



PROJECT NO. 50811

**APPLICATION OF CPS ENERGY FOR § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT §
GENERATOR CERTIFICATION § OF TEXAS**

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this recommendation. Staff recommends that the application be approved. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On May 1, 2020, CPS Energy (CPS), filed an application for renewable energy credit (REC) generator certification for its X443PV1_SWRI_PV1 facility, pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.173(o).

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the application, and as supported by the attached memorandum of Grace Godines of the Licensing and Compliance section of the Commission's Customer Protection Division, Staff concludes that CPS has provided all of the information required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o) and that the X443PV1_SWRI_PV1 facility qualifies as a renewable energy resource under 16 TAC § 25.173(e). Therefore, Staff recommends that the application be approved and that the X443PV1_SWRI_PV1 solar facility be certified as a REC generator.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that CPS's application, be approved and respectfully requests the issuance of an order consistent with the foregoing recommendation.

Dated: May 22, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on May 22, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Rashmin J. Asher
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Memorandum

TO: Rashmin Asher – Legal Division
FROM: Grace Godines – Analyst, Customer Protection Division
DATE: May 22, 2020
RE: Project No. 50811 – *Application of CPS Energy for a Renewable Energy Credit Generator Certification*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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After reviewing CPS Energy's application, Staff finds that the Company has provided all of the information required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o) and that the X443PV1_SWRI_PV1 facility qualifies as a renewable resource under 16 TAC § 25.173(e). Therefore, Staff recommends that the X443PV1_SWRI_PV1 facility be certified as a REC generator. The approximate metered generation eligible for RECs is 5 MW. The X443PV1_SWRI_PV1 facility will not be eligible to produce RECs until an order is issued approving the application.

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