

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0002

Federal land wind and solar energy revenue-state share.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Anderson, Bebout and
Hicks and Representative(s) Barlow and Clem

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to enact legislation
2 requiring revenues received by the federal government from
3 wind and solar energy developments on lands of the United
4 States be shared equally with the state in which those
5 developments are located.

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7 WHEREAS, wind energy development has occurred in Wyoming in
8 recent years and important new wind energy projects are
9 anticipated to be located, in whole or in part, on federal
10 land in the state; and

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12 WHEREAS, the federal government receives rents and fees in
13 connection with the rights-of-way it grants for wind and
14 solar energy developments on federal land and those rents
15 and fees are retained by the federal government and not
16 shared with the states; and

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2 WHEREAS, fifty percent (50%) of royalties and rents the
3 federal government receives in connection with the
4 production of certain fossil fuels and geothermal energy on
5 federal land are currently shared with the states pursuant
6 to 30 U.S.C. § 191; and

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8 WHEREAS, sharing rents and fees the federal government
9 receives in connection with wind and solar energy
10 developments on federal land with the states in which those
11 developments are located would be consistent with existing
12 law regarding the disposition of royalties and fees
13 received in connection with the production of certain
14 fossil fuels and geothermal energy on federal land and
15 would serve the same public purposes.

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17 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
18 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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20 **Section 1.** That Congress speedily enact legislation
21 providing for the payment of fifty percent (50%) of all
22 rents and fees received by the federal government in
23 connection with wind and solar energy developments on

1 federal land to the state in which those developments are
2 located, consistent with existing law regarding the
3 disposition of royalties and fees received in connection
4 with the production of certain fossil fuels and geothermal
5 energy on federal land.

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7 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
8 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
9 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
11 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
12 Delegation.

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