

Energy Policy Statements

The Douglas County Business Alliance believes that reliable and most cost effective energy sources are vital to economic development and retention of businesses in Douglas County. Businesses should not be faced with electric outages, brown-outs, and shortages impacting on-going operations within their company, Public utilities must be accountable to their business and corporate customers, serving present and future needs. To that end:

- DCBA support the creation and use of all energy sources that are reliable **and** affordable, in the areas of:
 - o Hydroelectric
 - o Wind
 - o Ethanol
 - o Biomass gasification
 - o Solar
 - o Co-generation options
 - o Geothermal
 - o Nuclear
 - o Natural Gas
 - o Coal Production
- DCBA supports public policy that utilizes the vast natural resources available in this state for energy production, including:
 - o Climate conditions, wind and sun
 - o Water power for hydroelectric and steam generation
 - o Crops which can be converted to alternate fuels
 - o Coal and its by-products
 - o Oil shale, natural gas and petroleum exploration and production
- DCBA encourages the state to implement economic and incentive programs to state universities and the private sector for the development of energy solutions
- DCBA supports the use of state lands for research and development. DCBA supports opening public lands for transmission and other development.
- DCBA is concerned with state mandates on energy without the review of the economic impacts to business and the community.