



Denmark Running on 18% Wind

More than 20% of electricity consumption in the Western part of Denmark is already today coming from wind. Concerns about the consumption/production balance in this part of the country have been laid to rest by an expert report from the Danish Energy Authority about potential electricity overflow, published at the end of 2001 (available in Danish Only). The report states that there are no major technical barriers in this context, but there are certain barriers related to the Danish indirect tax system, which forces co-generation electricity producers to produce electricity even during periods when their electricity is not needed.

The Government has reacted positively to the report, and the Danish Parliament has enacted a law allowing the grid operators to curtail electricity production from sources other than wind in cases where there is a danger of imbalance in the electricity system. In practice such situations have occurred only during a single day in Western Denmark in 2002.

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