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# Interaction with Carbon Markets

Opportunities and challenges selling carbon offsets versus RECs, and market trends for renewable energy-derived carbon offsets

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## 4. offset definition

An offset is an environmental commodity or product that represents the reduction of a specific amount of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Offsets are generated by project-based activities located away from the source of emissions that are to be offset by the purchase.

## 4. offset project types

renewable energy

energy efficiency

agriculture/forestry/land use

methane destruction

industrial gas destruction

## 4. offsets vs. 2. RECs

<b>different commodities</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>offset</b>
<b>different units</b>	<b>MWh</b>	<b>tons (or lbs) CO<sub>2</sub>e</b>
<b>different benefits</b>	<b>all attributes of renewable generation</b>	<b>carbon emissions reductions</b>
<b>different scope of market</b>	<b>North America (contiguous electricity grid)</b>	<b>global</b>
<b>different uses</b>	<b>scope 2 GHG emissions, any other environmental impact of conventional electricity usage</b>	<b>all scopes of GHG emissions</b>

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