



CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01)

(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)

<i>Date of SSC WG meeting:</i>	4- 6 December 2006
<i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>	Proposed amendment to ASM-I.C. to include of technical line losses where electricity is the baseline
<i>Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.</i>	AMS I.C.
<i>Name of the authors of the query:</i>	Steven Kaufman, Green Markets International, Inc.

Summary of the query:

Please use the space bellow to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.

The submission seeks amendment of AMS I.C. to account for technical line losses in cases where electricity is the baseline, in order to accurately represent the baseline, to be consistent with other approved small-scale methodologies, and to avoid unfairly disadvantaging small-scale renewable energy projects that supply thermal energy for the user.

In AMS II.C, II.D, II.E, and II.F, which are applicable to demand-side energy efficiency improvements, the approved methodologies specify that the energy baseline should account for technical line losses. In AMS I.A., for renewable electricity generation by users not connected to an electric grid, technical distribution losses experienced in the project area are also included in the baseline calculation, since these would theoretically apply. All of these approved methodologies refer to AMS I.D. as the basis for grid emission factor calculations under applicable circumstances, as is the case with AMS I.C., but they all explicitly account for line losses. Under AMS I.C., where electricity from a grid is the baseline, line losses would also clearly be part of the baseline.

Recommendation by the SSC WG :

Please use the space bellow to provide amendments /change (in your expert view, if necessary).

Please refer to Paragraph 17 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 08 (http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg)]

Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG :

Please use the space bellow to provide answer to the authors of the above query

The small scale-working group (SSC WG) of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the proponent for this submission. The combined margin approach of AMS I.D is a method to estimate the emission factor of a theoretical plant that would have been used in the absence of the project activity. The CDM plant can have two impacts on the grid i.e. to delay the investment in new plants and to reduce the dispatch of the present plants. Therefore combined margin is an attempt to estimate a counterfactual scenario. The SSC WG agreed it is not possible to expand the estimation method, applying a factor to consider the technical line losses.



Signature of SSC WG Chair

Date: 06 / 12 /06

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Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair

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