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§ 1391. Definitions.

“Asset-controlling supplier” means any entity that owns or operates interconnected electricity generating facilities or serves as an exclusive marketer for these facilities even though it does not own them, and is assigned a supplier-specific identification number and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions factor by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the wholesale electricity procured from its system and imported into California.

“Balancing authority” means the responsible entity that integrates resource plans ahead of time, maintains load-interchange generation balance within a balancing authority area, and supports interconnection frequency in real time.

“Biogenic fuels” means biomass, biowaste, or biomethane from an eligible renewable generator.

“California balancing authority” is a balancing authority with control over a balancing authority area primarily located in California. A California balancing authority is responsible for the operation of the transmission grid within its metered boundaries, which may extend beyond the geographical boundaries of the State of California.

“Carbon dioxide equivalent” or “CO₂e” means the number of units of mass of CO₂ emissions with the same global warming potential as one unit of another GHG when calculated using the individual global warming potentials as specified in the “global warming potential” definition in title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 95102.

“Cogenerator” means a generating unit that produces electric energy and useful thermal energy for industrial, commercial, or heating and cooling purposes, through the sequential or simultaneous use of the original fuel energy and waste heat recovery.

"Custom electricity portfolio" means an electricity portfolio negotiated under private agreement specifically for one non-residential entity that is not offered in the retail supplier's general marketing materials and that has a discrete combination of resource characteristics, including generator locations, fuel types, and emissions rates.

"Delivered electricity" means electricity from a facility or from specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier that has one of the following three characteristics:

- (1) has a first point of interconnection within the metered boundaries of a California balancing authority or a first point of interconnection with an electrical distribution system used to serve end users within the metered boundaries of a California balancing authority area;
- (2) is scheduled into a California balancing authority without substituting electricity from another source; or
- (3) is subject to an agreement between a California balancing authority and the balancing authority in which an eligible renewable energy resource is located, executed before the product is generated, to dynamically transfer electricity from that eligible renewable energy resource into the California balancing authority area.

For purposes of this Article, behind-the-meter generation serving onsite load is not delivered electricity.

For the purposes of this Article, a retail supplier that serves retail customers in California and one or more other states may demonstrate delivery to the balancing authority in which the retail supplier is located for the purposes of satisfying the criteria of "delivered electricity."

"E-tag" means an electronic record that contains the details of a transaction to transfer energy from a source point to a sink where the energy is scheduled for transmission across one or more balancing authority area boundaries. For purposes of this definition, "source point" refers to the generation source of the energy, and "sink" refers to the balancing authority in which the electric load is located.

"Electricity from unspecified sources of power" or "unspecified power" means electricity that is not traceable to specific generation sources by any auditable contract trail or equivalent, including a tradable commodity system, that provides commercial verification that the electricity source claimed has been sold once and only once to a retail consumer.

"Electricity portfolio" means the electricity products that a retail supplier offers to sell to consumers in California under terms and conditions specific to an offer or to a tariff. It does not include the provision of electric services on site, sold through an over-the-fence transaction, as defined in Section 218 of the Public Utilities Code, or sold or transferred to an affiliate, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 372 of the Public Utilities Code. For the purposes of this Article, electricity portfolio has the same meaning as "electricity offering" and "electric supply portfolio" as those terms are used in Public Utilities Code section 398.4 and 398.5. An electricity portfolio is distinguishable from other electricity portfolios offered by the same retail supplier if it satisfies any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is marketed by the retail supplier as a discrete portfolio;
- (2) Has been given a discrete title or name by the retail supplier;

- (3) Has been assigned a discrete fee or rate by the retail supplier;
- (4) Contains a different proportion of fuel types compared to other portfolios offered by the retail supplier; or
- (5) Is marketed or offered by a third party through the retail supplier's marketing materials.

"Eligible firm-and-shaped product" has the following meanings: 1) when applied to a local publicly owned electric utility, it has the same meaning as the term "Portfolio Content Category 2" as defined in section 3203(b); 2) when applied to an investor-owned utility, community choice aggregator, or an electric service provider, it has the same meaning as the term "Portfolio Content Category 2" as defined on page 3 in the California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division's Portfolio Content Category Classification Review Process Handbook (October 2017), which is hereby incorporated by reference. For the purposes of this Article, the term shall apply to all products that meet the definitions specified above except for the fact that they are the subject of an agreement executed prior to June 1, 2010.

"Eligible renewable" means electrical generation from a facility that is certified pursuant to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (Article 16 (commencing with Section 399.11)) of the Public Utilities Code.

"Energy Commission" means the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

"Energy Information Administration" or "EIA" means a statistical agency of the United States Department of Energy.

"Facility" means one or all generating units at an electric generating station.

"Fuel type attribute" means the fuel or technology type used to generate a quantity of kilowatt hours, specified using the categories identified in subsection (b)(3) of section 1393.

"Fuel mix" means the assortment of fuel types comprising an electricity portfolio, expressed as percentages.

"Generating unit" means a device that converts mechanical, chemical, electromagnetic, or thermal energy into electricity and that:

- (1) has an electric output capable of being separately identified and metered;
- (2) is connected to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council interconnected grid; and
- (3) is capable of producing electrical energy in excess of a generation station's internal power requirements.

"Generator" means the initial seller of electrical energy produced by a generating unit.

"GHG emissions intensity of a generator" means the sum of all annual emissions of GHGs associated

with a generation source divided by the net annual production of electricity from the generation source.

“GHG emissions intensity of an electricity portfolio” means the sum of all annual emissions of GHGs associated with the generation sources comprising an electricity portfolio divided by the annual retail sales of that electricity portfolio.

“Large hydroelectric” means hydroelectric generation that is not eligible renewable.

“Mandatory Reporting Regulation” or “MRR” means the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting in Article 2 (commencing with section 95100) of Subchapter 10 of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

“Product-specific written promotional materials that are distributed to consumers” means any paper, electronic, or other media that contain words pertaining to a specific electricity portfolio being advertised or offered and that are distributed to consumers or made available over the Internet. It does not include advertisements and notices in general circulation media.

“Renewable energy credit” or “REC” means a certificate of proof associated with the generation of electricity from an eligible renewable energy resource, issued through the accounting system established by the Energy Commission pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 399.25, that one unit of electricity was generated and delivered by an eligible renewable energy resource.

“Report electronically” means to provide files in either a database or spreadsheet format that can be read by the most recent version of either Microsoft™ Excel or Microsoft™ Access, or through data entry systems developed by the Energy Commission to support reporting under this Article.

“Retail Sales” means sales of electricity by a retail supplier to end-use customers over the course of a calendar year, measured in thousands of kilowatt hours. Retail sales do not include self-consumption by a retail supplier or electricity produced for onsite consumption that was not sold to a customer by the retail supplier.

“Retail supplier” means an entity that offers an electricity portfolio for sale to retail consumers in California, and includes investor owned utilities, local publicly owned electric utilities, community choice aggregators, and electric service providers.

“Scheduling Coordinator” means any entity certified by the Independent System Operator for the purposes of undertaking the functions specified in Section 4.5.1 of the Independent System Operator Tariff. (Fifth Replacement FERC Electric Tariff, December 1, 2014)

“Specified purchase” means a transaction in which electricity is traceable to specific generating facilities by any auditable contract trail or equivalent, such as a tradable commodity system, that provides commercial verification that the electricity claimed has been sold once and only once to retail consumers. Retail suppliers may rely on annual data to meet this requirement, rather than hour-by-hour matching of loads and resources. Specified purchases include electrical transactions from

facilities owned or controlled by the retail supplier. For facilities not owned by the retail supplier, specified purchases shall be documented through agreements executed prior to generation of the procured electricity.

“Specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier” means electricity derived from a specific set of generators owned, operated, or exclusively marketed by an asset-controlling supplier. Purchases of specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier are considered specified purchases if the transactions are documented through an agreement executed prior to generation of the associated electricity and the delivery of the electricity is documented by e-tags.

“Total California system electricity” means the sum of all in-state generation and net electricity imports by fuel type.

“Unbundled REC” means a REC from an eligible renewable energy resource that is not procured as part of the same agreement or ownership arrangement with the underlying energy from that eligible renewable energy resource; this includes a REC that was originally procured as a bundled product but was subsequently resold separately from the underlying energy.

“Western Electricity Coordinating Council” or “WECC” means the electricity coordinating council as defined in Public Utilities Code section 399.12 (k).

Note: Authority cited: Section 25213, Public Resources Code; and Sections 398.4. Reference: Sections 25216 and 25216.5, Public Resources Code; and Sections 398.1, 398.2, 398.4 and 398.5, Public Utilities Code.

§ 1392. Generation Disclosure.

(a) Method and Timing of Submissions

(1) All submissions to the balancing authority required by subdivision (a)(2) of this section must be provided to the balancing authority by the generator, either directly or through a Scheduling Coordinator.

(2) Each generator that provides meter data to a balancing authority, either directly or through a Scheduling Coordinator, shall report the information specified in subsection (b) of this section to the balancing authority within forty-five days of the end of each calendar quarter beginning with the quarter ending December 31, 1998.

(b) Content and Format of Submissions to the Balancing Authority

(1) General Information:

(A) Name and telephone number of person to contact about the submission;

(B) Generator name, address, and an identification number provided by the balancing authority, or

in the event that the balancing authority does not provide an identification number to the generator, by the Energy Commission;

(C) For each generating facility that generates electrical energy consumed in California, the generating facility name, location, either by street address or by longitude and latitude, and an identification number provided by the U.S. Energy Information Agency, or, in the event that the U.S. Energy Information Agency does not provide an identification number to the generating facility, by the Energy Commission.

(2) Generation Information: Generators shall report electronically the electricity generated in kilowatt hours by hour by each generating facility, in each month of the preceding quarter.

(3) Fuel Information:

(A) For generating facilities using only one type of fuel, generators shall report electronically the type of fuel consumed in the preceding quarter.

(B) For generating facilities using more than one fuel type, generators shall report electronically the fuel consumed in each month of the preceding quarter as a percentage of the total fuel used for electricity generation.

(C) Fuel shall be reported in the following categories:

1. Eligible renewable, which shall be reported in the following subcategories:

- a. Biomass and biowaste
- b. Geothermal
- c. Eligible hydroelectric
- d. Solar
- e. Wind
- f. Other

2. Coal

3. Natural gas

4. Large hydroelectric

5. Nuclear

6. Other

(c) Balancing Authority Responsibilities

(1) Subject to the limitations described in subsection (c)(2) of this section, all data provided to the balancing authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section will be reported electronically to the Energy Commission either by providing a computer disk containing the information, or by providing electronic access to the information. This access shall be provided to the Energy Commission within 60 days of the end of each calendar quarter.

(2) Limitations on Energy Commission Access:

(A) The balancing authority is not required to provide the Energy Commission with any information submitted under subdivision (b)(3) of this section that specifies the amount of fuel consumed at a generating facility.

(B) The balancing authority is not required to provide the Energy Commission with any information submitted under subdivision (b)(3) of this section for out-of-state power.

(d) The following requirements apply to generation and fuel information that is reported for any generation that is sold in an electric service product for which a claim of specific purchases is made.

(1) The generation and fuel information must be reported from individually metered generating facilities.

(2) If generation or fuel information for electrical energy that is sold in an electric service product for which a claim of specific purchases is made is not reported pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, the generator shall report electronically the information specified in subdivision (d)(2)(A)-(C) of this section to the Energy Commission by March 1 of each year beginning in 1999 for each generating facility that generated such electrical energy in California. If the information is provided to the Energy Commission in another filing, the generator may submit a statement identifying the filing and section of the filing in which the information is contained in lieu of a separate filing pursuant to this subdivision.

(A) General Information:

1. Name and telephone number of person to contact about the submission;
2. Generator name, address, and an identification number provided by the balancing authority, or in the event that the balancing authority does not provide an identification number to the generator, by the Energy Commission;
3. For each generating facility, the generating facility name, location, either by street address or by longitude and latitude, and an identification number provided by the U.S. Energy Information Agency, or, in the event that the U.S. Energy Information Agency does

not provide an identification number to the generating facility, by the Energy Commission.

(B) Net electricity generated by the generating facility in kilowatt hours in the previous calendar year; and

(C) Type of fuel consumed by the generating facility as a percentage of electricity generation in the previous calendar year, using the categories specified in subdivision (b)(3)(C) of this section.

(3) When a retail supplier's claim of specific purchases mandates that a generator comply with the reporting requirements of subdivision (d)(2) of this section, the retail supplier shall inform the generator that he or she must comply with these reporting requirements.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25213, Public Resources Code; and Sections 398.3 and 398.5, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Sections 25216 and 25216.5, Public Resources Code; and Sections 398.3 and 398.5, Public Utilities Code.

§ 1393. Accounting Methodology.

(a) Requirements Applicable to Fuel Mix and GHG Emissions Accounting

(1) Unbundled RECs, including those from a non-eligible renewable energy resource, shall not be used to calculate or adjust the fuel mix or GHG emissions intensity of an electricity portfolio.

(2) A retail supplier's purchases of the specified system power from an asset-controlling supplier shall use the GHG emissions intensity assigned to the asset-controlling supplier by the CARB for the corresponding data year used for data reporting to CARB pursuant to section 95111 (b)(3) of the MRR. A retail supplier's purchases of the specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier shall be categorized according to the fuel mix of the asset-controlling supplier pursuant to section 1394 (c).

(3) Net purchases of each specified gross purchase shall be calculated by deducting any specified wholesale sales from each specified gross purchase, as expressed in Equation 1:

$$\text{Equation 1: } NP_i = GP_i - WS_i$$

Where:

NP_i = Net purchase i, measured in MWh

GP_i = Gross purchase i, measured in MWh

WS_i = Wholesale sales of gross purchase i, measured in MWh

(4) Net electricity from unspecified sources of power, including electricity purchased through the Electricity Imbalance Market, shall be calculated as the difference between the retail sales associated with an electricity portfolio in the prior year and the total procurement of specified net purchases associated with an electricity portfolio in the prior year, as expressed in Equation 2. If

total procurement of specified net purchases exceeds the retail sales of an electricity portfolio, the net unspecified power attributable to the electricity portfolio shall be zero.

$$\text{Equation 2: } U = RS - TNP$$

Where:

U = Net unspecified power attributable to the electricity portfolio, expressed in MWh

RS = Retail sales attributable to the electricity portfolio, expressed in MWh

TNP = Total specified net purchases attributable to the electricity portfolio, expressed in MWh

(5) For resources that investor-owned utilities have been directed to procure pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 365.1(c)(2)(A), the investor-owned utility shall report the portion of procurement attributable to the investor-owned utility as determined by the California Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 365.1(c)(2)(B).

(6) If the total procurement of specified net purchases of an electricity portfolio exceeds retail sales, each net purchase of electricity from a generator using natural gas shall be proportionally reduced so that the sum of all adjusted net purchases equals the retail sales of an electricity portfolio, as expressed in Equation 3. If an electricity portfolio has insufficient natural gas electricity sources to adjust to reconcile the excess specified net procurements with retail sales, each purchase from coal and other fossil fuel electricity sources shall then be proportionally reduced in accordance with Equation 3. If an electricity portfolio has insufficient natural gas or coal and other fossil fuel electricity sources to adjust to reconcile the excess specified net procurements with retail sales, all other specified purchases shall then be proportionally reduced in accordance with Equation 3.

$$\text{Equation 3: } ANP_i = NP_i - (NP - RS) \times \left(\frac{NP_i}{NP_{NR}} \right)$$

Where:

ANP_i = Adjusted net purchase i, measured in MWh

NP_i = Net purchase i, measured in MWh

NP = Sum of all net purchases, measured in MWh

RS = Total retail sales of an electricity portfolio, measured in MWh

NP_{NR} = Any net purchase of a fuel type that is not an eligible renewable, large hydroelectric, or nuclear resource, measured in MWh

(7) Procurements from nuclear or large hydroelectric generating units cannot be classified as specified purchases if the associated environmental attributes have been claimed by, or traded to, a separate party.

(b) Requirements Applicable to Fuel Mix Accounting

(1) To claim the fuel type of an eligible renewable, a retail supplier shall procure specified purchases of electricity and the associated RECs from an eligible renewable generator, including through eligible firm-and-shaped agreements. If claimed as a specified purchase on the power content label, the associated RECs shall not be sold. Electricity purchases from an eligible renewable generator without the associated RECs shall be classified as unspecified power.

(2) The fuel mix shall be calculated by aggregating adjusted net purchases of each fuel type pursuant to the reconciliation adjustment in Equation 4, and expressed as percentages of the retail sales of the electricity portfolio as follows:

$$\text{Equation 4: } FM_j = \left(\frac{\sum ANP_j}{RS} \right) \times 100\%$$

Where:

FM_j = Percentage of fuel mix corresponding to fuel type j

ANP_j = Adjusted net purchase of fuel type j, calculated pursuant to subdivision 1393(a)(6), measured in MWh

RS = Total retail sales of an electricity portfolio, measured in MWh

(3) The fuel mix shall be composed of the following fuel types:

- (A) Coal
- (B) Natural gas
- (C) Nuclear
- (D) Large hydroelectric
- (E) Eligible renewable
 1. Biomass and biowaste
 2. Geothermal
 3. Eligible hydroelectric
 4. Solar
 5. Wind
 6. Other
- (F) Unspecified power
- (G) Other

(c) Requirements Applicable to GHG Emissions Accounting

(1) GHG emissions of specified purchases, including eligible firm-and-shaped products, shall be calculated based on the delivered electricity.

(A) In order for specified electricity to be assigned the GHG emissions intensity of the associated generator, a retail supplier 1) must have executed a purchase agreement or ownership arrangement prior to generation of the procured electricity and, 2) have e-tags for all delivered electricity that is imported. If the specified electricity does not meet both 1) and 2), it will be assigned the GHG intensity of unspecified power.

(B) In order to be assigned the GHG emissions intensity of an eligible renewable generator, the delivered electricity from the renewable generator must be procured with the associated RECs. If claimed as a specified purchase on the power content label, the associated RECs shall not be sold. Electricity purchases from an eligible renewable generator without the associated RECs shall be classified as unspecified power.

(2) GHG emissions intensities of generators

(A) The Energy Commission shall annually assign a GHG emissions intensity to each generator that delivers electricity to a California balancing authority, and provide the most recent GHG emissions intensities of generators for retail suppliers to use in annual reporting to the Energy Commission pursuant to section 1394.

(B) For all generators with reported or assigned emissions under MRR, the Energy Commission shall calculate GHG emissions intensities as follows:

$$\text{Equation 5: } EF = \frac{E}{G}$$

Where:

EF = Generator's emissions intensity for the previous calendar year, measured in metric tons CO₂e/MWh

E = Sum of generator's most recent annual GHG emissions as reported under MRR and expressed in metric tons of CO₂e

G = Generator's net electricity production as reported to MRR, measured in MWh. If net electricity production data is not available under MRR, net electricity production data submitted under Form EIA-923 Power Plant Operations Report (OMB No. 1905-0129) will be used; specifically, Page 1 Generation and Fuel Data, Year to Date Net Generation

(C) For any generators without reported or assigned emissions under MRR, the Energy Commission shall calculate the sum of GHG emissions associated with the generator using heat of combustion data and default emission factors by fuel type pursuant to section 95111 (b)(2)(C) of the MRR.

A generator's GHG emissions shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Equation 6: } E = ST \times HC$$

Where:

E = Sum of generator's CO₂, N₂O, and CH₄ emissions for the previous calendar year

ST = Stationary fuel combustion emissions intensity of CO₂, N₂O, and CH₄, expressed in metric tons per MMBtu

HC = Heat content of fuel combusted for electricity production of a generator for the previous calendar year, expressed in MMBtu

A generator's GHG emissions intensity shall then be calculated by converting emissions to CO₂e and applying the method described in Equation 5.

(D) For any generators that cannot be assigned a GHG emissions intensity using the methods described in subdivisions (c)(2)(B) or (C), including new generators and generators located outside the U.S., the Energy Commission shall assign an emissions intensity based on the average GHG emissions intensity of generators using the corresponding fuel type reported under this program.

(E) The Energy Commission shall determine the portion of GHG emissions of a cogenerating unit attributable to electricity production in the previous calendar year as follows:

$$\text{Equation 7: } E_e = E_t \times \frac{F_e}{F_t}$$

Where:

E_e = GHG emissions attributable to electricity production

E_t = Total GHG emissions attributable to a generator in the previous calendar year

F_e = Fuel consumed by a generator for electricity production in the previous calendar year, based on data submitted under Form EIA-923 Power Plant Operations Report (OMB No. 1905-0129); specifically, Page 1 Generation and Fuel Data, Electric Fuel Consumption MMBtu.

F_t = Total fuel consumed by a generator in the previous calendar year, based on data submitted under Form EIA-923 Power Plant Operations Report (OMB No. 1905-0129); specifically, Page 1 Generation and Fuel Data, Total Fuel Consumption MMBtu

A cogenerating unit's GHG emissions intensity shall then be calculated by applying Equation 5.

(F) For generators with discrete generating units that are owned by or contracted to separate retail suppliers, the Energy Commission shall use Equation 5 to calculate GHG emissions intensities for each generating unit.

(G) The Energy Commission shall not attribute carbon dioxide emissions associated with electricity production from biogenic fuels to retail suppliers for GHG emissions intensity calculations.

(3) The GHG emissions intensity of unspecified power shall be assigned the default emissions factor as specified under section 95111(b)(1) of the MRR.

(4) The GHG emissions intensity of an electricity portfolio shall be calculated by dividing the sum of all GHG emissions from specified adjusted net purchases and from unspecified power for the previous calendar year by the retail sales of that electricity portfolio during that same calendar year. GHG emissions intensity of an electricity portfolio shall be calculated as follows:

(A) Sum all GHG emissions attributable to the electricity portfolio by multiplying the adjusted net purchase of each specified purchase or purchase of unspecified power in the electricity portfolio by the corresponding emissions factor, then summing the products as follows:

$$\text{Equation 8: } E = \sum (AN_i \times EF_i)$$

Where:

E = Sum of all GHG emissions attributable to the electricity portfolio

AN_i = Adjusted net purchase from generator i or unspecified power pursuant to subdivision (a)(6)

EF_i = Emissions factor of generator i

(B) Divide the sum of all GHG emissions attributable to the electricity portfolio by the retail sales of the electricity portfolio as follows:

$$\text{Equation 9: } EI = \frac{E}{RS}$$

Where:

EI = GHG emissions intensity of electricity portfolio for the reporting period

E = Sum of GHG emissions attributable to electricity portfolio

RS = Retail sales of electricity portfolio

(d) GHG emissions exclusions

(1) Retail suppliers with specified purchases of eligible firm-and-shaped products under a purchase agreement or ownership arrangement executed prior to January 1, 2019 shall report GHG emissions associated with the delivered electricity and shall identify these emissions as excluded from the calculation of emissions intensity of the electricity portfolio.

(A) Each retail supplier shall provide to the Energy Commission a purchase agreement or ownership arrangement documentation substantiating that any eligible firm-and-shaped product for which it is claiming an exclusion was executed prior to January 1, 2019.

(B) Retail suppliers with specified purchases of eligible firm-and-shaped products under a purchase agreement or ownership arrangement that has been amended or extended as specified in paragraphs 1., 2., or 3. on or after January 1, 2019, shall report GHG emissions according to the source of the delivered electricity for inclusion in the GHG emissions intensity calculation of the electricity portfolio pursuant to subdivision (c)(1):

1. to increase the specified quantity of annual procurement;
2. to increase the length of the agreement, including through automatic renewal or an extension as contemplated in the original agreement; or
3. to substitute a different eligible renewable resource.

(2) The Energy Commission shall adjust GHG emissions of a local publicly owned electric utility if the utility demonstrates that it generated quantities of electricity on or after January 1, 2017 in excess of its retail sales and wholesale sales of specified sources in a prior year from specified sources that do not emit any GHGs.

(A) When a local publicly owned electric utility reports excess zero-GHG generation in an annual report filed pursuant to section 1394(a), the Energy Commission shall assign each megawatt hour of excess zero-GHG generation a negative credit equal to the default emissions factor for unspecified electricity as specified under section 95111(b)(1) of the MRR. When the local publicly owned electric utility wishes to use this excess zero-GHG generation to adjust emissions in a subsequent reporting year, it shall make that election in its annual report and the Energy Commission shall confirm that there is sufficient excess zero-GHG generation for the requested adjustment and that it was generated within twenty years of its elected use. If there is insufficient excess zero-GHG generation or it was generated more than twenty years prior, the Energy Commission shall inform the local publicly owned electric utility and the utility shall submit a corrected annual report.

(B) The Energy Commission shall adjust the GHG emissions of a local publicly owned electric utility only once for each megawatt hour of excess generation of zero-GHG electricity.

(C) The local publicly owned electric utility shall submit agreements to the Energy Commission substantiating that the relevant generation was generated in excess of its retail and wholesale sales of specified power with each annual report that identifies excess zero-GHG generation.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25213, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.4, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Sections 25216 and 25216.5, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.4, Public Utilities Code.

§ 1394. Annual Submission to the Energy Commission.

(a) On or before June 1 of each year, each retail supplier shall submit a separate annual report to the Energy Commission containing the information identified in subdivision (b) below for each electricity portfolio offered the previous calendar year, in accordance with the methodology described in section 1393. Retail suppliers must submit this information on the Annual Report forms provided by the Energy Commission.

(1) The retail supplier shall submit an electronic copy of each annual report in conformance with section 1208.1. Paper copies with original signatures shall be retained by the retail supplier and furnished to the Energy Commission upon request.

(2) The report must include an attestation, signed by an authorized agent of the retail supplier under penalty of perjury, that the electricity claimed by the retail supplier as a specified purchase during the previous calendar year was sold once and only once to retail customers of that retail supplier, and that the information provided in the report is true and correct.

(b) Annual Report. Retail suppliers shall provide the following information for each specified purchase of electricity procured in the previous calendar year and for electricity from unspecified sources from the previous calendar year on the forms provided by the Energy Commission. Retail suppliers shall submit GHG data pursuant to subdivisions (b)(1)(D)-(E) and (b)(3)(D) for generation and procurement that occurs on or after January 1, 2020.

(1) General.

(A) Fuel type attribute information using the fuel type categories identified in section 1393(b)(3). For purchases of specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier, retail suppliers may use the ACS Purchase Calculator provided by the Energy Commission to determine the appropriate fuel types and quantities.

(B) Electricity purchases and sales information, denominated in thousands of kilowatt hours:

1. Gross kilowatt hours purchased.

2. Kilowatt hours resold at wholesale.

3. Net kilowatt hours of purchased electricity, determined by subtracting resold electricity

from gross kilowatt hours of purchased electricity.

4. Adjusted net kilowatt hours of purchased electricity, calculated pursuant to section 1393(a)(6).

5. Quantity of unspecified power attributed to the electricity portfolio pursuant to section 1393(a)(4).

(C) Identifying information:

1. Generator name, generator location (state or province), and generator identification numbers under the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) and the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS), if applicable.

2. EIA number:

a. The Energy Commission shall assign identification numbers to use in place of an EIA number for generators without an EIA number, for unspecified power, and for purchases of the specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier pursuant to subdivision (c).

b. For specified purchases of eligible firm-and-shaped products, the retail supplier shall also provide the EIA identification number of the generator that provided delivered electricity as specified under the firming-and-shaping agreement. If the source of the delivered electricity is unspecified power, the retail supplier shall use the identification number for unspecified power provided by the Energy Commission.

(D) GHG emissions intensity associated with each purchase of electricity as provided by the Energy Commission pursuant to section 1393(c)(2).

(E) Total GHG emissions associated with each purchase of electricity, calculated in accordance with section 1393(c), and expressed in metric tons of CO₂e.

(F) Annual surplus generation from a pumped storage facility, meaning the facility produced more electricity than it consumed for storage pumping and other on-site load during the previous year, shall be reported as specified purchases of large hydroelectricity. Annual losses incurred by pumped storage facilities, meaning the facility consumed more electricity through on-site load than it generated, shall not be reported.

(2) Unbundled RECs.

(A) Quantity of unbundled RECs associated with the electricity portfolio retired during the previous calendar year, denominated in thousands of kilowatt hours.

(B) Generator name, location, fuel type, vintage year, and WREGIS and RPS identification numbers for each source of retired unbundled RECs.

(C) Upon request by the Energy Commission, the retail supplier shall authorize WREGIS to confirm unbundled REC retirements associated with each electricity portfolio.

(3) Aggregated Data.

(A) Total adjusted net purchase for each fuel type, aggregated from information reported pursuant to subdivision (b)(1)(B).

(B) Total retail sales of the electricity portfolio. The retail supplier shall also describe the retail suppliers' other electricity end-uses in megawatt hours, such as transmission and distribution losses.

(C) Percentage of retail sales for each fuel type, rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent.

(D) The GHG emissions intensity of the electricity portfolio pursuant to the calculation method specified in section 1393(c)(4).

(E) Total retired unbundled RECs, expressed as a percentage of retail sales.

(c) Asset-Controlling Suppliers. An asset-controlling supplier may have its wholesale sales of system power classified as specified system power of an asset-controlling supplier if it complies with the following reporting requirements by February 1 each year:

(1) Reports to the CARB under section 95111(f) of the MRR and has an emission factor posted for use on the CARB website;

(2) Reports to the Energy Commission the fuel mix of its specified system mix using the fuel types designated under section 1393(b)(3) and corresponding to the asset-controlling supplier's reporting pursuant to subdivision (c)(1); and

(3) Provides to the Energy Commission an attestation by an authorized officer of the asset-controlling supplier affirming that the fuel mix in its report to the Energy Commission is consistent with the report submitted pursuant to subdivision (c)(1).

Note: Authority cited: Section 25213, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.5, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Sections 25216 and 25216.5, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.5, Public Utilities Code.

§ 1394.1. Retail Disclosure to Consumers.

(a) Pursuant to Section 398.4 of the Public Utilities Code, each retail supplier shall provide to consumers a power content label that discloses the fuel mix and GHG emissions intensity of each electricity portfolio that was sold during the previous calendar year, and separately discloses the fuel mix and GHG emissions intensity of total California system electricity, using the schedule and format

specified in this section. Retail suppliers shall disclose GHG emissions intensity data on power content labels for generation and procurement that occurs on or after January 1, 2020.

(1) Information disclosed on each power content label shall be consistent with the information reported to the Energy Commission on the annual report for each electricity portfolio.

(2) Any marketing or retail product claim by a retail supplier related to the GHG emissions intensity of an electricity portfolio shall be consistent with the GHG emissions intensity disclosed on the relevant power content label.

(3) The Energy Commission shall provide fuel mix and GHG emissions intensity of California's total statewide retail electricity sales for inclusion on the power content label.

(b) Each retail supplier shall disclose the information required in this section to consumers according to the following schedule:

(1) The power content label shall be provided in all product-specific written promotional materials that are distributed to consumers by either printed or electronic means, including the retail supplier's Internet Web site, if one exists, except that advertisements and notices in general circulation media shall not be subject to this requirement.

(2) The power content label shall be provided by United States mail to customers served by each electricity portfolio and to the Energy Commission on or before the end of the first complete billing cycle for the third quarter of the year. Retail suppliers may provide annual disclosures to customers via electronic mail, provided that the customer has consented to receiving electronic mail notice in lieu of service by United States mail. Annual disclosures shall also be displayed on the website of the retail supplier, if it maintains one for purposes of communicating information about electric service, in an easily marked and identifiable location.

(c) Each retail supplier shall disclose the following information for every electricity portfolio it offers, except for custom electricity portfolios, on a single power content label:

(1) Fuel mix information of each electricity portfolio and of California total statewide retail electricity sales shall be provided using the following fuel type categories and in the following order, rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent:

(A) Eligible renewable

(B) Coal

(C) Large hydroelectric

(D) Natural gas

(E) Nuclear

(F) Other

(G) Unspecified sources of power

(2) The retail supplier shall include the following subcategories within the eligible renewable category:

(A) Biomass and biowaste

(B) Geothermal

(C) Eligible hydroelectric

(D) Solar

(E) Wind

(F) Other, if applicable

(3) GHG emissions intensity of each electricity portfolio and of California total statewide retail electricity sales in accordance with the calculation method specified in section 1393(c), expressed in pounds of CO₂e per megawatt hour. This information shall also be displayed graphically in a bar chart.

(4) The retail supplier's company name, phone number, and website address, and the name, phone number, and website address of the Energy Commission.

(5) Quantity of unbundled RECs retired in association with each electricity portfolio, expressed as a percentage of retail sales.

(d) The fuel mix and GHG emissions intensity disclosed by retail suppliers that offer an electricity portfolio to retail consumers in California and one or more other states shall reflect the proportional share of the portfolio of resources attributed to its California retail sales.

(e) Custom electricity portfolios negotiated under private agreement shall not be included in the power content labels provided to the retail supplier's general customers. Instead, such electricity portfolios shall be disclosed to the subscribed customers on a separate power content label via physical or electronic mail consistent with the provisions of subdivision (b)(2). Custom electricity portfolios shall not be subject to the promotional materials disclosure requirement of subdivision (b)(1) or the website disclosure requirement of subdivision (b)(2).

(f) If individual customers are served by a mixture of electricity portfolios, the power content label shall include a footnote on the power content label stating that some customers of the retail supplier may be served by more than one electricity portfolio.

(g) New community choice aggregators shall report the GHG emissions intensity of their electricity portfolios beginning with the first annual report containing data from the first full calendar year of operation following the first 24 months of serving their first retail customer.

(h) All information contained in the power content label shall appear in one place without other intervening material.

(1) If the retail supplier offers promotional materials that consist of more than one page, the power content label or a note telling the customer where the power content label can be found shall appear on the cover page or the first facing page. If a note is used to tell the customer where the power content label can be found, the note shall appear in a type size no smaller than 10 point.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (h)(1) of this section, if the promotional materials pertain to more than one electricity portfolio and contain multiple pages, the power content label for each electricity portfolio may appear on the page discussing that electricity portfolio.

(i) Each retail supplier shall use the power content label template provided by the Energy Commission on its website to generate its power content label. The format of the power content label may not be altered by the retail supplier.

(j) If a retail supplier elects to include additional information related to the sources of unbundled RECs on any power content label, the retail supplier shall submit the proposed information to the Energy Commission for review by May 1 annually. By June 15 annually, the Executive Director or her or his designee shall determine whether the proposed language is limited to information specifically related to the sources of unbundled RECs and does not conflict with the methodology established by the Energy Commission for the calculation of the GHG emissions intensity. If the Executive Director or her or his designee determines that the proposed language meets these requirements, she or he shall issue a modified Power Content Label template to the retail supplier that includes the proposed language in a footnote.

(k) Separate from the power content label, retail suppliers may provide additional information to customers describing other actions relating to GHG that are unrelated to the electricity portfolio.

(l) The power content label shall include the following information in footnotes:

(1) "Renewable energy credits (RECs) are tracking instruments issued for renewable generation. Unbundled renewable energy credits (RECs) represent renewable generation that was not delivered to serve retail sales. Unbundled RECs are not reflected in the power mix or GHG emissions intensities above."

(2) "The eligible renewable percentage above does not reflect RPS compliance, which is determined using a different methodology."

(3) “Unspecified power is electricity that has been purchased through open market transactions and is not traceable to a specific generation source.”

Note: Authority cited: Section 25213, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.4, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Sections 25216 and 25216.5, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.4, Public Utilities Code.

§ 1394.2. Auditing and Verification.

(a) By October 1 of each year, all retail suppliers shall provide a report prepared by an auditor who has conducted the procedures identified in subdivision (b) The report shall contain a summary of the results of the procedures and a proof of service of the annual power content label to customers.

(1) The retail supplier shall engage an auditor to verify the accuracy and completeness of data reported in the annual report submitted to the Energy Commission.

(A) The auditor shall be a Certified Public Accountant in good standing with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) or a Certified Internal Auditor in good standing with the Institute of Certified Internal Auditors.

(B) The engagement shall be performed in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements, Section 600, AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards, Section 622, or the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards for Attestation Engagements or Performance Audits as specified under Chapter 1 of the Government Auditing Standards (July 2018), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(2) A retail supplier that is a public agency providing electric services is not required to comply with the provisions of subdivision (a)(1) if the board of directors of the public agency submits to the Energy Commission an attestation of the veracity of each annual report and power content label for the previous year.

(b) Audit Procedures

(1) The auditor shall review the information used to prepare the annual report and perform the procedures identified below, noting any exceptions.

(A) The auditor shall agree the specified purchases and resales by facility name, facility number provided by EIA, WREGIS, and RPS if applicable, kilowatt hours, and fuel type from the information used to prepare the annual report is consistent with the information presented in the annual report. The auditor shall agree the purchases of unspecified sources of power, unbundled RECs, and resales from the information used to prepare the annual report is consistent with the information presented in the annual report. The auditor shall agree the retail sales are accurately reflected in the annual report. The auditor shall also test the mathematical accuracy of the annual report.

(B) The auditor shall select a sample of purchases from the information used to prepare Schedule 1, and for each purchase in the sample perform the following procedures:

1. Agree the facility name, facility numbers provided by EIA, WREGIS, and RPS if applicable, kilowatt hours, and the fuel type from the invoice to the information used to prepare Schedule 1.
2. For facilities owned by the retail supplier, agree the kilowatt hours with meter readings made by an independent third party, or confirm that the retail supplier has another internal auditing procedure that assures facility production agrees to production claims.
3. Agree the date of generation from the invoice to the reporting period of the information used to prepare Schedule 1.
4. Agree the unbundled RECs reported on Schedule 2 were retired within the reporting year.

(C) The auditor shall agree any excluded emissions meet the requirements pursuant to section 1393(d).

(2) The auditor shall obtain a copy of the annual power content label provided to customers for each electricity portfolio. Using the information reported in the associated annual reports, the auditor shall then compare the information to that identified on the power content label. The auditor shall note any exceptions.

(c) The Energy Commission may on its own motion, or as a result of a request from a member of the public or other agency, investigate electricity transactions identified by a retail supplier to determine whether the transactions are traceable to specific generating facilities and whether they provide commercial verification that the electricity source claimed has been sold once and only once to retail consumers. In conducting its investigation, the Energy Commission may require the production of the service lists used to comply with the requirements of subdivision (b) of this section, as well as commercial documents, such as contracts, invoices, the verification procedures performed pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section, and attestations.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25213, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.5, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Sections 25216 and 25216.5, Public Resources Code; and Section 398.5, Public Utilities Code.