

MECA public comments regarding “Readying Michigan to Make Good Energy Decisions – Renewable Energy” report.

The Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA) appreciates the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s efforts in developing the detailed draft report summarizing the public comments regarding Michigan’s Renewable Energy Policy. MECA agrees with the joint response from DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, and MEGA; however MECA submits two supplemental comments that are not a part of the joint response.

First, question 23 appears to have been overlooked in the draft report. *(How have eligible “renewable” / “clean” / “sustainable” energy resources been defined in other jurisdiction? How has the possibility of new forms of energy been accommodated, if at all?).*

MECA believes the question warrants mention in the final report. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory report, “*Assessment of National Benefits from Retrofitting Existing Single-Family Homes with Ground Source Heat Pumps Systems*”, (provided with MECA’s initial response) provides sufficient data for counting the measurable renewable energy captured from ground source heat pumps towards Michigan’s Renewable Energy Standard moving forward.

Second, MECA believes that the in-state requirement for eligible renewable energy generation should be removed. Removing this requirement would increase availability, reliability, and improve the affordability of renewable energy generation.