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Ruling note

Request for issuance for “Ratchaburi farms
biogas project at Veerachai farm”

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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the request for issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs) for the above project activity on 10 May 2013 for the monitoring period of 28 Mar 2008 – 31 Mar 2011, in accordance with the "Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure", (CDM-EB65-A32-PROC, version 02.0) (the PCP) paragraph 219. According to paragraph 228 of the PCP, the ruling shall contain the reasons and rationale for the final decision, which are as follows:
 - (a) The DOE (DNV) failed to verify the correct use of data vintage for the *ex post* calculation of the grid emission factor in line with the requirements of paragraph 9(b) of methodology AMS-I.D version 10 (i.e.) and paragraph 245(e) of VVS 2.0.
 - (b) Paragraph 9(b) of the applied methodology AMS-I.D version 10 reads "the data of the year in which project generation occurs must be used" and footnote 40 of paragraph 245(e) of the "Clean development mechanism validation and verification standard", (CDM-EB65-A04-STAN, version 02.0) (VVS), reads "The Board emphasized that in order to ensure an accurate determination of the *ex post* grid emission factor during the issuance stage, the project participants should endeavour to use the data vintage for year (y) in which the project generation occurs and report it in the monitoring report submitted to the DOE for verification. If, at the time of the submission of the monitoring report to the DOE, the data vintage from year (y) is not available and data from year (y-1) or (y-2) is being used, the DOE shall, during verification, assess whether more recent data has become publicly available and shall, if appropriate, raise a Corrective Action Request to project participants to incorporate the more recent data into the calculation of grid emission factor".
 - (c) The project proponent has used data from year (y-1) for the *ex post* calculation of the grid emission factor for each year in the 28 Mar 2008 – 31 Mar 2011 monitoring period (i.e. 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 energy data for the calculation of the emission factor for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively). However, the use of data from year (y-1) for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 is not in line with the VVS and methodological requirements considering that energy data from the years in which project generation occurred (2008, 2009, and 2010) were available at the time of the request for issuance, and data vintage for year (y) should have been used.
2. Please note, however, that, in accordance with paragraph 234 of EB 66 Annex 64, in cases where the reasons for rejection can be addressed by means of a revised verification report based on a revised monitoring report, the DOE may request permission (including explanation of reasons) to submit a revised request for issuance for the same monitoring period covered by the rejection. The Board will consider such a request at the subsequent EB meeting following that request in accordance with the procedures and decide on a case-by-case basis. In these cases the Board will provide further guidance, as appropriate. In cases where such a revised request for issuance is also rejected it shall not be possible to resubmit for a third time.

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