

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
PILOT PROGRAM
FOR COMBINED HEAT AND POWER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, The United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to finalize Clean Air Act pollution standards (Boiler MACT) for large and small boilers located at a wide range of industrial facilities and institutions on or about April 2012;¹

WHEREAS, The U.S. EPA estimates that the total number of boilers affected by the standards is about 200,000, a substantial number of which are located within the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is preparing to offer technical assistance, after the rules are finalized, to facilities with boilers to make them aware of cost-effective clean energy strategies for compliance, such as combined heat and power (CHP) which are cleaner, more energy efficient, and that can have a positive economic return for the plant over time;²

WHEREAS, U.S. DOE, through the Midwest Clean Energy Application Center, has offered to pilot this technical assistance in Ohio beginning immediately;

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) to carry out the policy of the state³ to:

- Ensure the availability to consumers of adequate, reliable, safe, efficient, nondiscriminatory, and reasonably priced retail electric service;
- Ensure the diversity of electricity supplies and suppliers, by giving consumers effective choices over the selection of those supplies and suppliers and by encouraging the development of distributed and small generation facilities;
- Ensure that an electric utility's transmission and distribution systems are available to a customer-generator or owner of distributed generation, so that the customer-generator or owner can market and deliver the electricity it produces;

¹ <http://www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion/docs/20111202overviewfs.pdf>

² <http://www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion/docs/20110221doefs.pdf>

³ Sections 4928.02(A), (C), (F), (J), (K), (M), and (N), Revised Code.