

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GEORGE F. EYDE FAMILY, LLC FOR
INTEGRATION OF MERCANTILE
CUSTOMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR
PEAK-DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS.

CASE No. 20-1553-EL-EEC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 30, 2020

{¶ 1} R.C. 4928.01(A)(19) defines a mercantile customer as a commercial or industrial customer that consumes more than 700,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year or that is part of a national account involving multiple facilities in one or more states. R.C. 4928.66 imposes certain energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements upon Ohio's electric distribution utilities, but also enables mercantile customers to commit their peak demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency programs for integration with an electric utility's programs in order to meet the statutory requirements. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07(C) permits a mercantile customer to file, either individually or jointly with an electric utility, an application to commit the customer's demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency programs for integration with the electric utility's programs.

{¶ 2} On September 15, 2010, the Commission issued an Entry in Case No. 10-834-EL-EEC adopting an 18-month pilot program to expedite the review and approval process for applications filed by mercantile customers. This pilot program was intended to simplify the energy efficiency credits (EEC) application process through the development of a standard application template for mercantile customers who commit their programs for integration with an electric utility. The pilot program's automatic approval process provides that applications using the standard template will be approved on the sixty-first calendar day after filing, unless the Commission, or an attorney examiner, suspends or denies that automatic approval of the application. On May 25, 2011, the Commission issued an Entry on Rehearing that adopted certain modifications to the pilot program template guidelines, and expanded the automatic approval process to applications where the

mercantile customer has agreed to a cash rebate or an exemption from the electric utility's energy efficiency rider of 24 months or less. On July 17, 2013, the Commission permanently adopted the pilot program.

{¶ 3} On September 30, 2020, George F. Eyde Family, LLC filed an application pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07(C), and under the pilot program established in Case No. 10-834-EL-EEC, the application is subject to a 60-day automatic approval unless suspended.

{¶ 4} Staff has requested that the application be suspended for further review in order to obtain additional data or examine deviations from the guidelines approved by the Commission in Case No. 10-834-EL-EEC. Therefore, the attorney examiner finds good cause to suspend the 60-day automatic approval process in order for the Commission and its staff to further review the application.

{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That the automatic approval process established under the pilot program in Case No. 10-834-EL-EEC be suspended for the application filed in this case. It is, further,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record in this case.

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/s/ Jacky Werman St. John

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry suspending the automatic approval process. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Jacky Werman St. John, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio