



PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CARBON OFFSET UNIT (CoU) PROJECT



Title: 250 KW Wind Power Plant by eClouds Energy LLP, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

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First CoU Issuance Period: 01st Sep 2019 to 31st Dec 2023

First Monitoring Period: 01st Sep 2019 to 31st Dec 2023

1st Crediting Period: 4 years 4 months

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BASIC INFORMATION

Title of the project activity	250 KW Wind Power Plant by eClouds Energy LLP, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
The scale of the project activity	Small Scale
Completion date of the PCN	06 th March 2024
Project participants	Project Proponent (PP): eClouds Energy LLP. UCR Aggregator: eClouds Energy LLP. UCR ID: 980949808
Host Party	INDIA
Applied methodologies and standardized baselines	Type I (Renewable Energy Projects) UNFCCC Methodology Category AMS I.D.: “Grid connected renewable electricity generation” Ver 18 UCR Protocol Standard Baseline EF
Sectoral scopes	01 Energy industries (Renewable/Non Renewable Sources)
The estimated amount of total GHG emission reductions	1,177 CoUs (1,177 tCO ₂ eq).

SECTION A. Description of project activity

The proposed project is titled under UCR is “250KW Wind Power Project by eClouds Energy LLP”, which is a wind power project located in the state of Tamil Nadu (India). The project purpose is to install the plant considering all factors such as wind speed, wind direction, land availability, proximity to electrical grids, and potential environmental impacts. After obtaining the necessary permits and approvals from local authorities, environmental agencies, and relevant stakeholders, the power generated from the project is for third party consumption. The project adheres to regulatory guidelines and environmental standards. The wind project, though smaller in scale compared to larger wind farms, can still make a meaningful contribution to local renewable energy generation, community development, and environmental sustainability.

A.1. Purpose And General Description Of Carbon Offset Unit (CoU) Project Activity:

The project **M/s. eClouds Energy LLP** is located in SF.NO.708(P), Mayamankurichy village, Alangulam Taluk, District: Tirunelveli, State: Tamil Nadu, Country: India. (079224723272)

The details of the registered project are as follows:

Purpose of the project activity:

The ecology can benefit greatly from the usage of wind energy as a substitute energy source. Wind energy doesn't release any carbon emissions, in contrast to fossil fuels. This is a crucial element that makes it far more eco-friendly than conventional energy sources. As a result, can lessen the consequences of climate change.

The proposed project activity of 250KW is the installation and operation of a wind power plant in Mayamankurichy village, Alangulam Taluk, District: Tirunelveli, State: Tamil Nadu, Country: India.

S.NO	VILLAGE	DISTRICT	TYPE	TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY KW	COMMISSIONING DATE
1	Mayamank urichy	Tirunelveli	Ground mounted	250 KW	13 th Aug 2010

According to the ex-ante estimate, this project will produce about 3,00,000 units of power annually, assuming a PLF of 14% on average. The Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) project activity was commissioned on 13 Aug 2010.

The project activity is anticipated to reduce CO₂ emissions by 265 tCO₂e per year on average, with the actual emission reduction achieved during the first CoU term to be presented as part of the initial monitoring and verification. The project activity has been helping in greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction by using renewables resources (wind energy) for generating power which otherwise would have been generated using grid mix power plants, which is dominated by fossil fuel based thermal power plant.

Since the project activity generates electricity through wind energy, a clean renewables energy source it will not cause any negative impact on the environment and thereby contributes to climate change mitigation efforts.

A.2 Do no harm or Impact test of the project activity:

There are social, environmental, economic, and technological benefits that contribute to sustainable development.

☐ **Social benefits:**

The project activity will lead to the development of supporting infrastructure such as road network etc., in the wind park location, the access to which is also provided to the local population. The project activity will lead to alleviation of poverty by establishing direct and indirect benefits through employment generation and improved economic activities by strengthening the local grid of the state electricity utility. Use of a renewable source of energy reduces the dependence on imported fossil fuels and associated price variation thereby leading to increased energy security.

☐ **Environmental benefits:**

The project aims to generate power through a wind-based facility that emits absolutely no greenhouse gases (GHG) or harmful pollutants like Sox, NOx and SPM, typically associated with conventional thermal power generation. Being a renewable resource, using wind energy to generate electricity contributes to resource conservation. Thus, the project causes no negative impact on the surrounding environment and contributes to environmental well-being.

☐ **Economic benefits:**

The project is a clean technology investment decided based on carbon revenue support, which signifies flows of clean energy investments. In addition, success of these kind of projects will be provided new opportunities for industries and economic activities to be setup in the area. Apart from getting better employment opportunities, the local people will get better prices for their land, thereby resulting in overall economic development.

Location of project activity >>

Map showing the location of the project activity:

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Country: India

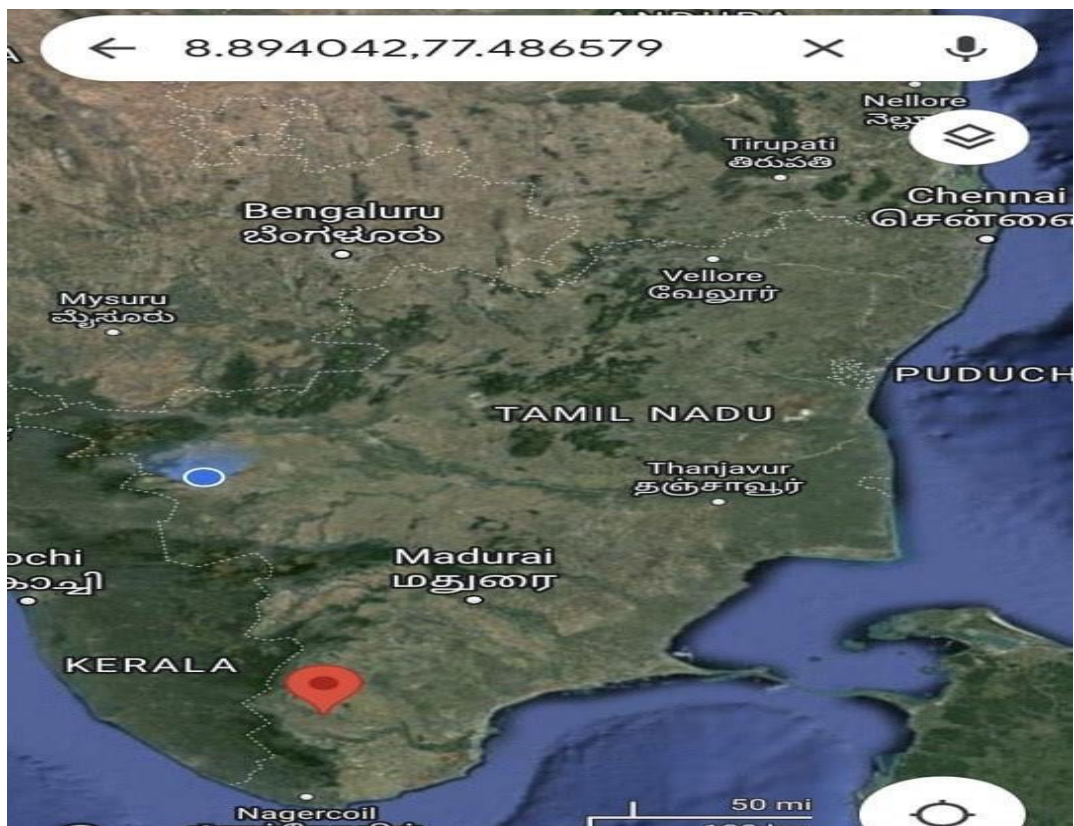
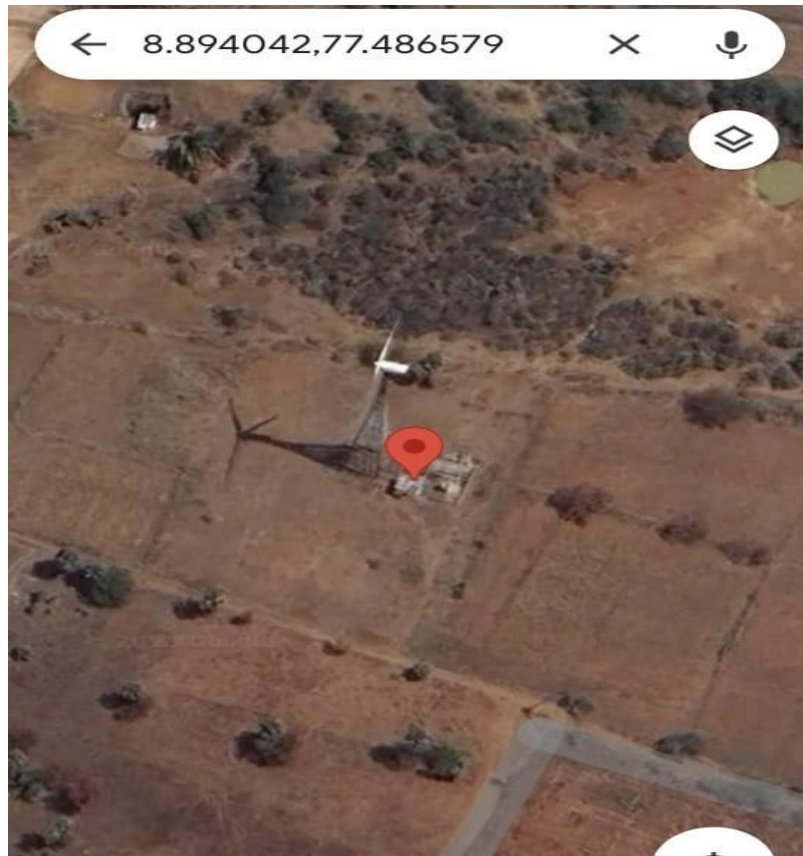
District: Tirunelveli

Village: Mayamankuruchi

State: Tamil Nadu.

Latitude: 8.8940420 N

Longitude: 77.4865790 E



A.3 Technologies/measures:

The project activity is using clean renewable wind energy to produce electricity. The applied technology is considered to be one of the most environment friendly technologies available as the operation of the wind energy generators does not emit any GHGs or any other harmful gases unlike the operation of conventional power plants.

The technical specifications of the key components that are used for baseline calculations or methodology selection limits as follows:

Particulars	Machine
Machine Number	079224723272
Maximum Power Output	250KW
Rotor Diameter	28.5 M
No. of Blades	3
Swept Area	638 SQ.M
Rotor Speed Range	46 REV/MIN
Rotational direction	CLOCK WISE VIEWD
Tip speed @ rated power	-
Orientation	-
Speed regulation	44 RPM/MIN
Aerodynamic brakes	NIL
Pitch System	
Principle	STALL PITCH REGULATION
Actuation	-

A.4 Parties and project participants >>

Party (Host)	Participants/Aggregator
India	<p>Project Owner: M/s. eClouds Energy LLP, #81 West Venkatasamy Road, R.S. Puram, Coimbatore 641002, Tamil Nadu INDIA</p> <p>Project Aggregator: M/s. eClouds Energy LLP, #81 West Venkatasamy Road, R.S. Puram, Coimbatore 641002, Tamil Nadu INDIA</p> <p>UCR ID: 980949808</p> <p>Email: nocarbon@ecloudsenergy.com</p>

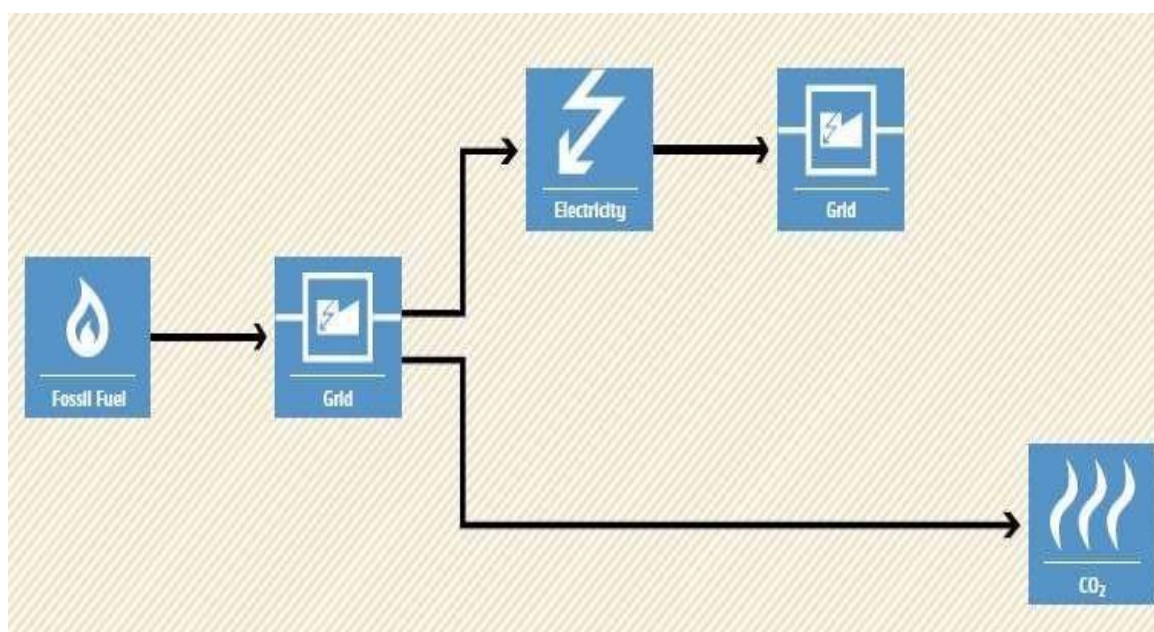
A.5 Baseline Emissions>>

☐ Grid

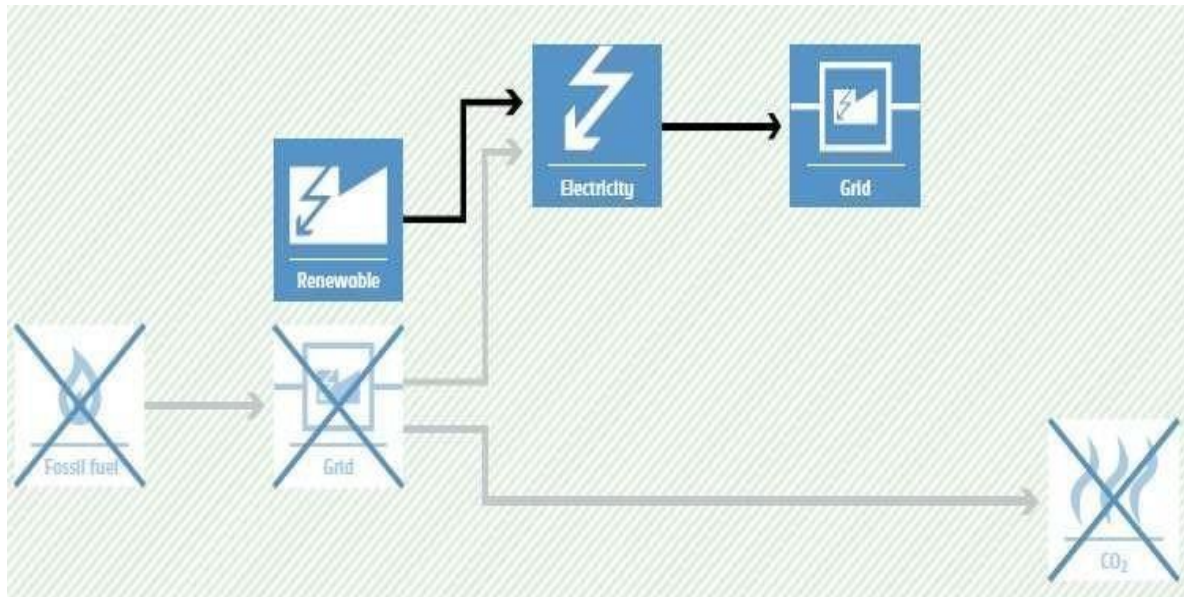
The same quantity of electricity would have been imported from the National grid (which is connected to the unified Indian Grid system) in the absence of the project activity, which is carbon intensive because it is primarily produced from fossil fuel-based power plants.

Schematic diagram showing the baseline scenario:

Baseline Scenario:



Project Scenario:



A.6 Debundling:

This project activity is not a component of a larger project activity.

SECTION B. Application of methodologies and standardized baselines

B.1 References to methodologies and standardized baselines >>

SECTORAL SCOPE:

01, Energy industries (Renewable/Non-renewable sources)

TYPE:

I - Renewable Energy Projects

CATEGORY:

AMS. I.D. (Title: “Grid connected renewable electricity generation”, version 18)

B.2 Applicability of methodologies and standardized baselines >>

Building and operating a new wind power facility that will provide grid-connected electricity are part of this project activity. Due to its installed capacity of 250 KW, the project activity will be categorized as a small-scale project activity under Type-I of the Small-Scale approach. The following discussion on how the project eligibility standard status meets the requirements of applied to the AMS-I.D., version 18 methodology:

Applicability Criterion	Project Case
<p>1. This methodology comprises renewable energy generation units, such as photovoltaic, hydro, tidal/wave, wind, geothermal and renewable biomass:</p> <p>(a) Supplying electricity to a national or a regional grid; or</p> <p>(b) Supplying electricity to an identified consumer facility via national/regional grid through a contractual arrangement such as wheeling.</p>	<p>The project activity involves setting up of a grid connected renewable energy (wind) generation plant for selling it to the identified consumers. Therefore, it meets the requirement of point (b) of criteria 1.</p>
<p>2. This methodology is applicable to project activities that:</p> <p>(a) Install a Greenfield plant;</p> <p>(b) Involve a capacity addition in (an) existing plant(s);</p> <p>(c) Involve a retrofit of (an) existing plant(s);</p> <p>(d) Involve a rehabilitation of (an) existing plant(s)/unit(s); or</p> <p>(e) Involve a replacement of (an) existing plant(s).</p>	<p>The option (a) of applicability criteria 2 is applicable as project is a Greenfield plant/Unit. Hence the project activity meets the given applicability criterion.</p>

<p>3. Hydro power plants with reservoirs that satisfy at least one of the following conditions are eligible to apply this methodology:</p> <p>(a) The project activity is implemented in existing reservoir, with no change in the volume of the reservoir; or</p> <p>(b) The project activity is implemented in existing reservoir, where the volume of the reservoir(s) is increased and the power density as per definitions given in the project emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m².</p> <p>(c) The project activity results in new reservoirs and the power density of the power plant, as per definitions given in the project emissions section, is greater than 4 W/m²</p>	<p>The project activity involves installation of Wind Turbine Generator (WTG); hence, this criterion is not applicable.</p>
<p>4. If the new unit has both renewable and non-renewable components (e.g., a wind/diesel unit), the eligibility limit of 15 MW for a small-scale CDM project activity applies only to the renewable component. If the new unit co-fires fossil fuel, the capacity of the entire unit shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW.</p>	<p>The proposed project is 250 KW wind power project, i.e., only component is renewable power project below 15 MW, thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.</p>
<p>5. Combined heat and power (co-generation) systems are not eligible under this category</p>	<p>The project is a wind power project and thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.</p>
<p>6. In the case of project activities that involve the capacity addition of renewable energy generation units at an existing renewable power generation facility, the added capacity of the units added by the project should be lower than 15 MW and should be physically distinct from the existing units.</p>	<p>This is a green field project and no expansion and retrofitting were carried out. Hence this criterion is not applicable.</p>
<p>7. In the case of retrofit, rehabilitation or replacement, to qualify as a small-scale project, the total output of the retrofitted, rehabilitated or replacement power plant/unit shall not exceed the limit of 15 MW.</p>	<p>The proposed project is a greenfield 250 KW wind power project, i.e., the only component is a renewable power project below 15 MW, thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity</p>

8. In the case of landfill gas, waste gas, wastewater treatment and agro-industries projects, recovered methane emissions are eligible under a relevant Type III category. If the recovered methane is used for electricity generation for supply to a grid, then the baseline for the electricity component shall be in accordance with procedure prescribed under this methodology. If the recovered methane is used for heat generation or cogeneration other applicable Type-I methodologies such as “AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity” shall be explored.	The proposed project is a greenfield 250 KW wind power project; hence, this criterion is not applicable to this project activity.
9. In case biomass is sourced from dedicated plantations, the applicability criteria in the tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” shall apply.	No biomass is involved, the project is only a wind power project and thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.

B.3 Applicability of double counting emission reductions >>

Due to the following factors, there is no double accounting of emission reductions in the project activity:

- Based on its geographic location, the project may be uniquely identified.
- The project has a specific connection point and commissioning certificate.
- The project is linked to energy meters that are devoted to the project developer's consumption point.

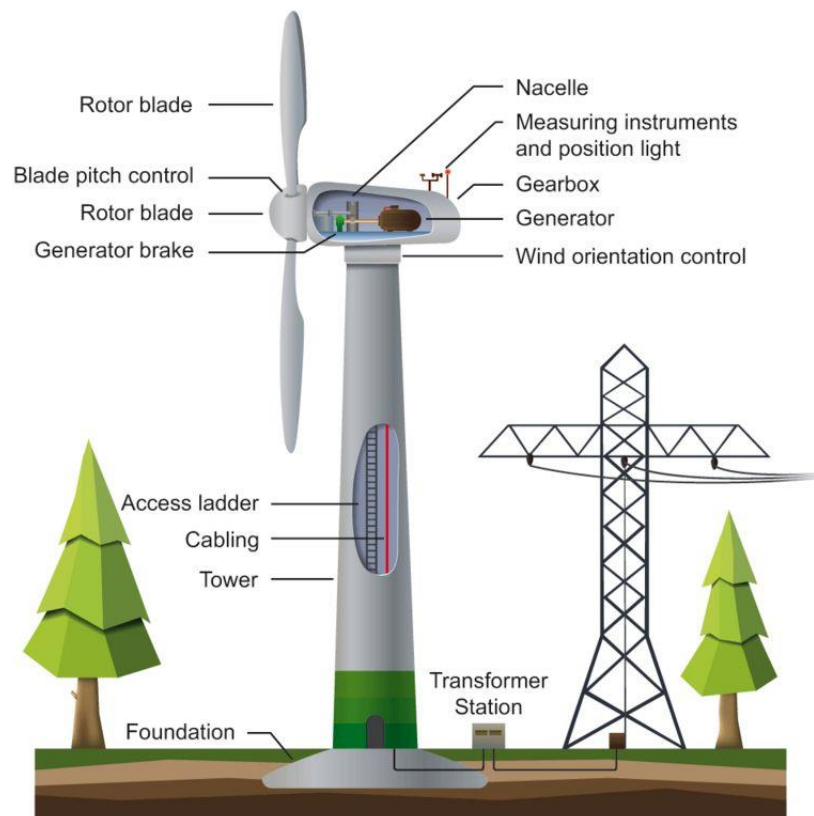
B.4 Project boundary, sources, and greenhouse gases (GHGs)>>

The physical location of the wind power plant, the energy metering hardware, and the associated local electrical infrastructure are all included in the project perimeter.

The table below provides an overview of the emissions sources included or excluded from the project boundary for determination of baseline and project emissions.

Source		Gas	Included?	Justification/Explanation
Baseline	Grid-connected electricity generation	CO ₂	Yes	Main emission source
		CH ₄	No	Minor emission source
		N ₂ O	No	Minor emission source
		Other	No	No other GHG emissions were emitted from the project

Project	Greenfield Wind Electric power project Activity	CO ₂	No	No CO ₂ emissions are emitted from the project
		CH ₄	No	Project activity does not emit CH ₄
		N ₂ O	No	Project activity does not emit N ₂ O
		Other	No	No other emissions are emitted from the project



B.5 Establishment and description of baseline scenario (UCR Standard or Methodology):

Net GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

Thus, $ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$

Where:

ER_y = Emission reductions in year y (tCO₂/y)

BE_y = Baseline Emissions in year y (tCO₂/y)

PE_y = Project emissions in year y (tCO₂/y)

LE_y = Leakage emissions in year y (tCO₂/y)

Baseline Emissions:

Baseline emissions include only CO₂ emissions from electricity generation in power plants that are displaced due to the project activity. The methodology assumes that all project electricity generation above baseline levels would have been generated by existing grid-connected power plants and the addition of new grid-connected power plants.

The baseline emissions are to be calculated as follows:

$$BE_y = EG_{PJ,y} \times EF_{grid,y}$$

Where,

BE_y : Baseline emissions in year y (t CO₂)

$EG_{PJ,y}$: Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the grid as are result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh)

$EF_{grid,y}$: UCR recommended emission factor of 0.9 CO₂/MWh has been considered. (Reference: General Project Eligibility Criteria and Guidance, UCR Standard, page 4).

Project Emissions:

Since the project activity is a wind power project, project emission for renewable energy plants is nil.

Thus. $PE_y = 0$.

Leakage:

As per paragraph 42 of AMS-I.D. version-18, 'If the energy generating equipment is transferred from another activity, leakage is to be considered.' In the project activity, there is no transfer of energy-generating equipment, and therefore the leakage from the project activity is considered zero.

Hence, $Ley=0$

The actual emission reduction achieved during the first CoU period shall be submitted as a part of the first is monitoring and verification. However, for an ex-ante estimation, the following calculation has been submitted:

Estimated annual baseline emission reductions (BE_y)

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$$= 295 \text{ MWh/year} \times 0.9 \text{ tCO}_2/\text{MWh}$$

$$= 265 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e/year (i.e., 265 CoUs/year)}$$

B.6. Prior History:

In 2019, N. Vasanth initially owned the project before it was acquired by eClouds Energy LLP.

The project activity is a small-scale wind project and was not applied under any other GHG mechanism prior to this registration with UCR.

B.7 Changes to start date or crediting period >>

There has been no claim of a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as of the commencement date of crediting under UCR, which is 1st Sep 2019 and 31st Dec 2023.

B.8 Permanent changes from PCN monitoring plan, applies methodology, or applied standardized baseline >>

The implemented technique and registered PCN monitoring plan have not undergone any long-term alterations.

B.9 Monitoring period number and duration >>

First Issuance Period: 4 years, 4 months – 01st Sep 2019 to 31st Dec 2023

B.10 Monitoring plan >>

The amount of net electricity supplied to the grid is one of the key metrics tracked.

Data and Parameters available at validation (ex-ante values):

Data / Parameter	UCR recommended emission factor
Data unit	tCO ₂ /MWh
Description	A "grid emission factor" refers to a CO ₂ emission factor (tCO ₂ /MWh) that will be associated with each unit of electricity provided by an electricity system. The UCR recommends an emission factor of 0.9 tCO ₂ /MWh for the 2019- 2023 years as a fairly conservative estimate for Indian projects not previously verified under any GHG program. Hence, the same emission factor has been considered to calculate the emission reduction under a conservative approach.
Source of data	UCR CoU Standard Aug 2022 (Updated Ver.6)
Value applied	0.9
Measurement methods and procedures	
Monitoring frequency	Ex-ante fixed parameter
Purpose of Data	For the calculation of the Emission Factor of the grid

Data and Parameters to be monitored (ex-post monitoring values):

Parameter	EGPJ,y
Data unit	MWh
Description	Net electricity supplied to the NEWNE grid facility by the project activity.
Source of data Value(s) applied	Energy generation report
Procedures	The Net electricity generation by the wind power plant is recorded by the project proponent in the record logs. At the end of every month, Energy bills generated based on the total monthly electricity exported to the grid.
Monitoring frequency	Monthly
Purpose of data	To estimate Baseline Emission
Value applied:	(Ex-ante estimate)
QA/QC procedures applied:	Calibration of the Main meters will be carried out once in five (5) years as per National Standards (as per the provision of CEA, India) and faulty meters will be duly replaced immediately as per the provision of power purchase agreement.
Any comment:	Data will be archived electronically for a period of 36 months beyond the end of crediting period.
