

## **Renewable energy continues gathering momentum Arizona, 20 other states have renewable standard**

Renewable energy is a hot topic. From Wall Street to Main Street, increasing renewable energy generation is gathering momentum.

[Barbara Lockwood](#), manager, Renewable Energy, explained this reality to those in attendance at Wednesday's Leadership Forum. She said renewable energy initiatives are broader than just APS or Arizona, referring to the recently passed Renewable Energy Standard (RES) vote by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

"Twenty one states have some sort of renewable energy standard," said Lockwood, "And two states, Washington and Colorado, went as far to put them on the ballot. Both passed and now those states have the standards because of a popular vote."

In Arizona, because of the new ACC rules, APS and other investor owned-utilities will be required to have 15 percent of retail sales come from renewable energy by 2025, and 30 percent of this amount must come from distributed generation.

Lockwood debriefed audience members on the state of these new rules and how APS is striving to achieve their compliance.

"Although the rules have passed, currently there is no money yet to fund them," said Lockwood.

The money, she said, will come from a tariff that has yet to be determined. If all goes well, the ACC should approve a tariff and implementation plan by mid to late 2007.