Policy Update

Key Federal and State Policy Fronts Impacting the Growth of the Biomass Thermal Industry

Heating the Midwest
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About BTEC

The Biomass Thermal Energy Council (BTEC) is the industry trade association dedicated to advancing the use of biomass for heat and other thermal energy applications.

Why was BTEC established?
- To **advocate for and promote** the biomass thermal industry in the national energy policy debate
- To **reach out to and educate** the public and decision makers on the benefits and advantages of using biomass for heat and CHP
- To **develop biomass energy research** and analysis that enables sound investment and policy decisions
Federal

- BTU Act
- CHP and WHP
- White House Executive Order & Thermal
- Departmental Pressure
- EIA Data Collection
- EPA NSPS Wood Heater Regulations
- Carbon and 111(d)
- Farm Bill Revisions

The Federal CHP Investment Tax Credit

and how to improve it for today's high performing renewable biomass technologies

Why are some high efficiency biomass CHP systems excluded? By requiring a minimum 20% electrical efficiency—regardless of thermal efficiency—the credit disincentivizes today’s best performing heat-led biomass CHP systems. Let’s improve the tax code by updating this out-of-date requirement. #BIOCHP

Sources:
New Hampshire High Efficiency Pellet Boiler Units Sold

Maine High Efficiency Pellet Boiler Units Sold

Source: Data on boiler sales from FutureMetrics database, 2014

Program hiatus for refunding Program resumes and is ongoing
Concluding Thoughts

• Critical Messaging Mass Building
• Bold Measures Appreciated
• States Must Act
We Are Helping Grow the Biomass Heating Market

Who BTEC Is

- Non-profit advocacy group with 130 members from U.S., Canada, Europe
- All sectors represented, from landowners to end users

Why Consider Joining

- Promote the use of biomass thermal fuels and technology to all industries
- Achieve policy parity at the national and state levels
- Share best practices and drive innovation and research
- Recognition of our company’s leadership and achievements

Join Us!

Membership levels tailored to a company’s size. Ask about how to join by emailing info@biomassthermal.org, or visit www.biomassthermal.org
Thank You for Having Me!

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