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Action Alert | March 28, 2012

Dear Clean Coalition Friends,

In the midst of another busy month, the Clean Coalition would like to share brief updates on the following topics:

- [Vermont on track to expand statewide CLEAN Program](#)
- [Free Featured Event at NASA](#)
- [Support for 2012 California Legislative Agenda](#)

Thank you for supporting the Clean Coalition, and the organization's pursuit of making clean local energy accessible now.

Sincerely,
Craig Lewis

Vermont on track to expand statewide CLEAN Program

In Vermont, the Clean Energy Bill (H. 468) has passed the House and is on its way to the Senate. As written, H. 468 would significantly expand the state's Standard Offer program for renewable energy from 50 megawatts (MW) to 150 MW by adding 10 MW annually to the program, beginning April 2013. The Standard Offer program, which guarantees long-term, fixed-price contracts to renewable energy generators, has proven to be one of Vermont's best tools to promote the rapid development of cost-effective renewable energy projects.

The Clean Coalition fully supports H. 468 as a strong step towards accelerating the transition to clean local energy. To offer support for this bill, please contact Ben Walsh at bwalsh@vpirg.org.

Free Featured Event at NASA

The Clean Coalition, in partnership with the Bay Area alumni clubs of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management and Carnegie Mellon University, is pleased to announce "Big Data Management for Energy and Smart Grid: Creating the Real-Time Utility Enterprise" on April 5 from 5 to 9 pm at the NASA auditorium located in Mountain View, California.

This event will focus on rapid changes and opportunities in the global energy data market, as key business leaders, regulators, and advocates detail needed intelligent grid technology solutions. For additional event details, including information on how to register for this free event, please visit bigdatasmartgrid.eventbrite.com.

Support for 2012 California Legislative Agenda

The Clean Coalition requests letters of support from organizations and businesses for its 2012 Legislative Agenda. The agenda contains a key set of bills to move California towards a smart energy future based on clean local energy generation connected to a modernized distribution grid (D-Grid).

- [CLEAN Fixes \(SB 1332 – Negrete McLeod\)](#): Fixing small but significant issues that have delayed the launching of well-designed, SB 32-mandated Clean Local Energy Accessible Now (CLEAN) Programs at the larger publicly-owned utilities. Success will open the market for hundreds of MW of new clean local energy starting in early 2013.

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In the News

[CPUC offers proposed modifications to California feed-in tariff | Solar Server | March 23, 2012](#)

Ted Ko, Associate Executive Director of the Clean Coalition, offers analysis on the latest proposed changes to SB 32.

See the Clean Coalition [website](#) for additional news.

Upcoming Events

[April 12, 2012 | California Energy Commission Renewable Energy Workshop | Sacramento, CA](#)

Craig Lewis, Executive Director of the Clean Coalition, will speak on a panel at a California Energy Commission workshop on Thursday, April 12.

See the Clean Coalition [website](#) for additional upcoming events.

Recent Regulatory Filings

[CAISO | Generator interconnection procedure | March 23, 2012](#)

This filing represents the Clean Coalition's comments which focus on increased queue transparency and the importance of fixing Fast Track and ISP.

See the Clean Coalition [website](#) for additional regulatory filings.

About the Clean Coalition

The Clean Coalition is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to implement policies and programs that

- [DG Transparency \(AB 2590 - Blumenfeld\)](#): Opening up the D-Grid black box to show ratepayers where utilities can be more cost-effective in bringing distributed generation (DG) online. Success will shine a light on how utilities connect new clean local energy projects, saving money for ratepayers through streamlined processes and more efficient energy markets.
- [D-Grid Cost Savings \(AB 2341 - Williams\)](#): Ensuring that utilities appropriately invest ratepayer money into the D-Grid. Success will "future-proof" the D-Grid by investing now to prepare the grid to accommodate DG and other distributed resources, such as energy storage and electric vehicles.
- [Sharing D-Grid Upgrades \(AB 2340 - Williams\)](#): Creating a fair system for sharing D-Grid upgrade investments between ratepayers and DG developers. Success will streamline the deployment of clean local energy and save ratepayers money.

If your organization or business is interested in submitting a letter of support or would like more information about the bills, please contact Info@Clean-Coalition.org for details.

transition the world to cost-effective clean energy now while delivering unparalleled economic benefits. The Clean Coalition believes that the right policies will result in a timely transition to clean energy while yielding tremendous economic benefits, including new job creation, increased tax revenue, and the establishment of an economic foundation that will drive growth for decades. The Clean Coalition is active at the national, state, and local levels.

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