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# The Green-e Monthly

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A monthly newsletter for the renewable energy community brought to you by the Green-e Renewable Energy Certification Program of the Center for Resource Solutions (CRS).

## **Welcome!**

The Green-e Monthly is a new newsletter distributed monthly by the Center for Resource Solutions (CRS). The Monthly aims to keep the renewable energy community up-to-date on the Green-e Renewable Electricity Certification Program.

- Each month the Green-e Monthly will highlight timely Program topics including regional news, outreach efforts, new product certification, policy changes, verification updates, and news about trendsetters in the green power market. It will also feature a list of upcoming national and regional Green-e meetings.
- If you know someone that would like to receive the Green-e Monthly, please contact Këri Bolding ([kbolding@resource-solutions.org](mailto:kbolding@resource-solutions.org)).

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## **Regional News**

### **TEXAS & OHIO**

Green-e certification is now available for renewable electricity offerings sold in Texas and Ohio. Local renewable advocates, potential renewable electricity providers, environmental organizations, government agency representatives, and renewable energy generators worked for over seven months to develop recommendations for Green-e certification standards in these two states.

- Of importance to note, the minimum NEW renewable requirement for Texas is 50% of product offerings in addition to any renewables mandated by the state RPS. In Ohio, one major change was the adoption of a 42 MW or smaller hydropower standard with the intention to sunset out this small hydro standard and replace it with a Low Impact Hydropower standard starting in 2005. Although there are presently no Green-e certified options available in Texas or Ohio, several companies have expressed strong interest in seeking certification in both states. For more information, please contact Meredith Wingate ([mwingate@resource-solutions.org](mailto:mwingate@resource-solutions.org)).

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## **Policy News**

### **T-REC'S**

The Green-e and Green Pricing Accreditation staffs have been working to develop certification standards for products containing tradable renewable electricity certificates, or T-RECs. To date, two national stakeholder meetings have been held to work through the details of the certification standards. A third meeting is scheduled for September 6 in Washington, DC.

- Once the T-RECs national stakeholder committee has developed and voted on all the certification criteria, the criteria will be released to all Green-e and Green Pricing Advisory Committees and other interested parties for review and comment.
- All comments received will be summarized and presented to the joint Governing Boards for review along with the proposed criteria. The joint Governing Boards will be meeting in early October to vote on the standard. After this time, T-RECs marketers can get their products certified and verified by CRS under the Green-e Program. To view the meeting minutes from past meetings, please visit <http://www.resource-solutions.org/CRSprograms/T-RECS.html>

## **Compliance Review/Verification Update**

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### **August's Compliance Review**

Green-e conducts semi-annual Compliance Review of all marketing materials for certified products to ensure that Green-e customer protection standards are being upheld. This year's second Compliance Review, completed in August, demonstrated no major compliance issues and revealed several positive results. In addition to meeting all customer information requirements found in the Green-e Code of Conduct, participating marketers were found to be utilizing the Green-e logo in a variety of marketing materials (e.g., web sites, brochures, bill inserts).

- Based on preliminary findings from the Compliance Review process, Green-e staff will distribute a "Guide to Green-e" for use in call centers of participating marketers. A more detailed report on Green-e Compliance Review will be available in the near future; for more information, please contact Carrie Harvilla ([carrie@resource-solutions.org](mailto:carrie@resource-solutions.org)).

## **Mark Your Calendar**

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### **Upcoming Meetings**

- **National T-RECs meeting**, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Washington DC
- **Mid Atlantic Advisory Committee meeting**, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Philadelphia
- **New England Advisory Committee meeting**, September 28th, Philadelphia
- **Ohio Advisory Committee meeting**, September 27th, Columbus
- **Texas Advisory Committee meeting**, late September (TBD), Austin
- **Power Marketers Advisory Committee meeting**, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Philadelphia
- **Green Power Board Meeting, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, San Francisco

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