



**Gary Melow, Director
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Gary Melow is director of Michigan Biomass, a coalition assembled in 2007 to advocate for the state's wood-fired independent power generators. His responsibilities include coalition building, media relations, communications, community and stakeholder outreach, oversight of legislative and regulatory affairs, and liaison to national biomass energy organizations.

Mr. Melow splits his time between matters affecting biomass resources and energy policy. He currently chairs the DNR's Forest Management Advisory Committee that represents a cross section of forest stakeholders and is vice chair of the DNR's Timber & Forest Products Advisory Council, which focuses on issues affecting forest resources and wood fiber markets. He's been a member of EGLE's Scrap Tire Advisory Committee for about 20 years.

He has worked in the biomass power industry since 1999 in human relations and government affairs. Previous work experience includes coordinating continuous improvement programs for a Tier 1 automotive supplier, and 10 years in print media and publishing.

Mr. Melow has been involved in multiple workgroups at the MPSC, most recently implementation of new energy laws, and several stakeholder activities within the MI Power Grid initiative. Prior MPSC engagement included PURPA workgroups and related cases on avoided costs.