

## **Distributed Wind Energy Association**

### **State Policy Committee Agenda**

Co-Chairs: Chad Palmer and Greg Price

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Call-in: 661-673-8600

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#### 1. State Policy Recap 2012 by Heather Rhoades Weaver

- Committee identified 6 target states to focus on in 2012 and identified market size, network, cost of power, current incentives
- Created platform that DWEA members supported.
  - Items that were considered
    1. Pro/cons of policies
    2. Impact
    3. Performance vs. upfront rebates
- NY & CA had the biggest paid lobbying presence
- Ontario and Nova Scotia had good representation
- IA & WA & KS had small paid lobbying efforts
  - KS got close to extending RPS
- MA, MN & NJ - comments were provided
- Good participation the committee in 2012
- 2012 was a tough year but made head way, laid ground work, and developed good relationships

#### 2. Moving Forward: Plans for 2013 by Jennifer Jenkins

- Fewer target states in 2013
  - Target states identified based on member needs
  - Target states have fully funded campaigns
- 4 target states in 2013 but will respond to other states as needed
  - CA, CO, HI, NY
- Beyond target states
  - DWEA will respond as needed
  - Comments and testimonials

#### 3. Target State Strategy

- CA - Mike Bergey
  - John Pimental, Foundation Wind, is organizing CA efforts
  - Lobbying - - CUPC

- Creating good relationships
  - Smith Watts Martinez is the law firm representing DWEA
  - Strawman agenda has been circulated
    1. Focus on large and small wind
    2. Small wind is available for self generation program
- CO - Kristen Thompson
  - Wind Gardens
  - CO is a priority state for AWEA
  - Work with REAs and Xcel
  - Funding for schools
- HI - Jennifer Jenkins
  - Additional funding needed
  - Docket is not opened yet – any day now
  - Law firm, Schlack Ito, is ready to engage but more funding is needed before DWEA can commit
- NY - ACE NY
  - PUC petition on RPS
    1. Improvements on how to better use funds
    2. Remove per project funding cap
    3. Does not effect small wind funds
    4. NOTE: RPS does not expire until 2015
  - Streamline interconnect requirements
  - How can current RPS program be changed to better utilize potential for DW program?
  - Clean up bill – net-metering implementation & consistency
  - Streamline permitting – Article 10 for large systems
    1. May have opportunity outside of legislation

#### 4. Regional Partner updates:

- IA – IWEA, Harold Prior
  - i. Most aggressive DW agenda to date
  - ii. 11/9 mtg coordinating lobbying efforts including solar and other renewables
  - iii. Met with Gov's office – He is supportive
  - iv. Legislative fix for repairs on turbines at schools
  - v. Identifying legislative champions
  - vi. Iowa Wind Energy Day will be held in Jan. to educate legislatures about wind
  - vii. Pursuing an addition to the RPS that asks for 1% wind generation by 2020
- MA – Renew, Francis Pullaro
  - i. Wind siting reform
    1. Streamline attempts past 2 legislative sessions
    2. Strong support to govern at local level
  - ii. Noise testing by EPA
    1. Potential noise testing rule making – need to watch

- MN – Windustry, Lisa Daniels
  - i. DWEA comments submitted in Oct. on net-metering
  - ii. Advocate meeting – DG and net-metering impacts
  - iii. MN state legislature is controlled by democrats

5. New Meeting Structure -

- First meeting of the month Target states update,
- Second meeting is Regional Partner updates.

Next call: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 (December 25 meeting cancelled in recognition of holiday)