

California Air Resources Board Quarterly Auction 5 November 2013

Summary Results Report

Background

The Air Resources Board (ARB) held its fifth auction of greenhouse gas allowances (GHG) on November 19, 2013. The auction included a Current Auction of 2013 vintage allowances and an Advance Auction of 2016 vintage allowances. The information provided in this report is a balance between the need for program transparency and protection of individual auction participant's market positions.

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 (AA) reported that the 2013 auction clearing price is \$11.48 per allowance, with 16,614,526 total 2013 allowances sold. The AA reported that the 2016 auction clearing price is \$11.10 per allowance with 9,560,000 total 2016 allowances sold. The Market Monitor confirmed that the 2013 auction clearing price is \$11.48 per allowance and that the 2016 auction clearing price is \$11.10 per allowance. The Market Monitor confirmed the cleared quantities assigned to individual participants by the AA 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.”

In the Current Auction of 2013 allowances, there were no violations of the holding limits or bid guarantee for any Submitted Bids at or above the settlement price. Submitted Bids for 493 lots (493,000 allowances) by a single bidder at or above the settlement price were rejected for exceeding the purchase limit. For bids below the settlement price, bids for 15 lots (15,000 allowances) by a single bidder would have been rejected for exceeding the holding limit if the auction had settled at the Auction Reserve Price. The bids rejected for violation of the purchase limit had no impact on the determination of the settlement price because they were not included in the settlement algorithm. The bids rejected for violation of the holding limit were below the settlement price, and consequently had no impact on the determination of the settlement price. None of the rejected bids were included in the calculation of the statistics reported for “Qualified Bids.” 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:	16,614,526
Total IOU Consigned 2013 Allowances:	13,049,523 (\$149,808,524)
Total POU Consigned 2013 Allowances:	892,229 (\$10,242,789)
Total State-Owned 2013 Allowances:	2,672,774 (\$30,683,446)
Total 2013 Allowances Sold at Auction:	16,614,526 (\$190,734,758)
Total Qualified Bids Divided by	
Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	1.82
Auction Reserve Price:	\$10.71
Settlement Price Per Allowance:	\$11.48
Allowances Purchased by Compliance Entities:	96.2%
Bid Price Summary Statistics	
Maximum Price:	\$61.61
Minimum Price:	\$10.71
Mean Price:	\$13.43
Median Bid Price:	\$11.53
Median Allowance Price:	\$11.55
Herfindahl–Hirschman Index:	683

Advance Auction of 2016 Vintage Allowances

Total 2016 Allowances Available for Sale:	9,560,000
Total 2016 Allowances Sold at Auction:	9,560,000 (\$106,116,000)
Total Qualified Bids Divided by	
Total 2016 Allowances Available for Sale:	1.64
Auction Reserve Price:	\$10.71
Settlement Price Per Allowance:	\$11.10
Allowances Purchased by Compliance Entities:	91.3%
Bid Price Summary Statistics	
Maximum Price:	\$13.50
Minimum Price:	\$10.71
Mean Price:	\$11.24
Median Bid Price:	\$11.16
Median Allowance Price:	\$11.15
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Submitted Bid Summary Statistics

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Total 2013 Allowances Sold at Auction:	16,614,526 (\$190,734,758)
Total Submitted Bids Divided by	
Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	1.85
Auction Reserve Price:	\$10.71
Settlement Price Per Allowance:	\$11.48
Allowances Purchased by Compliance Entities:	96.2%
Bid Price Summary Statistics	
Maximum Price:	\$61.61
Minimum Price:	\$10.71
Mean Price:	\$13.40
Median Bid Price:	\$11.51
Median Allowance Price:	\$11.55
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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
AltaGas Power Holdings (U.S.) Inc.
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY
BreitBurn Operating, LP
California Department of Water Resources
Calpine Energy Services, LP
Campbell Soup Supply Company, LLC DBA Dixon Canning Corp.
Carbon Lighthouse Association
CE2 Carbon Capital, LLC
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Citigroup Energy Inc.
City of Anaheim, Public Utilities Department
City of Banning
City of Colton
city of Needles
City of Riverside Public Utilities
City of Vernon, Light and Power
CP Energy Marketing (US) Inc.
CPV Sentinel, LLC
DTE Energy Trading, Inc.
Dynergy Moss Landing, LLC
EDF Trading North America, LLC
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Fresno Cogeneration Partners, LP
GenOn Energy Management, LLC
Gila River Power, LLC
Goal Line, LP
High Desert Power Project, LLC
J. Aron & Company
J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation
KES Kingsburg, LP
Kings River Conservation District
Koch Supply & Trading, LP
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC
Leprino Foods Company
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Luminus energy Partners QP, LP
Macquarie Energy, LLC
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.
Pacific Coast Energy Company, LP
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Phillips 66 Company
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
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Sempra Generation
Shell Energy North America (US), LP
Silicon Valley Power (SVP), City of Santa Clara
Southern California Edison Company
Southern California Gas Company
Stanislaus food products company
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC
The Bank of Nova Scotia
The Dow Chemical Company
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.
TransCanada Energy Sales Ltd.
Turlock Irrigation District
Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC
Union Pacific Railroad Company
Vista Metals Corp
Vitol Inc.
Walnut Creek Energy, LLC
William Bolthouse Farms 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 IOU 2013 Consigned Allowances:	The 2013 vintage allowances available for purchase in the auction in metric tons that were consigned by investor owned utilities.
Total POU 2013 Consigned Allowances:	The 2013 vintage allowances available for purchase in the auction in metric tons that were consigned by publicly owned utilities.
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 Bid Price:	The price per metric ton calculated so that 50% of the qualified bids fall above and below the median bid price.
Median Allowance Price:	The price per metric ton calculated so that 50% of the quantity of allowances in the qualified bids fall above and below that price 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

The data for the future vintage allowance auction are computed in the same manner as computed for the current vintage allowance auction. No allowances are consigned to the future vintage auction.

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Total 2013 Allowances Sold at Auction:	Total 2013 vintage allowances purchased in the auction in metric tons.
Total Submitted Bids Divided by Total 2013 Allowances Available for Sale:	Total number of allowances included in all the submitted bids for the current vintage (regardless of bid price) divided by the total number of current vintage allowances available in the auction.
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