



NECA's Annual Renewable Energy Conference

Renewable Energy at Center Stage

When: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Where: Boston Sheraton Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston, MA, (617) 236-2000

Renewable energy projects have moved from the fringes of the energy industry to center stage. At the Federal level, the stimulus bills have created a variety of subsidies and funding opportunities designed to help renewable energy projects compete with traditional fossil fuel generation. Regionally, wind power transmission and integration have become central to ISO New England resource planning, and while governmental policy makers continue to debate transmission requirements and whether renewable energy should be generated locally or imported from other regions. At the state level, each of the New England states has advanced new policy initiatives designed to attract more renewable energy resources, and the jobs that go with those resources. Yet in an environment of adequate capacity, these policies pit new renewals against the existing fleet of generators. And locally, communities have undertaken small-scale renewable projects themselves, and developers are pursuing MW-scale solar projects. Critics continue to voice opposition to incentives that promote renewables while questioning the costs, benefits and aesthetics of projects. A patchwork of siting and permitting rules and requirements continue to create obstacles in the region. With challenges and limitations associated with developing land-based renewable energy, offshore energy proposals and initiatives are multiplying. Please join us for this one day conference to examine the issues and trends affecting the industry in the Northeast and to consider strategies that facilitate the development of successful renewable energy projects.

Program				
7:45	Registration and Continental Breakfast	10:45	Panel II: The Future Role of Biomass Moderator: Don Michael, Sr. Consultant <i>Epsilon Associates, Inc.</i>	Maine's Approach to Offshore Energy Beth Nagusky, Dir., Office of Innovation Co-Chair Offshore Energy Task Force <i>Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection</i>
8:10	Welcome and Overview: Renewable Energy at Center Stage Conference Co-chairs Pat Stanton, Dir., Renewable Energy Mkts <i>Conservation Services Group</i> Bob Grace, President <i>Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC</i>		Biomass Sustainability & Carbon Neutrality Discussion Panel: Dr. Timothy Volk, Research Associate <i>SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry</i>	Jim Manwell, Director, UMASS Renewable Center University of Massachusetts (invited)
8:20	Panel I: Securing Long-term Revenue Stability Moderator: Shawn Carraher, Principal <i>LaCapra Associates</i> What Does it Take to Secure DOE Loan Guarantees? Steven Klein Managing Director and Principal <i>First Infrastructure, Inc.</i> Aggregate Net Metering Jonathan S. Klavens, Principal <i>Klavens Law Group, P.C.</i> Long-term Contracting Policies Bob Grace, President <i>Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC</i> Feed-in Tariffs Wilson Rickerson, Executive Vice President <i>Meister Consultants Group</i> What is Financeable? Tom Emmons, Managing Director <i>Rabobank International</i>		3:00 3:30 Jeremy McDiarmid, Staff Attorney <i>Environment Northeast</i> Timothy Searchinger, Research Scholar <i>Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton Univ.</i> (Invited)	3:00 Break 3:30 Panel IV: Why are People Looking at MW-Scale Solar? Moderator: Stephen Humes, Partner <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i> Solar Technologies of the (Near) Future Richard G. Chleboski VP Strategy & Business Dev. <i>Evergreen Solar, Inc.</i>
10:15	Break	12:15	Luncheon & Keynote Speaker Transmission and Wind Power Renewables Seth Kaplan, V. P. Climate Advocacy <i>Conservation Law Foundation</i>	Solar Price Supports Mark C. Kalpin, Partner <i>WilmerHale</i> Global Trends Christopher Porter, Consultant <i>Photon Consulting</i> Discussion Panel Mark Noyes, Vice President <i>Consolidated Edison Development</i> Mel Palmer, Dir. Utility Sales NE <i>SunEdison</i> Paul Gromer, Director <i>Solar Energy Business Assoc. of NE</i>
		1:30	Panel III: Advances in Offshore Energy Moderator: Michael Ernst, Esq. Director, Regulatory Affairs <i>Tetra Tech EC, Inc.</i> MA Final Ocean Management Plan Deerin Babb-Brott, Asst. Sec. for Ocean & Coastal Zone Mgmt. <i>MA Exec. Office of Energy & Env'tl Affairs</i> New MMS Siting Process Robert LaBelle, Deputy Assoc. Director Offshore Energy and Minerals Mgmt. <i>Minerals Management Service</i>	5:00 Networking Reception and Cash Bar

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The Boston Sheraton Hotel is located at 39 Dalton Street at Prudential Center. From the Mass Pike, take exit 22 and follow the Prudential Center sign. Turn right at the lights and the hotel is on the right. By public transportation, take the green line to the Prudential Center stop or the orange line to Back Bay Station.

The hotel is holding a block of rooms for the evening of 3/2/10 at the group rate of \$169. The rooms will be held until 1/31/10. Please call the hotel directly at (617) 236-2000 and identify yourself with the NECA conference.

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