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Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised)

**Lassen Municipal Utility District
Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)**

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RPS Verification Results: Compliance Period 2

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Background

Established in 2002, California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (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, California's statewide RPS was restricted to retail sellers;¹ Senate Bill X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session) expanded the statewide mandatory RPS to apply to local publicly owned electric utilities (POU) 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.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by load-serving entities, which include retail sellers, POUs and all other entities serving retail sales of electricity in California that are obligated to participate in California's RPS. The CEC 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 for the POUs. The California Public Utilities Commission is responsible for compliance and enforcement for retail sellers.

Report Overview

This report covers the verification results for POU procurement claims for Compliance Period 2, which covered 2014 through 2016. The verification results provide an overview of the identified POU's results and tables, including:²

- The POU's procurement target and portfolio balance requirements.
- The amount of eligible renewable energy retired and the amount applied to meet the compliance period requirements, both shown by Portfolio Content Category (PCC) and other classifications.
- Any deficits in meeting RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period.
- Any 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 the ending balance.

1 Public Utilities Code section 399.12 (j) defines retail seller as an entity engaged in the retail sale of electricity to end-use customers located within the state. Retail sellers include electrical corporations, community choice aggregators, and electric service providers, but not POUs.

2 The contents of verification results reports will vary for POUs with specific exclusions, exceptions, or different procurement requirements under the RPS statutes and as described in the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* based on the requirements specific to that POU.

In adopting this report, the CEC finds the procurement claim amounts listed in this report are consistent with RPS certification and procurement requirements specified in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* (RPS Eligibility Guidebook) and the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities*³ (RPS POU Regulations) and are eligible for the RPS as indicated. Therefore, the procurement claim amounts can count toward meeting the identified POU's RPS procurement requirements.

Verification Process

The methods used by the CEC to verify load-serving entity procurement claims are detailed in the [RPS Eligibility Guidebook](#) and explained in the [Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition](#), both of which can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard>.

The verification results presented in this report are not a compliance determination. After the CEC adopts a POU's verification results, it will begin determining if the POU is in compliance with the RPS requirements for Compliance Period 2 in accordance with the RPS POU Regulations.

Lassen Municipal Utility District Verification Results

For RPS Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016), Lassen Municipal Utility District retired and reported 19,592 renewable energy credits (RECs), and 19,492 RECs were verified by the CEC as RPS-eligible. Each [POU's summary claims details](#) is available at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/verification_results/cp02_2014-2016/pous/.

For Compliance Period 2, Lassen Municipal Utility District had a procurement target of 84,518 RECs. Lassen Municipal Utility District applied 19,492 RPS-eligible RECs toward its procurement requirements, equal to 5.00 percent of its retail sales for the compliance period, and had a procurement target deficit of 65,026 RECs.

Lassen Municipal Utility District applied the cost limitation optional compliance measure to meet its procurement requirements. Energy Commission staff will evaluate optional compliance measures following adoption of Lassen Municipal Utility District's Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) verification results.

³ The *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* are set forth in 20 CCR §§ 1240 and 3200–3208 and establish the rules and procedures by which the Energy Commission will assess a POU's procurement actions and determine whether those actions meet the RPS requirements.



Procurement Target Calculation (MWh) ¹	Calendar Year	Annual Retail Sales	Soft Target Percentage	Soft Targets
	2014	130,801	20%	26,160
	2015	128,514	20%	25,702
	2016	130,625	25%	32,656
Procurement Target				84,518

Verification Results	
Target	84,518
Applied	19,492
Deficit	65,026
Renewable Percentage	5.00%

RECs Available ²	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Category 1 (PCC 1)	Pre June 2010 PCC 1	Category 2 (PCC 2)	Category 3 (PCC 3)	Pre June 2010 PCC 3	Historic Carryover	Total
Eligible RECs Retired	114	19,378	0	0	0	0	0	19,492
Prior Balances Available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total RECs Available	114	19,378	0	0	0	0	0	19,492

RECs Applied	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Category 1 (PCC 1)	Pre June 2010 PCC 1	Category 2 (PCC 2)	Category 3 (PCC 3)	Pre June 2010 PCC 3	Historic Carryover	Total
RECs Applied to CP 2	114	19,378	0	0	0	0	0	19,492

RPS Portfolio Balance Requirements (MWh) ³	
Category 1 Balance Requirement	12,595
Category 1 Requirement Deficit	0
Category 3 Balance Limitation	2,906
Category 3 Disallowed	0

Optional Compliance Measures Applied	
Cost Limitation	Yes
Delay of Timely Compliance	No
Portfolio Balance Reduction	No

CP 2 Excess Procurement Calculation (MWh) ⁴	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Category 1 (PCC 1)	Pre June 2010 PCC 1	Category 2 (PCC 2)
Eligible RECs Retired	114	19,378	0	0
RECs Applied	-114	-19,378	0	0
Deductions	0	0	0	0
Accumulated in CP 2	0	0	0	0

Balance of Excess Procurement and Historic Carryover (MWh)	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Category 1 (PCC 1)	Pre June 2010 PCC 1	Category 2 (PCC 2)	Historic Carryover
Beginning Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Applied in CP 2	0	0	0	0	0
Accumulated in CP 2	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance	0	0	0	0	0

1. "Soft Target" is defined in section 3201 of the RPS POU Regulations.
 2. Total RECs Available does not include Disallowed PCC 3 RECs.
 3. Calculated as specified in section 3204(c) of the RPS POU Regulations.
 4. Calculated as described in the RPS Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition and in section 3206(a)(1) of the RPS POU Regulations.

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
REVISED RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD 2014-2016 VERIFICATION
RESULTS REPORT FOR LASSEN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
FOR COMPLIANCE PERIOD 2

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 399.25(b) requires the California Energy Commission to design and implement an accounting system to verify compliance with California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) by retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs), to ensure that electricity generated by an eligible renewable energy resource is counted only once for the purpose of meeting the renewables portfolio standard of this state or any other state, and for verifying retail product claims in this state or any other state; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission, in collaboration with the California Public Utilities Commission, has adopted regulations and guidelines addressing its responsibilities under Public Utilities Code Section 399.25(b) as well as other provisions of the law governing California's RPS, the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations) and the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* (RPS Eligibility Guidebook), respectively; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Public Utilities Code Section 399.25(b) the California Energy Commission prepares a Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results report on its findings on the amount of eligible renewable energy procured each compliance period by POUs subject to California's RPS; and

WHEREAS, the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results reports apply the statutory requirements as specified in Public Utilities Code Section 399.11, et seq., the RPS POU Regulations, RPS Eligibility Guidebook, and the California Energy Commission staff *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition*, in determining the amount of renewable energy procurement that qualifies toward each POU's California RPS procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission adopted a Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report on March 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report included RPS procurement verification findings for Lassen Municipal Utility District; and

WHEREAS, the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report addressed the following items:

- The POU's procurement target and portfolio balance requirements.
- The amount of eligible renewable energy retired and the amount applied to meet the compliance period requirements, both shown by Portfolio Content Category (PCC) and other classifications.
- Any deficits in meeting the RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period.
- Any optional compliance measures being applied by the POU for the compliance period.
- A calculation of excess procurement accumulated in this compliance period.
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WHEREAS, since adoption of the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report, Lassen Municipal Utility District, in consultation with California Energy Commission staff, decided that the optional compliance measure, delay of timely compliance, was not needed for Compliance Period 2 and thereafter changed the designation in the RPS Online System; and

WHEREAS, California Energy Commission staff are recommending adoption of a revised report entitled *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)* in order to remove the delay of timely compliance optional compliance measure as being applied by Lassen Municipal Utility District for Compliance Period 2; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)*, including any minor non-substantive changes noted during the June 10, 2020 Business Meeting, and accepts and approves the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)*, with any noted minor, non-substantive changes; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby adopts the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Lassen Municipal Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)* and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, make any necessary minor typographical edits, and distribute and post on the California Energy Commission website as necessary.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 10, 2020.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat