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SW TIDAL STREAM COMPANY WINS DTI R&D GRANT

DTI has awarded Bristol-based Marine Current Turbines Ltd a grant of £3.8m towards its £8 million 'SeaGen' tidal energy turbine project, a new device that has the potential to generate 1MW of electricity from marine currents. The SeaGen turbine aims to be installed in UK waters and connected to the grid during 2006. Marine Current Turbines' existing 300 kW 'Seaflow' turbine, which was the world's first offshore tidal turbine, was installed off Lynmouth, Devon in May 2003. See [www.marineturbines.com](http://www.marineturbines.com). DTI also awarded Lunar Energy a grant towards their tidal energy device to be installed at EMEC in Orkney. See [www.lunarenergy.co.uk](http://www.lunarenergy.co.uk)



#### TV VOTE ON COMMUNITY WIND SCHEME

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The public have been given the opportunity by ITV's Westcountry to express their support for a community renewable scheme proposed by the South Wheatley Environmental Trust in Cornwall. This scheme, for a community wind turbine, is one of four community projects which have been short listed by the judges of the 2005 ITV Westcountry Community Challenge which included; Jennie Bond, the former BBC Royal Correspondent, Chris Hines, founding member of Surfers Against Sewage and current Eden Project team member, Suzanne Bond, Communications Officer for the SWRDA and Barrie Williams, editor of the Western Morning News. These schemes will be given a live broadcast on the week running up to Easter during the 18:00 ITV Westcountry news. Westcountry Live viewers will then be invited to vote for the project they want to win the £10 000 prize money across the Easter weekend. The winner will be announced on the show on Tuesday 29 March 2005 and each of the runners-up will receive a cheque for £1,000.

For more information about the South Wheatley Environmental Trust planning application see <http://www.ncdc.gov.uk> "

#### NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT POST CREATED AT REGEN SW

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Regen SW is advertising for the new post of Business Development Manager. The post-holder will work with Keith Gillanders, Head of Business Development to grow the supply chain for the renewable energy industry in the region. Details of the post and how to apply are on the website [www.regensw.co.uk](http://www.regensw.co.uk) . The deadline for applications is Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> . Please forward details to anyone you think might be interested.

#### SW BIOFUELS FORUM ESTABLISHED

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A forum is being set up in the region to develop the SW supply of transport biofuels, and to tackle barriers to its uptake. The forum is being set up by a consortium bidding for European funding which includes the Severn Wye Energy Agency. The first meeting will be held in Taunton on April 21st and will include a presentation from the Department for Transport on the proposed renewable fuel obligation. Places are limited, but organisations interested in supplying or purchasing biofuels are invited to attend: Contact the organiser, Guy Hitcock: [guy@quantock-e2.co.uk](mailto:guy@quantock-e2.co.uk)

#### RE ASSOCIATIONS LAY OUT MANIFESTO

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In a display of unity 11 RE trade associations have agreed an 8 point action plan for how to improve UK energy policy in advance of the election. The plan calls for a UK target of producing a quarter of its electricity from RE by 2025, and the setting of targets for heat and transport fuels. The report recognises the progress that is being made on wind but calls for similar momentum on smaller scale RE technologies. The trade associations call for the creation of a cabinet level post responsible for the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme and the creation of a new department of energy and the environment. To see the Action Plan go to <http://www.bwea.com/media/news/manifesto.html>



## PLANNING UPDATE

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A planning application for two 1.3MW wind turbines by Npower renewables was unanimously rejected on 16 March by Restormel District Councillors. For more information see the planning committee papers at [www.restormel.gov.uk](http://www.restormel.gov.uk). West Coast Energy has lodged an application to West Devon District Council for a three 1.3 MW turbine cluster at Yelland Farm, four km south-west of Okehampton in Devon. The company will hold a public exhibition on the scheme at Sourton Village Hall on 13 April. A landowner near Tavistock has confirmed that she is going to appeal the West Devon District Council decision to reject her application for a two 1.3MW turbine at Beech Farm in Lamerton. The appeal is expected in April 2006.

## DEVON SEMINAR ON RE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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Neil Evans of ESD will be running a session on RE project management and financing for communities & community groups with DARE on 29 March at Whiddon Down Village Hall, Devon. The cost will be £10 per person or free for full DARE members. Spaces are limited. For more information & a booking form contact DARE [cri@devondare.org](mailto:cri@devondare.org).

## RENEWABLE FUTURES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION DATES SET

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The Renewable Futures Conference 2005 will take place on 16 November at the Winter Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare. The exhibition will be on a larger scale than last year and more time will be available for visiting exhibitors and for networking. Booking forms for exhibitors will be available soon but an email expressing interest in exhibiting is invited and may be sent now to [admin@regensw.co.uk](mailto:admin@regensw.co.uk).

## WANT TO ATTEND THE ALL-ENERGY SHOW?

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Regen SW is to start to take SW companies to selected trade shows and exhibitions as part of its new role to support the growth of the SW RE industry. It will take space at the All-Energy Opportunities conference and exhibition in Aberdeen on 25-26 May 2005. See [www.all-energy.co.uk](http://www.all-energy.co.uk). This includes the RPA's Wave & Tidal Stream Symposium on 25 May see [www.r-p-a.org.uk](http://www.r-p-a.org.uk). The focus will be on SW's knowledge-based service companies for this event. Cost will be £100/ company for space on the South West stand. Please contact Keith Gillanders: [kgillanders@regensw.co.uk](mailto:kgillanders@regensw.co.uk) asap and by 30 March at the latest if you are interested, as space is limited.

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