

# Purchasing Green Power and Renewable Energy Certificates

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- How do green power and REC's fit into our CO2 reduction program?
- How do we purchase them?
- How do we account for them?



# Climate Friendly Energy Policy 2003

Achieve a 7% absolute reduction in Green House Gas ( $CO_2$ ) emissions from facilities worldwide by 2010, compared to a base year of 1990.

(CL: 14% reduction by 2010, compared to 2001, in US)



# Strategy - CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Pathway

Energy Efficiency – Best Practices On-site cogeneration On-site renewables: solar, wind, landfill gas Carbon trading/REC's Green power purchases

### What do we mean? Green Energy

# Renewable electricity

Renewable thermal energy

"Clean" energy technologies

#### • Wind

- Solar
- Biomass
- Landfill gas
- Geothermal
- Low-impact hydro
- Landfill gas
- Biomass
- Solar
- Fuel cells



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## Renewable Power Multiple ways to purchase

On-site systems • Install renewable energy system on own premises

Green electricity Purchase renewablegenerated power from utility or electricity supplier

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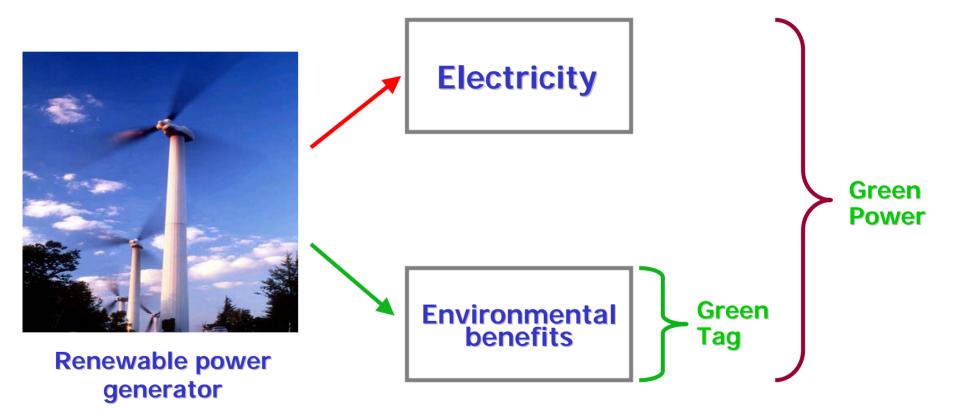


Renewable energy certificates Buy "environmental attributes" separately from electricity



### Renewable Power Two distinct products





#### Green Power & Tags More similar than different!

#### **Similarities**

- •Electricity from renewable generator delivered to the grid. Dirty coal, oil, or natural gasbased power displaced from the grid.
- •Buyer's purchase supports renewable generation.
- •Buyer can claim environmental benefits.
- •No change in reliability & power quality.

#### Differences

•Who sells the "greenness" of renewable power generation.

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•One or two invoices/bills.

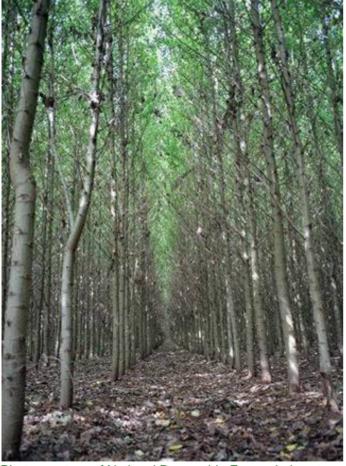


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**REC's** Advantages over green power

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- Lower cost
  - Wider selection of suppliers
- Greater variety of renewable resource options
- Simplified transactions
  - Independent of electricity supply
  - Multiple locations at once



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# **Green Power** Advantages over REC's

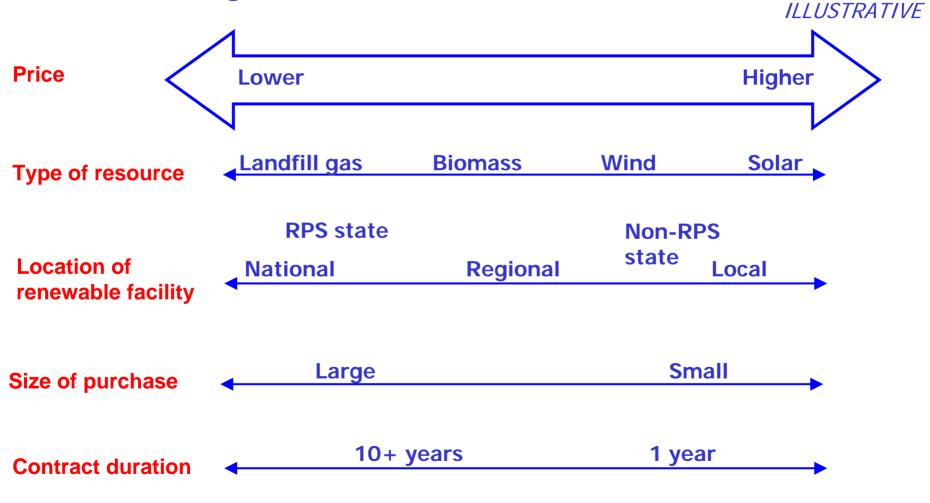
- Less abstract
- Becoming competitive. Often based on REC's

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One transaction



# Purchasing Green Power - Factors to consider



### **REC Purchases**

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- 2004-2005 J&J worked through WRI on a group purchase for member companies.
- Ten REC suppliers responded to RFP. Provided a lot of flexibility:
- Resources wind, biomass, geothermal, combinations
- Numerous geographic options
- 1-5 year contract options
- Broad range of prices
- Green-e certification
- Various project start dates
- Volume discounts based on total buy; over 300,000 REC's



#### **REC Purchases**

- J&J preferences:
- Voluntary markets
- Mix of resources: biomass, wind
- No geographic preference
- "New" REC's (recent projects)
- Lowest cost per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> offset (<\$2/ton)
- Buy for current and next year



# REC's US – 2005 (estimated)

253,000 mWH 216,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>



## Green Power U.S. 2004

New Jersey, New York, Texas, California
15% Green Power
23,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>



#### <u>Green Power– Europe - 2005</u> 100% Janssen, France All J&J sites, Holland 100% 100% Alza, Ireland 100% Janssen, Italy 100% Lifescan, UK Janssen, Belgium 100% 43% 65,000 Tons CO<sub>2</sub> **Total Europe**



On-site Renewables Worldwide Solar, land-fill gas, wind On-line or in construction 9,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>



# Total Renewables Worldwide – CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions

	<u>CO<sub>2</sub> "Avoided"</u>	<u>% of Emissions</u>
REC's	216,000 tons	17%
Green Power	88,000 tons	7%
On-site	9,000 tons	1%
Total	313,000 tons	25%

2004 net emissions 943,000 tons Gross emissions 1,256,000 tons





#### **Top 25 Partners**

- 1. U.S. Air Force
- 2. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 3. Johnson & Johnson
- 4. U.S. Department of Energy
- 5. The World Bank
- 6. Safeway, Inc.
- 7. U.S. General Services Administration / Region 2





# Accounting for CO<sub>2</sub>

<u>REC's</u> Offset using emissions factor in the power pool where the project exists.

<u>Green Power</u> Not an offset. Zero emissions associated with the power consumed.

<u>On-site renewables</u> Not an offset. Zero emissions with the power consumed.

Problem: Green power and onsite renewables don't appear on Climate Leaders Report. We add the information as a "footnote".



# Accounting for CO<sub>2</sub>

Other issues we are facing:

- 1. "Green Power" is not always Green Power. Electrical suppliers can bundle the power with REC's. We are accounting for this as Green Power.
- 2. We have sold some NJ Solar REC's in 2005. We plan to report this as a "negative offset" (add).



### **REC Purchases - Resources**

- **EPA Climate Leaders**
- **EPA Green Power Partnership**
- DOE
- World Resources Institute
- Center for Resource Solutions (Green-e)

i.e., Guide for Purchasing Green Energy http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/buygreenpower/guide.htm