Green Power Primer

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• Help you continually improve energy performance
• Opportunity to share ideas with others
• Slides are a starting point for discussion
• Open & interactive
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Today’s Web Conference

Energy Management

Demand Side

Make Commitment
Assess Performance & Set Goals
Create Action Plan
Evaluate Progress
Recognize Achievements
Re-Assess

Supply Side

Procurement

Organizational Energy Management

On site generation
Speakers:

• Blaine Collison – U.S. EPA Green Power Partnership

• Peter Solomon - Safeway
Green Power Partnership: Opportunities for ENERGY STAR Partners

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Overview

- Why Businesses Buy Green Power
- Green Power Basics (How, Where, and $)
- Green Power Options
- Buying Green Power
- How EPA Can Help
- Joining the Green Power Partnership
Why Green Power? Reason Businesses Buy

- **Strong Value Proposition**
  - Enhance image or branding
  - Variety of marketing opportunities
  - Influence stock market performance

- **Corporate Responsibility**
  - Meet organizational environmental or social objectives
  - Strengthen stakeholder relationships
  - Join ranks of companies implementing sustainable activities

- **Easy Way to Improve Environment**
  - Single easiest way to reduce environmental impact associated with electricity consumption
  - Supporting new industry focus on climate change
Why Green Power?
Marketing Benefits

- **Creates new value by enhancing organizational brand**
  - Meets any corporate responsibility or environmental objectives (or helps define those objectives)
  - Creates new opportunities to solidify corporate image
  - Strengthens key stakeholder relationships

- **Still opportunities to be “biggest” or “first” purchase in a sector**

- **Little effort goes a long way**
  - Simple press-releases and Web site announcements can have a big impact
  - Earned Media
  - Marketing value can exceed energy or environmental value
  - Compelling cost to benefit ratio

- **Audiences**
  - Consumers or clients
  - Stakeholders
  - Investors
  - Employees
Green Power Options

- Green power is an “environmentally-differentiated” electricity product from:
  - solar
  - wind
  - geothermal
  - biomass
  - biogas
  - small hydro
Buying Green Power
Product Options

1. Green Power Electricity Products
   ✓ Buy electricity from utility green pricing programs or green power retail marketers that is all or partially generated from renewable sources

2. Renewable Energy Certificates (REC)*
   ✓ Buy only the “attributes” associated with the electricity generated (1 REC = 1MWh)

3. On Site Generation
   ✓ Install renewable energy system on site, e.g. Solar panels

* = We understand that RECs are your primary interest, but wanted to provide information on all options.
Buying Green Power
REC Benefits

- **Availability**
  - ✓ Even if local power provider has no green power options

- **Flexibility**
  - ✓ Type of renewable resources
  - ✓ Volumes purchased
  - ✓ Location of resource
  - ✓ Leased space
  - ✓ Simplicity for companies with locations across multiple states
  - ✓ Can be purchased to “green” events - conferences

- **Blend Resources**
  - ✓ Wind/ Landfill Gas/ Solar/ Geothermal
  - ✓ Local/ National

- **Avoidance of physical supply issues**
  - ✓ Does not impact contract with current provider

- **Attribute ownership**
  - ✓ Buyers should specify ownership of attributes in contract
## Buying Green Power
### Sample REC Prices

Sample Range of Voluntary Market REC Wholesale Prices for **NEW** Sources (by Type and Region in $/MWh)

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You can find real-time REC wholesale prices online through Evolution Markets (a REC Broker):

[www.evomarkets.com](http://www.evomarkets.com)


Note: The Texas (ERCOT) market is not represented in this chart.
Steps to Buying Green Power

From the Guide to Buying Green Power available at:
http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/buygreenpower/guide.htm
Buying Green Power
How Much Do You Need to Buy?

- Choose organizational entity that will benefit from green power purchase (all facilities, those in a single state, headquarters, etc.)
- Identify total annual electricity consumption of the facilities selected & determine minimum green power purchase.

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Buying Green Power
The Green Power Partnership

- **Voluntary program like ENERGY STAR**
- **Goal of Partnership**
  - Increase demand for green power products & expand overall market
  - Lower air pollution and greenhouse gases associated with electricity consumption
- **Over 590 Green Power Partners since July 2001**
  - Partners commit to purchase green power
  - EPA provides procurement and communications assistance
- **Annual Partners’ Commitments over 2 billion kWh**
  - Includes most significant non-residential buyers
  - More than 70% of commitments are for new renewables
  - If generated by wind power alone, estimate 750 MW required to serve Partners
How EPA Can Help

Overview

● **Credible Benchmarks**
  ✓ Metric for “How much green power is enough?”
  ✓ Metric for “How much green power is outstanding?”
  ✓ List of eligible renewable resources

● **Market Information**
  ✓ *Guide to Buying Green Power*
  ✓ List of green power vendors
  ✓ Environmental impact information
  ✓ Other resources online (www.epa.gov/greenpower)

● **Recognition**
  ✓ Use of EPA Green Power Partner mark
  ✓ Press and communications support
  ✓ Green Power Leadership Awards eligibility
How EPA Can Help Meet Management Goals

- **Investor initiatives are focusing on climate change risk:**
  - UN Investor Summit on Climate Risk (+$1 trillion in assets).
  - Carbon Disclosure Project (89 investors, +$9 trillion assets).
  - CalPERS and CalSTRS 4-point plans (+$250 billion in assets).

- **Environmental performance influences stock performance**
  - Environmental performance is an excellent proxy for management quality.
  - Management quality is a leading determinate of stock market performance.
  - Corporations increasingly publishing sustainability reports:

- **Buying Green Power addresses both = exemplary environmental performance and climate change risk management**
How to Join the Partnership
Easy, Objective, Voluntary

**Sign Letter of Intent (available on web site)**
- Purchase green power within a year of joining program
- Purchase must meet or exceed facility(ies) benchmark level
- Products: green power, renewable energy certificates (RECs), onsite generation
  - Certified green power products are not currently required
- Content: eligible renewable resources
  - “Eligible” as currently defined by Green-e & EPA
- 50% of minimum green power purchase must be “new” renewable resources

**Provide Annual Update**
- Electricity usage, percentage of “new” renewables, provider, and resource type
The Bottom Line
Build Demand for Green Power

Green power has significant benefits:

- **Environmental Leadership**
  - ✓ Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions
  - ✓ Strengthened Stakeholder Relationships

- **Institutions who buy green power get public support**

- **Partnering with EPA makes switching to green power easier and more rewarding for large energy end-users**

- **For more information, call Blaine Collison 202-343-9139.**
Safeway and Green Power

- Safeway Overview
- Safeway’s Green Power Program
- Business Case for Green Power
- How RECs work
SAFEWAY OVERVIEW

• One of the largest food retailers in the US
• $36 billion in sales
• 1,800 stores, mostly in West, Southwest and Western Canada
• 33 manufacturing and processing plants
• 17 large distribution centers
• Over 300 fuel stations in North America
• Familiar brands: Safeway, Vons, Carr’s Dominicks, Randalls, Tom Thumb
Why Green Power?

• Right Thing to Do
• Competitive Challenge
  – Extremely competitive, low-margin business
• Opportunity for Differentiation
  – RECs are cost competitive with other differentiation strategies
• Adds Brand Luster
  – Helps define who we are, develops our identity
• Positive Publicity expected in media and news articles
• Alignment with Stakeholder Values
• Contributing to Shareholder Value
Who’s Driving Change?

In a recent survey, “80% of CEO’s said that climate change was a potential risk, but only 40% were doing something about it”

—Business Week- August 2004

“In our judgment, climate change represents the single largest environmental threat this century”

-Sir John Bond, HSBC Bank

- Corporate Green Power Purchasing:
  Starbucks, HSBC, Johnson & Johnson, Kinkos, Philips, HP, Agilent, Roche, Lockheed Martin, and others

August 2004
Opportunity: Alignment with Stakeholder Values

- **Community**
  - Committed communities where we live and work

- **Employees**
  - People like idea of a working for a green company

- **Customers**
  - Marketing to consumers - can tie into Ingredients for Life campaign
  - Safeway seeking to enhance the shopping experience - feed customers needs and passions
  - Reaching customers through ads and organically
  - People like idea of shopping at a green store

- **Investors/Corporate**
  - Well-supported in organization
  - Contributing to shareholder value
The Consumer Stated Preference

In a nationally representative poll of 1,000 adults 70% said they are more likely to buy a product from a company known to implement environmentally friendly practices in its operations.

More Likely to Buy

70%

Would Not/Indifferent

30%

Source: American Demographics "Eco Friend or Foe" (October, 2003)
Representative poll of 1,000 adults, fielded online during August 2003
Opportunity: Alignment with Employee Values

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A recent study of more than 800 MBA’s found more than 97% of respondents said they’d forfeit financial benefits to work for an organization with a better reputation for CSR and ethics

“(Stanford Graduate School of Business, 2005)

“Our employees actually applauded”
- Lyn Halliday, Director of Guest Operations and Environmental Affairs, Steamboat Ski and Resort

“The choice of (spending more on) wind power was presented to the entire New Belgium Brewing Company staff and, although its additional cost would diminish the size of their bonuses (which are paid out on costs per barrel), the 70-person vote was unanimously in favor.”
- Press Release, New Belgium Brewery
Opportunity: Contributing to Shareholder Value

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• Buying Green Power displays exemplary environmental performance and addresses climate change risk management
Opportunity: Add Brand Luster

What is Brand Luster?

– Brand Luster describes not just the product, but the company associated with the product.
– This includes the linkages consumers make with brand quality, attitude, innovation, and corporate responsibility.

"Corporate reputation is a more important measure of success than stock market performance, profitability and return on investment."

World Economic Forum survey of world’s leading CEO’s and organization leaders
Opportunity: Earned Media (Starbucks)

Starbucks Takes Action to Address Climate Change
Source: GreenBiz.com

SEATTLE, April 15, 2005 - Starbucks Coffee Company has committed to purchasing enough clean, renewable wind energy to match 5% of the energy needed to power its company-operated retail stores in North America using renewable energy certificates.

"Starbucks is mindful of the long-term implications that climate change has on the environment," said Sandra Taylor, Starbucks senior vice president of corporate social responsibility. "Because the energy used at our retail stores makes up nearly 20 percent of our total greenhouse gas emissions, this is a natural starting point for us. By supporting renewable energy sources we believe we are taking a step in the right direction and encourage other businesses to do the same."

Starbucks voluntarily conducted an inventory of its greenhouse gas emissions in 2004 in an effort to understand and evaluate its contribution to climate change. As a result, the Company has committed to setting an emissions reduction target in 2005. Additionally, Starbucks has joined with other organizations to...
What Solutions Exist?

How can companies reduce emissions from electricity usage?

**Supply Options**

**Utility Green Power Programs**
- Enrollment in green power programs offered by local utilities

**Renewable Energy Certificates**
- Purchase of environmental benefits of renewable energy

**Onsite Options**

**Minimize Consumption**
- Manufacturing & supply chain improvements
- Energy efficiency upgrades in lighting & cooling

**Onsite Renewable Generation**
- Installation of solar PV systems
The Need for RECs: Where Does the Green Power Go?

“Green Tag”

The Grid

Green Energy

Brown Energy

Your Business

Your Neighbor
What’s a Renewable Energy Certificate?

A Renewable Energy Certificate provides a tangible, verifiable statement that the actual megawatt hours you consume have been offset by an equivalent amount of renewable power. It also provides an offset of hundreds of pounds of carbon per MWh.

Why RECs are good for Safeway:

- RECs are flexible
- Not tied to geography – all fuel station locations in a single contract
- Lower cost than utility green power offerings
- No shipping or transfer costs
- Can apply to any business unit - customizable
Lessons Learned & Recommendations

- Tie to internal, core business focus
- Safeway is food company, not energy company
- Major rollout of Ingredients for Life campaign
- Use a RECs retailer
  - Helps educate yourself and management
  - Retailer absorbs risk
  - Provides national portfolio of sources
  - Can provide marketing support
  - Simplifies green power transaction
Questions?

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Questions & Comments
Upcoming Web Conferences

August 17 – About The ENERGY STAR Awards

September 21 – Climate Risk, Carbon Trading And Energy Management

October 26 – Partner Networking Meeting Washington DC

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