



**“Preparing for M-RETS” Webinar Q&A  
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**1. Will historical RECs / generation be recognized in this system?**

**Answer:** At this point, there is no intention to create historical RECs, or to create RECs based on historical generation. However, if a need does arise, it will be considered on a State-by-State basis per the needs of that State and its program requirements.

Even if retroactive RECs are not created in M-RETS, that doesn't mean that the renewable energy generated prior to the existence of M-RETS doesn't count. It means that the M-RETS tool couldn't be used to count energy for those prior periods and that the regulatory process would address how to count the renewable generation from the prior period (such as adding up numbers from the M-RETS system to the generation from the period prior to M-RETS). Each state would need to decide how to handle such questions for each program (RES, green pricing, etc.)

**2. IE first half 07 RECs generated in MN. Will those be listed in M-RETS?**

**Answer:** See answer above.

**3. Can additional states, MI in particular, join M-RETS once we have an RPS established?**

**Answer:** Outside ultimate review by the Stakeholders and Governance Committees, there is no reason why Michigan, or any other State/Province not currently using a regional tracking system, would be excluded from joining M-RETS. Please note that generators located in Michigan (as well as other states) are welcomed to immediately register and become M-RETS account holders

**4. How specific will location data be? For example, will GIS coordinates be used to identify individual wind generators?**

**Answer:** Generators will be registered at the facility level, given all units at that facility share the same revenue meter. In addition, longitude and latitude coordinates are asked for at the general facility level, and otherwise, requirements are simply for county, state and country.

**5. Can M-RET credits be sold anywhere in the U.S or the World, or only within the M-RETS system?**

**Answer:** M-RETS credits are transferable anywhere as long as an M-RETS Account Holder can find a buyer. However, in order for the certificate itself to physically leave the M-RETS system, it needs to either be retired (for purposes of an external party to use outside of M-RETS and not into a compatible system), or exported out of M-RETS and into a compatible tracking system.

**6. Is there a minimum generation capacity to participate? Is there a fee to set up an account? (I am wondering if M-RETS is something that residential generators can participate in.)**

**Answer:** There is absolutely no minimum generation capacity to participate. Just keep in mind that M-RETS certificates are created for every 1MWh of generation (for the smaller units, this is accumulated over time). Aggregation of multiple units for aggregated reporting is currently under review by the governance committee. If the generating unit qualifies under WI RRC – there is potential for fractional RRC certificate creation for every 1/10<sup>th</sup> MWhr (one-time request, annually).

There is a fee to set up an account: – a one-time generating unit registration fee, for each unit registered, and an annual subscription fee.

**7. What is the expected value per certificate?**

**Answer:** The value of a certificate is dependant on many factors, not the least of which is the State/Provincial/Voluntary program for which it is qualified. As the market matures for M-RETS related certificates, these prices/values will become more transparent.

**8. What if the facility is outside of MISO? Who will report data??**

**Answer:** The purpose of an independent third party verifier is to ensure credibility to the data being reported into M-RETS. In some cases, the meter reading responsibilities, and data integrity therein, lies within the walls of the same company that owns/manages the renewable generating facilities that will be creating M-RETS certificates. As long as the Qualified Reporting Entity (QRE) requirements are met, these types of companies will be able to report on those units/facilities owned/managed by that same company. In every case however, there will be a separate M-RETS account, of user type Qualified Reporting Entity, that will be responsible for reporting data for said registered M-RETS units. All data auditing (and any recourse) will be the responsibility of the QRE assigned to report on those generating facilities/units.

**9. I manage the output for a jointly owned project by a MN entity and WISC entity. The WISC entity gets a certain % of the project each month. Can the MN entity who registers with M-RETS have that automatically transferred to RRC???**

**Answer:** In this case, there would be two accounts - One for the MN entity, who would register the generating unit and manage all certificate creation as the majority unit owner; then a second M-RETS account for the WISC entity, who, by account holder type, would have an RRC sub-account for the portion of output that qualifies for those certificates. Upon creation of certificates for the output of the unit, a recurring transaction could be put in place such that the % output entitled to the WISC party would automatically be transferred each month. At the beginning of the New Year (Jan1-Feb15) the WISC account holder can request that all certificates transferred-in from the MN unit (from the previous year AND that are deposited into an Active Sub-Account) be converted into RRC certificates (given that unit's output meets all the requirements for RRC certificate conversion).

**10. When can we get a copy of the Terms of Use Agreement???**

**Answer:** It will be available for download by Friday, June 29th

**11. Seems like the marketers get a price break and the LSE's pay the bulk of the costs???? Marketers are the ones who benefit the transaction not the LSE**

**Answer:** The fees are not quite finalized and are pending final review and ratification at the Stakeholders meeting in St Paul, Minnesota on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Will imported RECs contain the same attribute information as RECs created w/in MRETS?**

**Answer:** The procedures and protocols for the import and export of RECs have yet to be finalized. When those processes are finalized, an answer to this question can be made.

**13. Will REC certificates have the specificity showing the STATE that the REC originated from?**

**Answer:** An M-RETS certificate will contain information such as: Generating Unit/Facility Location (county, state/province, country), State/Provincial/Voluntary Program Eligibility, Fuel Type, Fuel Source, Ownership information, Nameplate Capacity, Unique Serial Number, etc.

**14. How does MRETS generate a dollar value when this is purely a tracking system?**

**Answer:** M-RETS will not be tracking the dollar value of the REC, or the market value as it changes. All financial aspects of REC management and transaction are to be handled outside the M-RETS system.



**15. Can State Regulators "see" transaction prices, and if so, with what time delay?**

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**16. Do the other renewable credits programs cited in the presentation include the same bundle of services or are there differences that may explain the difference in rates?**

**Answer:** Each tracking system is unique in many ways, and in the same way, shares many of the same functionalities. However, there are few distinct differences - In particular, the NEPOOL GIS and PJM-GATS systems track all generation (including emissions) and all load in the regions they cover, whereas M-RETS and WREGIS will only be tracking the renewable generation.

**17. Will WI generators who are now in the RRC program be automatically registered?**

**Answer:** The current goal is to have all WI generators registered in the system using the information attained from the current WI RRC tracking system. However, the generating unit/facility registration requirements are such that there is more information required in M-RETS than was required in the WI RRC system. Therefore, although the generating information will be automatically registered, those Account Holders who manage/own these units will be required to enter additional information prior to unit/facility approval in M-RETS.

**18. How does money change hands between the seller and the buyer?**

**Answer:** All financial aspects of a REC transaction will occur outside M-RETS and be strictly between the buyer and the seller.

**19. Who signs the MISO release form, the project owner, or the entity purchasing the facility output?**

**Answer:** The entity that approves the ability to have the MISO report that unit's generation data outside of the MISO systems.

**20. When will fee structure be finalized?**

**Answer:** Fee structure will be finalized Wednesday, June 27.