



A REGO Market Looking Beyond Annual Matching

For many years, the use of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for Scope 2 reporting has followed a relatively straightforward approach. Organisations could purchase enough RECs over the course of a year to match their electricity consumption and make a renewable electricity claim.

While that approach remains widely recognised today, renewable procurement strategies are evolving as businesses place greater focus on transparency, traceability and the credibility of sustainability claims.

A growing debate around "hourly matching", sometimes referred to as 24/7 or granular matching, is starting to reshape conversations across energy markets, sustainability reporting and corporate renewable procurement strategies.¹

At the same time, the REGO market itself has experienced significant changes in recent years, with shifting supply and demand dynamics driving increased volatility and encouraging customers to think more carefully about the type of renewable products they procure.

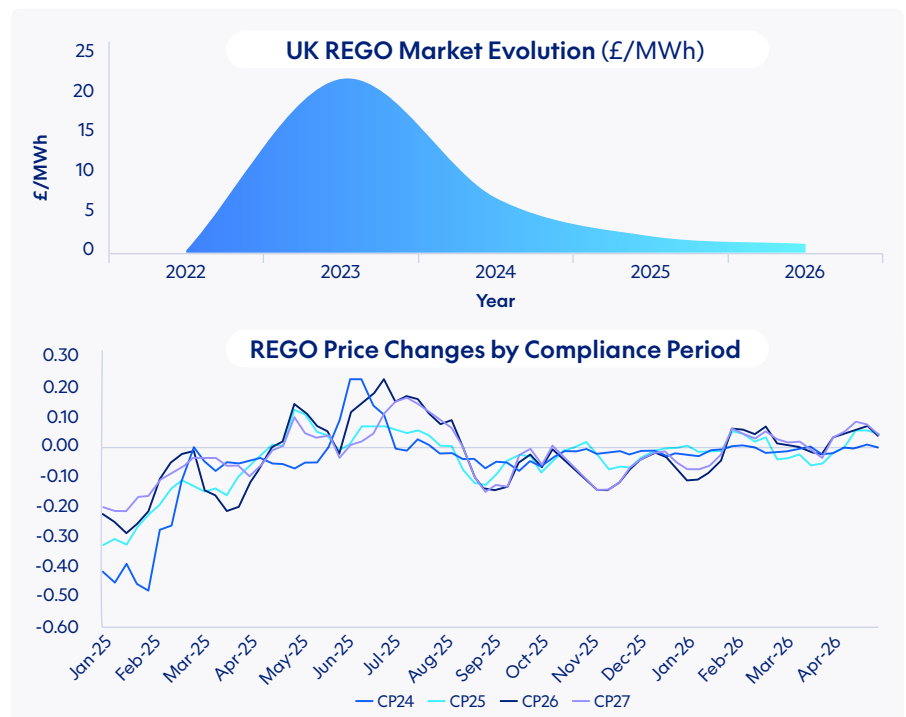
REGO market volatility and signs of stabilisation

After trading at elevated levels in late 2024, REGO prices fell significantly as renewable generation continued to grow and certificate supply increased faster than demand. Strong wind and solar generation in the UK, combined with weaker demand for renewable certificates following the sharp price increases seen in previous years, have contributed to a softer market, particularly for near-term certificates.

As a result, REGO prices have fallen considerably over the past year as concerns around future

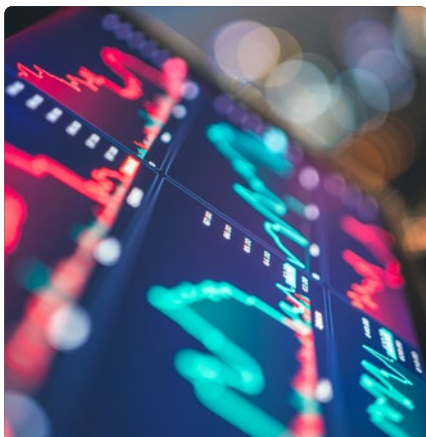
supply shortages ease and the market adjusts to higher levels of certificate issuance.²

The market has also started to show some early signs of stabilisation in recent weeks. While near-term REGOs remain under pressure with significant oversupply, longer-term products have held their value more effectively throughout the 2025 sell-off and have been the first to recover in price. This pattern suggests continued hedging demand from large-scale buyers and reinforces the longer-term relevance of UK REGOs, alongside their role in sustainability reporting as procurement standards continue to evolve.



1. The Hourly Matching Debate: What 66 Companies Are Pushing Back On. [online] Greenpowerhub.com. Available at: <https://www.greenpowerhub.com/news/the-hourly-matching-debate-what-66-companies-are-pushing-back-on>
2. Internal REGO price books. Unpublished Brook Green Supply internal document.





Not all REGOs are made equal

While the market is still dominated by standard annually matched REGO products, more traceable and granular options are starting to gain traction as businesses and standards bodies push for sustainability claims that better align with the physical electricity system and evolving settlement frameworks.³

At Brook Green Supply, we support customers with a range of renewable products designed to match different sustainability goals and reporting requirements.

For organisations looking for a simple and flexible route into renewable procurement, our Fuel Mix REGOs provide electricity backed by a mix of eligible renewable technologies, including wind, solar, hydro, and biomass. These products remain a practical and cost-effective solution for businesses looking to reduce Scope 2 emissions and demonstrate their use of renewable electricity.

There is also growing interest in our Deep Green REGOs, which are backed by wind, solar, and hydro generation. At the same time, demand is rising for REGOs aligned with RE100 criteria – such as those from generators commissioned or re-powered within the last 15 years – as organisations look to support newer renewable assets and strengthen their sustainability commitments.

Choose the right REGO product for you



REGOs (Fuel Mix)

Buy REGOs from any eligible renewable source, including:



Deep Green REGOs

Buy REGOs from high-quality, traceable sources with stronger sustainability credentials:



Biomass REGOs

Buy REGOs backed by certified biomass generation, including:



RE100 REGOs

Buy REGOs from generators under 15 years old, aligned with RE100 criteria:



3. Reviewing The Future of REGOs for Corporates BT Group: Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin Review | 2. [online] Available at: <https://cornwall-insight.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Reviewing-the-future-of-REGOs-for-Corporates.pdf>



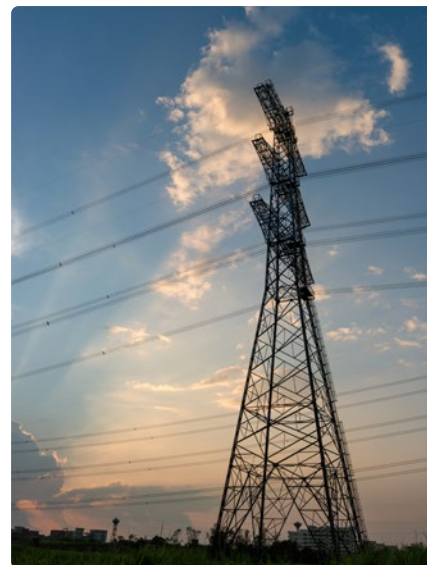


From annual matching to hourly visibility

Under the current Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol rules, companies can report zero Scope 2 emissions using market-based mechanisms by purchasing an equivalent volume of REGOs to match their annual electricity consumption.⁴

Hourly matching requires a higher level of temporal granularity in REGO procurement. Instead of matching consumption on an annual basis, renewable generation is matched to electricity consumption on an hour-by-hour basis, using REGOs allocated into hourly profiles that reflect the shape of underlying generation.

Through our partnership with Granular Energy, Brook Green Supply is helping customers access more advanced renewable procurement solutions, including REGOs with different levels of temporal granularity and enhanced allocation reporting. This enables organisations to better understand when renewable electricity is generated and consumed, supporting more flexible procurement strategies as reporting standards continue to evolve.



Time-matched REGOs connect your hourly electricity consumption with renewable generation, so:



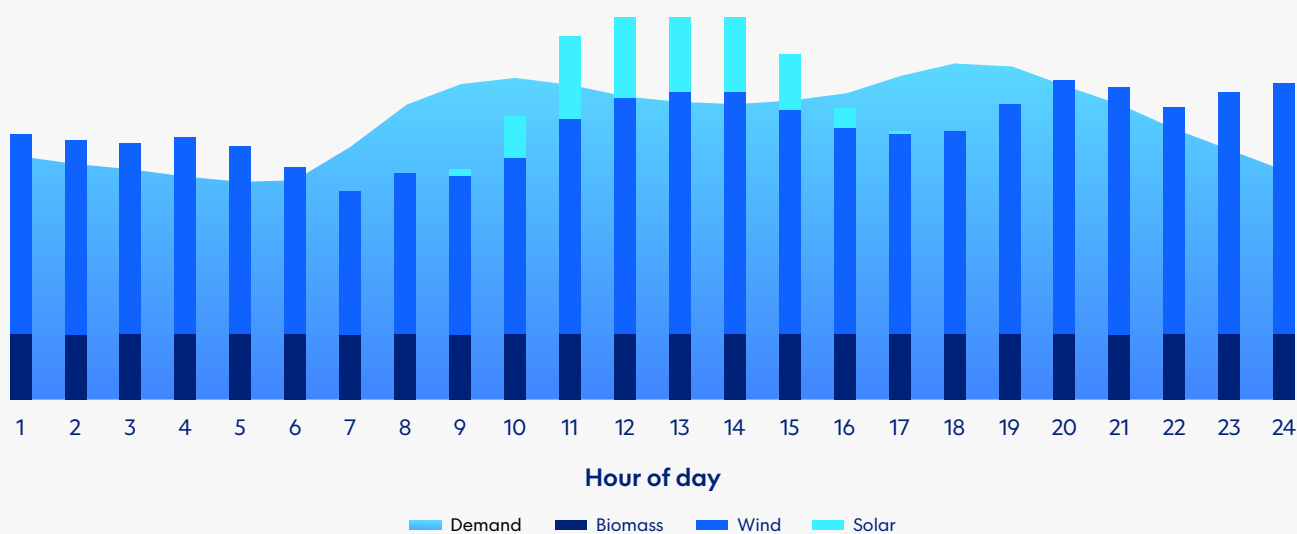
When renewable generation exceeds consumption, all demand is matched.



When generation is lower, only a proportion of demand is matched, highlighting periods of higher carbon intensity.

This approach provides a more accurate and transparent view of renewable electricity use.

Example of Hourly-Matched, REGO Backed Consumption



4. Public Consultations | GHG Protocol. [online] Available at: <https://ghgprotocol.org/public-consultations>



How Scope 2 reporting may evolve

Current discussions suggest a greater focus on temporal matching within Scope 2 reporting. Proposals under consultation include the introduction of hourly matching requirements for larger electricity consumers, with potential applicability thresholds ranging from 10–50 GWh per year.⁵

Should such changes be introduced, a significant number of UK organisations could be affected, with thresholds at this level potentially extending well beyond the country's largest energy users. As reporting standards evolve, businesses relying on REGO-backed procurement to support net-zero goals, customer expectations, or supply chain commitments may need to reassess how their renewable electricity claims are evidenced and how their procurement strategies are structured. While implementation would likely be phased in over several years, the proposals highlight the growing importance of transparency and traceability in renewable electricity reporting.

Recognising the potential implications for corporate renewable procurement, Brook Green Supply recently hosted a [webinar](#) with Granular Energy examining proposed changes to Scope 2 reporting, the increasing focus on temporal matching, and the future direction of renewable electricity claims. The discussion explored both the opportunities and challenges presented by more granular procurement approaches and underscored the importance of preparing for a rapidly evolving reporting landscape.



The debate over hourly matching

One of the key areas under discussion is whether renewable electricity claims should move beyond annual matching towards more granular approaches, including hourly matching. Supporters argue that this would bring greater transparency to renewable procurement by showing more clearly when renewable electricity is being generated and consumed. They also believe it could create stronger incentives for storage and flexible technologies, while more closely aligning renewable electricity claims with the physical reality of the electricity system.

Critics, however, warn that moving too quickly towards mandatory hourly matching could significantly increase procurement complexity and costs, particularly for those organisations still developing their renewable procurement strategies. They argue that annual matching has played an important role in scaling voluntary renewable procurement, and that any transition towards greater granularity should be gradual and practical.

This debate has already influenced other sustainability frameworks. In response to industry feedback, the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) has indicated that hourly matching is likely to remain voluntary rather than mandatory in the near term, reflecting concerns that stricter requirements could discourage participation in voluntary renewable markets.⁶

While the outcome of the GHG Protocol review remains uncertain, many organisations are already considering what increased traceability could mean for their future procurement strategies. Some continue to view annual matching as the most practical and scalable solution today, while others are beginning to explore more granular approaches alongside existing REGO-backed procurement. Regardless of the eventual outcome, the direction of travel is clear: transparency and traceability are becoming increasingly important considerations in renewable electricity procurement.

5. Redefining Scope 2: Inside the GHG Protocol Update Webinar. [online] brookgreensupply.com. Available at: <https://www.brookgreensupply.com/insights-hub/webinars/redefining-scope-2-inside-the-ghg-protocol-update-webinar>
6. Developing the Net-Zero Standard. [online] Available at: <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/developing-the-net-zero-standard>.



Traceability is becoming the new benchmark

As sustainability reporting and renewable procurement practices continue to evolve, greater traceability and transparency are becoming key areas of focus. At Brook Green Supply, we support customers across their individual journeys, whatever stage they are at. This can range from standard REGO-backed electricity with monthly or quarterly reporting, through to more advanced hourly-matched reporting and forward-looking procurement strategies involving time-matched REGOs.

For many businesses, the very act of buying REGO-backed electricity along with accurate certificate allocation is still an important first step. From there, organisations are increasingly exploring more granular approaches, including quarterly and monthly matching, before progressing towards hourly-based matching and target setting. This gradual evolution towards more sophisticated procurement strategies not only helps organisations stay ahead of changing reporting standards but may also offer greater resilience to future REGO market volatility as demand for higher-traceability renewable products grows.

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Brown power

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REGO-backed power

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Monthly or quarterly REGO reporting

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Hourly-matched REGO reporting

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Hourly REGO procurement with set target

What this means for customers

For now, annual REGOs still offer a simple, flexible and cost-effective route to renewable electricity procurement. They remain compliant with sustainability reporting frameworks and continue to play an important role in helping organisations reduce Scope 2 emissions and demonstrate renewable electricity usage.

However, renewable procurement is clearly evolving. In line with potential revisions to the GHG Protocol, many businesses are beginning to look beyond annual matching and explore solutions that offer greater transparency, traceability and alignment with wider sustainability goals.

That transition is likely to happen gradually. For many organisations, the first step is not a change in procurement, but greater visibility into how existing renewable purchasing aligns with electricity consumption. Enhanced reporting solutions allow businesses to analyse consumption alongside annual REGOs already purchased, helping to show how renewable generation and usage compare over the year.

From there, some organisations may choose to explore more granular approaches, including monthly, half-hourly or hourly matching. Others are already beginning to set longer-term targets for time-matched renewable procurement as part of broader sustainability strategies.

Preparing early for this shift may help businesses navigate future market and regulatory uncertainty. While the timing and outcome of potential reporting changes remain unclear, organisations can take practical steps today by considering longer-term renewable procurement strategies. Securing REGOs for future compliance periods may help reduce exposure to market volatility and provide greater flexibility should reporting standards evolve towards more granular forms of matching over time.



At Brook Green Supply, we support customers across the full spectrum – from REGO-backed supply through to more advanced traceable renewable solutions, including the sleeving of physical PPAs into supply agreements. By helping organisations develop procurement strategies that evolve alongside the market, we aim to ensure they remain well positioned for future reporting and sustainability requirements.

Ready to switch to renewable energy supply?

Get in touch - we'll be happy to provide a tailored quote.



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