



District of Columbia Public Service Commission

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Fact Sheet:

Generate Energy and Credits By Registering Your Renewable Energy Generation Facility



The District of Columbia Public Service Commission (“PSC”) has established a process for certifying an eligible renewable energy generation facility to satisfy the District’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) Act. By following the steps below, residential and commercial customer-owned generators can become certified as a renewable energy generation facility.

1. Complete an “Application for Certification” form.

There are two forms. One is the standard application form that is used when a customer-owned generator does not have a certification number from another state with an accepted RPS program. If the generator has been certified for another state’s RPS program, then the applicant can use a “streamlined” form. An applicant may be required to complete an “Affidavit of Environmental Compliance” if the system capacity is greater than 10kW. The Affidavit of Environmental Compliance is a self-certification form that must be notarized. To obtain an application, filing instructions, or an affidavit, visit the PSC’s website at <http://dcpsc.org/Electric/Renewable.asp>.

If the applicant is planning to have a third-party register its renewable energy generation facility with the Generation Attribute Tracking System (“GATS”) and submit production data to GATS, then the application also should provide documentation that the third-party is granted the authority to provide the information on the applicant’s behalf.

2. Submit the “Application for Certification” to the PSC’s Office of the Commission Secretary.

Submit the appropriate application form to the PSC’s Office of the Commission Secretary. The Office’s address and PSC staff contact information are included in the filing instructions should the applicant have any questions. PSC staff will contact the applicant/third-party if additional information is needed.

3. PSC Approval.

The PSC will review the application. If approved, the PSC will issue an order, which includes a certification number that will be used to identify and track the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). To view the order that has been issued certifying the renewable energy generation facility, go to e-Docket on the PSC’s website at <http://dcpsc.org/edocket/searchdockets.asp>

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4. Register the renewable energy generation facility.

Once the PSC approves a renewable energy generation facility, the applicant must register the facility with PJM-Environmental Information Services (“PJM-EIS”) who administers GATS to have the RECs created, tracked or authorized for sale or trade. The registration process can also be handled by a third-party. For additional information about GATS and the registration process, visit the following web pages:

- Understanding GATS: <http://www.pjm-eis.com/getting-started/about-GATS.aspx>
- Frequently Asked Questions about GATS: <http://www.pjm-eis.com/getting-started/faq.aspx>
- GATS Training: <http://www.pjm-eis.com/events-and-training/training-materials.aspx>

Forms and additional information are available on the PSC’s website at <http://www.dcpsc.org/Electric/Renewable.asp>.

For more information on the PSC’s website about RPS rules and regulations, go to www.dcpsc.org. Click on “Orders & Regulations” – “D.C. Municipal Regulations Title 15” – “Chapter 29, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards”.

District residents can also receive financial assistance from the District Department of the Environment (“DDOE”) for installing a renewable energy system. To learn about the Renewable Energy Incentive Program in the District, contact the DDOE at 202-535-2600 or at www.green.dc.gov.

Additional Information:

The Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) Act, enacted and amended by the D.C. Council, established a minimum percentage of District electricity providers’ supply that must be derived from renewable energy sources. The solar portion of the RPS requirements for all District retail electricity sales is shown below:

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
% for Solar	0.40%	0.50%	0.50%	0.60%	0.70%	0.825%	0.98%	1.15%	1.35%	1.58%	1.85%	2.175%	2.50%

Electricity suppliers can meet the RPS requirements either by acquiring Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) or by submitting an alternative compliance payment. RECs are certificates issued by the PJM-EIS to a renewable energy facility that utilizes renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, fuel cells, hydropower). RECs can be traded or sold, and provide an incentive to residents and businesses to use renewable energy. Solar pricing is available from various sources, such as:

- <https://gats.pjm-eis.com/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=230> (PJM-EIS GATS Solar Pricing Report);
- <http://www.flettexchange.com/> ; and
- <http://www.srectrade.com/index.php>.

A list of Commission-approved renewable facilities is available at the following link:
http://www.dcpsc.org/Electric/Eligible_Renewable_Generators_List.xls

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The District of Columbia Public Service Commission is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and local telephone companies in the District of Columbia.