

Join Us This Fall

This month's newsletter focuses on the 2011 RPS National Summit and three upcoming webinars, including a fuel cell financing webinar next week and two regional transmission webinars in October, to be hosted by Clean Energy States Alliance. We hope that you will be able to join us for these events.

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Upcoming Events

2011 RPS National Summit—October 26-27

As we announced previously, the annual State-Federal RPS Summit will be held in Washington, DC in October at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel with funding support from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Energy Foundation.

The Revised Schedule

The Summit will take place over two days, starting at 9 AM on October, 26th. A draft agenda for the Summit can be found on the CESA website at <http://www.cleanenergystates.org/projects/state-federal-rps-collaborative/2011-rps-summit-registration-form-and-draft-agenda/?stage=Live>.

With the help of a steering committee representing 10 states, the federal government, and key NGOs, planning continues for this year's RPS National Summit. The event is shaping up to be informative, engaging, and broad-ranging. Based on steering committee input, **the time schedule has changed** from what we announced last month:

Day One will start at 9:00 AM. Formal sessions will go through 5:30 PM, following by a networking reception. Lunch will be provided.

Day Two will start at 9:00 AM as previously announced but we have now added an optional afternoon workshop (see below). Lunch will be provided. The morning sessions on the second day of the Summit will be restricted to representatives of state governments and the federal government.

Registration

If you are planning attend the Summit, please submit the [Summit Registration form](#) by September 8th. Because of these new schedule changes, we request that you fill out the Summit Registration form, even if you earlier submitted a pre-registration. In that way, we will know who will be at each of the sessions and we will add you to the Summit's hotel room block if requested (room rate is \$234 per night, plus 12% tax). There are limited rooms remaining in the block. If you have already pre-registered, we have your room requests on the list, but please send in the Registration form by September 8th to re-confirm. Also, please note there will be a \$45 Summit registration fee for everyone other than government representatives. More information will be forthcoming from Maria Blais Costello once you have sent in the Registration Form.

Optional Workshop On October 27th: The Grid Game

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is organizing a free participatory workshop for the second day of the Summit from 1:30 – 4:30 PM at the same venue as the Summit. The workshop's centerpiece will be an interactive, scenario-based simulation in which participants attempt to implement renewable energy in a given region and have to confront the many challenges involved with doing that. They will learn how to balance energy demand and electric generation, and how policies such as an RPS can play a role in meeting generation and policy needs.

Because of limited space in the game and a desire to have a wide range of interests and regions represented, **participation in this workshop is by invitation only**. State and federal government employees attending the second day of the RPS Summit are automatically invited to attend. Others who would like to attend the workshop should contact NARUC Director of Grants and Research Miles Keogh at mkeogh@naruc.org.

Travel assistance may be available to state government representatives who are not receiving travel assistance from the RPS Collaborative/Clean Energy Group. To apply, contact Miles Keogh at mkeogh@naruc.org.

Upcoming Regional Transmission Planning Webinars

We will be offering two webinars in October for members of the State-Federal RPS Collaborative. In each case, we will send you an invitation several weeks ahead of time, but we want to give you an early preview of these interesting webinars so that you can consider placing them on your calendar:

The regional transmission planning processes that are currently underway in the eastern and the western United States could shape the future of long-distance electricity transmission and significantly affect the future of renewable energy. We are organizing two webinars so that policymakers and regulators who are involved in administering state RPS policies can understand how RPSs may be affected by these regional planning efforts:

- A webinar on the regional planning efforts in the west being undertaken by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council and the Western Governors' Association. It will take place tentatively on **October 5 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM** eastern time.
- A webinar on the regional planning efforts in the east being undertaken by the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) and the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council (EISPC). It will take place on **October 6 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM** eastern time.

We will send you more information on these webinars in the coming weeks and they will be posted on the CESA website under Events. They will provide useful background information for those people attending the RPS Summit in Washington in October.

Fuel Cell Financing Webinar Next Week

This webinar is not focused specifically on RPS issues, but I bring it to your attention because it follows on our June webinar on the role of fuel cells in RPSs. Next week's webinar will address one of the most important issues related to the more rapid commercialization of fuel cells. It will explore new financing options that are making fuel cells more appealing to end users and to state policymakers. It will include speakers from the ClearEdge Power and UTC Power. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, August 30th from 12:00 – 1:00 PM eastern time**. To learn more about this free webinar and to register, visit the CESA website at <http://www.cleanenergystates.org/events/financing-fuel-cell-installations/view/2011-08-30>.

New CESA Website

CESA has revamped its website (www.cleanenergystates.org) and created a new section specifically for the State-Federal RPS Collaborative and its activities (www.cleanenergystates.org/projects/state-federal-rps-collaborative/). RPS Collaborative webinar presentations and reports can be found here, along with webinar recordings. In the coming weeks, we will add more RPS-related resources and information to the website.

Join the RPS Collaborative Listserve

If you are not already a member of the States Advancing RPS listserv (SARPS1) for the State-Federal RPS Collaborative and want to receive future issues of this newsletter and announcement of collaborative events, please join us. To add or remove your name from the SARPS1 listserv, please email Maria@cleanegroup.org and put "States Advancing RPS" in the subject line. Thank you!

Newsletter Spotlights

- National Summit on RPS October 26-27, 2011 [Draft Agenda](#)
- [Summit Registration Form](#): Please respond by 9/8/11! Details below.
- The Grid Game
- 3 New Webinars

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The State-Federal RPS Collaborative, a joint project of the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) and Clean Energy Group, was established to advance dialogue and cooperation among a broad network of state government officials and NGO experts. The Collaborative provides a forum for the exchange of experiences and lessons learned regarding the implementation of state RPS policies and the marketing of RECs or credits across the U.S.