

# CESA Additional Members

In addition to the clean energy funds featured in this report, three other funds: District Department of the Environment, Energy Administration; New Hampshire PUC—Sustainable Energy Division; and Sacramento Municipal Utility District, were either becoming members or unrepresented by a full briefing report at the time of publication. Brief descriptions of these important programs are presented below.

## District Department of the Environment, Energy Administration

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The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) helps residents, businesses, and visitors save money on their energy bills and reduce their impact on the environment as a result. DDOE's Energy Administration supports all residential, commercial, governmental, institutional, and transportation energy users and provides financial assistance to low-income customers. The DDOE Energy Administration also teaches residents, students, and businesses how to make energy-efficient decisions.

Green Energy DC, a service of DDOE, was authorized by the Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008 (CAEA). The Act requires the Mayor, through DDOE, to contract with a private entity to conduct sustainable energy programs on behalf of the District of Columbia. The CAEA authorizes the creation of a Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) and designates the SEU to be the one-stop resource for energy efficiency and renewable energy services for DC residents and businesses. The SEU will serve under a performance-based contract with DDOE, with input and recommendations from the SEU Advisory Board, and oversight from the Council of the District of Columbia. The CAEA also established the Renewable Energy Incentive program, which provides rebates for the installation of new renewable energy generating systems in DC to increase the use and awareness of renewable energy generation technologies by residents, businesses, and institutions.

## New Hampshire PUC—Sustainable Energy Division

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The Sustainable Energy Division was created in 2008 to assist the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission in implementing specific state legislative initiatives focused on promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency and to advance the goals of energy sustainability, affordability, and security.

These activities include the Renewable Energy Fund and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund, which support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and initiatives in New Hampshire.

The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) receives funding under the New Hampshire's RPS program, from alternative compliance payments made by utilities and competitive energy suppliers. Funding of \$4.5 million was received for the first year of the REF, along with supplemental American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding from the Office of Energy and Planning. These funds are used to award rebates for small wind, solar electric, solar hot water, and wood pellet heating systems. The Sustainable Energy Division is also in the process of establishing a commercial and industrial renewable energy rebate program.

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund (GHGERF) has received \$24 million to date from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auctions and has awarded approximately \$20 million for programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and conservation programs.

## Sacramento Municipal Utility District

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The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is a publicly owned electric utility governed by a seven-member Board of Directors. Serving 592,000 customers and a total population of about 1.1 million, SMUD is the sixth-largest public utility in the country.

SMUD has been providing public power to the Sacramento region since 1946. The SMUD Board's vision is to empower its customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve its region. SMUD's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs are recognized nationally for their leadership and innovation.

In 2008, SMUD added to its solar portfolio in launching SolarShares. By offering monthly, flat-fee subscriptions to portions of a 1-MW, locally sited solar "farm," customers no longer need to have a suitable site or own a home. Through the SolarShares program, 690 additional customers are participating in California's efforts to promote solar and one additional megawatt of solar power has been installed locally.

In January 2010, SMUD began implementation of one of the first utility Feed-in-Tariffs (FITs) in the country, and the only successful FIT that is based on the value of the electricity to the utility, rather than the underlying costs of the generating technologies. On the day that the FIT opened, SMUD received enough applications (all solar PV) to fill up the entire 100 MW of available capacity.