

The RPS Collaborative

# 2017 National Summit on RPS

November 7-8, 2017

Westin Crystal City  
Arlington, VA



## Day One - November 7

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**The Westin Crystal City Hotel, Jefferson Ballroom II – Level 2**

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**8:00-8:55 am Registration and Continental Breakfast**

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**9:00 am Welcome and Overview of the RPS Summit**

- Matthew Rosenbaum, Director of Technical Assistance, Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance Division, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
  - Warren Leon, Executive Director, Clean Energy States Alliance
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**9:30 am SESSION ONE  
RPS Trends**

A presentation on the overall status of RPSs around the country and observations about general trends, followed by discussion.

**Presenter:**

- Ryan Wiser, Senior Scientist, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)
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10:15 am

**SESSION TWO**

**U.S. Department of Energy Initiatives and Activities**

This session will look at some of the current and planned initiatives and activities at US DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability.

**Presenter:**

- Katie Jereza, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance Division, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, US DOE

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11:00 am

**Break**

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11:15 am

**SESSION THREE**

**Interactions between RPS Markets and Voluntary Markets**

This session will present background information on the status of the voluntary market for renewable energy and will look at its interactions with RPS markets. It will also consider some of the recommendations in the recent RPS Collaborative report on *Two Markets, Overlapping Goals: Exploring the Intersection of RPS and Voluntary Markets for Renewable Energy in the U.S.*

**Moderator:**

- Lori Bird, Principal Analyst, Market and Policy Impact Analysis Group, NREL

**Presenters:**

- Jenny Heeter, Senior Energy Analyst, Market and Policy Impact Analysis Group, NREL
- Todd Jones, Senior Manager for Policy and Climate Change Programs, Center for Resource Solutions
- Tom MacKenty, Manager, Business Development and Operations, SRECTrade

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12:30 pm

**Lunch – Jefferson Ballroom III**

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1:30 pm

**SESSION FOUR**

**Electricity Market Trends and Possible Implications for RPS Programs**

This will be a wide-ranging discussion in which the panelists identify and discuss various trends affecting electricity supply, rates, and the mix of resources. The panelists will consider how these trends could impact state RPS programs. There will be opportunity for audience questions and comments.

**Moderator:**

- Warren Leon, CESA

**Panelists:**

- Tanuj Deora, Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Smart Electric Power Alliance
- David Littell, Principal, Regulatory Assistance Project
- Steve Vavrik, Chief Commercial Officer, Apex Clean Energy

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**3:00 pm Break**

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**3:15 pm SESSION FIVE**

**Small Group Discussions for Networking and to Address RPS Topics of Special Interest**

Participants will divide into five groups for discussions focused on specific technologies, RPS compliance issues, and regions of the country.

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**4:15 pm Break**

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**4:30 pm SESSION SIX**

**Federal Court Cases that Could Affect RPSs**

Two expert attorneys will examine the implications of recent and pending federal legal cases, including the recent nuclear zero emission credit cases in Illinois and New York, and the Allco cases in Connecticut. Among other topics, the session will consider the prospects for challenges to RPSs based on the Commerce Clause of the Constitution. There will be time for audience questions and comments.

**Panelists:**

- Robert Rains, Senior Energy Analyst, Washington Analysis LLC
  - Harvey Reiter, Partner, Stinson Leonard Street LLP
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**5:30 pm ADJOURN**

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**5:30 - 7:30 pm NETWORKING RECEPTION – Atrium – Level 2**

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**Dinner on your own**

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## Day Two - November 8

Jefferson Ballroom I– Level 2 – Westin Crystal City Hotel

*(Day Two sessions are open only to  
representatives from state agencies and the federal government)*

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8:00-9:00 am Continental Breakfast (Room TBD).

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9:00 am **SESSION ONE**

### RPS Developments and Best Practices

This session will feature presentations from five states on current issues and best practices.

#### Presenters:

- California: “Maintaining Momentum in a Changing World,” Emily Lemei, RPS Technical Lead, California Energy Commission
- Massachusetts: “Renewable Thermal Generation Units in the Massachusetts Alternative Portfolio Standard,” Samantha Meserve, Renewable Thermal Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- New York: “Eligibility Requirements for Energy Imports,” Maureen Leddy, Project Manager, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
- Oregon: “Integrating Cap and Trade with an RPS,” Rebecca Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy
- Washington: “Conflicts among RPSs, Carbon Regulation, and Voluntary Renewable Programs,” Glenn Blackmon, Senior Energy Policy Specialist, Washington Department of Commerce

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10:30 am Break

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10:45 am **SESSION TWO**

### Tracking Systems: Recent Developments & Planned Improvements

This session will feature representatives from key tracking systems around the country discussing current issues, recent developments, and planned improvements for the various regional tracking systems.

**Panelists:**

- Mary Frantz, Senior Program Analyst, WREGIS
- Benjamin Gerber, Executive Director, Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System, Inc.
- Lars Kvale, Head of Business Development, APX, Inc.
- Maureen Leddy, Program Administrator for NYGATS, NYSERDA
- Ken Schuyler, President, PJM Environmental Information Services

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**12:15 pm**      **Lunch – Crystal III and IV**

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**1:15 pm**      **SESSION THREE**

**Small Group Discussions of RPS Issues**

The state representatives who register for the conference will be asked to suggest possible topics for small group discussions. Topics may include regional alignment of state RPSs and reconciling a state’s RPS compliance load with data kept by the regional ISO.

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**2:30 pm**      **Break**

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**2:45**      **SESSION FOUR**

**Communicating RPS Policies and Successes**

This session will look at how program managers can effectively communicate with key stakeholders and the general public about their state’s RPS policies and programs. It will also include advice on how to frame a message, and will cover some of the do’s and don’ts of dealing with the media on RPS matters.

**Presenter:**

- Brian Keane, President, SmartPower
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**3:45 pm**      **SESSION FIVE**

**General Discussion of the Coming Year for State RPSs**

Summit attendees will contribute to a discussion that identifies and summarizes key trends for state RPSs and the issues that RPS program managers will face in the coming year.

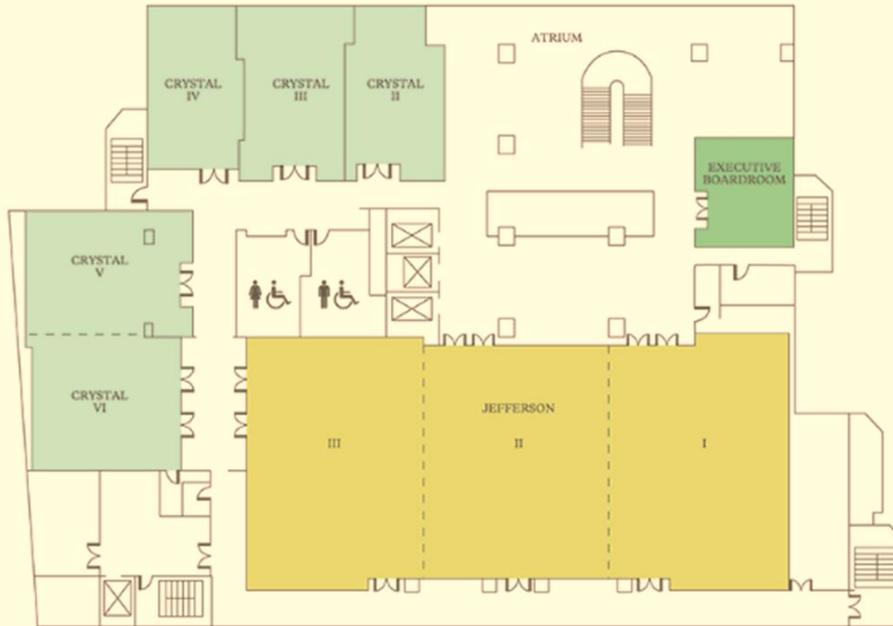
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**4:00**      **ADJOURN**

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## Location and Meeting Room Information

Westin Crystal City Hotel – Level 2 Floor Plan



For Additional Information on the Westin Crystal City Hotel at  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

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