

**WIND ON THE WIRES: Responses to Questions posted to Michigan Energy Forum Website**

**29. How has Michigan or other jurisdictions proposed addressing possible impacts from the adoption of a federal RPS?**

We have looked at a few of the Midwestern states and found that all of the state laws are silent on the direct relationship between a state renewable portfolio standard and a federal standard. However, Michigan and Missouri both acknowledge that a renewable energy credit used to comply with the state RPS cannot be used to comply with the federal RPS. (See Michigan and Missouri state renewable energy standards) Thus, they indirectly acknowledge that the state and federal standard would co-exist side-by-side. This assumes that the federal RPS does not expressly state that federal law intends to supersede all state RPS. We think, however, that it is unlikely that the federal government would expressly nullify 38 state laws with such varied requirements. It is more likely that a federal RPS would act as a floor to the state RPS.

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