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<p><i>IN THE MATTER OF:</i></p> <p>Renewables Portfolio Standard Compliance Period 3 (2017-2020) Verification and Compliance</p> <hr/>	<p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p>	<p>Docket No. 21-RPS-01</p> <p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION AT JUNE BUSINESS MEETING</p> <p>RE: Adoption of the <i>Renewables Portfolio Standard 2017-2020 Verification Results for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities, Staff Draft Reports</i></p>
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**Notice to Consider Adoption of the  
*Renewables Portfolio Standard 2017-2020  
Verification Results for Local Publicly Owned  
Electric Utilities, Staff Draft Reports- Group 2*  
(Docket No. 21-RPS-01)**

As part of the June 12, 2024, Business Meeting, the CEC will consider adoption of the *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2017-2020 Verification Results for Publicly Owned Electric Utilities, Staff Draft Reports – Group 2 (RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 2)* for 15 publicly owned electric utilities (POUs).

More information about the June 12, 2024, Business Meeting, including the full agenda, location, and instructions for participation is available on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings>.

The proposed *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 2* detail verification findings of renewable energy procurement claims submitted by POUs for Compliance Period 3 (CP 3) of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), covering the years 2017-2020. A total of 43 POUs reported claims for CP 3. Staff has completed claims verification for all 43 POUs. The initial group of 28 POUs’ *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* were adopted at the December 2023 business meeting. The remaining 15 draft reports will be considered for adoption at the June business meeting as noticed above.

The *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* establishes the rules and procedures by which the CEC assesses a POU’s compliance with RPS procurement requirements. The methods used by the CEC

to verify procurement claims for RPS program participants are generally described in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* and further detailed in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Third Edition*. These [documents](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard) can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard>.

The verification results included in the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 2* provide the following information for this second and final group of POUs that reported procurement claims for CP 3:

- The POU’s procurement target, portfolio balance requirements, and limitations.
- The amount of eligible renewable energy credits (REC) retired, and the amount applied to meet the compliance period requirements, both shown by Portfolio Content Category classification and Long-Term Procurement Requirement classification, as applicable.
- Deficits in meeting RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period, if any.
- Optional compliance measures being applied by the POU for the compliance period, if applicable.
- A calculation of any excess procurement accumulated in this compliance period.
- A summary of the POU’s excess procurement and historic carryover, if any, including any prior balance, the amount accumulated and used in the current compliance period, and remaining balance.

Summary claims details tables are posted to provide detailed information about the corresponding *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Report*. The summary claims details provide the RPS claims reported by each POU for CP 3, and includes detailed information on claims deemed eligible, claims determined to be ineligible, and claims withdrawn by the reporting POU. The summary claims tables are available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/files/summary-claims-details-compliance-period-3>.

On May 08, 2024, the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 2* were posted for public comment. Staff will consider the comments received and update the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 2* as needed. The *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 2* are available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-rps-01>.

## **Background**

Established in 2002, California’s RPS is one of the most ambitious renewable energy policies in the nation. Enacted by Senate Bill 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002), and accelerated and expanded by subsequent legislation, California’s RPS establishes increasingly progressive renewable energy procurement targets for the state’s load-serving entities. Originally applicable to retail sellers, the statewide mandatory RPS was expanded by Senate Bill X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session) to include POUs starting in 2011. Senate Bill 100

(De León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018) increased the procurement targets, requiring both retail sellers and POU's to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 60 percent of retail sales by 2030.

California's RPS is administered by the CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of its responsibilities, the CEC verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by all load-serving entities, which include retail sellers and POU's that are obligated to participate in California's RPS. The CEC is also responsible for certifying RPS eligible renewable energy resources, designing and implementing an accounting system to track and report renewable energy procurement for all program participants, and overseeing compliance and enforcement of the POU's. The CEC participated in the development of the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS), an independently administered renewable energy tracking system to verify renewable energy procurement for all program participants. The CPUC is responsible for compliance and enforcement for retail sellers.

The verification results provided in the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* are not a compliance determination. After the CEC adopts the reports, staff will begin the process of determining if the POU complies with the RPS requirements for CP 3, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, sections 1240 and 3200-3208. The CEC Executive Director will make a compliance determination informed by the verification results presented in each POU's verification results report and, if applicable, the application of optional compliance measures by the POU. The Executive Director will issue a letter to each POU documenting the RPS compliance determination.

**Public Comment.**

More information about the June 12, 2024, Business Meeting, including the full agenda, location, materials, and instructions for participation including public comment, is available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/2024-06/energy-commission-business-meeting>.

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