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# Energy Commission Staff Webinar Review of Administrative Change to the Display of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Facility Information

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<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/>

RPS Online System:

<https://rps.energy.ca.gov>



## Agenda

- Review of Administrative Change to the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) Display of CA RPS Facility Eligibility Information
- RPS Online Public Search
  - Export Public Search List to Microsoft Excel
  - Online Public Search Additions
- Additional WREGIS Considerations
- CA RPS Program Plans for Future Options
- Questions and Comments



# Change to the WREGIS Display of CA RPS Facility Eligibility Information

- The WREGIS Active Generator List no longer displays a “Yes” in the “CA-eligible” column
- Entries that previously reflected “Yes” have been updated to reflect “No” for facilities certified under California’s RPS
- Administrative change to reduce errors resulting from individuals relying on facility eligibility information displayed in WREGIS
- Change is consistent with the CA RPS Eligibility Guidebook



# Change to the WREGIS Display of CA RPS Facility Eligibility Information

- *California's Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition*  
***“any information regarding the certification of a facility for California’s RPS that is provided to WREGIS, or represented in a WREGIS Certificate, is for informational purposes only; the actual certification status of a facility is established by Energy Commission records and not by information that is or is not included in a WREGIS Certificate.”***



# Change to the WREGIS Display of CA RPS Facility Eligibility Information

- **Does not** affect the eligibility of California RPS certified facilities.
- Consistent with the representation of eligibility provided by other states and provinces on the WREGIS website (Utah, Arizona, Texas, Alberta, & British Columbia).
- Energy Commission records are the authorized source for verification of the certification status of a facility and not by information that is or is not included on the WREGIS website.
- The eligibility of RECs will continue to be verified during the verification process.



# RPS Online Public Search

- Navigate to the RPS Online System home page: <https://rps.energy.ca.gov>
- Click the “*Facility Search*” button under the Public Search section of the home page.

The screenshot shows the RPS Online System home page. At the top left is the CA.GOV logo, followed by the California Energy Commission logo and the text "CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION". Below this is a navigation bar with the text "Renewables Portfolio Standard" and "Log In". The "Log In" section contains two input fields: "\*User ID" and "\*Password". Below these fields is a checkbox labeled "I have read and agree to the User Terms and Conditions". There are also links for "Forgot your User ID?" and "Forgot your Password?". A "Sign In" button is located below the links. At the bottom left, there is a section for "Don't have an account" with the text "Create an authorized CEC account" and a "Register new account" button. At the bottom right, there is a section for "Public Search" with the text "Search for publicly available facility information" and a "Facility Search" button. The "Public Search" section is highlighted with a red box.





# RPS Online Public Search

- To find eligibility information about a California RPS-certified facility, a user can download a comprehensive list or filter for more specific results by any of the criteria available on the page.

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## California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Public Search Options

To begin your search enter application or facility criteria and click search. Use the additional fields if necessary.

Questions can be directed to [rpstrack@energy.ca.gov](mailto:rpstrack@energy.ca.gov). Search Instructions are also available.

**Application Status Definitions:**

**Approved:** The facility is approved and either certification or precertification has been granted.  
**Received:** The application has been received but has not yet been reviewed.  
**Pending:** The application is under review; Energy Commission staff may make further inquiries or requests for additional information as needed.  
**Corrections:** Staff has requested more information or clarification from the applicant; the review will not be completed until the requested information is provided.  
**Disapproved:** The facility is not eligible for California's RPS. If the facility had been previously certified, generation before disapproval may be eligible for the RPS depending on the circumstances of disapproval.  
**Withdrawn:** The applicant for the facility has withdrawn the application or the applicant has requested an end to the RPS certification of the facility.  
**Incomplete:** The application has been deemed incomplete. The facility is ineligible for the RPS unless the applicant reapplies and the facility is approved.  
**Decommissioned:** The facility has ceased to operate, as confirmed by the applicant or the Energy Commission.

**Please Note:**  
 The Energy Commission's RPS certification of a facility means the facility can produce electrical generation that may be used by a retail seller or POU to satisfy its RPS procurement requirements. Generation from certified facilities that is produced in the month of the eligibility date or later and tracked in WREGIS, may be used to meet RPS obligations, subject to all applicable procurement restrictions. Generation by facilities shown as "Utility Certification" in the Certification Type column are only eligible to meet the RPS obligations of the retail seller that certified the facility.

RPS ID

Suffix

Facility Name

Application Status

Resource Type

WREGIS GU ID

Search

**Results**
Export To:



# RPS Online Public Search

- To obtain information for a specific facility, fill out the “RPS ID” or “Facility Name” fields and click the “Search” button. Limited information will display on the page.
- To obtain additional information regarding facility eligibility, either check the “Eligibility Date” column or click the “Excel” or “CSV” button on the right-hand side of the screen.

Please Select ▼
 
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Search

### Results

Export To:

RPS ID	Suffix	Facility Name	Eligibility Date	Status	Primary Resource
60025	A	Calpine Geothermal Unit 11	10/05/2004	Approved	Geothermal
60026	A	Calpine Geothermal Unit 14	06/14/2004	Approved	Geothermal
60027	A	Boom-Campbell Wind Farm	10/19/2004	Disapproved	Wind
60028	A	Sirocco	10/19/2004	Approved	Wind



# RPS Online System

## Exported Public Search List

### in Microsoft Excel or CSV format

- Search or sort the Excel file for the facility in question.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	RPSID	RPSID Suffix	Certification Type	FacilityName	Facility City	Facility State	Facility Country	Commercial Operations Date	Nameplate Capacity	Technology	Eligibility Date	Organization Name	Facility Owner	Certification Status



## Contact Information

- If you need assistance using the RPS Online System, please refer to the *RPS Online Training Manual* located under the “Help” link in the top-right corner of the RPS Online System at <https://rps.energy.ca.gov>
  - *To see the Help button, please select either the “Register New Account” or “Facility Search” from the Main Page*



- Or email RPS staff at *RPStrack@energy.ca.gov*



## Additional Concerns Identified

- Stakeholder Input on Changes
- RPS ID not available on 2017 RECs
- e-Tag and RPS ID association changes



## CA RPS Program Plans for Future Options

- Energy Commission staff are open to additional changes to providing an alternate indication of facility information in WREGIS
- Requires collaboration with stakeholders, other states and program administrators, and WREGIS representatives to identify appropriate change to meet all needs.
  - A Product Change Request (PCR) may be needed.
  - Process will require time to develop a solution and cost effectiveness must be considered.



## Proposed Approach

- Stakeholders encouraged to submit input
- CEC will initiate collaborative process to gather stakeholder input and convey decisions
- Process expected to go into Fall



# Questions and Comments

If you have additional comments after the webinar please submit them through RPSTrack at:

[RPSTrack@energy.ca.gov](mailto:RPSTrack@energy.ca.gov)

This Presentation and the RPS Eligibility Guidebook are available at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/16-RPS-01/documents/>

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