



## Federal Policy Committee 2008 Accomplishments and Advocacy

### 2008 Objectives

- Increase BCSE profile in House and Senate.
- Secure allowance value for clean energy investments.
- Develop clean energy deployment package – priority federal clean energy policy priorities.
- Identify climate change market design policy priorities & champions.

### 2008 Accomplishments

- Inclusion of provisions allocating allowances to renewables in S.3036, Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).
- Inclusion of output based allocation in LDC provisions of S.3036, Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).
- Developed Clean Energy Technology Deployment Path.
- Invited to testify before the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality regarding various legislative proposals on climate change, June 19, 2008.
- Established relationships with key Senate offices that resulted in the Feinstein-Snowe-Collins energy efficiency amendment to S.3036, Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).
- Established relationships with key Senate offices and provided input to the Stabenow amendment on offsets to S.3036, Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).
- Capital Hill Day, *the Face of Green Jobs*, meetings with 21 congressional offices, including meetings with Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN); Ed Markey (D-MA), Chairman on of the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming; and House Science Committee Chair Bart Gordon (D-TN).
- Over 50 meetings with congressional staff. Responded to congressional inquiries regarding issues such as green jobs and clean energy technology (advanced batteries).

## Advocacy in Support of Council's Policy Priorities on Climate Change

- Analysis of S.2191, Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act as reported out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in December 2007, and identification of Council's amendment priorities.
- Development of Council's Clean Energy Technology Deployment Path, outlining Council's views on complementary policies that must accompany a federal climate change program.
- Capitol Hill Day, *the Face of Green Jobs*, May 7-8, 2008.
- Letter to Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), John Warner (R-VA) and Members of the Senate regarding Council's views on S.3036 Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act, May 30, 2008.
- Meetings with key Senate and House staff, including members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.
- Negotiations and leadership role on Feinstein-Snowe-Collins energy efficiency amendment to S.3036, the Boxer Substitute to S.2191, the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).
- Negotiations on Stabenow Amendment on offsets to S.3036, Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).
- Submitted Testimony to Senate Agriculture Committee on Offsets, May 21, 2008.
- Submitted comments to Duke University's Nicholas Institute for inclusion in the report, *Designing Offsets Policies for the U.S.*, May 14, 2008.
- Developed Green Jobs Data base, summarizing reports on green jobs, and BCSE member company profiles.
- Leadership in "coalition of coalitions" that focused on joint outreach to Congress on carbon offset issues and policies.
- Submitted comments to GAO regarding its report to Congress on offsets, July 9, 2008.

## Advocacy in Support of Council's Policy Priorities on Climate Change, continued

- Sponsored five educational congressional staff briefings, including:
  - 1) Technology Options and the Cost of Greenhouse Gas Reductions, March 6, 2008;
  - 2) The Role of Offsets as a Cost Containment Mechanism in a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Program, May 16, 2008;
  - 3) State and Regional Climate Change Initiatives: What You Need to Know as the States Move Forward, June 27, 2008;
  - 4) The California Global Warming Solutions Act: What Can Congress Learn from the California Experience?, July 29, 2008; and
  - 5) Green Jobs: Re-energizing the American Economy, October 22, 2008;
  - 6) Council staff presented at the Congressional Black Caucus Briefing, June 2, 2008
- Sponsored a booth at the Sustainable Energy Expo on Capitol Hill, July 31, 2008.
- Meetings with Key EPA staff regarding Agency rulemakings, including: Reid Harvey, Branch Chief, Climate Change Division regarding Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule; Leslie Cordes, EPA Waste Energy Rule; and Maurice LeFranc, EPA Climate Leaders Offset Guidance.
- Submitted comments to Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell regarding White Paper on Cost Containment, August 11, 2008.
- Analysis of Dingell-Boucher Discussion Draft Legislation, October 2008.
- Weekly Federal Policy Committee meetings scheduled as a forum for providing and sharing information among members on legislative and Agency activity. Meetings included guest speakers from federal agencies, congressional staff, law firms (lobbying disclosure legal brief), policy advisor to Obama presidential campaign, other interest groups, member companies, and organizations.

## Advocacy in support of Council's policy priorities in Omnibus Energy Legislation

- Letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH), and House Members regarding the Council's priority issues in omnibus energy legislation, September 11, 2008.
- Letter to Senate Energy Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Minority Leader Pete Domenici (R-NM) regarding the Council's priority issues in omnibus energy legislation, September 11, 2008.

### Advocacy in support of Council's policy priorities on legislation to extend renewable energy and energy efficiency tax credits

- Letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT), and Ranking Member Charles Grassley, (R-IA) in support of congressional passage of legislation to extend the renewable energy and energy efficiency tax credits (Baucus – Grassley Substitute Amendment to HR.6049), September 23, 2008.
- Letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), John Boehner (R-OH), and House members, in support of language to extend the renewable energy and energy efficiency tax credits as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, H.R. 1424, October 1, 2008.

### Outreach to Senators McCain and Obama Presidential Campaigns

- Letter to Senator McCain's Presidential Campaign outlining Council's policy priorities and requesting a meeting, July 23, 2008.
- Letter to Senator Obama's Presidential Campaign outlining Council's policy priorities and requesting a meeting July 29, 2008.
- Meeting with Elgie Holstein, Policy Advisor to Senator Obama's Presidential Campaign, July 15, 2008.