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In the November edition of Mintz Levin's *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean energy. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from local governments to Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

This month, the Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would like to congratulate clients Canaccord Adams and FloDesign Wind Turbine. Canaccord Adams served as underwriter for a recent [\\$115 million follow-on public offering of Telvent GIT, S.A.](#), a global IT solutions and business information services provider that improves the efficiency, safety and security of the world's leading companies. FloDesign Wind Turbine received [an \\$8.3 million grant as part of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy \(ARPA-E\) program](#) to advance its research on radical new designs for electricity-generating wind turbines. The Practice Group would also like to congratulate ML Strategies client Tenneco, Inc, which was [awarded a \\$24 million U.S. government loan commitment](#) to develop components for advanced technology vehicles.

Earlier this month, the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act was voted out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. The bill, which was introduced by Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) in October, will now be considered by the Senate Finance Committee, [where it is expected to face some opposition from Midwestern senators.](#)

Next month, leaders from around the world will descend on Copenhagen, Denmark for a United Nations summit on climate change. [Many national leaders have signaled that they will be present](#), including British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. President Barack Obama has said he will attend if his presence will be the difference in securing an international accord on climate change.

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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## In the News: United States

### 200-MW of Milford Wind Project Completed in Utah

*Renewable Energy World* – November 11, 2009

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### Ormat Signs PPA for 30 MW of Geothermal Power

*Clean Edge* – November 11, 2009

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### Solar Manufacturer STR Holdings Raises \$123 Million in IPO

*New Energy World Network* – November 9, 2009

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### Terra-Gen Executes \$240 Million Refinancing of Debt Facilities

*Renewable Energy World* – November 4, 2009

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### World's Largest Liquefied Gas Landfill Plant Launched in California

*New Energy World Network* – November 4, 2009

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### Largest Wind R&D Study Underway at NREL

*Renewable Energy World* – November 3, 2009

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### RecycleBank Raises \$28.25 Million in Venture Capital

*New Energy World Network* – November 3, 2009

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### Smart Meters Coming to a Utility Near You

*CNET News* – November 2, 2009

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## PG&E To Get 250 MW From Abengoa Solar CSP Plant

*Clean Edge* – October 30, 2009

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## Fisker Automotive To Manufacture PHEVs in Shuttered GM Plant

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## Tennessee Valley Authority Signs Contracts for up to 450 MW of Wind Energy

*Clean Edge* – October 27, 2009

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## MEMC To Acquire SunEdison for \$200 Million

*Clean Edge* – October 26, 2009

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## In the News: Europe

### IEA Says Cost of Extra Year's Climate Inaction Could Reach \$500 Billion

*Reuters* – November 10, 2009

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### AES Solar Energy Closes Two €25 Million Debt Facilities for Four Solar Projects in Europe

*New Energy World Network* – November 10, 2009

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### Irish Government Makes €26 Million of Funding Available to Green Technology Start-Ups

*New Energy World Network* – November 9, 2009

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### Landis+Gyr Raises \$100 Million To Grow Smart Meter Business

*Clean Edge* – November 9, 2009

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### German Companies Eye Moroccan Renewable Energy Projects

*Clean Edge* – November 7, 2009

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## UN and UK Raise Doubts Over Copenhagen Climate Deal

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*New Energy World Network* – November 6, 2009

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## UK Grants Consent for 80 MW Biomass Plant in Peterborough

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## Ofgem Proposes £1 Billion in Funding for Electric Grid Projects

*New Energy World Network* – November 4, 2009

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## Bilfinger Berger To Begin Construction on World's Largest Offshore Wind Farm

*New Energy World Network* – November 4, 2009

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## Spanish Companies Atersa and Prosolia Agree to 14 MW Solar Supply Deal

*New Energy World Network* – November 4, 2009

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## Impax Receives Additional £15 Million Investment Mandate from Environment Agency Pension Fund

*New Energy World Network* – November 2, 2009

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## Greenpeak Technologies Secures \$19 Million in Venture Funding

*New Energy World Network* – October 30, 2009

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## Germany Installs 2.34 GW, FIT To Decline 9-11%

*Greentech Media* – October 30, 2009

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## Government Financial Assistance

### **Grants**

Bench-Scale and Slipstream Development and Testing of Post-Combustion Carbon Dioxide

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## Capture and Separation Technology to Existing Coal-Fired Power Plants

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Application Deadline: December 15, 2009

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## Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED)

Application Deadline: Rolling

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## Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Business Expansion Initiative (BEI)

Application Deadline: Rolling

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## Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Large Onsite Renewables Initiative

Application Deadline: Rolling

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## Massachusetts Green Energy Fund

Application Deadline: Rolling

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## Unsolicited Proposals to the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust's Industry Investment and Development (II&D) Program

Application Deadline: Rolling

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## Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Incentives & Grants

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### ***Tax Incentives and Rebates***

## Federal Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit

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## Federal Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System

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## Federal Business Investment Tax Credit

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Federal Renewable Power Production Tax Credit

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Federal Tax Credits for Home Builders

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Federal Tax Deductions for Commercial Buildings

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Self-Generation Incentive Program

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California Property Tax Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems

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Massachusetts Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation Patent Deduction (Personal and Corporate)

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Massachusetts Hydropower-Property Tax Exemption

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Massachusetts Local Property Tax Exemption

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Massachusetts Corporate Income Tax Deduction

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Commonwealth Wind Incentive Program: Micro Wind

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Commonwealth Wind Incentive Program: Community-Scale Wind

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Massachusetts Commonwealth Solar

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## The Energy Foundation Grants

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## The Renewable Fuels Foundation Grants for Ethanol Production

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## The Carbon Trust

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## Federal and State Happenings

### DOE and USDA Select Projects for More Than \$24 Million in Biomass Research and Development Grants

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – November 12, 2009

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### National Wind Solutions To Collaborate with DC BioDiesel

*New Energy World Network* – November 5, 2009

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### Secretary Chu Announces More Than \$155 Million for Industrial Energy Efficiency Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – November 3, 2009

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### Obama Administration Announces More Than \$38 Million for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects in Alaska, Kansas, Utah and West Virginia

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – November 3, 2009

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### California May Add 365 MW in 2009, Still Short of 20% Mandate

*Greentech Media* – October 30, 2009

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### Department of Energy Awards \$338 Million To Accelerate Domestic Geothermal Energy

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – October 29, 2009

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## President Obama Announces \$3.4 Billion Investment To Spur Transition to Smart Energy Grid

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – October 27, 2009

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## DOE Announces \$151 Million in ARPA-E Research Grants

*Clean Edge* – October 27, 2009

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## US Energy Secretary Announces \$24 Million Loan for Tenneco, Inc. for Advanced Vehicle Technology

*Reuters* – October 27, 2009

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## Legal News

### Mintz Levin Represents Canaccord Adams' Sustainability Team in \$115 Million Follow-On Public Offering of Telvent GIT, S.A.

Press Release, Mintz Levin – November 9, 2009

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### Decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Allows High-Level Executive To Compete with Former Employer

Employee Mobility Alert, Mintz Levin – November 9, 2009

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### H-1B Cap Update

Immigration Alert, Mintz Levin – November 4, 2009

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### Climate Bill Differences: Waxman-Markey Versus Kerry-Boxer

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – October 7, 2009

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### Federal Clean Energy Policy Summaries: Key Updates from the Past Few Weeks

Energy and Clean Technology Advisory, Mintz Levin – October 7, 2009

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### What's in a Domain Name? Maybe "Green," "Clean" or "Eco"?

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## Governor Patrick Signs Bill Delaying Implementation of Lobbying Law

Public Finance and Litigation Alert, Mintz Levin – October 2, 2009

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## The Second Circuit Reinstates Global Warming Federal Nuisance Claims against Utilities: Connecticut, et al. v. American Electric Power Co., Inc., et al.

Environmental Alert, Mintz Levin – October 1, 2009

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## Offsets Drive Opportunities in the New Carbon Economy

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – September 30, 2009

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## Events

### **November**

#### ACORE Phase II of Renewable Energy in America National Policy Forum

November 19-20, 2009

Cannon Caucus Room on Capitol Hill

Washington, D.C.

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#### Next Generation Biofuels Feedstocks USA

November 16-17, 2009

Le Meridien Hotel

San Francisco, California

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### **December**

#### AWEA Offshore Wind Power Workshop

December 2-3, 2009

Seaport World Trade Center

Boston, Massachusetts

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#### Clean Tech Forum XXV

December 2-3, 2009

Grand Hyatt Beijing  
Beijing, China

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## Bright Green Expo

December 12-13, 2009  
Forum Copenhagen  
Copenhagen, Denmark

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## *January*

## Clean Tech Investor Summit

January 20-21, 2009  
The Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa  
Palm Springs, California

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