



Final Renewable Energy Rule

Fact Sheet

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will publish its final *Renewable Energy Rule* promoting responsible solar and wind energy development on public lands shortly. The rule facilitates efficient and responsible development by reducing acreage rent and capacity fees, improving BLM's application process, and delivering greater predictability for how the BLM will issue and manage future leases for solar and wind development. The following are key provisions in the rule.

Reduced Costs

As authorized by the [Energy Act of 2020](#), the rule reduces annual acreage rents and capacity fees to promote the greatest use of solar and wind energy resources. This rule reduces capacity fees by 80% until 2035, stepping down to 20% by 2038. This will lower renewable energy deployment costs and increase domestic renewable energy production. BLM will continue requiring high environmental standards and robust public engagement through the National Environmental Policy Act review process.

The rule establishes long-term rates that are set at the time of authorization for solar and wind energy developments on public lands and adjusted annually at a determined rate, providing cost certainty and payment predictability for solar and wind energy developers.

The rule also establishes incentives through additional fee reductions for solar and wind energy developments that use Project Labor Agreements or domestic materials. Project Labor Agreements promote good paying jobs and help ensure efficiency and safety during construction. Using domestic materials promotes the use of American-made products in solar and wind energy projects and avoids the risk of international supply chain shocks.

Streamlined Review for Applications

The rule formalizes improvements to BLM's application and permitting processes for solar and wind energy developments on public lands, including incorporating best practices when completing an application and prioritizing projects, providing consistency for interested partners, developers, and the public.

The rule ensures BLM will continue to provide opportunities for public input, including a public meeting, on every application for solar or wind energy development. This will allow projects to receive input from the public at the very start and give developers the opportunity to assess and solve any problems from the outset.

Facilitating Priority Development

The rule provides the opportunity to make public lands inside designated leasing areas available for leasing by application without requiring a competitive process.

The rule maintains BLM's discretion to conduct competitive processes on its own initiative on all available lands while standardizing such processes and focusing them to places where competitive interest exists. This provides the BLM appropriate tools to spur competition for the most desirable areas, while continuing to facilitate increased solar and wind energy deployment consistent with the Energy Act of 2020.

More information is available on the BLM website at blm.gov/renewable-energy-rule.