
Methodology Panel works outside of scope of the requests received

CDM reform category: 2. Need for procedural improvements and provision of adequate resources

CDM reform sub-category: 2.a. Address the arbitrary nature of the decision making process
2.b. Agree and implement clear timelines for each regulatory process

Project: Request for Revision to expand AM0024 for multiple fuel use and grid export

- On 8/12/2008 a Clarification was requested (AM_CLA_0137) on the applicability of AM0024 to replace grid electricity in the project scenario. The MP suggested to request for a revision.
- On 11/3/2009 a Request to revise AM0024 (AM_REV_141) to include multiple fuels in the project scenario and the possibility of electricity replacement has been filed.
- On 8/5/2009 the MP38 could not conclude on AM_REV_141 due to the overlap with ACM0012.
- On 11/6/2009 the MP39 could not conclude and considers replacing AM0024 by revising ACM0012.
- On 14/9/2009 no conclusion was established at MP40 due to ongoing discussions about ACM0012.
- On 19/10/2009 no conclusion at MP41 neither, since for the potential replacement of AM0024 the ACM0012 “is required to be revised in view of few other issues”. On 18/1/2010: Next MP42 expected to resolve the issue.

Impact:

- The request remains unnecessarily unresolved for almost one year.

Improvement recommendation:

- Focus the work in the Meth panel on the immediate needs of the proponents and prepare the major revision of Methodologies in a parallel body.
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The related Project in Pakistan faces a gas shedding regime where the supply of natural gas is cut by the authorities. In addition surplus electricity is exported to the grid. This causes AM0024 to be not applicable to the project and a Request for Revision was submitted.

By making the revision dependant to the revision of ACM0012 the Methodologies Panel changes the setting of the initial request for revision of AM0024. Since several issues are pending with the revision of ACM0012 the resolution of the initial request dated on March 2009 is being dragged for almost one year without conclusion. No guidance to the PP on neither the timeline nor on how to proceed with the project has been provided.

This is a case where the Methodologies Panel creates autonomously a mandate for itself. It is not acceptable to stall the revision of a methodology with view of a major revision of a related methodology that is aimed at replacing the methodology at some point in the future.
