



Solar Photovoltaic Forecast Methodology v2.0 ERRATA AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Climate Action Reserve (Reserve) published its Climate Forward Solar Photovoltaic Forecast Methodology v2.0 in January 2022 (Solar PV v2.0). While the Reserve intends for methodology to be a complete, transparent document, it recognizes that correction of errors and clarifications will be necessary as the methodology is implemented and issues are identified. This document is an official record of all errata and clarifications applicable to Solar PV v2.0.¹

Per the Climate Forward Program Manual, both errata and clarifications are considered effective on the date they are first posted on the Climate Forward website. The effective date of each erratum or clarification is clearly designated below. All new and listed solar PV projects must incorporate and adhere to these errata and clarifications when they undergo confirmation. The Reserve will incorporate both errata and clarifications into future versions of the methodology.

All project proponents and confirmation bodies must refer to this document to ensure that the most current guidance is adhered to in project design and confirmation. Confirmation bodies shall refer to this document immediately prior to uploading any Confirmation Statement to assure all issues are properly addressed and incorporated into confirmation activities.

If you have any questions about the updates or clarifications in this document, please contact Policy at info@climateforward.org or (213) 891-1444 x4.

¹ See the policy memo dated June 6, 2023 or the Climate Forward Program Manual for an explanation of the Reserve's policies on methodology errata and clarifications. For document management and program implementation purposes, both errata and clarifications are contained in this single document.

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1. Permanent Retirement of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)(CLARIFICATION – June 22, 2023)

Section: 3.6 (Ownership and Double Counting)

Context: The second paragraph on page 10 states that “The project proponent must also attest and provide clear documentation demonstrating that the project is permanently retaining, contractually retiring, or retiring in an electronic tracking system, the unused Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) or environmental attributes associated with production for which FMUs are issued.”

Any project that is intending to be issued FMUs should not be generating RECs. In the event that RECs have been issued for a period of time that overlaps with a project’s crediting period, the Reserve has determined that, in order to sufficiently mitigate any risk of double-counting, projects may no longer have the option to “permanently retain” RECs or environmental attributes associated with production for which FMUs are issued, and must permanently retire any RECs or environmental attributes credits that are generated. Additionally, no FMUs will be issued for the same period of time for which FMUs were generated.

Clarification: This sentence shall now read:

“The project proponent must also attest and provide clear documentation demonstrating that the project has retired in an electronic tracking system, the unused Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) or environmental attributes associated with production for which FMUs are issued. If RECs were retired, no FMUs will be issued for the same period of time for which the RECs were generated.”