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The *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification and Compliance Methodology Staff Report, Fourth Edition (RPS Methodology Report)* is available from the California Energy Commission's (CEC) website at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/rps_verification.html

The *RPS Methodology Report* presents the methods CEC staff employs to accomplish the following:

- Verify the eligibility of Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) claims submitted by load-serving entities (LSEs) for each compliance period.
- Transmit the CEC approved Retail Sellers Verification Results Report to the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Confirm the long-term and portfolio content category classification of claims submitted by local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs).
- Calculate each POU's procurement target requirement.
- Obtain approval of individual POU Verification Results Reports at an Energy Commission business meeting.
- Determine compliance of the procurement requirements for each compliance period of the RPS for each POU.

For each compliance period, results from the application of the verification analyses covered in this report are issued separately for retail sellers and POUs. For retail sellers, the CEC will adopt a final verification report at a regularly scheduled business meeting and subsequently transmit it to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for use in its compliance and enforcement activities. For each POU, verification results will be issued in a separate report, which will also be adopted by the CEC at a regularly scheduled business meeting for use in compliance and enforcement activities.

The methodology and processes described in the *RPS Methodology Report* are based on the requirements specified in the CEC's *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility*

Guidebook and its Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1240 and 3200 – 3208.

Background

The enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002) created California's RPS program. California's RPS establishes increasingly progressive renewable energy procurement targets for the state's LSEs. Originally applicable only to retail sellers, the statewide mandatory RPS was expanded by SB X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session) to include POUs starting in 2011. SB 100 (De León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018) increased the procurement targets, requiring both retail sellers and POUs to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 60 percent of retail sales by 2030.

California's RPS is jointly administered and implemented by the CEC and the CPUC. As part of its responsibilities, Public Utilities Code section 399.25 mandates the CEC to 1) certify eligible renewable energy resources, 2) verify the eligibility of renewable energy procured by LSEs, 3) design and implement an accounting system to track and report renewable energy procurement for all program participants, and 4) oversee compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The CPUC is responsible for overseeing the RPS compliance and enforcement activities for retail sellers.

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