Hello Greenpower team

Apologies that my submission is after the due date. I hope you are still able to accept this late submission.

As you know WWF is facilitating a Renewable Energy Buyers Forum and in particular working with JLL to explore options for an aggregated demand model with corporate buyers. Called the Renewable Energy Aggregation Program (REAP) it aims to create interest in innovative ways to increase corporate purchase of renewable energy at a competitive rate.

The Forum has had regular briefings from the Greenpower team at many of our meetings throughout the last 12 months. We welcome the fact that Greenpower wishes to create more competitive products and services including through its GreenPower-Connect offering. Our last meeting of the full group took place on 8 February and a member of the Greenpower team briefed the Forum members on the proposed changes. As a result of the discussion WWF thought it best to be in touch to recommend suggested changes to what is currently proposed.

I have looked at the consultation paper and the intention of the proposed changes “on whether the fee structure adequately takes into account “buyer group” situations where one GreenPower Customer acts on behalf of a group of commercial entities to directly fund a GreenPower Generator.”

Please note that the current structure of the REAP group buy is to negotiate a PPA through an offtaker/retailer to the project. This is because companies did not want to have to deal with potential regulatory complications and financial risk as the offtaker.

I understand the City of Melbourne aggregated demand model is similarly structured although you would need to clarify this with them.

WWF and JLL are in the process of talking to a number of retailers as well as project developers/generators to encourage them to work collaboratively to offer the best price and overall package.
We request that the wording currently being proposed be amended to include retailers being able to facilitate a 'group buy' between themselves and the generators/project developers.

Thanks

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