

Greenhouse Gas Markets and Standards to Support Sustainable Global Energy Infrastructure

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Summary

- ✓ GHG emission trading can be a revenue source for clean tech solutions (sustainable energy technologies and practices)
- ✓ GHG revenues increase ROI and accelerate uptake of clean tech
- ✓ GHG standards are basis of defining GHG revenues (credits)
- ✓ New type of globally-applicable GHG standards needed to accommodate range of clean tech solutions
- ✓ IEEE Path Forward



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Recognizing Business Implications of Climate Change

“The need to run climate through your business today is comparable to what running the Internet through your business was a few years ago: an indispensable, and potentially landscape-altering redefinition of how work is done.”

Putting Climate into Your Business: Best Practices and Models for Corporate Climate Policies, 2008



Key GHG Market Metrics

- ✓ \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion – value of carbon markets by 2015
- ✓ \$500 billion - Value of low-carbon energy markets by 2050
- ✓ \$100 billion - Demand for projects generating GHG emissions credits by 2030
- ✓ \$100 billion - Worldwide investment in clean energy by 2009
- ✓ \$84 billion - Cumulative net savings from energy efficiency in US by 2012
- ✓ \$57 trillion - Carbon Disclosure Project signatories, 1000s of companies participating, expanding to supply chain accounting

- ✓ Sources: Thomson Reuters, Stern Report, The Climate Group, Deutsche Bank, CDP, Ecosystem Marketplace



Clean Technologies and Climate Change

Transforming the Economy

- ✓ *Status Quo* → climate change and clean tech have been separate areas of focus
- ✓ Climate change → regulations and emission trading (cap & trade)
- ✓ Clean tech → business opportunities, revitalize industry and the economy, jobs, exports
- ✓ Align policy and business objectives/actions to achieve sustainable energy infrastructure



GHG Commoditization Process

Plan – Do – Verify – Transact



GHG Market Challenges

Macro and Micro

- ✓ GHG markets are fragmented (standards, state, national)
- ✓ GHG commodity (credits, permits) generation & transaction is expensive and time consuming
- ✓ Not enough qualified experts
- ✓ GHG project underperformance (lost credits)
- ✓ Inadequate market infrastructure & resources



Overview of ISO GHG Standards

Rationale for Development

- ✓ International recognition and compatibility among GHG initiatives
- ✓ Program/policy neutrality → common “building block” process standard without programmatic policy rules
- ✓ Auditable structure → independent verification and credibility for emissions trading and compliance reporting



Overview of ISO GHG Standards

Value Added to GHG Markets

- ISO 14064 (Parts 1, 2, 3) and ISO 14065 work together as a policy-neutral framework for GHG quantification, verification, and accreditation.
- Specifies auditable “what to do” requirements. These requirements are complemented by GHG guidance for “how to do it”
- Links inventory emission permits, project reduction credits, new technologies/products.
- Supports the market by improving consistency, credibility, cost-effectiveness and facilitating trade.



Overview of ISO GHG Standards

Market Use

- ✓ The Climate Registry (USA, Canada, Mexico) → GHG Inventory and Verification
- ✓ Voluntary Carbon Standard → GHG Projects and Verification
- ✓ Governments of Canada and Alberta (1st GHG regulations in North America) → GHG Projects and Verification
- ✓ GE-AES Greenhouse Gas Services → GHG Projects and Verification
- ✓ Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (training) → GHG Inventory, Projects, Verification and Accreditation
- ✓ International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (GHG Projects)
- ✓ Software companies, standards and certification bodies



Case Study:

Greenhouse Gas Services LLC – a GE AES Venture



- ✓ Major GHG credit business providing end-to-end operation and commoditization services → tech to projects to credits
- ✓ Based on hybridized standards → ISO 14064, WRI, CDM, EPA, IPCC)
- ✓ Compatibility with GHG project programs → the global Voluntary Carbon Standard, CCAR, Government of Canada)
- ✓ Landfills, Agriculture, Wastewater, Coal Mines, Energy Efficiency, others coming
- ✓ Google is working with GHGS for high quality GHG credits



Overview of ISO GHG Standards

ISO 14064 Part 2 Links GHG and Clean Tech Markets

- ✓ ISO 14064 Part 2 emerged from a clean technology GHG standard
- ✓ The policy-neutral, building block approach to GHG accounting of ISO 14064 Part 2 enables it to be applicable to:
 - ✓ Lifecycle accounting framework (not mandatory full LCA)
 - ✓ Emission reduction projects for GHG credits
 - ✓ New clean technologies and products, whether a specific device (e.g. fuel injector or membrane) or entire system (e.g. biofuels or community energy systems)



Overview of ISO GHG Standards

ISO 14064 Part 2 → A New Type of Standard for Post-Kyoto

- ✓ Form and Function
- ✓ Modular “building block” approach → more easily accommodate the new technology as another option for creating emission reductions – thereby saving time and costs
- ✓ Links initial investment decisions of new technologies with estimates of GHG revenues – higher confidence
- ✓ Functional equivalence → LCA concept to ensure the goods and/or services are equal between the two systems/tech
- ✓ “Making a fair comparison” → particularly important for today’s well-informed consumers that do not tolerate “green washing”



Potential IEEE Path Forward

- ✓ developing and validating sustainable energy standards which can be adapted easily to specific applications to stimulate efficient technologies and management practices
- ✓ improving the consistency of terms and semantics used across sectors and programs
- ✓ establishing a process and framework for organizing information and data to improve access, as well as addressing issues of traceability, quality measures, uncertainty
- ✓ creating a framework for valuation of carbon impacts and efficiency

