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Renewable Energy Focus

EPA cross-state emissions rule delayed by appeals court

Bloomberg - Dec 30

The EPA must delay implementing rules on interstate air pollution, a federal court ruled. A three-judge panel granted a request by electric power producers and other challengers to delay the deadline for plants in 27 states to begin reducing emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide while the court considers the rule's legality. More than three dozen lawsuits in the Washington court seek to derail the EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which was issued in July and revised in October. The lawsuits claim the rule puts an undue financial burden on power producers and threatens electricity reliability by forcing companies to shut some older plants.

BLM seeks input on bidding process for renewable energy development on public lands

Bureau of Land Management - Jan 4

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has published in the Federal Register an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to give the public background information about the BLM's interest in establishing an efficient, competitive process for issuing right-of-way leases for wind energy and solar power development on U.S. public lands. The BLM intends to evaluate ways to establish competitive bidding procedures for lands within designated wind and solar energy development leasing areas, define qualifications for potential bidders and structure the financial arrangements necessary for the process.

Wind manufacturers join trade war against China

SustainableBusiness.com - Jan 3

A group of wind manufacturers, the Wind Tower Trade Coalition, has asked the U.S. Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission (ITC) to investigate and implement tariffs on Chinese and Vietnamese manufacturers they believe are "dumping" wind towers into the U.S. market below cost. The ITC says it will determine if U.S. wind manufacturers are hurt by these practices in February, and the Commerce should make a determination within six months.

DSIRE names California RPS, RAM among top renewable energy policies in 2011

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The Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE) has named two California policies among the most important U.S. renewable energy policies in 2011: the state's legislation to enshrine in law its 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), and the implementation of its Renewable Auction Mechanism (RAM) competitive solicitation program. In DSIRE's "**Top 10 (+1) notable policy developments of 2011**" the organization also included Rhode Island's feed-in tariff and an increase in the solar carve-out in the District of Columbia's RPS, as well as noting the expiration of the Section 1603 Treasury Grant Program.

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Southern California Public Power Authority Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy Projects

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Renewables providing 12% of domestic energy

Clean Edge - Jan 5

According to the most recent issue of the "**Monthly Energy Review**" by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, with data through Sep. 30, renewable energy sources continue to expand while outpacing the growth rates of fossil fuels and nuclear power. For the first nine months of 2011, renewable energy sources provided 11.95% of domestic U.S. energy production. That compares to 10.85% for the same period in 2010 and 10.33% in 2009. Conventional hydropower provided 4.35% of domestic energy production, followed by biomass (3.15%), biofuels (2.57%), wind (1.45%), geothermal (0.29%) and solar (0.15%).

Feds propose allowing California wind-farm developer to kill golden eagles in Oregon

MSNBC - Jan 4

The federal government is proposing to grant a first-of-its-kind permit that would allow the developer of a central Oregon wind-power project to legally kill golden eagles, a regulatory move being closely watched by conservationists. The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service released a **draft environmental assessment** that would allow California-based West Butte Wind Power to kill as many as three protected golden eagles over five years if the company fulfills its conservation commitments. West Butte Wind Power is proposing to build a 104MW wind energy generation facility on ranchland in Oregon's Deschutes and Crook counties, consisting of up to 52 wind turbines.

Solar Millennium sale process starts as company seeks investors

Bloomberg - Jan 5

Solar Millennium's insolvency administrator is seeking to sell parts or all of the German developer of sun-powered plants. The company filed for insolvency on Dec. 21, citing slow progress in selling its 2.25GW U.S. project pipeline and failure to reach an agreement to bring in investors for its Ibersol project in Spain. Volker Boehm of Schulze & Braun said that it is seeking buyers for Solar Millennium's 60 or so project units and stakes, including Oakland, California-based Solar Trust of America, which is planning the world's biggest solar plant, a 1GW facility in Blythe, California.

HyperSolar abandons photovoltaics with hope of surviving the solar slump

AOL Energy - Dec 30

California-based solar PV company, HyperSolar, announced it will abandon solar panels altogether and will focus instead on making solar powered nanoparticles that can float in wastewater to clean it and at the same time produce methane gas. The product, which is still in its testing phase, could be optimally used near an existing thermal power plant. Nearby waste water could be combined with carbon dioxide emitted by the plant to produce fresh gas that can be channeled towards the plant's turbines to create more electricity.

Notable Renewable Energy Project and Deals

Sunvalley Solar awarded 176kW contract in California

PR Newswire / Sunvalley Solar - Jan 4

Sunvalley Solar signed a 176kW commercial solar installation contract with XL Biofuels in Thermal, California. The solar power system is expected to generate 286,996 kWh of electricity annually. The total contracted value is over \$760,000 and is supported by solar incentive rebates. The installation of the project will begin in mid-2012.

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Sunvalley Solar awarded 88kW solar installation contract in California

SunPower completes installation of four solar power systems at water facilities in California

SunPower - Jan 2

SunPower completed four high-efficiency solar power systems, totaling 3.8MW, at public water agencies and water treatment facilities in California. The systems will reduce electricity costs at each site, relieving strained public budgets. Two of the

systems serve Rancho California Water District in Riverside County. The other two include one for Castaic Lake Water Agency's Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant in Santa Clarita, and one for the City of Galt's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Centinela solar project receives approval in California

Solar Industry - Dec 27

LS Power has received approval from the El Centro, Calif. board of supervisors for a conditional-use permit to build the \$600 million, 175MW Centinela solar project. The 175MW initial project is scheduled for construction in the second quarter of 2012. An additional 100MW may be added later.

Sempra Mesquite Solar 1 project begins power delivery to PG&E

Recharge - Jan 3

A unit of Sempra Energy has connected an initial 42MW of solar panels at its Mesquite Solar 1 project in Arizona and has begun delivery of power to California utility PG&E under a 20-year contract. Construction of the 150MW PV installation began in June 2011. Sempra Generation anticipates that the project will be completed in early 2013.

LDK Solar gets \$64M in China funding for projects in California, N.J.

Bloomberg - Jan 5

China's LDK Solar got \$64 million in construction financing facilities from the country's state-owned China Development Bank for projects in New Jersey and California. California-based SPI Solar, which is 70%-owned by LDK, got \$44 million from the bank for projects in New Jersey it is building for developer KDC Solar. LDK also got \$20 million in financing for two projects that SPI will develop and build in California.

California's GlobalWatt cancels \$177M Saginaw solar plant

Canadian Business / AP - Jan 1

California-based solar power company GlobalWatt is canceling plans to build a \$177 million solar panel factory in Michigan, the CEO said. Sanjeev Chitre said the Saginaw project is now on hold because of a struggling economy and overseas markets. The plan called for assembling crystalline silicon solar panels at the plant. State and local officials approved millions of dollars in incentives, but the aid was not distributed.

Stellar Solar installs over 4MW of solar power in California in 2011

SolarServer - Jan 4

Stellar Solar installed 4MW worth of solar power in 2011. The company added several high-profile commercial solar projects, including the Salk Institute, US Foods, Vandenberg Air Force Base, San Diego Cardiac Center, Seaside Market, Encinitas Foreign & Domestic and Casa Mira View Apartments, to its portfolio in 2011. Also, the company attained Premier Dealer status with SunPower.

SunWater Solar installs two solar thermal systems on low-income housing in San Francisco

SolarServer - Dec 31

SunWater Solar has commissioned two solar thermal systems at affordable housing buildings in San Francisco, California. The two systems have a combined collector area of 161 square meters and capacity of 120 kWh. The two installations earned a total of \$85,900 in California Solar Initiative-Thermal rebates.

