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Given a discrete graph  $G = (V, E)$  one can construct an associated toric ring called the edge ring of  $G$ , denoted  $K[G]$ . The development of a dictionary between the combinatorial structure of the graph and the algebraic structure of the associated ring is of great interest. In this talk we discuss a sufficient condition on the graph  $G$  so that the edge ring  $K[G]$  satisfies the Cohen-Macaulay condition. (Received August 27, 2012)