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| NPRR Number | [1250](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1250) | NPRR Title | RPS Mandatory Program Termination |
| Date of Decision | January 22, 2025 |
| Action | Recommended Approval |
| Timeline  | Normal  |
| Estimated Impacts | Cost/Budgetary: NoneProject Duration: No project required |
| Proposed Effective Date | September 1, 2025 |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | Not applicable |
| Nodal Protocol Sections Requiring Revision  | 1.3.1.1, Items Considered Protected Information2.1, Definitions2.2, Acronyms and Abbreviations14.1, Overview14.2, Duties of ERCOT14.3.2, Attributes of Renewable Energy Credits and Compliance Premiums14.5.2, Retail Entities (delete)14.5.3, End-Use Customers (delete)14.6.2, Awarding of Compliance Premiums (delete)14.8, Renewable Energy Credit Offsets (delete)14.9, Allocation of Statewide Renewable Portfolio Standard Requirement Among Retail Entities (delete)14.9.1, Annual Capacity Targets (delete)14.9.2, Capacity Conversion Factor (delete)14.9.3, Statewide Renewable Portfolio Standard Requirement (delete)14.9.3.1, Preliminary Renewable Portfolio Standard Requirement for Retail Entities (delete)14.9.4, Application of Offsets - Adjusted Renewable Portfolio Standard Requirement (delete)14.9.5, Final Renewable Portfolio Standard Requirement (delete)14.10.1, Mandatory Retirement (delete)14.10.2, Voluntary Retirement14.13, Submit Annual Report to Public Utility Commission of Texas |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | None |
| Revision Description | This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) updates the Protocols to comply with House Bill 1500 in the retiring of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) program. ERCOT will continue to administer a Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Trading Program that is voluntary.  |
| Reason for Revision |  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 1 – Be an industry leader for grid reliability and resilience [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 2 - Enhance the ERCOT region’s economic competitiveness with respect to trends in wholesale power rates and retail electricity prices to consumers [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 3 - Advance ERCOT, Inc. as an independent leading industry expert and an employer of choice by fostering innovation, investing in our people, and emphasizing the importance of our mission General system and/or process improvements Regulatory requirements ERCOT Board/PUCT Directive*(please select ONLY ONE – if more than one apply, please select the ONE that is most relevant)* |
| Justification of Reason for Revision and Market Impacts | Alignment between Protocols and Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) Substantive Rules is necessary and proper. |
| PRS Decision | On 9/12/24, PRS voted unanimously to table NPRR1250 and refer the issue to WMS. All Market Segments participated in the vote.On 11/14/24, PRS voted unanimously to recommend approval of NPRR1250 as submitted. All Market Segments participated in the vote.On 12/12/24, PRS voted unanimously to endorse and forward to TAC the 11/14/24 PRS Report and 8/27/24 Impact Analysis for NPRR1250. All Market Segments participated in the vote. |
| Summary of PRS Discussion | On 9/12/24, participants expressed concern regarding the timing of NPRR1250 implementation in relation to House Bill 1500; other participants requested NPRR1250 retain confidentiality status.On 11/14/24, participants discussed Compliance Premium termination date language in Sections 2.1 and 14.3.2 in regards to timing logistics. ERCOT Staff confirmed that termination date reflects House Bill 1500 and implemented NPRR1218, REC Program Changes Per P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.173, Renewable Energy Credit Program, language. On 12/12/24, PRS reviewed the 8/27/24 Impact Analysis. |
| TAC Decision | On 1/22/25, TAC voted to recommend approval of NPRR1250 as recommended by PRS in the 12/12/24 PRS Report with a recommended effective date of September 1, 2025. There was one abstention from the Independent Generator (Vistra) Market Segment. All Market Segments participated in the vote.  |
| Summary of TAC Discussion | On 1/22/25, ERCOT Staff requested a September 1, 2025 effective date. Some participants questioned the necessity of continued Compliance Premium retention without statutory framework. ERCOT expressed intention to file an additional Revision Request in follow-up to NPRR1250. |
| TAC Review/Justification of Recommendation |  Revision Request ties to Reason for Revision as explained in Justification  Impact Analysis reviewed and impacts are justified as explained in Justification Opinions were reviewed and discussed Comments were reviewed and discussed (if applicable) Other: (explain) |

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| **Opinions** |
| **Credit Review** | ERCOT Credit Staff and the Credit Finance Sub Group (CFSG) have reviewed NPRR1250 and do not believe that it requires changes to credit monitoring activity or the calculation of liability. |
| **Independent Market Monitor Opinion** | IMM has no opinion on NPRR1250. |
| **ERCOT Opinion** | ERCOT supports approval of NPRR1250.  |
| **ERCOT Market Impact Statement** | ERCOT Staff has reviewed NPRR1250 and believes that it fulfills the PUCT’s directive to update the Protocols to comply with House Bill 1500 in the retiring of the RPS program. |

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| Market Segment | Not applicable |

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| **Comments Received** |
| **Comment Author** | **Comment Summary** |
| SEIA 091024 | Requested that NPRR1250 not be implemented until September 1, 2025 to allow the Solar Renewable Portfolio Standard (SRPS) to remain temporarily in effect as intended by the 88th Texas Legislature in House Bill 1500 |
| ERCOT 100124 | Requested that PRS recommend approval of NPRR1250 with a proposed effective date of September 1, 2025 |
| WMS 100824 | Requested PRS continue to table NPRR1250 |
| WMS 110724 | Endorsed approval of NPRR1250 as submitted |

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| Market Rules Notes |

Please note the baseline Protocol language in the following sections has been updated to reflect the incorporation of the following NPRR into the Protocols:

* NPRR1188, Implement Nodal Dispatch and Energy Settlement for Controllable Load Resources (incorporated 12/1/24)
	+ Section 1.3.1.1
* NPRR1218 (incorporated 11/1/24)
	+ Section 1.3.1.1
	+ Section 2.1
	+ Section 14.1
	+ Section 14.2
	+ Section 14.3.2
	+ Section 14.5.2
	+ Section 14.5.3
	+ Section 14.6.2
	+ Section 14.8
	+ Section 14.9
	+ Section 14.9.1
	+ Section 14.9.2
	+ Section 14.9.3
	+ Section 14.9.3.1
	+ Section 14.9.4
	+ Section 14.9.5
	+ Section 14.10.1
	+ Section 14.10.2
	+ Section 14.13

Please note that the following NPRR(s) also proposes revisions to the following section(s):

* NPRR1246, Energy Storage Resource Terminology Alignment for the Single-Model Era
	+ Section 1.3.1.1
* NPRR1264, Creation of a New Energy Attribute Certificate Program
	+ Section 2.1
	+ Section 14.1
	+ Section 14.2
	+ Section 14.3.2
	+ Section 14.5.2
	+ Section 14.5.3
	+ Section 14.6.2
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| Proposed Protocol Language Revision |

1.3.1.1 Items Considered Protected Information

(1) Subject to the exclusions set out in Section 1.3.1.2, Items Not Considered Protected Information, and in Section 3.2.5, Publication of Resource and Load Information, “Protected Information” is information containing or revealing any of the following:

(a) Base Points, as calculated by ERCOT. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(b) Bids, offers, or pricing information identifiable to a specific Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) or Resource. The Protected Information status of part of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day, as follows:

(i) Ancillary Service Offers by Operating Hour for each Resource for all Ancillary Services submitted for the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) or any Supplemental Ancillary Services Market (SASM);

(ii) The quantity of Ancillary Service offered by Operating Hour for each Resource for all Ancillary Service submitted for the DAM or any SASM; and

(iii) Energy Offer Curve prices and quantities for each Settlement Interval by Resource. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire within seven days after the applicable Operating Day if required to be posted as part of paragraph (5) of Section 3.2.5 and within two days after the applicable Operating Day if required to be posted as part of paragraph (7) of Section 3.2.5;

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| ***[NPRR1013 and NPRR1188: Replace applicable portions of paragraph (b) above with the following upon system implementation for NPRR1188; or upon system implementation of the Real-Time Co-Optimization (RTC) project for NPRR1013:]***(b) Bids, offers, or pricing information identifiable to a specific Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) or Resource. The Protected Information status of part of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day, as follows:(i) Ancillary Service Offers by Operating Hour or Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED) interval for each Resource for all Ancillary Services submitted for the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) or Real-Time Market (RTM);(ii) The quantity of Ancillary Service offered by Operating Hour or SCED interval for each Resource for all Ancillary Service submitted for the DAM or RTM; and(iii) The prices and quantities presented in a Resource’s Energy Offer Curve or Energy Bid Curve by Operating Hour or SCED interval. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire within seven days after the applicable Operating Day if required to be posted as part of paragraph (5) of Section 3.2.5 and within two days after the applicable Operating Day if required to be posted as part of paragraph (7) of Section 3.2.5; |

(c) Status of Resources, including Outages, limitations, or scheduled or metered Resource data. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire as follows:

(i) For each Forced Outage, Maintenance Outage, or Forced Derate of a Generation Resource or Energy Storage Resource (ESR) that occurs during or extends into an Operating Day, the Protected Information status of the following information shall expire three days after the applicable Operating Day:

(A) The name and unit code of the Resource affected;

(B) The Resource’s fuel type;

(C) The type of Outage or derate;

(D) The start date/time and the planned and actual end date/time;

(E) The Resource’s applicable Seasonal net maximum sustainable rating;

(F) The available and outaged MW during the Outage or derate; and

(G) The entry in the “nature of work” field in the Outage Scheduler and any other information concerning the cause of the Outage or derate;

(ii) For each Resource Outage or Forced Derate that occurs during, or that extends into, any time period in which ERCOT has declared an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA), ERCOT may immediately disclose the information identified in paragraph (i) above to a state Governmental Authority, the office of the Governor of Texas, the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, or any member of the Texas Legislature, if requested; and

(iii) For all other information, the Protected Information status shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(d) Current Operating Plans (COPs). The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(e) Ancillary Service Trades, Energy Trades, and Capacity Trades identifiable to a specific QSE or Resource. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 180 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(f) Ancillary Service Schedules identifiable to a specific QSE or Resource. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

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| ***[NPRR1013: Replace paragraph (f) above with the following upon system implementation of the Real-Time Co-Optimization (RTC) project:]***(f) Ancillary Service awards identifiable to a specific QSE or Resource. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day; |

(g) Dispatch Instructions identifiable to a specific QSE or Resource, except for Reliability Unit Commitment (RUC) commitments and decommitments as provided in Section 5.5.3, Communication of RUC Commitments and Decommitments. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 180 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(h) Raw and Adjusted Metered Load (AML) data (demand and energy) identifiable to:

(i) A specific QSE or Load Serving Entity (LSE). The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 180 days after the applicable Operating Day; or

(ii) A specific Customer or Electric Service Identifier (ESI ID);

(i) Wholesale Storage Load (WSL) data identifiable to a specific QSE. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(j) Settlement Statements and Invoices identifiable to a specific QSE. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 180 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(k) Number of ESI IDs identifiable to a specific LSE. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 365 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(l) Information related to generation interconnection requests, to the extent such information is not otherwise publicly available. The Protected Information status of certain generation interconnection request information expires as provided in Section 1.3.1.4, Expiration of Protected Information Status;

(m) Resource-specific costs, design and engineering data, including such data submitted in connection with a verifiable cost appeal;

(n) Congestion Revenue Right (CRR) credit limits, the identity of bidders in a CRR Auction, or other bidding information identifiable to a specific CRR Account Holder. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire as follows:

(i) The Protected Information status of the identities of CRR bidders that become CRR Owners and the number and type of CRRs that they each own shall expire at the end of the CRR Auction in which the CRRs were first sold; and

(ii) The Protected Information status of all other CRR information identified above in item (n) shall expire six months after the end of the year in which the CRR was effective.

(o) Renewable Energy Credit (REC) account balances. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire three years after the REC Settlement period ends;

(p) Credit limits identifiable to a specific QSE;

(q) Any information that is designated as Protected Information in writing by Disclosing Party at the time the information is provided to Receiving Party except for information that is expressly designated not to be Protected Information by Section 1.3.1.2 or that, pursuant to Section 1.3.1.4, is no longer confidential;

(r) Any information compiled by a Market Participant on a Customer that in the normal course of a Market Participant’s business that makes possible the identification of any individual Customer by matching such information with the Customer’s name, address, account number, type of classification service, historical electricity usage, expected patterns of use, types of facilities used in providing service, individual contract terms and conditions, price, current charges, billing record, or any other information that a Customer has expressly requested not be disclosed (“Proprietary Customer Information”) unless the Customer has authorized the release for public disclosure of that information in a manner approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). Information that is redacted or organized in such a way as to make it impossible to identify the Customer to whom the information relates does not constitute Proprietary Customer Information;

(s) Any software, products of software, or other vendor information that ERCOT is required to keep confidential under its agreements;

(t) QSE, Transmission Service Provider (TSP), and Distribution Service Provider (DSP) backup plans collected by ERCOT under the Protocols or Other Binding Documents;

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| ***[NPRR857: Replace item (t) above with the following upon system implementation and satisfying the following conditions: (1) Southern Cross provides ERCOT with funds to cover the entire estimated cost of the project; and (2) Southern Cross has signed an interconnection agreement with a TSP and the TSP gives ERCOT written notice that Southern Cross has provided it with: (a) Notice to proceed with the construction of the interconnection; and (b) The financial security required to fund the interconnection facilities:]***(t) QSE, Transmission Service Provider (TSP), Direct Current Tie Operator (DCTO), and Distribution Service Provider (DSP) backup plans collected by ERCOT under the Protocols or Other Binding Documents; |

(u) Direct Current Tie (DC Tie) Schedule information. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire on the date on which ERCOT files the report with the PUCT that is required by P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.192, Transmission Rates for Export from ERCOT, relating to energy imported and exported over DC Ties interconnected to the ERCOT System;

(v) Any Texas Standard Electronic Transaction (TX SET) transaction submitted by an LSE to ERCOT or received by an LSE from ERCOT. This paragraph does not apply to ERCOT’s compliance with:

(i) PUCT Substantive Rules on performance measure reporting;

(ii) These Protocols or Other Binding Documents; or

(iii) Any Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)-approved reporting requirements;

(w) Information concerning a Mothballed Generation Resource’s probability of return to service and expected lead time for returning to service submitted pursuant to Section 3.14.1.9, Generation Resource Status Updates;

(x) Information provided by Entities under Section 10.3.2.4, Reporting of Net Generation Capacity;

(y) Alternative fuel reserve capability and firm gas availability information submitted pursuant to Section 6.5.9.3.1, Operating Condition Notice, Section 6.5.9.3.2, Advisory, and Section 6.5.9.3.3, Watch, and as defined by the Operating Guides;

(z) Non-public financial information provided by a Counter-Party to ERCOT pursuant to meeting its credit qualification requirements as well as the QSE’s form of credit support;

(aa) Emergency operations plans submitted pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.53, Electric Service Emergency Operations Plans;

(bb) Information provided by a Counter-Party under Section 16.16.3, Verification of Risk Management Framework;

(cc) Any data related to Load response capabilities that are self-arranged by the LSE or pursuant to a bilateral agreement between a specific LSE and its Customers, other than data either related to any service procured by ERCOT or non-LSE-specific aggregated data.  Such data includes pricing, dispatch instructions, and other proprietary information of the Load response product;

(dd) Status of Settlement Only Generators (SOGs), including Outages, limitations, or scheduled or metered output data, except that ERCOT may disclose output data from an SOG as part of an extract or forwarded TX SET transaction provided to the LSE associated with the ESI ID of the Premise where the SOG is located. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

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| ***[NPRR829 and NPRR995: Replace applicable portions of paragraph (dd) above with the following upon system implementation:]***(dd) Status of Settlement Only Generators (SOGs) and Settlement Only Energy Storage System (SOESS), including Outages, limitations, schedules, metered output and withdrawal data, or data telemetered for use in the calculation of Real-Time Liability (RTL) as described in Section 16.11.4.3.2, Real-Time Liability Estimate, except that ERCOT may disclose metered output and withdrawal data from an SOG or SOESS as part of an extract or forwarded TX SET transaction provided to the LSE associated with the ESI ID of the Premise where the SOG is located. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day; |

(ee) Any documents or data submitted to ERCOT in connection with an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) proceeding. The Protected Information status of this information shall expire upon ERCOT’s issuance of a Market Notice indicating the disposition of the ADR proceeding pursuant to paragraph (1) of Section 20.9, Resolution of Alternative Dispute Resolution Proceedings and Notification to Market Participants, except to the extent the information continues to qualify as Protected Information pursuant to another paragraph of this Section 1.3.1.1;

(ff) Reasons for and future expectations of overrides to a specific Resource’s High Dispatch Limit (HDL) or Low Dispatch Limit (LDL). The Protected Information status of this information shall expire 60 days after the applicable Operating Day;

(gg) Information provided to ERCOT under Section 16.18, Cybersecurity Incident Notification, except that ERCOT may disclose general information concerning a Cybersecurity Incident in a Market Notice in accordance with paragraph (5) of Section 16.18 to assist Market Participants in mitigating risk associated with a Cybersecurity Incident;

(hh) Information disclosed in response to paragraphs (1)-(4) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Coordination section of Section 22, Attachment K, Declaration of Natural Gas Pipeline Coordination, submitted to ERCOT in accordance with Section 3.21, Submission of Declarations of Natural Gas Pipeline Coordination. The Protected Information status of Resource Outage information shall expire as provided in paragraph (1)(c) of Section 1.3.1.1;

(ii) Information concerning weatherization activities submitted to, obtained by, or generated by ERCOT in connection with P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.55, Weather Emergency Preparedness, if such information allows the identification of any Resource or Resource Entity;

(jj) Information provided to ERCOT:

(i) By a QSE under paragraph (3) of Section 3.14.5, Firm Fuel Supply Service, as part of an offer to provide Firm Fuel Supply Service (FFSS), except that within ten Business Days of issuing FFSS awards, ERCOT may disclose the identity of all Generation Resources that were offered as primary Generation Resources or alternate Generation Resources to provide FFSS for the most recent procurement period, including prices and quantities offered;

(ii) By a Resource Entity under paragraph (2) of Section 8.1.1.2.1.6, Firm Fuel Supply Service Resource Qualification, Testing, Decertification, and Recertification, as part of the voluntary process for ERCOT certification of a FFSS Qualified Contract; or

(iii) By a Resource Entity in a Force Majeure Event report required under paragraph (14) of Section 8.1.1.2.6;

(kk) Information provided to ERCOT pursuant to Section 16.2.1.1, QSE Background Check Process, or Section 16.8.1.1, CRR Account Holder Background Check Process; and

(ll) Information concerning coal or lignite inventory provided by a QSE under Section 3.24, Notification of Low Coal and Lignite Inventory Levels.

**2.1 DEFINITIONS**

Compliance Premium

A payment awarded by the Program Administrator in conjunction with a Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) that is generated by a renewable energy source that meets the criteria of subsection (e) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173, Renewable Energy Credit Program. Note that Compliance Premiums will not be awarded after December 31, 2024, and all unused Compliance Premiums will expire by December 31, 2027.

**2.2 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

14.1 Overview

(1) On May 9, 2000, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) appointed ERCOT as Program Administrator of the Renewable Energy Credits (REC) Trading Program described in subsection (h) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173, Renewable Energy Credit Program. On November 30, 2023, the PUCT reaffirmed ERCOT as Program Administrator of the REC Trading Program described in subsection (a)(2) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173. Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 39.9113, adopted by the 88th Texas Legislature and implemented by the PUCT in P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173, require that ERCOT administer a voluntary trading program on an ongoing basis.

(2) The purposes of the REC Trading Program are:

(a) To provide for a REC Trading Program to facilitate voluntary trading under subsection (g) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173 and PURA § 39.9113, in the most efficient and economical manner; and

(b) To ensure that all Customers have access to providers of energy generated by renewable energy Resources pursuant to PURA § 39.101(b)(3).

(3) ERCOT shall administer the REC Trading Program, which became effective July 1, 2001. Entities participating in the REC Trading Program must register with and execute the appropriate agreements with ERCOT.

14.2 Duties of ERCOT

(1) As described in more detail in this Section, ERCOT shall:

(a) Register renewable energy generators;

(b) Register Retail Entities;

(c) Register other Entities choosing to participate in the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Trading Program;

(d) Create and maintain REC trading accounts for REC Trading Program participants;

(e) On a quarterly basis, award RECs earned by REC generators based on verified MWh production data;

(f) Retire RECs or Compliance Premiums as directed by REC Trading Program participants;

(g) Retire RECs or Compliance Premiums as they expire;

(h) On a monthly basis, make public the aggregated total MWh competitive energy sales in Texas;

(i) Make public a list of REC Account Holders with contact information (e-mail, address, and telephone number) so as to facilitate REC or Compliance Premium trading;

(j) Maintain a list of offset generators and the Retail Entities to whom such a generator’s offsets were awarded by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT);

(k) Conduct a REC Trading Program Settlement process annually;

(l) File an annual report with the PUCT as specified in subsection (h)(11) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173, Renewable Energy Credit Program;

(m) Monitor the operational status of participating renewable energy generation facilities in Texas and record retirements;

(n) Audit MWh production data from certified REC generating facilities;

(o) Audit MWh production from renewable energy generation facilities producing offsets for Retail Entities on an annual basis; and

(p) Post a list of Facility Identification Numbers, and the associated renewable energy generation facility name, location, type, and noncompetitive certification data on the ERCOT website.

***14.3.2 Attributes of Renewable Energy Credits and Compliance Premiums***

(1) A REC or Compliance Premium is a tradable instrument that represents all of the renewable attributes associated with one MWh of production from a certified renewable generator. A REC or Compliance Premium may trade separately from energy. RECs are distributed to REC generators on a quarterly basis by ERCOT. The number of RECs distributed to a certified generator is based on physically metered MWh production. RECs may be traded, transferred, and retired.

(2) The components of a REC and Compliance Premium are defined in the table below.

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| **REC Information** | **Field Length** | **Description** |
| Year | 4 Digits | Year REC was issued. |
| Quarter | 1 Digit | Quarter REC was issued. |
| Type of Renewable Resource | 20 Characters | Reference to type of renewable Resource: Solar, wind, biomass, tidal, geothermal, hydro, landfill gas, other. |
| Facility Identification Number | 5 Digits | Number to be assigned by ERCOT. |
| REC Number | 8 Digits | REC Number 1 through the number of MWh generated by the facility during the quarter.  |

(3) The Facility Identification Number assigned by ERCOT will be fixed for a facility’s lifetime, and will therefore remain constant regardless of changes in facility name or ownership. Facilities must file changes of name, ownership, or other relevant certification information with ERCOT within 30 days of such changes.

(4) Generating facilities that lose their Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) REC generator certification will not be awarded RECs by ERCOT subsequent to the date of the certification revocation, unless ERCOT is otherwise directed by the PUCT.

(5) A REC or Compliance Premium will have an issue date of the Compliance Period in which it is generated.

(6) RECs and Compliance Premiums have a useful life of three Compliance Periods. For example, a qualifying MWh of renewable energy generated on December 31, 2023 will be the basis for a REC having an issue date of 2023. The three Compliance Periods for which this REC may be used are 2023, 2024, and 2025. This REC will expire one Business Day after March 31, 2026. March 31 is the date by which a Retail Entity must submit its annual REC compliance retirement information to ERCOT. As Compliance Premiums were last awarded December 31, 2024, all unused Compliance Premiums will expire by December 31, 2027.

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***14.10.1 Voluntary Retirement***

(1) At the request of a REC Account Holder, ERCOT shall retire RECs and Compliance Premiums. ERCOT shall include information concerning RECs and Compliance Premiums retired voluntarily in its annual report to the PUCT.

**14.13 Submit Annual Report to Public Utility Commission of Texas**

(1) Beginning in 2002, ERCOT shall submit an annual report to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) on or before the date set forth for such report in subsection (h)(11) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.173, Renewable Energy Credit Program. Such report shall contain the following information pertaining to program operation for the previous Compliance Period:

(a) MW of existing renewable capacity installed in Texas, by technology type;

(b) MW of new renewable energy capacity installed in Texas, by technology type;

(c) List of eligible non-Texas capacity participating in the program, by technology type;

(d) Summary of Renewable Energy Credit (REC) aggregator activities, submitted in a format specified by the PUCT;

(e) Owner/operator of each REC generating facility;

(f) Date each new renewable energy facility began to produce energy;

(g) MWh of energy generated by renewable energy Resources as demonstrated through data supplied in accordance with these Protocols;

(h) List of renewable energy unit retirements;

(i) List of all Retail Entities participating in the REC Trading Program;

(j) Number of REC offsets used by each Retail Entity;

(k) A list of REC offset generators, REC offsets awarded and MWh production from each such generator on an annual basis;

(l) Number of RECs retired by each program participant by category (mandatory compliance, voluntary retirement, expiration, and total retirements); and

(m) Number of Compliance Premiums retired by each program participant by category (mandatory compliance, expiration, and total retirements).