Opportunities for Growth and Financial Incentives in Northeast/Mid-Atlantic

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Overview

- Legislative changes
- Maryland
- NY
- VT

Net Metering Law

- Maryland's net-metering law
  - - originally passed 1997
  - - expanded several times since
- Rules apply to all utilities
- Systems that generate electricity using solar, wind, biomass, fuel cell, closed-conduit hydroelectric, and micro-CHP resources are eligible

Net Metering Law

- Net metering is available statewide until the aggregate capacity of all net-metered systems reaches 1,500 MW. (approximately 10% of 2014 peak demand)
- System size is generally limited to 2 MW
- Net excess generation (NEG) is generally carried over as a kilowatt-hour credit for 12 months. Compensation for any NEG remaining in a customer's account after a 12-month period is paid to the customer at the commodity energy supply rate.

Net Metering Law

- Customers own all renewable-energy credits
- Meter aggregation is permitted for agriculture, as well as non-profit organizations and municipal governments or their affiliates.

Net Metering Law

- Utilities must install a meter capable of measuring the flow of electricity in both directions.
- Utilities must offer net metering through a tariff or contract at non-discriminatory rates.
- The net-metered customers pay a monthly customer charge.

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Maryland - AWTF

- Animal Waste Technology Fund
- Provides incentives ($) to companies that demonstrate new on-farm technologies for managing animal manure.
- These technologies generate energy from animal manure, reduce on-farm waste streams, and repurpose manure by creating marketable fertilizer and other products and by-products.

Maryland - AWTF

- Will fund one or more projects.
- Up to $3.5 million will be granted. Approximately $2 million will be directed to renewable energy.
- Who? Individuals, businesses and non-profits in good standing to do business in Maryland and State and local government entities.
- No research.

Maryland - AWTF

- Proposed projects must be located in Maryland.
- Third party monitoring
- Available for tours

Maryland - AWTF

- Has funded fluidized bed project, pyrolysis project, anaerobic digestion project, composting project
- Projects must have a nutrient management component
- Available for tours
- Funds provided by the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund and the Maryland Energy Administration.

Maryland - MEA

- Animal Waste to Energy Grant Program
- Open to businesses, government agencies, and non-profits in Maryland.
- Up to $6,000,000 dollars
- Two areas of interest: pilot or on-farm scale projects with capacities of less than 2MW. (40 percent cost-share required) and community or regional scale projects with capacities of greater than 2MW. (50 percent cost-share required)

Maryland - MEA

Project selection criteria (partial list)

- Capacity and efficiency of the project in producing electric energy;
- Quantity of animal waste and co-digestion material (food or other organic materials) that can be processed by project (project must include at least 51 percent animal waste).
- Effectiveness of project at reducing waste volume and addressing the remaining byproducts;
- The ability of the project to eliminate/reduce nutrients from the waste stream;
- Ability to beneficially use any by-products generated by project and potential market opportunities for such byproducts;
- Funds secured and/or already invested in the project (skin in the game);

Maryland - MEA

- Combined Heat and Power Grant Program
- $4 Million first come, first served program
- Target: commercial, industrial, institutional, and critical infrastructure facilities (including healthcare, wastewater treatment, and essential state and local government facilities), and to encourage the implementation of CHP technologies.
- Maximum per project cap = $500,000

New York - NYSERDA

- New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
- Develop a less polluting and more reliable and affordable energy system.
- Aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, accelerate economic growth, and reduce customer energy bills.

New York - NYSERDA

NYSERDA Funding Programs

- Advanced Clean Energy (ACE) Exploratory Research Funding
- Agriculture Energy Audit Program
- Air Source Heat Pump Program
- Charge Ready NY
- CHP Program

Vermont

- Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development Program, with 25-year contracts at fixed rates. The program was capped at 50 MW. It has morphed into a great information source, but no grants.
- The Clean Energy Development Fund that offered $250,000 grants has been depleted. Now mostly small grants for pellet and wood stoves.
- Central Vermont Public Service Corporation Cow Power project are also largely depleted. Cow Power allowed utility customers to purchase renewable energy for $0.04-kwh above retail to support farm projects. Remaining funding will largely be used for technical assistance.
- Funding from the state's Agricultural agency is also drying up.

Summary

EQIP REAP

AWTF MEA Waste to Energy, CHP

Waste Handling
AD
CHP
Electrical connection

Summary

Four Proposals

15-100 pages?

One stop shop?

QUESTIONS

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