



# Climate

## **GREEN-E CLIMATE ENDORSEMENT OF GHG PROJECT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS** *Electronic Comment Form*

GHG Project Certification Program: The Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy, the Gold Standard, the Clean Development Mechanism, and the Voluntary Carbon Standard.

Date of Form: December 5, 2007

Comment Due Date: January 10, 2007

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Green-e Climate seeks stakeholder feedback to ensure that the four endorsed GHG Project Certification Programs meet the Green-e Climate Standard, and that GHG reductions certified by endorsed programs result in real, verifiable, enforceable, permanent and additional reductions. The specific principles and criteria that project protocols should meet are outlined in the Green-e Climate Standard:

[http://resource-solutions.org/mv/docs/Ge\\_GHG\\_Product\\_Standard\\_V1.pdf](http://resource-solutions.org/mv/docs/Ge_GHG_Product_Standard_V1.pdf)

Background information on the Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy can be found on the Green-e Climate website at [http://www.green-e.org/getcert\\_ghg\\_endorsed.shtml](http://www.green-e.org/getcert_ghg_endorsed.shtml). Based on comments received during this stakeholder consultation, the Green-e Governance Board will make a determination on the proposed endorsement of the Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy.

More information about how the Green-e Climate program will interact with endorsed programs can be found on the Green-e Climate website at [www.green-e.org/climate](http://www.green-e.org/climate)

**Stakeholder comments on these Programs are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2008.**

### How the Comment Forms will be Recorded and the Process Going Forward:

Stakeholders have until January 10, 2008 to submit comments. The Green-e Governance Board will weigh the balance of comments and degree of consensus achieved in making their final decision of which GHG Project Certification Programs to endorse.

All comments received and a written synopsis of how issues raised were addressed will be placed on the Green-e website.

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**Comment Space:**

**January 10, 2008**

Renewable Choice Energy welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed endorsement of four GHG certification and crediting protocols under the Green-e Climate program: *The Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy, the Gold Standard, the Voluntary Carbon Standard, and the Clean Development Mechanism*. We firmly believe that the emerging market for voluntary greenhouse gas emissions reductions will benefit dramatically from increased credibility, strong standards, and interaction with international GHG efforts; combined and individually, the four certification standards offer all these essential qualities and we believe will help further the credibility and success and international voluntary GHG markets.

**1. Comments addressing conformance with Green-e Climate Standard (please cite section of standard and the specific procedure/requirements in the endorsed program):**

Renewable Choice Energy strongly believes the four standards identified for initial inclusion under Green-e Climate fully comply with the requirements of the Program.

**2. Other Comments:**

Though they vary in their certification stringency, geographic influence, and technological focus, the four protocols offer a comprehensive picture of the current international GHG markets, and an avenue for the great majority of GHG mitigation projects to reach the voluntary markets.

The potential interaction of voluntary action with global compliance measures – specifically the CDM and Gold Standard – presents an exciting opportunity for voluntary players to participate in international efforts and enhance the environmental intentions of

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these efforts. Voluntary action will decrease the number of available CERs for Kyoto compliance, increasing the environmental benefits of the signature GHG legislative effort to date.

Additionally, inclusion of the Voluntary Carbon Standard and Green-e Climate Protocol for Renewable Energy together with the CDM and Gold Standard is a clear indication of the increasing strength and acceptance of recent voluntary efforts. While they are not designed to be “equal,” inclusion of these purely voluntary standards with widely accepted compliance protocols will hopefully provide a boost to the voluntary markets and solidify their place in global GHG mitigation efforts.

Renewable Choice Energy, after extensive research and experience with these and other GHG standards, fully supports this list of initial protocols for inclusion under the Green-e Climate program. We strongly hope future endorsements maintain the high level of clarity, transparency, and environmental strength prevalent in these four initial protocols, and we appreciate Green-e for their efforts to strengthen and clarify the rapidly expanding voluntary GHG market.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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