



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
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Dear Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program – Eastern Division (Pick-Sloan) Customer:

Subject: Summary of WAPA-Upper Great Plains Region Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Program, Option Form to Use Independent Account or Request a Designated Entity, and WAPA REC Program Principles

The Upper Great Plains Region of Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) uses the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS) to track and distribute environmental attributes associated with the hydropower generated at Pick-Sloan Projects and allocated to Pick-Sloan customers. M-RETS creates one REC for each megawatt hour of energy generated. Each Firm Electric Service customer is eligible to receive an annual share of M-RETS RECs based proportionally on its Pick-Sloan allocation and actual energy generated from Project hydropower facilities during the calendar year.

Below is a summary of 2020 and 2021 Pick-Sloan Project generation:

1 REC = 1 MWh	2020	2021
Total Generation	10,865,649	9,091,992
Allocated RECs	9,023,140	9,002,932
Banked	1,842,509	89,060

Each customer's RECs will be deposited into a WAPA M-RETS subaccount. Customers will not have access to this subaccount and RECs cannot be retired in this subaccount. A customer must establish an independent REC tracking system account (Independent Account) to manage and retire RECs.

If a customer has an Independent Account established, it must contact WAPA to initiate a process to transfer RECs to its Independent Account. RECs will annually accumulate in the WAPA M-RETS subaccount until RECs are transferred. At this time, there are no fees for transferring RECs between M-RETS accounts. A customer may request, at its own expense, for WAPA to export RECs to an Independent Account outside of M-RETS, provided the Independent Account is compatible with M-RETS.

A customer may request WAPA to transfer its RECs to a Designated Entity to manage RECs on the customer's behalf. The Designated Entity would be responsible for transferring RECs to the WAPA customer or retiring RECs for the customer. The transfer of RECs to a Designated Entity must be enabled through a separate contract among the customer, Designated Entity, and WAPA.

RECs are provided as part of a Firm Power customer's electric service allocation and are considered an attribute of such. Any violation of the attached WAPA REC Program Principles, such as the resale of RECs, shall be considered a violation of the customer's Firm Electric Service contract or appropriate Bureau of Reclamation contract and may put this contract at risk.

To use an Independent Account or assign a Designated Entity as described above, please complete, sign, and return the attached WAPA REC Program Option Form within 60 days. If none of the options are preferred, WAPA will continue to hold RECs on the customer's behalf in a WAPA M-RETS subaccount until the customer requests otherwise. RECs from 2020, 2021, and 2022 are estimated to be distributed to customers who have chosen to use an Independent Account or have assigned a Designated Entity beginning April 2023.

If you have questions or would like to know your individual REC balance, please contact Brianna Gray at (406) 606-8021, bgray@wapa.gov, or your respective field representative.

Sincerely,

Lori L. Frisk
Vice President of Power Marketing
for Upper Great Plains Region

Attachments:

WAPA REC Program Option Form
WAPA REC Program Principles

(Letter sent electronically)

WAPA REC Program Option Form

WAPA will hold RECs on behalf of your organization in M-RETS until it requests one of the options below:

Option 1: My organization has its own independent M-RETS account and requests WAPA to transfer RECs to this account.

Option 2: My organization requests a Designated Entity manage RECs from WAPA on its behalf. I understand that my organization, the Designated Entity, and WAPA must enter into a separate contract. As of the date of this form, my organization's requested Designated Entity is _____.

Option 3: My organization has its own independent tracking system account outside of M-RETS and requests WAPA to export RECs to this account.

If one of the above options is selected, please sign this form via Adobe PDF, if available, and return via email to bgray@wapa.gov. If Adobe PDF is unavailable, please request to sign via DocuSign or print off this page, complete, and mail to Western Area Power Administration, ATTN: Brianna Gray, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800.

By signing below, you acknowledge and concur with the WAPA REC Program Principles.

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Contact Information:

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____