

Renewable Certificates FAQ for generators

There are two types of renewable energy certificates:

Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs)

The Renewables Obligation (RO) is a government scheme that provides support for renewable generating stations in the UK. The RO closed to all new generating capacity on 31 March 2017 but will continue to operate until 2037 for those already registered. Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) are issued to operators of renewable generating stations for eligible renewable electricity. The RO places an obligation on electricity suppliers to source a proportion of their supply to customers from renewable sources. Suppliers can meet their RO by presenting ROCs, making a payment into the buy-out fund or a combination of the two.

Further information can be found here:

www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/renewables-obligation-ro

How do I know how many ROCs I should receive?

The number of ROCs you receive for each MWh of metered electricity you produce depends on the technology (wind, solar PV, anaerobic digestion, etc.) of your generation asset and when it was built. This is called ROC banding and helps promote newer technologies which receive more support with multiple ROCs per MWh.

How do I obtain a ROC certificate?

Electronic ROC certificates will be issued by Ofgem to your Ofgem account, further information can be found here:

www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/renewables-obligation-ro

Once issued, the certificates can be transferred to other account holders.

How do EDF use the ROCs and why?

EDF purchase ROCs through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and ROC-only purchases, known as ROC Trading Master Agreements (RTMAs), in order to meet our annual renewable obligation.

What is EDF's Ofgem ID for ROCs?

When transferring ROC Certificates to EDF, our unique Ofgem ID is: **SUP0008558**.

Do ROCs have a shelf life?

Yes, an obligation period runs from 1 April to 31 March, all ROCs for this period will need to be transferred to us by the deadline of the 31 August each year. Although, ROCs for the previous obligation period can still be accepted as they are classed as banked ROCs.

How often should I transfer my ROCs to EDF?

During the term of your PPA, our preference would be for you to arrange monthly ROC transfers. This is something we encourage as it provides a regular settlement for the generator. The transfer requirements for ROC-only purchases will be subject to your contract.

Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs)

REGOs show electricity has been generated from renewable sources. Electricity suppliers / EDF use REGOs for their Fuel Mix Disclosure (FMD) to show customers the renewable content of electricity they've supplied each year.

Further information can be found here:

www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/renewable-energy-guarantees-origin-rego

How do I know how many REGOs I should receive?

You'll receive one REGO per MWh of metered eligible renewable electricity you generate.

How do I claim REGOs

You will need to register for a generator account on the Renewables and CHP Register. Please see Ofgem's website for further information on how to do this: www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/rego/applicants/apply-rego-scheme

Once your account has been activated, you will then be able to apply for accreditation and sign the relevant declarations. When accreditation has been granted by Ofgem, you can then claim your REGO certificates. The electronic REGO certificates will be issued to your Ofgem account and can be transferred to other account holders.

How do EDF use the REGOs and why?

EDF purchase REGOs through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and REGO-only purchases in order to provide evidence of renewable electricity supply in our Fuel Mix.

What is EDF's Ofgem ID for REGOs?

When transferring REGO Certificates to EDF, our unique Ofgem ID is: **SUP0008558**.

Do REGOs have a shelf life?

Yes, all REGOs for a Compliance Period (1 April to 31 March) will need to be transferred to us by the contractual REGO Long Stop Date, which is 1 June each year. Unfortunately, any transfers after this time will be rejected as REGOs will effectively be unusable for our Fuel Mix Disclosure (FMD).

How often should I transfer my REGOs to EDF?

During the term of your PPA, our preference would be for you to arrange monthly REGO transfers. This is something we encourage as it provides a regular and quicker settlement for the generator and also allows EDF a more accurate view of our REGO position. The transfer requirements for REGO-only purchases will be subject to your contract.

For more information about REGOs and ROCs please contact us
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