

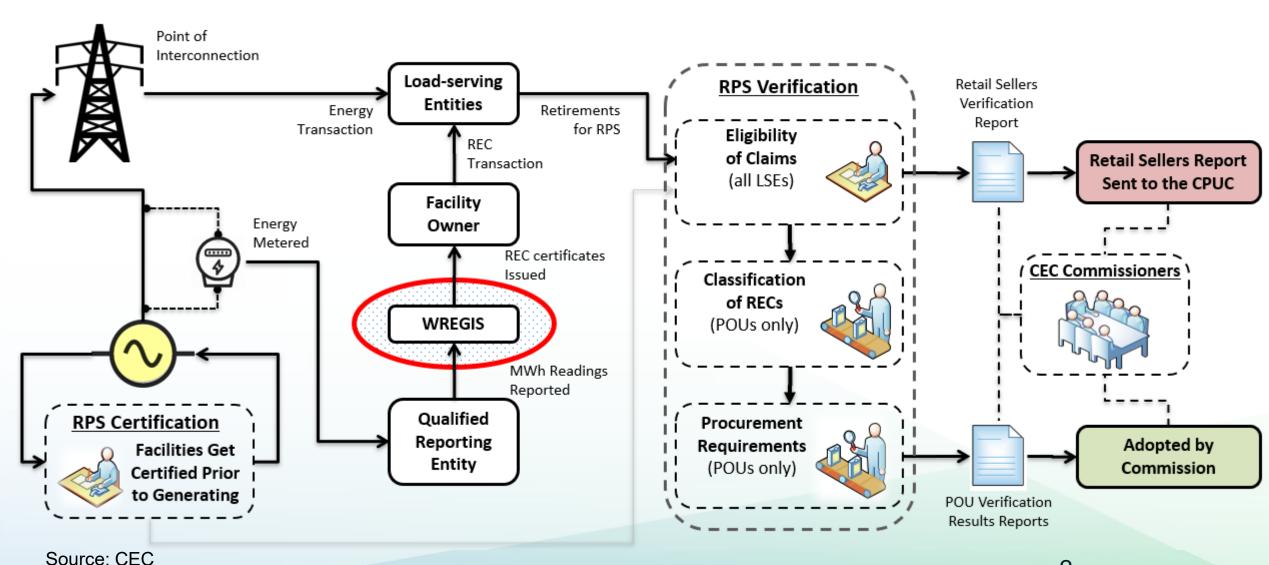
Item 5: Informational Item - Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) Update

September 10, 2025 Business Meeting

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WREGIS & Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS)



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WREGIS Timeline

2022 2023 2024 2002 2006 2008 2025 Initial RPS Statute CEC New **Technical Technical WREGIS** legislation requires requires system issues issues announces tracking launched identified use of resolved forthcoming **WREGIS** system changes



Staff Informational Report at Business Meeting (May 2024)



Background on WECC and WREGIS

- WECC is a 501(c)4 Social Welfare Nonprofit Corporation that has been designated a Regional Entity under the Federal Power Act and operates under a Regional Delegation Agreement with NERC.
- WECC is responsible for monitoring and enforcing reliability standards in the Western Interconnection and for conducting reliability studies and event analyses for the interconnection (these are WECC's "statutory programs").
- WREGIS, WECC's only non-statutory program, is an independent, web-based tracking system for renewable energy certificates (REC) predominantly in the Western Interconnection.
- WREGIS has been housed at WECC since 2006.
- WREGIS is funded through activity-based fees charged to its users. Although aligned with WECC's
 commitment to resource neutrality and interconnection-wide perspective, WREGIS's core activities are not
 part of WECC's core statutory, delegated business functions.
- WREGIS's web-based tracking system operates using a third-party software solution, currently provided by CleanCounts (formerly known as M-RETS)



WECC and CleanCounts Agreement

- WECC and CleanCounts have an agreement for software services supporting WREGIS.
- This agreement ends on <u>December 31, 2027</u>; CleanCounts has chosen not to extend the agreement beyond this date.
- The expiration of the agreement has prompted reevaluation of WREGIS's future and how to enhance its services to users and programs.



WECC Staff Recommended Path Forward for WREGIS

Custom Software Development

- ✓ RFP issued August 1; responses are due August 29
- Proposals reviewed prior to September 10
- Top rated responses shared with Board of Directors on September 17
- Award announced on or around October 1
- Phase 1 Product target date of December 31, 2026

Separation of WREGIS from WECC

- ✓ Provide governance and structure recommendations for a stand-alone WREGIS
- Engage in outreach to gather feedback on recommendations
- Share initial feedback with WECC Board on September 17
- Refine recommendations and engage in further outreach
- Discuss feedback on refined recommendations and, if appropriate, present recommendation to Board for possible approval on December 10
- Date of separation will be dependent upon WREGIS functionality



Engagement Opportunities

- WREGIS Committee Meetings—now monthly as needed
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meetings—monthly
- Town Hall Meetings—monthly
- Posted information on the <u>WREGIS program page</u> on wecc.org, including a regularly-updated <u>FAQ Document</u>.
- WECC Weekly emails
- WECC's LinkedIn Profile
- Emails to engage@wecc.org