

CDM-PA0052-RULE01

Ruling note

Rationale for rejection of PRC-0052-003

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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the proposed request for post-registration changes for CDM project activities 0052 on 4 May 2017, in accordance with the Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure (CDM-EB65-A32-PROC, version 09.0), paragraphs 167, 175 and 177 (the procedures):
 - (a) The DOE (EPIC Sustainability Services Pvt. Ltd. (EPIC)) failed to substantiate the nature and extent of the actual changes and determine whether this description accurately reflects the implementation, operation and monitoring of the modified CDM project activity..., in accordance with CDM Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) version 9 paragraph 318.
 - (b) The relevant requirements are:
 - (i) CDM Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) version 9, paragraph 307 states that “Project participants or the coordinating/managing entity wishing to combine a request for approval of any types of changes to the project activity, or PoA or specific-case CPA with the request for renewal of the crediting period may submit the request in accordance with the Project cycle procedure”;
 - (ii) CDM Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) version 9 paragraph 446(d), states “The DOE shall provide a statement on whether any proposed post-registration changes for the next crediting period will be submitted together with the request for renewal of crediting period of the registered CDM project activity”.
 - (c) The reasons and rationale for the final decisions are:
 - (i) The proposed revised PDD and its validation opinion have indicated that the 20.1 MW LFG power plant was initially planned before 2008 and the EPC contract was placed on 26 August 2008. However, it has been noted that during the period from 26/08/2008 to 13/02/2017, prior to this request for post registration changes to include the 20.1 MW power plant, three requests for issuance (submitted on 18/03/2015, 13/04/2015 and 15/02/2016 respectively), two post registration changes (submitted on 16/05/2014 and 18/03/2015 respectively) and renewal of PDD (submitted on 30/11/2015) have been submitted by respective DOEs and approved by the Executive Board. In particular, while validating the PDD for renewal, the validating DOE in its validation report (page 2 and 5) indicates that for the 2nd crediting period, the project activity is still limited to methane avoidance and there is no LFG utilization for power generation or heat generation. The DOE also confirmed the non-existence of post-registration changes in the project activity by conducting the interview with the PP;
 - (ii) Based on the DOE’s validation opinion at the time of renewal of crediting period, it is confirmed that there is no proposed or actual PRC envisaged at the time of renewal on 20/04/2016, without indicating on the operational power plant. Therefore, based on the inconsistent information during the validation of the renewal and the validation of this proposed PRC-0052-003, the Board considers not to accept the extension of technology to claim CERs from LFG power generation through a post registration changes.

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