

State-Federal RPS Collaborative
2011 National Summit on RPS
October 26-27, 2011

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel
Ballroom C
Washington, DC

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

8:00-9 am *Continental Breakfast served – Ballroom C Foyer*

9:00 am **Introductions and Overview of the Summit**

Ballroom C-D

Welcome by:

- Michael Li, Electricity Policy Advisor, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

9:30

SESSION ONE
RPS Trends

- Status of RPSs around the country and observations about general trends
- REC price and supply trends: near-term and long-term REC price projections; the projected supply-demand balance in different REC markets. The presentation will cover both the compliance and voluntary markets.

Speakers:

- Ryan Wiser, Staff Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
- William Nelson, REC Analyst, Bloomberg New Energy Finance

10:45

Break

11:00

SESSION TWO

RPS Rate Caps and Determination of Reasonable Costs

- A panel discussion with representatives of several states talking about their experiences and providing suggestions on how to approach rate caps and determination of costs.

Moderator:

- Warren Leon, Senior Advisor, CESA

Panelists:

- R. Dwight Lamberson, Economist, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
 - Richard P. Mignogna, Professional Engineer—Renewables, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
 - Rebecca Sherman, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy
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12 noon

Lunch

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1:00 pm

SESSION THREE

Federal Policy Initiatives

- The nation's first-ever interconnection-wide planning effort: how the various regional transmission planning efforts fit together and what their implications could be for renewable energy at the state level.
- The Interagency Rapid Response Team

Moderator:

- Lori Bird, Senior Analyst, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)

Speaker:

- Lauren Azar, Senior Advisor to U.S. DOE Secretary Steven Chu

1:50

SESSION FOUR

FERC's Recent Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation Ruling

- An examination of the implications for state renewable energy policy of FERC's important ruling.

Moderator:

- Mark Sinclair, Executive Director, CESA

Speaker:

- Jamie Simler, Director of the Office of Policy Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

2:30

Break

2:45

SESSION FIVE

Renewable Energy Project Finance Trends

- This session will discuss ways in which renewable energy projects are currently being financed and how they will be financed in the future. The session will consider the implications of project finance trends on the future cost of electricity from renewable sources. It will also address ways in which RPSs can help support desirable financing models.zzz

Moderator:

- Lew Milford, President, Clean Energy Group

Speakers:

- Karlynn Cory, Renewable Energy Financing Analysis Team Lead, NREL
- Matt Ferguson, Principal and Renewable Energy Practice Leader, Reznick Group

3:45

SESSION SIX

Congressional Action and State RPS

- Ways in which federal legislation could impact state renewable energy development and state RPSs: topics to be discussed include the likelihood of a federal Clean Energy Standard and renewal of the wind Production Tax Credit. The session will assess the impact on state RPSs if the PTC is not renewed.

Panelists:

- Todd Foley, Senior Vice President, American Council on Renewable Energy
- Marchant Wentworth, Deputy Legislative Director, Climate and Energy Program, Union of Concerned Scientists

4:30

SESSION SEVEN

How to Evaluate an RPS

- This session will preview a pending Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) report that explores ways to cost effectively assess the impacts of an RPS.

Speaker:

- Warren Leon, Senior Advisor, CESA

5:30 -7:30

SUMMIT RECEPTION – L’Enfant Plaza - Solarium

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Thursday, October 27, 2011

(Morning sessions are open only to representatives of states and the federal government. Those individuals are also invited to the afternoon Grid Game workshop. Others may attend the afternoon workshop by invitation only.)

8:00-9 am

Continental Breakfast served – Ballroom C Foyer

9:00 am

SESSION EIGHT

RPSs during Changing Times

- A roundtable discussion with each panelist responding to questions raised by a moderator and participating in interchange with the Summit attendees. Issues to discuss include recent and possible future legal challenges to RPSs and concerns about RPS cost.

Moderator:

- Warren Leon, Senior Advisor, CESA

Panelists:

- Deborah Erwin, Policy Analyst, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
- Ed McNamara, Staff Attorney, Vermont Public Service Board
- Sam Watson, Senior Staff Attorney, North Carolina Utilities Commission

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **SESSION NINE**
RPS Innovations and Best Practices

- Short presentations on innovations and practices that have been effective and may be worthy of emulation. The topics will include: Arizona’s externalities rule, California’s renewable auction mechanism, Massachusetts’s alternative energy standard for CHP, and New York’s geographic balancing program for behind-the-meter technologies.

Moderator:

- Lori Bird, Senior Analyst, NREL

Speakers:

- Howard Bernstein, RPS Program Manager, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- Kevin Hale, Senior Project Manager, NYSERDA
- Sara Kamins, Policy Analyst, California Public Utilities Commission
- Nancy LaPlaca, Advisor to Commissioner Newman, Arizona Corporation Commission

11:15 **SESSION TEN**
Input into Future RPS Collaborative Activities

- Summit attendees will be asked for ideas for future RPS Collaborative activities and will be asked to react to possible topics for webinars and other events.

11:30 **SESSION ELEVEN**
Small Group Discussions of RPS Issues by Region

- Key issues for each region will be identified in advance and will be a major, but not exclusive, focus of the regional discussions. Summit registrants will be encouraged to identify appropriate issues in advance. Possibilities include:
 - West: the impact of California’s 33% RPS
 - Northeast: the impact and broader applicability of Massachusetts’s new biomass rules

12:30 **SUMMIT LUNCH – L’Enfant Plaza Solarium**

Close of 2011 National Summit on RPS

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Optional NARUC-Organized Workshop:

The Grid Game

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1:30 – 4:30 pm

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The centerpiece of the workshop will be an interactive, scenario-based simulation in which participants attempt to implement renewable energy in a given region and have to confront the many challenges involved with doing that. They will learn how to balance energy demand and electric generation, and how policies such as an RPS can play a role in meeting generation and policy needs.

Participation in this workshop is by invitation only. State and federal government employees attending the second day of the RPS Summit are invited to attend. Others who would like to attend this workshop should contact NARUC Director of Grants and Research Miles Keogh at mkeogh@naruc.org.