

WAC 480-100-415 Electrical company applications for commission determination outside of a general rate case of electric generation resource compliance with greenhouse gas emissions performance standard.

(1) Any electrical company may apply for a determination by the commission outside of a general rate case of whether an electric generation resource it proposes to acquire as a long-term financial commitment complies with the greenhouse gas emissions performance standard, including whether the resource is baseload electric generation.

(2) If an electrical company submits an application under this subsection regarding a long-term financial commitment with multiple power plants, each power plant will be considered individually in determining:

(a) Annualized plant capacity factor;

(b) Net emissions;

(c) Compliance with RCW 80.80.040(1) except as provided in RCW 80.80.040 (3) through (5).

(3) Any request under this subsection must include the following information:

(a) If the proposed electric generation resource is a specific power plant located in the state:

(i) The plant technology, design, fuel and fuel consumption;

(ii) Any site certificate or other permits necessary for operation of the power plant, including, any determination made by the department of ecology, local air authority or the energy facility site evaluation council regarding compliance with the greenhouse gas emissions performance standard;

(iii) Such other information as is available to or in the possession of the electrical company concerning exhaust emissions including total annual pounds of greenhouse gas from each power plant.

(b) If the proposed electric generation resource is a specific power plant located outside the state:

(i) The plant technology, design, fuel and fuel consumption;

(ii) Any site certificate or other permits necessary for operation of the power plant;

(iii) Such other information as is available to or in the possession of the electrical company concerning exhaust emissions characteristics of the plant including total annual pounds of greenhouse gas from each power plant;

(iv) Documentation of emissions verifications and measurement procedures which show consistency with the state's emissions performance standard.

(c) If the proposed electric generation resource is a power purchase contract including contracts for delivery of electricity from unspecified sources:

(i) The proposed contract;

(ii) The technology, location, design, fuel and fuel consumption of any power plant, or plants, identified in the contract as the source of the contracted power deliveries, including such information as is knowable regarding the proportionate share each power source, or type of plant, will contribute to deliveries on an annual basis over the life of the contract;

(iii) Such other information as is available to or in the possession of the electrical company concerning the exhaust emissions characteristics of the plant(s) supporting contracted power deliveries including total annual pounds of greenhouse gas from each power plant.

(iv) A calculation of the percent of electricity delivered under the power purchase contract from unspecified resources.

(v) The contract term of the power purchase agreement.

(4) The commission may consider an application filed under this section pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW (Part IV) following the procedures established in chapter 480-07 WAC, but the commission will not decide in any application under this section, issues involving the actual costs to construct and operate the selected resource, cost recovery, or other issues reserved by the commission for decision in a general rate case or other proceeding authorized by the commission for recovery of the resource or contract costs.

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