

US Releases Annual Wind Report

The US Department of Energy has released the 2007 edition of its Annual Report on US Wind Power Installation, Cost, and Performance Trends, which provides a comprehensive overview of developments in the rapidly evolving US wind power market. DOE says the report finds that US wind power capacity increased by 46 per cent in 2007, with US\$9 billion invested in US wind plants in 2007 alone, making the US the fastest-growing wind power market in the world for the third straight year. The report also shows that wind is on a path to becoming a significant contributor to the US power mix – wind projects accounted for 35 per cent of all new US electricity generation capacity in 2007, and transmission facilities capable of generating a total of over 200 GW of wind power are in the early stages of development throughout the nation. “As we work to implement President Bush’s Advanced Energy Initiative by increasing the use of domestic, clean, and affordable renewable energy, we are eager to continue the trend of increasing the use of wind power at unprecedented rates,” DOE Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Andy Karsner says.

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