

Western Renewable Energy Development Summit
December 3-5, 2008—San Diego, CA
Main Conference Agenda

Thursday, December 4, 2008:

8:00-8:15 Administrative announcements and opening remarks by the Conference Chair

Renewable Portfolio Standards and Strategies in the West—Identifying the Opportunities

8:15-9:00 **Overview of Western State RPS Provisions**
Many Western states have implemented Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), but no two are identical. There are differences state-to-state as to what is considered a renewable, how incentives work, and who retains the resultant RECs. This presentation will provide an overview of Western states' RPS, with an aim of identifying how RPS affect renewable energy developments.
Nicole Finerty, Director, Renewable Energy Markets,
EVOLUTION MARKETS, INC.

9:00-10:15 **Panel Discussion: Impacts of RPS and Other Initiatives on Project Development Opportunities in the West**
The West has perhaps the aggressive programs driving the development renewable energy in the nation. This panel will examine the various state RPS programs in the West and assess how these policies are affecting the development of new renewable energy projects.

Moderator:

Pauline E. Doohan, Partner, BAKER & MCKENZIE LLP

Panelists:

Ray Baum, Commissioner, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Jo Ann Kelly, Chairman, NEVADA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ken Toole, Commissioner, MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Kate Zocchetti, Renewables Portfolio Standard Program Lead, CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (invited)

10:15-10:45 Morning refreshment & networking break

10:45-11:30 **Identifying the Right Resource Mix to Meet RPS Goals and Load Requirements**
The West has in many ways taken the lead on encouraging the development of renewable resources. However, as the requirements for incorporating renewables into the generation mix increase, so do the pressures to meet RPS goals while ensuring adequacy. This presentation will examine the opportunities and challenges in developing renewable

resources, and how to determine the best fit for a system.

11:30-1:00 **Art Holland**, *Vice President*, PACE GLOBAL ENERGY SERVICES
Group Luncheon

Opportunities for Purchasing and Developing Renewable Energy in the West
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1:00-2:30 Panel Discussion: **Utilities' Perspectives on Renewable Energy Development Plans, Programs and Progress**
This panel of western utility executives will examine the challenges and opportunities presented by renewable portfolio standards. They will discuss the work being done to meet the challenge of introducing more renewable assets into the power system, changes to renewable power acquisition strategies, and how they are managing their renewable programs going forward.

Moderator:

John Pierce, *Partner*, WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI

Panelists:

Thomas Fair, *Executive, Renewable Energy Program*,
NV ENERGY

Thor Hinckley, *Manager, Renewable Power Program*, PORTLAND
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Lori Singleton, *Manager Sustainability Initiatives and Technologies*,
SALT RIVER PROJECT

John Spicer, *Senior Director, Origination and Business Development*,
LUMINANT ENERGY

2:30-3:00 Afternoon refreshment & networking break

3:00-4:30 Panel Discussion: **Developers' Perspectives on Renewable Energy Plans, Programs and Opportunities in the West**
This panel of renewable energy developers will explore how the various state RPS' are affecting development, and present their views on how to surmount the key hurdles to implementing the ambitious goals for introducing renewable power across the West.

Moderator:

R. Thomas Hoffmann, *Partner*, BALLARD SPAHR ANDREWS &
INGERSOLL, LLP

Panelists:

Douglas Carter, *Senior Vice President – Business Development*,
INVENERGY, LLC

Chris Crowley, *President*, COLUMBIA ENERGY PARTNERS

Jesse Gronner, *Managing Director, Business Development- West Region*,
IBERDROLA RENEWABLES

Randolph Mann, *Vice President, Wind Development,*
EDISON MISSION GROUP
Jan C. Paulin, *President & CEO, PADOMA WIND POWER, LLC /*
NRG ENERGY INC.

4:30-4:45 **Summary remarks by the Conference Chairman**

Friday, December 5, 2008:

Overcoming Development & Financing Challenges to Seize the Opportunities
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8:00-8:45 **Transmission Planning for Renewables - Lessons Learned from the California RETI Process**

New renewable development in the west will require significant new transmission. Transmission planning is a complex, multi-year process that requires coordination among many stakeholders. Two major efforts are currently underway to identify renewable "zones" for new transmission - the California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) and the Western Renewable Energy Zones initiative (WREZ). RETI will be used as an example of the complexities of combining transmission and renewable planning.

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8:45-10:15 Panel Discussion: **Dealing with Transmission Interconnection and Siting Issues in the West**

Access and availability of transmission continues to impact the development of new generation, in particular renewable energy assets. This panel of utility personnel, independent power producers and regulators will examine how additional transmission capacity might be developed, and how interconnection queuing issues might be resolved. It will also consider how grid modernization might be used in lieu of building new transmission to increase capacity, and how California's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative will impact development.

Moderator:

Howard E. Susman, *Principal, STOEL RIVES LLP*

Panelists:

Ali Amirali, *Vice President, Transmission, LS POWER DEVELOPMENT, LLC*

James Avery, *Senior Vice President, Electric Transmission, SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC*

Anne Gillette, *Policy Analyst, Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, CPUC*

Arthur Haubenstock, *Chief Counsel & Director, Regulatory Affairs, BRIGHTSOURCE ENERGY*

Eric John, *Vice President, Projects, Transmission, SKYFUEL INC.*

10:15-10:45 Morning refreshment and networking break

10:45--Noon Panel Discussion: **Assessing the Financing Market for Renewable Energy Projects in the West**

This panel of private equity, institutional investors and commercial lenders will examine the current market for getting renewable projects financed, including the importance of obtaining long term contracts, getting short term financing on renewable projects, debt vs. equity financing, and mitigation of risk in renewable projects.

Moderator:

John Pierce, *Partner*, WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI

Panelists:

Chip Carstensen, *Senior Director, Structured Finance*, NORD/LB NEW YORK BRANCH

Mark Dennes, *Director and Group Head, Energy - Power & Utilities*, FORTIS

Rohan Singh, *Senior Vice President*, HSH NORDBANK

Noon **Conference Adjourns**