
Ohio & Federal Legislative Update

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Ohio's Clean Energy Standards Restored!

- × Veto of House Bill 554 in late 2016
- × Compliance with 2017 RPS Benchmark will be reported Spring 2018
- × New Energy Efficiency programs have or will start soon with AEP, FirstEnergy, Duke, DP&L
- × Bipartisan NO votes on bill were key
- × As was business interest...

Big Business Calls for End of Freeze



Gap Inc.



**United
Technologies**

Schneider
Electric



HONDA



STAPLES

amazon



Nestlé

House Bill 114 & State Operating Budget

- × Introduced 3/7/17 with 54 co-sponsors, passed Ohio House on 3/30/17
- × Mandatory RPS becomes voluntary goals
- × EERS reduced from 22.5% to 17.5%, compliance requirements weakened
- × Expands definition of efficiency and adds new qualifying resources to what's considered renewable energy
- × Expands industrial opt-out
- × Budget bill includes small hydro provision

Senate Bill 132 (Dolan)

× Establishes tax credit for businesses installing or maintaining renewable systems or creating jobs



Senate Bill 178/House Bill 128

- ✗ Establishes a \$17/MWh zero-emission credit for power produced by qualifying nuclear plants
- ✗ Equals ~\$300M/year for 16 years = ~\$67/year per average household in FirstEnergy territory
- ✗ Would erode economics of distributed generation and energy efficiency, hurt low income customers
- ✗ Second hearing in House anticipated next week

Federal Impact on Ohio's Clean Energy Opportunity

- × Clean Power Plan on very shaky ground
- × Potential rollbacks on coal ash regulations could give “on-the-bubble” coal plants an edge up
- × End of moratorium on coal leases on federal lands



“To protect the security interests of America...states and local entities do in fact get pre-empted with some of those decisions”
- USDOE Secretary Perry



*The fuel in the earth will be exhausted in a thousand or more years, and its mineral wealth, but man will find substitutes for these in the winds, the waves, the sun's heat, and so forth. — [John Burroughs](#)
From *Under the Apple-Trees* (1916)*

Questions?

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