

RENEWABLE TEAM
MEETING #4 MINUTES
November 25, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
HR1-C LOB

I. Strategies for Deploying Solar:

Financing:

- The DOC walkthrough has been held and pricing for installation has been received. Mackey Dykes of Green Bank stated that they received 16 construction submissions and found the pricing to be competitive.
- Green Bank RFI for financing is out and expected by the end of the month. It will be put together in early December. Kirsten Rigney asked about the RFPs that have been received – Are the RFP selections proposing for the full portfolio or are they only proposing certain buildings? Mackey stated he has received proposals both ways.
- Mackey also has discussed the procurement side. They've worked with DAS to structure a contract where DAS can sign the PPA with CGB directly and CGB can use its own procurement authority to contract for these projects. State agencies can then "piggy-back" on that master contract and add their projects to it, with DAS and the agency commissioner signing for each project.
- Kirsten Rigney also brought up Storm Water Permitting for developers in regards to disturbing the ground during construction. She has seen massive water run-off issues due to ground clearing. Mackey stated that this is part of the PPA.

Performance Metrics:

- Homework to review the DOT CT Service Plaza Dashboard looks good. Green Bank, also, has a platform.

Policy Concerns:

Any concerns? -

- None noted.

Education for Agencies:

- Steve Link stated that this is hinging on the PPA and the update.

II. Identify Pilot Project:

DOC, DEEP and DAS's project update –

- All three agencies have completed the walkthroughs and RFPs have been received.

- The Green Bank to run an RFP with the prequalified financiers/solar funds to result in the lowest PPA price for the state.
- Contracting is on schedule to be completed by the end of December.
- Connecticut Attorney General still needs to review and approve the Master Power Purchase Agreement. Once approved, it can be awarded to the winner.
- Construction will start in early 2020 and should be completed in 2020. Steve asked if the owner/financers was going to pay for the construction. Mackey stated that is the plan but the Green Bank can pay for some of the construction if financing isn't in place soon enough to keep the schedule.
- It was noted that another round of ZRECs will be available in May of 2020 for additional new projects.
- The new solar tariff policy which is scheduled to take effect in 2022 and does have the ability for a single project to serve multiple customers.

III. Pilot-Test

- Steve Link turned the meeting over to Mackey Dykes who had a State of Connecticut Solar Pilot Projects presentation.
- Mackey stated that he would send everyone a copy of the PPA process.

IV. Share Process to Make it BAU:

- Hand Out: Steve Link provided a draft solar check list. This draft was done by the colleges. We can incorporate how it would blend in with our PPA model.
- Homework is to review the solar draft list. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Other:

- Virtual Net Metering – Cannot put into scope at this point, maybe at a later date.
- The next meeting will be held in January at the Legislative Office Building - time and date to be determined.

*The RFP for construction of the DEEP, DAS, and DOC pilot projects is out. For anyone who's interested, it can be found at <https://ctgreenbank.com/statesolarrrfp/>.