

PUC TO PUBLISH PROPOSED NON-WIND RPS RULE

The PUC has issued a formal proposed rule establishing a 500 MW non-wind renewable portfolio standard for publication. This draft rule makes some significant changes from the strawman proposal initially proposed by the Commission staff, and summarized by Good Company Associates. The key changes include:

1. Plants installed after Jan 1 2010 are eligible for non-wind renewable energy credits. This is a change from the strawman proposal which would have allowed plants installed from 2005 to be included.
2. The solar tier has grown. As the non-wind goal each year increases, 25% of the goal is set aside for solar, ending with 400 MW non-wind and 100 MW solar by 2014.
3. Alternative compliance payments have increased for Tier 2 (new non-wind renewable resources other than solar) from \$40 to \$60 and Tier 1 (solar) from \$100 to \$120.
4. Storage is included--you must retire a REC and you will get a REC of the same tier when you release the energy. (must be storage of renewable energy)

The PUC is scheduled to discuss and vote on the proposal on April 30, 2010. After publication, there will be a 30 day public comment period. A public hearing will be conducted upon request. The Commission will have six months from the date of publication to adopt a formal rule.

http://interchange.puc.state.tx.us/WebApp/Interchange/Documents/35792_82_648282.PDF

We previously published a summary of the proposed rule which can be accessed [here](#).