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Michael is a renewable energy compliance professional with over ten years of experience in the renewable energy certificate industry. As REC Origination Lead at Northmore Gordon, he leads the REC Origination team across LGC, STC and I-REC activities, with a focus on compliance, accuracy and process improvement. Michael holds a degree in Financial Management and Accounting.

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How does Michael Medina's compliance background support evidence gathering for energy efficiency schemes?

Michael Medina's financial management and accounting expertise enables rigorous documentation of energy projects across schemes like Victorian Energy Upgrades, NSW Energy Savings Scheme, and ACCU programmes. His compliance focus ensures baseline data, measurement records, and project assumptions are properly captured and audit-ready. This systematic evidence gathering is critical because schemes require verified eligibility, documented boundaries, and transparent calculations. His BPO experience with process controls strengthens the audit trails that certificate authorities and financial stakeholders require to validate energy savings, certificate quantities, and funding arrangements.

What role does Wattly's Audit and Compliance team play in Northmore Gordon's service delivery?

Wattly's Audit and Compliance function, where Michael Medina contributes, provides governance oversight for energy optimization and environmental certificate projects. This capability validates that baseline conditions are correctly established, measurement and verification methods match scheme requirements, and project assumptions remain consistent through implementation. By ensuring transparent financial and technical records, the team reduces risk across investment cases, certificate nominations, and reporting obligations. This audit function is essential because measurement and verification outcomes, certificate eligibility, and funding claims all depend on credible, documented evidence and proper process control.

How does Michael Medina's 14-year BPO background prepare him for energy project governance?

Business Process Outsourcing experience involves managing complex workflows, quality assurance, and financial controls across multiple sites and teams—skills directly transferable to energy project

oversight. Michael Medina's BPO background positions him to establish scalable audit processes, document decision ownership, and maintain consistent evidence standards across energy audits, feasibility studies, and measurement and verification engagements. These capabilities strengthen project governance by ensuring that energy data, baseline assumptions, and savings calculations follow standardized protocols, reducing errors and supporting compliance with scheme requirements and financial accountability.

Why is separating cost, savings, and certificate benefit important in energy investment cases?

Energy projects typically involve multiple financial streams: capital expenditure, operating savings, certificate proceeds, and potential grant contributions. Michael Medina's financial management expertise ensures these components remain distinct in investment analysis. Conflating benefits obscures the true payback period, makes assumptions less visible, and complicates funding applications. By maintaining separate tracking of capital cost, energy savings, tariff effects, maintenance benefits, and certificate revenue, organizations can present transparent investment cases, compare alternatives fairly, and demonstrate to stakeholders and regulators that each funding stream is properly justified and accounted for.

What audit considerations apply when projects span multiple funding pathways?

Complex projects often combine internal capital, grants, environmental certificates, and financing arrangements. Audit and compliance frameworks must track each pathway separately, confirm eligibility assumptions, document application status, and verify that costs are correctly allocated. Michael Medina's compliance expertise ensures that certificate schemes do not inadvertently exclude projects that received prior assistance, that grant conditions do not conflict with certificate requirements, and that financial reporting treats each support stream transparently. This prevents projects from losing funding due to undisclosed prior incentives or conflicting programme conditions.

How does compliance expertise strengthen measurement and verification credibility?

Measurement and verification requires establishing a documented baseline, defining measurement boundaries, recording implementation changes, and calculating savings against comparable conditions. Michael Medina's audit background ensures this process is transparent, methodical, and defensible. By maintaining clear records of baseline data quality, adjustment assumptions, and operating variables, compliance frameworks protect the credibility of energy savings claims for both internal performance tracking and certificate scheme submission. This documentation protects organizations by providing evidence that measurement methods were correctly applied and results fairly represent project outcomes.

What does a BBA in Financial Management and Accounting contribute to environmental project delivery?

A BBA in Financial Management and Accounting equips professionals with skills in cost analysis, benefit quantification, capital budgeting, and financial reporting—all essential for energy projects. Michael Medina's qualification supports accurate comparison of upgrade alternatives, validation of savings estimates, and transparent presentation of investment cases. This expertise ensures that energy reduction quantities, cost assumptions, and financial projections are based on sound accounting principles rather than unverified estimates. Strong financial analysis strengthens credibility with management decision-makers, funding authorities, and scheme regulators evaluating project viability and certificate eligibility.

How does audit oversight protect organizations from compliance risk in certificate programmes?

Certificate schemes—whether VEU, ESS, or ACCU—have specific eligibility rules, evidence requirements, and newness or investment-commitment tests. An audit and compliance function, led by professionals like Michael Medina, reviews projects against these requirements before nomination,

identifies evidence gaps early, and ensures technical and financial claims are substantiated. This proactive oversight prevents costly delays when schemes reject applications due to missing documentation, conflicting prior assistance, or unsupported calculations. By validating compliance before submission, organizations protect project timelines, funding certainty, and reputation with regulators and scheme administrators.