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Renewables Portfolio Standard Compliance)	RE: Publicly Owned Electric Utility
Period 2 (2014-2016))	Verification Results Staff Draft
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Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2014-2016 Verification Results for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities Staff Draft Reports*

The initial group of *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2014-2016 Verification Results for Publicly Owned Electric Utilities, Staff Draft Reports (RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports)* and summary claims details are available on the California Energy Commission's website at:

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

The *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* detail Energy Commission staff's verification findings of renewable energy procurement claims submitted by local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) for Compliance Period 2 (CP 2) of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), covering the years 2014-2016. A total of 43 POUs reported claims for CP 2. Staff has completed claims verification for a majority of POUs with this posting, and the small number of remaining POUs' RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports will be completed and posted at a later date.

Summary claims details tables will be 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for CP 2, and includes detailed information on claims deemed eligible, claims determined to be ineligible, and claims withdrawn by the reporting POU.

As part of its administrative responsibility, the Energy Commission verifies the RPS procurement claims of both retail sellers and POUs. The *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* establishes the rules and procedures by which the Energy Commission assesses a

POU's compliance with RPS procurement requirements. The methods used by the Energy Commission 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, Second Edition*. These documents can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/>.

The verification results included in the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* provide the following information for the initial group of California POUs that reported procurement claims for CP 2:

- The amount of eligible renewable energy procured by the POU.
- The Portfolio Content Category classification of eligible renewable energy claims.
- The POU's procurement target and portfolio balance requirements.
- Any optional compliance measures being applied by the POU.
- Excess procurement above RPS program requirements, which may be applied to a future compliance period.

Stakeholders and the public have an opportunity to review and provide comments on these initial staff draft reports. Staff will consider comments, and final versions of the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* will be considered for adoption by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

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 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of its responsibilities, the Energy Commission verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by all 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.

The verification results provided in the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* are not a compliance determination. After the Energy Commission adopts the reports, staff

will begin the process of determining if the POU complies with the RPS requirements for CP 2, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1240 and 3200-3208.

Written Comments

Interested members of the public are encouraged to review and comment on the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports*. Written comments should be submitted to the Energy Commission's e-commenting online system no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **February 27, 2019**. To provide comments, please refer to the following steps:

1. Go to the Energy Commission's website: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/>.
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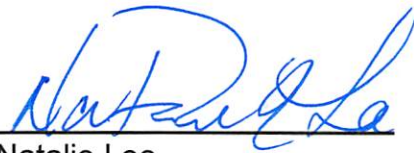
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