

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	823
Project Name	<i>Datong River Tianwanggou Hydropower Station</i>
Program(s)	VCS
Verification Period	<i>30 December 2015 – 19 June 2018</i>
Project Proponent	<i>GEPIC Darong Electric Power Company</i>
Methodology	<i>ACM0002/Version 07 “Consolidated baseline methodology for grid-connected generation from renewable source”</i>
Sectoral Scope(s)	<i>1. Energy (renewable/non-renewable)</i>
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	<i>China Classification Society Certification Company (CCSC)</i>
Assessment Criteria	<i>VCS Standard, v4.1</i>
Date of First Issue	<i>27 July 2021</i>
Date of Final Issue	<i>03 August 2021</i>

Summary:

A completeness review of the *Datong River Tianwanggou Hydropower Station* verification request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The completeness review has raised 1 assessment finding, detailed below. The project proponent, in coordination with the VVB, is hereby required to provide a response to the assessment finding presented in Section 1. The assessment finding must be addressed to the satisfaction of Verra. This project review report will be made publicly available. Confidential information may be provided as separate attachments.

1. ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Finding 1

According to Section 1.10 of the VCS Monitoring Report Template v4.0, the Project Proponent is supposed to include the following information, as applicable, “Emission Trading Programs and Other Binding Limits: Where the project reduces GHG emissions from activities that are included in an emissions trading program or any other mechanism that includes GHG allowance trading (as identified in the project description, or where such programs or mechanisms have subsequently emerged) demonstrate that net GHG emission reductions or removals generated during this monitoring period have not be used for compliance under such programs or mechanisms. Examples of appropriate evidence are provided in the VCS Standard.”

The project is located in China, which has national emissions trading scheme (ETS). The project proponent is required to demonstrate how emissions reductions will not be double counted, and update section 1.10 of the Monitoring report. In addition, the project proponent is required to provide information/documentation to demonstrate how double counting will not occur (registered under CDM-Project 2840).

VVB Response:

As per the Notice (Huanbanqihou[2021]No.9) issued by Ministry of Ecology and Environment of P.R.China (MEE), the fossil fuel power and/or heat generation plants in Gansu Province are covered by the China ETS, and also other seven industries will be included in the future.

However, as per the notice, the project activity is not covered by the mandatory emission control scheme and there is no emission cap enforced for the project owner.

Also, the CCSC verification team reviewed the regulation, and realises that the allowance (CEA) for power generation industries will be allocated on the basis of carbon emission intensity, i.e. the CEA allocation is not related with the components of local grid.

Furthermore, the CCSC verification team checked the No Double Counting Statement issued by the project owner, and confirms the PP has not issued and will not issue the GHG emission reductions generated during this monitoring period.

In summary, CCSC verification team can conclude that net GHG emission reductions generated during this monitoring period have not been used for compliance under other programs or mechanisms.

Verra Response:

Upon review of the monitoring report and verification report, the updates provided by the project proponent and VVB were deemed sufficient to close this finding. No further response is required.

2. MINOR FINDINGS

N/A

3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 27 July 2021, Verra completed an accuracy review of project ID 823, *Datong River Tianwanggou Hydropower Station*, the results of which can be found above.

On 27 July 2021, Verra sent the findings report to the project proponent and China Classification Society Certification Company (CCSC).

On 02 August 2021, the project proponent and CCSC sent the answer to the first round of findings to VERRA with updated monitoring report and verification report. The updates were sufficient to close all the assessment findings.

On 03 August 2021, Verra closed the review.