

BREEE News V26
Boulder Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Working Group
3/27/05

Quick Picks:

**BREEE Session During the Conference on World Affairs.
Noon - 1:30 PM. Boulder City Council Chambers. 4/7.**

Flyer to be emailed out to the BREEE Lists soon!

Council Chambers are at the corner of Broadway and Canyon.

Kudos to Robert Hall and Alison Burchell and others for making this happen!

TANSTAAFL Repealed For Boulder Businesses?

Last chance for 2005 energy efficiency rebates! PACE is awarding Xcel Energy rebates for commercial lighting retrofits, HVAC upgrades and other efficiency improvements. For lighting projects, results include:

- Rebates reduced project costs by an average of 70%
- Cumulative annual energy savings of \$120,000
- **Average payback of 1 year!!!**

Projects must be completed by June 1. Call Carolyn at 303-441-4191 or visit the energy pages at www.environmentalaffairs.com for more information.

(TANSTAAFL = There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch)

1/2 Price Workshops From SEI for BREEE Folk

Solar Energy International is offering 1/2 price scholarships to BREEE members for the following workshops: Women's Photovoltaic Design and Installation, July 11-22; Successful Solar Business, May 21-22; and Micro-Hydro Power August 1-5. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.solarenergy.org>

or call SEI at (970) 963-8855.

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From Boulder & Colorado:

CU Solar Decathlon Team Goes for Gold Again

<http://www.coloradodaily.com/articles/2005/03/22/news/news01.txt>

Submitted by Ken.

Xcel: The Amazing Shrinking 500 MW Wind Bid...

...is now 129 MWs.

I suppose it could have been worse. It could have been zero MWs. But Xcel's plans to add this 500 MWs of wind were at the center of their campaign against amendment 37. I'm disappointed but not surprised. -- Ken

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=23986>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

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Calendar:

CNN: Documentary on Global Warming 3/27, 4/2

"Melting Point: Tracking the Global Warming Threat," a new one-hour CNN documentary, will air on March 27 at 8 p.m., and on April 2 at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m EST (Please check your local listings to verify times).

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

CRES Monthly Meeting: Renewable Energy Resouces.

3/30. 5:30 PM. NREL Visitor's Center.

Dave Renne will present on renewable energy.

<http://cres-energy.org/calendar.html>

http://www.nrel.gov/visiting_nrel/campusmap.html.

Colorado Energy Science Center Energy Workshop & Fundraiser

Denver. 4/9. 9 AM – 3 PM

Keynote talk by Karl Meklenburg (Broncos).

http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/eye_windows.htm

BGBG: FAQs on IAQ (Indoor Air Quality). Boulder. 3/22

Boulder Green Builder's Guild. Eco-Products Showroom. 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.
Charge.

http://www.bgbg.org/event_registration042205.php

Denver's Energy Future & The Art of the Possible. 4/27

Roger Duncan of Austin Energy, Rick Gilliam, etc. Details to follow.

Submitted by John Rosapepe. john.rosapepe@SIERRACLUB.ORG

Sierra Club: Ponnequin Wind Farm Tour 5/7

All -day tour. Bus with bathroom. If you have never been up-close to a modern wind farm this tour is a must – Ken.

Submitted by John Rosapepe. john.rosapepe@SIERRACLUB.ORG

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From Elsewhere:

PV Market Study

Market potential. Rooftop potential. By state. Done before passage of A 37 so Colorado does not look as good as it probably would now. Assumes a breakthrough on price of installed PV.

At \$2 - \$2.50 per watt annual installs at 2900 MW (US).

Rooftop space is not a constraint.

Summary and full report (large 1.9 MB download).

<http://www.navigantconsulting.com/A559B1/navigantnew.nsf/vGNCNTDisplayByDocKey/PPC5D833FB161?OpenDocument>

[http://www.navigantconsulting.com/A559B1/navigantnew.nsf/vGNCNTByDocKey/PP33E7080A313/\\$FILE/NCI-ResourcePlanning-MultiClient-Prospectus-March-2005.pdf](http://www.navigantconsulting.com/A559B1/navigantnew.nsf/vGNCNTByDocKey/PP33E7080A313/$FILE/NCI-ResourcePlanning-MultiClient-Prospectus-March-2005.pdf)

Submitted by Ken.

New Mexico: Unanimous Passage of \$20 Million RE and EE Bond

From NCPV Hotline: "By unanimous vote, the New Mexico state legislature passed the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Bonding Act. The bill will allow the state to sell \$20 million in bonds to fund solar and energy efficiency retrofits for public buildings - for projects that pay for themselves through energy savings. "

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO233.htm>

Washington State Solar Feed-in and Manufacturing Laws

Two laws designed to incent solar installation and manufacturing in Washington State have passed nearly unanimously in the state Senate. Fifteen cent a kWh for 10 year feed-in, multipliers on feed-in for in-state manufacturing, and tax breaks for manufacturers.

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=23763>

Submitted by Ken.

California: Schwarzenegger: 33% RE by 2020 Proposed

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=23711>

Submitted by Ken.

60% of Power Companies Expect Mandatory GHG Rules in 10 Years

http://pepei.pennnet.com/Articles/Article_Display.cfm?Section=ARTCL&ARTICLE_ID=221894&VERSION_NUM=3&p=6

Submitted by Ken

Tight Natural Gas Supply Leads to Unprecedented Risk

“Uncertainty about LNG supply and price, compounded by the electric power industry's greatly increased reliance on natural gas, have created an unprecedented set of risky alternatives for power utility managers and regulators. ...while it has become clear that the gas industry cannot drill its way out of the current supply tightness... estimates that power sector needs will cause natural gas market demand to expand between 14 percent and 36 percent by 2020... an increased risk of higher costs, on-going uncertainty surrounding natural gas supply, a drive to bring new sources of gas supply to market and an opportunity for other power generation fuels and technologies - especially coal, renewables and even nuclear - to grow...”

http://pepei.pennnet.com/Articles/Article_Display.cfm?Section=ONART&Category=ENEWS&PUBLICATION_ID=6&ARTICLE_ID=222029&pc=ENL

Submitted by John Anderson.

Evangelicals Support Global Warming Fight?

“A core group of influential evangelical leaders has put its considerable political power behind a cause that has barely registered on the evangelical agenda, fighting global warming.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/03/10/national/10evangelical.html?ei=5070&en=cd56f65c21e6a377&ex=1112072400&th=&oref=login&pagewanted=print&position=>

Submitted by Ken.

New Jersey Gags on New Mercury Rules

“New Jersey will sue to overturn a new Bush administration policy they say sets a far-too-liberal deadline for power plants to cut toxic mercury emissions...”

<http://powermarketers.netcontentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5EZlrstuppYTIi6%3C%22bfek%5C!>

Submitted by Heather Rae.

Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Marketing Websites

<http://www.flexyourpower.org/>

<http://www.smartpower.org/>

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