

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Central)	
Mississippi Health Services, Inc. for Certification)	Case No. 13-0779-EL-REN
as an Eligible Ohio Renewable Energy)	
Resource Generating Facility.)	

Findings and Recommendations of the PUCO Staff

I. Background

On April 4, 2013, Sundial Solar Power Developers, Inc. (the Applicant) submitted an application of Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc. for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility. The facility is located in Mississippi. While it may be possible for a facility located in Mississippi to meet the deliverability requirements for certification, one of the requirements for a facility located in a state that is not contiguous to Ohio is that the facility must be connected to the transmission grid and modeled by a power flow study.

The Applicant has acknowledged in an April 29, 2013 filing that the facility is not connected to the transmission grid and has expressed the desire to withdraw the application.

The Commission established the methodology for evaluating deliverability for facilities in non-contiguous states in the finding and order issued on March 23, 2011 in *In the Matter of the Application of Koda Energy LLC for Certification as an Eligible Ohio Renewable Energy Resource Generating Facility*, Case No. 09-0555-EL-REN, paragraph 8.

The Commission finds that Staff's proposed methodology and recommended definition of "significant impact" are reasonable and should be adopted. Accordingly, any applicant seeking to demonstrate the physical deliverability of energy into Ohio from a generating facility located outside of Ohio or a contiguous state may do so with a power flow study, performed by an RTO, offering evidence of a significant impact on power flows over transmission lines located in the state of

Ohio. The transmission lines must serve loads connected to distribution lines located in Ohio. If the study shows an impact on a transmission line in Ohio that is greater than five percent and greater than one megawatt, the electricity produced by the renewable generating facility would be deemed to have a significant impact, thereby satisfying the statutory criteria that the electricity is physically deliverable into Ohio.

II. Staff Findings

Following its review of the application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility and subsequent filing, Staff makes the following findings:

- (1) The facility is located in Mississippi.
- (2) A facility in a state other than Ohio and the states contiguous to Ohio must demonstrate deliverability by submitting a power flow study in accordance with the finding and order issued March 23, 2011 in *In the Matter of the Application Of Koda Energy LLC for Certification as an Eligible Ohio Renewable Energy Resource Generating Facility*, Case No. 09-0555-EL-REN.
- (3) Power flow studies are done only on transmission lines.
- (4) The facility is not connected to the transmission grid and therefore cannot be modeled in a power flow study.
- (5) The facility cannot demonstrate deliverability and therefore is not eligible for certification as an Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility.
- (6) The Applicant has acknowledged that deliverability cannot be demonstrated for the facility and has requested that the case be closed.

III. Staff Recommendations

Following its review of the information submitted in this proceeding and other relevant data, Staff recommends the following:

- (1) That the application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility be withdrawn.
- (2) That this case be closed.

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