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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).

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.

- 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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## New Product Certification

### 'ReGen' TRCs in New England

The Center for Resource Solutions (CRS) announced that Sun Power Electric Corporation has become the **first** provider of tradable renewable energy certificates (TRCs) to receive Green-e certification of its product. Residential and commercial customers in New England can now purchase blocks of "ReGen<sup>SM</sup>," a renewable energy certificate product, with a reliable assurance that their dollars are supporting 100% new renewable power. This is a particularly significant development for the New England market, where thus far, Connecticut is the only state with green power offerings. Sun Power Electric's TRCs are composed of a mix of 1% solar and 99% biogas resources, and each block purchased represents the delivery of clean power into the New England Power Grid. ReGen<sup>SM</sup> is sold in blocks of 2,000-kilowatt hours of renewable energy certificates, or roughly 20% of an average New England household's annual energy use.

- For more information, contact Gabe Petlin, [gpelin@resource-solutions.org](mailto:gpelin@resource-solutions.org)

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## Verification Updates

### Compliance Review

Green-e conducts semi-annual Compliance Review of all marketing materials for certified products to ensure that Green-e consumer protection standards are being upheld. This year's first Compliance Review, completed in March, demonstrated no major compliance issues and revealed several positive results. Marketers' brochures and websites are providing clear, accurate information about switching to renewable electricity products; additionally, the materials are helping to educate consumers about the environmental impacts of electricity use. A common compliance issue was customer call center representatives lacking information about the Green-e Program. Staff have distributed a "Guide to Green-e" for use in call centers of participating marketers, and this topic will be discussed at an upcoming Marketers' Marketers Group call.

- Thanks to all of our Green-e certified marketers for participating in the Compliance Review – keep up the good work! For more information, please contact Carrie Harvilla, [carrie@resource-solutions.org](mailto:carrie@resource-solutions.org)

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## Upcoming Events

### National Tradable Renewable Certificates (TRC) Press Conference

The Green-e Program will hold a press conference on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to formally announce the first certified Tradable Renewable Certificate (TRC) products available to consumers. The press conference, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, will feature certified TRC marketers and commercial/industrial TRC purchasers.

- This event will generate national attention on TRCs as a new way to support renewable energy. It will also serve to educate the press and public on the credible consumer and environmental standards that back up Green-e certified TRC products. Green-e has received interest and applications from TRC marketers across the US. For more information, please contact Këri Bolding, [kbolding@resource-solutions.org](mailto:kbolding@resource-solutions.org)

## Partner Spotlight

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### Low Impact Hydropower Institute

A partnership initiative that the Green-e Program helped foster, the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) became a non-profit organization in 2000, with a mission to develop and administer a voluntary program to certify hydropower facilities with environmental impacts that are low compared to other hydropower facilities, based on objective environmental criteria. LIHI recently announced that the Putnam Hydropower project has become the first certified Low Impact facility in New England. Putnam (FERC No. 5645) is a 0.535 MW, run-of-river facility located on the Quinebaug River in northeast Connecticut, in the town of Putnam. The Application Reviewer and LIHI staff concluded that the project met the Low Impact criteria, and the LIHI Governing Board agreed, voting unanimously to certify.

The certification was issued April 10, and will be in effect for 5 years. The Connecticut Energy Cooperative will use power from the Putnam project for its Green-e Certified EcoWatt and EcoWattPLUS renewable electricity offerings.

- This is the third project certified by LIHI; two other project applications are pending, one for the 17.55 MW Deerfield No. 5 project in Massachusetts, and one for the 4.3 MW Falls Creek project in Oregon. Further information can be found at <http://www.lowimpacthydro.org>, or by contacting Lydia Grimm at [lgimm@lowimpacthydro.org](mailto:lgimm@lowimpacthydro.org).

## Mark Your Calendar

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### Upcoming Green-e Meetings

- **Green-e Texas Advisory Committee Meeting**, April 25, Austin TX
- **Green-e Northeast Hydro Subcommittee Conference Call**, April 29
- **National TRC Press Conference**, May 23, Washington, DC ([www.green-e.org/workshop.html](http://www.green-e.org/workshop.html))

### Upcoming Renewable Energy Events Featuring a Green-e Speaker

- **North American Green Purchasing Conference**, April 22 to 25, 2002; Sheraton Rittenhouse, Philadelphia, PA. Hosted by the Center for the New American Dream ([www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org))
- **Environmental Summit on the West II**, April 24-26, Salt Lake City, UT. Hosted by Western Governors' Association and White House Council on Environmental Quality ([www.westgov.org](http://www.westgov.org))
- **Green Power: Turn It On!** May 2; Crown Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg, PA. Conference hosted by PennFuture, ([www.pennfuture.org](http://www.pennfuture.org))
- **2002 Southeast Green Power Summit**, May 8-9; Raleigh, NC. ([www.southeastgreenpower.net](http://www.southeastgreenpower.net))
- **Green Trading Summit: Emissions, Renewables and Negawatts**, May 14-15; New York, NY ([www.pmaconference.com/Green5.14NY.pdf](http://www.pmaconference.com/Green5.14NY.pdf))
- **National Wind Coordinating Committee Business Meeting**, May 21, Coeur D'Alene, ID

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#### About the Center for Resource Solutions:

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