

California Air Resources Board Quarterly Auction 2

Background

The Air Resources Board (ARB) held its second auction of greenhouse gas allowances (GHG) on February 19, 2013. The auction included a Current Auction of 2013 vintage allowances and an Advance Auction of 2016 vintage allowances.

Prior to the certification of the auction, ARB staff and the Market Monitor carefully evaluated the bids, and determined that the auction process and procedures complied with the requirements of the Cap-and-Trade Regulation. As provided below, the Market Monitor made the following determination:

“The Market Monitor found that the auction was cleared consistent with the auction clearing rules in the regulation and appropriate economic logic. The Market Monitor confirmed the auction results, based on the data available. The Market Monitor confirmed the clearing price and clearing quantities by participant for the auction for 2013 and for the auction for 2016 vintage allowances. The Auction Administrator reported that the 2013 auction clearing price is \$13.62 per allowance, with 12,924,822 total 2013 allowances sold. The Auction Administrator reported that the 2016 auction clearing price is \$10.71 per allowance with 4,440,000 total 2016 allowances sold. The Market Monitor confirmed that the 2013 auction clearing price is \$13.62 per allowance and that the 2016 auction clearing price is \$10.71 per allowance. The Market Monitor confirmed the cleared quantities assigned to individual participants by the Auction Administrator were consistent with the regulation logic involving tie breakers and the random allocation of residual allowances in both auctions and therefore that the total volumes cleared are correct. The auction algorithm correctly applied the regulation requirements covering the bid guarantee and the tie breaker constraints. The Market Monitor did not observe any breaches of security or communication protocols. The Market Monitor recommends that ARB approve the February Auction results.”

In the Current Auction of 2013 allowances, there were no violations of the holding limits, purchase limits, or bid guarantee for any Submitted Bids at or above the settlement price. For bids below the settlement price, bids for 287 lots (287,000 allowances) would have been rejected for exceeding the bid guarantee if the auction had settled at the Auction Reserve Price. The bids rejected for violating the bid guarantee were not included in the calculation of the statistics reported for “Qualified Bids.” All of the rejected bids were below the settlement price, and consequently had no impact on the determination of the settlement price. No bids were rejected in the Advance Auction of 2016 vintage allowances.

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Qualified Bid Summary Statistics

Current Auction of 2013 Vintage Allowances

Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	12,924,822
Total 2013 Allowances Sold at Auction:	12,924,822
Total Qualified Bids Divided by	
Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	2.47
Auction Reserve Price:	\$10.71
Settlement Price Per Allowance:	\$13.62
Allowances Purchased by Compliance Entities:	88.15%
Bid Price Summary Statistics	
Maximum Price:	\$50.01
Minimum Price:	\$10.71
Mean Price:	\$14.71
Median Price:	\$12.56
Hirschman-Herfindahl index:	728

Advance Auction of 2016 Vintage Allowances

Total 2016 Allowances Available for Sale:	9,560,000
Total 2016 Allowances Sold at Auction:	4,440,000
Total Qualified Bids Divided by	
Total 2016 Allowances Available for Sale:	0.46
Auction Reserve Price:	\$10.71
Settlement Price Per Allowance:	\$10.71
Allowances Purchased by Compliance Entities:	100%
Bid Price Summary Statistics	
Maximum Price:	\$40.00
Minimum Price:	\$10.71
Mean Price:	\$12.40
Median Price:	\$11.12
Hirschman-Herfindahl index:	3159

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Submitted Bid Summary Statistics

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Settlement Price Per Allowance:	\$13.62
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Bid Price Summary Statistics	
Maximum Price:	\$50.01
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 Herfindahl–Hirschman Index :	 728

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List of Qualified Bidders for the Current Auction of 2013 Vintage Allowances and the Advance Auction of 2016 Vintage Allowances

A Qualified Bidder is an entity that registered for the auction, submitted an acceptable bid guarantee, and was approved by ARB to participate in the auction.

Aera Energy LLC
Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP
Berry Petroleum Company
BNSF Railway Company
BP Energy Company
Brookfield Energy Marketing LP
California Dairies Inc.
California Department of Water Resources
California Institute of Technology
California Pacific Electric Company, LLC
Calpine Energy Services, L.P.
Cargill Power Markets, LLC
Castleton Commodities Merchant Trading L.P.
CE2 Carbon Capital LLC
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Citigroup Energy Inc.
City of Riverside Public Utilities
City of Vernon, Light and Power
ClimeCo Corporation
CP Energy Marketing (US) Inc.
Crockett Cogeneration, A California Limited Partnership
Del Monte Corporation
DTE Energy Trading, Inc.
Dynergy Moss Landing, LLC
EDF Trading North America, LLC
Element Markets, LLC
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Foster Poultry Farms
GenOn Energy Management, LLC
Gila River Power, LLC
Goal Line LP
High Desert Power Project, LLC
Hilmar Cheese Company
Indigo Generation, LLC

Ingomar Packing Company, LLC
J. Aron & Company
J. G. Boswell Company
KES Kingsburg L.P.
Kings River Conservation District
Koch Supply & Trading, LP
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC.
Lockheed Martin Space Systems
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Luminus Energy Partners QP, LP
Macquarie Energy LLC
Mercuria Energy America, Inc.
Mitsubishi Cement Corporation
Modesto Irrigation District
Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.
Naftex Operating Company
NextEra Energy Power Marketing LLC
Noble Americas Gas & Power Corp.
Northern California Power Agency
NRG Power Marketing LLC
Occidental Power Services, Inc.
Oildale Energy LLC
OLS Energy - Chino
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
PacifiCorp
Pasadena Water & Power
PE-Berkeley, Inc.
Phillips 66 Company
Pittsburg Power Company
Plains Exploration & Production Company
Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative
Portland General Electric Company
Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority
Redding Electric Utility
Rio Tinto Minerals Inc.
Ripon Cogeneration LLC.
Royal Bank of Canada
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Sempra Generation
Sensient Dehydrated Flavors LLC
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.

Silicon Valley Power (SVP), City of Santa Clara
Southern California Edison Company
Stanislaus Food Products Company
Tenaska Power Services, Co.
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC
The Bank of Nova Scotia
The Dow Chemical Company
The Morning Star Packing Company
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.
Turlock Irrigation District
Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC
USS-POSCO Industries
Vista Metals Corp
Vitol Inc.
Yuba City Cogeneration Partners, LP

Explanatory Notes: Qualified Bid Summary Statistics

Current Auction of 2013 Vintage Allowances

Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	Total 2013 vintage allowances available for purchase in the auction in metric tons, including allowances consigned by Electric Distribution Utilities and allowances sold by the State of California.
Total 2013 Allowances Sold at Auction:	Total 2013 vintage allowances purchased in the auction in metric tons.
Total Qualified Bids Divided by Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	Total number of allowances included in all the qualified bids for the current vintage (regardless of bid price) divided by the total number of current vintage allowances available in the auction.
Auction Reserve Price:	The minimum acceptable auction bid price for current vintage allowances in dollars per metric ton.
Settlement Price Per Allowance:	The current vintage allowance price that resulted from the auction, in dollars per metric ton.
Allowances Won by Compliance Entities:	The total number of current vintage allowances purchased in the auction by compliance entities divided by the total number of current vintage allowances sold in the auction. A Compliance Entity is a Covered Entity or Opt-in Covered Entity as defined in the Cap-and-Trade Regulation.
Bid Price Summary Statistics	Statistics are calculated from all the qualified bids for the current vintage (regardless of bid price).
Maximum Price:	Highest qualified bid
Minimum Price:	Lowest qualified bid
Mean Price:	Average qualified bid calculated as the sum of the bid price times the bid quantity of each qualified bid divided by the sum of the bid quantities across all qualified bids.
Median Price:	The price per metric ton calculated so that 50% of the allowances in the qualified bids fall above and below the median value.

Herfindahl-Hirschman index (HHI):

The HHI is a measure of the concentration of allowances purchased by winning bidders relative to the total sale of current vintage allowances in the auction. The percentage of allowances purchased by each winning bidder is squared and then summed across all winning bidders. The HHI can range up to 10,000, representing 100% of the current vintage allowances purchased by a single bidder (i.e., $100 \times 100 = 10,000$).

Advance Auction of 2016 Vintage Allowances

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