



## **Renewable Energy Committee Meeting**

December 11, 2012  
BPU 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room - Trenton, NJ  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### I. OCE Updates (S. Hunter)

#### a. Regulatory Update

##### 1. Clean Energy Program Administrator RFP

- Bids have been evaluated. The evaluation report is still at Treasury. The delay is a result of Treasury working on Superstorm Sandy Response; that report is expected out in January and board action wouldn't be until after that.
- Currently working on extensions of the Market Manager Contract currently in place, and is on the agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### b. Legislative Update

1. There are a few bills in regards to BPU and the storm Response, i.e. underground infrastructure and smart grid legislation. The Board has scheduled a number of hearings on these issues.

##### 2. SBC Credit Program for C&I customers

- Hearing was scheduled with President Hannah and all commissioners on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. They discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> revised proposal which addressed available funding. The comment period closed on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board staff is scheduled to present the SBC Credit program to the Board on the Dec 19<sup>th</sup> agenda meeting.

#### c. Board Orders and Proceedings

1. 8C – Clean energy program revised budgets for 2012 and the initial 6 months of 2013: an extension of the funding levels that were established in 2012 were extended into 2013 to align the NJ Clean Energy Program budgeting process with the fiscal year for the state. That revised budget accommodates the appropriations that were made by the Legislature for the Acts in 2013 and 2012. It gives the Board staff the ability to make some limited changes to budgets in that 6 month period of 2013. That Board Order is on the Board's website and the Clean Energy website.

2. On next Agenda meeting: Extension of the EDA MOU as well as the awards for the 6 large scale CHP Fuel Cell programs through the EDA

program. We'll be issuing that second round of solicitations the first week in January, which is an ongoing program that is first come first serve with a \$25 million budget. We'll open that up for the next FY budget for 2013. Also on the agenda are changes to the Clean Power Choice Program. We're going through the filing that was refilled by the utility which will keep the CPC program in a maintenance mode. One of the things we're adding to the order is that the Clean Power Marketers would provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification. The contracts for AEG, TRC & Honeywell are being extended through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and that is on the Agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

- d. Board staff's 2014 through 2017 funding level draft straw
  1. A procedural schedule for the CRA for the fiscal years 2014 through 2017. The change was that we had been on the calendar year basis in the CRA that preceded this one, and this CRA we're in the process of revising the straw so to accommodate some of the recommendations from the market potential studies that were presented by Navigant.

## II. Discussion of the Solar Act (S. Hunter)

- a. Overview of the Solar Act Proceedings, 11/09 public hearing & request for comments
  1. Please review the Solar Act found at [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/PL12/24\\_.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/PL12/24_.HTM)
- b. Investigating approaches to mitigate solar market dev. volatility
  1. Please see presentation labeled *1-Solar Act- Mitigate Volatility 12\_11\_2012* sent to the Renewable Energy Committee on 12/11/12 by Charlie Garrison.
    - CG assured that forecasts will be updated with more accurate numbers for next update.
    - SH: The legislation calls for us to develop a report on solar development volatility, and not necessarily SREC price volatility in the stock market. I consider this to be two things, if others feel differently on this topic then we can discuss at the next meeting. ideas, questions and issues should be submitted to the Board by emailing [OCE@bpu.state.nj.us](mailto:OCE@bpu.state.nj.us) and Charlie, Rachel and I will work together on developing a report.
- c. Subsections q, r & s
  1. Recommendation from phone: Shouldn't the board look at the projects that are submitted under subsection S and that will submit under subsection R, Q and use that exercise that discretion that the legislature gave it to throw those out in order to maintain balance in the solar market?

## III. Program Updates (C. Garrison)

- a. 2013 Approved Program Plan and Budget Summary

1. Closeout All CORE & REIP Solar Projects Prior To 2013
2. Maintain Rebates For Bio-power
3. Support Wind Program Analysis Process
4. Update SRP extension policy
5. Continue To Implement Requirements Of 6/4/2012 Rule Adoption
6. Update Processes As Necessary To Comply With The Solar Act

b. Installed Capacity Update

1. The preliminary installed solar capacity as of 11/30/12 is approximately 950 MW.
  - Approximately 31 MW installed in current month.
2. The preliminary solar capacity project pipeline as of 11/30/12 is approximately 750 MW.
  - The pipeline capacity increased approximately 11 MW from 739 MW on 10/31/12.

c. Storm Relief discussion

1. Market Manager processing office closed Monday 10/29 through Thursday 11/1/12
2. Deliveries did not resume to the processing office until Tuesday 11/6/12
3. Many office buildings remained closed for weeks after the storm
4. Many areas remained without power for weeks after the storm

IV. 2012 Operations Update (T. Gray)

a. SRP Trends

1. 695 SRP Registrations received in November
2. 574 NJ Certification Numbers issued in November
3. YTD: 6,038 NJ Certification numbers issued

b. Final As-Built Submissions

1. The Final As-Built packet must be submitted on or before the expiration date.
2. If an incomplete Final As-Built packet is received, the project will remain in the Final DE status until all required paperwork is submitted. The project will not be expired.
3. If the Final As-Built packet cannot be completed by the expiration date, an extension request can be submitted. The extension request must be submitted to the market managers on or before the expiration date.
4. The date of the EDC authorization to energize document must be after the date of the SRP Acceptance letter and prior to the expiration date to remain compliant.

c. Upcoming Webinar

1. Webinar to be scheduled in early 2013
  - Technical forms, program requirements, shading analysis, etc.
  - Clarification on SRP process and requirements
  - Solar Act will not be discussed during this webinar

V. Update on Interconnection Issues (J. Teague)

1. John is currently working on education materials for third party suppliers who are not familiar with the net metering rules. We're working with the energy division and the EDC's to develop some noticing to third party suppliers on their obligations. That information was sent around at last month's meeting, and John is editing it.
2. Will be announcing later in the month or in January when the next net metering/interconnection stakeholders group is. We will be picking up the aggregated/net metering discussion towards finalizing that rule making

VI. Other Topics / New Business

- a. Question from phone: Regarding extension requests, what is required to get an approval?
  1. Submit a letter requesting the extension and what the circumstances for the delay are and submit a construction schedule. You should also have photos, approved permitting and other supporting documents. Even if you don't have everything together it is most important to get that notice in.
- b. Question from phone: Can you clarify what the switch from 3 year SREC life to 5 year SREC life how GATS can tell the difference?
  1. GATS posts the generation on the last business day of the month, so in July, those SRECs all have the 5 year life because they were posted after the Solar Act. It really is just the June 30<sup>th</sup> SRECs which would have the old rule.
- c. The Next RE Committee meeting is on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in Trenton

**Renewable Energy Committee Meeting****Attendees**

Tuesday, December 11, 2012  
 Board of Public Utilities

1:00pm - 3:30pm

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