

CRS Listed™ Facilities vs. Green-e® Energy Certified Products

What are CRS Listed™ facilities? How are they different from Green-e® Energy Certified RECs?

To understand what it means for electricity generating facilities to be CRS Listed™, it is best to first understand what it does **not** mean: it is **not** Green-e® Energy Certified.

Green-e® Energy certification is for sales of renewable energy certificates (RECs) and renewable electricity products. It does **not** certify electricity generating facilities themselves. That distinction matters because RECs include attributes beyond those arising from what generated them. Green-e® Energy certification looks beyond generation characteristics to other transactional aspects, in order to ensure the environmental benefits of REC and renewable electricity products can be fully claimed by purchasers.

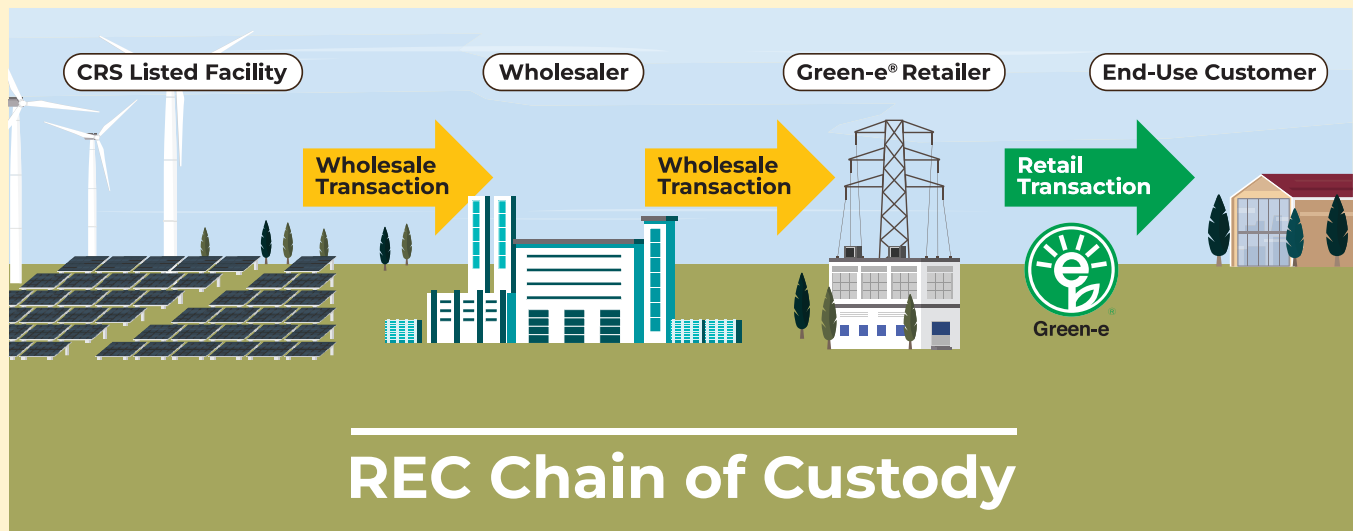
The CRS Listed™ designation signals that a facility meets certain preliminary criteria towards its output being used in a Green-e® Energy Certified renewable energy product. This is intended to aid wholesale buyers when selecting where to source RECs or electricity generation. CRS Listed is not intended to be used for retail sales, by end-users or for renewable energy use claims.

As you can see in the chart below, Green-e® Energy Certified renewable energy products include many benefits for voluntary purchasers that are not included with purchases from CRS Listed™ facilities. Retail sellers and REC/renewable electricity purchasers should choose Green-e® Energy Certified products.

WHY CHOOSE GREEN-E® ENERGY CERTIFICATION OVER CRS LISTED™ FACILITIES?	CRS LISTED™ FACILITIES	GREEN-E® ENERGY CERTIFIED RENEWABLE PRODUCTS
Confirms all greenhouse gas reduction benefits are included in the RECs RECs lose carbon attributes in carbon cap-and-trade states/provinces without extra steps required for Green-e® certification to preserve them — learn more at resource-solutions.org/re-fact-sheet/	✗	✓
Ensures RECs are voluntary purchases (above-and-beyond business as usual); called regulatory surplus RECs used to satisfy state-specific renewable energy mandates are required by law. Don't pay extra for something your provider is already required to source!	✗	✓
Reduces your reputational risk through third-party verification of REC transactions Evaluation to avoid double-counting, -selling or -claiming, and verify that you are getting the correct quantity, resource type, and facility location you contracted for	✗	✓
Certifies that generation is time-stamped close to the time of your purchase 21-month vintage window, which aligns with leading guidance, such as the GHG Protocol	✗	✓
Transparency: clear disclosures and claims review for your auditor/CSR report Make sure no one will question your accounting or marketing statements and that they align with best practices (ex: CDP, SBTi, FTC Green Guides, etc.)	✗	✓

Buyer Beware

- CRS Listed™ facilities are compiled at green-e.org/listed for the benefit of wholesale purchasers (depicted as “Wholesaler” in figure below) who plan to resell the RECs, so they know that the facility meets certain criteria, which their customers (“Green-e® Retailer” in figure below) will need to meet to make their own Green-e® Energy certified retail sales.
- If you asked for a Green-e® Energy Certified product and instead received uncertified RECs from a CRS Listed™ facility, you didn’t receive what you paid for. Confirm if your seller is a registered seller of Green-e® Energy certified products and that you bought their certified product at green-e.org/certified-resources.
- Approval of a facility as CRS Listed™ is just one step in the process towards Green-e® Energy certification. Certification goes further and requires transactional oversight.
- RECs and renewable electricity products cannot be CRS Listed™ and generating facilities cannot be Green-e® Energy certified.
- Some CRS Listed™ facilities may be owned by a registered seller of Green-e® Energy certified products, but that does not make the facility or its renewable electricity or RECs Green-e® Energy certified. The facilities’ renewable electricity and RECs must be included in a Green-e® Energy certified product.
- For any questions, please email us at info@green-e.org



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