

Review of Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Procurement Laws

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- The OER and the RECB Advisory Council will review opportunities to potentially consolidate the state's multiple energy laws, to promote regional and in-state procurement of renewable energy in a coordinated manner.
- The following laws will be reviewed:

Renewable Energy Standard: Currently in place until 2019.

90 Megawatt Long Term Contracting: Set to expire on December 31, 2013.

Net-Metering: No expiration date established.

40 Megawatt Distributed Generation Contracts Program: Set to expire on December 31, 2014.

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- 1.) Opportunities associated with distributed generation projects, large-scale hydropower, and offshore wind energy procurement opportunities.
- 2.) Review what other states in the Northeast (VT, NY, CT, MA, NJ) have enacted in recent years for renewable energy procurement efforts.
- 3.) Look at all associated costs, benefits (economic development, energy assurance security, system reliability attributes, etc.), and federal interstate commerce clause rules.

This effort would be done in coordination with the new State Energy Plan - new areas of investigation or opportunity may emerge.

The OER-RECB Advisory Council will submit recommendations for potential consolidation of the renewable energy laws to the RECB at its March 2013 meeting.



Questions/Comments

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