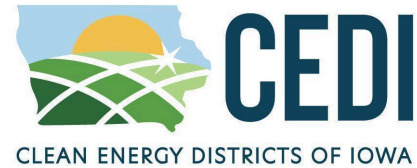


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### **ADDITIONAL TOPICS**

#### ***Transmission Reform: Right of First Refusal (ROFR)***

- ITC is severely overpriced and sorely needs competition; Alliant customers need relief
- MidAmerican owns transmission and can – and should – compete
- Protectionism is rarely the better part of economic wisdom, especially in energy
- ROFR will be bogged down in courts for years and likely struck down; either way, it will significantly delay the build-out of Iowa’s renewable energy industry

#### ***Virtual Net Metering/Community Solar***

- Most Iowa local governments and many commercial enterprises cannot build solar “behind the meter,” but could build nearby and connect onto the same distribution circuit
- Roughly half of households do not have the opportunity to own solar at their residence
- Virtual Net Metering (VNM) and Community Solar (CS) would simply represent an extension of Iowa’s existing ratepayer-supportive net metering/net billing tariffs
- For VNM/CS to serve ratepayers and communities it needs to allow non-utility ownership

#### ***Building Energy Codes Implementation***

- Rational building energy codes have high returns – long-term savings dramatically outweigh short-term costs, and actually increase housing affordability
- Effective implementation of energy codes functions like an energy efficiency resource – reducing peak demand and grid stress, and reducing energy burden on low-income
- Iowa used to regularly adopt the triennial ICC building energy code via an efficient administrative Advisory Council process: we need to let that process work now
- The Advisory Council has recommended adopting the 2018 code; they should revisit the process and consider the 2021 code, now that years have passed

#### ***Commercial PACE***

- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is neither a mandate nor a regulation, but rather an option provided to local governments by state authorizing action
- PACE has seen abuses in the residential arena in certain states, while commercial sector programs are generally robust and effective tools
- The banking sector has traditionally been wary of PACE, but that is changing as more and more Iowa community banks recognize the potential for clean energy lending
- Iowa should pass commercial PACE (C-PACE) authorization, and let local governments and community banks innovate

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