



**Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Certification with the North American Renewables Registry:**

The process outlined below for the registration and management of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) produced by the NEB projects in the MPD district are designed to closely parallel to the process developed for the New England Power Pool Generation Information System (NEPOOL GIS) region by a collaboration of ReVision Energy, Central Maine Power and Versant Power and filed on March 12, 2021 under MPUC Docket # 2020-00327. In the MPD district, the North American Renewables Registry (NAR) will be utilized instead of to NEPOOL GIS.

For a renewable generation unit ("Unit") where the independent power producer ("Owner") will serve as the Responsible Party, the Owner shall directly manage the REC registration process in its entirety.

However, for a Unit where the T&D Utility will serve as the Responsible Party, the following shall apply:

1. Within 10 business days following the commercial operation date of the Unit, the T&D Utility will contact the Unit Owner to determine whether the Unit will 1) accept REC transfers from the T&D Utility and self-manage RECs, or 2) retire RECs. The Unit Owner shall provide a response and establish a NAR account (as applicable) within 20 business days following the contact.  
**\*The Unit Owner will need it's own NAR account whether they are the Responsible Party or not\***
2. For any Unit that reaches commercial operation in a given month, within the first 5 business days of the following month, the T&D Utility shall register the unit in NAR to obtain a generator ID.
3. For any Unit that reaches commercial operation in a given month, within the first 5 business days of the following month the T&D Utility shall submit registration materials to the MPUC for the Unit's participation in the ME RPS Class 1A/1/2 (as applicable) program. As part of this registration submission, the T&D Utility shall make publicly available a spreadsheet containing, at minimum, the following information:
  - a. NAR Account Holder Name
  - b. Plant Name – Unit Name
  - c. Address
  - d. Fuel Type
  - e. Capacity (MW AC)
  - f. Initial Commercial Operation Date
  - g. NAR ID

4. For all Units, the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator (NMISA) will forward NAR the monthly generation data, including any historical generation dating back to the Unit's commercial operation date and NAR will upload the information into the NAR platform.
5. Following the end of the production month, the T&D Utility will:
  - a. Within 5 days after receiving data entry notification from NAR, review data entry for RECS generated in NAR and Accept or Dispute the reported quantities.
  - b. Upon acceptance of the reported quantities, the T&D utility will pay the NAR invoice for the minting of the RECs and transfer the RECs as directed within 5 days.
  - c. For a Unit electing to retire RECs, create a retirement sub-account in NAR and establish an automatic forward transfer of all minted RECs for the duration of the Net Energy Billing Agreement to the retirement sub-account, within 20 days of the data acceptance.
  - d. For a Unit electing to accept REC transfers from the T&D Utility and self-manage RECs, establish an automatic forward transfer of all minted RECs for the duration of the Net Energy Billing Agreement to a NAR account of the Owner's choosing, within 20 days of the data acceptance.
6. For a Unit electing to accept REC transfers from the T&D Utility and self-manage RECs, to facilitate cross-qualification registrations for other state RPS programs performed by the Owner, the T&D Utility and Owner shall collaborate in good faith to assist with ad-hoc tasks. These include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Notify and confirm with Owner when state RPS program registration approvals are reflected in the T&D Utility's NAR account; and
  - b. Provide authorization letters to state RPS program administrators to allow Owners to cross-qualify the Unit (e.g., MA DOER).

Accessing the NAR Registry User Guide with the link below will help to determine what kind of NAR account is required and how to register.

<https://nar.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360004425593-Registry-User-Guide>