Scope 3 Standard
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S3S Program Fee Schedule Options

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document outlines two fee options under consideration for the Scope 3 Standard (S3S) Program version 1.[1] Verra welcomes feedback on these options as we work toward the most appropriate fee structure for this new program. Except for the listing fee, the amounts included here are only indicative, intended to illustrate the proposals, and will be refined based on feedback. Section 2 provides a side-by-side comparison of proposed fee options, Section 3 provides example costs for different project types, and Section 4 provides auxiliary fees under consideration.

Provide feedback

To provide feedback please click here and you will be redirected to a short survey that includes the following questions:

1. What is a reasonable maximum cost for a registration request?
2. What is a reasonable maximum cost for a verification approval request?
3. Which is more important to you:
    a. that fees are fixed and predictable, or
    b. that fees align with the scale of S3U issuance?
4. Do the proposed tiered review fees fairly differentiate fees by project type and scale?
5. Consider your potential project, how do the following factors influence your view of the fee options?
    a. Expected scale of unit issuance
    b. Desired frequency of verification and issuance

[1] While not included below, please note we also anticipate there will be fees associated with version 2.0 of the S3S Program which introduces a requirement to demonstrate a value chain association between a reporting company and the impacted product (e.g., commodity crop, textiles, concrete) in a S3S project. A verified value chain association enables the issuance of "reportable" Scope 3 Units (S3Us) that are issued on the on the basis of underlying S3Us. The proposal is to consider the costs and fees for the issuance of reportable S3Us separately from the issuance of S3Us (described in this document).

2 PROPOSED FEE OPTIONS

The table below provides a side-by-side comparison of the current VCS fee structure and two proposed options for related fees in the S3S Program. Each column shows how fees would be applied under a different approach, allowing stakeholders to compare when fees are paid, how fees are calculated, and the overall distribution of costs across the project lifecycle.

Because the S3S Program allows both full- and focused-scope verification (see Section 1.5 of the *S3S Program Registration and Issuance Process (RIP)*, v1.0, and Sections 8.2.3-8.2.11 of the *Scope 3 Standard*, v1.0), verification approval fees vary by scope, with focused-scope verifications subject to lower fees due to their narrower scope and lower expected Verra review time.

	VCS Fees:	S3S Program Fees: Option 1	S3S Program Fees: Option 2
Registry Account Fees	A registry account is required to submit a project request under any Verra program. Account holders must pay a USD 500 **opening fee** and USD 500 **annual account maintenance fee.**		
Overview	Includes a fee for each review request and a unit issuance levy charged when units are issued. Because units are not issued at the time of Verra's verification approval, sometimes a significant portion of fees are never paid, or paid months or years after Verra has done its work to review.	Includes a fee for each review request (tiered by methodology complexity) and a unit issuance levy that must be paid before Verra approves a verification.	Includes a fee for each review request (tiered by methodology complexity, scale and verification scope). Unit issuance levies are eliminated, and costs are recovered through higher review fees paid at the time registration and verification approval are requested.
at Listing Request	USD 1500	USD 1500	USD 1500
at Registration Request	USD 3750	By methodology complexity: Low – USD 2000 Medium – USD 4000 High – USD 6000	By methodology complexity: USD 5000 +30% complexity premium, for select methodologies (e.g., additional USD 1500 for *S3S-VM0042* registrations)

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<tr><th></th><th>VCS Fees:</th><th>S3S Program Fees: Option 1</th><th>S3S Program Fees: Option 2</th></tr>
<tr><td>at Verification Approval Request</td><td>USD 5000, of which USD 2500 is treated as an issuance fee prepayment</td><td>USD 3000</td><td>By scale and focused vs. full verifications:
<table><tr><td>Scale</td><td>Focused</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>Small</td><td>USD 7,000</td><td>USD 14,000</td></tr><tr><td>Large</td><td>USD 14,000</td><td>USD 28,000</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>at Verification Approval</td><td>-</td><td>Issuance levy:
USD 0.08/S3U for focused-scope verifications
USD 0.15/S3U for full-scope verifications

The issuance levy associated with the monitoring period must be paid before Verra approves the verification. All units will be issued immediately following such approval .</td><td>No issuance-based levy. Fees are charged when a request is submitted and Verra conducts a review.
All units will be issued immediately following verification approval.</td></tr>
<tr><td>at Issuance Request</td><td>Issuance levy:
USD 0.23/VCU
Levy is paid based on the amount of VCUs requested for issuance (i.e., Periodic issuances are allowed under the VCS Program – See Sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the VCS Registration and Issuance Process v5.0)</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr>
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3 EXAMPLES OF FEES PAID BY DIFFERENT PROJECTS

At v1.0 launch, the S3S Program will include two approved methodologies: *S3S-VM0042* and *S3S-VM0043*. The examples below illustrate how the proposed fee options would translate into costs for projects of different scales.

Please note the following preliminary assumptions:

Methodology	Designated Complexity	Scale Thresholds (S3Us in verification period, annualized)
S3S-VM0042 Improved Agricultural Land Management	High	Small: ≤ 300,000 annualized S3Us Large: >300,000 annualized S3Us
S3S-VM0043 CO_2 Utilization in Concrete Production	Medium	Small: ≤ 100,000 annualized S3Us Large: >100,000 annualized S3Us

The following table shows fees under options 1 and 2 for the first 5-year issuing period[2] for projects using *S3S-VM0042* and *S3S-VM0043* under various hypothetical annual S3U issuances.

Methodology	Annual S3Us (hypothetical)	S3SP Option 1	S3SP Option 2
S3S-VM0042, a high-complexity methodology	20,000	USD 31,900	USD 50,000
	50,000	USD 46,000	USD 50,000
	350,000	USD 187,000	USD 92,000
	1,000,000	USD 492,500	USD 92,000
S3S-VM0043, a medium-complexity methodology	30,000	USD 34,600	USD 48,500
	60,000	USD 48,700	USD 48,500
	200,000	USD 114,500	USD 90,500

[2] Issuing periods are five years under the S3S Program. We have assumed that an S3S project verifies annually, with a full verification review required for the first monitoring period and focused verification reviews for each of the four annual verifications that follow.

4 AUXILIARY FEES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

In addition to primary project fees listed in Section 2 above, the following fees are being considered as a means of supporting the processes outlined in *S3S Program RIP*.

Service	Estimated Fee Range
Gap Validation	USD 1,500-3,000, replaces the registration request fee for eligible VCS projects co-registering as an S3S project
Approximate Carbon Stock Reconciliation	To be determined after requirements are published in Section 7.1 of the *Scope 3 Standard*
Reversal Reserve Unit Management	To be determined after requirements are published in Section 7.2 of the *Scope 3 Standard*

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