



Utility-Scale Renewable Energy

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A Clean Energy Future for TVA

- Renewable energy potential for utility scale generation
- Advantages and challenges of renewables
- Holding TVA accountable



TVA needs to set strong goals on renewable energy development, and a plan to reach those goals.

Renewable energy development will ensure that the electricity supply for the TVA is less dependent on large power plants, imported fossil and nuclear fuels, and use of water resources for cooling purposes.

Reducing fossil fuel use will result in less global warming pollution.

Renewable energy development is associated with more local jobs than power generation that relies on imported fuels. These green jobs are a major economic development activity.

-Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia are among the top 20 states in the country with potential to add wind generation related manufacturing jobs.

-Tennessee and Alabama alone could add over 21,000 manufacturing jobs if the US built 185,000 MW of new renewable generation over 10 years

Clean renewable systems spread across the grid also helps support grid strength.

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20% Renewable Generation

- **Today's technology → 20% of demand**
- **Top 4 resources can meet 4-5% each**
 - Appalachian ridgeline wind
 - Biomass in Tennessee
 - Biomass in Mississippi
 - Low-head hydro



Potential to achieve 20% of demand is based on:

-165,000 GWh sales (2006)

-35,000 GWh additional renewable energy potential

See slide 12 for renewable energy potential data and definitions.

TVA Wind Assessment

- **TVA – ASU 2005 Study**
 - 345 miles of ridgeline with wind potential
 - **5+ GW capacity potential**
- **5 most feasible regions excluding “sensitive” lands**
 - Cross Mountain TN (50+ %)
 - Black Mountain KY/VA (25%)
 - Bryson Mountain TN
 - English Mountain TN
 - Forge Mountain TN
 - **2.5+ GW capacity → 5,800+ GWh potential**
- **Additional region in GA: almost 2,000 GWh**



It is not clear whether the TVA – ASU study was comprehensive in identifying potential generation sites. The major wind feature in north Georgia appears to be in or adjacent to TVA service territory, but is not included in the TVA – ASU study. Overall, the TVA – ASU findings are consistent with recent analysis by NREL that shows Tennessee with a potential of up to 5 GW capacity by 2030. The “feasible regions” exclude national forest land identified in the TVA – ASU study. SACE reduced the developable potential miles by 0 – 50% within these regions based on the implied developable potential as described in the text of the report.

New data from NREL and AWSTruewind for Kentucky and Tennessee are expected to be delivered in late 2008. These will be the first 100 m wind data which will be a more accurate and updated resource for estimating wind potential for the TVA region.

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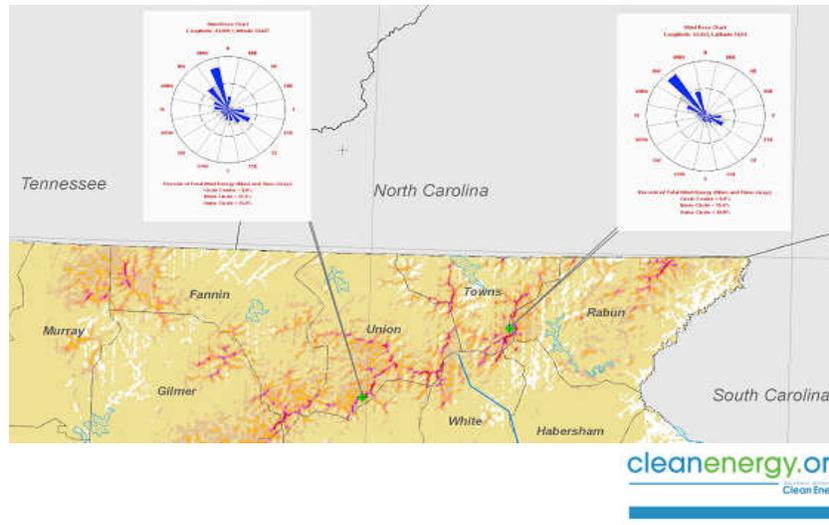
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Georgia Wind



AWS Truewind identifies this region as having:

- Up to 8 m/s mean annual wind speed
- Capacity factor 30 – 35%
- Sites with class 3 to class 6 wind potential

For this analysis, it is assumed that 50% of Georgia's onshore wind potential identified in the AWS Truewind analysis is accessible to the TVA.

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Biomass

	Potential Capacity (GW)	Feasible Capacity (GW)	Feasible Generation (GWh)
Tennessee	2.6	1.0	8,200
Mississippi (30%)	1.9	0.9	6,900
Other TVA areas	1.1	0.5	3,700



See slide 12 notes for explanation of terms.

Biomass resources:

- 1/3 energy crops (switchgrass, hybrid poplar, etc.)
- 1/3 woody materials (logging residues and other mostly secondary resources)
- 1/3 other, including landfill methane and agricultural residues

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Hydroelectric

- **Idaho National Laboratory 2006 study**
 - Nationwide feasibility assessment
 - New low power & small hydro classes of hydroelectric plants
 - Both environmental & economic screens
- **9,000+ GWh potential TVA generation**
 - Mostly in TN
 - Not necessarily utility-scale projects



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Other TVA Resources

- **Solar**
 - Grid connected solar PV will help manage summer peak loads
 - Solar hot water is cost effective technology for reducing power demand.
- **Geothermal**
 - 10 km deep resource in MS, AL, TN
 - Not currently cost-effective in TVA
- **Imports**
 - Wind: Midwestern, Atlantic offshore
- **Carbon sequestration (not renewable energy)**
 - TVA has potential carbon dioxide storage for region



There is a need for resource potential studies at the state level for solar energy taking into account the rapid technology development occurring in this sector. Existing studies are too highly focused to adequately capture the potential for investing in a range of complementary technologies.

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Advantages of renewables

- **Wind**
 - Energy security / no fuel cost
 - Studies show multiple sites → never 100% down
- **Biomass**
 - Reliable, firm dispatch
 - CHP opportunities
 - Low pollution w/gasification technology
- **Hydroelectric**
 - Known dispatch and reliability
 - Prescreened for environmental & economic issues



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Federal legislation

- **TVA can meet national standard**
- **20% renewable potential**
 - Far more: cost-effective large scale solar
- **Reduce (eliminate?) load growth with energy efficiency**
- **Should always be in addition to voluntary programs**

We recommend . . .

- **Utility-scale generation**
 - Wind, biomass and small hydro investment
 - **Minimum** 10% by 2015 . . . 20% by 2020
 - Pay 2 cents per kWh bonus for large-scale plants
- **Customer-scale generation**
 - Low-head hydro
 - Energy recycling (CHP, waste heat recovery)
 - Bonus for biomass use
 - TVA Generation Partners
 - Wind and solar incentive: 7.5 cents plus retail
 - Add a second tier for larger systems: 5 cents
 - Add a Energy Star bonus for efficient customers: 5 cents

Total Potential Capacity (MW)	TVA	AL	GA	KY	MS	TN
Onshore Wind	7,535		2,364			5,171
Biomass	5,158		336	194	1,906	2,186
Hydroelectric	14,662	1,463	813	650	2,683	8,797
Geothermal	132,183	30,859	1,951	6,005	40,149	50,733
Solar	38,376	1,220	653	2,038	4,393	30,073
Total	197,914	34,079	6,117	8,886	49,130	96,960

Maximum Feasible Capacity (MW)	TVA	AL	GA	KY	MS	TN
Onshore Wind	3,440		820		-	2,620
Biomass	2,393	204	155	113	879	1,042
Hydroelectric	2,098	316	105	98	283	1,296
Geothermal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solar	16	1	0	1	2	13
Total	7,947	520	1,081	211	1,164	4,971

Maximum Feasible Generation (GWh)	TVA	AL	GA	KY	MS	TN
Onshore Wind	7,712		1,902			5,809
Biomass	18,869	1,607	1,226	893	6,929	8,214
Hydroelectric	9,003	1,212	403	454	1,044	5,738
Geothermal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solar	21	1	0	1	2	17
Total	35,604	2,819	3,531	1,348	7,975	19,778



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Estimated renewable energy resource potential for the TVA region. These estimates are constrained by the availability of suitable studies with state-specific data.

-Total Potential Capacity: This is the maximum “theoretical” resource potential estimated in available studies, without filtering for economic, environmental or other feasibility factors. Available studies may place constraints on the “theoretical” resource studied. For example, the solar resource potential is based on rooftop photovoltaic potential and does not consider other potential solar resource installations.

-Maximum Feasible Capacity: Environmental and economic screens are applied to the Total Potential Capacity to determine what an aggressive development scenario might appear to be. The screening is either applied in the cited study or based on a documented method.

-Maximum Feasible Generation: Resource-based capacity factors are used to determine the average annual energy generation based on the Maximum Feasible Capacity. The capacity factors are either included in the cited study or based on a documented method.

-The wind resource assessment is described in the slides and notes for that portion of the presentation.

-For other resources, state resources are pro-rated as follows, with some variation by resource based on review of available maps illustrating the distribution of resources as compared to the TVA service area.

- Alabama: 5 – 30%
- Georgia: 2 – 20%
- Kentucky: 10%
- Mississippi: 20 – 40%
- North Carolina (not shown): 0 – 5%
- Tennessee: 100%
- Virginia (not shown): 0%