Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc.

Second Surveillance Audit

Sustainable Biomass Program
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Completed in accordance with the CB Public Summary Report Template Version 2.1 and SBP Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 (REDIII)

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1 Overview

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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-54
Date of certificate issue:	27 Sep 2024
Date of certificate expiry:	26 Sep 2029
Audit closing meeting date:	22 May 2026
Audit cycle:	Second Surveillance Audit

2 Audit conclusions

2.1 Certification decision

Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's technical review, the following certification decision is taken:	
Certification decision:	Certification approved
Certification decision by (name of the person):	Bruna Scarparo
Date of decision:	17 Aug 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

2.2 Closed non-conformities

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

NA

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

N/A

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	Trader
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0; Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon data. v2.1; Instruction Document EU RED: Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 v2.0
Product Group IDs	☒ Forest feedstock (1A) ☐ Trees outside forest (TOF) - Urban and landscape feedstock (2A) ☐ Trees outside forest (TOF) - Agricultural land feedstock (3A) ☒ Processing residues feedstock (4A) ☐ Post-consumer feedstock (5A) ☐ Other (please specify)
SBP Feedstock types	☒ SBP Compliant; ☒ SBP Controlled
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Includes EU RED Scheme	Yes
Includes EU RED Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Products	WB 1.1 Wood pellets
Feedstock origin (countries):	Canada
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: **Public link:** https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/	Not applicable
Chain of custody system	☐ Physical separation ☒ Mass balance
Outsourcing	Yes
Changes in the scope	NA

3.1 Description of the company

Guidance: Please describe the type, structure and operations of the company including its role in the supply chain, its inputs and outputs as they related to SBP Standards.

The organization is a biomass trader trading pellets that are sourced sourcing from nearby Canadian pellet mills in British Columbia, and Alberta; and US pellet mills in Alabama, Lousiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. The organization holds a valid PEFC certificate using the Credit System. Pellets are produced in the organization's own Biomass Production Facilities as well as purchased from other organisations. The pellets under SBP will mostly be delivered to ports in Europe and Asia, to be used in power generation facilities.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc.	8545 Willow Cale Road. Prince George, BC V2N 6Z9	Trader	☒

3.3 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system and Product Groups

Guidance: Please describe the operation of the CoC system including details of the mass balance management and a list of established Product Groups.

The Organisation is holding valid PEFC Chain of Custody certificate system which they share through a multi-site with the other pellet production facilities. Valid PEFC system description and other documents exist. The process covers trade of biomass with and without physical possession. As a trading company, they trade wood pellets by sea mainly CIF, with or without storage.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the organizations management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of specified SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification.

The scope of the evaluation covered:
- Review of Pinnacle's management procedures, including requirements designated in applicable SBP Standards and Instruction Documents;
- Review of SBP system control points, analysis of the existing PEFC CoC system;
- Review of the records and calculations
- Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting EU RED
- Interviews with responsible staff

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Henrique Silva and Just-Christ YIMGANG	4.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Henrique Silva and Just-Christ YIMGANG	8.0
3. Report writing	Henrique Silva and Just-Christ YIMGANG	4.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Henrique Silva	Supervisor	Lead SBP, GGL,PEFC,SURE, ENPlus and FSC FM/COC auditor and successfully passed the ISO 9001 auditor training programme

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

The audit was conducted on the basis of meetings / interviews with relevant people of the certificate holder, relevant documents and records, and other best available information.
This audit consisted of an opening meeting, during which the scope was confirmed. The auditor also explained the methods to be employed during the audit.
After this introduction, all relevant requirements of the applicable SBP and RED III standard(s) were verified on compliance through the use of a report template and checklists. Procedures for handling of biomass were reviewed. All relevant requirements for transport and transfer of biomass was evaluated and found to be sufficiently managed.
The audit was completed by filling in the audit report and discussing the audit results.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
This is a trader audit

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable and existing documents and procedures subject to the SBP certification were reviewed. All DTS registrations and associated invoices and other sales documents related to trading of the scope of SBP were reviewed

5.6 CB stakeholder engagement

☒ N/A – Certification Body stakeholder consultation not applicable for this evaluation

Guidance: Please specify the number and types of stakeholders engaged, method of engagement and its outcomes.

5.7 Stakeholder feedback and response

☒ N/A – Certification Body stakeholder consultation not applicable for this evaluation

5.8 Main strengths and weaknesses of the management system and operations

The audit of Pinnacle demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standard 4 and 5. Reasonable evidence was provided to support compliance with applicable requirements. The organization has a very comprehensive and detailed management and procedural system in place which covers all aspects of the SBP audit scope and the underlying PEFC chain of custody Certification and the existence of a PEFC Chain of Custody system is considered a main strength with respect to Pinnacle overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

No weaknesses detected

5.9 Summary of evaluation activities for robustness of the Supply Base Evaluation

☒ N/A – Standard 1 not in the scope of the evaluation

5.10 Summary of evaluation activities for Processing residues and/or Post-consumer feedstock requirements per Standard 2 and EU RED

☒ N/A – processing residues and/or post-consumer feedstock not used.

5.11 Summary of evaluation activities for chain of custody system per Standard 4

As part of the SBP audit, the evaluation of the Chain of Custody (CoC) system, conducted in accordance with Standard 4 requirements, demonstrated that the organization has implemented effective control measures. The system in place ensures traceability and integrity of SBP-compliant and SBP-controlled biomass throughout the supply chain. Procedures and records were found to be consistent with the standard’s requirements, indicating a high level of compliance and control over material flows and documentation

5.12 Summary of evaluation activities for collection and communication of data per Standard 5

The organization assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. The organization is a trader who forwards to its customer the energy use data, received from their suppliers, supported by the production of a SREG if required

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

The company consist of a biomass trading desk of which one has the main responsibility related to the SBP system. All personnel that is involved with SBP have received appropriate training where all relevant procedures and requirements have been covered. The SBP responsible staff has shown good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and of the FSC/PEFC CoC system. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of involved personnel.

5.14 Summary of audit findings for GHG methodology per Standard 6 (if applicable)

☒ N/A – Standard 6 not in the scope

6 Detailed evaluation of BP's Supply Base Evaluation (if applicable)

☒ N/A – Supply Base Evaluation not in the scope of the evaluation

6.1 Overview of BP's risk assessments and mitigation measures including EU RED scope

N/A

6.2 CB evaluation of specified risk indicators and mitigation measures