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Renewable energy credits for electricity sold at wholesale have no value for compliance with The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Before a renewable energy credit can be claimed for compliance with The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, the electricity must be sold to a retail customer.

Before considering waiving enforcement of parts of Public Utilities Code 399.13.(b) or any other provision of The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program in The Energy Commission's adopted regulations specifying procedures for enforcement of The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, regulations specifying procedures for enforcement of Public Utilities Code 399.21.(a) should be considered.

What are the regulations implementing procedures for enforcement Public Utilities Code 399.21.(a)?

How do regulations implementing procedures for enforcement Public Utilities Code 399.21.(a) do the following?

Verify retail product claims in this state or any other state.

Verify that electricity earning the credit generated by an eligible renewable energy resource was procured by the end-use retail customer through a tariff or contract as a retail sale of the kilowattshours consumed and not a repackaged contract allotting monetary credit for kilowattshours consumed to the end-use customer.

How do the commission and the Energy Commission ensure that the tracking system established pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 399.25, is operational, is capable of independently verifying that electricity earning the credit is generated by an eligible renewable energy resource, and can ensure that renewable energy credits shall not be double counted by any seller of electricity within the service territory of the WECC?

Is there a schedule of penalties for noncompliance with the requirements of 399.21(a)?

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