

## **REWG LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS**

These are suggested areas that the REWG Subcommittees will be considering for 2009 legislative concept proposals.

### **1. Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC):**

- Expand to include 2- and 3-wheeled electric vehicles

### **2. Loan & Investment Programs: (pull in EEWG and Angus Duncan)**

- Develop a state-supported revolving loan fund for public and private renewable energy projects
- Short-term construction and take out loans
- Loan guarantee program

### **3. Bonding & Warranty:**

- State support for bonding, warranty, and insurance challenges to renewable energy projects

### **4. Production-based Payments:**

- Initiate a pilot production-based payment project (feed-in or advanced renewable tariff) in Oregon (**this is to be submitted for ODOE's LC 007**)

### **5. Economic Development:**

- Create an initiative which positions Oregon as a world leader in renewable energy
- Support Research Development & Demonstration (RD&D) and commercialization of renewable technologies (including energy storage technologies)

### **6. Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC): (combine with EEWG)**

- Allow credit to be taken in one year
- Allow pooling of credits among multiple users
- Increase pass through rate
- Include fuel cells as an eligible renewable energy technology (when renewable fuel can power fuel cell)

### **7. Net-Metering:**

- Increase net-metering limit to 2 MW for all Oregon utilities
- Increase net-metering limit to over 100% (**this is an EEWG idea**)

### **8. Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC):**

- Streamline siting process to make siting renewable energy projects more efficient
- Establish a realistic expedited review process for energy facilities; shorten total timeframe to less than 6 months
- Eliminate the contested case aspect for projects less than 200 MW
- Establish a set of guidelines that have to be met, not contested

### **9. Workforce Training/ Green Jobs**

- Establish a comprehensive initiative to develop a strong work force for clean tech industries
- Support increased budget for higher education programs; there is a shortage of workers at all levels & skill sets, particularly in rural areas

### **REWG BUCKET LIST**

(items for future discussions and work)

- a. Public Purpose Charge – Allow industry to redirect the renewable energy portion of the PPC to energy efficiency (*EEWG is submitting this as a legislative concept*)
- b. BETC – Expand the budget to enhance the existing program; increase staff to reduce processing time), give feedback to applicants on approximate timeline for certificates, increase program flexibility, etc.; support an increased budget for ODOE
- c. OECDD – Add capacity & programs to expand economic development potential; support an increased budget for OECDD
- d. Siting – support increased staffing for ODFW for the purposes of evaluating proposed energy facility projects
- e. Integration related to congestion management
- f. Renewable Energy Transmission Planning and Siting
  - Transmission on state lands
  - Planning, siting, permitting issues
  - Electric vehicle issues
- g. Interconnection
  - Watch to see how the PUC rulemaking turns out
- h. Electronic portal – Provide funding for a comprehensive tool for public renewable resource education, information for companies wanting to do energy projects in Oregon, technical assistance on project development and permitting, links to additional resources, maps, etc.
- i. Local/state/federal/tribal coordination – More efforts to promote coordination are needed; look at existing models for interagency cooperation and expand those to other areas; consider joint resolution encouraging federal land management agencies and state agencies (and EFSC) to work together siting & licensing facilities

### **PARKING LOT**

(REWG not working on at this time)

1. Biomass – Clarification on biomass credits for producers; the REWG did not have enough information to take a role in this issue; no biomass experts present.
2. Community Renewable Energy Feasibility (CREF) program – The program has been developed but needs to have use of funds authorized by legislature - The REWG supports this program. *UPDATE:* The E-Board reviewed CREF in late June 2008 and gave ODOE the limitation for using the funds. The program will kick off soon.
3. Electricity Service Suppliers – The definition needs to be clarified to enable net-metering of 3<sup>rd</sup> party-owned projects. The PUC has opened an investigation on this and the REWG will wait to see what happens; the PUC also has a draft legislative concept proposal, if needed.