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Notice of Availability of the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report* **CEC-300-2017-001-SD /Docket No. 11-RPS-01**

The *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report (RPS Verification Methodology Report)* is available from the California Energy Commission's website at:

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

The *RPS Verification Methodology Report* describes the methods Energy Commission staff use to verify the eligibility of renewable energy procured by load serving entities (LSEs) for each compliance period of California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) and to determine the Portfolio Content Category (PCC) classification of local publicly owned electric utilities' (POUs) eligible renewable energy.

More specifically, the *RPS Verification Methodology Report* presents the methods Energy Commission staff use to:

- Verify the RPS eligibility of the renewable energy facilities from which each reporting LSE is claiming procurement.
- Verify, to the extent possible, that the amount of renewable electricity procurement claimed by each LSE was sufficiently generated by each eligible facility.
- Determine the amount of renewable electricity that may be attributed to multifuel facilities, including facilities using biomethane.
- Verify, to the extent possible, that procurement exclusively serves California's RPS and is not double-counted toward another renewable energy regulatory or market program.
- Identify eligible, ineligible, and withdrawn procurement claims for each LSE to provide the total amount of eligible procurement for each LSE.
- Determine the PCC classification of each POU's eligible procurement claims.
- Calculate the procurement requirement for POUs.

In addition, this report describes the process Energy Commission staff intend to follow to determine a POU's compliance with the RPS.

For each compliance period, results of the verification analyses as described in the *RPS Verification Methodology Report* are issued separately for retail sellers and POU. For retail sellers, a final verification report is transmitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to be used for its RPS compliance and enforcement activities. Verification results for each POU will be issued through individual reports that will be considered for adoption by the full Energy Commission.

The methodology and processes described in the *RPS Verification Methodology Report* are based on the requirements specified in the Energy Commission's *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* and its *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities*, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1240 and 3200 – 3208.

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) with bipartisan support, and accelerated and expanded by subsequent legislation, California's RPS establishes increasingly progressive renewable energy targets for the state's load serving entities, requiring both retail sellers and POU to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 50 percent of retail sales by 2030.

California's RPS is administered by both the Energy Commission and the CPUC. The Energy Commission is responsible for certifying RPS-eligible renewable energy resources; developing a tracking system to verify renewable energy procurement for all program participants; and overseeing compliance of the POU. The CPUC is responsible for RPS compliance and enforcement for retail sellers.

As part of its responsibilities, the Energy Commission verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by LSEs for each compliance period of California's RPS.

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