



Appendix F

Green-e® Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy Program Rules

Program Guidelines

In order to sell a Green-e Climate Certified Product using the *Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy* (PRE) as an Endorsed Program, Sellers must source reductions from facilities that have been approved under the PRE by Green-e Climate. Only facilities approved by CRS prior to September 19, 2011 are eligible. A list of approved facilities can be found on the Green-e Climate website.

Verification

Sellers who participate in Green-e Climate must conduct an annual verification audit to substantiate product purchases, sales, and claims in accordance with the Green-e Climate Verification Audit Protocol. Sellers utilizing the PRE have additional requirements during verification.

In addition to the general verification procedures under Green-e Climate, these Sellers must demonstrate the following for sales of PRE-derived products:

- 1) The facility is approved and registered with Green-e Climate.
- 2) The electrical energy associated with RECs was delivered into the electric power system or consumed at the site of generation by an end-user of electricity and was not marketed or otherwise represented as renewable energy.
- 3) All the greenhouse gas attributes of the renewable energy generation are included in the Green-e Climate Certified Product.
- 4) Electrical generation co-produced with the GHG emission reductions contained in the product has not been used for compliance with any renewable energy procurement, renewable portfolio standard, legal settlement, or other renewable energy requirement of local, state or federal government.
- 5) Electrical generation co-produced with the GHG emission reductions contained in the product has not been sold as part of a voluntary renewable energy product, such as through RECs or a green pricing program.
- 6) The GHG emission reductions and RECs or renewable energy purchased and sold by Seller were not sold to more than one customer.
- 7) The generator and/or Seller have no knowledge of double-counting, double-selling or double-claiming of the renewable energy product or associated GHG emission reductions. And,
- 8) All RECs associated with GHG emission reductions used to meet sales were retired by Seller.

Full requirements for verification are contained in *The Green-e Climate Verification Audit Protocol*.

Other Requirements

If the owner of the eligible facility participates in a voluntary or mandatory GHG registry, the GHG emission reductions from the renewable energy facility can only participate in this program if the generator owner reports to the registry that:

- 1) The renewable and emission attributes of the renewable energy generation have been sold off in the voluntary market; and,
- 2) The electricity generated at the facility (or proportion thereof) is equivalent to system power and should be assigned emission attributes equivalent to what the registry would assign to undifferentiated power.

The PRE requires that generation owners provide proof of informing the relevant registry(ies) of the adjustments to their renewable energy generation as part of annual verification under Green-e Climate.

Seller must have a tracking system account to prove the retirement of RECs to substantiate sales of their Green-e Climate Certified Product during verification.

Fees

Sellers using the PRE as an Endorsed Program must pay an additional fee (in addition to Product and Volumetric fees) regardless of the number of renewable energy projects under the PRE or the number of products certified. See Appendix C of the Green-e Climate contract for the Fee Schedule.