

GEW137-14

610.1.1 (New)

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Add new text as follows:

610.1.1 Renewable energy credit (REC). A renewable energy credit (REC) shall comply with all of the following:

1. Be from a renewable electricity generation facility that began operation or was repowered not earlier than 15 years prior to the date of the purchase, and represent the renewable and environmental attributes of electricity generated at that facility,
2. Not be derived from a renewable electricity generation facility that has been mandated by a local, state or federal government agency or was required under any legal requirement.
3. Not be simultaneously used to meet a local, state or federal energy mandate or other legal requirement.
4. Not represent renewable energy, renewable attributes or environmental attributes that can be legitimately claimed by another party.

Reason: The IgCC's use of Renewable Energy Credit (REC) needs additional specification. The proposed specifications for RECs reflects language that many states and regions have used to prevent double counting of RECs and "aged-out" systems producing RECs. These minimum requirements are also included in other national certifications, such as Green- E. This set of minimum quality requirements for RECs serves as a means to ensure RECs are of sufficient quality to achieve their intended objective as a trade-off for on-site renewable systems. Specifically, these quality minimums lead to additional investments in installed renewable energy generating facilities. For the instances where the model code is being adopted in jurisdictions that already have similar requirements for REC quality, such as Green-E, this proposed IgCC language is consistent with those requirements.

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction.

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