

Executive Order 25-66

Interim Report

Strategic Energy Growth Task Force

Background & Purpose of Task Force

Indiana Executive Order 25-66, issued on June 17, 2025, established the Strategic Energy Growth Task Force (Task Force) to create a State Energy Growth Plan with a 5-year vision and a 20-year outlook that focuses on:

- Energy reliability and affordability to meet power needs and economic development opportunities now and into the future,
- Making the State of Indiana an energy export state,
- Maintaining existing energy generation and developing new generation, and
- Deploying nuclear energy.

The Task Force, which consists of various state and industry leaders, has several directives that aim to foster new energy generation in collaboration with utilities, industrial developers, communities, and other stakeholders and to bolster energy affordability along the way. These directives align the State's all-the-above energy strategy, support the Five Pillars of electric service, and encourage the adoption of innovative technologies.

The Task Force is required to provide a report of its work to the Governor by December 31, 2025, and a State Energy Growth Plan by May 29, 2026.

Strategic Energy Growth Task Force Meetings

The Task Force met three times in 2025: October 6, November 17, and December 15. Detailed information from each meeting, including the slide deck presentations and recorded videos, are available on the Indiana Office of Energy Development (IOED) website at: www.in.gov/oed/news-events/.

On October 6, Secretary Jaworowski introduced the purpose of the Task Force and explained the need of the Task Force to create a State Energy Growth Plan. Chairman Soliday provided background on the work of the General Assembly's 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force and the enacted legislation based on the work of that Task Force. Most notably, Chairman Soliday talked about the state's statutory energy policy, commonly referred to as the Five Pillars, and the electric generation resource adequacy requirements and annual review, also

referred to as the 1520 report. The Task Force also heard a variety of presentations that outlined the current landscape of energy in Indiana, including from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), Purdue University's State Utility Forecasting Group (SUFG), the state's grid operators of PJM and MISO, and the U.S. Department of Energy (through the IOED).

On November 17, the Task Force heard a summary of the Global Nuclear Energy Economic Summit that was held on November 5 and 6 at Purdue University. The Task Force also heard from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) regarding federal and state environmental regulatory reforms, how to track regulations, and recent agency comments on federal environmental matters. The IOED presented information on how regulations impact the cost of utility service and the effect on rates. Lastly, the Task Force heard from large load users including Digital Crossroad (a data center developer), the Indiana Manufacturing Association, and Steel Dynamics, regarding their energy needs and challenges.

On December 15, the Task Force shifted to a workshop-based format facilitated by Strategic Doing, Inc. to allow for more in-depth conversations and collaborative discussions. As a part of this approach, three smaller workgroups were formed to support focused brainstorming. The workgroups individually examined barriers to energy growth and high-priority actions for Indiana's energy landscape. After the workgroup discussions, the full Task Force reconvened to review the collective ideas and vote on shared themes. Strategic Doing, Inc. will analyze the data and present results in a future meeting.

During the December 15 meeting, the Task Force was also presented a draft report summarizing Indiana's energy landscape in alignment with EO 25-66. The draft report serves as a base for further conversations and discussions to support the State Energy Growth Plan.

Conclusion & Next Steps

The work of the Task Force demonstrates significant progress toward the creation of a state energy strategy to meet growing demand and to support energy reliability and affordability. The Task Force discussions held to date revolve around the current state of energy and anticipated new energy demand. This work sets the stage for future conversations to establish the goals, priorities, and strategies needed to advance energy growth in Indiana.

A key directive of EO 25-66 is to foster meaningful collaboration with various stakeholders in the state's energy ecosystem. The continued participation of the Task Force members and other stakeholders is critical to advancing energy growth in the state to support energy reliability, affordability, and economic development opportunities. As such, the Task Force will continue to convene in 2026 toward the goal of a State Energy Growth Plan by May 29, 2026.