

CDM-POA7014-RULE01

Ruling note

Rationale for the rejection of PRC-7014-002

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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the proposed request for post-registration changes for CDM programme of activity 7014 on 03 April 2016, in accordance with *the Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure* (CDM-EB65-A32-PROC, version 09.0), paragraph 175 and 177 (the procedures).

a) The request for post-registration changes “PRC-7014-002: Improved Cook Stoves for East Africa (ICSEA)”, proposed the following change: to allow the application of an additional methodology, AMS-I.E ver. 06 (Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user), and claim emission reductions from the energy efficiency gains and fuel switch (i.e. replacement of non-renewable biomass with renewable biomass).

b) The relevant requirement(s) are as follows:

i. The methodology applied at PoA registration (AMS II.G ver. 03, para 5) requires that the emissions reduction are based on the parameter $B_{y,savings}$ (Quantity of woody biomass that is saved in tonnes).

Further, para 12 indicates that the $B_{y,savings}$ are estimated considering the B_{old} (Quantity of woody biomass used in the absence of the project activity in tonnes);

ii. The proposed additional methodology (AMS-I.E ver. 06, para 11) requires that the emissions reduction are based on parameter B_y (Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced in tonnes). The B_y are due to fuel switch;

iii. The VVS version 09 para 323 (c) iii requires, “The DOE shall confirm that the applied methodology including applied tools and/or the applied standardized baseline do not impact on the conservativeness of the monitoring and verification process and the related emission reduction calculations in cases where the project participant or the coordinating/managing entity applies all the requirements in another methodology and/or another standardized baseline that is(are) applicable to the registered CDM project activity or PoA”.

c) The reason and rationale for the final decision is:

The DOE failed to adequately justify the appropriateness of applying a common value (4.568 tons wood/stove/y) for the parameter “Quantity of woody biomass used in the absence of the project activity in tonnes per type of ICS within a region ($C_{y,fueltype,region,old}$)” which is used in estimating the “Quantity of woody biomass used in the absence of the project activity (B_{old})” for Type I CPAs using methodology AMS-II.G; and “Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced (B_y)” for Type II CPAs using methodology AMS-I.E, considering that the emissions reductions for Type I CPAs should only correspond to energy efficiency measure and emissions reductions for Type II CPAs should only correspond to fuel switch measure, thus requiring separate estimations of the two baseline parameters B_{old} and B_y .

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