In the Matter of the Application of General Mills for Integration of Mercantile Customer Energy Efficiency or Peak-Demand Reduction Programs Case No. 13-1192-EL-EEC

Rule 4901:1-39-05(F), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), permits a mercantile customer to file, either individually or jointly with an electric utility, an application to commit the customer's existing demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency programs for integration with the electric utility's programs. In the above captioned case, General Mills (Applicant) filed an application in accordance with the mercantile application pilot program pursuant to Case No. 10-834-EL-EEC. This application involves the installation of variable speed drives and chilled water system controls.

After the Applicant filed the application, Staff contacted General Mills' representative to request supplemental information. On June 25, 2013, the automatic approval process was suspended for this case, by attorney examiner entry, to allow Staff time to obtain additional information and conduct further review of the filings.

After the application was suspended, Staff remained in contact with the applicant. Staff discussed the application's deficiencies including, but not limited to project costs, the length of expected rider exemption, and an accurate accounting of the cost test.

On July 25, 2013 the Applicant's representative notified Staff that he had been working with Duke Energy to re-file General Mills' energy efficiency commitments as a joint application.

Staff contacted the Applicant's representative again on October 21, 2013, to inquire about updates to the application because nothing had been filed in the docket. The Applicant's representative informed Staff that he was still working with Duke. Staff advised him that if necessary information were not filed within 60 days, Staff would recommend the dismissal of this application.

On November 12, 2013 the Applicant resubmitted the identical application originally filed on June 4, 2013 within this same docket.

At the time of this filing, the Applicant has not provided Staff the necessary information to thoroughly evaluate this application. Therefore, Staff recommends denial of this application.

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