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**Outline for Renewable Energy Credit Presentation**

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1. What are RECs
  - a. MT definition (69-3-2003, MCA)
  - b. Needed due to nature of electricity (i.e. you can't literally purchase "green" electrons) and for RPS compliance
  - c. Unique serial number given by certifying entity to ensure no double counting
  - d. Not an offset; does not mean 1 MWh of other generation avoided
  - e. Bundled: sold along with actual energy
  - f. Unbundled: sold separately from actual energy
  - g. Compliance vs voluntary markets
  - h. How RECs are used (retired) in the U.S.
  
2. RECS in MT
  - a. Used primarily for RPS compliance
  - b. WREGIS and M-RETS: ensure no double counting—tracks and verifies RECs
  - c. Law allows 2 years of carry forward
  - d. Form filed with DOR (ENERC)
  - e. Annual compliance report to the PSC
  - f. Summary of sources of RECs retired for RPS compliance
  
3. REC Markets
  - a. Few markets require disclosure of price—MT does not require but some reporting does include price
  - b. Price determined by supply and demand but also
    - i. Tech used
    - ii. Year generated
    - iii. Volume purchased
    - iv. Region
    - v. Voluntary vs compliance