



Connecticut Department of
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Mr. Paul R. Michaud
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Mr. Michaud:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 2011 expressing concern regarding the speed with which this Department is implementing Section 127 of Public Act 11-80.

The Department respectfully denies your request for a six week extension. The opportunity for private developers to compile project proposals has been publicized since the passage of Public Act 11-80 in June 2011, and we expect that many developers have project proposals underway. As we explained in the December 9th announcement, the two-week procurement process is designed to allow Connecticut businesses to realize the maximum potential benefit from existing federal tax subsidies. Our approach is consistent with Governor Malloy's goal to make Connecticut government faster, more responsive, and more efficient. The increased speed will not, however, compromise the quality, fairness or openness of the review process. We are bringing staff from the Office of Consumer Counsel, the Clean Energy Finance Investment Authority and the Department's Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy together for an intensive and comprehensive review of the proposals.

For all these reasons, we anticipate a strong field of candidate proposals. However, in the event that the number or quality of proposals does not meet our competitive standards to achieve cheaper and cleaner energy, we reserve the right to award less than ten megawatts of capacity, or none at all. And, in the event the proposals submitted this week do meet our expectations such that ten megawatts of capacity are awarded, we look forward to working with you and the Legislature to expand the available supply in the future.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me. I look forward to having our evaluation team review proposals on December 16th, and to announcing the results from this first round on December 23rd.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. E. Schrag". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan E. Schrag
Deputy Commissioner for Energy
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection