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This *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2011-2013 Retail Sellers Procurement Verification Draft Staff Report (RPS 2011-2013 Retail Sellers Verification Report)* is available from the Energy Commission's website at:

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

The *RPS 2011-2013 Retail Sellers Verification Report* details the Energy Commission's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurement verification findings for retail sellers of electricity under California's RPS.

The Energy Commission prepares verification reports as part of its RPS responsibilities. Upon finalization of the *RPS 2011-2013 Retail Sellers Verification Report*, the Energy Commission will transmit its RPS procurement verification findings to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

This report provides the following information:

- Indicates the eligible, ineligible, and withdrawn RPS procurement claims for each retail seller and provides the total amount of eligible RPS procurement.
- Verifies, to the extent possible, that RPS procurement exclusively serves California's RPS and does not support another renewable energy regulatory or market claim.
- Provides analysis of RPS-eligible claims by resource type.
- Discusses the limitations and future outlook of the Interim Tracking System (ITS) and Verification Process.

Background

The RPS was initiated with the passage of Senate Bill 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002) and required retail sellers of electricity to increase the amount of renewable energy they procure annually until 20 percent of their retail sales was from renewable electricity generation by 2017. Subsequent changes to statute increased the renewable energy requirements. Recently, the passage of Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) raised the RPS to 50 percent by 2030.

Under the RPS, the Energy Commission is charged with certifying eligible renewable energy resources that may be used to satisfy RPS procurement requirements, developing an accounting system to verify the eligibility of load serving entities' RPS claims, and developing regulations specifying RPS enforcement procedures for local publicly owned electric utilities. The Energy Commission's *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* establishes reporting requirements for RPS Verification purposes and required retail sellers of electricity, including large investor-owned utilities, electric service providers, small and multi-jurisdictional utilities, and community choice aggregators, to submit 2011-2013 RPS procurement claim information to the Energy Commission. Retail sellers reported this information to the Energy Commission through the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) by submitting CA RPS State/Provincial/Voluntary Compliance Reports (WREGIS Reports), and in limited cases using the Energy Commission's CEC-RPS-Track forms. Staff used generation data from renewable generators and various public sources to verify that total procurement claims did not exceed actual generation.

To date, the Energy Commission has published verification reports for compliance years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008-2010. The scope of the *RPS 2011-2013 Retail Sellers Verification Report* includes procurement data and findings for the following 21 entities:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company
2. San Diego Gas & Electric Company
3. Southern California Edison Company
4. Bear Valley Electric Service
5. Liberty Utilities, LLC
6. Pacific Power / PacifiCorp
7. 3Phases Renewables, LLC
8. Calpine Power America-CA, LLC
9. Commerce Energy, Inc.
10. Commercial Energy of California
11. Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.
12. Direct Energy Business, LLC
13. EDF Industrial Power Services (CA), Inc.
14. Gexa Energy California, LLC
15. Glacial Energy of California, Inc.
16. Liberty Power Holdings, LLC
17. Noble Americas Energy Solutions, LLC
18. Pilot Power Group, Inc.
19. Shell Energy North America L.P.
20. Tiger Natural Gas
21. Marin Clean Energy

Prior to developing this draft report, staff posted the draft preliminary verification results tables on the Energy Commission website for public comment on February 2, 2016.

Staff considered and incorporated the comments, as appropriate. The public will also have an opportunity to review and provide comments on this draft report. Staff will consider comments, and then finalize and present the final report for approval at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission Business Meeting. Once adopted by the Energy Commission, the report will be transmitted to the CPUC, where it will be used to determine retail sellers' compliance with the RPS program.

Written Comments

Interested members of the public are encouraged to review and comment on the *RPS 2011-2013 Retail Seller Verification Report*. Written comments should be submitted to the Energy Commission's e-commenting online system no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 27, 2016**. To provide comments, please refer to the following steps:

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