



EXECUTIVE ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

ESTABLISHING THE NEVADA RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSMISSION ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Nevada is a leader in renewable energy resources and is blessed with an abundance of these resources; and

WHEREAS, the upper six miles of the earth's crust has geothermal resources that far exceed the combined energy of all the oil and gas resources in the world and Nevada ranks first in the nation in geothermal resources and currently less than 10% of Nevada's geothermal power potential is being utilized; and

WHEREAS, solar energy is both an abundant and natural form of energy and can be utilized to reduce energy consumption and Nevada anticipates leading the nation in the production of solar energy; and

WHEREAS, wind is the fastest growing energy resource in the world, is emission free and requires no water to produce electricity and Nevada ranks third in the western U.S. in wind resource potential; and

WHEREAS, the use of biomass for energy helps reduce threats from wildfire while simultaneously improving the health of our range and woodlands; and

WHEREAS, currently Nevada is a net importer of energy and development of our renewable energy resources will help reverse Nevada's dependence on imported energy; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requires electric service providers to sell 20% of their sales from renewable energy and energy efficiency measures by 2015; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy has the potential to supply a significant portion of Nevada's energy needs, provide economic development opportunities for Nevada's rural communities, diversify the state's economy, create high-paying jobs and create many other public benefits for the citizens of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Nevada should encourage renewable energy development and renewable energy policies within our State; and

WHEREAS, encouraging the development of renewable energy industries can reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, encouraging renewable energy policies will help reduce cost of energy in the future; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy is in many instances located in areas without developed transmission infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy development requires reliable transmission access; and

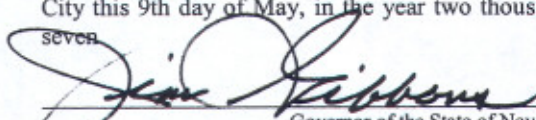
WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Gibbons, Governor of the State of Nevada, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada do hereby order and create the Nevada Renewable Energy Transmission Access Advisory Committee. The Committee will propose recommendations for improved access to the grid system by which renewable energy industries can set up and have market access in Nevada and neighboring states. The Committee shall follow the open meeting law. The Committee shall consist of 14 voting members appointed by the Governor and who serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Committee shall submit a final report and recommendation to the Governor by December 31, 2007.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City this 9th day of May, in the year two thousand

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Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary of State of Nevada

Deputy