

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's )  
Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard ) Case No. 12-2668-EL-ACP  
Report to the General Assembly for )  
Compliance Year 2011. )

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS), codified in Sections 4928.64 and 4928.65, Revised Code, consists of both renewable and advanced energy resources, and contains specific compliance benchmarks for total renewable energy resources, including a specific solar requirement, beginning in 2009. Section 4928.64(D)(1), Revised Code, requires the Commission to submit a report to the General Assembly describing (1) the compliance of electric distribution utilities and electric services companies in achieving the benchmarks; (2) the average annual cost of renewable energy credits purchased by utilities and companies for the year covered in the report; and (3) any strategy for utility and company compliance, or for encouraging the use of alternative energy resources, in supplying this state's electricity needs in a manner that considers available technology, costs, job creation, and economic impacts. The statute also requires the Commission to solicit and consider public comments on the report prior to its submission to the General Assembly. Rule 4901:1-40-09, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), provides that the report will be issued for public comment with a 30-day comment period, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.
- (2) On April 9, 2013, the Commission Staff filed a draft of the AEPS report in this docket. The draft AEPS report references the Alternative Energy Resource Market Assessment by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), issued September 2011, which was prepared for the Commission with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, and authored by Ed Holt & Associates, Inc., with Exeter Associates, Inc. and Sustainable Energy Advantage LLC. A copy of this NARUC report was filed on April 16, 2012, in Case

12-1100-EL-ACP, and is also available on the Commission's website at:

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/renewables/>

- (3) Pursuant to Rule 4901:1-40-09, O.A.C., interested persons are invited to file comments regarding the draft AEPS report in this docket by May 9, 2013. Any reply comments should be filed by May 16, 2013.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That interested persons are invited to file comments by May 9, 2013, regarding the proposed AEPS report to be submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Section 4928.64(D)(1), Revised Code. Any reply comments should be filed by May 16, 2013. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of this entry be served via the Commission's electric-energy industry service list, and upon all electric utilities, certified competitive retail electric service providers, governmental aggregators providing retail electric service, and upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/ Richard M. Bulgrin

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry directing that interested persons are invited to file comments by May 9, 2013, regarding the proposed AEPS report to be submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Section 4928.64(D)(1), Revised Code. Any reply comments should be filed by May 16, 2013; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Richard M. Bulgrin, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio