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- 1. 'The Road to 2020' report published**
A major piece of analysis conducted by Regen SW, in association with the South West RDA, shows that a 15 per cent or even a 20 per cent renewables target is possible within the South West, but only with big and rapid changes to national policy and greater local support. The report indicates that on our current trajectory, the south west is likely to generate less than five per cent of energy consumed within the region by 2020. It identifies 15 significant opportunities for the region and 17 enabling actions that the south west requires from government. To read the full report visit:
www.regensw.co.uk/Road-to-2020
 - 2. First rural wind farm approved at committee**
The first rural wind farm to be approved in the south west at committee for over ten years has been given the go-ahead by Torridge District Council. The decision is a clear sign that local councillor attitudes are changing in the face of climate change concerns. The 9.2 MW wind farm, which will be built on farmland between Stibb Cross and Bulkworthy

by Ecotricity, gained approval from Torridge District Council planners by a 5-3 majority. To see further details about the wind farm, visit:

<http://www.ecotricity.co.uk/projects/galsworthy/>

3. Regen SW seeks head of business support

Regen SW's business support programme is expanding and it is creating a new senior position to head up the programme and increase its impact. It is looking for a creative person who can stimulate new sales and ventures by brokering relationships between buyers and suppliers of low-carbon goods and services. The successful candidate will ensure strong joint working with the South West RDA and Business Link, and their success will be measured by the growth of the sustainable energy industry in the region. To find out more and apply for this role, visit:

http://regensw.co.uk/about-us/news-events/read-more.php?news_id=80

4. npower renewables buys Atlantic Array grid connection

npower renewables has purchased Channel Energy from North Devon-based Farm Energy. Channel Energy holds the agreement to connect Atlantic Array – the proposed 1,500 megawatt offshore wind farm – to the National Grid. The acquisition supports the work currently underway by Swindon-based npower renewables to put forward proposals for offshore wind farm developments under Round 3 of leasing, announced by The Crown Estate. To read npower renewables' press release visit:

www.npower-renewables.com/pressreleases/offshorewind/080915_channelenergy.pdf

5. 2009 Energy Calls for Proposals launched

The 2009 Energy Calls for Proposals have been launched, with €2.35 billion available over the duration of the programme, known as FP7. The objective of energy research under FP7 is to “aid the creation and establishment of the technologies necessary to adapt the current energy system into a more sustainable, competitive and secure one.” Research projects should also depend less on imported fuels and use a diverse mix of energy sources, in particular renewables, energy carriers and non polluting sources. To find out more and register your organisation, visit:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/energy/home_en.html

6. Low-carbon development seminar in Swindon

Regen SW and CIBSE are holding their third 'integrating renewable energy into new developments' seminar. Taking place at the Steam Museum in Swindon on Wednesday 1 October, the free afternoon seminar is again aimed at engineers, architects, developers, and surveyors. It will provide participants who already have a technical understanding of the built environment with detailed and up-to-date information into low-carbon energy solutions in new developments. The seminar is CIBSE accredited for CPD. Places are filling up fast, so if you would like to register, visit:

www.regensw.co.uk/eventhq/integrating_renewable_energy_into_new_developments_-_swindon

7. Regen SW seeks new board director

Regen SW has recently extended its remit to cover energy efficiency and is now providing support to businesses whose products and services help reduce energy demand. In order to ensure that its board reflects the needs and experience of this sector, Regen SW is seeking a board director from an energy efficiency business. They

will need senior management experience, preferably at board level, a good overview of the energy efficiency sector, a strong commitment to the south west, and a passion for sustainable energy. This is an unpaid position in which they will be expected to attend approximately five meetings a year. Expressions of interest need to be received by the end of September. If you are interested please contact Matthew Spencer for a job description: m Spencer@regensw.co.uk

8. Final call for Green Energy Awards Nominations

There is just one week left to get nominations in for the prestigious 2008 South West Green Energy Awards, and you can nominate either your own organisation or someone else's. Nominations are sought in the following categories:

- Best Business Innovation
- Most Proactive Local Authority
- Best Sustainable Energy Community
- Best Large Renewable Energy Scheme
- Best Small Renewable Energy Scheme (Under 100kw)
- Best Housing Scheme
- South West Sustainable Energy Champion

You can easily enter using the online nomination form, download the word document version, or fill in a hard copy and send it by post. To make sure you don't miss the opportunity, visit: www.regensw.co.uk/south-west-england/green-energy-awards

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