

The Renewable Energy Resources Committee

Environment, Energy and Resources Section

American Bar Association

FORMATION AND GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE The Renewable Energy Resources Committee was recently formed in recognition of the accelerating prospects for renewable energy as they will be affected by both State and Federal initiatives. State governments are initiating a series of measures specifically designed to put renewables projects on the ground, while the Energy Bill continues to be discussed in Congress. The Renewable Energy Resources Committee will provide insights into the key legal developments which will vitalize the renewable energy/distributed generation field. The Committee seeks to be both a window on developments and to provide opportunities to foster new initiatives.

RENEWABLE ENERGY MONTHLY SEMINARS: The Committee has launched a series of multi-site seminars/teleconferences which will provide a forum for examining and disseminating information about legal policies and practical implementation issues which affect the expansion of markets for renewable energy and distributed generation. These programs address issues of national scope as well as promote an examination and cross-fertilization of the different regional approaches being used to facilitate the development of these markets. Included in the programming are subjects as diverse as economic, tax and other incentives, portfolio standards, market trading programs, regulatory constraints, financial structuring, carbon cap programs, the impacts of siting, air quality and other environmental issues, and the interface of domestic and international incentive and trading programs. It is the committee's goal to encourage linkages and the exchange of information among the many organizations, governmental representatives and businesses concerned with the emerging market for renewable energy and distributed generation.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT A key objective of the Committee is to provide technical legal and policy assistance to public and private efforts to facilitate the future operation of renewable energy resource markets. In order to foster this objective the Committee is organizing a mechanism for matching the professional capabilities/interests of Committee members and others with organizations which are undertaking this goal. If you are interested in becoming involved in working with the Committee and participating in the work being done in this area, please read the following pages which outline the project and fill out and mail in the requisite forms.

OTHER PROGRAM OFFERINGS The committee will be pursuing its goal of disseminating information about renewable energy and distributed generation through many other avenues. The committee has created a comprehensive listing of renewable energy links which can assist you in locating incentives, identifying government policies and programs, learning more about specific technologies, and understanding the links between renewable energy and environmental benefits. Plans include an ambitious program for publication of articles, presentations at many different forums and the expansion of the website to become a central reference point for materials on renewable energy and distributed generation.

We invite you to join us and help us expand our reach and capabilities. Please log on at <http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/renewableenergy/home.html>

TO: Members And Friends of ABA Renewable Energy Resources Committee

FROM: Roger Feldman, Chair

RE: A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABA RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES COMMITTEE PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

As interest in the Renewable Energy Resources Committee and audience participation in its monthly programs has grown, one question has arisen again and again from both lawyers and non-lawyers: “How will I get further involved in the renewable energy resources field through participation in the Committee?”

In response to this question, and to accommodate the large number of lawyers and non-lawyers expressing interest, the Committee is launching the prototype Public Service Program described below. If you are interested, instructions for participation are attached.

DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

A key objective of the Committee is to provide technical legal and policy assistance to public and private efforts to facilitate the future operation of renewable energy resource markets, one way to do so is by matching the professional capabilities/interests of Committee members with organizations which are undertaking this goal.

The Committee is initiating this effort with two organizations, with the hope that others will be added overtime.

- **Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA)**, the non-profit association of state clean energy funds (See www.cleanenergystates.org); and,
- **American Council for Renewable Energy (ACORE)**, leading not-for-profit organization to promote the development of renewable energy resources. (See www.acore.org)

Each of the organizations is providing the Committee an agenda of issues, which would benefit from Committee member inputs. Examples of topics on which assistance may be sought include public bond financing; renewable energy credits (RECs); siting of renewable energy facilities; feasibility of EU investment in U.S. renewables; education of fiduciaries as to renewables. Other specific issues and requests for technical assistance will be identified over time. Meetings, publications and other activities with these organizations may be developed, all with the joint approval of the respective Chairs of the Committee and CESA or ACORE, as the case may be, subject all times certain strict clear guidelines.

PROGRAM POLICIES

Activities by Committee members in the Public Service Program will not represent activities or pronouncements by the ABA, nor have any ABA imprimatur as to accuracy. Commitments for

timing and adequacy of responses will be made exclusively by participating Committee members, not the ABA, to participating organizations. Organizations receiving Program participant written inputs or presentations may acknowledge specific sources -- but shall not attribute them to the ABA. Participating members will be solely responsible for following all applicable rules regarding legal ethics and public contracts in accepting assignments. The ABA will take no responsibilities in that regard.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATIONS

This program is open only to lawyers and non-lawyers who are Committee members. Respondents will be referred to CESA and ACORE, on the basis of information provided on the form attached.

To join the Program, - and to join the Committee, if you have not already done so, - please follow the instruction on the attached form.

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For information on ACORE:

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ABA RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Re: Public Service Program Enrollment

I. BASIC DATA

1. NAME: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Lawyer: _____
Non-Lawyer: _____

2. ABA Section/Committee Member: Y or N

(a) If Y, complete II. below and submit this form.

(b) If N, see Item III. PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT and submit copies of applicable forms to the ABA

3. If Non-lawyer, complete and submit form in Item III.B

II. AREAS OF INTEREST/BACKGROUND

For future reference purposes only. Check no more than three under each heading:

(A) Resources

Solar	_____
Biomass	_____
Wind	_____
Energy Conservation	_____
Distributed Energy/CHP/DG	_____
Geothermal	_____
Tidal	_____
Hydro	_____
Ethanol/Biodiesel	_____
Other (Please Specify)	_____

(B) Subjects

RPS	_____
RECs	_____
Clean Energy State Incentive Programs	_____
Tax Programs	_____
Siting/Environment	_____
Climate Change	_____
Utility Regulatory Issues	_____

Finance/Bonds _____
Other (Please Specify) _____

III. PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM - MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

A. LAWYER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To participate in this program:

A lawyer must first be an ABA member and a Section member before he or she can become a member of any of its Committees. As a Section on Environment, Energy Resource (“SEER”) member, you are entitled to join the Renewable Energy Resources Committee. If you are not a Section or a Committee member and wish to become one, click www.abanet.org/members/join/currentmembers.html to join. The Committee membership roster is updated by Section members submitting committee preference forms to the ABA. The forms can be found at <http://www.abanet.org/enviro/committees/signup.html>. Once the ABA receives your form, you will be immediately added to the Committee roster and to the Committee list serve.

B. NON-LAWYER PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To participate in the program, please submit with this form:

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Nature of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

SEND THIS FORM WITH ATTACHMENTS TO:

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Thank you for your interest in this Public Service Program.

ROGER D. FELDMAN, CHAIR, ABA Committee on Renewable Energy Resources