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Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2017-2020 Verification Results for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities Staff Draft Reports* Docket No. 21-RPS-01

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The initial group of *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2017-2020 Verification Results for Local 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 (CEC) [website](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard/renewables-portfolio-standard/renewables) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard/renewables-portfolio-standard/renewables>.

These *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* present CEC staff's verification findings of renewable energy procurement claims submitted by local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) for Compliance Period 3 (CP 3) of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), covering the years 2017-2020. A total of 43 POUs reported claims for CP 3. Staff has completed claims verification for 28 POUs with this posting, and the remaining POUs' *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* will be completed and posted in the future.

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by each POU for CP 3 and include information on claims deemed eligible, claims determined to be ineligible, and claims withdrawn by the reporting POU.

The *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* establish the rules and procedures by which the CEC assesses a POU's compliance with RPS procurement requirements. The methods used by the CEC to verify procurement claims for RPS program participants are generally described in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* and further explained in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Third Edition*. These [documents](#) can be found at

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard/renewables-portfolio-standard>.

The verification results included in the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports* provide the following information for the initial group of POUs that reported procurement claims for CP 3:

- The POU's procurement target and portfolio balance requirements and limitations.
- The amount of eligible renewable energy credits (REC) retired, and the amount applied to meet the compliance period requirements, both shown by Portfolio Content Category classification and Long-Term Procurement Requirement classification, as applicable.
- Deficits in meeting RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period.
- Optional compliance measures being applied by the POU for the compliance period.
- A calculation of excess procurement accumulated in this compliance period.
- A summary of the POU's excess procurement and historic carryover, if any, including any prior balance, the amount accumulated and used in the current compliance period, and remaining balance.

Stakeholders and the public have an opportunity to review and provide comments on the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports*. Staff will consider comments, and final versions will be considered for adoption by the CEC at a 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 CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of its responsibilities, the CEC verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by all load-serving entities, which include retail sellers and POUs that are obligated to participate in California's RPS. The CEC is also responsible for certifying RPS eligible renewable energy resources, designing and implementing an accounting system to track and report renewable energy procurement for all program participants, and overseeing compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The CEC participated in the development of the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS), an independently administered renewable energy

tracking system to verify renewable energy procurement for all program participants. 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 CEC adopts the reports, staff will begin the process of determining if the POU complies with the RPS requirements for CP 3, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, sections 1240 and 3200-3208. The CEC Executive Director will make a compliance determination informed by the verification results presented in each POU's verification results report and, if applicable, the application of optional compliance measures by the POU. The Executive Director will issue a letter to each POU documenting the RPS compliance determination.

Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket number [21-RPS-01](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=21-RPS-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2023. Written 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.

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