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The *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2014-2016 Retail Sellers Procurement Verification Staff Draft Report (RPS 2014-2016 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report)* is available from the California Energy Commission's website at:

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

The *RPS 2014-2016 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* provides the preliminary results of Energy Commission staff's verification of renewable energy procurement claims submitted by retail sellers for Compliance Period 2 (CP 2), 2014- 2016, of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS).

As part of its administrative responsibility, the Energy Commission verifies the RPS procurement claims of both retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities (POU). The methods used by the Energy Commission to verify procurement claims for RPS program participants is generally described in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition, Revised (RPS Eligibility Guidebook)*, and further detailed in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition (Methodology Report)*. Both documents can be found at https://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/rps_verification.html.

As stated, this report applies to retail sellers, which includes three large investor-owned utilities (IOU), three small and multijurisdictional utilities (SMJU), 15 electric service providers (ESP), and five community choice aggregators (CCA). The summary results included in the *RPS 2014-2016 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* provides the following information for the 26 California retail sellers that reported procurement claims for CP 2:

- Total RPS claims reported (2014-2016).
- Ineligible claims, distinguished by the reason for the ineligible finding.
- Withdrawn claims.
- Claims eligible toward the RPS.

The report also provides an analysis of the total eligible procurement claims by resource type and includes each individual retail seller's Summary Claims Reports.

Stakeholders and the public have an opportunity to review and provide comments on this staff draft report. Staff will consider comments, and a final version of the *RPS 2014-2016 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* will be adopted by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting. Once adopted by the Energy Commission, the report will be transmitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to be used for its compliance and enforcement activities.

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 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 load-serving entities, which include retail sellers, POUs, and all other entities providing 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.

Written Comments

Interested members of the public are encouraged to review and comment on the *RPS 2014-2016 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report*. Written comments should be submitted to the Energy Commission's e-commenting online system no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **October 22, 2018**. To provide comments, please refer to the following steps:

1. Go to the Energy Commission's website: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/>.
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Written comments will be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, your address, phone, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other Internet search engines.

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