



# 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).

This Green-e Monthly highlights timely Program topics including regional news, outreach efforts, policy changes, and verification updates. Scroll to the end for a list of upcoming national and regional Green-e meetings.

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## Policy Changes

### Green-e Logo Used for Accredited Green Pricing Programs

In early October, the Green Power Board unanimously approved the use of the Green-e logo by CRS Accredited green pricing programs. Accredited utility green pricing programs are eligible to use the logo provided the electricity offering meets the minimum Green-e renewable content requirements. Secondary use of the logo by commercial and industrial purchasers is also allowed, as governed by the Green-e secondary use standards.

- The decision will allow consumers in regulated markets to look to the Green-e logo for assurance that renewable electricity products offered by their utility meet stringent consumer and environmental standards and are annually verified. CRS has Accreditation standards in Colorado, Wisconsin, Iowa and TVA's service territory. The use of the Green-e logo by Accredited utility programs will help increase consumer recognition of the Green-e logo nationally.

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## Policy News

### Comment Period on T-RECs Standards

CRS is releasing the final recommendations on Green-e certification standards for T-RECs based products for public comment on November 5. The recommendations are the result of three meetings of a national advisory committee, covering issues such as disclosure, double counting, and new renewable requirements. The recommendations are posted on <http://www.resource-solutions.org/CRSprograms/T-RECS.html>; please submit your comments to [mwingate@resource-solutions.org](mailto:mwingate@resource-solutions.org) by November 19, 2001. The Green Power and Green Pricing Accreditation Boards will meet in late November to review and approve the T-RECs standards.

- Green-e expects to roll out the T-RECs certification standards in early 2002.

## **Regional Update**

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### **Current California Market**

On September 20, 2001 the California Public Utilities Commission issued Decision 01-09-060, eliminating direct access, or customer choice, in the state. Existing customers were allowed to stay with their competitive providers. Approximately 90,000 accounts in California are still being served Green-e certified electricity offered by Green Mountain Energy, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Commonwealth Energy and Enron Energy Services. In addition, consumers in Los Angeles and several other smaller municipal utility territories with green pricing options will still have the ability to purchase renewable power. Legislation allowing direct access for green power in PG&E, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric territories may be introduced in 2002. Until that time, Californians in these territories can still support renewables by purchasing Green-e certified green tags.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

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### **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Green Power Board meeting, November 28, 2001**

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### **About the Center for Resource Solutions:**

The Center for Resource Solutions (CRS), based in San Francisco, is dedicated to promoting renewable energy and economic and environmental sustainability. CRS administers national and international programs that preserve and protect the environment through the design of sustainable energy strategies and technologies.