EB-109 Interaction with the AIE/DOE Coordination Forum DOE/AE Forum | *Werner Betzenbichler* | 01 Mar 2021

Topics

- One regulatory issue of the AA
- One further request for general clarification by EB
- One issue not yet considered under temporary measures

Regulatory Issue of the AA

Annex 1 - Draft clarification: Regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases

Requests for registration or renewal of crediting periods of PA or PoAs with emission reductions from 01/01/2021 needs

- i) to apply the lowest GWP,
- ii) to raise a FAR in the validation report to update PDD after CMP decision, and
- iii) Risk acknowledgement and acceptance form.

There is no regulation that covers projects (incl PoA) with registration or renewals being approved before the 108th meeting report was issued but with a crediting period starting after 01/01/2021 (example: project 9856)

→ Clarification is sought whether registered PDDs require temporary updating or may remain unchanged until future CMP decisions

Request for general Clarification by EB

Article 275 of PCP-PA

Project participants may not appoint a DOE in the context of a renewal of the crediting period that has performed verification for the same registered CDM project activity unless the project activity is a small-scale one or the DOE is authorized by the Board to do so.

→ Clarification is sought whether the same strict conditions apply in case PPs wants to appoint a DOE for the renewal of the 3rd crediting period who performed verification only for the 1st crediting period and did not performed during the 2nd crediting period

Issue not yet considered under temporary measures

DOEs that have to go through the re-accreditation process in 2021 see a strong competitive disadvantage and, on the cost side, they face risky decisions

- Accreditation fees of a five-year period to be covered completely in 2021 despite of unsecure market perspectives
- Transition to Art 6.4 as incentive to maintain accreditation only clarified at the end of 2021
- Expectation that temporary measures will anyway result in a further reduced market volume in 2021
- Current fee structure for reaccreditation is \$15,000, with one payment of \$7,500 at the time of the application and a second payment of \$7,500 within one year

Issue not yet considered under temporary measures (2)

Suggestions for potential solutions to protect DOEs in this provisional period

- Extend current accreditations until after the COP has clarified the future of the CDM (this is probably the best solution, given the uncertainty)
- Keep the current accreditation timelines but postpone the payment of the fees until after the COP has clarified the future of the CDM
- Waive reaccreditation fees during the temporary measures in a similar way that has been done for issuance fees
- Stagger the fees more evenly over the course of the 5 year accreditation e.g. \$3,000 per year (rather than paying it up-front as now)
- Reduce the reaccreditation fees to a more manageable level e.g. \$7,500 total. This would reflect the smaller size of the current market.

Thank you for your attention!

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