

**STATE / FEDERAL RPS COLLABORATIVE  
WEBINAR #2:  
"THE FEDERAL ROLE IN RPS IMPLEMENTATION"  
JUNE 24, 2008, 1-3 PM EDT**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome, Webinar Overview, and Introductions**

*Mark Sinclair, Clean Energy States Alliance*

**2. Proposed Federal RPS Legislation**

**"Status and Prospects for Federal Legislation"**

*Alan Noguee, Union of Concerned Scientists – 15 minutes*

Alan Noguee is Energy Program Director for the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). UCS has been an advocate for efforts to pass Federal RPS legislation. Mr. Noguee will provide a historical perspective on the movement to create a Federal RPS, an overview of the RPS bill passed by the House last year and what its impact would have been on states if it had become law, and UCS's views of prospects for future passage of legislation and the path forward.

**Questions and Discussion – 10 minutes**

**"Ensuring a Federal RPS Supports State RPS Programs"**

*Ryan Wiser, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory – 15 minutes*

Ryan Wiser has, for many years, been tracking state RPS initiatives from his position with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and investigating the effectiveness of these programs. Mr. Wiser will provide observations and suggestions on how best to coordinate interactions between state RPS programs and a federal RPS, from the perspective of the states. Last year, Mr. Wiser helped the Clean Energy States Alliance to offer detailed comments on draft Federal RPS legislation, focusing on how the Federal RPS program design should build on the experiences and objectives of the states.

**Questions and Discussion – 10 minutes**

**3. State Views on Federal Roles in RPS – 50 minutes**

A panel of state regulators, policy experts, and administrators will offer perspectives on the following questions:

- If there is a Federal RPS, how can it be designed to coordinate most effectively with state RPS programs?
- What are the best ways for the Federal government to support state RPS programs, regardless of whether there is a Federal RPS?
  - **Chela O'Connor, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**
  - **Chris Mele, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions**
  - **Richard Mignogna, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies**
  - **Sam Watson, North Carolina Utilities Commission**
  - **Michael Winka, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

#### **4. Webinar Participants Discussion – 20 minutes**

Key Questions:

- How can the Federal government best support state RPS efforts?
- If a Federal RPS becomes a reality, what principles should govern its design to ensure state interests are met and state RPS programs are not compromised?

**We look forward to your participation on this call. If you have any difficulty joining the webinar or the audio portion of this call on Tuesday, please contact Meghan at 802-223-2554.**

The Webinar materials will be posted at <http://www.cleanenergystates.org/JointProjects/State-Federal-RPS.htm> after the session.

**Thank you!**