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# Governor Signs Sen. Chris Koster's Green Power Initiative

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JEFFERSON CITY — On Monday, Gov. Matt Blunt signed legislation setting targets for utility companies to use renewable energy sources. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Chris Koster (R-Cass), is also known as the Green Power Initiative.

“The Green Power Initiative is the most landmark environmental legislation passed by this state in more than a decade,” Koster said. “It will encourage millions of dollars in construction, provide new economic opportunity, and pave the way for energy independence of our state.”

Senate Bill 54 creates specific targets for electric companies to ensure a percentage of their retail electric sales come from renewable energy technology. “This bill will lead to hundreds of millions of dollars of new investment in “Green” technologies and power generation in our state over the next 10 years,” said Senator Koster.

The legislation creates goals for retail companies to use technologies such as solar, wind, water, and bio-mass starting in 2012 with 4 percent and increasing to 11 percent by 2020. The Public Service Commission will monitor the progress of companies and will report every two years.

The bill received support from House and Senate lawmakers as well as the governor. “This legislation furthers my commitment to Missouri’s Green Power Initiative by increasing energy production in our state while practicing responsible environmental stewardship,” Governor Blunt said during Monday’s ceremony at the Iatan Power Plant in Northwest Missouri.

At that event Senator Koster thanked the Governor and his legislative colleagues for their support. “By improving the environmental practices of our state, we are investing in the future of Missouri,” Koster said.

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