

PSC NO: 220 ELECTRICITY
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

- 2.0 Clean Energy Standard (“CES”) – The program intended to achieve the New York State Energy Plan goals that 50 percent of electricity generated in New York will be from renewable sources by the year 2030 (the “50 x 30 goal”) and greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by 40 per cent by the same year. The CES includes, but is not limited to, the following components: (a) program and market structures to encourage consumer-initiated clean energy purchases or investments; (b) obligations on LSEs to financially support new renewable generation resources to serve their retail customers; (c) a requirement for regular Renewable Energy Certificate (“REC”) procurement solicitations; (d) obligations on distribution utilities on behalf of all retail customers to continue to financially support the maintenance of certain existing at-risk small hydro, wind and biomass generation attributes; (e) a program to maximize the value potential of new offshore wind resources; and (f) obligations on LSEs to financially support the preservation of existing at-risk nuclear zero-emissions attributes to serve their retail customers.
- 2.1 Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) – The renewable program as set forth in the CES that requires LSEs to procure RECs from qualified renewable resources and demonstrate compliance on an annual basis.
- 2.2 Tier 2 Maintenance Renewables – A provision of the RES that provides financial support for at-risk baseline renewable facilities which are demonstrated to be economically unviable and will cease operation.
- 2.3 Renewable Energy Certificate (“REC”) - Certificates that evidence that an entity has procured renewable energy from a renewable resource.
- 2.4 Zero-Emissions Certificate (“ZEC”) – Certificates from qualifying nuclear generation facilities, as defined in the CES, that evidence that an entity has procured zero-emission energy from a zero-emissions resource.
- 2.6 NYSERDA – The New York State Energy and Research Development Authority
- 2.7 Alternative Compliance Payment (“ACP”) – A payment of a certain dollar amount per MWh which a LSE may submit to NYSERDA in lieu of providing qualified RECs for RES compliance as defined in the CES.
- 2.8 RES Compliance Year – A calendar year beginning January 1st and ending December 31, for which a LSE must demonstrate that it has met the requirements of the RES.
- 2.9 ZEC Compliance Year – The twelve months beginning April 1st and ending March 31st, for which a LSE must demonstrate it has met the obligations of the CES ZEC requirement.
- 2.10 Backstop Charge – The charge to be paid to NYSERDA funded by distribution customers of the electric distribution companies to ensure NYSERDA has sufficient funds to make timely payments to generators. The Backstop Charge applies to both RES and ZEC programs.