

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-66

FOR: CREATING A STATE ENERGY STRATEGY TO MEET GROWING DEMAND AND SUPPORT RELIABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, ensuring reliable and affordable energy is critical to drive the State of Indiana's economic growth and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, after decades of flat or modest increase in demand for electricity in the State of Indiana, demand is now increasing significantly due to data center deployments related to the Artificial Intelligence race, reshoring of manufacturing, and greater consumer electrification;

WHEREAS, the unprecedented increase in electricity demand presents a unique opportunity to advance the State of Indiana's leadership in energy innovation and reliability;

WHEREAS, expanding energy generation and transmission infrastructure is critical to sustaining the State of Indiana's vibrant economy and accommodating future growth opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Indiana 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force led the way in the State of Indiana and nationally by establishing the Five Pillars energy policy framework for thoughtful decision-making in all energy ratemaking decisions as well as setting a solid legislative infrastructure for future development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 2-5-45.1-6, the Indiana 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force published an energy plan report on October 19, 2022; however, there has been substantial increases in electricity demand since the 2022 report was published that necessitate an updated review and report;

WHEREAS, an energy strategy for meeting growing demand must consider all emerging data and insights from relevant state agencies, local units of government, utilities, industry, consumer or ratepayer advocates, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, addressing the growing electricity demand is integral to energy security and preserving the State of Indiana's competitive edge in attracting industries and creating high-quality jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources oversee a Strategic Energy Growth Task Force ("Task Force") which will create an energy growth plan for the State of Indiana. The State Energy Growth Plan will focus on:
 - a. Energy reliability and affordability to meet power needs and economic development opportunities now and into the future;
 - b. Making the State of Indiana an energy export state;
 - c. Maintaining existing energy generation and developing new generation; and
 - d. Deploying nuclear energy.
2. The plan will provide a short-term 5-year vision and a 20-year outlook, focused on achieving four objectives:
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 - b. Energy affordability for all Hoosiers;
 - c. Energy diversity through an “All-of-the-Above” approach to energy policy; and
 - d. Energy collaboration and innovation between state and industry to deploy technology to meet the unique opportunities that lie ahead with unprecedented demand and development.
3. The Task Force shall engage utilities and other stakeholders to foster cooperation and align strategic plans to enable thoughtful development of new energy generation, including nuclear energy, to meet the state electricity growth targets.
4. The Task Force shall analyze the key drivers of electricity price increases over the past 20 years and propose actionable recommendations to ensure affordable future energy costs for Hoosiers.
5. The Task Force shall work to streamline agency procedures to ensure exceptional service in permitting new energy development, while safeguarding the State of Indiana’s abundant natural resources.
6. The Task Force shall work with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to identify prospective new large scale industrial developers and facilitate support from energy providers and communities for creating strategic clean energy industrial hubs throughout the State.
7. The Task Force shall examine ways to encourage large-scale industrial developers to financially support building new energy generation and transmission.
8. The Task Force shall partner with the State’s grid operators to prioritize dispatchable energy resources, strengthen grid connections, optimize energy capacity, and support long-range transmission plans.
9. The Task Force shall continue to embrace an all-of-the-above energy strategy, reflected in the Five Pillars, utilizing innovation and technology to make the State of Indiana an Energy Leader in the United States and the world.
10. The individuals directed by the Governor to participate in the strategic planning activities of the Task Force shall include the following leaders and/or their representative include:
 - a. The Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources;
 - b. The Secretary of Commerce;
 - c. The Executive Director of the Office of Energy Development;
 - d. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management;
 - e. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources;
 - f. The Chair of the Utility Regulatory Commission;
 - g. The Public Finance Director of the Indiana Finance Authority; and
 - h. Any other individual from a state agency, board, commission, or instrumentality of the Executive Branch whose expertise would benefit the Task Force.
11. The individuals invited by the Governor to participate in the strategic planning activities of the Task Force shall include the following leaders and/or their representative:
 - a. Utility leadership from the Indiana General Assembly; and
 - b. Industry Stakeholders, ISO/RTO Representatives.
12. The Task Force shall provide a report to the Governor by December 31, 2025, and a State Energy Growth Plan by May 29, 2026.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Mike Braun, have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Indiana on
this 17th day of June, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

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ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State