BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke) Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of its 2010) Advanced and Renewable Energy Baseline) and Benchmarks Pursuant to Section) 4928.64(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.)

Case No. 11-2515-EL-ACP

<u>ENTRY</u>

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) Section 4928.64(B), Revised Code, establishes benchmarks for electric utilities to acquire a portion of the electric utility's standard service offer (SSO) from renewable energy resources. Specifically, the statute provides that, for 2010, a portion of the electric utility's electricity supply for its SSO offer must come from alternative energy sources, including 0.010 percent from solar energy resources (SER); this requirement increases to 0.030 percent for 2011.
- (3) On April 15, 2011, Duke filed its alternative energy portfolio status report for 2010.
- (4) Motions to intervene in this case were filed by the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC). No party opposed the motions to intervene. The attorney examiner finds that the motions to intervene are reasonable and should be granted.
- (5) On March 20, 2012, Staff filed its findings and recommendations on Duke's 2010 alternative energy status report.
- (6) Rule 4901:1-40-05, Ohio Administrative Code, provides that a hearing may be held on an alternative energy portfolio status report. At this time, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a hearing to commence on April 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by OEC and OCC be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled to commence on April 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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