

## **TÜV claims disclosure guidelines by VDEW leads to incorrect figures**

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The proposal by VDEW for a disclosure system in Germany holds intrinsic flaws that will lead to an improper calculation of the renewable fraction in fuel mix of German energy companies. Thus claims Thyge Weller, energy certification lead-auditor of TÜV-SÜD, the main certifying agency in Germany.

Weller claims that the proposed Electricity Disclosure Guidelines as released by VDEW last week, automatically leads to 'green washing' of existing grey fractions in the energy companies fuel mixes. The proposed guidelines state that energy companies must substitute any unknown fraction of their fuel mix with the European UCTE fuel mix which contains 13% renewable energy. This automatically leads to an increase of the renewable fraction of the disclosed fuel mix of 13% of this unknown fraction. The Energy Disclosure Guidelines were released by VDEW last week and are open to discussion until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Although Weller publicly condemned the flaws in the current proposal at the Green Power Marketing Event in Berlin, he is happy that there is a proposal at all. He believes the market will be able to correct the guidelines in time. However, if the guidelines will be accepted as they are, he foresees that the European Commission will urge the German authorities in due time to intervene. The proposal will be discussed by several stakeholders on the German market, from both governments and NGOs, on October 25<sup>th</sup>.