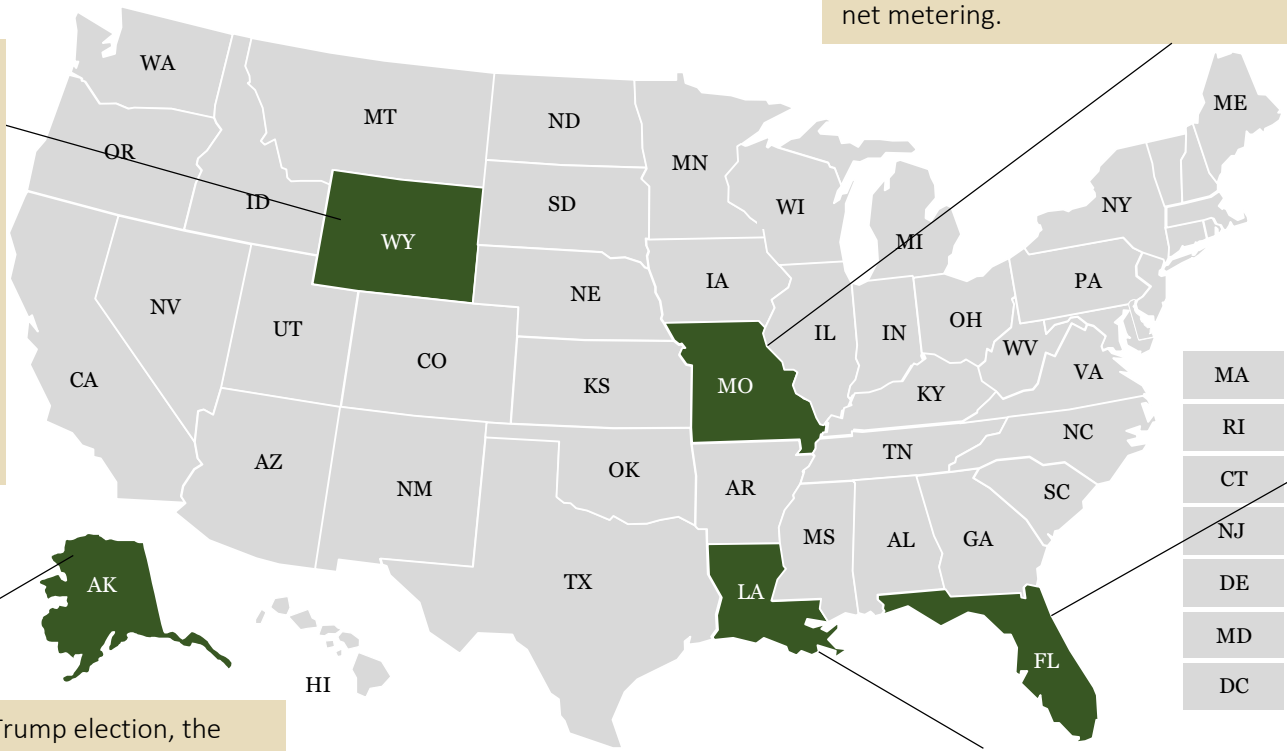


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Energy news stories from around the U.S.

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Wyoming: The U.S. Bureau of Land Management approved the first of 500 wind turbines to be constructed, even as state lawmakers are seeking to limit in-state wind energy usage to promote the coal industry.



Missouri: A bill in the state House of Representatives was introduced that would allow smaller electric cooperatives to create new fees and rate classes for customers who generate power on-site, thus limiting net metering.

Florida: Weekend storms took out 3 of Tallahassee's 25 substations and left 30,000 customers without power – which highlighted the vulnerability of the city's electrical grid and drew comparisons to Hurricane Hermine.

Alaska: Following the Trump election, the prospects for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge are better and align with the administration's agenda for increased domestic energy production.

Louisiana: Neighbors and community groups in New Orleans appealed to the city council to reject an Entergy proposal to build a new, modern power plant near largely African American and Vietnamese neighborhoods.

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