2019 Legislative Wrap-up

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MEEA Policy Resources

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  – Policy Insider
  – Midwest Building Efficiency Status Report
  – Committee Updates
  – MEEA Blog
Midwest Political Landscape
Governor's Party

Political Landscape: 2018 Elections

9 gubernatorial races

- 7 new governors
- 3 same party: MN, OH, SD
- 4 flipped party: IL, KS, MI, WI
- 2 incumbents re-elected: IA, NE
Political Landscape: 2018 Elections

Majority party in legislature

- Rep
- Dem
- Split
2019 Legislative and Regulatory Activity
Ohio

- The General Assembly passed and Governor DeWine signed into law the Senate substitute of HB 6:
  - Changes EERS: utilities collectively required to reach 17.5% cumulative energy savings goal (reduced from 22% and allows all utility savings to be counted collectively), which likely will be reached or almost reached by 2020 due to use of banked savings
  - Possible voluntary programs beyond 2020
  - Creates new surcharges for nuclear and coal plants
  - Cuts the RPS from a goal of 12.5% renewable generation by 2027, to 8.5% by 2026
Illinois (Signed into Law)

• HB 2652: supports EV and solar-ready building codes

• HB 1438: “Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act” legalizes adult recreational use of cannabis. Requires minimum lighting and HVAC efficiency technology standards for cultivation facilities. Also requires energy use and conservation plans.

• HB 62: $45 billion capital bill, six years of project financing including $70 million for renewable and EE projects at state facilities and $70 million for EV charging infrastructure.
Illinois (Pending)

- **HB 3624: “Clean Energy Jobs Act” (CEJA)** comprehensive clean energy & environmental bill:
  - 100% carbon-free by 2030; 100% renewable by 2050
  - Expands gas utility energy efficiency requirements
  - Repealing the industrial exemption
  - Increasing spending on income-qualified program

- **HB 2966: “Path to 100 Act”** increase the RPS to 40% by 2030 (increase from 25% by 2025 under FEJA) and increase funding for utility-scale solar and wind energy.

- **HB 2861: Exelon capacity market legislation**

- **HB 3152: ComEd formula extension bill.**
Minnesota

• The House (HB 2208) and Senate (SF 2611) passed jobs and energy omnibus bills, but could not agree so the provisions were removed from the omnibus bill

• HF 2 passed agreed upon provisions and was signed into law May 30
  – Commercial PACE and Energy Storage
  – Numerous jobs related provisions

• HF 1405
  – Part 1 of Governor Walz’s Clean Energy First
  – July 30 Legislative Energy Commission Hearing
Iowa

• Spending constraints placed on EE in SF 2311 (2018)
  – SF 2311 contained “soft caps” on spending among other provisions

• SF 638 was signed into law
  – Places hard spending caps for energy efficiency plans - 1.5% (gas) and 2% (electric) of annual retail rate revenue. Turns “soft caps” to “hard caps”

• RMU-2016-0018: IUB Rulemaking Docket
  – Seeks to implement statutory changes while clarifying interpretation of SF 2311 and SF 638
Wisconsin

- Governor Evers issued 78 partial vetoes to the two-year budget passed by the state legislature.

- The revised budget directed $10 million from the VW settlement fund towards electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
Indiana

• House Bill 1278 (Public Law 250 signed 5/5/19)
  – Requires IURC to conduct a study on transitions in generation resources how new/emerging technologies will contribute to reliability, resilience and cost
Nebraska

• 2018 IECC adopted
  – Strongest statewide energy code in the MW
• Dept. of Environment and Energy created – merger of State Energy Office and Dept. of Environmental Quality
Code Adoption Successes FY 2019

- Nebraska: 2009 – 2018 IECC
- St. Louis, MO: 2009 – 2018 IECC *
- Chicago, IL: 2015 – 2018 IECC *
- Illinois: 2015 – 2018 IECC *
- Ohio: 2009 – 2018 IECC* (Residential)

* Includes Amendments
What’s Next?
Fall Next Steps

Illinois
• Fall veto session Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 12-14

Ohio
• Sept. 1 EE plan filings for 2020 are due to PUCO
• Possible referendum to repeal H.B. 6

Minnesota
• Potential additional hearings on Clean Energy First Act
Advocacy Resources

Energy and Bill Savings

- MEEA analysis on state energy and bill savings to-date from EE programs:
  - IA: $1.6 billion in bill savings; 19 million MWh saved (enough electricity to power every home in Iowa for over a year)
  - IL: $4.3 billion in bill savings; 41 million MWh saved (8 months)
  - MI: $4.2 billion in bill savings; 34.5 million MWh saved (8 months)
  - OH: $5.1 billion in bill savings; 49 million MWh saved (10.5 months)
Advocacy Resources

Other Resources

• State Fact Sheets
• Issue Fact Sheets
• MEEA Spotlight
• MEEA testimony
• MEEA member advocacy
Energy Efficiency Remains the Solution

• Jobs
  – More than 2/3 of all clean energy jobs are EE.
  – 2.3 million EE jobs in the US in 2018
  – 67% of clean energy jobs in construction and manufacturing
  – 7.4% growth of EE jobs expected in 2019 (highest in the energy sector)

• 100% Clean Energy Goals
  – EE should still be an essential element
  – Need to educate new Governors and Commissioners
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Thank you!

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