



Monday, May 7, 2007:

Pre-Summit workshop: **REC's, Carbon and Renewable Electricity Project Finance**

Tuesday, May 8, 2007:

8:00-8:15 Administrative announcements and opening remarks by the Conference Chair
Mark D. Safty, *Chair, Project Development & Finance*, Holland & Hart LLP

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

Angie Gould, *Energy Analyst*, California Energy Commission
Lenny Hochschild, *Director, Environmental Markets*, Evolution Markets Inc.

9:00-10:15 Panel Discussion: **Assessing Development Opportunities—Wind, Solar, Biomass**
The vast expanse of Western geography presents myriad opportunities to site renewable power projects—but assessing which resources to tap to provide the biggest economic payoff is a complex task. This panel will examine the prospects for developing wind, solar and biomass resources.

Moderator:
Mark Weitzel, *Chair, Infrastructure & Asset Finance Group*, Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP

Confirmed Panelists:

Richard Germain, Associate Director, Navigant Consulting
Tim Libson, Principal Consultant, Trintek Energy Consulting, Inc.
Fred Morse, Morse Associates, Inc.

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

10:45-Noon Panel Discussion: **Impacts of RPS and Other Initiatives on Resource Adequacy in the West**

The West has in many ways taken the lead on encouraging the development of renewable resources. In addition to state RPS initiatives, California and other western states are working on implementing climate change legislation and initiatives, which will have the concomitant effect of pushing the development of renewable energy. 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:

Mark D. Safty, Chair, Project Development & Finance, Holland & Hart LLP

Confirmed Panelists:

Jess Totten, Director, Electric Industry Oversight Division, PUC of Texas

Mary Johannis, Project Coordinator, Bonneville Power Association

Ed Feo, Partner, Milbank Tweed

Peter Mostow, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Noon-1:30

Group Luncheon Hosted by



Purchasing and Developing Renewable Energy in the West

1:30-3:00

Panel Discussion: **Utility 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 their collaborations with elected and regulatory officials, environmental groups and consumer advocates to establish RPS, and enhance the commitment to renewable energy. They will discuss the work being done to meet the challenge of introducing more renewable assets into the power system, and how they are managing their renewable programs going forward.

Moderator:

Mark D. Safty, Chair, Project Development & Finance, Holland & Hart LLP

Confirmed panelists:

Frank De Rosa, Director, Renewables Supply, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Thor Hinckley, *Manager*, Portland General Electric Company

John Spicer, *Sr. Director, Origination and Business Development*, Nevada Power/Sierra Pacific, TXU

Stuart Hemphill, *Director of Resource Planning & Strategy*, SCE

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

3:30-5:00 Panel Discussion: **Developers' Perspectives on Renewable Energy Plans, Programs and Initiatives 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:

Mark D. Safty, *Chair, Project Development & Finance*, Holland & Hart LLP

Confirmed Panelists:

Jan Smutny-Jones, *Executive Director*, Independent Energy Producers Association

Declan Flanagan, *Senior Vice President*, Airtricity

David Cohen, *President*, Western Water & Power Production Limited

Arnold Leitner Ph.D., *Managing Director*, SkyFuel, LLC

Randolph P. Mann, *Managing Director, Development*, Edison Mission Energy

5:00-5:15 Summary remarks by the Conference Chairman

Wednesday, May 9, 2007:

8:30-10:00 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:

Mark D. Safty, *Chair, Project Development & Finance*, Holland & Hart LLP

Confirmed panelists:

Gisela Kroess, *Director, Global Project Finance*, HVB
Lance Markowitz, *Senior Vice President*, Union Bank of California, N.A.
Rohan Singh, *Vice President*, HSH Nordbank
John Eber, *Managing Director-Energy Investments*, JP Morgan Capital Corp.
Bruno J-M Mejean, *Senior Vice President & Deputy General Manager, Corporate Finance & Structured Finance - Americas*, NORD/LB

10:00-10:30 Morning refreshment and networking break

10:30--Noon 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 the issue of the transparency of transmission access affects the development of power assets. It will also consider how grid modernization might be used in lieu of building new transmission to increase capacity, including how “smart grid” technologies might assist with transmission challenges.

Moderator:

Scott Harvey, *Director*, LECG

Confirmed Panelists:

Jim Avery, *Senior Vice President, Electric Transmission*, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

Rob Kondziolk, *Manager of Transmission Planning*, Salt River Project

Richard Bayless, *Director, Transmission System Planning*, Pacificorp