

Monitoring report form for CDM project activity
(Version 07.0)

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MONITORING REPORT

Title of the project activity	Hydro Electric Plant - Hidro Pantasma	
UNFCCC reference number of the project activity	9118	
Version number of the PDD applicable to this monitoring report	05	
Version number of this monitoring report	1.0	
Completion date of this monitoring report	17/12/2020	
Monitoring period number	1st	
Duration of this monitoring period	07/10/2013 – 06/10/2020 (first and last days included)	
Monitoring report number for this monitoring period	01	
Project participants	Hidropantasma S.A. (Private Company)	
Host Party	Nicaragua	
Applied methodologies and standardized baselines	AMS-I.D. Version 17.0 - Grid connected renewable electricity generation	
Sectoral scopes	1: Energy industries (renewable - / non-renewable sources)	
Amount of GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals achieved by the project activity in this monitoring period	Amount achieved before 1 January 2013	Amount achieved from 1 January 2013
	0 t CO ₂ e	197,000 t CO ₂ e
Amount of GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD	250,270 t CO ₂ e ¹	

¹ The amount of GHG emission reductions estimated ex ante for this monitoring period was calculated by multiplying the expected daily emission reduction by 2,557 days, the equivalent days to the 07/10/2013 - 06/10/2020 period.

SECTION A. Description of project activity

A.1. General description of project activity

The Hydro Electric Plant - Hidro Pantasma project is a small run-of-river renewable hydroelectric plant with a total installed capacity of 14.4 MW (rated capacity of generators). The energy generated is sold and thereafter distributed through the National Interconnected System of Nicaragua.

The project activity contemplates the production of clean hydroelectric power using a flow of water. The project collects the waters of the Pantasma River at a point 843 meters above sea level, driving the water flow through a Creager-free spillway diversion dam to an underground low-pressure steel pipeline network. Through this, the water flow runs down river until it reaches the project powerhouse which holds two Pelton turbines with their respective generators and valves. The electricity generated in the powerhouse is driven through a 11 km transmission line to the Asturias Substation where it enters the National Interconnected System of Nicaragua, and ultimately distributed to end consumers.

During the current reporting period from 07/10/2013 to 06/10/2020, the project has generated 302,046 MWh and reduced 197,000 tons of CO₂e.

The project was implemented by Hidropantasma S.A., a private electric services company that is in charge of electric energy generation, transmission, and maintenance functions. The engineering design was developed by the engineering company Carbon Ingenieria, S.A. from Costa Rica, while the construction and installation was by Grupo Corporativo Saret.

A.2. Location of project activity

The project activity was implemented on the left bank of the Pantasma River, in the department of Jinotega, Nicaragua. The project site, where the works have been developed, is located at 250 km from Managua (Nicaragua's capital) and 22 km north of the city of Jinotega.

The coordinates for the project location (Cartesian coordinate system) are:

- Water intake UTM: E 607,612.727; N 1,469,070.878
- Powerhouse UTM E 611,556.123; N 1,470,610.316

The geographical project location is showed in the following figure:

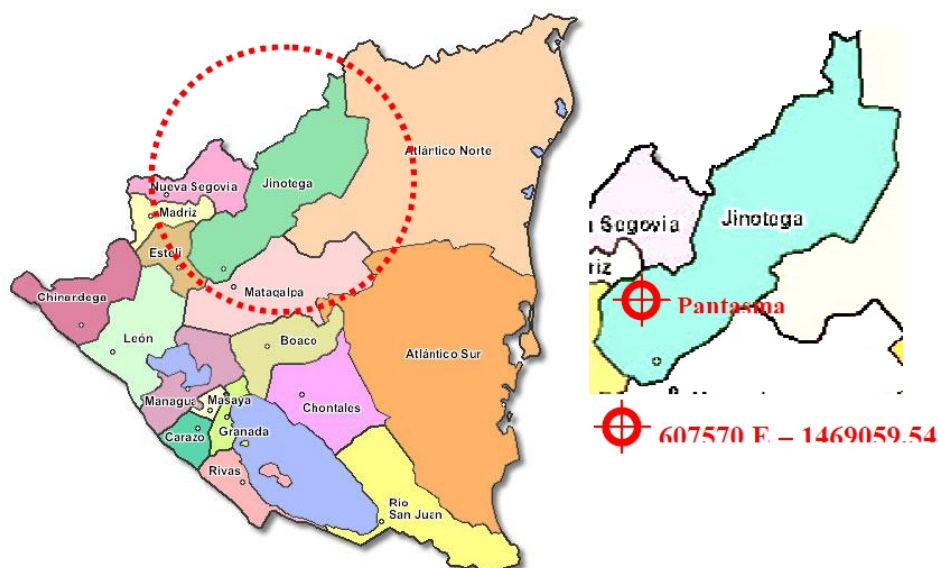


Figure 1: Location of the Hydro Electric Plant - Hidro Pantasma

A.3. Parties and project participants

Parties involved	Project participants	Indicate if the Party involved wishes to be considered as project participant (Yes/No)
Nicaragua (host) ratified the Kyoto Protocol in 1999	Hidropantasma S.A. (private company)	No

A.4. References to applied methodologies and standardized baselines

The following approved baseline and monitoring methodology is applicable to the project activity:

- [Type I.D. \(Reference AMS-I.D.\) – “Grid connected renewable electricity generation” – Version 17.](#)
For power generation using renewable sources that supply electricity to and/or displace electricity from an electricity distribution system.

As well, the following tools are applicable to the project activity:

- TOOL07: [“Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system” - for the calculation of emissions factor – Version 2.2.1.](#)

- TOOL03: [“Tool to calculate project or leakage CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion” – for the calculation of project emissions from fossil fuel combustion – Version 2.](#)

A.5. Crediting period type and duration

07/10/2013 – 06/10/2020 (Renewable)

SECTION B. Implementation of project activity

B.1. Description of implemented project activity

The operation starting date of the Hidropantasma hydroelectric power plant was on 24 August 2013. The project uses a deviation of a percentage of the total Pantasma river water flow between the ground elevation lines 843 and 444 above sea level, in order to take advantage of approximately 374 meter net head and a water flow of 4m³/s. With these resources, the project

obtained an effective capacity of 13.01 MW (rated capacity of turbines) with an annual power supply estimated around 62,415 MW/h.

The project has the following characteristics:

Water capture (Intake): the water is obtained by a concrete diversion dam with a Creager-type uncontrolled spillway (with a lateral intake). The dam was constructed 19 meters high and 37.5 meters long, in order to contain a reservoir with a capacity of approximately 250,000 cubic meters of water. The design flow considered for discharge is 4.00 m³/s, while the median river flow is 2.56 m³/s. The dam also has a bottom discharge gate of 2.5 m x 2.5 m in order to periodically clean the reservoir and maintain relatively low sediment levels. The 131 m long embankment dam was installed to complete the closure on the right bank.

Water conduction (from upstream to downstream): the water conduction was completed by a low-pressure pipe made of steel with a length of 2,329 m and a diameter of 1.5 m. The pipeline was buried, but a 460 m length fraction is used as a siphon to save a depression of 66 m; in addition, it has two steel aerial passages that are 25 m and 29 m in length. The water is then conducted through a horseshoe tunnel section 818 m long and 2.1 m wide. A surge tank of 34.15 m high and 5 m of internal diameter is located at the end of the flow. Finally, a penstock welded steel pipe 840 m long with a width of 1.25 m, followed by two welded steel strands that are 12.2 m by 0.85m conduct water to the turbines intake valves.

Power generation: the powerhouse is located at the end of the penstock and is above the inundation levels of the stream (safe from flooding).

The powerhouse has two horizontal axis Pelton-type turbines (hydraulic reaction turbine in which the flow exits the turbine blades in an axial direction) connected to respective synchronous generators. The discharge is conducted by independent reinforced concrete channels for each unit that is 2 m wide and 26.5 m long. A dissipation structure to return the water to the stream channel was also constructed. The technical characteristics of the major equipment are presented in the following table:

Table 1: Technical specifications of the major equipment

Turbines	Parameter
Manufacturer	KOSSLER GESELLSCHAFT m.b.H
Type	Pelton – PH2I - 1300/390
Number of turbines	2
Axis	Horizontal
Design Flow	2.00 m ³ /s (each one)
Rated Output	6,860 kW (each one)
Speed	600 rpm
Impeller diameter	1,300 mm
Design head	374 m
Turbine efficiency (at design flow)	89.9%
Generators	Parameter
Manufacturer	Voith
Number of generators	2
Rated Output	8,000 kW (each one)
Voltage	13,800 V +/- 5%
Power factor	0.90
Frequency	60 Hz
Speed	600 rpm
Connection	Star – Neutral grounded
Efficiency 100% of rated output	97.13%

The capacity of the power plant is based on data from technical specifications provided by the manufacturer; the energy generation is confirmed by means of the Ministerial Agreement No. 2-DGERR-02-2010 emitted by the Ministry of Energy and Mining in which the effective capacity is limited to a maximum of 12,500 kW². As such, the project developer obtains the Electric Energy Generation License only for this capacity.

Power transmission: The electrical substation is located close to the powerhouse in an area of about 10 m by 10 m. The transformers and the switching equipment required for the connection to the electrical network are located in the courtyard. Given the characteristics of the net, two generators are used in a synchronous continuous operation, which allow the line voltage to be regulated and supply the required reactive power. The equipment is geared with a static excitation system brushless (which requires less maintenance). The synchronization of the two units with the National Interconnected System of Nicaragua is manual and/or automatic as a function of voltage, frequency, and phase sequence. The connection of the stator of each generator star type with neutral grounded.

A 11 km transmission line with a voltage of 69 kV was connected the project via the Asturias substation. The National Dispatch Center (a division of Enatrel) confirmed the quantity of energy to be delivered by the project activity. Enatrel is in charge of the central control point of the meter readings.

B.2. Post-registration changes

B.2.1. Temporary deviations from the registered monitoring plan, applied methodologies, standardized baselines or other methodological regulatory documents

There have not been any applicable temporary deviations.

B.2.2. Corrections

There have not been any corrections to project information or fixed parameters at registration or during the renewal of the project activity crediting period.

B.2.3. Changes to the start date of the crediting period

There have not been any changes to the start date of the crediting period fixed at the registration of the project activity.

B.2.4. Inclusion of monitoring plan

There have not been any post-registration changes to include a monitoring plan in the PDD.

B.2.5. Permanent changes to the registered monitoring plan, or permanent deviation of monitoring from the applied methodologies, standardized baselines, or other methodological regulatory documents

There have not been any permanent changes to the registered monitoring plan, or permanent monitoring deviations from applied methodologies, applied standardized baselines, or other applied standards or tools.

² Value determined considering a generating capacity of 13.7 MW (rated capacity of turbines which is smaller than the generators capacity), taking into account a reduction due to the parasitic load of electricity consumption needed by the plant to operate, reducing the output to approximately 12.5 MW (this is conservative).

B.2.6. Changes to project design

The original PDD registered on 19/12/2012 included turbines with a rated output of 6,547 kW (each one) and generators rated output of 7,200 kW (each one). However, according to the features of the installed equipment, the rated outputs were updated to 6,860 kW and 8,000 kW respectively.

As per the current CDM rules, the installed capacity should be determined based on the nameplate generator capacity, which in this case remains at 14.4 MW considering a power factor of 0.9. This change does therefore not affect the scale of the project activity, which remains as a small-scale project with less than 15 MW.

The PDD has been revised and updated accordingly.

B.2.7. Changes specific to afforestation or reforestation project activity

Not applicable.

SECTION C. Description of monitoring system

The monitoring plan was implemented to ensure that the approved monitoring methodology AMS.I.D, Version 17 is correctly applied in order to enable the accurate and transparent determination of avoided emissions. The plan incorporated the QA/QC procedures and is described in Section D below. The overall management structure responsible for project monitoring is as follows:

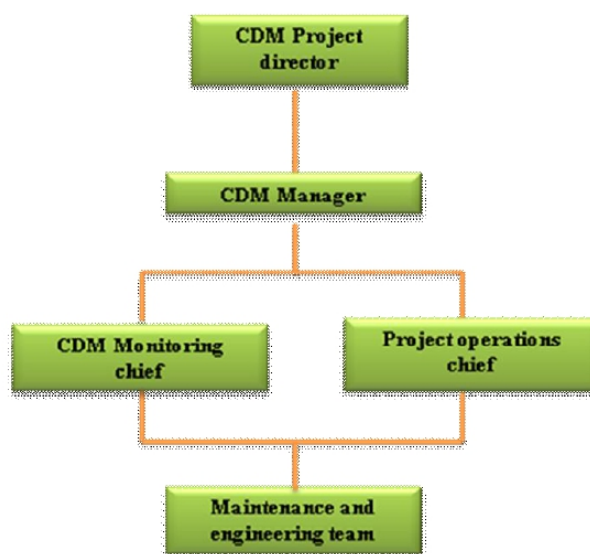


Figure 2: Metering scheme of the Hydro Electric Plant - Hidro Pantasma

Responsibility and CDM management: it is the maximum authority in the project. The executive board of the company is in charge of attending to this responsibility. The CDM manager is appointed at the company and whose responsibility is monitoring all CDM project related activities and organizing specific training.

The CDM Project Manager is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this procedure and provides information to the board related to the performance of the entire system. Competency requirements for the position of CDM Manager were defined and applied to ensure that the project manager is able to implement this procedure.

The CDM monitoring chief has day-to-day responsibilities for checking instrumentation, record keeping, data handling and data processing, filing, reporting, organizing repair and maintenance of monitoring equipment, and ensuring the monitoring plan is adhered to as indicated in the approved PDD. All calculations were checked and signed by the CDM monitoring chief who is also responsible for preparing and checking documents required for verification.

The Maintenance and Engineering team reports directly to the CDM monitoring chief (only activities related with CDM monitoring matters).

The monitoring staff received technical training and safety training to minimize exposure to workplace hazards. At least one fully trained technical member of the monitoring team was present during every shift.

Operational staff with existing responsibilities to monitor energy generation at the power plant received additional training and collaborated with the monitoring staff. A management level link was established to ensure effective co-operation between operational staff and CDM monitoring staff. All relevant information, notes of meetings, data files, maintenance records, defect reports, hard copy and computerized records of monitoring were kept at a designated location and arranged in an orderly and transparent manner to facilitate auditing when required. Responsibilities, procedures, methods, equipment types, and specifications are to be described in detail in a specific CDM document.

On-line monitoring system: All key meters required to determine GHG emissions and emission reductions were monitored from a central control point which record meter readings at a pre-determined interval as specified in the project documents. These data points were used to continually update total emission reductions as long as the generating plant was in operation. Key meters measured the parameters listed in Section D below. The data collected has low uncertainty levels and, to guarantee its accuracy, was cross-checked with the electricity sales receipts obtained from the grid trader/generator. (Where applicable, the lowest value was used for emission reductions calculation. This is conservative.)

Calculation of emissions reductions: The data required for calculation baseline was fed into a processor (spreadsheet application) that calculated the emission reductions according to the formulae described below, using the defined default values. Access to the spreadsheet is controlled for security purposes. The process includes various checks, such as a comparison of total energy generated in the plant against the energy supplied to the grid indicated in the electricity sales receipts obtained from the grid operator. The data and documents were regularly audited to ensure it is operating correctly.

Non-essential data: The online monitoring system also recorded “non-essential” data. Such data is deemed non-essential because it is not directly listed in the monitoring methodology, but it was constituted a means of corroborating the online system. Non-essential data included measurements of net and gross output from the generator, certificated conversion efficiency, fed water and any other data considered relevant to the project activity.

Accuracy and calibration of instruments: All meters were operated and maintained as specified in the manufacturer specifications. All key meters were subject to a quality control regime that includes regular maintenance and calibration. A record was maintained showing the location and unique identification number of each meter, the calibration status of that meter (date of the last calibration and date of the next calibration), and who performed the calibration service. Calibration certificates were retained for all meters up to two years after the end of the crediting period.

Archiving data: The online system archived data automatically in a secure and retrievable storage format on a periodic basis (e.g. weekly basis). Calibration records were archived in an accessible electronic format. This data was stored for up to two years after the end of the crediting period.

Document control: The CDM Manager implemented a document control system to ensure that the current versions of necessary documents are available at the point of use. The CDM Monitoring manual was made to guarantee the best practice and results in the monitoring implementation.

Preparation of monitoring report: The archived/live data was used to prepare the periodic monitoring report which is submitted to the CDM EB for verification and issuance of CERs. A standard format for the monitoring report was prepared prior to the submission of the first monitoring report.

Treatment of missing or corrupted data: Where data in the online system is corrupted or missing whilst the generator is operating (as shown, for example, by monitoring equipment failure), the missing data can be estimated by using the lowest value for the parameter in question in the hour before the error or the hour immediately after the system came on-line again. If there is evidence to suggest that both of these values are un-representative, the average from the previous 24 hours will be used. The error will be recorded in the daily log sheet and the occurrence of the error will be investigated and rectified as soon as possible. If the online system is compromised for more than 24 hours, data will be manually recorded. Any deficiencies in energy generated monitoring data will be rectified by back calculation from the power sold.

Audit function and management review: The CDM Manager arranged for an audit of the management system at least twice per year. The auditor must not be involved in the daily operation of the plant and if necessary, may be sourced from a third party. The auditor assessed the implementation of the monitoring procedure and the preparation of the monitoring report. Audit findings, and steps taken to address findings, were recorded and reviewed in a management review meeting (convened at least annually) at which time the effectiveness of these procedures was reviewed and necessary changes implemented. The variable to be monitored was listed and described in Section B.7.1.

SECTION D. Data and parameters

D.1. Data and parameters fixed ex ante

Data/Parameter	$EG_{m,y}$
Unit	MWh
Description	Net electricity generated by power units m in year y.
Source of data	Government records from Nicaraguan Energy Institute (Instituto Nicaragüense de la Energía).
Value(s) applied	Please refer to the PDD Annex 3.
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	The net electricity generated by power units is used to calculate the CO ₂ emission coefficients of the power plants in the grid, according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1. All information regarding the national interconnected system is handled and stored by Nicaraguan Energy Institute, it is checked at the web site: https://www.ine.gob.ni/index.php/electricidad/serie-historica/
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	No comments

Data/Parameter	$FC_{i,m,y}$
Unit	Mass or volume unit/y.
Description	Amount of fossil fuel type i consumed by power plant/unit m in year y.
Source of data	Government records from Nicaraguan Energy Institute (Instituto Nicaragüense de la Energía).

Value(s) applied	Please refer to the PDD Annex 3.
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	The amount of fossil fuels consumed by power plants/units is used to calculate the CO ₂ emission coefficients of the power plants in the grid, according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1. All information regarding the national interconnected system is handled and stored by Nicaraguan Energy Institute, it is checked at the web site: https://www.ine.gob.ni/index.php/electricidad/serie-historica/
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	No comments.

Data/Parameter	$NCV_{i,y}$
Unit	GJ/t
Description	Net calorific value (energy content) of fossil fuel type i in year y / Weighted average net calorific value of fuel type i in year y.
Source of data	IPCC 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Table 1.2 of Chapter 1 of Vol. 2 (Energy) (Default values at the lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals).
Value(s) applied	41.4 (Diesel oil) 39.8 (Fuel oil)
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	The net calorific value of fossil fuels consumed by power plants/units is used to calculate the CO ₂ emission coefficients of the power plants in the grid, according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1. According to the tools the IPCC default values are used. This is conservative.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	No comments.

Data/Parameter	$EF_{CO_2,i,y} / EF_{CO_2,m,i,y}$
Unit	tCO ₂ /GJ
Description	CO ₂ emission factor of fossil fuel type i used in power unit m in year y / Weighted average CO ₂ emission factor of fuel type i in year y.
Source of data	IPCC 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Table 1.4 of Chapter 1 of Vol. 2 (Energy) (Default values at the lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals).
Value(s) applied	0.0726 (Diesel oil) 0.0755 (Fuel oil)
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	The CO ₂ emission factor of fossil fuels consumed by power plants/units is used to calculate the CO ₂ emission coefficients of the power plants in the grid, according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1. According to the tools the IPCC default values are used. This is conservative.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	Any future revision of the IPCC Guidelines would be taken into account.

D.2. Data and parameters monitored

Data/Parameter	$EG_{facility,y}$ ($EG_{BL,y}$)		
Unit	MWh/year		
Description	Net electricity generated and supplied to the grid by the project activity in the year y		
Measured/calculated/default	Measured		
Source of data	Measurement by project participant.		
Value(s) of monitored		Year	Dispatch (MWh)

parameter		2013	21,883.91			
		2014	49,543.38			
		2015	47,099.74			
		2016	53,912.65			
		2017	67,916.03			
		2018	61,690.08			
		2019	32,233.28			
		2020	36,375.85			
Monitoring equipment	Meters					
		Serial	Model	Brand	Calibration date	Accuracy
	Main	SJ – 1111A176 - 02	ION-9610	SIEME NS	2015/08/14	0.2%
	Backup	SJ – 1111A179 - 02	ION-9610	SIEME NS	2015/08/14	0.2%
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Measured continuously and periodically recorded. The records of any energy generated was recorded since the start of project. Power meters were installed in the project installations. The net electricity supplied to the grid was determined as the measured quantities of the grid electricity delivered to the grid minus the auxiliary electricity consumption, technical losses and electricity imports from the grid to the project power plant (determined in the commercial border or point used for billing purposes). The values were recorded monthly and stored in a spreadsheet.					
Calculation method (if applicable)	-					
QA/QC procedures	Power meters are quite accurate. Moreover, the meters were calibrated periodically according to national standards. Data collected has low uncertainty levels and to guarantee its accuracy, it was cross-checked with the electricity sales receipts obtained from the grid trader/generator (where applicable, the lowest value was used for emission reductions calculation. This is conservative). For each power plant connected to the grid at the same point, the grid trader/generator delivered sales receipt separately (for each power plant). The accuracy of the meters as +/- % of the readings of kWh (measurement) is 0.2% (applicable to meters class 0.2).					
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions					
Additional comments	As the entire monitoring period was not covered by calibration of either main or backup meters, a correction factor of 0.2% is applied (major factor between found deviation and maximum deviation permissible) for the entire monitored period.					

Data/Parameter	$FC_{i,j,y}$
Unit	Mass or volume unit/y.
Description	Quantity of fuel type i combusted in process j during the year y.
Measured/calculated/default	Measured
Source of data	Measurement by project participant.
Value(s) of monitored parameter	0
Monitoring equipment	-
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Continuous measurement of all fossil fuel fed into the process using volume meters.
Calculation method	-

(if applicable)	
QA/QC procedures	Results are recorded in a data log file. The meter is subject to regular maintenance and calibration as per the manufacturer's specifications. The uncertainty level of the data is low. The quantity is cross-checked with purchased quantities and stock changes. Where the purchased fuel invoices can be identified specifically for the CDM project, the metered fuel consumption quantities are also cross-checked with available purchase invoices from the financial records.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of project emissions
Additional comments	No comments.

Data/Parameter	$EG_{m,y}$
Unit	MWh
Description	Net electricity generated by power units m in year y.
Measured/calculated/default	Measured
Source of data	Government records from Nicaraguan Energy Institute (Instituto Nicaragüense de la Energía).
Value(s) of monitored parameter	Please refer ER spreadsheet
Monitoring equipment	-
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Determined annually according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1. The national dispatch center of Nicaragua is responsible for issuing plans and ensuring a reliable performance of the national grid. All information regarding the national interconnected system (included information of the net electricity generated by power units) which is handled and stored by Nicaraguan Energy Institute is checked at the website: https://www.ine.gob.ni/index.php/electricidad/serie-historica/
Calculation method (if applicable)	-
QA/QC procedures	-
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	No comments.

Data/Parameter	$FC_{i,m,y}$
Unit	Mass or volume unit/y.
Description	Amount of fossil fuel type i consumed by power plant/unit m in year y.
Measured/calculated/default	Measured
Source of data	Government records from Nicaraguan Energy Institute (Instituto Nicaragüense de la Energía).
Value(s) of monitored parameter	Please refer ER spreadsheet
Monitoring equipment	-
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Determined annually according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1. The national dispatch center of Nicaragua is responsible for issuing plans and ensuring a reliable performance of the national grid. All information regarding the national interconnected system (included information of the amount of fossil fuels consumed by power units) which is handled and stored by Nicaraguan Energy Institute, it is checked at the web site: https://www.ine.gob.ni/index.php/electricidad/serie-historica/
Calculation method	-

(if applicable)	
QA/QC procedures	-
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	No comments.

Data/Parameter	$NCV_{i,y}$
Unit	GJ/t.
Description	Net calorific value (energy content) of fossil fuel type i in year y / Weighted average net calorific value of fuel type i in year y.
Measured/calculated/default	Default
Source of data	IPCC 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Table 1.2 of Chapter 1 of Vol. 2 (Energy) (Default values at the lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals).
Value(s) of monitored parameter	41.4 (Diesel oil) 39.8 (Fuel oil)
Monitoring equipment	-
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Determined annually according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1 and "Tool to calculate project or leakage CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion" version 2. Although the values provided by the fuel suppliers are preferred, the thermal power plants use several fuel suppliers which have not characterized under standard methods the net calorific values of the fuels; therefore, according to the tools, the IPCC default values are used. This is conservative.
Calculation method (if applicable)	-
QA/QC procedures	-
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions
Additional comments	Any future revision of the IPCC Guidelines would be taken into account.

Data/Parameter	$EF_{CO_2,i,y} / EF_{CO_2,m,i,y}$
Unit	tCO ₂ /GJ
Description	CO ₂ emission factor of fossil fuel type i used in power unit m in year y / Weighted average CO ₂ emission factor of fuel type i in year y.
Measured/calculated/default	Default
Source of data	IPCC 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Table 1.4 of Chapter 1 of Vol. 2 (Energy) (Default values at the lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals).
Value(s) of monitored parameter	0.0726 (Diesel oil) 0.0755 (Fuel oil)
Monitoring equipment	-
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Determined annually according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1 and "Tool to calculate project or leakage CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion" version 2. Although the values provided by the fuel suppliers are preferred, the thermal power plants use several fuel suppliers which have not characterized under standard methods the emission factors of the fuels; therefore, according to the tools, the IPCC default values are used. This is conservative.
Calculation method (if applicable)	-
QA/QC procedures	-
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions

Additional comments	Any future revision of the IPCC Guidelines would be taken into account.
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Data/Parameter	η_m
Unit	-
Description	Average net energy conversion efficiency of power unit m or k in year y.
Measured/calculated/default	Default
Source of data	Nicaraguan Energy Institute (Instituto Nicaragüense de la Energía).
Value(s) of monitored parameter	Default values provided in the "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1.
Monitoring equipment	-
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Determined annually according to "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" version 2.2.1 for each year calculation where option A2 for the OM simple calculation applies.
Calculation method (if applicable)	-
QA/QC procedures	-
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emissions.
Additional comments	No comments.

D.3. Implementation of sampling plan

N/A

SECTION E. Calculation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals

E.1. Calculation of baseline emissions or baseline net removals

For AMS.I.D Version 17, the baseline is the MWh produced by the renewable generating unit and delivered to the national grid multiplied by an emission factor (measured in tCO₂e/MWh) as follows:

$$BE_y = EG_{BL,y} \times EF_{CO_2,grid,y} \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

$$\text{Example: } BE_{2013} = 21,883.91 \text{ MWh} \times 0.6646 \frac{tCO_2}{MWh} = 14,252 \text{ tCO}_2$$

Where:

BE_y	Baseline emissions in the year y (tCO ₂ e).
$EF_{CO_2,grid,y}$	CO ₂ emission factor of the grid in year y (tCO ₂ e/MWh)
$EG_{BL,y}$	Quantity of net electricity supplied to the grid as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh).

Method to determine the operating margin (OM)

For the project, the Operating Margin was calculated using the simple method and the ex-post value was chosen. As such, the emission factor was updated for the year in which the power plant displaces electricity from the grid (applicable over the crediting period). The option chosen requires the monitoring and recalculation of the emission factor every year during the crediting period, using public information from official sources.

The simple OM emission factor is calculated as the generation-weighted average of CO₂ emissions per unit net electricity generation (tCO₂/MWh) of all generating power plants serving the system, not including low-cost/must-run power plants/units. The simple OM may be calculated:

- Option A: based on the net electricity generation and the CO₂ emission factor of each power unit,
- Option B: based on the total net electricity generation of all power plants serving the system and the fuel types and total fuel consumption of the project's electricity system.

For the calculation, the information to determine the simple OM emission factor was available from official sources (public information), thus option A has been chosen.

Option A - Calculation based on average efficiency and electricity generation of each plant. Under this option, the simple OM emission factor is calculated based on the net electricity generation of each power unit and an emission factor for each power unit, as follows:

$$EF_{grid,OMsimple,y} = \frac{\sum_m EG_{m,y} \cdot EF_{EL,m,y}}{\sum_m EG_{m,y}} \quad \text{Equation (2)}$$

$$\text{Example: } EF_{grid,OMsimple,2013} = \frac{1,258,955 \text{ tCO}_2}{1,858,940.69 \text{ MWh}} = 0.6772 \text{ tCO}_2/\text{MWh}$$

Where:

$EF_{grid,OMsimple,y}$	Simple operating margin CO ₂ emission factor in year y (tCO ₂ /MWh).
$EG_{m,y}$	Net quantity of electricity generated and delivered to the grid by power unit m in year y (MWh).
$EF_{EL,m,y}$	CO ₂ emission factor of power unit m in year y (tCO ₂ /MWh).
m	All power units serving the grid in year y except low-cost/must-run power units.
y	The relevant year as per the data vintage chosen in Step 3.

Determination of $EF_{EL,m,y}$

The option selected for the calculation of the emission factor for each plant is based on the fuel consumption (option A1) of the different plants of the grid. According to this option, for power unit m , only data on electricity generation and the fuel types used is available:

$$EF_{EL,m,y} = \frac{\sum_i FC_{i,m,y} \cdot NCV_{i,y} \cdot EF_{CO2,i,y}}{EG_{m,y}} \quad \text{Equation (3)}$$

$$\text{Example: } EF_{EL,Planta\ Nicaragua,2013} = \frac{71.23 \text{ Gg} \cdot 41 \frac{\text{TJ}}{\text{Gg}} \cdot 75.5 \frac{\text{tCO}_2}{\text{TJ}}}{258,431.47 \text{ MWh}} = 0.8615 \frac{\text{tCO}_2}{\text{MWh}}$$

Where:

$EF_{EL,m,y}$	CO ₂ emission factor of power unit m in year y (tCO ₂ /MWh).
$FC_{i,m,y}$	Amount of fossil fuel type i consumed by power unit m in year y (Mass or volume unit).
$NCV_{i,y}$	Net calorific value (energy content) of fossil fuel type i in year y (GJ/mass or volume unit).
$EF_{CO2,i,y}$	CO ₂ emission factor of fossil fuel type i in year y (tCO ₂ /GJ).
$EG_{m,y}$	Net quantity of electricity generated and delivered to the grid by power unit m in year y (MWh).

m	All power units serving the grid in year y except low-cost/must-run power units.
i	All fossil fuel types combusted in power unit m in year y .
y	The relevant year as per the data vintage chosen in Step 3.

Determination of $EG_{m,y}$

For grid power plants, $EG_{m,y}$ was determined as per the provisions in the monitoring tables. For this approach (simple OM), to calculate the operating margin, the subscript m refers to the power plants/units delivering electricity to the grid, not including low-cost/must-run power plants/units. Electricity import data was not included as no information was available.

The information needed to calculate the operating margin emission factor is available from official sources such as CNDC and the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (Instituto Nicaragüense de la Energía). The data used corresponds to the last available information necessary to calculate the update of the national emission factor by official sources.

Calculate the build margin (BM) emission factor.

For the project, the BM emission factor is calculated based on the vintage of data under option 2 (updated annually, ex-post approach). This option was chosen in order to use recent and public information from official sources up to the year of registration of the project activity.

For the build margin calculation, the group of available generating plants m were selected and the five most recently built power stations were identified. It was determined that the most recent additions represent 20% of total generation. The option that comprises the larger annual generation was chosen. Power plants registered as CDM/VCS project activities were excluded from the sample group m as long as the power plants in the sample group were no more than 10 years old. The option that corresponds to the highest annual generation was chosen. The energy produced by the 5 most modern power stations in Nicaragua or the most recent power stations generating the 20% of the electricity. The build margin emission factor was therefore calculated based on 20% of the electricity generated.

The build margin emission factor is the generated-weighted average emission factor (tCO_2/MWh) of power units in sample group m during the most recent year y for which power generation data is available. The following formula was used to calculate the build margin emission factor:

$$EF_{grid,BM,y} = \frac{\sum_m EG_{m,y} \times EF_{EL,m,y}}{\sum_m EG_{m,y}} \quad \text{Equation (4)}$$

$$\text{Example: } EF_{grid,BM,2013} = \frac{354,791.07 \text{ tCO}_2}{544,218.86 \text{ MWh}} = 0.6519 \text{ tCO}_2/\text{MWh}$$

Where:

$EF_{grid,BM,y}$	Build margin CO_2 emission factor in year y (tCO_2/MWh).
$EG_{m,y}$	Net quantity of electricity generated and delivered to the grid by power unit m in the year y (MWh).
$EF_{EL,m,y}$	CO_2 emission factor for power unit m in the year y (tCO_2/MWh).
m	Power units included in the build margin.
y	Most recent historical year for which power generation data is available.

The emission factor for each of the power stations selected for calculating the build margin $EF_{EL,m,y}$ is produced in the same way as in the previous steps.

Calculate the combined margin (CM) emission factor.

The calculation of the combined margin (CM) emission factor is based on one of the following methods:

- (a) Weighted average CM; or
- (b) Simplified CM.

The weighted average CM method (option a) should be used as the preferred option. The simplified CM method (option b) can only be used if:

- The project activity is located in a Least Developed Country (LDC) or in a country with less than 10 registered projects at the starting date of validation; and
- The data requirements for the application of step 5 above cannot be met.

For the CM calculation, option a has been chosen, thus the combined margin emission factor is calculated as a weighted average of the operating margin (EF_{OM}) and build margin (EF_{BM}) emission factors.

$$EF_{grid,CM,y} = w_{OM} \times EF_{grid,OM,y} + w_{BM} \times EF_{grid,BM,y} \quad \text{Equation (5)}$$

$$\text{Example: } EF_{grid,CM,2016} = 0.5 \times 0.6772 \frac{tCO_2}{MWh} + 0.5 \times 0.6519 \frac{tCO_2}{MWh} = 0.6646 tCO_2/MWh$$

Where:

$EF_{grid,BM,y}$	Build margin CO ₂ emission factor in year y (tCO ₂ /MWh).
$EF_{grid,OM,y}$	Operating margin CO ₂ emission factor in one year y (tCO ₂ /MWh).
w_{OM}	Weighting of operating margin emissions factor (%).
w_{BM}	Weighting of build margin emissions factor (%).

E.2. Calculation of project emissions or actual net removals

The methodology AMS.I.D version 17 states for most renewable energy project activities, project emissions are zero ($PE_y = 0$). However, since the project has a reservoir, the project emissions from water reservoirs of hydro power plants were considered, following the procedures described in the ACM0002. In addition, CO₂ emissions from on-site consumption of fossil fuels due to project activity were also considered using the “Tool to calculate project or leakage CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion” version 2.

According to ACM0002 version 13.0.0, project emissions must be calculated using the following equation:

$$PE_y = PE_{FF,y} + PE_{GP,y} + PE_{HP,y} \quad \text{Equation (6)}$$

Where:

PE_y	Project emissions in year y (tCO ₂ /yr).
$PE_{FF,y}$	Project emissions from fossil fuel consumption in year y (tCO ₂ /yr).
$PE_{GP,y}$	Project emissions from the operation of geothermal power plants due to the release of non-condensable gases in year y (tCO _{2e} /yr).
$PE_{HP,y}$	Project emissions from water reservoirs of hydro power plants in year y (tCO _{2e} /yr).

The project does not consider geothermal power plants, therefore $PE_{GP,y}$ is not considered.

Project emissions from fossil fuel consumption in year y ($PE_{FF,y}$).

For the project activity, the use of a backup electricity system only for emergencies has been considered (fossil fuel based), therefore the project emissions were considered. According to AMS.I.D version 17, CO₂ emissions from on-site consumption of fossil fuels due to project activity shall be calculated using the latest version of the “Tool to calculate project or leakage CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion” version 2. However, during this monitoring period, no fuel consumption for backup power generation was used or recorded. $PE_{FF,y} = 0$.

Project emissions from water reservoirs of hydro power plants in year y ($PE_{HP,y}$)

According to ACM0002 version 13.0.0, the power density (PD) is calculated as follows:

$$PD = \frac{Cap_{pj} - Cap_{BL}}{A_{pj} - A_{BL}} \quad \text{Equation (7)}$$

$$\text{Example: } PD = \frac{14,400,000 \text{ W} - 0}{247,449 \text{ m}^2 - 0} = 58.19 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$$

Where:

PD	Power density of the project activity (W/m ²).
Cap_{pj}	Installed capacity of the hydro power plant after the implementation of the project activity (W).
Cap_{BL}	Installed capacity of the hydro power plant before the implementation of the project activity (W). For new hydro power plants, this value is zero.
A_{pj}	Area of the single or multiple reservoirs measured at the surface of the water, after the implementation of the project activity, when the reservoir is full (m ²).
A_{BL}	Area of the single or multiple reservoirs measured at the surface of the water, before the implementation of the project activity, when the reservoir is full (m ²). For new reservoirs, this value is zero.

The power density value is 58.19 W/m²; therefore, according to the option b, as the power density of the project activity (PD) is greater than 10 W/m², project emission from reservoir is zero, $PE_{HP,y} = 0$.

E.3. Calculation of leakage emissions

In accordance to the applicable methodology, leakages are to be considered “if the energy generating equipment is transferred from another activity or if the existing equipment is transferred to another activity”. Since there is no transfer of equipment from or to the project activity, leakages are zero.

E.4. Calculation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals

	Baseline GHG emissions or baseline net GHG removals (t CO ₂ e)	Project GHG emissions or actual net GHG removals (t CO ₂ e)	Leakage GHG emissions (t CO ₂ e)	GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals (t CO ₂ e)		
				Before 01/01/2013	From 01/01/2013	Total amount
Total	197,000	0	0	0		197,000

E.5. Comparison of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals achieved with estimates in the registered PDD

Amount achieved during this monitoring period (t CO ₂ e)	Amount estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD (t CO ₂ e)
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Amount achieved during this monitoring period (t CO ₂ e)	Amount estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD (t CO ₂ e)
197,000	250,270

E.5.1. Explanation of calculation of “amount estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD”

The amount of GHG emission reductions estimated ex ante for this monitoring period was calculated by multiplying the expected daily emission reduction by 2,557 days, the equivalent days to the 07/10/2013 – 06/10/2020 period.

E.6. Remarks on increase in achieved emission reductions

There is no increase in emissions achieved.

E.7. Remarks on scale of small-scale project activity

The same small-scale project type remained under the limit of that type every year during the crediting period.

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