

Western Climate Initiative



WCI Market Oversight White Paper Release and Stakeholder Call

The Western Climate Initiative (WCI) Partner jurisdictions are releasing a white paper on Market Architecture and Oversight. The Markets Committee is working toward recommendations on market oversight, as outlined in the [WCI 2009 - 2010 Work Plan](#) released February 2009.

This white paper is the next step in developing recommendations for the architecture and oversight of a market in WCI jurisdictions' allowances and offset credits. It defines market architecture and oversight, and describes existing financial markets. It discusses market participation and types of transactions. It also briefly reviews market oversight in the U.S. and Canada, and oversight of the European Union's Emissions Trading Scheme, as well as proposals for carbon market oversight and financial market reform in the U.S. federal government.

The Markets Committee invites stakeholder feedback on all aspects of this paper to inform its recommendations to the WCI Partner jurisdictions. In addition to general feedback, the Committee is interested in stakeholder comment on the following issues:

- Whether it is appropriate to consider emission allowances and offset credits to be commodities for market oversight purposes, or whether an alternative is preferable.
- Whether the WCI jurisdictions should favor or require exchange transactions over over-the-counter transactions.
- The appropriate requirements of data collection, filing with regulators, and disclosure to the public to ensure a transparent and efficient market.

The Market Committee looks forward to stakeholder input on this white paper. **Written comments will be received via the [WCI website](#) until December 18, 2009.** Stakeholders may also ask questions of WCI jurisdictions' staff and provide comment during a conference call on **December 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific** time, during which this white paper will be presented and discussed. To join this call, dial **1-800-868-1837** toll free in the U.S. and Canada, **participant code 659 537#**.