

“Let’s Talk”—Wind Energy Tax Abatements

New tax abatements are in place for wind energy transmission (see http://www.thepolicyinstitute.us/transmission_report_matl.pdf).

The public is concerned that NorthWestern Energy (NWE) has been claiming property tax benefits for local government that may never materialize. NWE says MSTI is for renewable wind energy, but such projects now have big property tax abatements depending on percent of capacity used to carry wind energy. NorthWestern Energy, what percentage of MSTI’s capacity would be used for wind energy?

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