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Solar power may be the fastest growing industry in the country, says one of its leading proponents. The base from which it is growing may be small, but the rate of increased is unmatched in the renewables space. "Solar is the fastest growing industry in the United States today," said Rhone Resch, president & CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association. "Smart policy investment here in Washington combined with innovative business models and higher technology efficiency has allowed the U.S. solar industry to drive down costs year after year." He cites that in 2010 alone, the installed cost of solar declined by 20 percent. That has led to the employment of 100,000 workers in the solar industry across all 50 states with that number expected to more than double in the next two years.

"In 2010 the U.S. market more than doubled (to 1,000 megawatts) and we're expecting another record year, and in a few years the U.S. will be the largest market in the world," Resch added. Of course, the federal policy support that has helped sustain the market needs to continue, although the market has developed some momentum through the various states.

On the project development side, Solar Reserve has a portfolio of more than 3,000 megawatts in process, including the \$737 million federal loan guarantee for the 110-megawatt Crescent Dunes molten salt power tower concentrating solar power project in Nevada.

A diversification strategy with CSP or Photo voltaic is in play at Arizona Public Service, said Pat Dinkel the vice president of resource planning at the utility. APS has contracted with Abengoa for the Solana CSP project at Gila Bend. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a \$1.45 billion loan guarantee project. The utility also has an initiative to invest up to \$500 million for 100 megawatts of utility financed Photovoltaic.

Extended Temp Forecast: Chicago Area

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
64 - 78	66 - 78	71 - 84	75 - 84	73 - 86

Electricity Pricing Areas – On Peak July 2011

	June 27, 2011	Per kWh
Cinergy	Hub Peak	\$.04454
PJM Hub	Com Ed On Peak	\$.04616
PJM	Peak Monthly	\$.06671

ComEd Average Day Ahead LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2010	\$.04741
Aug 1 - Aug 31	\$.04628
Sep 1 - Sep 30	\$.02934
Oct 1 - Oct 31	\$.02702
Nov 1 - Nov 30	\$.02778
Dec 1 - Dec 31	\$.03545
Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2011	\$.03871
Feb 1 - Feb 28	\$.03581
March 1- Mar 31	\$.03668
April 1 - April 30	\$.03448
May1- May 31	\$.03954
June 1 thru June 27	\$.03892

Weather - Tue: Mainly clear. Low 64F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph. **Wed:** Mainly sunny. High 78F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. **Thu:** Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developing during the afternoon. High 84F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30%. **Fri:** Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s. **Sat:** Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 70s.

