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Subject: Re: Participate in Panel Discussion on March 6, 2012?

David,

Thanks for the invite. I would be interested, but I will be at the CFEE conference that day. I will be at PG&E today for a meeting with Meredith at 4. Maybe we could chat after that meeting about who from the PUC might be a good fit for the panel.

[Redacted] wrote:

Hi Scott, hope you are doing well and you are getting some sleep these days. I too have a new baby (10 weeks old) and am just starting to get adjusted to the new lifestyle.

PG&E is looking for a regulatory representative to participate in a panel discussion on DG/Zero Net Energy, and its implications on the electric grid, at an event on March 6 in Berkeley from 8:30 to 12:30 (see event details below). You were the first person that came to mind as a possible fit based on your heavy involvement with the DG Community and also your thoughts on the current tiered rate structure.

For about the first hour, Rocky Mountain Institute will describe the findings of their Industry research around "what happens to the grid" under high penetration rates for DG and Zero Net Energy (ZNE). There are no detailed conclusions, other than to say that the current situation of rates and incentives is not sustainable under high rates of ZNE/DG.

The second part of the program is a panel discussion--that's where we're looking to include a regulatory perspective, along with someone from the solar industry, builder, and customer perspectives. We will have some structured Q&A and can get you the questions beforehand.

Is this something that you would be of interest to you? If so, we would love to have you participate. If not, would you have another suggestion for us to try that might be a good fit? We are trying to get this spot booked soon, so please let me know whether you would like to participate as soon as possible.

Feel free to call me to discuss.

Best,

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ZNE Buildings, Distributed Generation, and the Electricity System:
New Types of Relationships
Presented by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Zero Net Energy Pilot Program
March 6, 2012
David Brower Center - 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

Please join Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for a presentation and panel discussion about zero net energy (ZNE) buildings, distributed generation, and the electricity grid. The California Public Utilities Commission's 2008 California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan calls for all new residential construction to be ZNE by 2020 and all new commercial construction to be ZNE by 2030. As policy and codes continue to guide California's building industry to greater levels of energy efficiency, we can expect to see increasing numbers of zero net energy buildings connected to the grid.

In the first part of this event, RMI will highlight alternative ways to achieve ZNE goals and the implications of these alternative solutions for the electricity system. What are the implications of ZNE buildings' "imports" and "exports" of power to the electricity grid? What are the physical, structural, and policy implications of different ZNE approaches? In the second part, RMI will lead a panel of experts, including building owners, architects, technology providers, and policymakers to explore regulatory, utility and industry perspectives on these issues, followed by a structured audience Q&A

Event Agenda

Note: Panelists will be added as they are finalized.

8:30 am Registration opens
Coffee and networking
9:00 am Welcome
9:10 am Introduction
9:20 am Overview of ZNE Buildings, Distributed Generation, and the Electricity System
(Presenters: Virginia Lacy, RMI, and Victor Olgay, RMI)
10:15 am Coffee break
10:45 am Panel Session
(Moderator: James Newcomb, RMI)
Structured Q&A with audience questions
12:30 pm Adjourn

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