

HBASE Supports the PUC and Energy Providers in their Launch of SD Energy Smart

The Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire has recently signed on as a supporter of the South Dakota Energy Smart, a state-wide initiative coordinated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

The initiative is designed to foster the development, implementation and promotion of energy efficiency programs in South Dakota.

“South Dakota Energy Smart goes beyond simply offering sage energy conservation advice like ‘turn down the heat’ and ‘turn off extra lights,’” said PUC Chairman Dusty Johnson. “While those are easy and important ways to reduce energy bills, South Dakota Energy Smart is a comprehensive approach to energy efficiency. Consumers, energy providers and regulators all have a responsibility to be reactive and proactive to rising energy costs, take steps toward energy security and independence, and be stewards of the land. This initiative addresses all those things,” he said.

PUC Vice Chairman Gary Hanson said: “The South Dakota Energy Smart is a resource to help consumers make wise energy choices. Energy efficiency must be part of any discussion about the future; our Earth’s fossil fuels are not infinite, once they are depleted they will be gone forever. Wise energy use helps extend our resources and helps reduce everyone’s utility bills.”

“I commend the leadership of each partnering utility and association in coming together to support the South Dakota Energy Smart initiative,” said PUC Commissioner Steve Kolbeck. “The initiative is a sensible collaboration among partners who have a common interest in advocating energy efficiency. Each of the energy provider partners offers energy efficiency programs or is in the process of developing programs for their South Dakota customers. That shows their true commitment to helping South Dakotans be more efficient users of energy,” he concluded.

South Dakota Energy Smart includes a new Web site full of valuable information to home builders and also to consumers. A statewide television campaign is also urging homeowners to prepare their homes for winter.



Above: Leaders from the HBASE and SD HBA met recently with the PUC Commissioners.

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