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Accelerating New England's Clean Energy Economy

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NECEC News

March, 2013

New England continues to show what clean energy success looks like.

For the New England Clean Energy Council, the past few months have been very active. Our policy initiatives, communications efforts, innovation programs and economic development projects have all expanded, and our current and new member and sponsor companies are more active than ever in our programs.

Since September, we have significantly expanded our New England presence and initiatives with new State Coordinators on the ground in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. We've run over 10 successful events - including our

5th Annual Green Tie Gala

back in November. Over 500 key industry players and leaders came together at the Gala to celebrate our industry and the accomplishments of 2012.

The January launches of **the NECEC Institute**, our non-profit cluster and economic development sister organization, and **Clean zoNE**, an online network for connecting and accelerating early-stage innovations with New England-wide resources also marked significant milestones. The NECEC Institute is uniquely positioned to provide region-wide support for entrepreneurs throughout New England.

Our Policy & Government Affairs team has been active in all six New England states, advocating on behalf of our industry and influencing clean energy policy. NECEC's new policy panel series launched in late November, and we have already held Clean Energy Day events in the state capitals of Maine and Connecticut in 2013. Clean Energy Days in Massachusetts and Rhode Island will be held in the coming weeks.

NECEC has continued to communicate the success stories and policy needs of the regional clean energy industry, with over 44 news stories, editorials and op-eds influenced and placed since last October. Follow **NECEC's Blog** for daily updates.

And we accomplished all of this while growing our membership by more



Curt Spalding, Administrator for EPA's New England Region, keynotes NECEC Member Mixer

New Members:

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BRASH Engines, Inc.
Clean Economy
Development, LLC
Element Markets
eNow, Inc.
FireFlower Alternative
Energy, LLC
Fraunhofer CSE
Global Renewable Solutions,
Inc.
Green Search Partner
GT Advanced Technologies
Handy Law, LLC
Heartwood Group Inc.
Independence Solar
Innovative Engineering
Solutions, Inc.
Intelligent Illuminations, Inc.
Longwood Energy
Lucent Wastewater Solutions
Munro Distributing Company,
LLC
NEO Energy, LLC
New England Geothermal
Professional Association
(NEGPA)
New England Hydropower
Company
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Council (NEIBC)
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NPTRE, LLC
Renew Energy Partners, LLC
ReVision Energy
Seacoast Energy Alternatives
SolarFlair Energy, Inc.
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Northeast, Inc.
Underground Energy, LLC
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than thirty companies and welcoming a new Silver Sponsor.

Read on to find out more about these and other NECEC initiatives. And let us know how you want to be more connected to help make our programs and your companies more successful.

Regards,



Peter Rothstein, President

Introducing Our State Coordinators

NECEC State Coordinators actively engage NECEC member companies and state policymakers, promoting and growing the clean energy industry within each state.

Connecticut - Mary Phil Guinan

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Mary Phil joined NECEC in December 2012. She is President of Guinan Associates, and is focused on helping NECEC advance policy and grow the clean energy economy in Connecticut. Mary Phil is based in Hartford, CT.



New Hampshire - Kate Epsen

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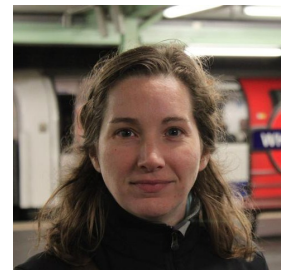
Kate recently worked as an analyst for the NH Public Utilities Commission, where she managed the residential solar thermal rebate program, the commercial and industrial solar rebate program, and the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard. Based in Salisbury, New Hampshire, Kate joined NECEC

in February of 2013.

Rhode Island - Charity Pennock

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Charity joined NECEC in October of 2012 and has spent much of her career focused on the intersection of economic development and clean technology. She is based in Providence, Rhode Island.



Policy & Government Affairs Update

As the 2013 legislative sessions have commenced, NECEC has been extremely active throughout the region, advocating and testifying at hearings in support of clean energy policies, and promoting industry growth.

State by State

Connecticut



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Advanced Energy a \$1.1
Trillion Global Market

Blog Highlights

Solar Industry Magazine
Highlights NECEC CT RPS
Position

Globe: Rothstein Quoted on
Slow but Steadier Industry
Growth

BBJ Cites NECEC
Institute's Cleantech
Innovations New England
Program

NH Union Leader: "Time to
Revise NH's Clean Energy
Plan"

Richard Lester's Globe Op-
Ed: "Look to the States"

Member Spotlight

In this edition, we're
highlighting:

1366 Technologies

Are you part of the early-
stage cleantech innovation
economy?

NECEC's inaugural **Connecticut Clean Energy Day** was held on January 24th at the Connecticut State Capitol. NECEC Sponsor Brown Rudnick LLP hosted a luncheon for participants.

NECEC submitted **comments to the draft Comprehensive Energy Strategy** in December. The Strategy was released last fall by Governor Malloy's office and the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP).

On March 19th, NECEC testified at hearings for two bills, **An Act Concerning Energy Efficiency Programs** (providing funding for oil heat efficiency programs) and **An Act Concerning Connecticut's Clean Energy Goals** (providing for long-term contracting and modifying Class I RPS eligibility).

Maine

The first **Maine Clean Energy Day** was held on March 21st. NECEC co-sponsored a legislative forum with E2Tech and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce in the morning, held meetings with legislators in the afternoon and hosted a reception sponsored by NECEC Sponsor Conservation Services Group.

Massachusetts

In March, NECEC submitted comments to the Department of Environmental Protection and **wrote a letter published in the Boston Globe** in support of demonstration of advanced waste to energy technologies.

NECEC is currently serving on the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities' Grid Modernization Steering Committee to provide expertise on best practices for the adoption of grid modernization technologies and practices.

Our 2nd Annual **Massachusetts Clean Energy Day** will be held on May 9th. NECEC members interested in an exciting opportunity to showcase at the State House should **contact Scott Szycher** for more information.

New Hampshire

NECEC **testified at a hearing** to defend the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in February, and **sent a letter thanking Governor Hassan** for her leadership in supporting RGGI. On March 20th, the House approved the RGGI cap reduction, and the bill now crosses over to the Senate side for consideration.

We applaud the NH Senate for defeating a wind moratorium bill, SB 99, on March 28th. This will allow progress in this critical sector in NH, allowing wind energy companies to grow, create jobs and help meet NH's RPS requirements.

Rhode Island

In February 2013, NECEC **submitted comments on the Distributed Generation Long Term Contracts Program**, and testified to the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on March 26th. NECEC gave the same testimony to the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee on March 27th.

Our first **Rhode Island Clean Energy Day** will be held on April 25th.

Vermont

On February 26th, the Vermont Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee defeated a three-year moratorium on wind project developments with a production capacity greater than 500 kilowatts. This decision marks an important step in ensuring that Vermont will continue to advance its growing clean energy economy.

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)



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The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative has been updated and advanced. On February 7th, the Governors of each New England state agreed to **update RGGI and lower the emissions cap** for all participating states to 91 million tons. Legislative approval for this change is required for only New Hampshire and Maine. NECEC is working actively in both states towards approval of the RGGI emissions cap reduction.

Federal Policy - December DC Fly-In

In December 2012, NECEC, several of its regional counterparts - including other regional partners of the Advanced Energy Economy (AEE) network - and over twenty executives convened in Washington DC to advocate for clean energy issues in the lame-duck session and during the next Congress. **Read more about the December Fly-In.**

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NECEC Institute Update

Innovation

CleanzoNE In



January, the NECEC Institute announced the launch of **CleanzoNE**, a new social networking community that helps early-stage cleantech innovators locate and leverage resources throughout New England. CleanzoNE is part of the Institute's **Cleantech Innovations New England** program.

Cleantech Innovations New England Competitive Awards

In December 2012, with the support and collaboration of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cleantech Innovations New England **announced a needs driven competition** to grant service awards of up to \$130,000 to supplement the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) \$1M InnovateMass demonstration challenge. These supplemental awards will support companies delivering technologies that offer long-term, resilient, and commercially viable solutions to address nutrient pollution caused by insufficient wastewater treatment in coastal areas.

On March 5th, a **training, pitch session and technology showcase event** was held for award applicants to this program and alumni from previous MassCEC, Cleantech Open Northeast and Cleantech Innovations New England awards competitions. **Click to read about previous Cleantech Innovations New England award competitions.**

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Cluster Research & Economic Development

Segment Development Programs

Offshore Wind

The Offshore Wind Task Force has completed its recommendations to address barriers to financing and contracting of next-generation offshore projects. The report will be available in April 2013.

Corporate Sustainability

A partnership with the Boston Green Ribbon Commission has been developed to connect the corporate sustainability market with emerging energy innovations continues to develop.

Smart Grid

NECEC has convened a smart grid working group to organize the perspectives of NECEC members in collaboration with regulators and other grid participants.

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Education & Workforce Development

Rhode Island Energy Efficiency Workforce Study

Under contract to National Grid, the NECEC Institute is conducting a study of the number and types of jobs supported by energy efficiency incentives in Rhode Island in 2012. The final report will be released in early April.

Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development Transformation Agenda (MCCWDTA)

The MCCWDTA has contracted with the NECEC Institute to provide technical assistance and employer engagement help to community colleges with emerging programs aimed at energy efficiency, solar energy, integrated facilities management, HVAC, sustainability management and energy management. Track this project at www.mccwdta.org.

Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Internship Program

The NECEC Institute is proud to be MassCEC's partner in offering this outstanding program - the largest of its kind in the US. The program provides paid internships for college students at clean energy businesses in the Commonwealth, and now offers year-round opportunities. Visit ma.cleanenergyeducation.org for more information.

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