

Renewable Energy Credit Trading Program

ERCOT 101: Understanding the Tools of the Texas Retail Market

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Discussion Topics

- What is a REC Renewable Energy Credit
- What is a CP Compliance Premium
- Creation of Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Trading Program
- Definition and Types of Renewable Energy
- Program Administrator
- Overview of REC Trading Program
- ERCOT Renewables Website



What is a REC?

- A REC is a tradable instrument that represents (1) MWh of production from a certified renewable generator.
- A CP is a tradable instrument that represents (1) MWh of production from a certified renewable generator other than wind.
 - To calculate MWhs and CPs to determine # of RECs:
 - Existing Generation (pre 2005) 1 MWh of generated renewable energy = 1 REC = 1 CP
 - New Generation (Since 2005) 1 MWh of generated renewable energy = 1 REC + 1 CP (equivalent to 2 RECs)
- Each REC/CP is good for up to three compliance periods (two full years and the partial year in which it was created)









Creation of REC Trading Program

Result of Legislation in SB7 and Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) – Substantive Rule 25.173, Goal for Renewable Energy and Amended by Senate Bill 20 of 2005

- Ensure an additional 5000 megawatts (MW) of new generating capacity from renewable energy technologies is installed in Texas by 2015, to be increased to a total of 10,000 by 2025
- Encourage the development, construction and operation of new renewable energy resources
- To protect and enhance the quality of the environment in Texas through increased use of renewable resources
- Ensure all customers have access to providers of energy generated by renewable energy resources
- If existing generation is removed, the MWh lost must be replaced with new generation

Year	MW Cumulative New Renewable Capacity
2003	1280
2005	1730
2007	2280
2009	3272
2011	4264
2013	5256
2015	5880
2025	10,000



Renewable energy technology is any technology that:

- Exclusively relies on an energy source that is naturally regenerated over a short time and is
 - Derived directly or indirectly from the sun and generates electricity
 - Derived from natural movements and
 mechanisms of the environment







Texas Definition Of Renewable

Renewable Energy Technology does not rely on:

- Energy resources derived from fossil fuels
- Waste products from fossil fuels
- Thermal solar energy (unless metered or accepted MMBTU Conversion Technology approved by PUCT)
- Waste products from inorganic sources





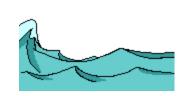




Examples Of Renewables

Renewable Energy Sources are:

- Wind Generators
- Solar Photo-Voltaic Panels
- Landfill Gas Capture/Utilization Devices
- Tidal Flow Energy Capture Devices
- Flowing Water Energy Capture Devices
- Dams
- Geothermal Energy Capture Devices

















Program Administrator

On May 9, 2000, (PUCT) appointed ERCOT as Program Administrator of the Renewable Energy Credits (REC) Trading Program

- Program Administrator Responsibilities:
 - Register Program Participants
 - Create and maintain REC/CP accounts/records
 - Determine annual REC requirement for Retail Entities
 - Distribute RECs/CPs to generators, quarterly
 - Verify Retail Entities meet annual REC requirements
 - Retire RECs/CPs as directed by program participants or as they expire



Program Administrator

- Program Administrator Responsibilities continued:
 - Track MWh of renewable energy generated
 - Create unique REC IDs for each MWh
 - Maintain public information on its website
 - Provide monthly report of MWH load in Texas
 - Provide list of REC account holders with contact information
 - Provide list of Facility ID Numbers, and associated information
 - Provide reports to the PUCT Compliance





Program Applies to:

- Retail Entities
 - Municipally Owned Utilities (MOU)
 - Generation and Transmission Cooperatives that offer Customer Choice
 - Retail Electric Providers (REPs)
 - Investor Owned Utilities that have unbundled pursuant to PURA Chapter 30
- Texas-wide
- Requires submission of RECs/CPs annually for Compliance



REC Uses

• REC Program:

- Annual REC Compliance Requirement for REPs
 - REPs are required to submit RECs/CPs annually in proportion to retail load served in TX

PUC Labeling Initiative:

 RECs/CPs are for verification of advertising claims for green power



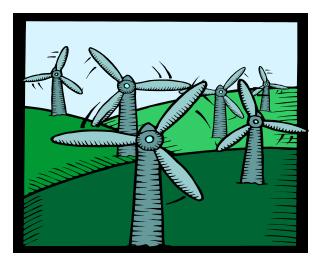






MP Responsibilities: Generators

- Apply to PUCT for certification as a REC generator
- Apply to ERCOT for REC account
- If not an ERCOT polled generator then the generator must enter monthly generation data in the ERCOT Web Site
- Generate & Sell Energy
 - Separate Energy from Credits
 - Two revenue streams for generators
- Receive and Sell RECs





MP Responsibilities: CRs and Others

Competitive Retail Electric Providers

- Apply to ERCOT for REC account after certification
- Obtain annual REC Compliance Requirement from ERCOT by January 31st
- Submit REC Compliance numbers to ERCOT by March 31st
- If load is not ERCOT polled, then CR must enter load data in ERCOT web site

Other Entities

- No Restrictions on Participation
- Apply to ERCOT for REC account





- All data available online for 3 years
- No limits on REC Account Applications
- All Activities Available Online
 - Account Registration
 - Trading
- Secure Portal for REC Account Holders
 - Enable Account Activities: View, sort, batch, or singly identify RECs to Transfer or Retire





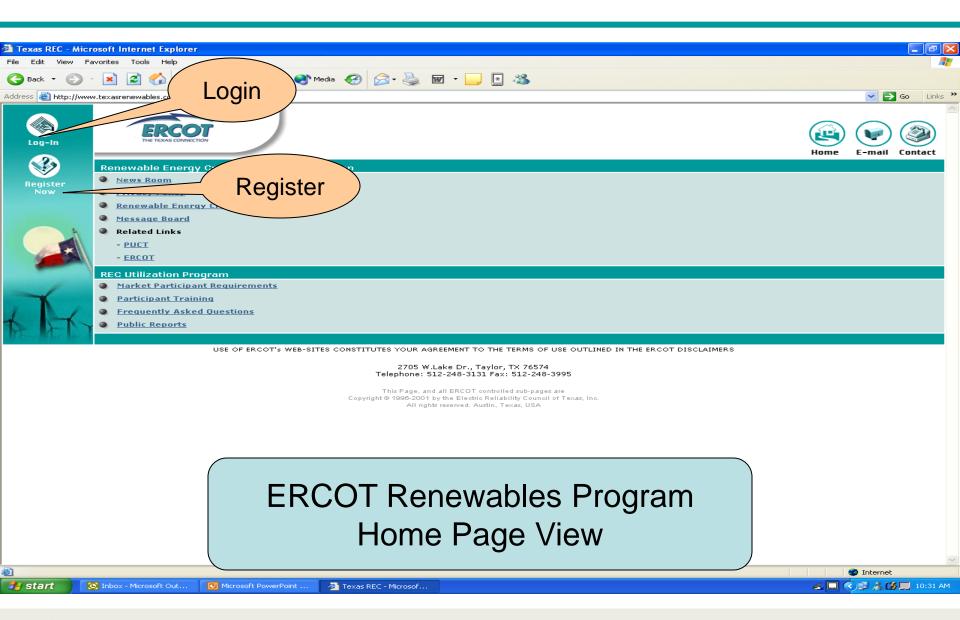
Where is REC Website?

Go to the ERCOT Website

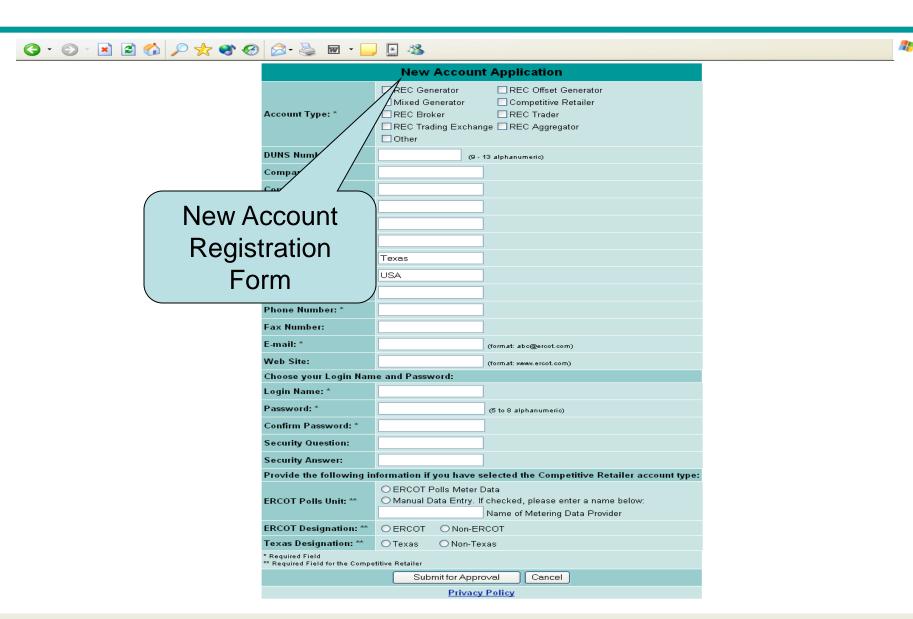
- www.ercot.com
- Select View Other ERCOT Websites
- Select Renewable Energy Credits Program-Texasrenewables.com
- Select Login (New Users will need to register.)

Some features do not require a login

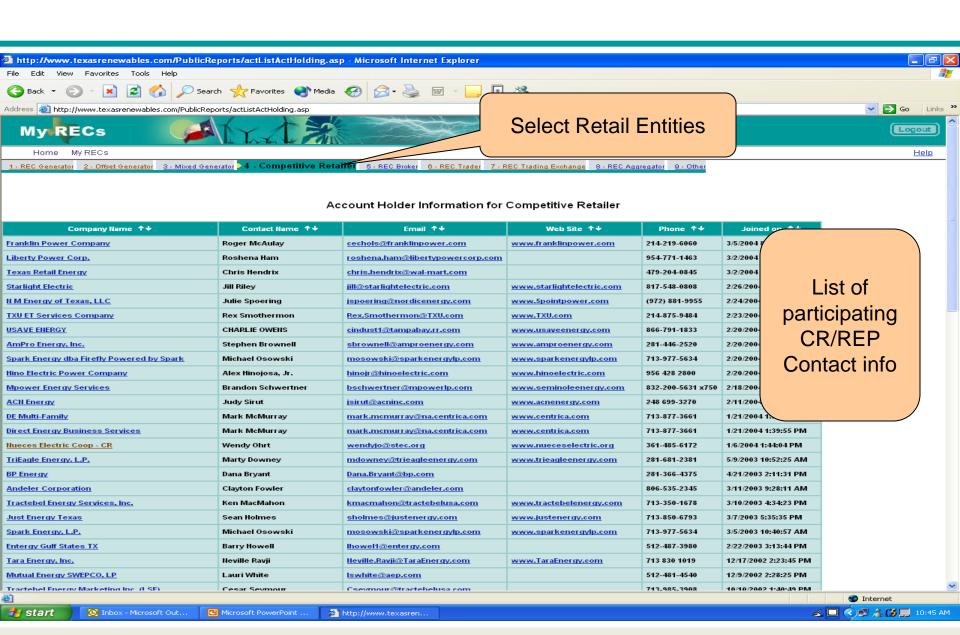














Reference Material

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- PUCT Website Substantive Rule 25.173, Goal for Renewable Energy -http://www.puc.state.tx.us/rules/subrules/electric/25.173/25.173.
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- ERCOT Protocols Section 14: State of Texas Renewable Energy Credit Trading Program – http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/protocols/current/14-081804.doc



- REC Program is Mandated by the PUCT and administered by ERCOT
- All CR/REPs serving load must participate
- All CR/REPs are responsible for their reported load
- Everything can be done from the ERCOT Renewables website
- Participation is optional for Generation Resources



ERCOT Challenge

To be in compliance, how often are Competitive Retailers required to submit REC's?



ERCOT Challenge

For what entity-type is participation in the REC program voluntary?



Questions?

