

Commission: the Netherlands reaches target by 2006

The European Commission has stated that at the current growth rate, the Netherlands will probably reach its RES-E target for 2010 by 2006.

Karina Veum of the Directorate General for Energy and Transport announced this last Thursday at the Green Power Marketing event held on October 5 and 6 in Berlin. In the agreement of 2001 regarding the division of tasks, the Netherlands offered a commitment of a 9% renewable share in all power consumption. The statement of the European Commission is supported by the latest figures of CertiQ, the Dutch issuing body for green certificates in the Netherlands. According to the statistics CertiQ issued last week, especially the production of biomass energy in the Netherlands has shown a spectacular increase. Certified production rose from an approximate 130 GWh in June 2004 to an approximate 400 GWh in May 2005. The total certified production in the Netherlands peaked to 700 GWh in June, with an average of 600 GWh over the past six months. On the other hand, power producer and supplier Essent announced to cut co-firing of biomass in power plants if the Dutch government persists in reducing the premium on biomass as planned. More figures on the certified production in the Netherlands can be found at the CertiQ website.
<http://www.certiq.nl/english/stat_summ/Statistical_overview.asp%20>

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