

Potential Definition Revisions Related to Section 95111

The potential definitional changes for definitions applicable to section 95111 of the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 95100- 95157) (Mandatory Reporting Regulation) are presented below. The potential revisions to definitions, shown below, would clarify requirements in several sections of the regulation. On May 29, ARB posted a discussion draft of potential regulatory changes, http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reporting/ghg-rep/revision_2012/revision_2012.htm. On May 30, ARB held a workshop to discuss these potential revisions. Comments on both the discussion draft revisions and potential definitions for electric power entity stakeholders are due on Monday, June 25, 2012 by close of business.

(121) “Electricity importers” ~~are marketers and retail providers that deliver imported electricity. For electricity that is scheduled with a NERC e-tag to a final point of delivery inside the state of California delivered between balancing authority areas,~~ the electricity importer is identified on the NERC e-Tag as the purchasing-selling entity (PSE) on the last segment of the tag’s physical path with the point of receipt located outside the state of California and the point of delivery located inside the state of California. For facilities physically located outside the state of California with the first point of interconnection to a California balancing authority’s transmission and distribution system when the electricity is not scheduled on a NERC e-Tag, the importer is the facility operator or scheduling coordinator. Federal and state agencies are subject to the regulatory authority of ARB under this article and include Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

(182) “Generation providing entity” or “GPE” means a ~~merchant selling energy from owned, affiliated, or contractually bound generation. For purposes of reporting delivered electricity pursuant to section 95111, a GPE is the PSE, operator, or scheduling coordinator with prevailing rights to claim electricity from a specified source.~~ A facility or generating unit operator, full or partial owner, party to a contract for a fixed percentage of net generation, sole party to a tolling agreement with the owner, or exclusive marketer ~~is recognized by ARB as a generation providing entity that is either the electricity importer or exporter with prevailing rights to claim electricity from the specified source.~~

(301) “Power contract” or “written power contract,” as used for the purposes of documenting specified versus unspecified sources of imported and exported electricity, means a written document, including associated verbal or electronic records if included as part of the written power contract, arranging for the procurement of electricity. Power contracts may be, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, enabling agreements, and tariff provisions, without regard to duration, or written agreements to import on behalf of another entity, as long as that other entity also reports to ARB the same imported or exported electricity.

(399) ~~“Unspecified source of electricity” or “unspecified source” means a source of electricity that is not a specified source procured and delivered without limitation at the time of transaction to a specific facility’s or unit’s generation. Unspecified sources contribute to the bulk system power pool and typically are dispatchable, marginal resources that do not serve baseload.~~

New terms added for regulatory clarification:

“Continuous transmission path” means the full transmission path shown in the physical path table of a single NERC e-tag from the first POR closest to the generation source to the final POD closest to the final sink. This is one criterion to establish direct delivery.

“Electric Power Entity” or “EPE” means those entities specified in section 95101(d) of this article, including electricity importers and exporters; retail providers, including multi-jurisdictional retail providers; the California Department of Water Resources (DWR); the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA); and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

“First point of receipt” means the first defined point on the transmission system closest to the generation source specified on the NERC e-Tag, where defined points have been established through the NERC Registry. Imports and wheels are disaggregated by first point of receipt on the NERC e-Tag.

“Final point of delivery” means final defined point on the transmission system closest to the sink on the e-tag, where defined points have been established through the NERC Registry. Exports are disaggregated by final point of delivery on the e-Tag.

“First point of delivery in California” means the first defined point on the transmission system located inside California at which imported electricity and electricity wheeled through California may be measured, consistent with defined points that have been established through the NERC Registry.

“Last point of delivery in California” means the last defined point on the transmission system located inside California at which exported electricity may be measured, consistent with defined points that have been established through the NERC Registry.