



Wait ‘til next year....Energy legislation proposed by a 2004 Doyle administration task force looks unlikely to see action in the half-dozen remaining days scheduled for floor debate in '05. With a bill draft “almost ready” since summer, insiders talk of difficulty reconciling the two houses’ views on **mandating 10 percent renewables** (20 for state government) in Wisconsin’s energy mix. **CO2 2.0**....Attorneys general from eight states including Wisconsin appeal the dismissal of their federal lawsuit seeking mandatory carbon dioxide curbs on power plants; the A-Gs claim the judge erred in saying the policy issue is for legislative and executive branches, not courts, to decide. **No going back**...Voters in a November **California** referendum choose by a wide margin to keep “direct access,” allowing large power consumers to bypass incumbent utilities, A typically counterintuitive restructuring fight had a consumer watchdog (**The Utility Reform Network**) opposing direct access, the incumbent utility (**Pacific Gas and Electric**) supporting it, and independent power producers and alternative energy interests (including wind and solar) allied with PG&E.