



Roadmap Outlines Region's Energy Future

In June, 2007, leaders from industry, agriculture, state and provincial governments and environmental groups in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Manitoba reached agreement on a 50-year roadmap for the region's energy future. A first-of-its-kind for the upper Midwest, the roadmap is the result of three years of intense education and discussion among these leaders, convened and facilitated by the Great Plains Institute's Powering the Plains program.

The recently released roadmap offers three key messages:

- The region's world-class energy resources and ingenuity can be harnessed to significantly reduce global warming emissions in the electric power sector while meeting projected demand at a moderate increase in cost-but only if we begin now.

- Large investments in energy efficiency, necessary for achieving such reductions, will save consumers, businesses and governments billions of dollars over the next half century.
- Fully optimizing the region's low-carbon energy resources will stimulate jobs and economic development and provide a prudent hedge against volatile energy prices.

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