BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

| In the Matter of Notice of Compliance by |) | |
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| Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland |) | Case No. 13-1191-EL-ACP |
| Electric Illuminating Company, and The | ĺ | |
| Toledo Edison Company. |) | |

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On May 13, 2013, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, the Companies) filed a "notice of compliance" providing that a ten-year request for proposal (RFP) to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) will not be held for the period of 2014 through 2023 in accordance with the Second Supplemental Stipulation approved by the Commission in In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.14, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO (ESP 2).
- (2) The Second Supplemental Stipulation states that, "[i]f the standard service offer load of the Companies is less than 15,000,000 MWh[,] no additional solar RECs will be purchased that year." The standard service offer [SSO] load is calculated "by multiplying the Companies' prior year non-shopping percentage, as submitted by the Companies to Commission Staff in December of each year, by the Companies' long term forecast as filed with the Commission on April 15 for the year in which an RFP may occur." ESP 2, Second Supplemental Stipulation (July 22, 2010) at 2.
- (3) The Companies' notice of compliance states that their standard service offer load is less than 15,000,000 megawatt hours (MWh) for the year in which the RFP may occur (2013), based on the data provided in the Companies' long-term forecast.

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(4) In order to accomplish a review of the Companies' notice of compliance, a procedural schedule was established permitting comments to be filed until July 26, 2013, and permitting reply comments to be filed until August 9, 2013.

- (5) Thereafter, on July 1, 2013, the Commission's staff (Staff) filed comments on the notice of compliance. In its comments, Staff states that it reviewed the Companies' calculations and confirmed that, using the Companies' inputs, the SSO load is less than 15,000,000 MWh. Staff notes that its calculations used non-switching percentages that differed from the Companies', but states that the outcome did not differ significantly. Consequently, Staff states that it agrees with the Companies' conclusion that they are not required to conduct an RFP 4. Staff further notes that the Companies filed the notice on May 13, abiding by Staff's request for early filing in order to enable increased participation of new facilities.
- (6) No party filed reply comments on the Companies' notice of compliance.
- (7) The Commission has reviewed the Companies' notice of compliance and Staff's calculations and finds that the total SSO load for the 2012 calendar year was below the 15,000,000 MWh threshold established in the Second Supplemental Stipulation. Therefore, the Commission finds that the Companies are not required to conduct an RFP 4.

Additionally, the Commission notes that, as it has previously directed, the Companies should continue to file their applications prior to August 1 in order to allow sufficient time for RFPs to take place in advance of the first delivery year in order to allow new facilities to use the resulting contractual commitments to obtain financing.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Companies are not required to conduct an RFP 4 as set forth in Finding (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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