



An Affordable, Actionable, & Achievable Transition to Zero-Emission, Utility-Scale Generation in Central & Southern Illinois

Action Alert: Vistra supports the **Illinois Coal to Solar & Energy Storage Act** to help the state responsibly transition its sources of electricity and provide a just transition to plant communities. Vistra is ready to immediately invest \$550 million to repurpose existing or former power plant sites into renewable energy centers. Show your support for the proposal and help build a brighter future in our plant communities:



It takes less than 30 seconds to show your support and write your elected officials. Tell your officials to support the comprehensive *Coal to Solar Act* to help move our plant communities forward. You can write your officials by visiting:

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Then enter your contact information, home address and click send message.

Develop Utility-Scale Solar & Battery Energy Storage:

Vistra will immediately invest approximately \$550 million to build ~300 MW of utility-scale solar and ~175 MW of battery energy storage facilities at nine plant sites across central and southern Illinois. Work will begin at job sites starting in 2022 and projects will start entering commercial service as early as 2023.

Provide A Just Transition For Workers & Communities:

Transforming retired or to-be-retired plants into renewable energy centers provides union construction jobs, and communities will be able to count on new property tax revenue from the new solar and storage facilities. Renewed plants provide a 350 – 400% increase in taxable property value compared to closed plant land values.

Responsibly Retain At-Risk Generation Through 2025:

A market-based transition assistance program will help some at-risk power plants stay open and retain in-state generation capacity until May 2025. If a plant receives transition assistance, workers and the community will have the certainty that it will remain open through May 2025. The Transition Assistance retains 765 full time jobs and \$278 million in earnings for Illinois families.

Reusing Plant Sites, Transmission Lines Reduces Cost, Time to Enter Service:

Responsibly reusing existing plant sites is good for the environment and helps quickly bring zero-emission renewable assets online in the state's MISO market, where existing baseload generation is rapidly retiring. Vistra's construction-ready plan will put shovels in the ground and have workers at job sites starting in 2022.

Projected Economic Benefits of Renewable Development Under Coal to Solar:

Generates over
\$183 Million in
Earnings During
Construction Phase
for Workers

Creates **2,192 Full-time
Jobs** During
Construction Phase

Adds Over **\$300 Million**
to the State's Total
Economic Output
During Construction
Phase

Analysis of Dr. David Loomis of Strategic Economic Research, LLC, March 2021



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