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**Denise Bode, Vice Chairman**

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## **RENEWING OKLAHOMA'S ENERGY STRATEGY**

*Committee finds bright future possible in renewable energy*

(Oklahoma City) Renewable energy can play a vital role in meeting Oklahoma's energy needs, if its development is supported through public policy and education. That's according to a report released today by the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee, a group created by the Oklahoma legislature and tasked with investigating and recommending alternative energy sources and policies for the state.

Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Denise Bode chairs the Committee. She says today's report makes clear that wind generation, hydro, and biomass are the most viable renewable resources for electric generation in Oklahoma.

**"The impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on our energy infrastructure has made it imperative to diversify our energy portfolio, said Bode. "Oklahoma has vast renewable resources as well as conventional resources, and the time to expand that development to keep energy prices affordable is now.**

**"What we have is a win-win scenario for Oklahoma's energy economy," Bode continued. "Oklahoma is already a leader in fossil fuel production and development, and renewable energy can be developed and used as part of an overall energy portfolio that includes both traditional fuels and such things as wind power and bio-mass."**

**Among the Committee's recommendations to the Oklahoma legislature:**

- **Government entities should purchase renewable energy as part of their electricity usage when available**
- **The legislature should institute a program to study and develop the state's electric transmission infrastructure to allow greater use of renewable energy**

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(Committee, pg 2.)

- **The state should consider funding small renewable energy projects that are economically viable**
- **The state should create and support public education programs on renewable energy**

**The full report and recommendations from the Committee can be found at [www.occeweb.com](http://www.occeweb.com)**

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**EDITORS PLEASE NOTE: A copy of the Committee's latest report and recommendations is attached.**