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TYPE I - RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Project participants shall apply the general guidelines ~~to~~ for the SSC CDM methodologies, information on additionality (attachment A to appendix B) and general guidance on leakage in biomass project activities (attachment C to appendix B) provided at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/approved.html> *mutatis mutandis*.

I.A. Electricity generation by the user

Technology/measure

1. This category comprises renewable electricity generation units that supply individual households/users or groups of households/users included in the project boundary. The applicability is limited to individual households and users that do not have a grid[1] connection except when:

(a) A group of households or users are supplied electricity through a standalone mini-grid[2] powered by renewable energy generation unit(s) where the capacity of the generating units does not exceed 15 MW (i.e. the sum of installed capacities of all renewable energy generators connected to the mini-grid is less than 15 MW) e.g. a community based stand-alone off-the-grid renewable electricity systems; or

(b) The emissions reduction per renewable energy based lighting system is less than 5 tonnes of CO_2e a year and where it can be shown that fossil fuel would have been used in the absence of the project activity by:

(i) A representative sample survey (90% confidence interval, ±10% error margin) of target households; or

(ii) Official statistics from the host country government agencies.

(c) A group of households or users are connected to a grid prior to the start date of the project activity (or the start date of validation with due justification), however the electricity from the grid is available for the households and users for less than 36 hours in any given calendar month during the crediting period. If based on actual monitoring it can be demonstrated that during a specific month the power supply from the grid to the households and users is for less than 36 hours, emission reductions can be calculated for that specific month. The methodology is not applicable in cases where, the project activity plant, which supplies electricity to this category of users, is connected to the grid at any time during the crediting period.

The renewable energy generation units include technologies such as solar, hydro, wind, biomass gasification and other technologies that produce electricity all of which is used on-site/locally by the user, e.g. solar home systems, wind battery chargers. The renewable generating units may be new installations (Greenfield) or replace existing onsite fossil-fuel-fired generation. To qualify as a small-scale project, the total output of the unit(s) shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW.

[1] National/regional grid.

[2] Not connected to a national/regional grid.

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2. Hydro power plants with reservoirs that satisfy at least one of the following conditions are eligible to apply this methodology:

- The project activity is implemented in an existing reservoir with no change in the volume of reservoir;
- The project activity is implemented in an existing reservoir, where the volume of reservoir is increased and the power density of the project activity, as per definitions given in the project emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m2;
- The project activity results in new reservoirs and the power density of the power plant, as per definitions given in the project emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m2.

3. Combined heat and power (cogeneration) systems are not eligible under this category.

4. If the unit added has both renewable and non-renewable components (e.g. a wind/diesel unit), the eligibility limit of 15 MW for a small-scale CDM project activity applies only to the renewable component. If the unit added co-fires fossil fuel, the capacity of the entire unit shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW.

5. Project activities that involve retrofit or replacement of an existing facility for renewable energy generation are included in this category. To qualify as a small-scale project, the total output of the modified or retrofitted unit shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW.

6. In the case of project activities that involve the addition of renewable energy generation units at an existing renewable power generation facility, the added capacity of the units added by the project should be lower than 15 MW and should be physically distinct[3] from the existing units.

Boundary

7. The physical, geographical site of the renewable energy generating unit and the equipment that uses the electricity produced delineates the project boundary.

Baseline

8. The energy baseline is the fuel consumption of the technology in use or that would have been used in the absence of the project activity to generate the equivalent quantity of energy[4], estimated using one of the following three options:

(a) Option 1: the energy baseline is calculated based on the average annual electricity consumption of the consumers as per the below:

$$E_{BL,y} = \sum_i \left(n_i * EC_{i,y}\right) / \left(1 - l\right) \quad \textbf{(1)}$$

[3] Physically distinct units are those that are capable of generating electricity without the operation of existing units, and that do not directly affect the mechanical, thermal, or electrical characteristics of the existing facility. For example, the replacement of the nacelle assembly or blades of a wind battery charger would not be considered "physically distinct".

[4] Renewable energy lighting applications shall consider the equivalent level of lighting service instead of energy (See annex 1 of EB 08).

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Where:

$E_{BL,y}$	Annual energy baseline; kWh
$\sum_i$	The sum over the group of *i* renewable energy technologies (e.g. renewable energy technologies for households, rural health centres, rural schools, grain milling, water pumping, irrigation, etc.) implemented as part of the project activity
n_i	Number of consumers supplied by installations of the renewable energy technology belonging to the group of *i* renewable energy technologies during the year
$EC_{i,y}$	~~Estimate of a~~ Average annual individual energy consumption observed in closest grid electricity systems among rural grid connected consumers belonging to the same group of *i* renewable energy technologies. If energy consumption is metered, $EC_{i,y}$ is the average energy consumed[5] by consumers belonging to the group of *i* renewable energy technologies; kWh
L	Average technical distribution losses that would have been observed in diesel powered mini-grids installed by public programmes or distribution companies in isolated areas, expressed as a fraction[6]

(b) Option 2: the energy baseline is calculated based on annual electricity generation from project renewable energy technologies as per the below:

$$E_{BL,y} = \sum_i EG_{i,y} / (1 - l) \quad \textbf{(2)}$$

Where:

$E_{BL,y}$	Annual energy baseline; kWh
$\sum_i$	The sum over the group of *i* renewable energy technologies (e.g. renewable energy technologies for solar home systems, solar pumps) implemented as part of the project activity
$EG_{i,y}$	~~The estimated a~~ Annual output of the renewable energy technologies of the group of *i* renewable energy

[5] Potential oversizing of the power capacity installed or energy generated by the CDM project activity shall not be reflected in the baseline and emissions reduction calculation. For this reason, the energy value taken into account shall be the energy consumed. It cannot be the electricity output, except if the project participant justifies that it represents a reasonable estimate of the energy that would have been generated by a diesel generator larger than 35 kW and operating with a load factor of at least 50% to provide similar electricity services.

[6] A reasonable default value for distribution losses on low voltage rural distribution grid could be 20%. Project proponents shall demonstrate in the PDD that in the absence of the project activity electricity supply would have entailed distribution losses e.g. users are in distributed locations, else a value of L=0 shall be used.

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technologies installed; kWh

L	Average technical distribution losses that would have been observed in diesel powered mini-grids installed by public programmes or distribution companies in isolated areas, expressed as a fraction[6]

In the case of project activity applying paragraph 1(c), $EG_{i,y}$ corresponds to electricity generation in specific calendar months during which power is available from the grid for delivery to the households or other users for less than 36 hours a month. The availability of grid electricity for delivery to the households or other users shall be determined based on continuous power monitoring and hourly recording in order to determine the grid availability for any given calendar month.

The energy baseline $E_{BL,y}$ =0, for any hour during which power is available from the grid for delivery to the households or other users. For example, if the grid is available to deliver power for 15 hours in April, energy baseline can be calculated for April, but the calculation must account for the requirement that during those 15 hours when the grid is available in April, the energy baseline is zero.

(c) Option 3: the baseline can be a trend-adjusted projection of historic fuel consumption in situations where an existing technology is replaced. For the specific case of lighting devices a daily usage of 3.5 hours shall be assumed, unless it is demonstrated that the actual usage hours adjusted for seasonal variation of lighting is different based on representatives sample survey (90% confidence interval ±10% error) done for minimum of 90 days.

9. For Option 1 and Option 2 above the emissions baseline is the energy baseline calculated in accordance with paragraphs 8(a) and 8(b) above times a default emission factor:

$$BE_{CO2,y} = E_{BL,y} * EF_{CO2} \quad \textbf{(3)}$$

Where:

$BE_{CO2,y}$	Emissions in the baseline in year y; tCO_2
$E_{BL,y}$	Annual energy baseline in year y; kWh
EF_{CO2}	CO_2 emission factor; tCO_2/kWh

For EF_{CO2}, default value of 0.8 kg CO_2-e/kWh, which is derived from diesel generation units, may be used. A small-scale project proponent may, with adequate justification use a higher emissions factor from Table I.F.1 under the category AMS-I.F "Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid".

In case where the project activity displaces existing fossil fuel captive electricity generation, EF_{CO2} of the captive electricity generation shall be determined using Scenario B of the "Tool to calculate baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption".

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10. In the case of Option 3, the emissions baseline is the historic fuel consumption calculated in accordance with paragraph 8(c) above times the CO_2 emission factor for the fuel displaced. IPCC default values for emission factors may be used.

$$BE_{CO2,y} = \sum_j FC_{j,y} * NCV_j * EF_{CO2,j} \quad \textbf{(4)}$$

Where:

$BE_{CO2,y}$	Emissions in the baseline in year *y*; tCO_2
$FC_{j,y}$	Amount of fuel consumption of fuel type *j*; mass or volume unit in year *y*
NCV_j	Net calorific value of fuel type *j*; gigajoule per mass or volume unit
$EF_{CO_2,j}$	CO_2 emission factor of fuel type *j*; tCO_2/GJ
J	Fuel type used for combustion

11. The baseline emissions of project activities that involve retrofit/replacement of an existing facility or capacity addition at an existing facility, shall be calculated following the procedures prescribed in AMS-I.D "Grid connected renewable electricity generation" with the exception that the applicable emission factor (EF_{CO2}) is calculated as described in this methodology.

Project emissions

12. For most renewable energy project activities, $PE_y = 0$. However, for the following categories of project activities, project emissions have to be considered following the procedure described in the most recent version of ACM0002 "Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources".

- Emissions related to the operation of geothermal power plants (e.g. non-condensable gases, electricity/fossil fuel consumption);
- Emissions from water reservoirs of hydro power plants.

Leakage

13. If the energy generating equipment is transferred from another activity ~~or if the existing equipment is transferred to another activity~~, leakage is to be considered.

Monitoring

14. Monitoring shall consist of:

(a) An annual check of all systems or a sample thereof to ensure that they are still operating (other evidence of continuing operation, such as on-going rental/lease payments could be a substitute);

OR

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(b) Metering the electricity generated by all systems in a sample thereof.

15. For projects where only biomass or biomass and fossil fuel are used the amount of biomass and fossil fuel input shall be monitored.

16. For projects consuming biomass, a specific fuel consumption[7] of each type of fuel (biomass or fossil) to be used should be specified *ex ante*. The consumption of each type of fuel shall be monitored.

17. If fossil fuel is used, the electricity generation metered should be adjusted by deducting the electricity generation from fossil fuels using the specific fuel consumption and the quantity of fossil fuel consumed.

18. If more than one type of biomass fuel is consumed, each shall be monitored separately.

19. The amount of electricity generated using biomass fuels calculated as per paragraph 17 shall be compared with the amount of electricity generated calculated using specific fuel consumption and amount of each type of biomass fuel used. The lower of the two values should be used to calculate emission reductions.

20. In the case of project activity applying paragraph 1(c), the availability of grid electricity for delivery to the households or other users shall be determined with continuous monitoring in order to determine the grid availability for any given calendar month. The project proponents shall install meters that continuously monitor the status of the grid electricity supply to households and users and record the number of hours during which the grid was not available in the given calendar month.

Project activity under a programme of activities

The following conditions apply for use of this methodology in a project activity under a programme of activities:

~~21. In the specific case of biomass project activities the applicability of the methodology is limited to either project activities that use biomass residues only or biomass from dedicated plantations complying with the applicability conditions of AM0042.~~

22. In the specific case of biomass project activities, the multiple types of biomass, i.e. biomass residues and biomass from dedicated plantations can be used for a PoA, provided all the other requirements in the methodology such as: (a) leakage emissions in case of biomass residues following the general guidance for leakage in small-scale biomass project activities (attachment C of appendix B[8] and (b) consistency with AM0042 "Grid-connected electricity generation using biomass from newly developed dedicated plantations" in case of dedicated plantation are satisfied.

23. ~~In the specific case of biomass project activities the determination of leakage shall be done following the general guidance for leakage in small-scale biomass project activities (attachment C~~

[7] Specific fuel consumption is the fuel consumption per unit of electricity generated (e.g. tonnes of bagasse per megawatt-hour).

[8] Available on <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/approved.html>.

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~~of appendix B[9] of simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale clean development mechanism project activities) or following the procedures included in the leakage section of AM0042~~.

24. ~~In case the project activity involves the replacement of equipment and the leakage from the use of the replaced equipment in another activity is neglected, because the replaced equipment is scrapped, an independent monitoring of scrapping of replaced equipment needs to be implemented. The monitoring should include a check if the number of project activity equipment distributed by the project and the number of scrapped equipment correspond with each other. For this purpose scrapped equipment should be stored until such correspondence has been checked. The scrapping of replaced equipment should be documented and independently verified.~~

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