



EPEAT Clarification #3-1 Renewable energy accessory available

This Clarification applies to the following IEEE Standards and criteria:

Applicable Standards:	Applicable Criteria
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IEEE 1680.1 – Computers and Displays	4.5.2.1
<input type="checkbox"/> IEEE 1680.2 – Imaging Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/> IEEE 1680.3 – Televisions	

PVC Determination:

For conformance with criterion 4.5.2.1 the renewable energy accessory must be available for purchase with the purchase of the product. When the customer orders the product from the subscriber, they may also order the accessory from the subscriber. However, the supplier of the accessory need not be the subscriber. The availability of the accessory must be made evident to all potential institutional purchasers through the subscriber’s commercial documentation, such as identification on the subscriber’s web site or inclusion in product literature provided at the time of consideration of purchase. Declaration on the EPEAT Registry is not of itself adequate commercial documentation.

Background analysis:

The following issue arose in Verification Round Two:

In meeting this criterion, different subscribers have made renewable energy (RE) accessories available in very different ways. For the purpose of verifying conformance for this criterion it is necessary for subscribers to understand how the PVC will interpret the terms “commercially available for purchase with the product”.

What does “available for purchase” mean? Does the RE accessory need to be provided by the subscriber? Can it be provided by a third-party? Is it necessary that it be purchased from the subscriber “with the product”, or can a purchase request be referred to a third-party? Does it need to be advertised and promoted by the subscriber?

The IEEE Interpretations group decided on the following interpretation of this criterion:

Furthermore, the terms “available for purchase with the product” means that the purchaser must be able to buy the accessory from the subscriber along with the product, though the product may be provided by a third-party.

Change History:

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