

New Jersey Clean Energy Program  
Renewable Energy Committee Meeting  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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Conservation Services Group Office, Woodbridge, NJ

In attendance: From Sign-In Sheet: Twenty Six people attending in person

By Phone: Alma Rivera, Jan Harris, Deena Deanna, Steve Wiese, (approximately 10 people).

1. Introductions

Maureen Quaid introduced the new Market Manager Team members since the last meeting. Mark Volari – Technical Director, Carol Collins – Non Solar Technical Specialist, Mark Loeser – CORE Program Account Manager.

2. SACP, CRA and EMP Proceedings Update

Mike Winka gave an update. There was an Energy Master Plan (EMP) meeting the morning of August 14<sup>th</sup> to review next steps. A draft of the EMP will be released in September with a 60-90 day review process. The final EMP will then be forwarded from the Board as a cabinet level recommendation to the Governor's office.

The CRA process is now scheduled to conclude in December/January so that it can be informed by, and coordinated with, the Energy Master Plan.

Final Straw for the SACP was released yesterday evening. Comments due by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Final on the Board Agenda for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

There was a question from HMFA if the SACP straw proposal includes a specific low income component. Mike Winka indicated there is not a specific low income component, but that projects would be eligible to participate in either the rebate or the SREC/financing component of the program. The Revised – Final Office of Clean Energy Straw Proposal for the Solar Market Transition (August 13, 2007) indicates the OCE continues to recommend rebate support for small systems, and that the details regarding the level of funding and project eligibility will be addressed in the CRA proceeding which will set funding for the 2009 to 2102 period.

3. 2008 Budget Process Update

A handout with a preliminary Office of Clean Energy proposal for the 2008 CORE Budget Straw Proposal was reviewed. This document estimates ~ \$20 million of the 08

renewable energy budget will be devoted to non-CORE programs. Further initial estimate is the new CORE funding program budget will be approximately \$71 million. The 2008 Budget and program plans will be completed before the end of 2007. Projections based on eight months of actual and four months of projections for year end activity will be developed to inform budgets proposed for 2008. The proposed budget will be presented to the Board at September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rebate commitment and approval letters for 08 Budget commitments may be able to be issued prior to January 1, 2008. Under these conditions rebate payments would only be issued in 2008.

Comments on the proposed budget should be sent to the OCE by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, so these can be incorporated into the Board Order for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Small Wind Working Group Update

Alma Rivera provided an update on the small wind working group. July 26<sup>th</sup> was the last working group meeting, with 26 in-person participants and several attending by phone.

A technical working group is being formed to develop and review an expected performance based buy-down incentive for CORE program wind projects. A model ordinance has been finalized and a draft was distributed at the meeting.

Jan Harris reviewed the meetings and teleconferences that have taken place in the small wind working group related to an expected performance based buy-down.

The next small wind working group meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm in Newark is the next meeting.

#### 5. CORE Program Update

##### Budget and Queue Reports

Charlie Garrison reviewed the August 13<sup>th</sup> Budget and Queue Status Reports.

Questions on the expiration and cancellation process were reviewed. The expiration process now includes a contact with the customer and installer 30 days before the expiration date is reached.

Charlie also reviewed the commitment category status worksheet. This report disaggregates outstanding commitments into their status categories. The market activity increase has resulted in an up-tick in the percent of projects (~9%) that are awaiting inspections. The market managers will continue to provide an update to this report, there was some discussion about how, as projects move through the program pipeline, the percentages of projects at each status will change.

##### Rebate Reduction

David Hill reviewed the rebate reduction scheduled for new CORE program PV applications. The reduction is scheduled to take effect for all new applications received by the Market Manager after 5 pm on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

There was some discussion regarding why rebate levels were being reduced for new applications, and how projects entering the queue at this time will be treated in future program transitions.

#### Expected Performance Based Buy-downs

David Hill also presented an overview of the market manager's proposal for the structure and timeframe for development of an Expected Performance Based Buy-down (EPBB) pursuant to the recent August 1, 2007 Board Order directive. There was lively discussion on topics ranging from the need to implement changes to the timing, and process by which any modifications would be adopted. In response to the discussion, it was agreed that the OCE will examine the option of requesting a revision to the August 1, 2007 Board Order to allow the EPBB design to be coordinated with the development of the details for continuing rebates as part of the 2009-2102 CRA proceeding. Based on this, it was agreed that the first technical working group meetings/conference calls for the EPBB design will be scheduled to occur after Labor Day.

#### 6. SREC Update

Steve Wiese and Maureen Quaid provided an SREC pilot update. There has been significant activity at the end of the registration period. Total registration applications received totaled 37 MW. There was some discussion about the development of market reports that will combine information from CORE program participation and SREC-only pilot registrations.

#### 7. Next Meeting

The next RE Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18th. The meeting will be held at Conservation Services Group, 75 Lincoln Highway in Iselin.

## Attendee List

### Renewable Energy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

1:00PM - 3:00PM

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