

Environmental Tracking Network of North America Priorities Briefing

The Governmental Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committees submitted feedback on the priorities for ETNNA. The committees were asked to prioritize the following topics and suggest any additional topics:

- **Conversion between RECs and Carbon Markets:** How should the existing tracking systems handle and/or flag renewable energy projects that are selling carbon offsets (not RECs) in voluntary carbon markets? U.S. emissions registries do not indicate reductions associated with renewable power generation, although there could be offsets and RECs created from a methane capture and destruction project that also generates electricity. Coordination between the emission registries and electricity tracking systems was identified as a priority to prevent double counting.
- **Identification of Tracking System Changes that might be required if a Federal RPS passes Congress:** This topic is not prejudging the desirability of a Federal RPS but rather to try to anticipate what would be needed to adapt the present tracking systems for Federal use if such a policy were put into place rather than have the Federal government superimpose a whole new system on state programs that would waste resources and possibly confuse users.
- **Cooperatives and Municipalities:** Through a conference dialogue, identify barriers and suggest strategies to encourage cooperatives and municipalities to participate in tracking systems.
- **Behind-the-Meter Best Practices:** Update ETNNA's Behind the Meter paper with additional refinements on how to include solar RECs based on recent experience.
- **Generators that are registered with more than one tracking system:** Convene a conference call to discuss generator's needs and multiple tracking system registration. Develop strategies to meet these generator's needs while avoiding double counting or possible double issuing of RECs for the same kWh.
- **Energy Savings Certificates:** Create a briefing document on the current status of energy savings certificates (ESCs) in tracking systems.

Members were asked to vote for their top 3 choices (3 points for 1st choice, 2 points for 2nd choice, 1 point for 3rd choice), and a weighted total was created for each topic.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Priority Rankings:

1. Conversion between RECs and Carbon Markets
2. Identification of Tracking System Changes that might be required if a Federal RPS passes Congress
3. Generators that are registered with more than one tracking system
4. Behind-the-Meter Best Practices
5. Cooperatives and Municipalities
6. Import/Export Protocol
7. Energy Savings Certificates

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