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USA: A powerful renewable energy policy is gaining momentum

WFC briefing on Capitol Hill packed out / Feed-in tariff solution for security problems

Washington, D.C., 31st July 2009. A powerful renewable energy policy is gaining momentum. Hosted by the World Future Council, Congressman Jay Inslee from Washington State and Congressman William Delahunt from Massachusetts held a briefing on feed-in tariff renewable energy policy yesterday. In a packed room at the House of Representatives Congressman Inslee stated: “The two hottest things in America today are the iPhone and feed-in tariffs. In order to solve the security problems of the grid we need to foster multiple technologies and feed-in tariff policy (FIT) accomplishes that goal.”

Energy security expert James Woolsey, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, stated that “the grid is vulnerable to cyber and physical attacks. We [US] don’t do renewable energy well and part of the problem is our focus on utility scale power plant instead of distributed generation. Let’s give credit to the Germans for their approach. We have a chance if we get behind this policy. Vermont has it [Feed-in Tariff policy] right. We need to make a push and get busy.”

75 people attended including the staff from over 20 House Members. Inslee and Delahunt are planning to re-introduce the federal feed-in tariff bill, with some small changes. They are also planning to add a section on Federal financing for municipal feed-in tariff projects.

Randy Hayes, World Future Council, and James Bradbury from Congressman Inslee’s office opened the briefing and moderated the panel. One participant commented it was great to see that people were no longer asking what a feed-in tariff is but how to implement it.

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