

# RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND CLEAN ENERGY TARGETS

## Oregon

### Policy type

Renewable Portfolio Standard

Clean Energy Standard

### Targets

- **RPS:** Interim – 27% by 2025, 35% by 2030, 45% by 2035 (large utilities); Final – 50% by 2040 (large utilities), 25% by 2025 (consumer-owned utilities), 5% or 10% by 2025 (small utilities)
- **CES:** Interim – 80% below baseline (2010-2012 average) by 2030, 90% by 2035; Final – 100% reduction in emissions below baseline by 2040

**Economy-wide requirement:** 45% below 1990 levels by 2035; at least 80% below 1990 levels by 2050

**Point of regulation:** RPS – Retail sales; CES – Emissions measurements

**Regulated entities:** RPS – Electric utilities and electricity service suppliers; CES – PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, electricity service suppliers

**Percent of retail sales covered by RPS:** 81%

**Implementing agencies:** Oregon Public Utility Commission; Department of Environmental Quality (emissions verification for CES only)

**Enforcement mechanisms:** Retail electricity providers that are out of compliance for more than 12 months must submit a detailed plan for how they will return to compliance as soon as practical

**Compliance flexibility and cost containment:** Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP) for RPS to be determined by the Commission (As of 2024: \$60 for PacifiCorp and \$85 for PGE per mega-watt hour in 2024 and 2025). Exemptions from RPS when the cost of compliance, unbundled renewable energy certificates, and cost of ACP compliance payments exceeds 4% of annual revenue requirement for a year for both electric companies and electric suppliers.

**Carve-outs and incentives:** 8% carve-out for small-scale community renewable energy projects by 2025. Small community renewable energy 2.0 credit multiplier for photovoltaics 500 kw to 5 MW, and operational before 2016.

**Compliance tracking:** [WREGIS](#); [Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program](#)

**Notable features:** Nuclear plants must submit a proposal to the Energy Facility Siting Council, which must be submitted and included in the next statewide general election in order to be issued a site certificate

**Links to agency website and statutes/rules:** [ORS § 469.065](#); [ORS § 469A.410](#); [Oregon House Bill 2021](#); [Retail Electricity Sales](#); [EPA's REC Tracking Systems](#)

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### Form of the standard

Energy-based RPS

% of renewable energy required

Emissions-based CES

% of required emissions reductions

### Eligible sources

#### RPS

Biogas

Biomass

Clean Hydrogen

Demand  
Response

Distributed  
Generation

Energy  
Efficiency

Geothermal

Hydropower

Solar

Waste-to-Energy  
(up to 9W)

Wave/Tidal

Wind

#### CES

Tech-neutral

See [ORS § 469A.025](#) for definitions of eligible resources; [ORS § 469.595, 597](#) for nuclear; [ORS § 469A.415](#) for additional information on energy efficiency (CES); [ORS § 469A.135](#) for distributed generation (RPS) and [ORS § 469A.415](#) (CES). Certain limits may apply.