



Renewable Energy Committee Meeting

February 14, 2012
BPU 1st Floor Meeting Room - Trenton, NJ
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

I. Regulatory Update (M. Winka)

a. Legislation

- Bills that passed are in lame duck session. A2528 (Societal Benefit Charge Bill) there's a time frame for the board to develop rule making, we have a year to develop that rule making. We put together internal work groups and starting to get the legal interpretations of what we have to do and then we'll come out with a stakeholder process as we proceed. Most of that will not be Renewable Energy impacted, mostly on the Energy Efficiency side. It is against the entire SBC though.
- The other bill A2872 (Stand-by Charge Bill), the board has 120 days to conduct a study to look at Distributed Generation upon energy supply and demand and determine whether there is a benefit or cost savings to the electric utilities. Then we have 180 days to establish criteria for addressing those rates and the assessment and impact of stand-by charges. It includes CHP, Solar, on-site wind, and landfill gas or biomass facilities. Energy is leading that work group.
- Also passed was the PACE Financing (senate number 1406), a DCA bill that will help DCA develop a Pace financing program. The issue was the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had expressed concerns against a first lien on a mortgage in regards to a pace financing program. They said it was not legal. FM & FM said it wasn't a public good in terms of energy upgrades and this bill does include both EE and RE. If and how it is put together would set up another financing program for solar or EE and other renewables.
- A bill on Solar to get a uniform property tax (S1270) on solar development. That bill is at DCA.

b. Board Orders and Proceedings

- Board Orders that were approved by the Board in January and February:
 - An extension for AEG's contract that will take us through the end of July, if needed.

- a. Contracts for Honeywell and TRC (not AEG), is in place through July 20, 2012, and to extend that we'll probably start sometime in March if we need to extend. On Dec 14th, BPU approved a 6 month extension for Honeywell, TRC and all of their subcontractors. Concurrently, the board is developing a RFP for future administration of the Clean Energy Program. The board is working with Treasury to ensure the process of the transition of all contracts is transparent, fair and serves NJ ratepayers in the best interest. The RFP will assess consolidating the management in the NJ CEP under one contract and structure. The RFP process is expected to be awarded by the board by July 2012, before the 6 month extension is over. We will bring that RFP to board soon and then have a process to follow up.
 - Sustainable Jersey Compliance Filing was approved
 - Two extensions of JCP&Ls SREC contracts that allowed them to extend their contracts
 - Smart Growth revision policy on the board agenda which we deferred because the state is coming out with a new Smart Growth plan. It will probably go on after the release of that plan which should be eminent.
- c. Solar Transition – Next Steps
 - Discussion meetings (next meeting 2/16/12)
 - Working to get a recommendation to the Board on the EDC programs.

II. Status Update (S. Hunter)

- a. N.J.A.C. 14:8 rule amendments
 - Still working on finalizing the response to comments that we received in July. Our expectation is to have that on the agenda along with the Energy Division's Energy Competition Rule Readoption amendments on the March or April agenda. No other significant changes since the last meeting.
- b. Small wind program
 - Rebate program remains undefined for 2012. We're in the process of the NREL forensics team studying the two turbine failures. They shared their preliminary report with us so far. They had an open comment period for those stakeholders through February 20th, at which time they'll finalize the report and submit to us. I expect we'll be able to make that public in March, and have a small wind working group meeting sometime in March to discuss that report and the current proposal.

III. 2012 Program Updates (C. Garrison)

a. Installed Capacity Update

- The installed solar capacity as of 1/31/12 is approximately 649.1 MW.
 - Approximately 84 MW installed in current month (lots of grid supply projects in that month)
- The solar capacity project pipeline as of 1/31/12 is approximately 548 MW.
 - The pipeline capacity was 618.7 MW on 12/31/11.

b. SRP form update

- The SRP Registration Form will be updated to provide additional space to capture the information for:
 - Contractor / Solar Developer
 - NJ Electrical Business Permit Holder

IV. 2012 Operations Update (T. Gray)

- SRP Registration Trend:
 - SRP Registrations received through 1/20 are being approved the week of 2/13
 - SRP Registrations being reviewed 1/23
- SRP Registrations:
 - January 16th-Email sent to all installers who submitted SRP registration in January informing them that we will accept 2011 SRP Registration and Technical Worksheet -Must submit additional 2012 required documents prior to receiving an acceptance letter
 - 70-80 SRP Registrations submitted in January still incomplete
 - February 1st-All SRP Registrations submitted are subject to 2012 forms and requirements
 - If an SRP packet is submitted with 2011 forms or deemed incomplete, the packet will be returned for resubmission
- Final As-Built Paperwork
 - Use the 2012 Checklist to ensure all required documents are included in the packet
 - The project will not be scheduled for a program inspection or receive a waiver of inspection until the completed Final As Built packet is received by the Market Managers
- 2012 SRP Program Requirements:
 - The Market Managers will host a webinar reviewing the 2012 Program changes on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 9:00am to 10:00am.

V. Biopower Working Group Update (R. Reisman)

- Biopower Working Group on Wednesday, February 29th at 10 a.m. in Trenton. We are currently compiling the agenda with Honeywell and the OCE, but we will be mainly talking about program changes and the forms for 2012. Also talking about the biopower recommendations that were in the EMP and what is being done to develop an implementation plan. We're also inviting any biopower companies that have an interest in the stakeholder group on their technologies to present. If there are any companies out there that would like to give a short presentation that would be educational in nature, please send me an email to bioworkgroup@njcleanenergy.com

VI. Update on Interconnection Issues

- a. Complaint Form (J. Teague and C. Garrison)
 - In the past few months we've been having the customer assistance send us billing and SREC issues that are not going through the complaint forms. They come directly through our service people or to Mike, Scott or I directly over the phone. The only problems I'm seeing are those. It has been difficult to direct them to the complaint website because it is usually individual residents and by the time you direct them, their installer has usually filled out the complaint website.
 - Joanne Bachmann has also informed me that there have been issues in obtaining the approval to operate from the EDC, and it seems to be across the board. There was an improvement when this was issue in the past, but now I'm going to have to go back and revisit this to see how much of a problem this really is.
 - a. TG: Also, because we haven't had the 2012 requirements webinar yet, all installers may not be aware that they need to submit it to get an inspection. They might start picking up once they are fully aware to send in the notification with their Final Paperwork.

VII. Other Topics / New Business

- a. Lyle Rawlings: Is there a status update for the NJREMI program transferring to the EDA?
 - i. MW: There is not at this point. You will have to contact EDA
- b. 2012 RE Committee meetings in Trenton – Next Meeting is March 13th, 2012.

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Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Board of Public Utilities

1:00pm - 3:30pm

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