

## Renewable Electricity Standard (RES)

### What is a Renewable Electricity Standard?

A Renewable Electricity Standard (RES), also known as a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), sets hard targets for renewable energy in the near- and long-term to diversify our energy, reduce pollution, conserve water and save consumers money.

### 25% renewable electricity by 2025

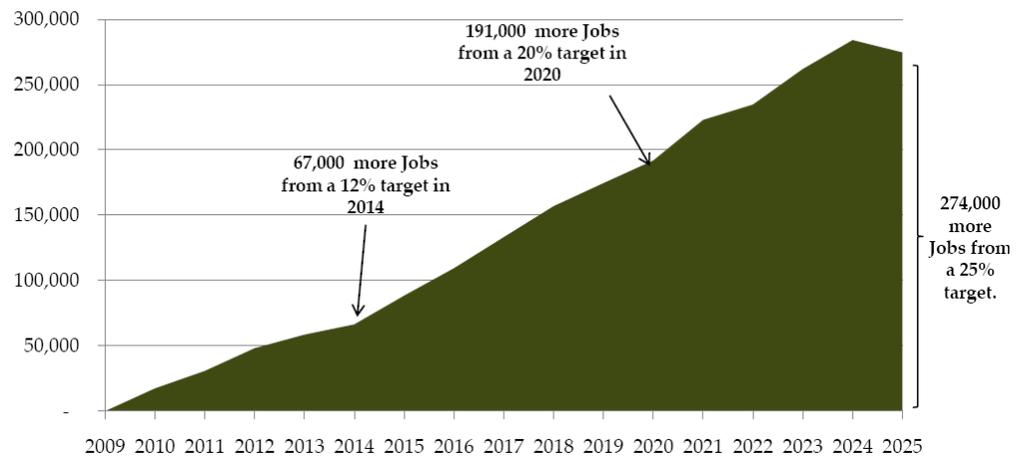
A national standard of 25% renewable electricity by the year 2025, with strong near-term targets, ensures that we create jobs, increase American manufacturing, and foster economic development.

### What is a Clean Energy Standard?

A Clean Energy Standard (CES) would set hard targets for renewable energy and other clean energy sources in the near- and long-term. To drive demand for wind power, a CES policy must include a structure and targets that deploy wind energy generation above a business-as-usual scenario. And, it must allow states' RES and CES policies to go above and beyond the targets established at the federal level.

### Why does America want a national RES?

- ✓ **America wants economic development:**  
A national RES of 25% by 2025 would provide \$13.5 billion to landowners in the form of lease payments, according to a study from the Union of Concerned Scientists. An additional \$11.5 billion would flow to communities through new local tax revenues. These revenue streams improve the lives of landowners and revitalize their communities.
- ✓ **America wants jobs, jobs, jobs:**  
A national RES will create an additional 274,000 jobs in the U.S., in such areas as construction, operations, and engineering. Over 50% of these jobs will be created in the manufacturing sector.



Source: Navigant Consulting, Inc. for RES-Alliance for Jobs, 2010

- ✓ **America should be a leader in new manufacturing:**  
Stable markets and long-term signals are the easiest way to attract billions of dollars in new manufacturing investment to the U.S. The U.S. is in a foot race with dozens of countries around the world for new wind industry manufacturing and must act soon to become a leader.
- ✓ **American voters are demanding more wind and an RES:**  
Americans want wind power. A March 2010 poll shows strong bipartisan support for wind and a national RES. An overwhelming 89 percent of voters believe increasing wind energy is a good idea. In addition, 77 percent of voters support passage of a 25% national RES.