



CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES WEBINAR SERIES
STRATEGIES TO LAUNCH A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

AGENDA

Welcome Pat Courtney Strong, Courtney Strong Inc.

10:30 – 10:55 a.m.
What is Community Solar? Becky Meier, Community Advocates for Sustainable Energy

10:55 – 11:10 a.m.
Central Hudson’s Hosting Capacity Maps Stephanie Genessee, Central Hudson & Electric, Poughkeepsie, NY

11:10 - 11:25 a.m.
Helderberg Community Energy Amy L. Pokorny, Helderberg Community Energy LLC, Town of Knox, NY

11:25 – 11:40 a.m.
C & I Development Process Rob Garrity, Borrego Solar, Hudson, NY

11:40 – 11:45 a.m. Question & Answer Period

11:45 a.m. Adjourn



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Panelist Bios



Becky Meier is the co-founder of Community Advocates for Sustainable Energy, which works mostly in Rensselaer and Albany counties. CASE has sponsored many free presentations to the public about renewable energy and put on two Renewable Energy Fairs (which is expected to be an annual event). She recently had a geothermal heating and cooling system installed at her home and is in the process of buying panels at a Community Solar Farm. Professionally she has been an elementary school teacher and currently works with immigrants.



Stephanie Genesee is an Associate Engineer in the Electric Distribution Planning group at Central Hudson. Shortly after graduation, she began her career at Central Hudson as a Junior System Operator in the Dispatch Operations group. In this department, she oversaw and directed field personnel during outage and emergency conditions for the gas & electric system. Stephanie was later promoted to the Electric Distribution Planning group and became responsible for analyzing, tracking, and reporting system reliability trends as well as developing long-range system capital plans to solve thermal and/or aging infrastructure concerns. In addition to these responsibilities, Stephanie currently supervises the Distributed Generation Interconnection Engineering Group and provides technical support for larger renewable generators looking to operate in parallel with Central Hudson's system. She graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and earned her M.S. in Engineering Management from Clarkson University.



Amy Lauterbach Pokorny is one of the founding members of Helderberg Community Energy, LLC (HCE), which is a group of citizen advocates for renewable energy. It was established in 2008 following a study funded by NYSERDA to consider the potential for a commercially viable, community developed wind energy project in rural Albany County. Four years worth of data was collected on local wind characteristics and bird and



bat traffic. After meeting with some resistance to large scale wind turbines, the group's focus turned to community solar.

For HCE, community solar has come to mean that residential customers can purchase solar panels on a large remote array or they can buy their electricity at discounted rates from that array, rather than having rooftop or back yard solar panels installed on their properties.

Amy has also served on the Knox Town Board and on the Town of Knox Zoning Board of Appeals. She was appointed Climate Smart Communities Coordinator and led the town's effort to secure a Clean Energy Communities grant for \$130,000 to improve municipal energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Their high impact action items were adopting Benchmarking of municipal energy use, converting their streetlights to LEDs, supporting Solarize efforts, adopting the Unified Solar Permit and completing training for their Energy Code Enforcement Officer.



Rob Garrity is a project developer for Borrego Solar operating from the company's regional offices in New York. Rob currently heads all business and project development efforts for the New York Project Development Team. His primary focus is to support Borrego Solar's continued success in the commercial, municipal, public and utility sectors of New York and New Jersey. His team is looking to develop projects between .2-2MW in the NY-Sun program throughout the NY RPS and PSEG LI regions. Prior to joining Borrego Solar, Rob was the CEO of his own company, Finlo Solar Powers LLC, an end-to-end solar consulting and EPC firm, and has worked in solar since 2001. Rob is a NABCEP Certified solar installer and he is also an approved installer by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. He is currently on the board of the New York Solar Energy Industries Association (NYSEIA) and he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Sociology from Cornell University.

