MEASURING ELECTRICITY USAGE: OPERATIONS

Green-e Marketplace helps businesses meet the highest standard of renewable excellence in the marketplace.

As a first step to becoming certified, all Green-e Marketplace participants must measure their electricity usage for the prior year. This can be a very simple process.

Every month a utility service provider should send your organization a bill that includes electricity usage information. Usually measured in kWh, the electricity bill can provide daily, monthly and yearly totals. Participants may simply sum the electricity usage from their utility bills for the prior twelve month period. This will suffice as an estimate for the upcoming year.

In the example provided below, Business, Inc. estimates its electricity usage between the twelve month period of July 2006 and June 2007. As shown, the sum of the twelve month period is equal to 7,580 kilowatt hours (kWh).

This electricity usage figure may then be transferred to Annex C for the Logo Use Agreement. For Annex C, the total should be converted into megawatt hours (MWh). 1,000 kWh is equal to one MWh. Therefore, Business, Inc. will use the figure 7.580 MWh.

Steps to measure your electricity usage:

- 1. Contact your energy manager or utility provider to gather appropriate metered data
- 2. Sum previous 12 month period
- 3. Use summed figure to to estimate usage for upcoming 12 months in Annex C for the Logo Use Agreement.





