

**Draft revision** to the approved baseline and monitoring methodology AM0103**“Renewable energy power generation in isolated grids”****I. SOURCE, DEFINITIONS AND APPLICABILITY****Sources**

This baseline and monitoring methodology is based on elements from the following approved baseline and monitoring methodology:

- ACM0002 “Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources”.

This methodology also refers to the latest approved versions of the following tools:

- “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”;
- “Tool to calculate project or leakage CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion.

For more information regarding the proposed new methodologies and the tools as well as their consideration by the CDM Executive Board (the Board) please refer to <http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/MPappmeth>.

Selected approach from paragraph 48 of the CDM modalities and procedures

“Existing actual or historical emissions, as applicable”.

Definitions

For the purpose of this methodology, the following definitions apply:

Isolated grid. An electrical network supplying electricity to household users, and if applicable, industries and commercial areas that is not connected to any other electrical network.

Renewable energy sources. This includes: hydro power plants (either with a run-of-river reservoir or an accumulation reservoir), wind power plants, geothermal power plants, solar power plants, wave power plants or tidal power plants.

Installed power generation capacity (or installed capacity or nameplate capacity). The installed power generation capacity of a power unit is the capacity, expressed in Watts or one of its multiples, for which the power unit has been designed to operate at nominal conditions. The installed power generation capacity of a power plant is the sum of the installed power generation capacities of its power units.

Capacity addition. An increase in the installed power generation capacity of an existing power plant through: (i) the installation of a new power plant beside the existing power plant/units; or (ii) the installation of new power units, additional to the existing power plant/units. The existing power plant/units continue to operate after the implementation of the project activity.

Retrofit (or Rehabilitation or Refurbishment). An investment to repair or modify an existing power plant/unit, with the purpose to increase the efficiency, performance or power generation capacity of the plant, without adding new power plants or units, or to resume the operation of closed (mothballed) power plants. A retrofit restores the installed power generation capacity to or



above its original level. Retrofits shall only include measures that involve capital investments and not regular maintenance or housekeeping measures.

Replacement. Investment in a new power plant or unit that replaces one or several existing unit(s). The new power plant or unit has the same or a higher power generation capacity than the plant or unit that was replaced. The new power plant(s) or unit(s) may be either installed at the same location as the existing power plant(s) or unit(s) or (partially) at a different location.

Reservoir. A water body created in valleys to store water generally made by the construction of a dam.

Existing reservoir. A reservoir is to be considered as an “existing reservoir” if it has been in operation for at least three years before the implementation of the project activity.

Applicability

This methodology applies to power generation using renewable energy sources connected to a new or an existing isolated grid. The methodology is applicable under the following conditions:

- The project activity is the installation, capacity addition, retrofit or replacement of a power plant/unit of one of the following types: hydro power plant/unit (either with a run-of-river reservoir or an accumulation reservoir), wind power plant/unit, geothermal power plant/unit, solar power plant/unit, wave power plant/unit or tidal power plant/unit;
- In the case of capacity additions, retrofits or replacements (except for capacity addition projects for which the electricity generation of the existing power plant(s) or unit(s) is not affected): the existing plant started commercial operation prior to the start of a minimum historical reference period of five years, used for the calculation of baseline emissions and defined in the baseline emission section, and no capacity addition or retrofit of the plant has been undertaken between the start of this minimum historical reference period and the implementation of the project activity;

In case of hydro power plants:

- At least one of the following conditions must apply:
 - The project activity is implemented in an existing single or multiple reservoirs, with no change in the volume of any of the reservoirs; or
 - The project activity is implemented in an existing single or multiple reservoirs, where the volume of any of reservoirs is increased and the power density of each reservoir, as per the definitions given in the Project Emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m^2 after the implementation of the project activity; or
 - The project activity results in new single or multiple reservoirs and the power density of each reservoir, as per the definitions given in the Project Emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m^2 after the implementation of the project activity.

In case of hydro power plants using multiple reservoirs where the power density of any of the reservoirs is lower than 4 W/m^2 after the implementation of the project activity all of the following conditions must apply:

- The power density calculated for the entire project activity using equation 5 is greater than 4 W/m^2 ;



- All reservoirs and hydro power plants are located at the same river and were designed together to function as an integrated project¹ that collectively constitutes the generation capacity of the combined power plant;
- The water flow between the multiple reservoirs is not used by any other hydropower unit which is not a part of the project activity;
- The total installed capacity of the power units, which are driven using water from the reservoirs with a power density lower than 4 W/m², is lower than 15 MW;
- The total installed capacity of the power units, which are driven using water from reservoirs with a power density lower than 4 W/m², is less than 10% of the total installed capacity of the project activity from multiple reservoirs.

The methodology is not applicable to the following:

- Project activities that involve switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources at the site of the project activity, since in this case the baseline may be the continued use of fossil fuels at the site;
- Biomass fired power plants;
- A hydro power plant² that results in the creation of a new single reservoir or in the increase in an existing single reservoir where the power density of the reservoir is less than 4 W/m².

The methodology is applicable if the isolated grid complies with one of the following situations:

- (a) Scenario 1: Any isolated grid located in a Least Developed Country (LDC) or small island development State (SIDS) where at least 65% of the power installed capacity is based on *fossil fuel* sources - solid, liquid or gaseous;
- (b) Scenario 2: Any isolated grid where 65% of the power installed capacity is based on *liquid fossil fuel* sources;
- (c) Scenario 3: Any isolated grid with a maximum power installed capacity of 1000 MW and at least 80% of the power installed capacity is based on *fossil fuel* sources - solid, liquid or gaseous.

Project participants can claim emission reductions only as long as the grid remains isolated and the conditions above are fulfilled. Emission reductions are considered as zero if the isolated grid is connected to another electric grid or if the conditions above are not fulfilled.

In addition, the applicability conditions included in the tools referred to above apply.

¹ This requirement can be demonstrated, for example, (i) by the fact that water flow from upstream power units spills directly to the downstream reservoir, or (ii) through the analysis of the water balance. Water balance is the mass balance of water fed to power units, with all possible combinations of multiple reservoirs and without the construction of reservoirs. The purpose of such water balance is to demonstrate the requirement of specific combination of multiple reservoirs constructed under CDM project activity for the optimization of power output. This demonstration has to be carried out in the specific scenario of water availability in different seasons to optimize the water flow at the inlet of power units. Therefore this water balance will take into account seasonal flows from river, tributaries (if any), and rainfall for minimum three years prior to implementation of CDM project activity.

² Project participants wishing to undertake a hydroelectric project activity that result in a new reservoir or an increase in the existing reservoir, in particular where reservoirs have no significant vegetative biomass in the catchments area, may request a revision to the approved consolidated methodology.

Finally, this methodology is only applicable if the application of the procedure to identify the baseline scenario results in the scenario that the **installation of a fossil fuel power plant** is the most plausible baseline scenario.

Project boundary

The spatial extent of the project boundary includes the project power plant and all power plants connected physically to the isolated grid that the CDM project power plant is connected to.

The greenhouse gases and emission sources included in or excluded from the project boundary are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Emissions sources included in or excluded from the project boundary

Source		Gas	Included ?	Justification / Explanation
Baseline	CO ₂ emissions from electricity generation in fossil fuel fired power plants	CO ₂	Yes	Main emission source
		CH ₄	No	Minor emission source
		N ₂ O	No	Minor emission source
Project activity	For geothermal power plants, fugitive emissions of CH ₄ and CO ₂ from non-condensable gases contained in geothermal steam	CO ₂	Yes	Main emission source
		CH ₄	Yes	Main emission source
		N ₂ O	No	Minor emission source
	For solar thermal and geothermal power plants, CO ₂ emissions from combustion of fossil fuels for electricity generation	CO ₂	Yes	Main emission source
		CH ₄	No	Minor emission source
		N ₂ O	No	Minor emission source
	For hydro power plants, emissions of CH ₄ from the reservoir	CO ₂	No	Minor emission source
		CH ₄	Yes	Main emission source
		N ₂ O	No	Minor emission source

II. BASELINE METHODOLOGY PROCEDURE

Identification of the baseline scenario and demonstration of additionality

Project proponents shall determine the most plausible baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality through the use of the latest version of the “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”.

In applying Step 1 of the tool, define realistic and credible alternative scenarios that could provide the same amount of electricity as the proposed CDM project activity. These alternatives should include, inter alia:

- (a) The proposed project activity undertaken without being registered as a CDM project activity;
- (b) Stand alone Solar PV generation with an storage capacity of up to five days;

- (c) Other renewable power generation, including geothermal, wind, biomass or hydro power generation;
- (d) Additional Investment by the Project Participant in Power generation using fossil fuels;
- (e) Power generation using hybrid systems with a storage capacity of at least one day, e.g. solar PV+diesel.
- (f) Continuation of operation of the existing Isolated Grid.

This Methodology is only applicable to situations which the Baseline Scenario is the either case (d) or case (f).

In cases where the entity developing the project is the Grid Operator or a government entity, the savings related to the fuel switch shall be considered as revenues and if applicable, the sale of electricity or reduction in subsidies as well. In cases the entity developing the project is a Private entity and is not related to the Grid operation (e.g. IPP), the revenues shall consider the sale of electricity and if applicable, subsidies, grants or any other similar income.

Project emissions

For most renewable power generation project activities, $PE_y = 0$. However, some project activities may involve project emissions that can be significant. These emissions shall be accounted for by using the following equation:

$$PE_y = PE_{FF,y} + PE_{GP,y} + PE_{HP,y} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- PE_y = Project emissions in year y (t CO₂e/yr)
- $PE_{FF,y}$ = Project emissions from fossil fuel consumption in year y (t CO₂e/yr)
- $PE_{GP,y}$ = Project emissions from the operation of geothermal power plants due to the release of non-condensable gases in year y (t CO₂e/yr)
- $PE_{HP,y}$ = Project emissions from reservoirs of hydro power plants in year y (t CO₂e/yr)

The procedure to calculate the project emissions from each of these sources is presented next.

Fossil Fuel Combustion ($PE_{FF,y}$)

For geothermal and solar thermal projects, which also use fossil fuels for electricity generation, CO₂ emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels shall be accounted for as project emissions ($PE_{FF,y}$).

$PE_{FF,y}$ shall be calculated as per the latest version of the “Tool to calculate project or leakage CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion”.

Emissions of non-condensable gases from the operation of geothermal power plants ($PE_{GP,y}$)

For geothermal project activities, project participants shall account for fugitive emissions of carbon dioxide and methane due to release of non-condensable gases from produced steam.³ Non-condensable gases in geothermal reservoirs usually consist mainly of CO₂ and H₂S. They also

³ In the case of retrofit or replacement projects at geothermal plants, this methodology does not account for baseline emissions from release of non-condensable gases from produced steam or fossil fuel combustion. Project participants are welcome to propose revisions to this methodology to account for these baseline emissions.

contain a small quantity of hydrocarbons, including predominantly CH₄. In geothermal power projects, non-condensable gases flow with the steam into the power plant. A small proportion of the CO₂ is converted to carbonate/bicarbonate in the cooling water circuit. In addition, parts of the non-condensable gases are re-injected into the geothermal reservoir. However, as a conservative approach, this methodology assumes that all non-condensable gases entering the power plant are discharged to atmosphere via the cooling tower. Fugitive carbon dioxide and methane emissions due to well testing and well bleeding are not considered as they are negligible.

PE_{GP,y} is calculated as follows:

$$PE_{GP,y} = (w_{\text{steam,CO}_2,y} + w_{\text{steam,CH}_4,y} * GWP_{\text{CH}_4}) * M_{\text{steam},y} \quad (2)$$

Where:

PE _{GP,y}	=	Project emissions from the operation of geothermal power plants due to the release of non-condensable gases in year y (t CO ₂ e/yr)
w _{steam,CO₂,y}	=	Average mass fraction of carbon dioxide in the produced steam in year y (t CO ₂ /t steam)
w _{steam,CH₄,y}	=	Average mass fraction of methane in the produced steam in year y (t CH ₄ /t steam)
GWP _{CH₄}	=	Global warming potential of methane valid for the relevant commitment period (t CO ₂ e/tCH ₄)
M _{steam,y}	=	Quantity of steam produced in year y (t steam/yr)

Emissions from water reservoirs of hydro power plants (PE_{HP,y})

For hydro power project activities that result in new reservoirs or in the increase of existing reservoirs, project proponents shall account for CH₄ and CO₂ emissions from the reservoir, estimated as follows:

(a) If the power density of the project activity (PD) is greater than 4 W/m² and less than or equal to 10 W/m²

$$PE_{HP,y} = \frac{EF_{Res} * TEG_y}{1000} \quad (3)$$

Where:

PE _{HP,y}	=	Project emissions from reservoirs of hydro power plants in year y (t CO ₂ e/yr)
EF _{Res}	=	Default emission factor for emissions from reservoirs of hydro power plants in year y (kgCO ₂ e/MWh)
TEG _y	=	Total electricity produced by the project activity, including the electricity supplied to the grid and the electricity supplied to internal loads, in year y (MWh/yr)

(b) If the power density of the project activity (PD) is greater than 10 W/m²

$$PE_{HP,y} = 0 \quad (4)$$

The power density of the project activity (PD) is calculated as follows:

$$PD = \frac{Cap_{PJ} - Cap_{BL}}{A_{PJ} - A_{BL}} \quad (5)$$



Where:

- PD = Power density of the project activity (W/m^2)
- Cap_{PJ} = Installed capacity of the hydro power plant after the implementation of the project activity (W)
- Cap_{BL} = Installed capacity of the hydro power plant before the implementation of the project activity (W). For new hydro power plants, this value is zero
- A_{PJ} = Area of the reservoir measured in the surface of the water, after the implementation of the project activity, when the reservoir is full (m^2)
- A_{BL} = Area of the reservoir measured in the surface of the water, before the implementation of the project activity, when the reservoir is full (m^2). For new reservoirs, this value is zero

Baseline emissions

Baseline emissions include only CO₂ emissions from electricity generation in fossil fuel fired power plants that are displaced due to the project activity. The methodology assumes that all project electricity generation above baseline levels would have been generated by existing and/or new power plants connected to the isolated grid. The baseline emissions are to be calculated as follows:

$$BE_y = EG_{PJ,y} * EF_{isolated_grid} \quad (6)$$

Where:

- BE_y = Baseline emissions in year y ($t\ CO_2/yr$)
- $EG_{PJ,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the isolated grid as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh/yr)
- $EF_{isolated_grid}$ = Emission factor of the isolated grid ($t\ CO_2/MWh$)

Calculation of $EF_{isolated_grid}$

Project participants have to follow the approach below to determine the baseline emission factor of the isolated grid:

Step 1: Determine the Isolated Grid Composition

The project proponents should provide information on the installed capacity in the isolated grid. As far as possible, project proponents should use official documentation as evidence for the determination of the composition of the grid.

Step 2: Assignment of emission factors

The emission factor should be selected from the table below for the isolated grid based on the composition of the isolated grid.

(a) The power plants in the grid use only liquid and solid fossil fuels

If the grid has no combined cycle power plants using liquid fossil fuels:

$$EF_{isolated_grid,y} = 0.8\ (tCO_2/MWh) \quad (7)$$

If the grid has at least one combined cycle power plant using liquid fossil fuels:

$EF_{isolated_grid,y} = 0.45$ (tCO₂/MWh); or use equation 8 below to calculate the appropriate emission factor.

(b) The power plants in the grid use a mix of liquid, solid and gaseous fossil fuels

If the grid has no combined cycle power plant using a gaseous fossil fuel:

$EF_{isolated_grid,y} = 0.5$ (tCO₂/MWh); or use equation 8 below to calculate the appropriate emission factor.

If the grid has at least one combined cycle power plant using a gaseous fuel:

$EF_{isolated_grid,y} = 0.38$ (tCO₂/MWh) or use equations 8 or 9 below to calculate the appropriate emission factor.

$$EF_{isolated_grid,y} = \frac{0.8 \cdot EG_{LS_FF,y} + 0.45 \cdot EG_{LCC_FF,y} + 0.5 \cdot EG_{G_FF,y} + 0.38 \cdot EG_{GCC_FF,y}}{EG_{LS_FF,y} + EG_{LCC_FF,y} + EG_{G_FF,y} + EG_{GCC_FF,y}} \quad (8)$$

(tCO₂/MWh)

and

$$EG_{LS_FF,y} = \sum_{p=1}^P EG_{LS_FF,p,y} \quad (9)$$

$$EG_{LCC_FF,y} = \sum_{q=1}^Q EG_{LCC_FF,q,y} \quad (10)$$

$$EG_{G_FF,y} = \sum_{r=1}^R EG_{G_FF,r,y} \quad (11)$$

$$EG_{GCC_FF,y} = \sum_{s=1}^S EG_{GCC_FF,s,y} \quad (12)$$

Where:

$EF_{isolated_grid}$	=	Emission factor of the isolated grid (t CO ₂ /MWh)
$EG_{LS_FF,y}$	=	Total electricity supplied to the isolated grid by the power plants using liquid or solid fossil (but excluding combined cycle power plants) in year y (MWh/yr)
$EG_{LCC_FF,y}$	=	Total electricity supplied to the isolated grid by the combined cycle power plants using liquid or solid fossil in year y (MWh/yr)
$EG_{G_FF,y}$	=	Total electricity supplied to the isolated grid by the gaseous fossil fuel open cycle power plants in year y (MWh/yr)
$EG_{GCC_FF,y}$	=	Total electricity supplied to the isolated grid by the gaseous fossil fuel combined cycle power plants in year y (MWh/yr)
$EG_{LS_FF,p,y}$	=	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the power plant 'p' that uses liquid or solid fossil (but excluding combined cycle power plants) to the isolated grid in year y (MWh/yr)
$EG_{LCC_FF,q,y}$	=	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the liquid fossil fuel combined cycle power plant 'q' to the isolated grid in year y (MWh/yr)

$EG_{G_FF,r,y}$	=	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the gaseous fossil fuel open cycle power plant 'r' to the isolated grid in year y (MWh/yr)
$EG_{GCC_FF,s,y}$	=	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the gaseous fossil fuel combined cycle power plant 's' to the isolated grid in year y (MWh/yr)
p	=	Power plants that use only liquid or solid fuels, excluding combined cycle power plants, and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
q	=	Combined cycle power plants that use liquid fossil fuels and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
r	=	Open cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
s	=	Combined cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
P	=	Total number of plants that use liquid or solid fossil fuels, excluding combined cycle power plants, that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Q	=	Total number of combined cycle power plants that use liquid fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
R	=	Total number of open cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
S	=	Total number of combined cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y

In the case that the necessary information on electricity generation from power plants is not available, the project proponents may calculate the emission factor of the grid based on the capacity of the power plants, using the following formula:

$$EF_{isolated_grid,y} = \frac{0.8 \cdot P_{LS_FF,y} + 0.45 \cdot P_{LCC_FF,y} + 0.5 \cdot P_{G_FF,y} + 0.38 \cdot P_{GCC_FF,y}}{P_{LS_FF,y} + P_{LCC_FF,y} + P_{G_FF,y} + P_{GCC_FF,y}} \quad (13)$$

(tCO₂/MW)

and

$$P_{LS_FF,y} = \sum_{p=1}^P P_{LS_FF,p,y} \quad (14)$$

$$P_{LCC_FF,y} = \sum_{q=1}^Q P_{LCC_FF,q,y} \quad (15)$$

$$P_{G_FF,y} = \sum_{r=1}^R P_{G_FF,r,y} \quad (16)$$

$$P_{GCC_FF,y} = \sum_{s=1}^S P_{GCC_FF,s,y}$$

Where:

$EF_{isolated_grid}$	=	Emission factor of the isolated grid (t CO ₂ /MWh)
$P_{LS_FF,y}$	=	Total power capacity of the power plants connected to the grid using liquid or solid fossil (but excluding combined cycle power plants) in year y (MW)
$P_{LCC_FF,y}$	=	Total power capacity of the power plants connected to the isolated grid by the combined cycle power plants using liquid or solid fossil in year y (MW)

$P_{G_FF,y}$	=	Total power capacity of the open cycle power plants connected to the isolated using gaseous fossil fuel in year y (MW)
$P_{GCC_FF,y}$	=	Total power capacity of the combined cycle power plants connected to the isolated using gaseous fossil fuel in year y (MW)
$P_{LS_FF,p,y}$	=	Power capacity of the power plant ‘ p ’ that uses liquid or solid fossil (but excluding combined cycle power plants) connected to the isolated grid in year y (MW)
$P_{LCC_FF,q,y}$	=	Power capacity of the liquid fossil fuel combined cycle power plant ‘ q ’ connected to the isolated grid in year y (MW)
$P_{G_FF,r,y}$	=	Power capacity of the gaseous fossil fuel open cycle power plant ‘ r ’ connected to the isolated grid in year y (MW)
$P_{GCC_FF,s,y}$	=	Power capacity of the gaseous fossil fuel combined cycle power plant ‘ s ’ connected to the isolated grid in year y (MW)
p	=	Power plants that use only liquid or solid fuels, excluding combined cycle power plants, connected to the isolated grid in year y
q	=	Combined cycle power plants that use liquid fossil fuels connected to the isolated grid in year y
r	=	Open cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels connected to the isolated grid in year y
s	=	Combined cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels connected to the isolated grid in year y
P	=	Total number of plants that use liquid or solid fossil fuels, excluding combined cycle power plants, connected to the isolated grid in year y
Q	=	Total number of combined cycle power plants that use liquid fossil fuels connected to the isolated grid in year y
R	=	Total number of open cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels connected to the isolated grid in year y
S	=	Total number of combined cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels connected to the isolated grid in year y

Composition of the isolated grid	$\frac{EF_{isolated_grid}}{tCO_2/MWh}$
Mainly liquid or solid fossil fuels (Less than 20% of the installed power generation capacity and less than 5 plants are gaseous fossil fuels plants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the grid has no combined cycle power plants using liquid fossil fuels: $EF_{isolated_grid}=0.8$; • If the grid has at least one combined cycle power plant using liquid fossil fuels: $EF_{isolated_grid}=0.45$
Significant share of gaseous fossil fuels (More than or equal to 20% of the installed power generation capacity or 5 or more plants are gaseous fossil fuels plants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the grid has no combined cycle power plants using a gaseous fuel: $EF_{isolated_grid}=0.5$; • If the grid has at least one combined cycle power plant using a gaseous fuel: $EF_{isolated_grid}=0.38$

Note: (1) LNG shall be considered as a gaseous fuel source, and (2) dual fuel plants which consume natural gas and a liquid fuel shall be categorized as a gaseous fossil fuel plant.

Step 3: Calculation of $EG_{PJ,y}$

The calculation of $EG_{PJ,y}$ is different for: (a) greenfield plants, (b) retrofits and replacements; and (c) capacity additions. These cases are described next:

(a) Greenfield renewable energy power plants

If the project activity is the installation of a new isolated grid-connected renewable power plant/unit at a site where no renewable power plant was operated prior to the implementation of the project activity, then:

$$EG_{PJ,y} = EG_{\text{facility},y} \quad (17)$$

Where:

$EG_{PJ,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the isolated grid as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh/yr)

$EG_{\text{facility},y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the project plant/unit to the isolated grid in year y (MWh/yr)

(b) Retrofit or replacement of an existing renewable energy power plant

If the project activity is the retrofit or replacement of an existing isolated grid-connected renewable power plant, the baseline scenario is the continuation of the operation of the existing plant. For hydro power plants, if the replacement involves the installation of a hydro power plant in a new reservoir, then the applicability conditions on multiple reservoirs must be satisfied by the project activity.

The methodology uses historical electricity generation data to determine the electricity generation by the existing plant in the baseline scenario, assuming that the historical situation observed prior to the implementation of the project activity would continue.

The power generation of renewable energy projects can vary significantly from year to year, due to natural variations in the availability of the renewable source (e.g. varying rainfall, wind speed or solar radiation). The use of few historical years to establish the baseline electricity generation can therefore involve a significant uncertainty. The methodology addresses this uncertainty by adjusting the historical electricity generation by its standard deviation. This ensures that the baseline electricity generation is established in a conservative manner and that the calculated emission reductions are attributable to the project activity. Without this adjustment, the calculated emission reductions would mainly depend on the natural variability observed during the historical period, rather than the effects of the project activity.⁴

$EG_{PJ,y}$ is calculated as follows:

$$EG_{PJ,y} = EG_{\text{facility},y} - (EG_{\text{historical}} + \sigma_{\text{historical}}); \text{ until DATE}_{\text{BaselineRetrofit}} \quad (18)$$

and

⁴ As an alternative approach for hydropower plants, the baseline electricity generation could be established as a function of the water availability. In this case, the baseline electricity generation would be established *ex post* based on the water availability monitored during the crediting period. Project participants are encouraged to consider such approaches and submit the related request for a revision to this methodology.



$$EG_{PJ,y} = 0 ; \text{ on/after } DATE_{\text{BaselineRetrofit}} \quad (19)$$

Where:

- $EG_{PJ,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the isolated grid as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh/yr)
- $EG_{\text{facility},y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the project plant/unit to the isolated grid in year y (MWh/yr)
- $EG_{\text{historical}}$ = Annual average historical net electricity generation delivered to the isolated grid by the existing renewable energy plant that was operated at the project site prior to the implementation of the project activity (MWh/yr)
- $\sigma_{\text{historical}}$ = Standard deviation of the annual average historical net electricity generation delivered to the isolated grid by the existing renewable energy plant that was operated at the project site prior to the implementation of the project activity (MWh/yr)
- $DATE_{\text{BaselineRetrofit}}$ = Point in time when the existing equipment would need to be replaced in the absence of the project activity (date)

$EG_{\text{historical}}$ is the annual average of historical net electricity generation, delivered to the isolated grid by the existing renewable energy plant that was operated at the project site prior to the implementation of the project activity. To determine $EG_{\text{historical}}$, project participants may choose between two historical periods. This allows some flexibility: the use of the longer time period may result in a lower standard deviation and the use of the shorter period may allow a better reflection of the (technical) circumstances observed during the more recent years.

Project participants may choose among the following two time spans of historical data to determine $EG_{\text{historical}}$:

- (a) The five last calendar years prior to the implementation of the project activity; or
- (b) The time period from the calendar year following $DATE_{\text{hist}}$, up to the last calendar year prior to the implementation of the project, as long as this time span includes at least five calendar years, where $DATE_{\text{hist}}$ is latest point in time between:
 - (i) The commercial commissioning of the plant/unit;
 - (ii) If applicable: the last capacity addition to the plant/unit; or
 - (iii) If applicable: the last retrofit of the plant/unit.

(c) Capacity addition to an existing renewable energy power plant

The addition of a new power plant or unit may affect or displace the electricity generated by the existing plant(s) or unit(s). Following are the examples to depict these situations:

Example 1: Addition of hydro turbine. The existing turbines continue to operate, but their operation/output is affected.

Example 2: Replacement of a wind turbine by a wind turbine of higher capacity.

In this case Option 1, mentioned below, shall be used to calculate $EG_{PJ,y}$. In other cases, the addition of new capacity does not affect the electricity generated by existing plant(s) or unit(s).⁵ In this case, the electricity fed into the grid by the added power plant(s) or unit(s) could be directly metered and used to determine $EG_{PJ,y}$. In these cases, Option 2, as mentioned below, shall be used to calculate $EG_{PJ,y}$.

Options to determine $EG_{PJ,y}$ for project activity of capacity addition

Option 1: Use the approach applied to retrofits and replacements above (section b). $EG_{\text{facility},y}$ corresponds to the total electricity generation of the existing plant(s) or unit(s) and the added plant(s) or unit(s). A separate metering of electricity fed into the grid by the added plant(s) or unit(s) is not necessary under this option.

Option 2: The following approach can be used provided that the electricity fed into the grid by the added power plant(s) or unit(s) addition is separately metered:

$$EG_{PJ,y} = EG_{PJ_Add,y} \quad (20)$$

Where:

- $EG_{PJ,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the isolated grid as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh/yr)
- $EG_{PJ_Add,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation supplied to the isolated grid in year y by the project plant/unit that has been added under the project activity (MWh/yr)

Project participants should document in the CDM-PDD which option is applied.

Calculation of $DATE_{\text{BaselineRetrofit}}$

In order to estimate the point in time when the existing equipment would need to be replaced/retrofitted in the absence of the project activity ($DATE_{\text{BaselineRetrofit}}$), project participants may take the following approaches into account:

- (a) The typical average technical lifetime of the type equipment may be determined and documented, taking into account common practices in the sector and country, e.g. based on industry surveys, statistics, technical literature, etc.;
- (b) The common practices of the responsible company regarding replacement/retrofitting schedules may be evaluated and documented, e.g. based on historical replacement/retrofitting records for similar equipment.

The point in time when the existing equipment would need to be replaced/retrofitted in the absence of the project activity should be chosen in a conservative manner, i.e. if a range is identified, the earliest date should be chosen.

Leakage

No leakage emissions are considered. The main emissions potentially giving rise to leakage in the context of electric sector projects are emissions arising due to activities such as power plant

⁵ In this case of wind power capacity additions, some shadow effects can occur but are not accounted under this methodology.



construction and upstream emissions from fossil fuel use (e.g. extraction, processing, transport). These emissions sources are neglected.

Emission reductions

Emission reductions are calculated as follows:

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y \quad (21)$$

Where:

ER_y = Emission reductions in year y (t CO₂e/yr)

BE_y = Baseline emissions in year y (t CO₂e/yr)

PE_y = Project emissions in year y (t CO₂e/yr)

Data and parameters not monitored

In addition to the parameters listed in the tables below, the provisions on data and parameters not monitored in the tools referred to in this methodology apply.

Data / Parameter:	GWP _{CH4}
Data unit:	t CO ₂ e/t CH ₄
Description:	Global warming potential of methane valid for the relevant commitment period
Source of data:	IPCC
Value to be applied:	For the first commitment period: 21 t CO ₂ e/t CH ₄ . For subsequent commitment periods to be decided by the CMP
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	EF _{Res}
Data unit:	kgCO ₂ e/MWh
Description:	Default emission factor for emissions from reservoirs of hydro power plants in year y
Source of data:	Decision by EB 23
Value to be applied:	90 kgCO ₂ e/MWh
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	Cap _{BL}
Data unit:	W
Description:	Installed capacity of the hydro power plant before the implementation of the project activity. For new hydro power plants, this value is zero
Source of data:	Project site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Determine the installed capacity based on recognized standards
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	A_{BL}
Data unit:	m^2
Description:	Area of the reservoir measured in the surface of the water, before the implementation of the project activity, when the reservoir is full (m^2). For new reservoirs, this value is zero
Source of data:	Project site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Measured from topographical surveys, maps, satellite pictures, etc.
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$EG_{historical}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Annual average historical net electricity generation delivered to the isolated grid by the existing renewable energy plant that was operated at the project site prior to the implementation of the project activity
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Electricity meters
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$\sigma_{historical}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Standard deviation of the annual average historical net electricity generation delivered to the isolated grid by the existing renewable energy plant that was operated at the project site prior to the implementation of the project activity
Source of data:	Calculated from data used to establish $EG_{historical}$
Measurement procedures (if any):	Parameter to be calculated as the standard deviation of the annual generation data used to calculate $EG_{historical}$ for retrofit or replacement project activities
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$DATE_{hist}$
Data unit:	date
Description:	Point in time from which the time span of historical data for retrofit or replacement project activities may start
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	$DATE_{hist}$ is the latest point in time between: (a) The commercial commissioning of the plant/unit; (b) If applicable: the last capacity addition to the plant/unit; or (c) If applicable: the last retrofit of the plant
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	DATE _{BaselineRetrofit}
Data unit:	date
Description:	Point in time when the existing equipment would need to be replaced in the absence of the project activity
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	As per provisions in the methodology above
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	EF _{isolated_grid}							
Data unit:	tCO ₂ /MWh							
Description:	Emission factor of the isolated grid							
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Any comment:	-							

III. MONITORING METHODOLOGY

Describe and specify in the CDM-PDD all monitoring procedures, including the type of measurement instrumentation used, the responsibilities for monitoring and QA/QC procedures that will be applied. Where the methodology provides different options (e.g. use of default values or on-site measurements), specify which option will be used. All meters and instruments should be calibrated regularly as per industry practices.

All data collected as part of monitoring should be archived electronically and be kept at least for two years after the end of the last crediting period. One hundred percent of the data should be monitored if not indicated differently in the comments in the tables below.

In addition, the monitoring provisions in the tools referred to in this methodology apply.

**Data and parameters monitored**

Baseline emissions

Data / Parameter:	$EG_{\text{facility},y}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the project plant/unit to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Electricity meters
Monitoring frequency:	Continuous measurement and at least monthly recording
QA/QC procedures:	Cross check measurement results with records for sold electricity
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$EG_{\text{PJ Add},y}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied to the isolated grid in year y by the project plant/unit that has been added under the project activity
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Continuous measurement and at least monthly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	Applicable to wind, solar, wave or tidal power plant(s) or unit(s), provided that Option 2 in the baseline methodology is applied

Data / Parameter:	$EG_{\text{LS FF},m,y}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the power plant 'p' that uses liquid or solid fossil (but excluding combined cycle power plants) to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	P _{LS FF,p}
Data unit:	MW
Description:	Power capacity of the power plant ‘p’ that uses liquid or solid fossil (but excluding combined cycle power plants) connected to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	p
Data unit:	-
Description:	Power plants that use only liquid or solid fuels, excluding combined cycle power plants, and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	P
Data unit:	-
Description:	Total number of open cycle power plants that use liquid or solid fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	$EG_{LCC\ FF,q,y}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the liquid fossil fuel combined cycle power plant 'q' to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$P_{LCC\ FF,q}$
Data unit:	MW
Description:	Power capacity of the liquid fossil fuel combined cycle power plant 'q' connected to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	q
Data unit:	
Description:	Combined cycle power plants that use liquid fossil fuels and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	Q
Data unit:	
Description:	Total number of combined cycle power plants that use liquid fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$EG_{G\ FF,y}$
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the gaseous fossil fuel open cycle power plant 'r' to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	$P_{G\ FF,y}$
Data unit:	MW
Description:	Power capacity of the gaseous fossil fuel open cycle power plant 'r' connected to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	r
Data unit:	
Description:	Open cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	R
Data unit:	
Description:	Total number of open cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	EG _{GCC FF,s,y}
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the gaseous fossil fuel combined cycle power plant 's' to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-



Data / Parameter:	$P_{GCC\ FF,s,y}$
Data unit:	MW
Description:	Power capacity of the gaseous fossil fuel combined cycle power plant 's' connected to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	s
Data unit:	-
Description:	Combined cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels and that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	S
Data unit:	-
Description:	Total number of combined cycle power plants that use gaseous fossil fuels that dispatched electricity to the isolated grid in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	-
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly recording
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	-



Project emissions

Emission of non-condensable gases from the operation of geothermal power plants.

Data / Parameter:	$W_{\text{steam,CO}_2,y}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ /t steam
Description:	Average mass fraction of carbon dioxide in the produced steam in year <i>y</i>
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Non-condensable gases sampling should be carried out in production wells and at the steam field-power plant interface using ASTM Standard Practice E1675 for Sampling 2-Phase Geothermal Fluid for Purposes of Chemical Analysis (as applicable to sampling single phase steam only). The CO ₂ and CH ₄ sampling and analysis procedure consists of collecting non-condensable gases samples from the main steam line with glass flasks, filled with sodium hydroxide solution and additional chemicals to prevent oxidation. Hydrogen sulphide (H ₂ S) and carbon dioxide (CO ₂) dissolve in the solvent while the residual compounds remain in their gaseous phase. The gas portion is then analyzed using gas chromatography to determine the content of the residuals including CH ₄ . All alkanes concentrations are reported in terms of methane
Monitoring frequency:	At least every three months and more frequently, if necessary
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	Applicable to geothermal power projects

Data / Parameter:	$W_{\text{steam,CH}_4,y}$
Data unit:	tCH ₄ /t steam
Description:	Average mass fraction of methane in the produced steam in year <i>y</i>
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	As per the procedures outlined for $W_{\text{steam,CO}_2,y}$
Monitoring frequency:	As per the procedures outlined for $W_{\text{steam,CO}_2,y}$
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	Applicable to geothermal power projects

Data / Parameter:	$M_{\text{steam},y}$
Data unit:	t steam/yr
Description:	Quantity of steam produced in year <i>y</i>
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	The steam quantity discharged from the geothermal wells should be measured with a venture flow meter (or other equipment with at least the same accuracy). Measurement of temperature and pressure upstream of the venture meter is required to define the steam properties. The calculation of steam quantities should be conducted on a continuous basis and should be based on international standards. The measurement results should be summarized transparently in regular production reports



Monitoring frequency:	Daily
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	Applicable to geothermal power projects

Emissions from water reservoirs

Data / Parameter:	TEG_v
Data unit:	MWh/yr
Description:	Total electricity produced by the project activity, including the electricity supplied to the isolated grid and the electricity supplied to internal loads, in year y
Source of data:	Project activity site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Electricity meters
Monitoring frequency:	Continuous measurement and at least monthly recording
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	Applicable to hydro power project activities with a power density of the project activity (PD) greater than 4 W/m^2 and less than or equal to 10 W/m^2

Data / Parameter:	Cap_{PJ}
Data unit:	W
Description:	Installed capacity of the hydro power plant after the implementation of the project activity
Source of data:	Project site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Determine the installed capacity based on recognized standards
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter:	A_{PJ}
Data unit:	m^2
Description:	Area of the reservoir measured in the surface of the water, after the implementation of the project activity, when the reservoir is full
Source of data:	Project site
Measurement procedures (if any):	Measured from topographical surveys, maps, satellite pictures, etc
Monitoring frequency:	Yearly
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	-

IV. REFERENCES AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable.



History of the document

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