Legislative & Regulatory Issues

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Outline of presentation

• Non-RPS Policies for Consideration:
  • Legislative
  • MPSC-Regulatory
  • Non-MPSC-Regulatory
Legislative Issues

• Statewide Renewable Energy Transmission Expansion Plan?
• Statewide wind siting guidelines?
• Property tax exemptions/reform for renewable energy property
• Funding/Financing/Incentives
  – Michigan Clean Energy Bond Initiative?
  – Support for in-State R&D, Manufacturing, etc.
MPSC-Regulatory Issues

• Utility “Retail Wheeling” Tariffs – for wholesale power sales by generators interconnected at distribution voltage. Need to know MISO Midwest Market, and how that might be employed by sellers. Can a tariff be designed for customers who wish to interconnect with their utility and sell excess energy into MISO Midwest Market? If yes, what are the tariff design issues?

• Tariffs for on-site generation (“self-service power”), including more liberal provisions for standby & backup rates, and to provide appropriate credits for capacity offsets.

• Tariffs to reflect the value of distributed generation
MPSC-Regulatory Issues (2)

• Interconnection Rules, Procedures, and the Dispute Resolution Process
• Policies to implement findings from analysis of Effective Load Carrying Capacity (ELCC) for variable output generation (wind & solar)
• Support infrastructure within each utility’s operating structure for non-utility issues
• Statewide Renewable Energy Transmission Expansion Plan?
Regulatory Issues (Non-MPSC)

• Statewide wind siting guidelines?

• Land-Conservation Reserves policies. Can land be put into a conservation trust, but still developed for wind, biomass, hydro?

• Environmental policies for specific technologies (air, surface water, solid waste, etc.)?
  – Waste management issues related to biomass energy facilities.

• Will FERC changes to PURPA affect Michigan renewable energy & small power producers?