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## **Governor Doyle Signs Bill Strengthening Wisconsin's Wind Industry**

### ***Accomplishes Integral Recommendation of Governor's Task Force on Global Warming***

NEW BERLIN – Governor Jim Doyle today signed into law Senate Bill 185, creating more uniform standards for siting wind projects and strengthening Wisconsin's wind industry.

"With our resources and strategic location, we have a tremendous opportunity to become a worldwide leader in wind energy," Governor Doyle said. "This bill is a clear statement to the wind industry that Wisconsin is open for business and will create more jobs for hardworking Wisconsin families."

The legislation accomplishes an integral recommendation of the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming. The bill requires the Public Service Commission to establish uniform standards regulating the construction and operation of wind energy systems. It allows proposed wind energy systems that are one megawatt or larger to appeal decisions by local authorities with the PSC.

Since coming into office, Governor Doyle has worked to make Wisconsin a leader in renewable energy. Governor Doyle created the Task Force on Global Warming to bring together a prominent and diverse group of key Wisconsin business, industry, government, energy and environment leaders to examine the effects and solutions to global warming in Wisconsin. Using current national and local research, the task force analyzed possible solutions to global warming challenges that pose a threat to Wisconsin's economic and environmental health. The task force is charged with creating a state plan of action to deliver to the Governor to reduce Wisconsin's contribution to global warming.

Governor's plan for energy independence includes: Generating 25 percent of our electricity and 25 percent of the fuels for our cars and trucks from renewable sources by the year 2025; capturing 10 percent of the market share for renewable energy and bioproducts; and utilizing Wisconsin's tremendous capability for research to become the country's leader in making alternative energies more affordable and available to all.

Governor Doyle thanked the leadership in both houses of the Legislature for working together to pass this bill on a bipartisan basis.