



State-Federal RPS Collaborative
National Summit on RPS
December 3-4

Washington, DC
L'Enfant Plaza Hotel: Ballroom C & D

AGENDA

Monday, December 3, 2012

8:30-9 am *Continental Breakfast served – Ballroom C Foyer*

9:00 am **Welcomes and Overview of the Summit**
Ballroom C-D

- Larry Mansueti, Director for State and Regional Assistance, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy
 - Bentham Paulos, Program Director for Renewable Power, The Energy Foundation
 - Michael Carr, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, US DOE - EERE
 - Warren Leon, Deputy Director, Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA)
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9:30 **SESSION ONE**
RPS Trends

- This session will feature two presentations—the first on the status of RPSs around the country and observations about general trends, and the second on developments in the voluntary market for renewable energy and their relevance to state RPSs.

Presenters:

- Galen Barbose, Staff Research Associate, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
 - Jenny Heeter, Analyst, Strategic Energy Analysis Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
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10:45 **Break**

11:00

SESSION TWO

Solar in RPSs

- This panel will include a range of perspectives on recent experiences and issues with solar carve-outs. Among the topics to be discussed are the implications of falling PV costs, SREC price volatility, and ideas for ensuring the future success of solar carve-outs.

Moderator:

- Warren Leon, Deputy Director, CESA

Panelists:

- Kenneth Beiser, Managing Director, Tecta Solar
 - Carrie Cullen Hitt, Vice President of State Affairs, Solar Energy Industries Association
 - B. Scott Hunter, Renewable Energy Program Administrator, Office of Clean Energy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
 - Michael Judge, RPS Solar Carve-Out Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
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12:30 pm

Lunch

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel – Solarium

1:30

SESSION THREE

Updates from U.S. Department of Energy on Relevant Initiatives

- DOE will survey a wide range of current initiatives that relate to and have implications for renewable energy development and policy at the state level

Moderator:

- Lori Bird, Senior Analyst, Strategic Energy Analysis Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Presenters:

- Robert Anders, Presidential Management Fellow, US Department of Energy
 - Larry Mansueti, Director for State and Regional Assistance, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy
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2:30

Networking Break

3:00 pm

SESSION FOUR

Alternative Resources in Portfolio Standards

- The panelists will discuss strategies being used for including energy efficiency, thermal technologies, fuel cells, CHP, and other technologies than large-scale renewable electricity generation in a portfolio standard. They will identify challenges to including such technologies and ways to address those challenges successfully.

Moderator:

- Christopher B. Berendt, Of Counsel, Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP

Panelists:

- Thomas Jacobsen, Senior Director, Element Markets
- Jack Ruderman, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
- Dan Conrad, Staff Attorney, North Carolina Utilities Commission

4:15

SESSION FIVE

Update on Federal Policy

- The session will consider the likely future of the production tax credit and the prospects for other federal clean energy policies. It will also identify the possible implications for RPSs depending upon the direction in which federal policy moves.

Panelists:

- Jeff Deyette, Assistant Director for Energy Research, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Emily J. Duncan, Manager of Government Affairs, Solar Energy Industries Association
- Rich Glick, Director of Government Affairs, Iberdrola Renewables
- Rob Gramlich, Senior Vice President of Public Policy, American Wind Energy Association

5:30 -7:30

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Tuesday, December 4, 2012

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel – **Monet Room #1 (Second Floor)**

(Tuesday sessions are open only to representatives of states and the federal government)

8:00-9 am *Breakfast on Your Own – Breakfast Coupons Available to State Participants
(See Maria)*

9:00 am **SESSION ONE**
RPS Innovations and Best Practices

- Representatives of three states will present information about recent developments and innovations in their states.

Moderator:

- Lori Bird, Senior Analyst, NREL

Presenters:

- Howard Bernstein, RPS Program Manager, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
 - Paul Douglas, Supervisor, Renewable Procurement and Resource Planning, California Public Utilities Commission
 - Kevin Hale, Senior Project Manager, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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10:00 **SESSION TWO**
Possible Challenges to and Debates over RPSs

- A roundtable discussion will start with panelists responding to questions raised by the moderator and will then involve wide-ranging interchange with the Summit attendees. Issues to discuss include recent and possible future legal challenges to RPSs and concerns about RPS costs.

Moderator:

- Warren Leon, Deputy Director, CESA

Panelists:

- Nancy LaPlaca, Advisor to Commissioner Paul Newman, Arizona Corporation Commission
 - Rebecca O'Neil, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy
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11:10 **Break**

11:30

SESSION THREE

Due Diligence for RECs

- The presenters in this session will describe recent problematic experiences related to counting and validating renewable energy certificates, and they will explain how the problems were resolved. Audience members will have an opportunity to discuss other cases and issues related to due diligence for RECs.

Moderator:

- Jenny Heeter, Analyst, NREL

Presenters:

- Jennifer Martin, Executive Director, Center for Resource Solutions
 - Lars Kvale, Managing Director, APX
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12:30 pm

Lunch

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel – Degas Room – 2nd Floor

1:30

SESSION FOUR

Small Group Discussions of RPS Issues by Region

- Participants will divide into several regional groupings to discuss topics of relevance to those regions. Among the topics to be discussed are how tracking systems are working and serving the needs of RPS administrators.
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2:30

Break

2:45

SESSION FIVE

Reports from Small Groups

3:00

SESSION SIX

Evaluating the Rate Impacts of an RPS

- The session will provide information about how various states have assessed the rate impacts of their RPSs. There will also be a short presentation with general comments about the range of RPS cost studies that have been carried out to date.

Panelists:

- Deborah Erwin, Policy Analyst, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
 - Brendan Pierpont, Analyst, Climate Policy Initiative
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4:00

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