

Delaware Renewable Energy Taskforce

Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 9:30 to 12:00 noon

Public Service Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Minutes

Members and alternates present:

Carolyn Snyder, Chair, DNREC Division of Energy & Climate	Present
Tom Noyes, DNREC Division of Energy & Climate (Alternate)	Present
Glenn Moore, Delmarva Power	Present
Dale Davis, Delaware Solar Energy Coalition	Present
Finn McCabe, Delaware Solar Energy Coalition (Alternate)	Present
Dallas Winslow, Public Service Commission	Present
Pam Knotts, Public Service Commission (Alternate)	Present
Janice Dillard, Public Service Commission (Alternate)	Present
Bill O'Brien, Public Service Commission	Present
Stanley Merritt, DuPont, Renewable energy research & development industry	Present
Derrick Botha, Motech, Local renewable energy manufacturing industry	Present
Mark Neilsen, Delaware Electric Cooperative (Alternate)	Present
Scott Lynch, Delaware Municipal Electric Companies (Alternate)	Present
Michael Sheehy, Public Advocate	Present
Andrea Maucher, Public Advocate (Alternate)	Absent
John Sykes, Environmental advocacy organizations	Present
Jim Black, Environmental advocacy organizations (Alternate)	Present
Senator Harris McDowell, Sustainable Energy Utility	Absent
Tony DePrima, Sustainable Energy Utility (Alternate)	Present
Kevin Quilliam, SRECTrade	Present

Carolyn Snyder opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

The Taskforce reviewed the minutes from May 9, 2012. Glenn Moore moved the minutes be accepted. Dale Davis seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the minutes.

Data questions and analysis

Carolyn Snyder raised the issue of unfinished questions for analysis of data from the SREC auction. Several points have been raised. Tom Noyes will circulate further questions and updated data analysis.

The PSC consultant will conduct an online survey of auction participants.

SREC Procurement

Carolyn Snyder turned to discussion of the priority questions list for future procurement. The Caesar Rodney Institute submitted questions to be included in the Priority Questions. Taskforce members are

free to incorporate suggestions, questions and proposals from the public in developing a new straw man proposal. It was noted that some of the points raised by the Caesar Rodney Institute were considered in the Pilot Program and are being considered in designing a new procurement program.

Members of the public were invited to comment on this topic. Dave Stevenson of the CRI noted that some of the questions he submitted would require legislation.

Carolyn Snyder next turned to the path forward for the development of a straw-man proposal and consideration submissions from the public.

Dale Davis, speaking for the Delaware Solar Energy Coalition, proposed four tiers for new systems: Tier 1 (up to 25 kW), Tier 2A (25 to 100 kW), Tier 2B (100 to 300 kW), and Tier 3 (over 300 kW).

A three tier proposal was added to the straw man document:

Tier 1: 0 to 30 kW

Tier 2: 30 to 200 kW

Tier 3: 200 kW to 2 MW

In the straw man proposal, Tiers 2 and 3 would be competitively bid with administratively set prices for Tier 1, set at 110% higher of the average weighted bid for Tier 2.

Glenn Moore said that DPL will buy 2,000 to 2,500 SRECs this summer to complete its SREC requirements for the compliance year ending May 31.

The Taskforce discussed the definitions of new and old systems for the purpose of the next procurement. The straw man proposal will define new systems as systems having final interconnection approval after the first date of the preceding auction process (April 2, 2012).

Upcoming meetings

After a review of members' calendars for the next two months, Carolyn Snyder said that the Taskforce will meet June 13, July 11 and July 25. An updated version of the Priority questions and straw man document will be circulated to members.

Final comments

In the Public comment section, Dave Stevenson of the Caesar Rodney Institute offered some thoughts and questions on the auction structure being discussed.

In final comments from Taskforce members, Tony De Prima provided follow up on a discussion of owner representatives from the previous meeting. Contrary to a comment at the previous meeting, a particular owner representative handled 122 systems in the auction, of which 14 were successful. The systems were not all in one community as had been asserted, but were located mostly in Sussex County.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.