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**Errington disappointed to see net metering bill fail**

*Consumer friendly proposal blocked for second year*

INDIANAPOLIS— A bill to expand net metering for Indiana utility consumers failed in the final stages of negotiation when the 2010 Legislative Session adjourned early Saturday morning. State Senator Sue Errington (D-Muncie) said she is disappointed that a compromise was not met to benefit consumers through reduced energy costs, the promotion of green jobs, and reduction of the state's carbon footprint.

"Once again this measure has failed to meet the expectations of utility consumers," said Errington. "Each year we do not find a compromise in net metering, we fall farther and farther behind other states that have already taken advantage of this new technology."

Indiana has one of the lowest individual system capacity limits among 43 states with net metering policies. Indiana's current net metering policy received an "F" grade from The Network for New Energy Choices, a national energy policy organization.

Net metering regulations allow homeowners and businesses who generate excess electricity through wind mills, solar panels and other renewable energy technologies, to send any excess power back onto the electric grid for a credit on their energy bill.

Several versions of the bill were introduced in the 2010 legislative session, including Errington's Senate Bill 97. Two bills related to net metering, Senate Bill (SB) 313 and House Bill (HB) 1094, were approved in both chambers. Proposals from each bill were rolled into Senate Bill 313 during the joint House-Senate conference committee process where members of each caucus negotiate a final compromise.

"I am extremely disappointed to see this bill fail at the very end of the process," said Errington. "This bill had the opportunity to impact three areas that Hoosier families greatly need -- job creation, clean energy, and lower utility bills."

Errington said she will continue to work to increase awareness of the importance of net metering and plans to reintroduce the measure next year to ensure that the conversation is continued.

For more information on Senator Errington, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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