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The weekly newsletter from the *associate*
Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group



This newsletter is produced by PRASEG for distribution to members once a week. PRASEG seeks to provide readers with news and parliamentary information related to renewable and sustainable energy issues.

PRASEG is a cross-party parliamentary group with 126 parliamentary and 250 industry members. If you would like to become a member, please contact Rose Dickinson, the PRASEG Coordinator, at info@praseg.org.uk. For further information on the group, visit the PRASEG website at www.praseg.org.uk.

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PRASEG Welcome Reception for new MPs

Sponsored by British Gas



Date: 6th July 2010

Time: 18.30 - 21:00

Location: One Great George
Street



PRASEG's industry members and Parliamentarians have been invited to attend this welcome reception for new MPs. During the evening we hope to hear from the new Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, who has been invited to give a keynote speech.

Places are limited so please RSVP as soon as possible to Rose Dickinson, PRASEG Coordinator, at info@praseg.org.uk if you would like to attend, stating your name and organisation.

Welcome Pack for new MPs:

A welcome pack, which will be distributed to all MPs, has been generously sponsored by Eaga. This pack is entitled: *A guide to renewable and sustainable energy policy in the UK.*



2. RECENT NEWS ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

News:

Cameron Boosts Nuclear Power Incentives With Fees for Carbon Emissions - Tues, 22nd June 2010
U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron, in an effort to boost the use of nuclear power, plans to penalize polluters with a fee tied to carbon-dioxide emissions, [Bloomberg](#)

Spain's Solar Manufacturing Plants Operated at 25% of Capacity Last Year - Tues, 22nd June 2010
Spanish factories making panels operated at 25 percent of capacity last year as domestic demand for solar generators evaporated, the Photovoltaic Industry Association said, [Bloomberg](#)

Iberdrola expanding Scottish operations - Tues, 22nd June 2010
IBERDROLA is expanding its Scottish operations after the Spanish infrastructure giant took work on its high-voltage electricity network in-house, [Scotsman](#)

Figures Show Wind Energy Supply is to Increase by 13 Percent - Tues, 22nd June 2010



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The available supply of renewable energy that is generated by wind is currently expected to increase by some 13 percent by the end of 2010 according to brand new figures. Right now the European Wind Energy Association has predicted that the total installed capacity of wind energy in the European Union will reach almost 85GW by the end of the year, [Electric UK](#)

Cheap gas deals end as wholesale prices rise - Tues, 22nd June 2010

Gas bills could rise this winter, experts said, after prices on the wholesale energy market shot up by 45 per cent over the last 10 weeks, [Telegraph](#)

Royal opening for Doosan emissions reduction facility - Tues, 22nd June 2010

HRH The Princess Royal has officially opened energy engineer Doosan Babcock's emissions reduction test facility near Glasgow - which is set to be a key component of the "world's largest" carbon capture research facility, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Power plant plan for dockside site - Tues, 22nd June 2010

A new power plant could be built at a docks that would help dispose of 160,000 tonnes of wood and waste every year, [Kent News](#)

Go ahead for Welsh power plant - Mon, 21st June 2010

Waste management company Viridor has been given the green light to build a £203m combined heat and power plant on an industrial site in Cardiff, [Builder and Engineer](#)

Russia cuts off gas supply to Belarus over unpaid bill - Mon, 21st June 2010

Russia reduced natural gas supplies to Belarus on Monday after Minsk failed to settle arrears, brandishing again the country's energy clout and raising the spectre of supply disruption to Europe, [Telegraph](#)

British landscapes under threat from new wave of pylons - Mon, 21st June 2010

Britain's most beautiful landscapes are under threat from a new wave of high-voltage pylons to be announced by the National Grid, conservationists warned yesterday, [Telegraph](#)

EU sees solar power imported from Sahara in five years - Mon, 21st June 2010

Europe will import its first solar-generated electricity from North Africa within the next five years, European Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger said in an interview on Sunday, [EurActiv](#)

10:10 campaigners push to keep summer time all year round - Mon, 21st June 2010

Parliament today hears evidence from Cambridge academic Dr Elizabeth Garnsey that not putting clocks back will save carbon emissions and lives, [Guardian](#)

Minister For NI Announces Renewable Energy Action Plan - Mon, 21st June 2010

Minister Michelle Gildernew MP MLA has today announced details of the DARD Renewable Energy Action Plan, including a £3million Biomass Processing Challenge Fund during a visit to AFBI Hillsborough, [eGov](#)

UK execs voice fears over energy crunch - Mon, 21st June 2010

Over 80 per cent of business leaders expect a sharp increase in energy bills over the next few years, [BusinessGreen](#)

Wind turbines with blades bigger than the London Eye could be the future of green energy - Mon, 21st June 2010

Monster wind turbines with blade spans that dwarf the London Eye could be the shape of future green power, it has been revealed, [Daily Mail](#)

This is no place for wind turbines, say defenders of conservation area - Mon, 21st June 2010



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Campaign groups have called for Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park to be made "no-go" areas for wind turbines ahead of a key meeting this week, [Scotsman](#)

Giant wind turbines could be future of green power - Mon, 21st June 2010

Monster wind turbines with blade spans that dwarf the London Eye could be the shape of future green power, it was revealed yesterday, [Scotsman](#)

German Clean-Power Boom 'Breaks' System, Ex-Lobbyist Tells Handelsblatt - Mon, 21st June 2010

Germany's support for renewable energy is "breaking" the nation's ability to pay for power and threatens the competitiveness of electricity producers, [Handelsblatt](#) cited a former industry group leader as saying, [Bloomberg](#)

Wind farm owners get fee to switch off turbines in heavy winds - Mon, 21st June 2010

Owners of wind farms will be paid to switch off their turbines and stop generating electricity if it gets too windy, [Daily Mail](#)

Wind farm plan 'will blight area' - Mon, 21st June 2010

A group opposing the development of a new wind farm in the Borders has accused the Scottish Government of "destroying" the country's natural heritage to achieve its green energy commitments, [Herald Scotland](#)

Canada moves to deliver world's first CCS standard - Mon, 21st June 2010

Planned standard to provide guidelines on how to store carbon emissions underground, [BusinessGreen](#)

The 'hippy' wind farm tycoon receiving millions in subsidies - Sun, 20th June 2010

With a fortune estimated at close to £100 million, Dale Vince, a former hippy who once lived in a truck, is probably Britain's most successful eco-tycoon, [Telegraph](#)

Tide turns against docks plan to branch out into wood power - Sun, 20th June 2010

Controversial £1.7 billion proposals by Forth Ports and Scottish & Southern Energy to build four woodchip-burning power plants may be in danger of being rejected after several Scottish Government ministers appeared to speak out against them, [Herald Scotland](#)

Tonnes of radioactive waste casts doubt over London's Olympic stadium legacy - Sun, 20th June 2010

• Presence of waste on site could complicate redevelopment after 2012 Games, [Guardian](#)

Peter Loscher believes green technology is key to Siemens' future - Sun, 20th June 2010

As thousands of gallons of oil wash up on the shores of Louisiana this weekend, one man might be forgiven for thinking it's not all as bad as it seems, [Telegraph](#)

Anger grows across the world at the real price of 'frontier oil' - Sun, 20th June 2010

Far from the Gulf of Mexico, campaigners are accusing energy companies of destroying land and livelihoods in the search for increasingly scarce resources, [Guardian](#)

Firms paid to shut down wind farms when the wind is blowing - Sat, 19th June 2010

Britain's biggest wind farm companies are to be paid not to produce electricity when the wind is blowing, [Telegraph](#)

EfW "could produce 8% of Scotland's energy demand" - Fri, 18th June 2010

The first report to quantify Scotland's potential to produce energy from waste has found that electricity produced from waste has the potential to meet 8% of the country's existing energy demand, [NewEnergyFocus](#)



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UK utilities: need to unlock the potential of heat - Fri, 18th June 2010

Utilities currently face the challenges of reducing emissions and increasing energy efficiency, while also delivering shareholder value. Faced with these hurdles, GDF SUEZ Energy Services has realized the importance of diversifying its strategy to stay competitive, and has acquired Utilicom Group to grow its presence in the heating supply sector, i Stock Analyst

Solar Heat and Power Systems On the Horizon - Thurs, 17th June 2010

For the last few years, much of the innovation around solar technology has been aimed at generating more electricity from sunlight. But a new crop of entrepreneurs is working to use the sun more efficiently by using its heat, as well as its light, for individual business, factories and, perhaps one day, even homes, Renewable Energy World

Worth a go - Thurs, 17th June 2010

Designing the tax is not uncomplicated, but it is a promising way forward, Economist

Local Power: Tapping Distributed Energy in 21st-Century Cities - Tues, 15th June 2010

Local energy sources coupled with widespread, inexpensive gadgetry will soon enable cities to become smarter, more sustainable and more self-reliant, Scientific American

4. EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

National Energy Foundation courses

[Wood Fuel Heating & CHP](#), November 8th, Milton Keynes

For further information, click [here](#).

Upcoming RenewableUK events

Event: [RenewableUK 2010](#)

Date: Tuesday 2nd November - Thursday 4th November 2010

Location: Glasgow

Description: Over 4,000 people will attend RenewableUK's 32nd annual conference and exhibition, to be held over 2nd - 4th November 2010 at the SECC, Glasgow. Delegates will include senior government officials, investors, financiers, manufacturers, developers and all others with an interest in wind and marine energy. Over 200 companies will be on display at the exhibition, which is open to industry and the wider public alike.

Further details: Click [here](#)

LowCVP event

LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards 2010 - call for nominations.

Nominations are invited for the LowCVP's inaugural Low Carbon Champions Awards to be presented during an Awards Dinner at Twickenham Stadium during the [LowCVP Annual Conference](#) on July 14th. The deadline for nominations to the LowCVP is Thursday 24 June. For more information including a nomination form please visit www.lowcvp.org.uk

Event: [Annual Conference and Awards Dinner](#)



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Date: 14 - 15 July 2010

Time: 14:00 - 17:30 (14th) 9:30 - 17:00 (15th)

Location: Twickenham Stadium, West London

Description: The conference will take place on July 14-15 at Twickenham Stadium in west London. The event will, for the first time, include an Awards Dinner featuring the third WhatCar? Green Awards and the inaugural LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards in the evening of 14 July. The LowCVP conference has become a leading event on the environmental transport calendar, regularly attracting leading speakers and 200 or more high level delegates. This year's expanded event will offer more opportunities for delegates, exhibitors and sponsors.

Further details: Click [here](#)

Green Alliance event

Event: [Green Alliance 'Last Parliament' event & summer reception](#)

Date: Wednesday 30 June 2010, 6.45pm, registration from 6.30pm

Location: Church House Conference Centre, Westminster, SW1P 3NZ

Description: Green Alliance is holding a special post-election event the findings of The Last Parliament panel, followed by our summer reception.

Speakers will be Jonathon Porritt CBE, chair of The Last Parliament panel and Professor Jim Skea, member of the Committee on Climate Change and research director at UK Energy Research Centre. There will be responses from three new members of Parliament: Nick Boles, Conservative MP for Grantham and Stamford; Emma Reynolds, Labour MP for Wolverhampton North East; and Duncan Hames, Liberal Democrat MP for Chippenham. All were participants in Green Alliance's recent Climate Leadership Programme for politicians, held in partnership with Ashridge Business School. The event will be followed by Green Alliance's annual summer reception.

Further details: To register go to www.green-alliance-event.org.uk or phone 020 7630 4515. Places are strictly limited.

BRE event

Event: [Opportunities for Social Housing Providers from Feed-in Tariffs](#)

Date: Friday 9 July,

Location: BRE, Watford

£195 + VAT

Description: FITs have given householders and all types of organisations an opportunity to become electricity generators, benefiting financially from long-term income streams.

Social Housing providers are well-placed to take advantage of the FITs scheme and provide significant benefits to their tenants, for example, reducing fuel poverty.

This half-day awareness seminar, delivered by independent experts with first-hand knowledge of FITs, will equip Social Housing providers with a full understanding of the benefits of the scheme

Further details: [click here](#)

Event: [Part L 2010 Explained](#)

Date: Wednesday 14 July

Location: BRE, Watford

£115 + VAT

Description: One-day conference providing a detailed overview of the new Part L, F & J requirements, effective from October 2010.

- Hear directly from CLG about the new Government's policy for regulations and the move to zero carbon buildings understand the revised 2010 energy and CO2 targets for dwellings and other buildings and the typical construction and servicing strategies to meet these targets
- Hear about the use of accredited details in delivering quality buildings



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- Learn about improved calculation methods and software tools - SAP 2009 and SBEM
- Understand the link between energy efficiency and adequate ventilation (Part F) in maintaining air quality and avoiding over-heating
- Have the opportunity to question the speakers

Further details: [click here](#)

National Heat Pump Awards

Date: 23rd June, 2011

Location: International Convention Centre (ICC), Birmingham

Description: The awards will act as a focus of excellence, to show what the latest technology can achieve and highlight outstanding work by the people and organisations driving developments forward.

The event takes place on 23rd June, 2011, at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in the heart of Birmingham. The gala black-tie evening at only £145 plus VAT will include a pre-dinner drinks reception, a sumptuous four-course dinner, wine at table plus top flight professional presentation with celebrity entertainment. There are ten award categories, and organisations and individuals are now invited to enter:

- Installation of the year:
 - Domestic, air source
 - Domestic, ground/water source
 - Commercial, air source
 - Commercial, ground/water source
- Product innovation of the year
- Training excellence award;
- Public sector project of the year
- Installer of the year;
- Consultant of the year;
- Heat pump champion.

The closing date for entries is 4th March, 2011.

Further details: To register and for further details go to www.national-heat-pump-awards.co.uk

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