



## **Renewable Energy Committee Meeting**

July 19, 2012  
BPU 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room - Trenton, NJ  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### **Board Orders and Proceedings (M. Winka)**

The Board agenda meeting was yesterday. The Board adopted the new proposal for the Off Shore Wind Regulations. This proposal still does not include the funding mechanisms. That is going to be a separate evaluation that will be done through a professional services contract. Once that is done the recommendations will go to the Board for a Rule Proposal. We extended the Garden State Off Shore Energy Wind Rebate for 3 months to go through the testing period.

There were two items on the agenda that were similar: Absolutely Energized and SunDurance requesting a declaratory ruling in regards to a waiver from our rules regarding the ability to use estimated SREC generation data as opposed to meter data. The Board went through the requirements and the need to have surety in the market and the ratepayer costs, and reinforced the need to have certainty tied back to the actual meter data and denied the requests of both these petitions.

There was an approval of a declaratory ruling by KDC Solar in regards to a solar property that was crossing a roadway to another customer on the other side. The Board found in favor of this due to the movement of the rules going forward.

The Board extended a municipal audit program contract (the Local Government Energy Audit contracts).

In May, the Board approved the extension of the EDC SREC programs. All of the four EDCs responded to that order and indicated that they were going to participate. That required them to set up in a certain period of time their 30 day pre-filing meetings. We had those meetings w/ JCP&L and ACE who will have

another solicitation like program, and we had that meeting with PSE&G who will be continuing a loan program that is a little more competitive. We have not had that meeting with Rockland Electric yet.

### Legislation & NJCEP Program Administrator RFP

The Solar Bill is on the Governor's desk to be signed. There are a number of things in the bill that require us to do things in certain time frames. First is the issue of the first 80 MW of projects that are in PJM for their system impact approval. We will be notifying individuals on how to proceed in that regard once it becomes law.

In terms of the NJCEP Administrator RFP that was issued, we're in the Q&A period. The due date for the proposals is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Impact of state budget on NJCEP budget (M. Ambrosio)**

MW: In the state of New Jersey, we have a constitutional amendment that says we have to have a balanced budget by the end of the year. Revenues were short compared to projected revenues and the expenses. The budget has to be closed by a couple of hundred million dollars. A number of funds were volunteered to loan the money to the state, and \$200 million dollars from the State clean energy funds were lapsed to the general funds for FY2012. Those dollars are already transferred. Now we're going to go through how to true up the budget given that transfer. Right now, our plan is there is \$157 million that we have to revise in the 2012 budget to address that transfer. Part of that \$200 million included \$43 million of the solar ACP that was collected in 2010 and 2011. The remaining would come from EE, RE and EDA accounts which Mike will go through. We have a straw proposal that will go out for comments and hopefully go on the September agenda. The 2013-2016 Comprehensive Resource analysis for EE and RE will be tied into the funds for the fiscal budget. The budget that we are going over has are the revisions to the 2012 budget for the 157 million dollars. In addition, in the FY 2013 budget that was approved, the appropriation bill, they lapsed 131.5 m dollars of the CE fund, 89 million for energy projects and \$ 42.5 million for the state's energy costs. Typically when they do that, we were able to pay half in this calendar year and half in the next calendar year, however 2012 ends the four year funding level until the board adopts the new funding level for four years. We've asked the board to extend the timeframe.

The next phase of this will be looking at the \$131 million and how that lines up with the continuation of the program and where we are overall in the program. It

also means we don't have to start planning the new 2013 programming year until later on. We will have to get the 7 and 5 report to understand where we are going, but that program year will extend another 6 months until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

*Mike Ambrosio presented the budget spreadsheet that was emailed to Renewable Energy Committee members on July 18<sup>th</sup>.*

MA: We were able to do the cuts this time without shutting programs down or changing funding levels. Process wise- this is passed the initial proposal, there will be some opportunities for comments and then will hopefully be on the September agenda for the Board.

## **2012 Program Updates (C. Garrison)**

### **I. Registration process update (10 day requirement)**

A. The submittal of an initial registration package under (f) 1 below shall occur no later than:

I. Ten business days after execution of the contract for purchase or installation of the photovoltaic panels to be used in the solar facility;

II. If a contract for purchase and/or installation of photovoltaic panels for the solar facility was executed prior to June 4, 2012, the deadline for submittal of an initial registration package shall be July 4, 2012; (e) If the applicable submittal deadline in (c) 1 is met, SRECs based on electricity generated by the solar facility shall be usable for compliance...

...If the applicable submittal deadline is not met, any SRECs based on electricity generated by the solar facility shall not be usable for compliance with the NJ RPS until 12 months after the solar facility has received authorization to energize by the EDC in accordance with the Board's interconnection rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-5.

B. When an otherwise complete SRP Registration is submitted that is Non-Compliant with the 10 day requirement for submittal upon contract execution, the registrant will receive an SRP Acceptance letter from the Market Manager.

1. The registrant has 12 months from the date of the Non-Compliant SRP Acceptance letter to resubmit a revised Compliant SRP Registration.

2. Once the Final As-Built package has been received the Non-Compliant SRP Registration is locked in and a new SRP Registration will not be accepted. The SRECS cannot be used for compliance in NJRPS for 1 year.

3. A Cancellation letter from the registrant for Non-Compliant SRP Registration must be included with the revised SRP Registration submitted to the Market Manager.
4. The new Compliant SRP Registration will receive a new SRP #, SRP Acceptance letter, approval and expiration date.
5. Once a Non-Compliant SRP Acceptance letter has been issued, construction cannot begin, prior to submitting a revised SRP Registration for compliance without being subject to consequences of N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4 (e).

## II. 2013 Program Planning Timeline

- July 19: Plan Basics Overview to RE Committee \*\*
- Late July (?): High-level Budget Confirmed
- August 16: Plan Overview with Budgets to RE Committee \*\*
- August 23: Feedback on Plan to HW\*
- September 11: Final Plan Presented to RE Committee\*\*
- September 18: Complete Draft Plan sent to OCE Staff
- October 2: Final Plan Presented to NJ CEP
- October 16: Complete Final Plan Filed w/ BPU

## III. Installed Capacity Update

- The preliminary installed solar capacity as of 6/30/12 is approximately 831.6 MW.
  - Approximately 29 MW installed in current month.
- The preliminary solar capacity project pipeline as of 6/30/12 is approximately 590 MW.
  - The pipeline capacity was 560 MW on 5/31/12.

MW: It is also noteworthy to say that NJ is now the first state in the USA to produce and use 1% of electricity from solar energy.

## 2012 Operations Update (T. Gray)

- 679 SRP Registrations received as of July 17<sup>th</sup>

- 279 SRP Final As-Built packages received as of July 17<sup>th</sup>
- 10 REIP Final As-Built packages received as of July 17
- 518 projects and 32 MW under Rebate Processing and SRP Completions in June

## Re-Adopted Ch. 8 Rule Clarifications:

### **Signed Contract requirement for the SRP registration packet:**

- If the Host/System Owner are the same entity, we require a copy of the key elements of the contract between the Host/System Owner and the Installer
- If the Host, System Owner and Installer are 3 separate entities, we require a copy of the key elements of the contract between the Host and System Owner and a copy of the key elements of the contract between System Owner and Installer OR if there is one contract with all 3 parties, the key elements of the contract between the Host, System Owner and Installer
  - **Key Elements** –Should at a minimum include the contract execution date which is demonstrated by the contract signature date of the last party to sign the contract, identification of the host facility owner, the system owner and the Installer, the site address, total install cost, total system capacity, equipment summary information, etc.
- Public projects must comply with these contract requirements.
- To satisfy the contract requirement, self installations must include the purchase order or invoice for the solar equipment.

### **Timestamps on returned registration packets:**

- If a packet was returned because of missing or incomplete documents and then is resubmitted, the old timestamps from the NJCEP office are invalid. The packet receives a new timestamp based on the date that we receive the complete SRP registration packet. The contract signature date must be within 10 business days of that new timestamp for the registration to be compliant with the 10 day contract rule.

## **Update on Interconnection Issues (J. Teague)**

In relation to any interconnection issues, the web complaint process is working very well. There were only 3 issues since the last meeting and they have been

resolved. There is a technical working group meeting scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> here in Trenton. The Net Metering customer billing issue has grown and on August 1<sup>st</sup> I will be meeting with JCP&L and August 2<sup>nd</sup> I will be meeting with ACE. We will try to resolve these issues of input, format of billing and 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers.

### **Other Topics / New Business**

Next RE Committee meeting in Trenton on 8/16/12

**Renewable Energy Committee Meeting**

**Attendees**

Thursday, July 19, 2012  
Board of Public Utilities

1:00pm - 3:30pm

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