Hello FIT Coalition Community,

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Also, the FIT Coalition was pleased to provide the LA Times with background information for this recent [important piece on Feed-In Tariffs (FITs)](http://www.latimes.com) in California.

As always, thank you for supporting the FIT Coalition as we strive for the right policies for renewable energy now.

Sincerely,

Craig Lewis
Executive Director, FIT Coalition

P.S. Have questions about our updates and want more details?  Send us an email at Info@FITCoalition.com.

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**Tribute to Hermann Scheer, Global Hero and True Leader of Smart Energy Policy Innovations**

Global hero for his long-time leadership in energy policy innovations that scale cost-effective renewable energy, German Parliamentarian Hermann Scheer passed away unexpectedly on October 14. He was a passionate environmentalist that believed that the world must break its addition to fossil fuels. As a member of the Social Democratic party in the German parliament since 1980, Scheer pushed for and succeeded in getting many strong environmental policies enacted in Germany. He is probably best known for being a fierce advocate of renewable energy, solar energy in particular, and for successfully introducing the German FIT, which has become the gold standard of renewable energy policy around the world. Time Magazine named him “Hero for the Green Century” in 2002. [The Guardian](http://www.theguardian.com) has an eloquent obituary to Herman Scheer paying tribute to his many accomplishments. American Council of Renewable Energy Executive Director and FIT Coalition Advisor Michael Eckhart has the honor of giving a statement at the official German government memorial service for Scheer on Monday, November 1. The world is greatly indebted to Hermann Scheer, and the FIT Coalition shares its sincerest respects to the Scheer family and all others who understand the significance of this man and the favorable impact he has left on the world. Hermann Scheer will be deeply missed.

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**FERC Clarification Ruling clears path for state-level FITs**

On October 21, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order on Feed-In Tariff (FIT) pricing that clears the path for state-level Feed-In Tariffs. The order validates...
Federal Update: Letter of Support for States Rights FIT Bill in US Senate

As we reported in our last update, in early October, US Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced a bill that would remove federal preemption issues around states authority to enact FITs. The bill has 6 original co-sponsors, including Senators Tom Harkin of Iowa, Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, his fellow Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, Bill Nelson of Florida, and Jeff Merkley of Oregon. The "Let the States Innovate on Sustainable Energy Act of 2010," seeks to clarify that states have the right to pursue Feed-In Tariff programs for clean, renewable energy. The FIT Coalition is currently circulating a letter of support for this legislation to targeted business and organizational leaders for their signatures. You can download our letter here. If you are a business or organizational leader and would like to sign the letter, please email Action@FITCoalition.com with your complete contact information (name, title, company/organization, city, state, zip, email, phone). We are interested in entities across the country.

Despite the favorable FERC ruling last week, the States Rights FIT Bill is still required for several reasons: many states have avoided costs that are too low to allow their renewable energy resource quality to currently produce sufficient pricing, not all states use RECs, and some IOUs may still try to litigate FIT pricing regardless of the FERC ruling. Additionally, the States Rights FIT bill provides significant awareness building on Capitol Hill to help accelerate the timeline for a national FIT.

Protecting Small Generators and Ratepayers in California: SCE WDAT filing

On October 18, Southern California Edison (SCE) held its first meeting to reform its Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff process. This reform stems from the current proposal by the California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO) to eliminate the Small Generator Interconnection Procedure (SGIP). Although this attempted reform was expected given that Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), such as SCE, are keen to eliminate the SGIP and to align their WDATs accordingly, the FIT Coalition was one of the few non-IOU parties who learned of and participated in the SCE meeting.

As the voice for the Wholesale Distributed Generation (WDG) market segment in these proceedings, the FIT Coalition understands that the developer community is frequently blindsided by the decisions at the IOUs and at the state regulatory bodies. We can assure you that the FIT Coalition is representing the voice of WDG at those proceedings and in our filings in a determined and effective fashion. And we are proud that our work helps ratepayers since all energy consumers will benefit by the quick scale up of cost-effective clean energy on the distribution grid.

At this particular meeting, turnout was dominated by SCE and CAISO; at least half of the 60 participants were from one of those two organizations. Hence the FIT Coalition’s participation was critical in protecting the interests of WDG. While SCE will make every effort to eliminate the benefits of SGIP in its WD AT, the FIT Coalition will fight to preserve and improve provisions that level the playing field for WDG. You can download our public comments with SCE here. We will provide another update after SCE posts its first proposed tariff language in late November. If you would like to know more about the FIT Coalition’s efforts to protect and defend small clean energy developers and all ratepayers at IOU and regulatory hearings, please contact Info@FITCoalition.com and a FIT Coalition team member will be in touch.
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