



Deadline: A Right to Solar in Iowa?

The Iowa Utilities Board is requesting a THIRD round of comments on Distributed Generation (DG). The Iowa case is part of a nationwide attack on the rights of energy users to generate their own power and be grid connected without discriminatory charges or hurdles. If you have installed solar (or other DG), or think you might someday, or are interested in a community approach, HAVE YOUR SAY BY OCTOBER 24.



Decorah Bank and Trust roof

Our [web page](#) gives the lowdown on how to submit a comment.

Upcoming

Cold Winter and High Propane Prices!

Sign up for a free blower door test and the skilled installation of simple efficiency measures that matter, with our new Green Iowa Americorps Team! [Learn more or sign up](#)

Agricultural Energy Planning

Are you a farmer interested in learning more about energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities and incentives? We're starting an agricultural energy planning program: [contact us if you're interested](#).

Deadline: Your Alliant Solar Rebate

Did you sign up for Alliant's solar rebate and install a system? If you don't ensure all paperwork is completed and delivered to Alliant BY OCTOBER 31, 2014, you may be leaving a great deal of money on the table.

If you have any questions, please contact Alliant's Distributed Resources and Renewable Energy Hotline at 1-800-972-5325, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email

sellmypower@alliantenergy.com.

(to see over 60 local solar installations, click on the map!)



Energy Web

[Advantage Local: Why Local Energy Ownership Matters](#)

Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Transitioning the world to renewable energy is critical to the world. Local ownership of renewable energy critical to communities and local economies. We'll be returning to this issue - *meanwhile read this excellent report.*

[Iowa Study: Small Towns Can Save Big with Efficiency, Renewables](#)

Midwest Energy News, Iowa

Hybrid Mechanics at NICC?

OK, maybe the mechanics won't be hybrids, but they do want YOUR old hybrid vehicle (yes, we have so many early adopters of hybrids here, some of the cars are getting old).



student driven...community focused

NICC is working towards adding a hybrid auto course into their 2-year Automotive Technology program. They need at least one vehicle for training purposes. Donations would be tax-deductible through the NICC foundation. What a great way to contribute towards building local resources, local jobs, and a local energy transformation! If you're interested, contact Lenny Graves [by email](#) or at 1-800-728-2256, Ex240.

Green Iowa Americorps and YOU

WELCOME to our new team of five GIA members: Laura Ruen, Nick Chill, Tristen Eberling, Neal Patten, and Rachel Wrolstad.

Have a drafty house? Interested in a free blower door test, and direct installation of money-saving lighting and water measures? The team is taking signups for ALL area households interested in their services - [just fill out our form](#) and a team member will be in touch over the next couple weeks to schedule.



You will be seeing them around as they build community engagement in the clean energy transformation well underway. We'll also let them introduce themselves, so here is **the first member profile of Laura Ruen, Winneshiek native, in her own words:**

"Laura was born and raised in Northeast Iowa. Since graduating high school, she has been involved in many community related jobs, including a volunteer internship at Vesterheim Museum.

Her most recent job was at Aase Haugen Senior Services. Through this experience she learned a lot about being empathetic, hard-working, and efficient. She misses the residents, but really enjoyed being a part of their lives for the last 6 years.

It was the combination of graduating college and having a love for helping others that prompted her to seek a job at the Winneshiek Energy District. In her free time Laura likes crocheting, doing puzzles, and taking her son to do all the wonderful outdoor activities that Decorah has to offer.

She looks forward to having a great year with the new Green Iowa team!"

Association of Municipal Utilities

[Energy Darwinism II: Energy Storage; Game Changer for Utilities, Tech, and Commodities](#)
Citigroup, Inc.

"The sharp drop in installation costs for renewables and particularly solar, is starting to **marginalize conventional generation** in certain parts of the world."

"Ultimately, we see battery energy storage for electricity systems as a potential 240GW market by 2030 (excluding car batteries) with system costs potentially dropping to \$230/KWh by early next decade, **which would make it cheaper than the average household electricity bill.**"

Climate Web

[Treasury Secretary Lew on the Economic Costs of Climate Change](#)
Brookings

[Iowa Climate Statement 2014: Impacts on the Health of Iowans](#)

Signed by 180 scientists from 38 Iowa Colleges and Universities

[2014 Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap](#)
US Department of Defense
Climate Change is a "threat multiplier" and poses "immediate risk" to national security

