

4.23.000-P Biopower Eligible Fuels Policy

History			
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Policy Committee	November 4, 2009	No change	May 2012

APPROVING A NEW ENERGY TRUST POLICY ON ELIGIBLE FUELS, EMISSIONS AND TOXICITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BIOPOWER PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Oregon law allows Energy Trust funds to be used to offset the above-market cost of renewable energy resources including “low-emission nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest and field residues.”
2. In 2006, Energy Trust consulted with its Renewable Advisory Council (RAC) on whether this definition should include liquid fuels, and what emissions and toxicity standards apply.
3. Gases and liquids have been treated as biomass in government energy programs. State and federal regulators have developed comprehensive regulations for emissions and toxicity that would apply to biomass projects. Toxicity standards have been adopted by organizations such as Green-E.

It is therefore **RESOLVED** that the Energy Trust board of directors adopts the following policies:

1. The Energy Trust will treat projects using non-solid biomass that is derived from solid organic fuels from wood, forest and field residue as eligible to apply for Energy Trust funding.
2. The Energy Trust will use the following standards for biomass project emissions and toxicity:
 - biomass projects that receive all applicable state and federal air quality permits are eligible to apply for Energy Trust funding unless they raise emission concerns not addressed in the regulatory process, in which case Energy Trust may investigate such concerns; and
 - biomass projects will be deemed non-toxic if the proposed fuel meets toxicity standards of applicable state and federal regulatory programs and use no more than a de minimus level of treated or painted wood.

Moved by: Julie Hammond
McKeown

Seconded by: Caddy

Vote: In favor: 6 Abstained: 4 Opposed: 1

John Klosterman explained he voted no because black liquor doesn't pass his test for a clean renewable resource.

Jason Eisdorfer, Tom Foley, Vickie Liskey, and Alan Meyer abstained due to potential conflict of interest.

Adopted on October 4, 2006, by the Energy Trust Board of Directors