

The Delaware Renewable Energy Taskforce Meeting

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Office of the Secretary Conference Room
Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, Delaware, 19901
Thursday, September 2, 2010
2:00-3:30pm

Presentation overview by Bob Howatt, Office of Clean Energy and Climate Policy.

RPS Standards Act.

Overview and goals of the Legislation

Provisions Overview

Taskforce Overview

11 Member Taskforce

The 7 responsibilities of the Taskforce

Responsibilities of special attention include:

- Understanding the current market, how it works and assessing its strengths and weaknesses
- Minimizing costs for rate payers
- Increasing renewable investments in Delaware (jobs, economy, etc.)

Open discussion: “How the Taskforce should move forward and what are the goals?”

Major themes from discussion:

- Understanding the successes and failures of existing markets including Delaware’s current market.
- Creating a balanced market inside Delaware and understanding the influences from other states (i.e. other states restrict incoming RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) but no restriction on out-going RECs.)
- Creating recommendations that do not jeopardize reliability.
- Establishing/creating a procurement process that balances the needs of the utilities, generators, and the ratepayers.
- Developing and incentivizing Delaware as a market for renewables.

Information needed:

- Information on the other state markets (PA, NJ, and MD) and how they have they influenced Delaware’s market.
- Understanding the engineering limitations to the existing Delaware grid for inputs of solar and other renewables.
- Delaware’s current REC market system; strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, etc.

Open discussion: “What are the key questions that this Taskforce needs to address?”

- What are the existing projections/forecasts for Delaware?
- What other state models have survived and what can we learn for Delaware?
- How does the Taskforce 1.define a balanced market and 2.keep a stable market?

- How does the Taskforce balance the needs of the ratepayers and stakeholders?
- How does the Taskforce continue to move forward under critical time pressure and ensure successful recommendations?

Information needed:

- Education and agreement on the existing models for capacity, integration of solar, forecasting, projections, etc.
- Education and agreement on the requirements for SRECs (Solar Renewable Energy Credits) and RECs.
- Understanding how technology can/will influence the existing and future markets.
- Learning from professionals already in the field. What they can do for us and what they need from us.

Open Discussion: “What are the Deliverables for the Taskforce?”

Major themes from the discussion

- More education needed before defining deliverables.

Open Discussion: Logistics

- Procedure/Operational Process
 - Informal (can reassess at a later date if needed)
- Decisions and Recommendations
 - Majority vote with minority opinions (can reassess at a later date if needed)
- Meeting frequency
 - Bi-weekly (can reassess at a later date if needed)
- Location
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Priorities for next meeting

- Overview of Delaware’s current energy landscape.
- Information on the existing forecasting and projections of consumption for Delaware.
- Assessment of existing Delaware renewables and projections for what Delaware will need.
- Information on procurement models.
- Website for Taskforce resources.

Next meeting

- Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Public Comment

None