



## **Minutes of April 17, 2007 Renewable Energy Committee Meeting DRAFT Notes**

The meeting took place at Conservation Services Group's Iselin Office, 75 Lincoln Highway

In attendance: 37 in person; 10 on the phone.

A list of those who attended the meeting in person is included at end of this document.

Mike Winka and Maureen Quaid introduced an agenda for the meeting.

To accommodate his schedule, Commissioner Fiordaliso's asked that the timeline for the SACP/ACP stakeholder process be reviewed. The Summit Blue report was delivered to Staff today. An internal review will be completed with a date for public release of this report on April 23. An SACP/ACP hearing would be scheduled at least 30 days after the release of the report. The hearing will be announced appropriately.

Recommendations from Staff to the Board are due by the end of July.

More broadly, there are several parallel proceedings are underway:

- ACP & SACP,
- CRA,
- Energy Master Plan,<sup>1</sup>
- Greenhouse Gas planning.

It was pointed out that there is overlap on the items and issues that will be addressed through these proceedings (e.g. incentive design and structure) between these discussions.

The Energy Master Plan is the broadest of these proceedings; the others are more detailed examination at the components and strategies that may be applied to reach the overall Master Plan Goals and the CRA process for required funding.

The decisions on market structure and SACP will inform the CRA proceeding, which in turn will inform Energy Master Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://nj.gov/emp/index.shtml>

The CRA public hearings are expected to occur in September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> of 2007.

Staff offered to provide an inter-related schedule and provide summary information and make this available on the web-site.

1. Market Manager Transition Update

Maureen Quaid, Renewable Team Leader for the Honeywell Team, provided an overview. She said her team is still developing infrastructure, introduced Joe Gennello of Honeywell as a black belt, referred to the Honeywell call center as a helpful resource, said that the Backbone database is undergoing enhancements. She said her team had hired several people recently, and had three openings yet to fill.

2. Energy Master Plan Update

Lance Miller provided an update for the Energy Master Plan was provided at the Board meeting last Tuesday. Late June release hearings September 10th hearings, and adoption in October. Interested parties can review the transcript of that session for details.

3. Small Wind Working Group Update

Alma Rivera noted the small wind web-site has been updated. Mick Sagrillo is assisting in developing the model ordinances. A full day working group meeting to review these ordinances will take place May 11, 2007.

4. Inspections

John Hoffner, the Technical Director for the Market Manger Team made a presentation on the renewable energy system inspections. Handouts for slides were distributed to the group. He mentioned that there were several training resources available, and gave an overview of the inspection process.

A clarifying question was that interconnection paperwork (application) is required before the final rebate application is submitted. This process is consistent with the current process.

Inspections to date are finding generally high quality inspections. However there have been somewhat less than 25% failures. The most common reasons for failure have included:

- Overload of main service panel 120% rule for res)
- No metal conduit into building, and
- Labels

#### 5. CORE Program Update

David Hill provided an update on CORE, providing an overview of the updated Market Manager Report, and queue settlement status.

Follow up items included:

- verifying that recipients of the settlement offer are able to see their position in the reinserted queue.
- identifying the percentage (by number) of outstanding commitments that are in check request.
- modifying the report to include information on the installed capacity for each category at the end of the previous program year.

Mark Warner, CEO of Sun Farm Network, complimented the giant stride forward he saw in the CORE program's reporting capabilities.

Mike Ambrosio said that the Office of Clean Energy identified more than \$5 million in unspent funds from calendar year 2006. OCE had not yet assigned the finds by category as yet and was open to input re allocation.

David Hill reminded attendees that responses to a mailing concerning a settlement were due by Friday.

#### 6. SREC Pilot Program Update

Program Manager Steve Wiese provided an SREC pilot update.<sup>2</sup> He positioned SRECs as an alternative to a CORE rebate. He outlined the program guidelines of the SREC process: application, program enrollment, inspection, acceptance letter, create, trade SRECs. He said that the registration period for the program was from 4/3/07 to 8/1/07. Thus far the program had received 5 registrations

#### 7. Clean Power Choice and Financing Programs Update

Program Manager Ben Larkey provided an overview of the Clean Power Choice Program. Spring marketing program and community partnership campaigns are underway. The program is still working to have a customer look-up process approved by the Board. Data reporting templates for both marketers and for utilities are being implemented to facilitate future reporting.

He indicated that total program enrollments at the end of 2006 was 9,500, with a goal of 36,000. The end of 2007 goal is double the goal for the end of 2006.

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<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.njcep.com/srec/index-primary.html>

He listed several means of promoting the plan, including newspaper ads. 11 counties have signed up to promote program

Ben also provided an update on the Financing Program. The Market Managers will be assisting the OCE with drafting three new solicitations, and has also provided recommendations to the OCE with respect to existing proposals.

### Next meeting

The next REC meeting will be May 15, 1-3, at the same location, CSG's office in Iselin. The following meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2007.

### List of attendees

#### New Jersey Board Of Public Utilities Clean Energy Council Renewable Energy Committee Meeting

**Date:** April 17, 2007  
**Location:** Conservation Services Group  
75 Lincoln Hwy, Iselin, NJ

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