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The *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Procurement Verification Staff Draft Report (RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report)* is available from the California Energy Commission's (CEC) website at:

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

The *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* provides the preliminary results of CEC staff's verification of renewable energy procurement claims submitted by retail sellers for Compliance Period 3 (CP 3), 2017-2020 of the Renewables Portfolio Standard. The CEC previously published a Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on an earlier version of this *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* on November 23, 2022. Due to information subsequently provided to CEC staff by a retail seller, CEC staff made several changes to the report, which are described below. The *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* can be found on the CEC website at the link above. A summary of the changes to the *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* are described below.

The CEC will consider adopting this version of the *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* at the business meeting on:

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Remote Access or In-Person

California Natural Resources Agency Building
715 P Street
Auditorium Room
Sacramento, California 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

More information about the January 25, 2023, business meeting, including the full agenda and instructions for participation is available on the CEC's website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings>.

As part of its administrative responsibility, the CEC verifies the RPS procurement claims of both retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities (POU). The methods used by the CEC to verify procurement claims for RPS program participants is generally described in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (RPS Eligibility Guidebook)*, and further detailed in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Third Edition (Methodology Report)*. [Both documents](http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/rps_verification.html) can be found at http://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 23 community choice aggregators (CCA). The summary results included in the *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* provides the following information for the 44 California retail sellers that reported procurement claims for CP 3:

- Total RPS claims reported (2017-2020).
- 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 Report.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) utilizes this report for compliance and enforcement activities involving retail sellers. As noted above, the results contained in this report will be considered final by the CEC once adopted. Accordingly, retail sellers should take care to review this report closely prior to adoption and identify any errors or requested corrections to the report not previously identified.

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 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report* will be posted to the CEC's website and the CP 3 docket (21-RPS-01) once adopted and finalized by the CEC. Once adopted by the CEC, the report will be transmitted to the CPUC.

During the comment period for the *RPS 2017-2020 Retail Sellers Draft Verification Report*, a retail seller provided staff with information indicating that some of the retail seller's claim amounts were incorrect. The following is a summary of the changes made in the revised version:

1. Cover page and credits updated to reflect the document as a revised version.

2. Updates to internal citations for consistency.
3. Chapter 3, Table 6, page 12, the withdrawn claim and total claims eligible toward the RPS have been revised to reflect the correct amounts.
4. Chapter 4, Table 46, page 35, values for the following years and resource types were revised: 2017 photovoltaic, small hydroelectric; 2018 wind, small hydroelectric; 2019 photovoltaic; 2020 photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, small hydroelectric, and biomass; subsequently, respective total renewable sources and CP 3 totals were revised.
5. Chapter 4, Figure 1, page 36, clarified figure title to reflect procurement amounts as RPS-eligible only.
6. Chapter 4, Figure 2, page 37, clarified figure title to reflect procurement amounts as RPS-eligible only.
7. Appendix A, Table A-23, page A-105, row 23 was updated to remove the amount from Turquoise Liberty Solar as an ineligible or withdrawn claim. This subsequently makes the corresponding amount an eligible claim. The original version of the report identified the claim as ineligible or withdrawn by the LSE.

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 POU's starting in 2011. SB 100 (De León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018) increased the procurement targets, requiring both retail sellers and POU's 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, the CEC is legislatively mandated 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 POU's. The CPUC is responsible for the RPS compliance and enforcement for retail sellers.

Oral comments. The CEC will accept oral comments during the business meeting at which this item is heard for approval. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. All comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written Comments

CEC staff strongly encourages the submission of written comments prior to the business meeting if possible. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2023. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address)

will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 21-RPS-01 and *Renewables Portfolio Standard Compliance Period 3 (2017 - 2020) Verification and Compliance* in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-RPS-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-RPS-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document. All documents filed with the CEC shall comply with Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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