

Support for Clean Energy Letter to the Governor

Request to be a signatory

Questions	Answers
1) how does it relate to the CCMP	<p>Addendum to the Delaware Inland Bays Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan September 28, 2012</p> <p>Planning for Climate Change, p. 37 Action F. Include climate change and sea level rise information in public outreach and education efforts.</p> <p><i>PM F. Number of individuals informed about climate change and sea level rise.</i></p>
2) why is it necessary	
3) what would it accomplish and how	
4) how would it affect the major watershed stakeholders and what do the stakeholders think about it	
5) how would it be implemented	
6) why is this the best option among other options.	

Excerpt from CAC Operating Rules:

II. RESPONSIBILITIES and PROCEDURES

- A. The CAC shall carefully consider matters of citizen concern brought to its attention that have been deemed relevant to the CCMP by the Executive Director. Such matters will be reviewed at a scheduled CAC meeting.
- B. After thorough fact gathering and deliberation, a recommendation or resolution will be formulated by the CAC Chair or the Chair's designee based on the majority of the membership.
- C. The recommendation or resolution will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board for review and recommended Board action.
- D. If the Executive Director deems an issue not to be relevant to the implementation of the CCMP, the CAC Chair may request the Executive Director to advise concerned stakeholders of appropriate agencies where their concerns may be addressed.

- e. If an issue is one that requires scientific review and/or study, the CAC Chair will request the Executive Director to submit the issue to the Scientific and Technical Committee (STAC) of the CIB for input and recommendation.

Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)

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September 28, 2012

Planning for Climate Change, p. 37

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The Honorable John Carney,
Governor,
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The Honorable Shawn Garvin,
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The Honorable Senator McDowell,
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The Honorable Representative Q. Johnson,
Chair, House Energy Committee
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Our kids are counting on you! We feel sure you agree with us that our climate is changing, affecting people in Delaware and around the world, as it causes sea-level rise and increased flooding, heatwaves, droughts, and powerful storms. The outlook for the future is grim. We in Delaware must join those in the private sector and other state and local governments who are adopting strong climate and energy policies and taking aggressive action.

Consistent with Delaware's history of support for clean energy¹, we ask that you draft, promote, introduce and support legislation or executive action, before Earth Day 2020, that will:

Improve our Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS):

1. We thank the Governor for his State of the State message, seeking 40% renewable electricity by 2035, and the work of several other actors to promote a similar worthy goal, moving past our current goal of 25% by 2025². We ask that you consider a supplement to this goal by doing as our neighboring states and other countries have done, which is to strive to achieve 100% carbon neutral electrical generation as soon as possible thereafter. Our neighbors in Maryland, New Jersey, Washington DC³, Maine, Colorado, and many other states have taken this step and Delaware must be next.
2. Reform the cost cap mechanism to put the authority to interpret and calculate the cost cap under DNREC, rather than the Public Service Commission. Without cost cap reform, the current RPS, let alone an improved RPS, could be held up in litigation and unable to perform as it should to expand renewables.
3. Modify or eliminate the language favoring fuel cells. It was a mistake from the beginning to call natural gas fuel cells "renewable energy." This industry has

¹ <http://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail?LegislationId=37137> Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 passed in the House and Senate overwhelmingly in January 2019 calling for improvements in the RPS.

² 26 Del.Code Section 352(6) Definition of eligible energy sources.

³ May 2019, Maryland passed into law the Clean Energy Jobs Act which requires 50% of its electricity to come from renewable energy by 2030 and to evaluate steps to reaching 100% clean energy by 2040.

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/maryland-50-rps-bill-doubles-offshore-wind-target-expands-solar-carve-out/552421/>

New Jersey has one of the most ambitious Renewable Portfolio Standards in the country by requiring 35% of the energy sold in the state come from qualifying energy sources by 2025 and 50% by 2030. <https://www.nj.gov/dep/aqes/oepa-clean-energy.html>

Washington D.C. in December 2018 approved a 100% renewable portfolio standard (RPS) by 2032. <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/dc-eases-path-for-renewable-generators-as-it-pursues-100-goal/548259>

already taken advantage of ratepayers through their contract with the state and no longer needs the additional benefit of a 300% multiplier.

Revise the DE Community Solar Law to adopt a clear mandate for promoting solar, as Maryland has done. Maryland has several competing businesses that have constructed solar farms, one on top of an old landfill, that serve and benefit ratepayers, with special consideration for low-income ratepayers. Our existing community solar law has been frustrating. Renters and those whose homes are shaded by trees or are otherwise unable to install solar power on their own homes need a community solar option.

Revisit the DE Solar Access Law to allow all those in Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and condominiums to enjoy full protection from unreasonable anti-solar covenants, not just those whose agreements were signed after 2010. Everyone should have the solar bill of rights apply to them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. It is vital that we all move forward together. Please feel free to send any follow-up information requests to the Sierra Club Delaware Chapter's Outreach Coordinator, Dustyn Thompson at Dustyn.Thompson@SierraClub.org.

CC: All Delaware State Legislators



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