RECOMMENDATIONS FOR, AND BENEFITS OF, RPS DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

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RPS Compliance Data: Why? Letter of the Law

- 1) Identify whether *individual* supplier obligations are met;
- 2) Understand whether a state's *overall* RPS target is achieved; and
- 3) Determine whether *adjustments* are necessary to meet RPS policy objectives, maximize ratepayer benefits, and maintain market balance.



RPS Compliance Data: Why? Market Implications

- 1) What is the market supply / demand balance?
- 2) Which technologies are driving RPS compliance?
 - a. Where are they from? (States / Control Areas)
 - b. Do large projects stand out?
- 3) How are flexibility mechanisms like *compliance banking* being used?



Observations

- 1. Quantitative data are *very* important to market analysts, public & private
 - a. <u>Identify Trends:</u> supply v. demand, project pipeline,
 - b. <u>Develop strategies:</u> contract duration/volume; banking
- 2. Final compliance data is determine, and owned, by the regulator (not the market participant)
 - a. Bank balance, for example (actually carry-forward of excess compliance)
- High quality RPS program data, when publicly available, will inform sound business and investment decisions and facilitate policy objectives.

Recommendations (1)

- 1. Create a protocol to collect, analyze and report data to all stakeholders
 - a. Create a template to capture data (external)
 - b. Create a template to aggregate data (internal)
 - c. Create comprehensive and clear summaries
 - d. Centralize the data (i.e. a report, a website)
 - e. Label everything clearly (units, years, etc.)
 - f. Be consistent from year to year



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MA Compliance Summary Table

	2013	2012	2011
CY Retail Sales (= Retail Load Obligation) 40	49,252,929	48,992,430	49,386,169
CY Minimum Standard (% obligation)41	7.714%	6.837%	5.8373%
CY aggregated compliance obligation ⁴²	3,799,402	3,349,611	2,882,823
Total RECs from CY generation	4,064,043	3,056,894	2,613,122
minus CY total surplus RECs	(330,272)	(70,022)	(107,805)
Net CY RECs for CY obligation	3,733,771	2,986,872	2,505,317
plus Banked from pre-CY surpluses	31,102	107,351	271,303
Total RECs used for CY obligation	3,764,873	3,094,223	2,776,620
plus Total ACP Credits	31,642	255,388	106,203
Total for compliance obligation ⁴³	3,796,515	3,349,611	2,882,823
Surplus Attributes banked forward44	328,984	69,916	107,804
ACP proceeds (rounded)	\$2,065,273	\$16,350,132	\$6,598,386

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Recommendations (2)

- 2. Create a certified RPS Generator List
 - a. Project name, fuel type, capacity, RPS effective date
 - b. Update it regularly
- 3. Avoid Overreliance on Self-Reporting
 - a. Validate data btw system administrators, tracking systems, generators, competitive suppliers and utilities
- 4. Avoid over-generalized data that could be misleading
 - a. RPS cost data are the best example



Barriers, Benefits & Questions

- Establishing these systems will take more time in the short-run, but save substantial time in the long-run.
- How can we:
 - save time?
 - increase accuracy?
 - increase usefulness?
 - gain more market insight?





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