

The Climate Trust

Of the markets listed above, The Climate Trust has direct experience with WCI. Specifically, the California market.

The advantages for Ecology to linking with California are:

1. Mature market that hasn't experienced much volatility and has clear price information
2. Transparent trading platform (CITSS) that already enables for the retirement of allowances on behalf of entities that do not have a compliance obligation

The challenges have to do with California's recent passage of AB 398 extending their system through 2030. The implications of this are still being assessed and there is a concern about steadily raising allowance prices and shortages calling into question their interest in allowing Washington to partially link.