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CHANGES TO PROJECTS DURING IMPLEMENTATION

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BACKGROUND

RATIONALE FOR DISCUSSION AND MANDATE

- Design of a JI project may change during the course of its implementation, compared to the project information provided in the PDD – as highlighted during DVM development
- Existing JISC documents offer **no guidance** other than for revisions to the monitoring plan
- At JISC 20 meeting, JISC decided to develop the guidance regarding changes to projects during implementation by defining acceptable changes and the AIE role in evaluating them
- JISC requested the secretariat to conduct a call for public inputs on the issue
- At JISC 21 meeting, JISC considered the public inputs and requested some JISC members/ alternates with secretariat support, to prepare a draft procedure regarding changes
- JISC to consider the proposed document at JISC 22 meeting and roundtable consultations



INPUTS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC

CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUTS ON CHANGES (26 FEB-26 MAR)

- Materiality concept may be used to determine significance of changes
- CDM procedures can be used as a means to address changes to PDD
- AlEs to be responsible for determining if changes are acceptable (no re-determination)
- Changes to be presented by using:
 - alternative scenarios in PDD (if scenarios materialize no need for re-determination)
 - a bottom-up positive list of design changes that are acceptable
 - an assessment of changes at verification stage
- AIE to consider how changes alter the basis for determination and project performance
- PPs to justify the changes as not having effects on project compliance
- Project's emissions sources, baseline scenario, applicability of methodology and physical location should not be changed



Changes to projects during implementation

PROCEDURE

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS 1

- Changes to the project design as described in the PDD, occurring after the determination has been deemed final, shall be justified by PPs
- PPs shall prepare a detailed description of all changes that have occurred since the determination was deemed final and provide justification for changes
- Description and justification shall be made publicly available and shall be included as an annex to the next monitoring report submitted for verification by the AIE



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PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS 2

- AIE shall list all revisions to the project design in a separate section of verification report form (F-JI-VRep) and express a determination opinion
- AIE shall determine if conditions defined in para. 33 of JI guidelines are still met, specifically:
 - physical location of project has not changed
 - emission sources and baseline scenario have not changed
 - changes are consistent with JI specific approach or CDM methodology upon which the determination was prepared
 - changes do not alter the original determination opinion
- A positive determination opinion on changes shall be a condition for expressing a positive verification opinion in any subsequent verification reports provided by the AIE

