

Cogeneration Portfolio Project: Designing solutions to unblock barriers

Project Outline

- Objectives:
 - This project aims to accelerate deployment of cogen/trigen through a unique approach involving 'live' Victorian-based commercial projects as case studies for development of short- and long- term solutions that are designed by customers, market participants, regulators, operators and policymakers in a series of small, facilitated workshops from April to June 2011, supported by written analysis
 - We seek to envision a commercial and regulatory solution that is relevant to all in the portfolio, thereby moving beyond one-off approaches to a more systemic approach that can then guide subsequent market-wide evolution
- Process:
 - Invite 5-6 industrial or commercial building cogeneration plants that would otherwise be ready to ready to commence within one year, but for regulatory / market barriers
 - Establish core working group that includes government and industry, alongside cogen plant proponents
 - Through robust debate, devise an enabling solution for the selected plants that is feasible from both commercial and government perspectives, focusing on what can be achieved in the short term, with longer term aims separately noted
 - Report the outcomes to share the lessons and identify where solutions can be adopted by industry and government.
- Intended outcomes:
 - Steps to overcome implementation barriers for the portfolio of case study projects, in a form that is common to all (where possible) rather than bespoke, in order that they can provide a pathway to more permanent solutions to such barriers; and
 - Recommendations of systemic and durable ways to overcome barriers to future Victorian cogeneration project developments, with a view to these being extendable to national cogeneration projects and other forms of distributed energy.
- Project management:
 - ClimateWorks is an independent non-profit established to enable practical projects to reduce emissions, focused on 'gap areas' where barriers to action remain.
 - Seed Advisory is a commercial advisory firm specialising in the energy sector, with expertise in strategy, risk management, policy development and commercial management.