### Measuring Emissions from Purchased Electricity: A Primer on GHG Protocol's New Scope 2 Guidance Hosted by the U.S. EPA's Green Power Partnership



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## **Today's Agenda**

- Topic: Measuring Emissions from Purchased Electricity
- Speakers:
  - James Critchfield, Program Manager, U.S. EPA's Green Power Partnership
  - Mary Sotos, Associate, World Resources Institute
  - Eric Christensen, Practice Leader, WSP
- Questions & Answers
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### **Green Power Partnership Overview**

#### • Summary

The U.S. EPA's Green Power Partnership is a free, voluntary program that encourages organizations to use green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use.

#### • Objectives

- Reduce the carbon intensity of the U.S. electricity sector
- Expand the voluntary green power market
- Standardize green power procurement as part of best practice environmental management
- Provide recognition platform for organizations using green power in the hope that others follow their lead

#### Current Status

 1,300 Partners using 28 billion kWh of green power annually, equivalent to the annual electricity use of more than three million average American homes.



### **Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) – Making Green Power Possible**

- A REC is the legal instrument that conveys to its owner the right to claim the associated environmental attributes of a generating resource
  - In essence RECs represent the "renewable-ness" of the power
- A REC is created for every Megawatt-hour of renewable electricity generated and delivered to the utility grid
- A REC includes the following information:
  - Type of renewable resource
  - Location of renewable resource
  - Date stamp or vintage of generation
  - Emissions profile of the generating resource
  - Unique identification number
- Electricity from a renewable resource in the absence of owning the associated RECs is considered null or generic power and has the same environmental profile as the residual grid electricity mix – RECs make it renewable!



### **More Information**

#### Basic Information

- Overview of the Green Power Partnership: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower</u>
- Full details of program requirements: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/documents/gpp\_partnership\_reqs.pdf</u>
- Green Power Locator:

www.epa.gov/greenpower/pubs/gplocator.htm

- More Questions?
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