

DRM 16-829, Rule making, Chapter Puc 2500 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard

Commission Vote to Adopt Initial Proposal

This is the Initial Proposal to readopt with amendments the Commission's Puc 2500 rules applicable to administration of the renewable portfolio standard. The rules cover RPS compliance by retail electricity providers, eligibility of renewable energy sources, issuance and transfer of renewable energy certificates, metering and reporting standards, the qualifications and roles of independent monitors and REC aggregators, and funding of initiatives from the renewable energy fund.

The Initial Proposal contains a number of amendments and updates to the RPS rules, such as the addition of biodiesel production as an eligible renewable energy technology as required by recent legislation, amendments intended to address other recent statutory changes (including Senate Bill 129), and updating of the rules regarding independent monitors, REC aggregators, and other matters, based on the Commission's administrative experience during the past few years.

The new biodiesel production sections of the rules are required to be finally adopted by the end of 2017.

The next step in the rulemaking process will be to request a Fiscal Impact Statement from the Legislative Budget Assistant. Following receipt of the Fiscal Impact Statement from the LBA, a Rulemaking Notice will be filed with the Office of Legislative Services for publication in the Rulemaking Register. That Notice will schedule a public comment hearing for early October and a written comment submission deadline for later that month.