

Modified WREGIS Certificate Definition

Certificate: The term “Certificate,” as used in this document, refers to a WREGIS Certificate. A WREGIS Certificate represents all Renewable and Environmental Attributes from one MWh of electricity generation from a renewable energy Generating Unit registered with WREGIS or a Certificate imported from a Compatible Registry and Tracking System and converted to a WREGIS Certificate.¹ The WREGIS system will create exactly one Certificate per MWh of generation that occurs from a registered Generating Unit or that is imported from a Compatible Registry and Tracking System. Disaggregation of certificates is not currently allowed within WREGIS.

Renewable: Defined as renewable by a state or province within the Western Interconnection.

Renewable and Environmental Attributes: Any and all credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets and allowances, howsoever entitled, attributable to the generation from the Generating Unit, and its avoided emission of pollutants.² Renewable and Environmental Attributes do not include (i) any energy, capacity, reliability or other power attributes from the Generating Unit, (ii) production tax credits associated with the construction or operation of the Generating Unit and other financial incentives in the form of credits, reductions or allowances associated with the Generating Unit that are applicable to a state, provincial or federal income taxation obligation, (iii) fuel-related subsidies or “tipping fees” that may be paid to the seller to accept certain fuels, or local subsidies received by the generator for the destruction of particular preexisting pollutants or the promotion of local environmental benefits, or (iv) emission reduction credits encumbered or used by the Generating Unit for compliance with local, state, provincial or federal operating and/or air quality permits.

¹ A renewable Generating Unit, for the purposes of WREGIS, includes any Generating Unit that is defined as renewable by any of the states or provinces in the WECC.

² The avoided emissions referred to here are the emissions avoided by the generation of electricity by the Generating Unit, and therefore do not include the reduction in greenhouse gases (GHGs) associated with the reduction of solid waste or treatment benefits created by the utilization of biomass or biogas fuels. Avoided emissions may or may not have any value for complying with any local, state, provincial or federal GHG regulatory program. Although avoided emissions are included in the definition of a WREGIS Certificate, this definition does not create any right to use those avoided emissions to comply with any GHG regulatory program.