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## **Notice of Availability of the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Staff Report, Second Edition* **CEC-300-2018-008-SF/Docket No. 18-RPS-02****

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

[https://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/rps\\_verification.html](https://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/rps_verification.html)

The *RPS Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition* presents the methods Energy Commission staff uses to accomplish the following:

- Verify the eligibility of claims for the procurement of renewable energy submitted by load-serving entities (LSEs) for each compliance period of California's RPS.
- Confirm the vintage and the portfolio content category classification of claims submitted by local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs).
- Confirm the retail sales and calculate each POU's procurement requirements based on their retail sales.
- Determine whether each POU has met the procurement requirements of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) for each compliance period.

For each compliance period, results from the application of the verification analyses covered in this report are issued separately for retail sellers and POUs. For retail sellers, a final verification report will be adopted by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting and subsequently transmitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to be used for its compliance and enforcement activities. For each POU, verification results will be issued in separate reports that are also adopted by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting to be used for compliance and enforcement activities.

The methodology and processes described in the *RPS Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition* 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), and accelerated and expanded by subsequent legislation, California's RPS establishes increasingly progressive renewable energy procurement targets for the state's LSEs. Current statute requires retail sellers and POUs to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 60 percent of retail sales by 2030.

California's RPS is administered by the Energy Commission and the CPUC. As part of its responsibilities, the Energy Commission verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by LSEs, which include retail sellers, POUs, and all other entities serving retail sales of electricity in California that are obligated to participate in California's RPS. The Energy Commission is also responsible for certifying RPS eligible renewable energy resources, developing a tracking system to verify renewable energy procurement for all program participants, and overseeing compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The CPUC is responsible for compliance and enforcement for retail sellers.

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