

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**Attention: All retail sellers subject to the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission and the reporting requirements of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program<sup>1</sup>**

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 2 (1X) (Simitan, 2011), Commission Decisions (D.)11-12-052 and D.12-06-038 implemented changes to the rules for retail sellers<sup>2</sup> to comply with the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) program requirements.

Specifically, D.11-12-052 implemented the new RPS procurement quantity requirements established in Public Utilities Code § 399.15(b) and the new portfolio content categories established in Public Utilities Code § 399.16. Subsequently, D.12-06-038 directs all retail sellers to submit an annual report (“RPS Compliance Report”) regarding their compliance with the California renewables portfolio standard. RPS Compliance Reports are due annually on August 1, each year of the 33% RPS program (2011-2020).<sup>3</sup>

In addition to establishing the rules of the 33% RPS program, D.11-12-052 and D.12-06-038 also authorize the Director of Energy Division to develop the appropriate reporting formats and information requirements for all reports required to implement the decisions.<sup>4,5</sup> Working in consultation with the parties of the RPS proceeding (R.11-05-005), Energy Division staff have developed a process for retail sellers to demonstrate the percentage of their retail sales provided by procurement from eligible renewable energy resources and to classify their RPS procurement according to the delivery requirements of the RPS portfolio content category classifications.

Consequently, all retail sellers are required to submit the following documents to Energy Division staff on August 3, 2015, and annually thereafter:

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<sup>1</sup> D. 03-06-071, D.06-10-050 (as modified by D.07-03-046, D.09-11-014), D.07-05-028, and D.10-03-021 (as modified by D.11-01-025) adopted the rules and parameters for participation of IOUs in the RPS program.

<sup>2</sup> Retail sellers consist of all investor-owned utilities, community choice aggregators, and electric service providers.

<sup>3</sup> D.12-06-038 Ordering Paragraph 38: “Each retail seller must submit an annual report on its compliance with the California renewables portfolio standard by August 1 of the year following the R.11-05-005 year being reported on. The report must contain all the information required by Public Utilities Code Section 399.13(a), as well as any additional information required by this decision, or any other Commission decision, or requested by the Director of Energy Division.”

<sup>4</sup> . D.11-12-052 Ordering Paragraph 9: “The Director of Energy Division is authorized to develop any methods and requirements for information to be provided by investor-owned utilities seeking approval of contracts for procurement to meet the California renewables portfolio standard to allow the Commission to evaluate, without limitation, the following elements: the claimed portfolio content category of the proposed procurement; the risks that the procurement will not ultimately be classified in the claimed portfolio content category; the value to ratepayers of the procurement as proposed and the value to ratepayers if the procurement is not ultimately classified in the claimed portfolio content category.”

<sup>5</sup> 12-06-038 Ordering Paragraph 40: “The Director of Energy Division is authorized to develop appropriate reporting formats and information requirements for all reports required to implement this decision.”

- “Annual 33% RPS Compliance Report” spreadsheet: Retail sellers must submit Annual 33% RPS Compliance Reports spreadsheets to demonstrate progress towards the RPS procurement requirements. After the California Energy Commission verifies RPS procurement claims for each compliance period, retail sellers will submit Verified Compliance Reports from which the CPUC will base its compliance determination on.
- “RPS Compliance Report Static Contract Information” spreadsheet: Retail sellers must report contract information, regardless of the portfolio content category classification, to the Energy Division staff in the Static Contract Information Spreadsheet.
- RPS procurement contracts, interconnection agreements, dynamic scheduling agreements, and/or pseudo-tie agreements: Retail sellers must submit digital copies of procurement contracts, interconnection agreements, dynamic scheduling agreements, and/or pseudo-tie agreements to validate portfolio content category classification claims.
- “WREGIS e-Tag Summary Report”<sup>6</sup>: Information reported in the WREGIS e-Tag Summary Report, or the RPS Hourly e-Tag Summary Report, must match the information found on individual retail seller NERC e-Tags.
- “Hourly Meter and e-Tag Reconciliation Report” spreadsheet: Retail sellers must report specific meter and e-Tag data for RPS-eligible electricity that is dynamically scheduled or scheduled into a California balancing authority on an hourly or sub-hourly basis, and being claimed as portfolio content category 1.

All of the spreadsheets listed above can be found on the Commissions RPS Compliance website.<sup>7</sup> Additionally, Energy Division staff have prepared the “Portfolio Content Category Classification Handbook”<sup>8</sup> that provides detailed information on the “WREGIS e-Tag Summary Report”, “Hourly e-Tag Summary Report” spreadsheet, and “Hourly Meter and e-Tag Reconciliation Report” spreadsheet. The “Portfolio Content Category Classification Handbook” also provides details on what other information (e.g., RPS procurement contracts, interconnection agreements, dynamic scheduling agreements, and/or pseudo-tie agreements) retail sellers must submit to substantiate their RPS portfolio content category classification claims.

Please contact Robert Blackney at 415-703-3072 or [robert.blackney@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:robert.blackney@cpuc.ca.gov) with questions concerning RPS compliance.

Sincerely,



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<sup>6</sup> Retail sellers may submit an “Hourly e-Tag Summary Report” spreadsheet for e-Tags that are not reported through WREGIS. Retail sellers are required to document all e-Tags through either the WREGIS e-Tag Summary Report, or RPS Hourly e-Tag Summary Report for e-Tags that are not reported through WREGIS. Retail sellers do not need to report an e-Tag in both reports.

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/compliance.htm>

<sup>8</sup> The “Portfolio Content Category Classification Handbook” is also available on the RPS compliance website: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/compliance.htm>