Change Proposal Number: CP 2020-02  
Date raised: 20.03.2020

**Observed defect:**

The initial version of the I-REC Code did not permit an I-REC and a carbon offset to exist for the same MWh. In September 2014 the board discussed the issue and in November 2014 in the interest of full transparency the Code was amended such that the right to obtain an offset for the same MWh as an I-REC could be retained by the registrant. This status is conveyed throughout the life of the I-REC. It is identified on the redemption statement produced from the registry for presentation to consumers.  

It was observed in 2019 that few people fully understood the issue.

**Proposed change:**

To amend section 3.2 of the Code:

3.2 An I-REC is Unique  
An I-REC is a unique statement representing the environmental attributes associated with a specific MWh of electricity produced, including any avoided emissions, carbon offsets or similar market instrument that might be available to the registrant or device owner. Any such attributes may not be removed from the I-REC and may not be transferred separately from the I-REC.

An I-REC cannot be issued where another I-REC currently exists for the same MWh of electricity produced.

An I-REC can co-exist with an emissions reduction certificate or carbon offset that relates to the same MWh of electricity produced. An I-REC can exist sequentially from another energy attribute tracking methodology (e.g. the Guarantee of Origin in Europe) such that only one is active at a point in time.

9.7 Relationship with Carbon Offsets  
An I-REC is a factual statement of an electricity production event. Such events may also contribute to a reduction in global emissions against a business as usual case. This notional additional benefit may be recognized through a carbon offset or emissions reduction certificate. An I-REC cannot be issued without inclusion of any avoided emissions, carbon offsets or similar market instrument that might be available to the registrant or device owner. For market transparency, the Registrant must declare on an Issue Request that whether he and/or the Production Device or Production Group owner(s) retain(s) the right to obtain carbon offsets in relation to the energy which is the subject of that Issue Request. This declaration does not oblige the Registrant to obtain carbon offsets. However, where a Registrant has declared that offsets will not be obtained, this will form part of the contractual relationship with I-REC Services.

Each I-REC will carry an identifier throughout its life to convey whether that right has been retained and this will be visible to I-REC Participants. In requesting issuance of an I-REC, the Registrant must confirm that they hold the right to any such avoided emissions, carbon offsets or similar market instruments and irrevocably assign such rights within each issued I-REC. Each I-REC will carry an identifier throughout its life that it includes the right to any such avoided emissions, carbon offsets or similar market instruments, and this will be visible to I-REC Participants.

To amend the table in Appendix 1 of CSD04 Issuing I-RECs

**Carbon Offsets (countries where legislation permits independent offsets only)**

Do you retain the right to obtain emissions reduction certificates or carbon offsets for the energy nominated in this Issue Request? Yes/No*  
If no, the Registrant warrants that the energy for which I-REC certificates are being applied has not and will not be submitted for any emissions reduction certificate or carbon offset.
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