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Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised)

**Truckee Donner Public Utility District
Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)**

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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.

Truckee Donner Public Utility District Verification Results

For RPS Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016), Truckee Donner Public Utility District retired and reported 222,878 renewable energy credits (RECs), and 222,878 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, Truckee Donner Public Utility District had a procurement target of 90,877 RECs. Truckee Donner Public Utility District applied 90,877 RPS-eligible RECs and excess procurement toward its procurement requirements, equal to 21.72 percent of its retail sales for the compliance period, and met its procurement target.

In accordance with 20 CCR section 3204 (a) (8) of the RPS POU Regulations, a POU that was in existence on or before January 1, 2009, that provides retail electric service to 15,000 or fewer customer accounts in California, and that is interconnected to a balancing authority primarily located outside California but within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, is exempt from the portfolio balance requirements. Truckee Donner Public Utility District submitted documentation demonstrating that it meets the criteria of 20 CCR section 3204 (a)(8), and therefore is not subject to portfolio balance requirements.

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	140,457	20%	28,091
	2015	133,879	20%	26,775
	2016	144,044	25%	36,011
Procurement Target				90,877

Verification Results	
Target	90,877
Applied	90,877
Deficit	0
Renewable Percentage	21.72%

RECs Available	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Bundled RECs	Unbundled RECs	Historic Carryover	Total
Eligible RECs Retired	0	209,860	13,018		222,878
Prior Balances Available	51,417	35,209	0	0	86,626
Total RECs Available	51,417	245,069	13,018	0	309,504

RECs Applied	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Bundled RECs	Unbundled RECs	Historic Carryover	Total
RECs Applied to CP 2	51,417	26,442	13,018	0	90,877

RPS Portfolio Balance Requirements (MWh) ²	
Category 1 Balance Requirement	N/A
Category 1 Requirement Deficit	N/A
Category 3 Balance Limitation	N/A
Category 3 Disallowed	N/A

Optional Compliance Measures Applied	
Cost Limitation	No
Delay of Timely Compliance	No
Portfolio Balance Reduction	N/A

CP 2 Excess Procurement Calculation (MWh) ³	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Bundled RECs
Eligible RECs Retired	0	209,860
RECs Applied	0	-26,442
Deductions	0	0
Accumulated in CP 2	0	183,418

Balance of Excess Procurement and Historic Carryover (MWh)	Category 0 (PCC 0)	Bundled RECs	Historic Carryover
Beginning Balance	51,417	35,209	0
Applied in CP 2	-51,417	0	0
Accumulated in CP 2	0	183,418	
Ending Balance	0	218,627	0

1. "Soft Target" is defined in section 3201 of the RPS POU Regulations.

2. Truckee Donner Public Utility District is not subject to portfolio balance requirements pursuant to section 3204(a)(8) of the RPS POU Regulations.

3. Calculated as described in the RPS Verification Methodology Report, Second Edition and in section 3206(a)(1) of the RPS POU Regulations.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
REVISED RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD 2014-2016 VERIFICATION
RESULTS REPORT FOR TRUCKEE DONNER PUBLIC 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 Truckee Donner Public Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report on March 12, 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Truckee Donner Public 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.
- 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.

WHEREAS, since adoption of the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Truckee Donner Public Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report, Truckee Donner Public Utility District, in consultation with California Energy Commission staff, identified a more optimal way to apply Renewable Energy Credits for Compliance Period 2 and changed those values in the RPS Online System; and

WHEREAS, the changes made by Truckee Donner Public Utility District resulted in different amounts of accumulated and applied excess procurement values than appeared in the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Truckee Donner Public Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016) report previously adopted on March 12, 2019, but do not impact the compliance findings in that report; and

WHEREAS, California Energy Commission staff are recommending adoption of a revised report entitled *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Truckee Donner Public Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)* in order to correct the accumulated and applied excess procurement values so it corresponds to what now appears in the RPS Online System; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Truckee Donner Public Utility District Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016)*, including any minor non-substantive changes noted during the May 13, 2020 Business Meeting, and accepts and approves the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results (Revised) Truckee Donner Public 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) Truckee Donner Public 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 May 13, 2020.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat