

Executive Order – 2013–03

Establishing Arizona’s Master Energy Plan

WHEREAS, energy production, generation, transmission and conservation are vital to Arizona; and

WHEREAS, long-term energy supplies are critical to the well-being and future of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that energy remains affordable for Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, Arizona currently has a diverse mix of electric power generating facilities using conventional resources of coal (39%), nuclear (28%), natural gas (27%) and hydropower (6%); and

WHEREAS, renewable resources such as solar electric, solar thermal, wind energy, landfill gas, geothermal, biomass and algae have the potential to be increasingly integrated with conventional resources; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Arizona maintain a diverse energy portfolio; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has no significant production of oil or natural gas and we are dependent on out-of-state resources for gasoline, diesel fuel and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of Arizonans’ energy dollars leave the state to pay for these fuel costs; and

WHEREAS, keeping these energy dollars in state strengthens Arizona’s economy; and

WHEREAS, for businesses to retain current jobs and to expand to add more jobs, it is essential that Arizona maintain and increase dependable energy supplies to support their planning decisions; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s last energy plan is over twenty years old, written in 1990; and

WHEREAS, an energy plan will help lead Arizona to an affordable and reliable energy future by promoting policies and initiatives that strengthen the economy, better the environment and ensure lasting energy security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order as follows:

1. The Master Energy Plan Task Force (Task Force) is established to create a Draft Master Energy Plan (Draft Plan).
2. The Task Force shall be comprised of not more than 40 members.
3. The Governor shall appoint the members of the Task Force and designate which members shall serve on the following four subcommittees:
 - a) Transportation, Fuels and Infrastructure Planning
 - b) Business, Regulation and Workforce

- c) Environment, Natural Resources and Land Use
- d) Technology Development
- 4. The Director of the Governor’s Office of Energy Policy shall chair the Task Force and that office shall provide administrative support.
- 5. The subcommittees shall hold regularly scheduled meetings.
- 6. The Task Force shall:
 - a) Complete a draft of the plan by September of 2013.
 - b) Convene state-wide public meetings to obtain additional input and comment.
 - c) Review, complete, vote and submit to the Governor by December 31, 2013.
- 7. The Governor may adopt the Draft Plan as the Master Energy Plan for Arizona.
- 8. If adopted, the Master Energy Plan shall be updated at least every five years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this 15th day of January in the year Two Thousand Thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumenthal

SECRETARY OF STATE