Agenda

9-9:10 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions  
- Dr. Fred Poston, Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University (MSU)

- Senator Debbie Stabenow

9:25-9:45 a.m.  Forum Overview  
- Mike Thomas, School of Planning, Design and Construction, MSU

9:45-10:30 a.m.  Why Anaerobic Digestion in Michigan? Anaerobic Digester System Planning  
- Steve Safferman, Dept. Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, MSU

10:30-10:45 a.m.  BREAK

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Anaerobic Digester Case Studies and Building on Success  
MODERATOR - Charles Gould, Extension Educator, MSU  
- Rebecca Larson, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
- Dana Kirk, ADREC Manager, MSU  
- Mike Fenton, Landfill & Biogas Energy Account Manager, Michigan CAT

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch – Governor’s Snyder’s Renewable Energy Message  
- Valerie Brader, Deputy Legal Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Governor Snyder’s Office

1:30-2:00 p.m.  Renewable Energy Policies and Programs (MEDC and MPSC Updates)  
- Katherine Trachsel, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)  

2:00-2:20 p.m.  Michigan’s Regulatory Environment and Future Legislation (MDEQ Updates)  
- Duane Roskoskey, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

2:20-2:40 p.m.  Financial Issues: Sound Business Plans and Power Purchase Agreements  
- Ben Spitzley, Vice President and General Manager - Commercial Lending, GreenStone Farm Credit Services

2:40-3:00 p.m.  Fundamentals of Electricity Purchase Agreements  
- David Binkley, Economic Analyst, MPSC

3:00-3:15 p.m.  BREAK

3:15-4:30 p.m.  Consumers Energy Experimental Advanced Renewable Program  
- Dave Ronk, Director of Electric Transactions & Wholesale Settlements, Consumers Energy  
- Keith Troyer, Electric Contract Strategy Engineer, Consumers Energy  
- Matt Good, Senior Engineer – High Voltage Distribution, Consumers Energy

4:30-4:45 p.m.  Closing Remarks