

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application for Certification	:	
As an Ohio Renewable Energy Resource Generating	:	Case No. 14-2243-EL-REN
Facility for Collinwood BioEnergy, LLC	:	

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

CASE HISTORY

Collinwood BioEnergy, LLC (Applicant) filed an application for certification of a renewable energy resource facility on December 16, 2014. The name of the facility is Collinwood BioEnergy, LLC (Facility), located at 13550 Aspinwall Ave Cleveland, OH 44110. The Facility is owned by the Applicant.

According to the application, the Facility is a 3,000 gge/day compressed natural gas from biologically derived methane gas system that was placed in-service on July 2, 2012.

An Attorney Examiner issued an entry dated January 12, 2015, that suspended the automatic approval process for this application. On April 15, 2015, Staff sent the Applicant's representative questions related to the Facility's technology and metering, as described in the application. The applicant filed responses on October 27, 2015, December 30, 2015, and March 16, 2016. Staff sent additional questions on March 24 and March 28, 2016, to date, no response to Staff's additional questions has been filed.

STAFF REVIEW

The Staff's review of applications for certification of a renewable energy resource facility consists primarily, but not exclusively, of three items: (1) the deliverability of the facility's output to the state of Ohio, (2) the resource/ technology used at the facility, and (3) the facility's placed in-service date.

1) Deliverability

Qualified renewable facilities must be located in Ohio, or their output deliverable to Ohio, in order to be eligible.¹ The Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Admin. Code) provides further guidance on this topic where it defines "deliverable into this state" as the following:

That the electricity originates from a facility within a state contiguous to Ohio. It may also include electricity originating from other locations, pending a demonstration that the electricity could be physically delivered to the state.²

¹ R.C. 4928.64(B)(3)

² Ohio Admin. Code 4901:1-40-01(I)

This facility is located in Ohio. Therefore, Staff concludes that the Facility satisfies the deliverability provision of the statute.

2) Resource/Technology

The Facility produces compressed natural gas from biologically derived methane gas specifically listed in the statutory definition of a renewable energy resource.³ Staff has outstanding questions concerning the system's technology and metering.

3) Placed In-Service Date

The application indicates that the Facility was placed in-service on July 2, 2012. Staff concludes that the facility satisfies the on or after January 1, 1998, statutory placed in-service requirement.⁴

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Because the Applicant hasn't adequately demonstrated that the Facility satisfies the technology and meter requirements for certification, Staff recommends that the Commission deny this application for certification.

³ R.C. 4928.01(A)(37)

⁴ R.C. 4928.64(A)(1)

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