**LEAN Energy U.S.**

***New Local Energy Aggregation Network***

IRESN’s work is complementary to the work of many existing and emerging organizations, including a recently formed local energy aggregation network (LEAN). LEAN Energy U.S. is moving to develop opportunities for collaboration. For example, Shawn Marshall (LEAN Energy US) and Gerry Braun (IRESN) were featured presenters at a 2012 workshop sponsored by the Cool Davis Foundation, Valley Climate Action Center and the Natural Resources Commission of the City of Davis.1

LEAN Energy U.S. is committed to the accelerated expansion and competitive success of clean energy Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) nationwide.

Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, home to California’s first CCA, LEAN works in partnership with a range of organizations to actively support the formation and success of new CCAs around the country. LEAN brings clarity and direction to a complex arena by providing resources and expertise to local governments, advocacy organizations, and individuals wishing to launch CCA in their own states and communities.

LEAN is a mission-based organization dedicated to local energy transformation toward:

* Local control and regional benefit
* Consumer choice and affordable rates
* Aggressive reduction of carbon emissions
* Open, competitive energy markets
* Rapid expansion of renewable power and energy efficiency
* Economic opportunity and energy innovation

Launched in early 2011, LEAN’s program addresses energy contract standards, CCA program design, legislative and regulatory issues, and the sharing of best practices and innovations. LEAN teams with IRESN and other organizations having deep and complementary expertise to assist local jurisdictions in evaluating and maximizing economic opportunities inherent in CCA. In this context IRESN offers expertise regarding local integration opportunities and their technical and economic benefits.

Notes and references:

1. For a video of workshop proceedings, see <http://dctv.davismedia.org/node/37705>.