

DISCUSSION GUIDE 1

Issues and Concerns – First Cycle of the Alberta Offset System

Purpose:

Summarized below are the main themes that emerged from the Discussion Paper findings. They are synthesized at a high level from aggregate results. They are meant to stimulate your group’s thinking. A confirmation of and identification of any additional issues is the purpose of this Session.

Instructions:

Task	Time
1. Identify a Leader and Reporter from your Group.	5 min
2. Scan the list of issues and concerns and add any additional items	10 min
3. Identify the top 3 issues for your group (including any additional ones) and outline why they are most important.	15 min

Main Themes Emerging from the Discussion Paper (in no certain order):

1. **Registry** – timing and/or ease of use issues?
2. **Protocols** - additionality and permanence of biosequestration offsets?
3. **Market Assurance** – validation or approval of projects; certification or issuance of offset credits?
4. **Availability of Offsets** – volume, transaction costs, finding sellers?
5. **Price/Quality Disclosure** – lack of information; non-transparency?
6. **Transaction process** –lack of experience; lack of standard contract terms?
7. **Verification costs** – universally seen? Did costs differ between small volumes/aggregated projects vs single projects, large volumes?
8. **Price Cap** – design of the GHG regulatory framework?

Additional Issues Identified by Your Group:

Group Results – Top 3:

Issue:	Description: