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WECC Announces Achievement of Key Milestone as WREGIS Issues First Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) announced today that it has issued its first renewable energy certificates (RECs) through its Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS).

“This is a significant milestone for the WREGIS program and should give the western states confidence that WREGIS can help them meet their goals for clean and renewable energy,” said Louise McCarren, CEO of WECC.

WREGIS, administered by WECC, is an accounting system designed to issue, register and track RECs to verify compliance with state and provincial regulatory and voluntary market programs throughout the Western Interconnection.

One of the first organizations to receive a REC is Solano County in Northern California. “Solano County is delighted to be the first public entity in Northern California to receive RECs. It demonstrates our clear commitment to expand the use of clean renewable energy,” said Supervisor John Silva, Chairman of the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

John Pappas, Chairman of the WREGIS Committee, said “This is a major step in achieving our goal to get WREGIS fully operational. Now that it is fully functional, we are confident that the WREGIS program is on its way to realizing its potential and playing an important role in the West.”

Power generators, utilities, marketers and qualified reporting entities interested in participating in the WREGIS program, can register by visiting www.wregis.org.

Note to editors: WECC—one of the eight electric reliability councils in North America, encompassing a geographic area equivalent to over half the United States—is responsible for promoting electric system reliability and providing a forum for coordinating the operating and planning activities of its 189 member organizations. The members—representing all segments of the electric industry—provide electricity to 71 million people in 14 western states, two Canadian provinces, and portions of one Mexican state.

Solano County—one of California’s original 27 counties—is strategically located along Interstate 80 between San Francisco and Sacramento. The County delivers a wide variety of local government services and is committed to improving the economic prosperity of individuals and employers. In the unincorporated area the County provides Sheriff patrols, road maintenance, land use planning, animal control, engaging parks, and other services. The majority of departments serve residents throughout the county, such as the eight County libraries, Health and Social Services programs, environmental health inspections, and all aspects of the criminal justice system. A comprehensive description of departments, programs and services is on the County’s website: www.solanocounty.com.

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