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#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of Report of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Concerning its Advanced and Renewable Energy Baseline and Benchmarks and Ten Year Compliance Plan.

Case No. 14-377-EL-ACP

### DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S 2013 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STATUS REPORT AND TEN YEAR ADVANCED ENERGY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY BENCHMARK COMPLIANCE PLAN

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) is an electric distribution utility as that term is defined within Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.01(A)(6), and is therefore subject to the advanced energy and renewable requirements contained in Revised Code 4928.64.

Consistent with the rules enacted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), including Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) Section 4901:1-40-05, Duke Energy Ohio hereby submits this initial report in which it identifies its energy baseline and renewable energy credit (REC) and solar renewable energy credit (SREC) benchmarks and its compliance with year 2013 advanced and renewable mandates. Duke Energy Ohio also provides herein its plan for compliance with future annual advanced and renewable mandates as required by O.A.C. 4901:1-40-03(C).

### **II. DUKE ENERGY OHIO'S BASELINE CALCULATION**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 4928.64(B) provides that the baseline for a utility's compliance with the alternative energy resource requirements shall be the average of such total kilowatt hours it sold in the preceding three years, except that the Commission may reduce a utility's baseline to adjust for new economic growth in the utility's territory. The Company, in this application, is demonstrating compliance with its baseline and benchmarks on an unadjusted basis.

| 2010 Full Service Sales   |     | 10,102,444 |
|---|-----|------------|
| 2011 Full Service Sales   |     | 6,705,961  |
| 2012 Full Service Sales   |     | 6,012,923  |
| Average   |     | 7,607,109  |
| 2013 renewable benchmark  |     | 1.91%      |
| 2013 solar benchmark  |     | 0.09%      |
| 2013 renewable requirements by jurisdication (total less solar) |     | 145,296    |
| Ohio  | 50% | 72,648     |
| Out of state  | 50% | 72,648     |
| 2013 solar requirements by jurisdiction                         |     | 6,846      |
| Ohio  | 50% | 3,423      |
| Out of state  | 50% | 3,423      |

# III. DUKE ENERGY OHIO'S DEMONSTRATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2013 RENEWABLE ENERGY BENCHMARKS

### A. NON-SOLAR

1. <u>Duke Energy Ohio provided one half of its total non-solar renewable</u> energy requirements through in-state, non-solar, renewable energy credits.

As set forth above, the 2013 benchmark for in-state, non-solar, renewable energy which Duke Energy Ohio was required to meet was 72,648 RECs. (1 REC: 1MWh)

2. <u>Duke Energy Ohio provided one half of its total non-solar renewable</u> <u>energy requirements through non-solar, renewable energy credits</u> <u>purchased from adjacent states.</u>

As set forth above, the 2013 benchmark for adjacent-state, non-solar, renewable energy which Duke Energy Ohio was required to meet was 72,648 RECs

### **B. SOLAR**

1. <u>Duke Energy Ohio met its solar renewable energy requirements through</u> <u>in-state solar renewable energy credits</u>. As set forth above, the 2013 benchmark for Ohio-sited sources of solar energy which Duke Energy Ohio was required to meet was 3,423 RECs

2. <u>Duke Energy Ohio met its solar renewable energy requirements through</u> <u>purchase of renewable energy credits from outside the state of Ohio</u>.

As set forth above, the 2013 benchmark for adjacent-state sources of solar energy which Duke Energy Ohio was required to meet was 3,423 RECs.

# IV. DUKE ENERGY OHIO'S PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FUTURE ADVANCED AND RENEWABLE ENERGY BENCHMARKS.

The Commission has enacted a requirement that each electric utility and electric service company file a plan for compliance with future advanced and renewable energy benchmarks. Rule 4901:1-40-03(C) directs utilities and service companies to include the following:

- 1. A baseline for the current and future calendar years;
  - a. Please see Appendix A
- 2. Supply portfolio projection, including both generation fleet and power purchases;
  - a. N/A
- 3. A description and methodology used to evaluate compliance options; and

- a. At the present time, the Company achieves annual compliance through REC purchase transactions that have been relatively shortterm in nature. However, the Company plans to employ any and all reasonable methods to assure ongoing compliance, and these tactics may be adjusted, as necessary. The Company believes that maintaining flexibility in its choice of compliance strategies is necessary to provide the greatest certainty of compliance, and to assure that the most cost-effective methods are implemented for the benefit of customers.
- 4. A discussion of any perceived impediments to achieving compliance with required benchmarks, as well as suggestions for addressing such impediments.
  - a. Any impediments to achieving compliance in the near term are currently modest because the REC markets are well-supplied. Over the longer term, the bigger concern is with the uncertainty of future obligations, given the Company's continually-shifting load obligation (which, in turn, maintains the Company's bias towards short-term REC purchase contracts).

### V. CONCLUSION

Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission approve its evaluation of the baseline for 2013 and find that Duke Energy Ohio has met its advanced and renewable compliance requirements for 2013 and that it has complied with all its reporting requirements related to such compliance.

Respectfully submitted, DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

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| APPENDIX A  | DUKE ENERGY OHIO TEN YEAR BASELINE AND BENCHMARK FORECAST |                       |                            |                   |             |              |                 |                   |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|             |   |                       |                            |                   | Non-Solar   | Non-Solar    |                 |                   |
|             |   |                       | SSO SALES FORECAST Default | RENEWABLE ENERGY  | Requirement | Requirement  | <u>Solar</u>    | Solar Requirement |
| <u>Year</u> | Year  | Duke Ohio Sendout MWH | Load (includes losses)     | BASELINE FORECAST | (%)         | <u>(MWH)</u> | Requirement (%) | <u>(MWH)</u>      |
| 0           | 2013  | 20,014,502            | 5,068,814                  | 7,607,109         | 1.91%       | 145,296      | 0.09%           | 6,846             |
| 1           | 2014  | 20,727,481            | 5,354,782                  | 5,929,233         | 2.38%       | 141,116      | 0.12%           | 7,115             |
| 2           | 2015  | 21,055,896            | 5,374,939                  | 5,478,840         | 3.35%       | 183,541      | 0.15%           | 8,218             |
| 3           | 2016  | 21,524,685            | 5,507,917                  | 5,266,178         | 4.32%       | 227,499      | 0.18%           | 9,479             |
| 4           | 2017  | 21,762,070            | 5,583,898                  | 5,412,546         | 5.28%       | 285,782      | 0.22%           | 11,908            |
| 5           | 2018  | 21,940,281            | 5,651,222                  | 5,488,918         | 6.24%       | 342,508      | 0.26%           | 14,271            |
| 6           | 2019  | 22,078,258            | 5,709,146                  | 5,581,012         | 7.20%       | 401,833      | 0.30%           | 16,743            |
| 7           | 2020  | 22,024,701            | 5,701,500                  | 5,648,089         | 8.16%       | 460,884      | 0.34%           | 19,204            |
| 8           | 2021  | 21,954,461            | 5,680,571                  | 5,687,289         | 9.12%       | 518,681      | 0.38%           | 21,612            |
| 9           | 2022  | 22,009,364            | 5,706,925                  | 5,697,072         | 10.08%      | 574,265      | 0.42%           | 23,928            |
| 10          | 2023  | 22,057,038            | 5,731,169                  | 5,696,332         | 11.04%      | 628,875      | 0.46%           | 26,203            |

Note: Prior year sales for calculation of 2012 - 2014 baseline as follows (in MWH):

| 2012 | 6,012,923 |
|------|-----------|
| 2011 | 6,705,961 |

2010 10,102,444

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|   | Sales<br>Unadjusted (MWHs)  | Proposed<br>Adjustments (MWHs) | Sales<br>Adjusted (MWHs)  | Source of<br>Sales Volume Data   |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 2010  | 10,102,444  | 0                              | 10,102,444  | (A)  |
| 2011 2012   | 6,705,961<br>6,012,923  | 0                              | 6,705,961<br>6,012,923  | (B)  |
|   |   |                                |   |  |
| isenne to   | or 2013 Compliance Obligation                                     |                                | 7,607,109   | (D) = AvgABC   |
| 2.00%   | 2013 Statutory Compliance Obl<br>2013 Non-Solar Renewable Ben     | chmark                         | 1.91%   | (E)  |
| ales and the second   | 2013 Solar Renewable Benchma<br>Per ORC, 4928.64(B)(2)            | rk                             | 0.09%   | (F)  |
|   | 2013 Compliance Obligation  |                                |   |  |
|   | Non-Solar RECs Needed for Com                                     | pliance                        | 145,296   | (G) = (D)*(E)  |
|   | Minimum Required from Ohi   |                                | 72,648  | (H) = (G) * 0.5  |
|   | Solar RECs Needed for Complian                                    | ce                             | 6,846   | (i) = (D) * (F)  |
|   | Minimum Required from Ohi   | o Facilities                   | 3,423   | (J) = (I) * 0.5  |
|   | Carry-Over from Previous Year(                                    | s), if applicable              |   |  |
|   | Ohio Non-Solar - MWHs   |                                | 0   | (K)  |
|   | Other Non-Solar - MWHs  |                                | 0   | (L)  |
|   | Ohio Solar - MWHs   |                                | 0   | (M)  |
| r gernet means your   | Other Solar - MWHs  |                                | 0   | (N)  |
|   |   |                                |   |  |
|   | Total 2013 Compliance Obligation<br>Non-Solar RECs Needed for Com |                                | 145 206   | (0) = (c) + (k) + (c)  |
|   | Minimum Required from Ohio  |                                | 145,296<br>72,648   | (O) = (G) + (K) + (<br>(P) = (H) + (K)   |
|   |   |                                |   |  |
| Solar RECs Needed for Compliance<br>Minimum Required from Ohio Facilities |   | 6,846                          | (Q) = (I) + (M) + (R) = (J) + (M)   |  |
|   | winning requires from one   |                                | 3,423   | (n) - (0) + (m)  |
| SLOC1/2305/5  | 2013 Performance (Per GATS or                                     | MRETS Data)                    |   | and the second of a contract of the second |
|   | Ohio Non-Solar - MWHs   |                                | 72,648  | (S)  |
|   | Other Non-Solar - MWHs  |                                | 72,648  | (Τ)  |
|   | Ohio Solar - MWHs   |                                | 3,423   | (U)  |
| WITTEN BETREVIS   | Other Solar - MWHs  |                                | 3,423   | (V)  |
|   |   |                                |   |  |
|   | Under Compliance in 2013, if ap<br>Ohio Non-Solar - MWHs          | рисаріе                        | 0   | (141) = (D) (C)  |
|   | Other Non-Solar - MWHs  |                                | 0   | (W) = (P) - (S)<br>(X) = (O - P) - (T)   |
|   | Ohio Solar - MWHs   |                                | 0   | (Y) = (R) - (U)  |
|   | Other Solar - MWHs  |                                | 0   | (Z) = (Q - R) - (V)  |
| 54.27   |   |                                |   |  |
|   | 2013 Alternative Compliance Pa                                    | -                              |   |  |
|   | Non-Solar, per MWH (Refer to C                                    | •                              | \$48.56   | (AA)   |
|   | Solar, per MWH - per 4928.64(C)                                   | (2)(a)                         | \$350.00  | (BB)   |
| AND                                   | 2013 Payments, if applicable                                      |                                | and a construction of the const |  |
|   | Non-Solar Total   |                                | \$0.00  | (CC) = (W+X) * (A  |
|   | Solar Total   |                                | \$0.00  | (DD) = (Y+Z) * (BI   |
|   | TOTAL   |                                | \$0.00  | (EE) = (CC) + (DD)   |

verify the accuracy of the calculations. Questions concerning this worksheet can be addressed to Stuart.Siegfried@puc.state.oh.us

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