

Energy Technology Interim Committee Fall 2007 Meeting



Montana Energy Mission II

- Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta- October 28-30, 2007
- Governor, Montana agency representatives, Canadian governmental officials, Oil and Gas producers
- Purpose is to further improve international relations and explore partnerships in energy development.



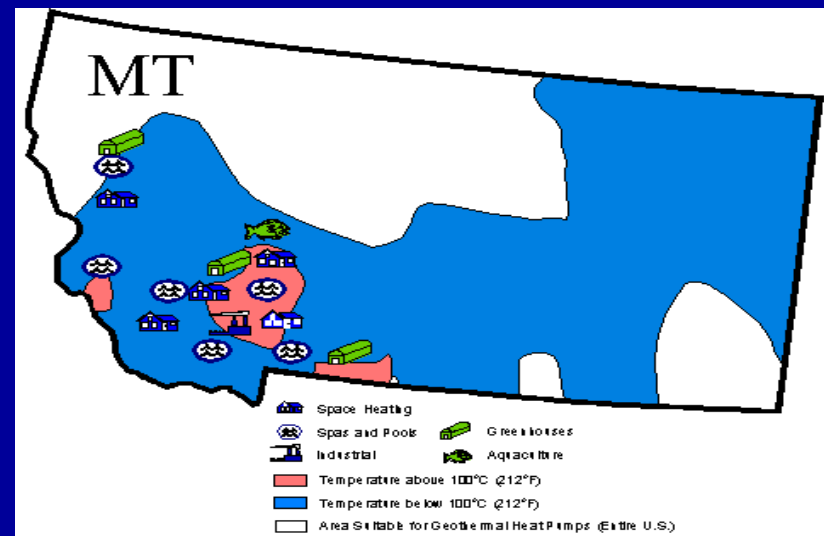
Wind Energy

- Over 30 potential wind farms in various stages of development
- Up to 3,400 MW potential
- McCormick Ranch- Toole and Glacier Counties, 300 MW, concurrent production with MATL transmission line



Geothermal Prospects

- Icelandic Delegation to Montana- October 19-21, 2007
- Senator Tester, state officials, Icelandic business and Government leaders
- First Montana exploration of delegation



Malmstrom AFB and Coal to Liquid



Governor, Air Force talk about fuel plant

HELENA - Gov. Brian Schweitzer told an Air Force official Tuesday that a coal-to-liquids plant at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls is a great fit for the state....

...Anderson said the plant could bring 1,000 jobs to Great Falls and start the Air Force on the path of using empty space on some of its bases to create a fuel that helps wean the country off foreign oil.



Air Force seriously pursuing fuel plant

The Air Force is seriously considering a partnership in which a potential commercial interest could build a 20,000 to 30,000 barrel a day coal-to-liquid-fuel plant at Malmstrom Air Force Base as early as 2011.

The plant, which would be financed and operated privately, is still in the early planning stages, "with a lot more wickets to pass through before it gets a green light," Assistant Air Force Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics William Anderson said Wednesday...

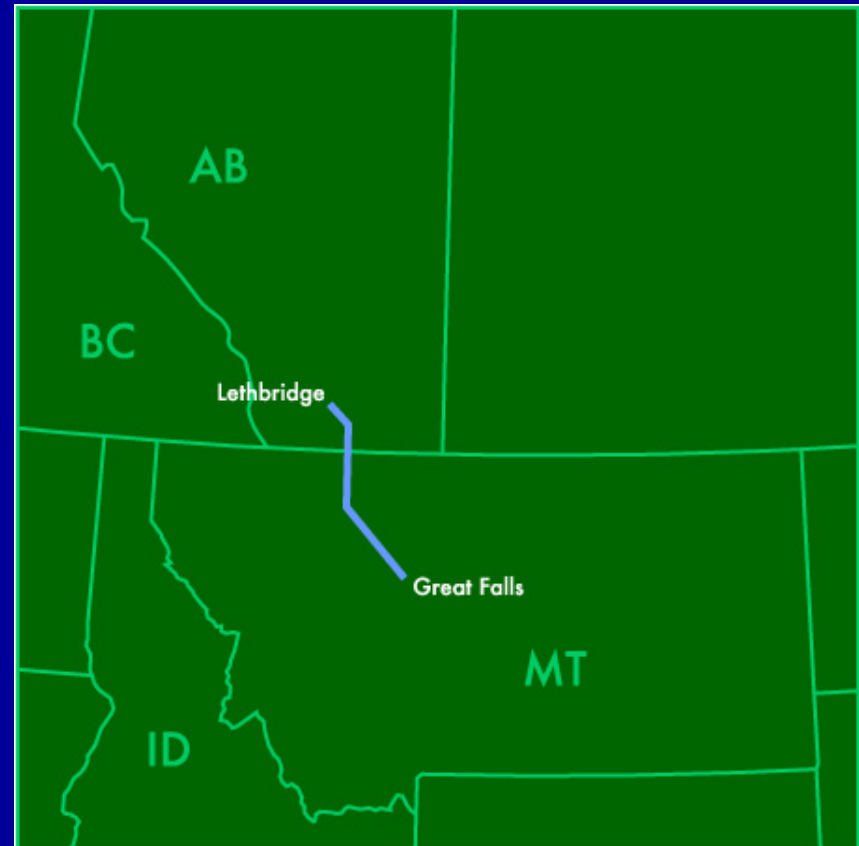
The Key to Green Energy Development in Montana...

Whether energy
comes from
renewable resources
or clean coal, we
need new
transmission lines...

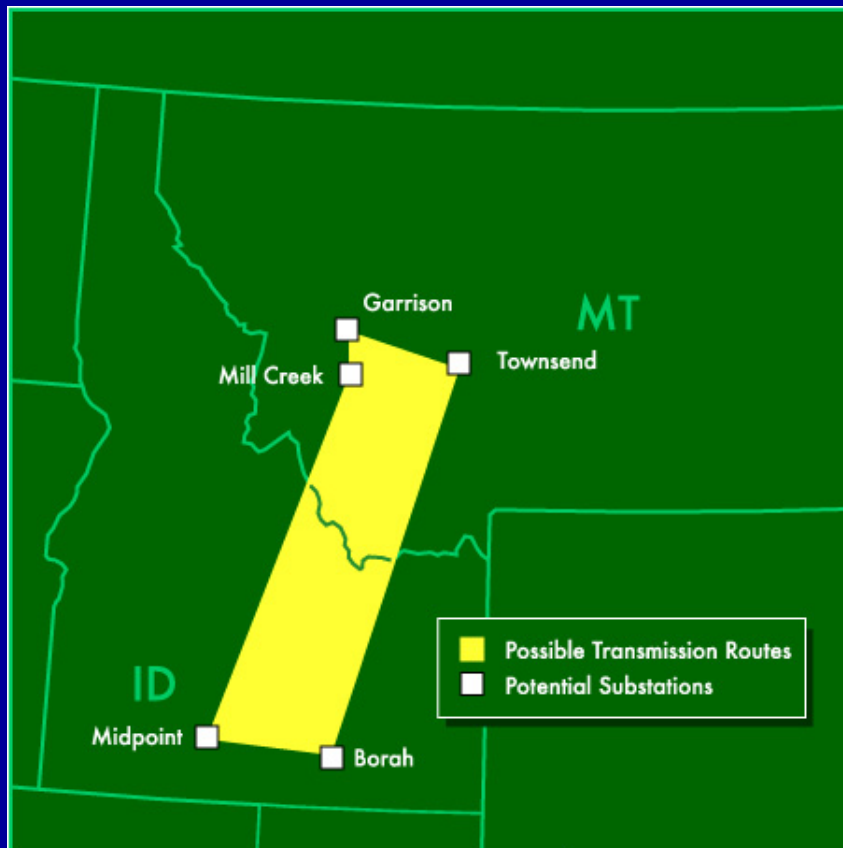


Montana Alberta Tie Ltd

- Merchant line-privately funded
- First interconnection between MT and AL
- 600MW line
- Will carry wind power from McCormick Ranch



Mountain States Transmission Intertie



- 500kV line
- A project of NorthWestern Energy
- Respond to customer requests for new transmission capacity
- Improve transmission system reliability

Northern Lights



- TransCanada project
- Clean coal and renewable generation to expanding markets requiring green energy
- 3,000 MW



Wednesday, October 3rd

Gazette Opinion: Harnessing wind energy for Montana

Montana ought to put more energy into developing financially profitable, environmentally sound wind projects...

The potential for wind energy is vast. However, the obstacles are substantial in Montana.

Fortunately, the state is starting to work on these problems:

Gov. Brian Schweitzer's office this summer opened a small, new state division charged with promoting energy infrastructure development.