

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

**In the Matter of the Report of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc. Concerning its)
Advanced and Renewable Energy)
Baseline and Benchmarks)**

Case No. 13-0903-EL-ACP

REVISED Findings and Recommendations of the PUCO Staff

Case History

On April 12, 2013, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Ohio or Company) filed its annual alternative energy portfolio standard (AEPS) compliance status report. In this report, the Company proposed a compliance baseline of 11,312,271 megawatt-hours (MWHs), comprised of an average of its annual sales for 2009, 2010, and 2011. The Company further asserted in its compliance filing that it fully satisfied its 2012 AEPS compliance obligations through the use of renewable energy credits (RECs) and solar RECs (S-RECs).

On May 15, 2013, Staff issued a report which detailed its findings and recommendations pertaining to the Company's AEPS compliance status report. The Staff found that the Company had accurately computed its 2012 AEPS compliance obligations, given its proposed baseline. Further, the Staff found that the Company had retired adequate RECs and S-RECs to its PJM EIS Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS) reserve subaccount for 2012 compliance purposes.

On May 28, 2013, the Company voluntarily filed a revised AEPS compliance status report for the 2012 compliance year. In its revised report, the Company proposed an amended compliance baseline of 11,332,063 MWHs. This revision was prompted by the Company's realization that its 2011 sales figure needed to be corrected from its initial filing, the result of which was a small increase to the Company's compliance baseline and compliance obligations for 2012. Duke Energy asserted in its filing that it had fully satisfied its revised compliance obligations through the use of RECs and S-RECs.

Staff Findings and Conclusions

Staff reviewed the Company's revised compliance status report, during which it verified the Company's calculations pertaining to its baseline and its compliance obligations. In addition, Staff reviewed supplemental data provided by the Company to verify its revised 2011 sales figure. Staff further reviewed the Company's reserve subaccount data in GATS and determined that the Company had fully satisfied its 2012 AEPS compliance obligations as detailed in its revised compliance status report. As a result of its review, Staff concludes that Duke Ohio fully satisfied its 2012 AEPS compliance obligations.

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