

DOCKETED

Docket Number:	21-RPS-01
Project Title:	Renewables Portfolio Standard Compliance Period 3 (2017 - 2020) Verification and Compliance
TN #:	247673
Document Title:	Notice of Availability of the RPS Verification and Compliance Methodology Staff Report, Third Edition
Description:	N/A
Filer:	Gregory Chin
Organization:	California Energy Commission
Submitter Role:	Commission Staff
Submission Date:	11/23/2022 11:40:08 AM
Docketed Date:	11/23/2022

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

energy.ca.gov

CEC-057 (Revised 1/21)



Notice of Availability of the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification and Compliance Methodology Staff Report, 3rd Edition* **CEC-300-2022-012-SF/Docket # 21-RPS-01**

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

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

The *RPS Methodology Report* presents the methods CEC staff employ to accomplish the following:

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

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 CEC 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 also adopted by the CEC at a regularly scheduled business meeting to be used for compliance and enforcement activities conducted by the CEC.

The methodology and processes described in the *RPS Methodology Report* are based on the requirements specified in the CEC's *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition* 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

The enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002) in September 2002 created California's RPS program. California's RPS establishes increasingly progressive renewable energy procurement targets for the state's load-serving entities (LSEs). Originally applicable only to retail sellers, the statewide mandatory RPS was expanded by SB X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session) to include local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) starting in 2011. SB 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 jointly administered and implemented by the CEC and the CPUC. As part of its responsibilities, Public Utilities Code section 399.25 mandates the CEC to 1) certify eligible renewable energy resources, 2) verify the eligibility of renewable energy procured by LSEs, 3) design and implement an accounting system to track and report renewable energy procurement for all program participants, and 4) oversee compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The CPUC is responsible for overseeing the RPS compliance and enforcement programs for retail sellers.

This document is available on the California Energy Commission [website](#) at:

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

News media inquiries can be directed to (916) 654-4989 or mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this report, please contact Kevin Chou at (916) 477-0984, or by e-mail at kevin.chou@energy.ca.gov.