WAC 194-37-040 Definitions. The definitions in chapter 19.285 RCW apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Annual revenue requirement" and "total annual revenue requirement" mean that portion of a utility's annual budget approved by its governing body for the target year that is intended to be recovered through retail electricity sales in the state of Washington in the target year, or as otherwise documented by the utility pursuant to WAC 194-37-150.

(2) "Biennial target" means a utility's biennial conservation target.

(3) "BPA" means the Bonneville Power Administration.

(4) "Measurement protocol" means a procedure or method used, consistent with industry standards, to establish with reasonable certainty the amount of energy savings that will result from the installation of a conservation measure. Industry standards include a range of appropriate protocols reflecting a balancing of cost and accuracy, such as the application of a deemed savings value established through industry processes for a measure that has broad application and uniform characteristics and the use of engineering calculations, metering, utility billing analysis, and computer simulation for a measure installed as part of a customer-specific project.

(5) "Multifuel generating facility" means a generating facility that is capable of producing energy from more than one nonrenewable fuel, renewable fuel, or nonfuel energy source, either simultaneously or as alternatives, provided that at least one fuel source (energy source) is a renewable resource and the relative quantities of electricity production can be measured or calculated, and verified.

(6) "NWPCC" means Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council also known as the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. Its calculation of avoided costs and publications are available at www.nwcouncil.org.

(7) "REC" means renewable energy credit.

(8) "Regional technical forum" or "RTF" means a voluntary advisory committee that reports to the executive director of the NWPCC and whose members are appointed by the NWPCC's chair.

(9) "Renewable energy target" means the amount, in megawatt-hours or RECs, necessary for a utility to satisfy the requirements of RCW 19.285.040 (2)(a) in a specific target year.

(10) "Substitute resource" means reasonably available electricity or generating facilities, of the same contract length or facility life as the eligible renewable resource the utility invested in to comply with chapter 19.285 RCW requirements, that otherwise would have been used to serve a utility's retail load in the absence of chapter 19.285 RCW requirements to serve that retail load with eligible renewable resources.

(11) "Target year" means a specific year in which a utility must comply with the renewable energy requirements of chapter 19.285 RCW.

(12) "Ten-year potential" means the ten-year cost effective conservation resource potential.

(13) "Utility" means a consumer-owned electric utility, as the term consumer-owned utility is defined in RCW 19.29A.010, that is a qualifying utility.

(14) "Verification protocol" means a procedure or method used, consistent with industry standards, to establish with reasonable certainty that a conservation measure was installed and is in service. Industry standards include a range of appropriate protocols reflecting a balance of cost and accuracy, such as tracking installation of measures through incentive payments and the use of on-site inspection of measures installed as part of a customer-specific project.

(15) "Vintage" means the year in which electricity is generated.(16) "Weather-adjusted load" means load calculated after variations in peak and average temperatures from year to year are taken into account.

(17) "WREGIS" means the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System. WREGIS is an independent, renewable energy registry and tracking system for the region covered by the Western Interconnection. WREGIS creates renewable energy certificates, WREGIS certificates, for verifiable renewable generation from units that register in the registry and tracking system.

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