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**ESTABLISH A RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE SYSTEM
FOR THE OREGON
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS)**

330-150-0005

Purpose

The purpose of these rules is to establish a system of renewable energy certificates to provide a means of compliance with the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

Stat. Auth.: SB 838-C, Section 14.

Stats. Implemented: SB 838-C, Sections 14 through 17a.

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Definitions

- (1) "Director" shall mean the Director of the Oregon Department of Energy.
- (2) "Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System" means the renewable energy certificate tracking and reporting system established by the California Energy Commission and the Western Governors Association and governed by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council for use by states and provinces throughout the western power interconnection.
- (3) "Unbundled Renewable Energy Certificate" has the meaning in SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (4) "Bundled Renewable Energy Certificate" has the meaning in ORS SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (5) "Banked Renewable Energy Certificate" has the meaning in SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (6) "Electric Utility" has the meaning in ORS SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (7) "Electricity Service Supplier" has the meaning in SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (8) "Qualifying Electricity" has the meaning in SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (9) "Renewable Energy Source" has the meaning in SB 838-C, Section 1.
- (10) "Compliance Year" has the meaning in SB 838-C, Section 1.

Stat. Auth.: SB 838-C, Section 14.

Stats. Implemented: SB 838-C, Sections 14 through 17a.

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Establishment of Renewable Energy Certificate System

- (1) Renewable energy certificates that are issued, monitored, accounted for and transferred by or through the regional renewable energy certificate system and trading mechanism known as the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) shall be the only renewable energy certificates that can be used by an electric utility or electricity service supplier to establish compliance with the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).
- (2) All entities that wish to demonstrate compliance or participate in the renewable energy certificate system associated with the Oregon RPS must establish and maintain accounts in good standing with the WREGIS renewable energy certificate system.
- (3) All entities that wish to demonstrate compliance or participate in the renewable energy certificate system associated with the Oregon RPS must participate in the system in accordance with the WREGIS Operating Rules. If there are substantial changes to the WREGIS Operating Rules which, at the Director's discretion, may significantly impact the ability of the WREGIS renewable energy certificate system to facilitate the Oregon RPS the Director may implement rulemaking to address those concerns.

Stat. Auth.: SB 838-C, Section 14.

Stats. Implemented: SB 838-C, Section 14.

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Types of Renewable Energy Certificates

A bundled or unbundled renewable energy certificate may be used to comply with the RPS when it is issued through the WREGIS renewable energy certificate system, is identified within the WREGIS system as Oregon-eligible, and is otherwise consistent with the rules and requirements of the Oregon RPS.

- (1) A bundled renewable energy certificate must include documentation that one megawatt-hour of energy was associated with the transfer of the WREGIS renewable energy certificate to the electric utility or electricity service supplier. This documentation shall consist of a completed data field in the WREGIS certificate that contains a valid North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) electronic tagging number ("e-Tag") or another unique identification value adopted by the WREGIS that indicates one megawatt-hour of energy was delivered to either:
 - (a) the transmission system of the electric utility, or to a delivery point designated by an electric utility for the purposes of subsequent delivery to the electric utility; or
 - (b) the Bonneville Power Administration.

- (2) A bundled renewable energy certificate does not need to demonstrate that the electricity identified by the NERC e-Tag is qualifying electricity or that the originating source identified by the NERC e-Tag is a renewable energy source.

Stat. Auth.: SB 838-C, Section 14.

Stats. Implemented: SB 838-C, Sections 15 through 17a.

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Date of Establishment of Renewable Energy Certificate System

- (1) The system of renewable energy certificates established through this rule may be used for the purposes of complying with or participating in the Oregon RPS beginning on October 1, 2007.
- (2) No renewable energy certificate that derives from the WREGIS renewable energy certificate system and that carries a certification date preceding October 1, 2007 will be eligible for compliance with the Oregon RPS.
- (3) Banked renewable energy certificates, both bundled and unbundled, may be held for future use within the WREGIS renewable energy certificate system beginning on October 1, 2007.
- (4) Generating facilities that produce qualifying electricity shall be eligible to create certificates in the renewable energy certificate system in this rule beginning on October 1, 2007.

Stat. Auth.: SB 838-C, Section 14.

Stats. Implemented: SB 838-C, Section 14.