



Everybody likes it, so a plan to boost financial incentives to local governments for siting electric generating facilities could be enacted this year. The idea stalled in the 2001–02 session, but a Republican–**Senate** and **Assembly** and a Democratic **Doyle** administration are now on board for a proposal funded by existing utility gross receipts taxes and detached from the budget-troubled shared revenue program. **Cleaner than clean?** Clean-coal generation isn't clean enough for some who want natural gas instead—but apparently neither is gas. The **Environmental Decade** and others are demanding that planned **Wisconsin Energy** plants substitute natural gas for coal technology designed to cut emissions 70–90 percent; meanwhile, foes of a proposed **Madison Gas & Electric gas-fired** plant say it will be too dirty. **Deregulation it's not:** Competitive retail electric markets take another dive as regulators freeze out competitors. The only one active in **Connecticut** is scheduled to hand customers back to incumbent utilities at month's end. Specializing in renewables, **Green Mountain Energy** says it can't buy wholesale power for its customers at the price state regulators set as benchmark for retail sales.