

**WHEATLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**2008 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE REPORT**

**June 23, 2009**  
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## INTRODUCTION

This annual compliance report is submitted by Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc., a cooperative electric association, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes § 40-2-124(5.5). That statute requires each cooperative electric association that is a qualifying retail utility within the meaning of § 40-2-124(1) to submit an annual compliance report describing the steps taken to comply with Colorado's renewable energy standards and setting forth the information required by Colorado Public Utilities Commission rules.

This report covers renewable energy standard compliance year 2008. Colorado Revised Statutes § 40-2-124(1)(c)(V) required cooperative electric associations that are subject to the statutory renewable energy standard to generate or cause to be generated electricity from eligible energy resources in the minimum amount of 1% of retail electricity sales in Colorado for the year 2008. Colorado Revised Statutes § 40-2-124(1)(g)(II) states that if a wholesale customer of a wholesale energy provider agrees to pay the full costs associated with the acquisition of eligible energy resources and associated renewable energy credits, the wholesale customer shall be entitled to receive the appropriate credit toward the renewable energy standard as well as any associated renewable energy credits. As is addressed below, Wheatland has so agreed with its wholesale energy supplier, and in doing so has more than met its renewable energy standard requirements.

## COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Wheatland achieved compliance with the renewable energy standard for 2008. Compliance details are set forth below as called for by CPUC Rule 3662, 4 C CR 723-3 §3662.

### **1. Total Megawatt Hours Sold by Wheatland to Retail Customers in Colorado and Eligible Energy Required for Compliance (Rule 3662(a)(I)).**

Wheatland sold 1,977 megawatt hours of electrical energy to its Colorado retail customers in 2008. Because the renewable energy standard applicable to Wheatland during 2008 was 1%, Wheatland required renewable energy credits totaling 20 megawatt hours to comply with the standard.

### **2. Total Amount and Source of Eligible Energy Acquired (Rule 3662(a)(II)).**

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is Wheatland's wholesale energy provider. Sunflower's sources of renewable energy come from Purchase Agreements of 50 MW of the Gray County Wind Farm and 75 MW from the Smoky Hills Wind Farm. Sunflower allocated the energy from the Smoky Hills Wind Farm from the month of December, 2008 to Wheatland Electric as follows:

<u>Eligible Resource</u>	<u>Number of RECs (MWh)</u>
Kansas Wind	250
Out-of-state wind	
Biomass	
New hydroelectric	
Pre-existing hydroelectric	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>250</b>

### **3. Eligible Energy Borrowed Forward in Previous Compliance Years (Rule 3662(a)(III)).**

There were no previous compliance years. Wheatland borrowed forward no eligible energy or renewable energy credits.

**4. Total Amount of Eligible Energy Borrowed Forward from Future Compliance Years (Rule 3662(a)(IV)).**

Wheatland did not borrow forward eligible energy or renewable energy credits from any future compliance year.

**5. Total Amount and Source of Eligible Energy Carried Back from the Year Following the Compliance Year (Rule 3662(a)(V)).**

Wheatland is not carrying back eligible energy or renewable energy credits from the year following the compliance year.

**6. Total Amount of Eligible Energy Carried Forward from Prior Calendar Years to Apply in the Current Compliance Year (Rule 3662(a)(VI)).**

Wheatland is not carrying forward any eligible energy or renewable energy credits from any prior calendar year.

**7. Total Amount of Eligible Energy Proposed to be Carried Forward to Future Years (Rule 3662(a)(VII)).**

Wheatland has available renewable energy credits totaling 230 megawatt hours for carryover to future years. It intends to do so and intends to retire those credits on a first-in, first-out basis in future years to the extent that it does not sell those credits in the marketplace.

**8. Eligible Energy Counted Toward Compliance (Rule 3662(a)(VIII)).**

Wheatland has counted 20 megawatt hours of the renewable energy credits received by it toward its compliance requirement for calendar year 2008. Of those credits, Wheatland has counted 0 credits derived from pre-existing hydroelectric resources, 0 from new hydroelectric resources, 0 from biomass resources, 20 from out-of-state wind resources, and 0 from in-state wind resources.

**9. Total Amount of Renewable Energy or RECs Acquired Pursuant to Standard Rebate Offer Program (Rule 3662(a)(IX)).**

Standard rebate offer program requirements do not apply to Wheatland.

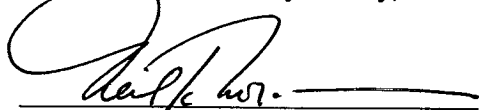
**10. Investment in Eligible Energy Resources (Rule 3662(a)(X)).**

Wheatland is contractually obligated to acquire all of its electrical energy from Sunflower, with limited exceptions (Wheatland purchases energy from small producers in Kansas.)

**11. Retail Rate Impact and Calculation.**

Wheatland has made no specific adjustment to its retail rates based on the costs of complying with the renewable energy standard. Wheatland has absorbed the administrative costs of compliance. Any additional power costs under Wheatland power purchase agreement with Sunflower have not been quantified, and Wheatland does not at present have sufficient information available to it to quantify those costs.

Submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009.



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