

**CDM-POA9977-RULE02**

## Ruling note

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# Rationale for the rejection of PRC-9977-003

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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the proposed request for post-registration changes for CDM programmes of activities 9977 on 18 July 2019, in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (PCP-PoA), version 02.0, paragraphs 179 and 162. Further, in accordance with paragraph 163 of the PCP-PoA, the ruling shall contain an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the final decision.

(a) The request for post-registration changes “PRC-9977-003: West African Biodigester Programme of Activities”, proposed to:

- (i) Change the formula in calculating quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced; and
- (ii) Consequently, revise the monitoring plan by removing an ex-ante parameter  $AFC_{baseline}$  and adding a monitoring parameter “household size”.

The DOE (CTI) failed to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Procedures and the “CDM project standard for programme of activities” (PS-PoA), version 02.0, as mentioned in paragraph (b) below.

(b) The relevant requirements are:

- (i) PS-PoA version 02.0, paragraph 235 states that “If the coordinating/managing entity is unable to implement the registered monitoring plan, ... the coordinating/managing entity shall describe the nature and extent of the non-conforming monitoring in a revised PoA-DD or CPA-DD and the proposed alternative monitoring for the registered CDM PoA or the included CPA”.
- (ii) PS-PoA version 02.0, paragraph 112 states that “The coordinating/managing entity shall, in accordance with the applied methodologies, the applied standardized baselines and the other applied methodological regulatory documents, describe how to determine the data and parameters that will not be monitored but are determined before the registration of the proposed PoA and remain fixed throughout the PoA period. These data and parameters shall be available at the time of the validation of the PoA for registration.”.
- (iii) PS-PoA version 02.0, paragraph 177 states that “The coordinating/managing entity shall, in accordance with the modalities in the corresponding generic CPA, provide the data and parameters that will not be monitored but are determined before the inclusion of the CPA and remain fixed throughout the crediting period. These data and parameters shall be available at the time of the validation for inclusion of the CPA.”.

(c) The reasons and rationale for the final decisions are:

- (i) The registered monitoring plan has already been demonstrated implementable as evidenced by the verification report of the first monitoring period 9977-MP1-IRP1 of the PoA. The request for revision of monitoring plan thus does not comply with the requirements of paragraph 235 of PS-PoA version 02.0.
- (ii) The revision of the monitoring plan has proposed to change the ex-ante fixed value of parameter  $AFC_{baseline}$  “Average quantity of woody biomass used per

household in baseline situation” which is to be fixed in each country at the time of inclusion of the first CPA, by introducing two new parameters AQPP<sub>baseline</sub> “Average quantity of woody biomass used per capita in baseline situation” and H “Household size of the biogas household” to be monitored annually. The request for revision of monitoring plan therefore is considered not in compliance with paragraph 112 and 177 of PS-PoA version 02.0 which require the ex-ante parameter determined at registration of PoA and/or inclusion of CPA to remain fixed throughout the PoA period / CPA crediting period.

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