



# Light Reading

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## Grassroots Communications

### The Inland Ambassador Program

The Inland Ambassador Program is a grassroots effort to enlist support from our members in shaping public policy. Inland Power is working hard to inform elected officials about issues impacting our cooperative. However, from time-to-time legislators want to hear directly from our members – the voters.

Inland Ambassadors are members who want to learn more about the issues our cooperative faces. In turn, we will occasionally ask you to contact legislators about bills that might help or hinder Inland Power.

### Become an Inland Ambassador

Being an Inland Ambassador is easy and lets you be involved as your time allows. As an Ambassador you will receive information covering topics of importance to Inland Power.

To sign up for the Ambassador Program, please go to our Web site at [inlandpower.com](http://inlandpower.com), email [catherinec@inlandpower.com](mailto:catherinec@inlandpower.com), or call (509) 789-4273.

## Inland's Energy Policy: Taking care of our members

In the turmoil surrounding energy and climate change policy all over the country, and the many competing ideas under consideration, one thing remains absolutely clear: The American people want and require reliable electricity at a reasonable price.

That is just what Inland Power has provided to our members for the past 72 years.

In order to continue providing you more of the same, we must make sure that any energy laws passed are fair, achievable and conscious of your budget.

One idea receiving a great deal of attention – cap and trade – is a carbon tax aimed at large-scale carbon emitters such as chemical, electronics, steel, paper, and other manufacturers.

Utilities will be the hardest hit.

At Inland, nearly 95 percent of our electricity is produced without carbon emissions. But with the regional hydropower system stretched, future energy demands will have to be met with a mix of new renewable energy and those that emit carbon. Carbon resources will be needed to back up renewables when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine.

As carbon generation is added in our region, we will see the impacts of a carbon tax on the price of electricity. While the goal – reducing greenhouse gases over time – is worthwhile, there are certain effects to bear in mind as laws are drafted.

Carbon targets need to be realistic. Under the federal Waxman-Markey bill, for instance, the number of tons of carbon released into the atmosphere each year



**The full moon rises to the east of a wind farm in central Washington.**

– estimated at 22 tons per person, will be drastically reduced to a possibly unworkable level of two tons per person.

The timeline for reducing carbon needs to be reasonable as well. Much of the technology required to meet proposed timelines is years away. In a recent MIT study, the most optimistic projection for commercially viable carbon-capture and sequestration technology is 2020.

The U.S. Senate is drafting energy policy and climate change legislation now. If legislation is passed with unrealistic carbon targets and timelines, electricity bills will skyrocket. Let's all work together to make sure any new energy laws prevent that.

Write a letter to your two senators, expressing your support for Inland's efforts to continue delivering what we always have: reliable and cost-effective service. Let them know that climate change legislation needs to be fair, achievable and affordable to ensure long-term success.

You'll find much more information on our Web site, [inlandpower.com](http://inlandpower.com), and [ourenergyourfuture.org](http://ourenergyourfuture.org). |

## 2008 Fuel Mix Report

### **Inland provides electricity produced with little carbon emissions**

Approximately 95 percent of Inland's electric power is from resources with zero carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions.

Inland Power purchases all of its electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration for resale and distribution to our members. The majority of that power is generated from the hydroelectric dams along the Snake and Columbia Rivers. During 2008, that electric power contained the following mix of energy purchases:

Hydroelectric	81.38%
Nuclear	11.64%
Coal*	3.53%
Wind*	1.76%
Natural Gas*	1.45%
Biomass*	0.11%
Waste*	0.07%
Petroleum*	0.04%
Other*	0.01%

\*Indicates estimated fuel source from non-resource specific open market purchases made by BPA. |

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You can pay your bill safely and securely through our Web site with a check, credit card or bank withdrawal. Or, if you prefer, you can mail your payment or drop it off at any of our pay stations.

E-Billing not only makes it easy to receive and pay your bill, it reduces your environmental impact. |



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## Protect Children from Electrical Hazards

Approximately 2,400 children receive emergency room treatment annually for injuries caused by inserting objects into electrical receptacles, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). With a few precautions, these and other injuries can be avoided:



**Don't worry the power was off during the photo shoot. But kids are quick! Take time to survey your home for hazards.**

- Install tamper resistant outlets (TROs) that protect against small children inserting foreign objects into them. Simple plastic caps typically used can be easily removed by some children.
- Keep electrical cords tied up or out of sight.
- Unplug all appliances when they are not being used, such as hair dryers or coffee makers.
- Keep appliances out of children's bathrooms.
- Teach children not to touch appliances when they have wet hands and to keep appliances away from water.
- Teach children other basic safety tips such as staying away from outlets and not touching electrical cords. |

### Energy Act Hearing and Comment Opportunity

On Oct. 26, 2009, at 6 p.m., we will be hosting a public meeting at our offices to consider and take comments on four standards of the Federal Energy Policy Act (EPACT) of 2007, relating to the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA). We will also be taking comment on our assessment of our energy conservation goals for the next two years.

The four PURPA standards to be considered are: 1) the integration of energy efficiency into utility plans and the adoption of policies establishing cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource; 2) the

promotion of energy efficiency through rate design; 3) the consideration of investments in a smart grid system; and 4) the provision for members access information regarding time-based wholesale electricity and other related information.

At this meeting Inland Power staff will present findings and recommendations on the standards. Inland Power members and others are welcome to attend and comment.

Our offices are located at 10110 W. Hallett Road, just off exit 272 on I-90. |