had been around at the time those glaciers started melting he would have had a heart attack, especially since it was caused by solar activity instead of being able to blame it onto mankind.

As with all politically correct causes, only the facts that fit the cause are given with all others being left out. Some facts left out are:

- 1) The melting of all those glaciers without any influence from humans
- 2) The 300 year span starting around 1200 AD that was considerably warmer than our present average temperature.
- 3) The influence of volcanoes on our environment compared to man's influence. I believe it was stated that the Indonesian volcano of the 1880s placed more polutants into the atmosphere than the entire amount placed by humans in all of mankind's history.
- 4) Neglecting even recent cold snaps such as just a few years ago when so many Monach butterflies died in Mexico because of very unusual cold temperatures.
- 5) There are many scientists who disagree with the findings of those trying to be politically correct. A friend of mine loaned me a DVD, "The Great Global Warming Swindol," purchased at [www.computerstore.com/id14.html](http://www.computerstore.com/id14.html) [EXIT DNR] that has comments and statistics from scientists who dispute the doomsday scientists. They show how the changes in weather go along with changes in solar activity. And there is absolutely nothing this task force or anyone else can do to change solar activity.

I do feel we should be responsible for our natural resources but we should also present all the facts instead of going off on the deep end just to be politacally correct.

What should be done?

- 1) Quit following all the advice of environmental groups. They demanded an end to logging and other activities in many western forests. As a result there was a tremendous growth of underbrush contributing to hugh forest fires that not only decimated the forests but added considerable amounts of polution to the atmosphere. They also demand that alternative forms of energy be developed then complain about the wind farms.
- 2) Get input from all sides of the issue to put this whole supposed global warming thing into proper perspective.

Carl A. Boyke  
Columbus, WI

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**From:** ROYCE FILLMORE  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:34 PM  
**Subject:**

For the State of Wisconsin to continue furthering "GLOBAL WARMING" hysteria is truly a shame. I do believe that the politically correct term now is "CLIMATE CHANGE" since the "CONSENSUS" of scientist's advocating their belief of "GLOBAL WARMING" have been proven wrong time and time again.

***U.S. Senate Report: Over 400 Prominent Scientists  
Disputed Man-Made Global Warming Claims in 2007  
Senate Report Debunks "Consensus"***

**Report Released on December 20, 2007**

**U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Minority)**

Further, for the State of Wisconsin to continue on with this charade is socially irresponsible use of taxpayer money who will be paying for all of this in the end. In this time of tight budgets, high energy cost (generated by this scam), this is a true disservice to the public of Wisconsin. I would ask that this task force please look at information outside of what is generated by the media (they have their own agenda) and that is selling newspapers. There are numerous well established scientists that this is their field of expertise who say that the science is not in on this issue and to make changes that many State, Countries are trying to institute will only hurt the people that you are supposedly trying to help. I do not know if there was this much political game playing back in the early 70's when we were all going to be frozen, or whether I was just too young to remember it. What will the next media hysteria event be.

I just happened to stumble across your public service commission notice in the classified's section of a local news paper, just two days prior to your public hearings so due to such short notice I will not be able to check it out.

I thank you for this opportunity to send my opinion (non-scientific) on this matter. But you do the State of Wisconsin a huge disservice by furthering this program. Please look at independent facts and make scientific choices based on those.

Royce Fillmore

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**From:** Elaine Friedrichh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 3:17 PM  
**Subject:**

**[Wind power snafu nearly led to rolling Texas blackouts.](#)** [EXIT DNR] Texas' near miss with rolling blackouts Tuesday night may appear at first blush to be a sign of the failings of wind power. More than 80 percent of the state's wind turbine energy went offline when a North Texas cold front stilled the air. [Houston Chronicle](#), [EXIT DNR] Texas.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/5583763.html> [EXIT DNR]

the above is already happening...do we want to risk it here?

I am writing to vote AGAINST building wind farms here in Wisconsin to cure global warming. There are better ways to solve the problem.

1. Wind generated electric will never replace coal generation....and it will never close a plant nor enable us to not have to build more. Wind is not reliable source of generation...coal plants will always have to be on stand by 24/7...(at the TPP in GB they would have to start firing up on Sunday night to have the generators operational by Monday morning to meet normal demands of industry.)
2. The moneys spend on this fleeting will of a wisp source of energy does only 2 things.  
A) line the pockets of the wind mill contractors and a few people who's land is rented to them. (the Energy Act failed to extend tax credits for renewable energy producers so they need to get while the getting is good.) and

B) deprive money needed to develop clean energy that would truly replace coal.

3. Much energy is wasted in transmission in the form of heat...and the longer the electric is transmitted the more energy that is lost...up date the transmission would be a great place to start.

4. Geothermal energy has already been in operation in Iceland for years...we wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel..just adapt it for our needs...the NREL asserts geothermal energy would supply America's power demands (at current rate of usage) for the next 30,000 years. They guess-a-mate that by 2050 we could reduce our demand for coal by 1/3 at present rate of research and development.(DISCOVER April 2008 page 20) ...If we concentrated money and human energy ..I am sure we could speed that up dramatically. (Look how quickly we develop new fighter jets...with money and competition.)

5. We are or should be concerned about the environmental impact of the towers...on bird population, and the impact of stray voltage on the human population...I am a retired health care professional...people are coming into the hospitals younger and sicker then then did when I started my career in 1963..(.why?) and according to a study that was published in either the Sierra club magazine or Audubon....I can't remember which club published it...the numbers are much greater then reported. In the study birds (road kill) were planted in an acre field and left overnight. The next morning volunteers searched the field and only found 10 or 11% of the carcasses...the rest were either missed or carried off by mammals...and what other damage is being done that we are not aware of?

6. There are some very interesting and workable technologies that have already been developed that would solve many of our energy problems. Look into Brian Appel Changing World Technologies..This company has invented a machine to solve two of the worlds thorniest environmental problems; waste disposal and reliance on fossil fuels...it is thermal polymerization process..already in operation. Invest in this process.

7. Finally, another area of concern is over population.....we have to stop somewhere...the sooner the better...tell me one problem or area of concern that we have that is not due to too many people? We will end up like China and have to mandate limits on population growth. I think if we would voluntary start now we could avoid such tough measure...one way of doing that is to reward those couples, in the form of a tax break, who choose not to have children, and increase taxes to those who do. My Congressmen agree with me that it would work but it would be political suicide and they would never agree to do it.

Elaine Friedrich  
Seymour, WI

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From: Martin H. David  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:38 PM  
Subject: March 19 public hearing comment

I will register and comment briefly.

The full argument is attached and should be circulated to the Task Force and staff.

Best wishes for the success of the Task Force, Martin H. David

[ATTACHMENT AVAILABLE AT:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/environmentprotect/gtfgw/comments/PDF/David.pdf>]

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From: Darren Blankenship

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:55 PM

Subject: DNR Global Warming Comments

Here are our comments for the task force to consider:

We think that incentives should be provided to promote energy efficiency and conservation before building power plants. Conservation and energy efficiency is always cleaner than producing energy, saves money and the planet, and keeps money here and is good for Wisconsin's economy.

We also believe that a minimum 25% renewable electric standard should be enacted by 2025. It will reduce CO2 production substantially, create jobs in Wisconsin, and benefit both farmers and the state financially. Many other states have already set this or a higher standard

We would also like to see a switch to burning clean fuels first for energy rather than coal since we can't wait to reduce greenhouse gases and cleaner power is available now. This would reduce global warming emissions and other toxic pollutants and reduce the health impacts from burning coal.

We are also for a implementing a cap and trade program for greenhouse gas emissions to help ensure we reduce greenhouse gas emissions. All large single sources should be included and there should be no banking, no trading, and all credits should be auctioned.

Thanks for your work on these important issues.

Joan and Darren Blankenship

Madison WI

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From: gloria & david derksen

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 7:36 PM

Subject: comments for March Public Input session

I commend the state for taking the subject of global warming head on.

There is no effort that is too much. Those that argue the cost are just putting the cost on hold because it will cost, and even more later. So accept it and get ready and get over it.

And yet, it can also be designed to provide jobs, and security and industry, all things that stimulate economy in tough times, and create a niche for Wisconsin. This could be bigger than anything comparable in

the past (Silicon Valley did for Calif or oil for Texas or a gold rush).

There are many others behind this change. Please hear us.

Gloria Derksen  
Ferryville WI

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**From:** Lynda Barry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:43 PM  
**Subject:** comments for March Public Input session

My comment is this: Please have enough respect to look into supporting documents for the Trempealeau county. At the hearings on AB899/SB544, the chairman of the Trempealeau wind turbine ordinance study committee invited the PSC and the Governors Task Force on Global Warming to challenge their ordinance. The woman who gave the testimony, the chairman of the study committee was a Franciscan nun. She said she wasn't afraid of a challenge to their ordinance. Is PSC and the Governors Task Force on Global Warming afraid of a Franciscan nun? And there are serious concerns about just how much wind energy reduces greenhouse gasses. Even our own National Academy of Sciences has come to this conclusion. Why? Because wind energy systems cannot exist apart from a thermal power plant. That means a nuclear plant or a coal power plant. If there is a black out, the turbines stop working.

We'd very much like the Governor to support manure digesters, the only renewable energy resource that takes care of environmental problems as it works! They capture methane, one of the gasses that contribute to global warming, they transform a problematic material into clean biomass that can be used in a variety of ways, and they keep the nitrates out of our water. Out here in the country, the nitrate content from manure gets in the well water and we can't drink our own water. The fact that manure digesters can do all of this environmental clean up and generate electricity on top of that, make it a much better fit for our area than wind. The cost of cleaning up and preventing these environmental problems easily helps a manure digester pay for itself. That it generates reliable electricity on top of that, makes it a very good fit for Wisconsin.

Lynda Barry-Kawula  
Fan of Manure Digesters  
Spring Valley, Rock County

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**From:** Thomas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 6:59 AM  
**Subject:** To the Global Warming Task Force

I am writing to voice my opposition to adopting any State wide Global Warming initiative. First, even if all States and Nations participated it would have a negligible effect on the climate. Thus a State wide program would have no effect but would certainly drive up prices for energy, food and other essentials for Wisconsin residents.

Second, this initiative relies on technologies not yet developed or practical. It is going to drive business out of the Wisconsin and undermine our tax base.

Thirdly, more and more scientists and climatologists are becoming skeptical of the notion that man is the driving force of Global Warming. The last ice age glaciated Wisconsin only 10,000 years ago. Were it not for a warming of the climate Madison would be under a mile of ice. The fossil record is replete with warming and cooling, as is the last 1,000 years of recorded history. Even the UN recognizes that less than 50% of variables are accounted for in the models. To think that man is going to change that is naïve in the extreme.

I believe this is all about power and money. I am unwilling to subjugate myself to the beliefs of a few unelected individuals who have the capacity to determine my lifestyle and future. That is best left to the free market and free market solutions, not to those who refuse to believe the frailty of their own argument.

As a 46 year old man I remember growing up when we were told the next ice age was going to destroy us. I no more believe the latest contrived panic than I did that one. Who is going to take the responsibility for their actions? I have yet to see anyone offering to resign, or to forfeit their wealth if they are proven wrong at the expense of our citizens. If your truly positive than how about putting it on the line like you seem to want us to do, for what may well prove to be another illusory fantasy, albeit a terribly destructive one.

Tom Mietzel, MBA  
Business Owner, State of Wisconsin

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**From:** Mike Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:13 AM  
**Subject:** Global Task Force - Public Input

March 18, 2008  
Attn: Task Force on Global Warming  
From: Mike Johnson  
Algoma Wi

Thank you for holding this public input session on issues addressing Global Warming.

The Global Task Force must step back, take a deep breath, pause, and reconsider the course you are presently taking to address energy issues. As energy is a subject that affects us all, we then need to address the topic of energy with a comprehensive examination of all the issues, including energy conservation, coal, nuclear and alternative energy.

As a first step in this comprehensive plan, an assessment of energy conservation programs and the evaluation of energy initiatives should be established . I will address two issues; wind energy and energy conservation.

Energy conservation is the easiest and most effective way to obtain a reduction in energy usage. There is far too much waste. Let me provide a couple of examples of energy exploitation, i.e. wasted energy.

The first example occurred on an evening in December when my wife and I drove by WE Energies in Milwaukee. The entire building was lit up like a giant beacon but there was not a single person to be seen in the entire structure. This is not only a problem with WE Energies. Observe the office buildings in your cities. I just returned from Madison where I would estimate about 30% of the office buildings were at 'full lighted glory' on a Sunday evening.

A second example; remember the Monday night football game where they turned down the studio lights to show support in energy conservation. They then stated they saved enough electricity during the course of the game to power 50 homes. The next week the lights were all back on and their commitment in energy conservation had evaporated. This is a clear waste and abuse of using electrical power. Imagine, they are using power that could be used in 50 homes.

For a last example, when flying at night observe the vast expanse of city streetlights. Why not replace these bulbs with smaller wattage or turn off every fifth one or tenth one. That would equate to a savings of 10 to 20%, just on city streetlights.

Energy conservation would address the energy issue where the use of energy is wasted. Clearly our cities are abusing electrical usage. We have become spoiled in the quality of life standards we are living in.

This leads me into the second discussion point of wind energy. Wind energy is the 'feel good' thing to do, but is it? If your committee continues to promote wind energy as the salvation for motherhood and apple pie, you need to get serious and conduct a full and comprehensive study on this issue. **You will need to address the economic issues associated with them, including backup electrical generation and electrical grids. Long term viability? Environmental Impact? Does wind power really save on CO2 emissions? Where is technology taking us? Will the technology be outdated in 10 to 20 years?** I am attaching a report which outlines areas from which you may want to start your discussions.

[ATTACHMENT AVAILABLE AT: [www.aweo.org/LowBenefit.pdf](http://www.aweo.org/LowBenefit.pdf) - EXIT DNR]

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From: Paul Theis  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:55 AM  
Subject: Water conservation; electric cars

Dear Ideas Network:

1. I second the idea that conservation must be a priority, and I suggest that WATER conservation in particular would be an appropriate focus for a Great Lakes state like Wisconsin.

In particular, to prevent the waste of hot water in the home, I do not know about currently available technology, but along with possible legislated requirements to promote conservation, perhaps a contest could be held to find the best technology.

2. What about the idea of the state of Wisconsin devoting itself to the use -- and perhaps the production -- of electric cars. I believe current technology makes electric cars a real possibility, but the focus of a state might be required to make the required infrastructure a practical reality. Why not Wisconsin?

Sincerely,  
Paul  
Glendale

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From: Eric and Sharon Ludwig  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 1:15 PM  
Subject: public input

To whom it may concern,

I am a citizen of Wisconsin. My family and I live on the east side of Lake Winnebago in Calumet County. My concern with this task force is that it is taking advantage of a naive and good hearted general public. It is very politically correct to be environmentally concerned right now, and I feel that programs such as wind farms and biofuels are being forced in even if the benefit is little and the consequences great. We need to slow many of these projects down, regulate them like any other industry and protect what we have now. These seem to be the "big easies" right now, but let's focus our money and our time on areas that will truly make a difference. It is time to stop taking advantage of our country's lack of information on the complexities of these issues. They are not the "fix-all's" that the salesmen would like us to believe. Please do your research!

Thank you for your time,  
Sharon Ludwig

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**From:** Susan M  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 2:18 PM  
**Subject:** Governors' task force hearing testimony

Please provide incentives to promote energy efficiency and conservation before building power plants.

- Conservation and energy efficiency is always cleaner than producing energy;

- Conservation saves money and the planet;

- Conservation and energy efficiency keeps money here and is good for Wisconsin's economy.

Please adopt a (minimum) 50% Renewable electric standard by 2020.

- It will reduce CO2 production substantially and is required to seriously address global warming (25% is not enough to show seriousness);

- This would create jobs in Wisconsin;;

- It will benefit both farmers and the state financially;

- Many other states have already set this standard.

Please switch to burning clean fuels first for energy rather than coal.

Nuclear energy is a dirty fuel with toxic wastes for which no reasonable solution can be found. Just because a fuel doesn't generate carbon release when burning does not automatically translate into it being clean. This is faulty thinking that is not supported by logic. Those who promote nuclear power are irrational in this way.

We can't wait to reduce greenhouse gases. We have to do it now. Cleaner power is available now.

It would reduce global warming emissions and other toxic pollutants.

It will reduce negative the health impacts from burning coal.

Do not allow cap and trade of greenhouse emissions. Regulate decreased emissions and enforce it with testing and huge fines.

Sincerely,  
Susan Michetti, Mt. Horeb, WI

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From: Charles Tennessen  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 4:57 PM  
Subject: Global Warming Task Force Hearing

Dear Task Force Members:

Rather than increasing carbon emissions by traveling to your hearing in person, we have chosen to communicate with you in a more energy efficient manner.

We trust our comments will be taken as seriously as if we were standing in front of you.

Thank you for being part of this task force. Addressing global climate change and all of its associated problems is among the the very highest priorities for us and our grown children. We understand that a host of other challenges that society faces today will potentially be exacerbated exponentially if even the moderate scientific predictions concerning climate change turn out to be true. We cannot wait and gamble with the potential economic, environmental, and moral disruptions that even moderate climate change most certainly will bring about. Wisconsin needs to take significant steps now to lessen the effects of climate change.

With Wisconsin's strong environmental legacy, it can and should be a leader in addressing climate change. Our nation and the world at large is on the cusp of a great revolution in new energy technologies and innovations. Wisconsin has every reason to be in the forefront of this revolution. It is not only the right thing to do; it is the economically wise thing to do.

In our family we have taken specific actions to significantly reduce our energy use. Some of these actions have up-front costs. But in the long run both environmentally and economically they have been well worth the expense. We urge the Wisconsin legislature to also take significant steps to reduce the state's impact on climate disruption.

Respectfully yours,  
Chuck and Karen Tennessen

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**From:** john vanderlinde  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 4:46 PM  
**Subject:** comments for March Public Input session

I would just like to ask how stupid are you people. There is no such thing as global warming! There is nothing man can do to change any climate in the world. Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant! It is what you exhale everytime you breath. Maybe you and your task force could do your share by keeping your mouths shut, and stop breathing!

All your ideas will only hurt this state and it's economy! Your ideas will cause the prices of all goods and srevices to increase! These ideas will also cause our tax burden to also increase! These ideas will cause the prices of our electricity , natural gas, gasoline, and anyother fuel prices to increase!

Your ideas will kill manufacturing jobs in this state! Your ideas will kill many other jobs in this state. Your ideas will make living in this state so expensive that people will be forced to move out.

What we need is plentiful low cost energy using the resources we already have in abundance! What we need are more coal fired electric genrating plants! More nuclear electrical generating plants. We need to be drilling for oil on every possible square foot of available ground! We need to be building more chemical refineries! We need goverment to get out of the way.

I am tired of having to pay for all these taxes and price increases due to your bad ideas. Just remember that liberalism is a mental disorder. I believe that you are suffering greatly from this disorder and I'm tired of having to pay for it!

John Vanderlinde

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**From:** RedQ  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 4:33 PM  
**Subject:** Global Warming Hoax

Public Comment:

Anthropic global warming ("AGW") is a hoax. Atmospheric CO2 is "saturated" at current levels, meaning that all infrared radiation in the wavebands in which CO2 absorbs is absorbed at current levels of CO2. Hence, additional CO2 in the atmosphere can not cause any material increase in global temperature.

There is no explanation for any waste of tax money on AGW other than fraud and corruption by all those involved.

Global temperatures have not increased for, like 8 years. The "hockey stick" graph has been shown to be fraudulent. There is no evidence for AGW. Wisconsin residents would welcome an increase of a degree or so in warming. Why don't you work that out.

Signed:  
Ronald K. Edquist, BSME, BSGE, M.S. Geophysics, J.D.  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

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**From:** Patricia Bal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 5:52 PM  
**Subject:** Global Warming Input

Please consider this my input for your session on global warming.

It seems the state of Wisconsin is missing the biggest part of the puzzle to renewable energy. You are ignoring the fact that we are the "Dairy State" and the use of manure digester systems will reduce the need for our coal generating plants (wind generators will not). In addition, manure digesters will also address other environmental issues. The article in **Agri-View** dated March 15, 2007 is excellent (see link below).

Instead the state continues to think wind generators will reduce the operation of our coal generating plants. It won't. Wind in Wisconsin is too unpredictable and when electricity is needed the most on hot, still, summer days, there is no wind. Our conventional sources (coal) will need to keep running. Coal generating plants cannot start up on short notice when the wind stops blowing. Coal will continue to burn because stand by power must be kept running to cover the unpredictable wind. For the amount of money being spent on wind energy here in Wisconsin, there is little return and no reduction of coal emissions.

There were 18 digesters in the state at the time this article below was printed. The article is very interesting and states the following:

*\*These 18 methane digesters keep more than 27,000 tons of coal from being burned.*

*\*Eighteen manure digesters have the effect of keeping 132.5 million pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each year.*

*\*They also keep 353,000 pounds of NOx - a pollutant that's a mixture of nitrogen dioxide and nitrogen monoxide - out of the air.*

*\*Anaerobic digesters remove a "substantial" amount of manure odor.*

*\*They also keep a substantial amount of methane out of the air.*

*\*What's more, these anaerobic digesters keep a great deal of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere, since the electricity they help produce is done without burning coal. Krom pegged the carbon dioxide reduction at 1.33 tons per cow per year.*

If digesters can do all this, why is the state focusing on wind? Put more time, money, and energy into digesters.

Yes, there are alternatives to wind energy. You need to consider manure digesters which can be a constant and **reliable** source of energy.

Information above taken from the following:

[www.agriview.com/articles/2007/03/15/dairy\\_news/producer01.txt](http://www.agriview.com/articles/2007/03/15/dairy_news/producer01.txt) [EXIT DNR]

Patricia Bal  
Pulaski, WI

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**From:** dick ludwig  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 8:58 PM  
**Subject:** proper wind turbine siting

#### Task Force on Global Warming

If this State is serious about slowing Global warming we need to quit wasting time and taxpayer money on wind turbines which will do nothing to reduce this problem. A couple of reasons are that when turbines do create a little electricity our coal plants can not be shut down because of the need for electricity when the wind dies down, when they do back down on them they are running less efficient and create just as much carbon emissions as if they are running full blast. Also the first type of electricity that power Companies back off on when the wind creates electricity is from natural gas plants because they can be backed down and started up quicker and easier than coal plants. Therefore doing nothing for carbon emissions and Global Warming. If we increase our electricity production to 10% from wind We will still need to increase our backup capacity by the same amount to produce when the wind doesn't blow. So We spend the money twice. Just a couple of simple ways to produce electricity would be to make it mandatory for landfills to run generators with their methane gas they create instead of wasting it by burning it 24/7. How many landfills does this state have that just waste this gas? Digesters are now available for smaller herds for farmers to create their own electricity with manure. It should be mandatory when they have over a certain number of cattle. These should be heavily subsidized to make it affordable for them. Geo thermal and solar for homeowners should be subsidized at a greater amount to make it affordable for everyone to put these in. For every \$1000,000 to subsidize a Wind Turbine, this money would pay \$6000 to 166 homes for these alternatives. What a great way to help homeowners cut their heating bills from 40-60%. Maybe some of them would be able to keep their homes. The transportation industry is a big problem when it comes to emissions, yet now you don't even get a tax credit on a Toyota Prius (the most popular hybrid) because they ran out of money for that model? This doesn't make any sense to me. We seem to have millions for turbines. You get a \$250 tax credit on a Chevy pickup hybrid, but you get \$3000 on a Ford Escort hybrid. Wouldn't it make more sense to give the \$3000 on the pickup which creates much more of a carbon footprint? Why isn't it

mandatory for every municipality to run Hybrids, put solar or wind or geo thermal on their buildings to practice what they preach? The Politicians need to study these and many other possibilities to spend our tax dollars so we can all benefit instead of just a few. They need to make their decision based on real issues that will slow global warming instead of listening to lobbyists for Wind Companies. Wind Companies try to push these Wind Turbines close to homes for their own benefit, really not caring at all what it does to the value of the 10's of thousands of homes that would be affected by these machines. They are just in it for money. Our State could use the millions of dollars wasted on Wind Turbines to subsidize things that might really help slow Global Warming and quit the feel good politics.

Thank You  
Dick Ludwig  
Chilton WI.

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From: Sally Berner  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:40 PM  
Subject: Alternative energy sources, wind, ethanol, manure

I think wind energy is fine in small doses but not at the expense of migratory birds. Wind also is not reliable in this state.

Ethanol production as an alternative fuel is not smart. It does not burn as efficiently as gasoline and it takes more energy to produce than you get out of the product. It also causes increased food prices due to increased costs feeding dairy and beef herds as well as replacing other products because farmers want to cash in on the corn crop. As an alternative to corn, switchgrass makes better ethanol, does not require fertilizing or watering.

Why, as the Dairy State, aren't we looking into using our renewable source of manure as an alternative energy source? Manure at factory farms is a problem with storage and spreading safely on the land. It's getting into the water supplies. Using it to produce energy makes sense.... It's a win, win situation.

Sally Berner  
Green Bay, WI

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**From:** Greg Goltz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:06 AM  
**Subject:** Manmade Global Warming

You all ought to stop wasting your time and MY money. Manmade global warming is just a big money and government scam. If you're really concerned about the citizens of Wisconsin, burn less natural gas in power plants so we can afford to heat our homes. There should be more coal fired power plants. There should be more nuclear power plants. One more thing, pumping carbon dioxide into the ground is the biggest scam around, next to carbon credits. If you want some carbon credits, I'll gladly sell you some. I can always use some fool's money.

Gregory A. Goltz  
Trempealeau, WI

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From: Guy Wolf  
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:46 AM  
Subject: public input

I'm JOan Wolf  
I live at \*\*\*\*\*  
Stoddard WI

I support whatever we have to do to invest in solar, wind and ground water heat pump energy. I suggest more planning for public transportation, much more education in our universities and technical schools on building green, tax incentives for businesses who build green, and using our natural gas plants to full capacity.

Please check out Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in LaCrosse WI for several examples of energy conservation and green building. These ideas should be shared at a website for everyone to use. For example, simply taking the light bulbs out of soda machines saved the hospital thousands in electric bills, they are building solar panels to heat the water for the laundry, they have a bike barn and are offering tax incentives to live near work.

There's lots we can do for little or no cost. And we also need to invest in the future.  
I'm willing to pay more taxes for green initiatives.

Thank you for asking for our input.

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**From:** Karen Cleary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 4:19 PM  
**Subject:** Initiative #6 ...

The plan that the committee chooses to implement is a Voluntary Long Term GHG Emissions Reduction program. (The WI DNR Secretary, speaking on NPR on 3/19/08, stated that we need to decrease CO2 emissions 60-80% by 2050.) The Task Force Plan touts that WI will be a national leader in voluntary GHG reductions through a marketing campaign and support programs for communities/farmers/businesses interested in sustainable practices. I urge that legislation also be a piece of the puzzle. We are under non-negotiable time restraints. We need to quickly begin the long-haul of decreasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. How do you know that your recommended voluntary game plan is enough to achieve substantial reductions? Karen Cleary

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**From:** Craig George  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 3:19 AM  
**Subject:** comments on proposal

Why do we want to force our state back to the stone age? This does nothing but reverse everything great about this nation. We have the cheapest power in the world and you people want to shut it down, why? This is nothing more then the Kyoto Agreement state by state! No new powerplants, rate increases to change my behavior, varying rates,

rolling blackouts at peak demands, turning off outside lights at night, great if you are a criminal, why? All because some ex-vice president says the world is coming to an end? This is nothing short of total stupidity!

Craig George  
New London, WI